

# MIME TEAM INFORMATION SHEET

**TO: YOUTH INTERESTED IN MIME AND THEIR PARENTS**

**DATE: June, 2008**

## ***Our plans for Fall, 2008 semester:***

- Dual team approach:** ministry & servant teams: Truth in Action (TIA) and Servants in Action (SIA). TIA is the ministry team and will perform at all performances. SIA team will often be invited to go help as servants at performances, and will perform at least once during the semester for RHCC. When Servants in Action are not performing, they will be watching, learning, or helping with props, music, prayer, etc. Our goal is 2-4 performances per month from September through November. Any new team member must be on the Servants in Action team for **at least** one semester **and** in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade before they can be invited to try out for the Truth in Action team. Leadership will determine when a SIA member is believed to be ready for tryouts, and tryouts will generally be between semesters. TIA team members are expected to be baptized believers who faithfully attend church and youth activities, and do their best to live Eph. 4:20-5:7. TIA is a ministry for Christ through the Rose Hill Christian Church. (Tryouts consist of a brief interview, improvisational mime routines, and a written questionnaire; emphasis is on spiritual stability and growth.)
- Practices:** Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m.(both teams); Sundays from 7-8:30 p.m. (Truth in Action ministry team only). Both teams will start practice on Wed., Aug. 20th, 2008 **promptly** at 5:30 p.m. We can't effectively start a team practice without the whole team. Please notify Connie (776-0151) if attendance or prompt arrival at any practices is a problem, just as soon as you know. If your child is involved in other activities, we ask that mime comes first, meaning s/he may have to miss part of their other activity to be to practices on time. Youth who are late may be asked to stay after practice to make up the part they missed. Youth who are repeatedly late without excuse may be asked to step down from the team. **Practices will not be held during holiday weekends.** The semester practices will end in November, generally before Thanksgiving. We usually end our semester with a team party.
- Truth in Action Ministry Team:** We will continue to do ministry team try-outs annually (at least) with TIA members so that we can encourage spiritual growth and commitment to the team. We also want to give youth experience in stepping out of their comfort zone as far as interviewing and improvisation go. They will likely be out of their comfort zone more than once during the performance seasons! TIA team members will be notified if they need to try out again this summer. Team members who have temporarily quit the team will be asked to try out again.

3. **Performances:** A list of performances will be updated periodically and sent to your home via email. ***Please let Connie know immediately if team member cannot be at a performance! This is vital!***

#### **Why do we have the Truth in Action Ministry Team?**

1. To provide a ministry to others through our youth
2. **To be a living testimony to the truth of God's word, by presenting the gospel to the lost, encouraging other believers, and faithfully serving God's perfect will to His glory, through mime ministry, personal integrity and purity.** (TIA's Mission statement)
3. To encourage spiritual growth
4. To teach skill in mime and sign language
5. To offer fun and fellowship for youth

#### **Why do we have the Servants in Action Mime Team?**

1. To begin training new youth in mime technique
2. To help the youth develop a servant attitude before placing them in a potentially pride-inducing position on the performance team
3. To encourage spiritual growth in team members, especially with regard to personal integrity, purity, and the ministry concept
4. To allow youth to have an opportunity for fun & fellowship
5. To try mime out before they commit at a higher level

#### **What we need and desire from parents:**

1. We need you to talk this commitment over with your child. Make sure s/he is ready to work on spiritual issues. This is more than just a youth activity. It is a ministry to serve the Lord and put Him first, especially for those who desire to be on TIA. Please look closely over TIA/SIA Commitment Form (given out at camp) for what we expect spiritually and behaviorally from your child. Please do your part in holding them accountable for these things (e.g., honoring parents, modesty in dress, daily time in Bible study and prayer, faithful attendance to church and youth groups).
2. We need you to help see that your child is responsible in getting to practices and performances ***on time***.
3. There are costs involved:
  - \$20 semester fee to help with ministry costs like music CD's, supplies, props, etc.
  - Summer camp (approximately \$75) and winter retreat fees (about \$25)
  - Make up (their own black eye liner—both liquid and pencil; red lipstick for girls; plum lipstick for boys)
  - Hair ties, scrunchy (black or white) and bobby pins for girls

- Black sweats or stretch pants (loose fitting, no visible pockets, zippers, etc.)
- Black, white, or black & white sneaker-type shoes (TIA only)
- Fast food money (approx. \$6) when we go to performances
- White gloves (we'll provide first pair to new members, cost is \$5 after that)
- Several pairs of thick black socks (one pair will suffice for SIA)
- Loose-fitting, very modest practice clothing (t-shirts, capris, LONG shorts)

4. If you would like your youth to participate:

- Fill out and sign a liability/medical release form on your child if you haven't given one to Lane or Connie in 2008 (available during camp).
- Turn in your check for day camp (\$75) **by July 20, 2008** to the church office.
- Sign the TIA or SIA commitment form handed out at mime camp & make sure it is returned by Thursday July 31, 2008 (the last day of camp).
- Pay your \$20 semester fee at the first semester practice: Wed. August 20th, 2008.

RHCC is dedicated to this ministry through prayer, elder support, finances, and leadership.

***THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!***