



# Fall 2020 Session Letter

These are very strange times! Even with COVID-19, we are planning to have a fall session. Things are constantly changing, so our session might end up looking a little different. If you or your child would like to join, we invite you to share your thoughts or concerns regarding COVID-19 (e.g. mask wearing, social distancing, or anything else) from any perspective, please contact a director!

We prefer you email us so that we can accurately share your thoughts with the director team. However, if you prefer to talk in person, we do welcome that as well.

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Depending on restrictions and member concerns, we may need to get creative with how we run our session. We hope that we can focus on several different forms of outreach this fall, including some service project opportunities. We will do our best to communicate as much as possible before and during this session.

Enclosed you will find the information needed for participation in the DRAMA teams this fall. Applications for them can be printed off the DRAMA website ([www.dramateam.org](http://www.dramateam.org)) or filled out online. Helper applications are also available on the website. All applications must be received by **August 26th** in order to be accepted into the fall session. Please send your applications to **Phil Weaver (95 Stobers Dam Rd. Stevens, PA 17578)** along with your **\$50 session fee**. If this creates financial difficulty, please contact Tim (717-951-2518) or Phil (717-682-8597) as there are scholarships available. An alternate, older-member application is also available online.

Parents meetings: In order for a youth to participate in this session, at least one parent of all members and leaders **must attend one** of the parent meetings listed below or make special arrangements with Tim or Phil. If a member is 18 or older, they may participate in the session independently from their parents by following our Older Member Policy on the website (under the Documents section). Please bring your calendars for scheduling purposes. There will also be a sign-up for training camp meals. Parents of new members do not need to attend these meetings, but are welcome and may find them helpful. Fall parent meeting dates are listed below. Both meetings will be held at the DRAMA office. (Grace EC: 131 Terrace Avenue Ephrata, Pa 17522)

- Monday evening, August 31st from 7:00-8:30pm
- Wednesday evening, September 2nd from 7:00-8:30pm

Release of Liability Forms: All members are **required** to have a release of liability form filled out and mailed in by August 26th. The form can be printed off of DRAMA's website ([www.dramateam.org](http://www.dramateam.org) under the Documents section) and mailed in with the application. If you have questions, contact Tim or Phil.

Training Camp will be held **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** @ 8:00am, through **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** @ 8:00pm. **Again this session, Training Camp will be held at Woodcrest Retreat** (225 Woodcrest Lane Ephrata, PA 17522).

Session Duration: Training Camp through Tuesday, December 15th. (With a break on November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>) See back of letter for pre-booked outreaches.

We are planning to have two teams this coming session. Practices for **both** teams will be held at the DRAMA office in Ephrata. (Grace EC: 131 Terrace Avenue Ephrata, Pa 17522)

- Alpha: Mondays, **6:30-9:00pm**
- Beta: Tuesdays, **6:30-9:00pm**

**Sprouts:** DRAMA is hoping to have one Sprouts team (youth ages 8 to 12) this fall. We are still working out details for this session, please watch emails or new families can contact us for updates. If you have any questions, contact Hannah Landes (717-875-6951) or email her at hannahlandes5@gmail.com.

**Booked Outreaches:** These are the outreaches that our mime teams already have booked for the spring session; please mark them on your calendars. Each member is required to attend these pre-booked outreaches. If there are any conflicts, please list them on your application. Any more outreaches that are confirmed will be shared at the parent meetings or at practice.

**Alpha:**

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday morning – afternoon, service workday
- November 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday evening, Crossfire Youth Ministry

**Beta:**

- September 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday morning service with Living Hope Community Church (Location TBA)
- October 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday morning – afternoon, service workday

**Both:**

- Thursday, September 24<sup>st</sup> or Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am-1:00pm for a Bible Study Workshop (Each member is required to attend one of these Bible study workshops)
- Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm, Friends and Family Presentation

**Alisha Austin is our Outreach Coordinator.** You can direct all outreach contacts to her. Her email address is: [alisha.ma.austin@gmail.com](mailto:alisha.ma.austin@gmail.com)