

Hersheypark 2016: *Take The Stage At Hersheypark!*

AUDITION INFORMATION:

- Group leaders must submit a completed **Online *Take The Stage At Hersheypark* Audition Form**
- A *Take The Stage At Hersheypark* audition DVD or CD to Hersheypark must be submitted if your group has not performed at Hersheypark within the previous 2 calendar years. Audition pieces must be reviewed and APPROVED by Hersheypark at least four (4) weeks prior to the performance date. The audition piece should reflect numbers of performers expected to perform at Hersheypark, costumes similar to what will be worn, and the quality and content of the production that you have planned for Hersheypark. Please label all audition materials with group name, contact name, and phone number. Due to the number of entries, these items cannot be returned
- All groups are expected to wear costumes or uniforms, and maintain a professional appearance. Uniforms may range from matching shirts and shorts to dress robes.
- All musical selections and costumes should be in good taste, keeping in mind the family-oriented atmosphere of Hersheypark. If you are unsure of content or costumes feel free to ask
- All performances must remain within the allotted 30-minute time span. We reserve the right to terminate performance after 30 minutes and for inappropriate content.

PERFORMANCE LOCATION:

Your performers will take the spotlight on our TAKE THE STAGE AT HERSHEY PARK Stage.

Alternate venues may be available for your group's performance, however, they cannot be guaranteed at this time due to availability and/or weather conditions. Please feel free to discuss potential options with your *Take The Stage At Hersheypark* Coordinator.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

- Our house sound system has CD and iPod playback capabilities. We recommend pre-recording all audio needs on to one (1) CD for greatest performance quality. Backup recordings are recommended. iPods are another great way to ensure there are no issues with your music
- We are able to provide five (wired) microphones as well as five microphone stands. We also have available two wireless mics.
- Hersheypark will provide an on-site coordinator and sound technician for your performance
- Chairs are available for ensembles that require seating – please specify this in advance
- Unfortunately, we are not able to provide music stands or store equipment prior to or after your performance time

MARCHING BANDS:

- Marching bands are not required to wear full marching band attire, however, a uniformed look is required (for example collared shirts & khaki shorts)
- For the safety of your group members, as well as other Park guests, we ask that rifles, batons, flags, etc. not be used for any kind of band performance
- We do invite these performers to participate in other ways that will support or contribute to their group's performance

- Please be aware that Hersheypark has many obstacles such as benches, trees, and narrow walkways. Keep this in mind when choosing a formation
- Changing areas **may** be available upon request; however, instrument storage of any kind is not available

REGISTRATION IS EASY:

To request a performance date please complete the **Online *Take The Stage At Hersheypark Form***. To receive the best pricing, schedule your performance in May or June and receive up to 45% off the regular rate! Plan to purchase your tickets a minimum of 4 weeks prior to your performance. Tickets will be mailed via UPS and require a signature.

If chosen to participate in *Take The Stage At Hersheypark*, we will contact you to confirm your performance details via email. A *Take The Stage At Hersheypark* coordinator will confirm day-of details within a week of your performance.

As a participant in *Take The Stage At Hersheypark* your performing group and their family members qualify for discount rates at Hersheypark. Please call 1-800-242-4236 for ticket information. Ticket forms will be mailed to your group as well as optional merchandise orders!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All performances must adhere to the following parameters:

- Everyone entering Hersheypark must have a ticket, including performers and chaperones
- Footwear of some kind must be worn at all times, on and off stage, even if a group member is not performing
- No dancing or practicing on stage is permitted prior to or post performance
- Group members must stay backstage when wearing costumes
- Each group should keep only a limited number of chaperones backstage
- Our performances are rain or shine
- All participants or their parents/legal guardians must sign and return a Grant of Permission, Grant of Use and Release Agreement as a condition to performing inside Hersheypark. The form will be provided in the performance packet
- Due to the popularity of this program and limited time slots that are available, set-up/load in time is limited to 30 minutes, and break down/load out time is limited to 15 minutes