



# 26<sup>th</sup> Student Conference

## January 6-8, 2023

**Thank you for your interest in the NYSTEA 2023 Student Conference**  
***How to successfully complete your registration!***

All registration paperwork can be found online at [www.nystea.org](http://www.nystea.org). Online submission forms may be found at: <https://nystea.site.weebly.com/registration-documents.html>. A hard copy of your **Registration Form** **MUST BE MAILED** with payment and received by **November 15th**.

All questions may be directed to: [aravinsky@cornwallschools.com](mailto:aravinsky@cornwallschools.com) or [ashatraw@me.com](mailto:ashatraw@me.com)

## Registration Timeline and Deadlines

### Registration Materials due October 15th

- [Preliminary Participant Form](#) (online)
- [NYSTEA Sponsor Membership Form & Payment](#) (online)
- *If applicable:* [NYSTEA Scholarship](#) and/or [Karl F. Hueglin Scholarship](#) Applications

### Registration Materials due November 1st (Forms available online starting mid-October)

- 2023 Student Conference Participant List WITH Rooming (online)
- *If applicable:* 3rd Year Applications (Mandatory for students registering for a third time)

### Registration Materials due November 15th (Forms available online November 1st)

- Student Workshop Preference Forms (online)
- Sponsors' Duty Assignments Form (online)
- Chaperones' Workshop & Duty Assignments Form (online)
- FULL PAYMENT (in one check) made payable to NYSTEA (**must be mailed**)
- Hard Copy of the [Registration Form](#) (**must be mailed**)
- *Optional:* Sponsor Showcase Director Form (**must be mailed-see form below**)

**Payment and Hard Copy of the Student [Registration Form](#) must be mailed to:**

Colleen Law-Tefft  
PO Box 1062  
Sherburne, NY 13460

*Your school will not be allowed to participate in this conference until all parts of your registration have been completed and received by the Registrar.*

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**Student Paperwork** can be found under the Student Conference tab at [www.nystea.org](http://www.nystea.org). Your students are to review all of these forms with their families before the conference.

The following forms need to be completed by each **student** attending the conference:

- Rules of Conduct (*Sponsor Collects- bring with you to conference*)
- Student Room Usage (*Sponsor Collects- bring with you to conference*)
- Conference Medical Form (*Sponsor Collects- bring with you to conference*)
- Workshop Brochure (will be posted on the website by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Workshop Preference Form (*Student submit online- due Nov 15th*)

The Rules of Conduct and Conference Medical forms are to be collected and brought with you to the conference.



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## Other Important Information

### What EVERYONE Should Bring:

- Appropriate, comfortable clothes for workshops. Sneakers may be required for stage combat, dance and movement classes.
- A bathing suit for indoor swimming pool.
- Presentable, “semi-formal” clothes for Saturday night’s banquet and **school appropriate clothes** for Saturday night dances
- Warm clothing for snow tubing
- **Mats/Towels for Morning Yoga**
- Reusable water bottles
- Musical instruments, games, etc. for use during activity time
- Spending money/**credit cards** for NYSTEIA merchandise in the Boutique, Broadway Cares donations, and snacks
- Monologues and sheet music
  - Many workshops will be devoted to improving monologues and song presentation
  - Monologues can be adjudicated by the NYSTEIA Adjudicators
  - Auditions for Colleges and Summer Theatre Programs will also be available throughout the weekend
  - Those wishing to formally audition for a College or Summer Program **MUST** sign up for a time slot

### What Sponsors Should Bring in addition to the above:

- Signed *Rules of Conduct* for EACH student
- Signed *Medical Permission Form* for EACH student
- Gently used theatre books, scripts, resources for the Used Book Sale

*Conference/Workshop evaluations will be done online. Please encourage students to have electronic devices handy for touch base times.. We suggest that participants download a QR scanner before arriving at the conference.*

Below are all the forms that you will need to complete your students’ paperwork for this year’s conference. We hope that this e-mail helps you with the registration process. All registration forms can be found online at [www.nystea.org](http://www.nystea.org). We thank you for all you do in preparing your students for this amazing educational weekend as we are very excited to be returning to the Villa Roma this year.

Regards,

### Student Conference Committee

Chairs: Tony Ravinsky & Adam Shatraw

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## NYSTEA Student Conference 2023: Press Release



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November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

The New York State Theatre Education Association, a strong, statewide organization of theatre educators, promotes and supports theatre education for students in grades pre-K through 12. On the weekend of January 6-8, 2023, NYSTEA will be celebrating its 26th Annual Student Conference at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, New York.

