



The KIDS FROM WISCONSIN 2012 INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM

KIDS FROM WISCONSIN

The KIDS FROM WISCONSIN show troupe has been entertaining audiences all over Wisconsin, the Midwest and the nation since our inaugural summer of 1969, performing contemporary pop songs, the music of Broadway, country hits, rock, swing, jazz and many other styles. Following a 17 day training camp, this talented group of vocalists, dancers and instrumentalists performs up to 70 shows each summer and is featured annually at the State Fair as well as many other venues across the state. Kids from Wisconsin is a non profit 501(c)(3) made possible by funds from the State Fair, grants, sponsorships and donations.

A summer with the KIDS is one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences an aspiring young performer can have. Many KIDS alumni have gone on to successful careers in performance, music education and many other fields of endeavor.

LOCATION

The KIDS FROM WISCONSIN organization is headquartered at State Fair Park, West Allis.

SUPERVISORY STAFF

A highly professional and experienced staff of instructors provides the training necessary to prepare members of the KIDS for a summer of performing. Our choreographer, choral director, band conductor, musical arrangers and technical director all help train performers in highly specialized routines, professional arrangements and exciting stage presentation. Overall supervision, training and direction are provided by producer Mark S. Dorn, conductor, professional musician, jazz clinician and university music professor.

PERFORMING PERSONNEL

The troupe is composed of 33 student performers (20 dancer/vocalists with a 13 piece show band). Qualified males and females, between the ages of 15 and 20, regardless of race, color, handicap or national origin are eligible to apply.

Candidates will be required to demonstrate artistic talent, stage personality and choreography (singer/dancers) at the time of their live audition.

MANNER OF SELECTION & AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Selection for the limited number of positions will be on a competitive basis. Applicants must submit official application form (email and photocopy acceptable) available from school music departments, the KIDS website (www.kidsfromwisconsin.org) or the KIDS organization. Recommendations are strongly encouraged but not required. All applicants must submit a photo for identification purposes. Application must be received no later than January 20th. There is a \$20 audition fee that will be collected at the time of your audition

Vocalists/Dancers

Openings exist for all voice parts—soprano, alto, tenor and bass/baritone. All auditioning vocalists/dancers should be prepared to sing one contemporary song (4 minutes or less) - pop, Broadway, vocal jazz, etc. Sheet music for accompanists must be provided at time of the audition. Singer/dancers should also be prepared for a dance audition (time to change into dance shoes and clothes will be allotted.)

Instrumentalists

Openings exist for the following instrumental chairs:

- trombone (tenor and Bass)
- trumpet
- woodwind (tenor and alto sax with clarinet and flute doubles)
- keyboard/piano (with synthesizer knowledge important)
- electric bass
- guitar
- drum set & auxiliary percussion

Audition candidates should be prepared to play scales, a solo (jazz, popular or classical), and/or an excerpt from a jazz band arrangement, and sight reading. Guitar and keyboard should demonstrate chord knowledge. All instrumentalists, including rhythm section players, will need to provide their own instruments and equipment for live auditions.

PERIOD OF COMMITMENT

Members of the KIDS will report to the rehearsal training camp on date advised in letter of acceptance, approximately June 7. Immediately following the training period the group will be available for performances throughout the summer terminating the last weekend in August. Members may or may not be provided housing on off days or during breaks in tour schedule.

CAMP AND TOURING

Accepted troupe members will be charged a \$150 camp fee and a \$100 refundable costume deposit. While at the training camp, members will receive room and board free of charge. Group travel will be by chartered bus beginning and terminating at State Fair Park unless otherwise permitted or directed by KIDS staff. Schedules and details on housing will be furnished as early as possible following booking confirmations.

During tour, members will receive a weekly expense allowance (per diem). Transportation will be furnished to and from performance sites with all trips originating at State Fair Park. Housing is also furnished on tour, as are occasional meals. Members will be required to pay for other meals.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

Members will be provided necessary wardrobe to be worn during performances or for other purposes as directed, as well as heavy-duty clothing bags for transporting costumes. All players will be expected to furnish their own instruments and to keep them in proper playing condition at all times.

EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

Rules and policies will be made in the best interest of the member and the organization. Each member is an official goodwill ambassador of the State of Wisconsin, and because of this unique distinction a great measure of self-discipline must be exercised at all times on and off stage. Infraction of any rules, regulations, policies or standards set forth by the KIDS organization will result in consequences, including but not limited to loss of privileges, reprimand and possible dismissal.

MEDICAL/HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Members will be required to furnish a Medical/Health certificate signed by a licensed physician that he or she is able to take part in strenuous stage and dance routines and rigorous and frequent bus travel. Certificates must be submitted to the KIDS office prior to reporting date.

APPLICATION TO AUDITION
KIDS FROM WISCONSIN

1. PERSONAL DATA (Print or type)

Name _____ Date: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ Cell phone _____ E-mail Address _____
(Area Code) (Number) (Area Code) (Number)

Date of Birth _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Sex _____

Present grade in School (Circle One) 10 11 12 13 14

School presently attending _____

School Address _____
(if living on campus) (Street) (City) (Zip)

Alternate e-mail address _____

My preferred contact address is ___Home ___School

2. MUSICAL BACKGROUND (Print or type)

Voice part for which you will audition: Tenor Bass Soprano Alto

Instrument (s) _____

Total Years Played In a band _____ In a stage band _____ In a Jazz Band _____

Total years in organized choruses (please state type of chorus) _____

Other (such as ensembles, community groups, etc.) _____

Private Music lessons (Circle one) Yes No No. of years? _____

Private Dance lessons (Circle one) Yes No No. of years? _____ Style? _____

Name(s) of Teacher(s) and Location _____

Other instruments played (Detail) _____

Parents Names _____
(MOTHER) (FATHER)

Parents Address: Mother _____

Parents Address Father _____

Parents e-mail address _____
(MOTHER) (FATHER)

Parents Phone _____
(MOTHER) (FATHER)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing information is correct and accurate, and if selected for participation, the undersigned agree that the student will fulfill all necessary requirements in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations set forth by the KIDS FROM WISCONSIN for the duration of the summer's activities through the end of August unless released sooner by the KIDS organization.

Applicant signature Parent signature

Please provide the following sizing information for our costume designer.

GUYS:

Height _____ Weight _____

Dress Pant Size _____ x _____ Example: 34 waist x 32 inseam OR 34 x 32

Long Sleeve Dress Shirt Size _____ x _____ Example: (Neck) 15 x 32 (Sleeve Length)

GIRLS

Height _____ Weight _____ Bust _____ Waist _____ Hips _____

Bra Size _____ Midriff _____ (Taken at base of bra band)

Dress # Size _____ (Example: 2, 4, 6, 8 etc)

PREFERRED AUDITION SITE:

Eau Claire _____ (Instrument only – Friday Feb. 24th, late afternoon/evening)
Stevens Point _____ (Vocal/Dance and Instrumental- Saturday Feb. 25th, morning)
Madison _____ (Vocal/Dance and Instrumental- Saturday Feb. 25th, afternoon)
Milwaukee _____ (Vocal/Dance and Instrumental – Sunday, Feb. 26th)

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND PHOTO ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 20TH TO:
KIDS FROM WISCONSIN
WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK
640 S. 84th Street, Suite 522
WEST ALLIS, WI 53214-0990