



National Youth Storytelling Showcase

Congratulations!

Nov 29, 2012

Dear Aditya,

You are invited to become a Torchbearer at the National Youth Storytelling Showcase! The Showcase event will be held in Orem, Utah on February 6-9, 2013 as part of the Timpanogos Storytelling Midwinter Event. You are not obligated to make the trip to Utah, but we sincerely hope that you will be able to do so. Only those who participate in the Showcase events will be named Torchbearers.

We have planned three days, packed full of fun, for you and really hope you will be part of it. You will be receiving more information about our schedule before you travel. We regret being unable to provide money for travel expenses, but past finalists have been able to solicit funds from local storytelling groups, PTA groups, local television stations, or other similar agencies that enjoy sponsoring young talented students like yourself. The bulk of your expenses will likely be airfare; our closest airport is the Salt Lake City International Airport, in Salt Lake City, Utah. You will need to plan on arriving Wednesday, February 6th and departing Sunday, February 10th. If we know in advance that you need transportation from the airport, we will work to arrange transportation (at scheduled times) to and from this airport. Most parents have opted to rent a car because the sites are so far apart and they want to continue to see Utah. Please let us know and we will work to meet your needs. We can offer you a discount on lodging at a local hotel. Meals will be covered for all Torchbearers and one adult. Please let us know soon of any dietary restrictions. On Wednesday, Feb 6th, we will be gathering and getting to know the other Torchbearers.

We will be sending positive comments and coaching helps in a separate letter for you to continue polishing your performance. I went to watch my brother-in-law compete in the Olympics in August. He is an Olympian at the top of his game and he constantly practices and looks for ways to improve. I believe performers/storytellers should do the same.

After discussing this invitation with your family, **please let us know as soon as possible if you will be participating in this national event.** Please feel free to contact us if you have any specific questions that would help you in your decision.

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You will receive additional information after we hear from you. This will include updated travel information and a package of event details to all who will be participating in the National Youth Storytelling Showcase. A Conference itinerary can be found at Timpfest.org for any parents or family interested in attending the StoryWorks Conference while the NYSS youth are busy with their activities.

Congratulations once again on your outstanding talent! We look forward to seeing you in February.
Nannette* Watts, NYSS Director