This conference creates an opportunity for approximately 600 high school students from all over New York State to come together for a full weekend of learning and peer interaction. These students attend workshops given by colleges, universities and other theatre professionals, as well as networking with one another and experiencing a variety of performances throughout the conference.

For the Student Conference delegates, this conference is a highlight of their high school career. In the over 100 workshop offerings, students will receive expert instruction in technical theatre, acting, dance and voice. Meeting and sharing interests with other similarly-minded students from every region of the state is paramount in working collaboratively, gaining self-confidence and exploring new areas of learning. This conference is a testament to how “theatre transforms students lives!”

This year \_\_\_\_ students from \_\_\_\_\_ High School plan to attend the conference. This will be the \_\_\_\_ year that \_\_\_\_\_ High School has sent representatives to the NYSTEA Student Conference.

NYSTEA believes that theatre is an essential component of a pre-K-12 education for all students. Studying theatre in schools develops abilities needed for the 21st century including critical thinking, problem solving skills, applications of technology, social responsibility and creativity. In addition to the annual Student Conference, NYSTEA provides resources to educators teaching theatre in the classroom, directing school drama and musical presentations, and hosts a conference for educators every fall.

# NYSTEA Student Conference 2023

## Schedule of Events-*Student Schedule*

### Friday

3:00-6:00 Check-in/Registration/Recreation Time. Students may sign up for audition time slots (Lobby).

**ARRIVAL ACTIVITY TIME (Friday 3:30 pm -6:00 pm)**

Snow Tubing\* (Chalet) –Buses outside entrance to main lobby  
 Swimming, Hot Tubs (pool)  
 Bowling\*, Rock Climbing\*, Indoor Basketball, Workout Room (Tennis Center)  
 Ping Pong, Billiards, Bocce, Shuffle Board, Arcade Room (Game Center)  
**Ice Breaker Games (Mezzanine Level)**

5:45 or 6:15 Touchbase Time – TBD by sponsor. Students and chaperones meet with sponsors to review procedures and schedules.  
 5:45-7:15 Buffet Dinner – **Follow Dinner Assignments.** Take schedules and coats (if needed) for Workshop A.  
 7:30-8:20 ALL CONFERENCE EVENT: Welcome Ceremony and Opening Activity (Forum Nightclub).  
**Required attendance for all Students & Sponsors.**  
 8:30-10:00 WORKSHOP SESSION A – **Required attendance for all students.**  
 10:00-10:15 Runway Spectacular: Garbage Bag Costumes (Everyone gather in the lobby near staircase).  
 10:15-10:45 Third Year Ambassador Meeting - **Required attendance for third year students** - (East Room 2).

**ACTIVITY TIME #1: (Friday 10:00 pm-11:45 pm)**

Recreational Activities:

Snow Tubing\* (Chalet) –Buses outside entrance to main lobby  
 Bowling\*, Rock Climbing\*, Indoor Basketball, Workout Room, Bounce House (Tennis Center)  
 Ping Pong, Billiards, Bocce, Shuffle Board, Arcade Room (Game Center)

Theatrical Activities:

Tech Challenge – Who are the best techies? Join a team and take the fun tech challenge!! 10:30 (Tivoli)  
 Improv Show followed by Karaoke 10:30 (Marty’s Lounge)  
 OPEN MIC NIGHT (West Room 1) 10:15-11:45  
 Show Tune Sing Along (East Room 3)  
 Theatrical Lighting Seminar open to browse, play and ask questions 10:15-11:30 (Forum Nightclub)  
 College/Program Auditions 10:45-11:45 you must sign up in advance in the Lobby.

Quiet Study Room – (South Room)

11:15 Students may return to their own rooms with doors open or to a designated hallway.  
 12:00 Touchbase Time: Students and chaperones will meet outside sponsor’s room to submit Workshop A Evaluations.  
 12:15 AM All Students return to their own rooms.  
 12:45 Lights Out and ALL QUIET - Sponsors turn in bed check form to committee member.

### Saturday

7:30-9:00 Buffet Breakfast (Dining Room, Roman Garden Cafe).  
 8:15-8:45 Morning Yoga (East Room 3)  
 9:15-10:45 WORKSHOP SESSION B – **Required attendance for all students.**  
 11:00-12:30 WORKSHOP SESSION C1 (check workshop schedule for specific time) - **Required attendance for all students.**  
 11:15-12:45 WORKSHOP SESSION C2 (check workshop ticket for specific time) - **Required attendance for all students.**  
 12:30-1:30 Buffet Lunch (Dining Room, Roman Garden Café, Tivoli).

## ACTIVITY TIME #2: (Saturday 1:00 pm– 3:40 pm)

### Recreational Activities:

Snow Tubing\* (Chalet) –Buses outside entrance to main lobby  
Bowling, Rock Climbing, Indoor Basketball, Workout Room, Bounce House (Tennis Center)  
Ping Pong, Billiards, Bocce, Shuffle Board, Arcade Room (Game Center)

### Theatrical Activities:

Basement View Improv Show followed by Karaoke 2:00 (Marty's Lounge),  
Open Mic Round 2 (West Room 1) 1:00-3:30  
Show Tune Sing Along (East Room 3)

COOKING DEMONSTRATION by chef Tom Kutschera at 2:45PM in the main dining room.

College Fair & Theatre Marketplace - 1:00 – 3:30 (Lobby)

Formal Adjudications (for the NYSTEA Workshop Attendees ONLY) 2:00 (North Room)

NYS Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) Auditions you must sign up in advance.

College Auditions 1:30 – 3:30. You must sign up in advance in the lobby. Room assignment will be posted with sign-up sheets.

Quiet Study Room – (South Room)

**“The Next Step”: Theatre After High School 3:00 (East Room 1)**

- 12:45 Third year students Luncheon (Marty's Lounge). **Required attendance for all third year students.**
- 1:00-3:45 College Fair & Theatre Marketplace (Lobby)
- 3:40-3:50 Touchbase Time – Students and chaperones will meet outside sponsor's room to submit Workshop B & C Evaluations
- 4:00-5:30 WORKSHOP SESSION D - **Required attendance for all students.**
- 6:45 Touchbase Time – Students and chaperones will meet outside sponsor's room to submit Workshop D Evaluations.
- 7:00-8:00 Group A “Red Ribbon Banquet” **Required attendance for Group A Students/Sponsors/Chaperones.**
- 8:15-9:00 Group A NYSTEA Student Playwright Showcase **Required attendance for Group B Students/Sponsors/Chaperones.**
- 7:00-8:00 Group B NYSTEA Student Playwright Showcase **Required attendance for Group A Students/Sponsors/Chaperones.**
- 8:15-9:15 Group B “Red Ribbon Banquet” **Required attendance for Group B Students/Sponsors/Chaperones.**

## ACTIVITY TIME #3: (Saturday 9:30 pm – 11:45 pm)

### Recreational Activities:

Snow Tubing\* (Chalet) –Buses outside entrance to main lobby  
Bowling\*, Rock Climbing\*, Indoor Basketball, Workout Room, Bounce House (Tennis Center);  
Ping Pong, Billiards, Bocce, Shuffle Board, Arcade Room (Game Center)

### Social Activities:

Dance A – Swing Dance (Marty's Lounge)  
Dance B – Dance Music (Forum Nightclub)  
BINGO (East Room 1)  
**Photobooth to benefit Broadway Cares. \$1 per person (Forum Lobby)**

### Theatrical Activities:

Tech Challenge – Finals 10:30 (Tivoli)  
Karaoke (West Room 1)  
Show Tune Sing Along (East Room 3)  
Singing around the piano with James and Kenny 10:30 (Mezzanine Level)  
Instrumental Jamming (Mezzanine Level)  
Playwright Showcase Talk-Back with authors, actors and directors (all welcome) 9:30 (North Room)  
NYS Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) Auditions 9:30 -11:30 you must sign up in advance in the Lobby.  
College/Program Auditions 9:30 – 11:30. You must sign up in advance in the lobby. .

Quiet Study Room – (South Room)

- 11:15 Students may return to their rooms with the door open.
- 12:00 Touchbase Time - Students and chaperones meet outside sponsor's room for instructions on Sunday's events and departure.
- 12:15 AM All Students return to rooms. This would be a good time to start packing.
- 12:45 Lights Out and ALL QUIET - Sponsors turn in bed check form to committee member.

## Sunday

**7:30-9:00Buffet Breakfast (Dining Room, Roman Garden Cafe).**

- 8:15-8:45 Morning Yoga (East Room 3)
- 9:15-10:45 WORKSHOP SESSION E - **Required attendance for all students.**
- 11:00-11:45 ALL CONFERENCE EVENT: Closing Ceremony featuring performances of student work developed at this conference-  
**Required attendance for all Students, Sponsors & Chaperones (Forum Nightclub).**
- 11:45-12:00 Packing & goodbyes. You may leave luggage in the room while you eat lunch.
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch.
- 1:00-1:30 Departure - Be sure to take all of your belongings and dispose of all your garbage.



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# Student Playwriting Showcase

**Call for Directors!**  
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**Work with student actors and direct one of the student-written plays for the Saturday Night Showcase!**

The privilege to direct an original play is exhilarating. Working with drama students, from schools other than your own, offers the opportunity to expand and share your knowledge and expertise. Each year students are encouraged to submit their plays, following the instructions on the NYSTEAs website, for the Annual NYSTEAs Student Playwriting Showcase. A Panel of Readers and the Playwriting Committee read, evaluate and score the plays using a rubric. A selection of these plays are performed at the Showcase on Saturday Night.

If you, Sponsor, would like to direct one of these student plays please return this form with your conference registration materials before the **November 15<sup>th</sup>** deadline. The Committee will contact you by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Showcase Director Duties:**

- Receive assigned script before conference.
- Plan props, sound effects, music, costumes - nothing elaborate! Be creative!
- Bring at least six copies of the script.
- Attend auditions Friday night during Activity Time #1.
- Select and cast actors; give them scripts and creatively plan rehearsal schedule!
- Your time commitment on Saturday will be from approximately 1:00pm-9:45pm. This includes:
  - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm Arrange meeting times with actors for rehearsal during Activity Time #2.
  - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm-- Tech run through with actors during workshop D.
  - Provide Stage Manager and Lighting Tech with their own copy of the script.
  - Enjoy dinner with the actors, directors and tech workers  
(you will not be able to attend the formal dinner with your school on Saturday night as you will be in attendance for both performances. Your co-chaperones/sponsor will be with your students at that time).
  - 7:00pm & 8:15pm--Performances (You can be in the audience at that time--you do not have to be back stage.)
  - 9:15pm-9:45pm Talkback with the writers, actors and directors.

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I understand the duties and am interested in directing a scene for the Showcase:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years at the Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

I have directed at the Conference before: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

# Driving Directions to the Villa Roma Resort

**From New York and Metropolitan Area:** (2 Hours) George Washington Bridge to New Jersey Palisades Parkway to New York Thruway North. Proceed on Thruway to Exit 16 and proceed West on Route 17 to Exit 104. Route 17B West 15 miles to Cohecton. At light turn right onto 17 B and 52. Bear left (17B) and follow to stop sign. Make right onto 52A. Make next left onto Gabel Rd. and follow straight to Villa Roma.

**From Binghamton, Rochester and Upstate Area:**

Interstate Highway 490 South to the New York Thruway (90) East. In Syracuse leave Route 90 for Interstate 81 South to Binghamton. Pick up Route 17 East to Exit 87 (Hancock). Route 97S to Callicoon. Turn left at traffic light onto 17B. Follow 1.8 miles. Make left onto County Rd. 164 in Hortonville. Follow to stop sign. Make left and follow straight to Villa Roma.

**From Albany Area:**

New York State Thruway (87) South to Kingston Exit 19. Route 209 South to Ellenville. Right turn onto Route 52 West and follow through Liberty to Jeffersonville. Make right onto County Road 164. Follow 1.4 miles to left turn onto Polster Rd. Follow to stop sign and make right to Villa Roma.

**From Connecticut, Boston & New England:**

Mass. Turnpike, Sturbridge Exit. Then Route 84 West to Route 17, West to Exit 104. Route 17B West 15 miles to Cohectoxn. At light turn right onto 17B and 52. Bear left (17B) and follow to stop sign. Make right onto 52A. Make next left onto Gabel Rd. and follow straight to Villa Roma.

**From Southern New Jersey and Philadelphia:**

New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 11 Garden State Parkway North to New York State Thruway North. Exit 16 onto Route 17 West to Exit 104. Route 17B West 15 miles to Cohecton. At light turn right onto 17B and 52. Bear left (17B) and follow to stop sign. Make right onto 52A. Make next left onto Gabel Rd. and follow straight to Villa Roma.

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