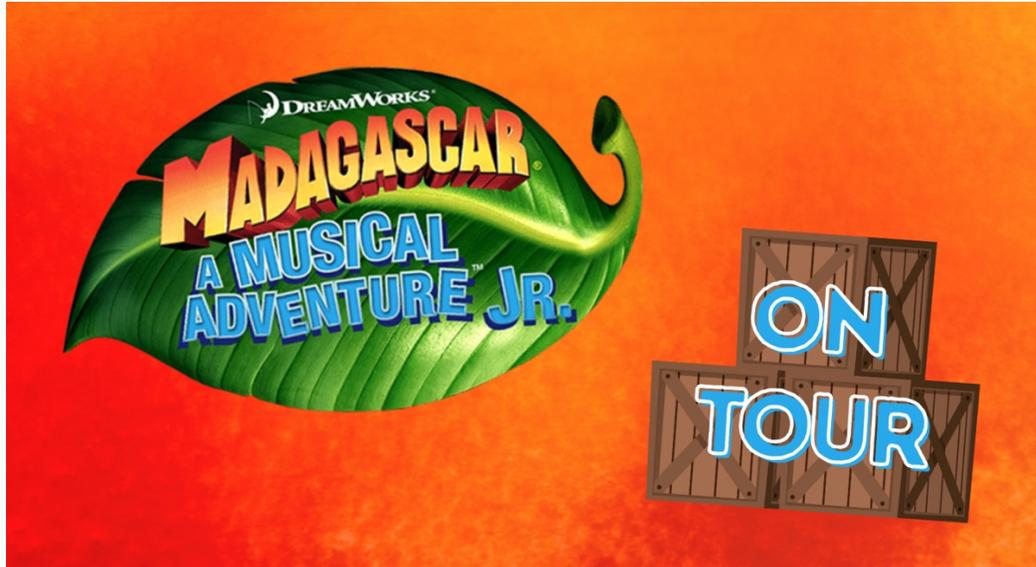


Firefly Creative Touring Production

Handbook – 2026



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COMMUNICATION

GroupMe:

https://groupme.com/join_group/108196090/9rwC4GeH



FIREFLY FALL FUNDRAISER

Our **Fall Fundraiser** is one of the highlights of the semester! On **Friday, November 14**, all Firefly students (classes and our touring production) will perform preview selections from their shows as part of this community event.

- **Location:** 9920 Humphrey Rd., Cordova, TN
- **Performance:** Students from *Madagascar Jr.* will perform selections for family, friends, and community supporters.
- **Timeframe:** Event runs from approximately 4:00–8:00 PM.
- **Rain Date:** November 21.
- **Details:** Additional event details will be distributed closer to the date.
- **Attendance:** This event is **mandatory**. If your child cannot attend, please notify Oakley ASAP via email.

COLLIERVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Firefly Creative is tentatively planning to participate in the Collierville Christmas Parade this year with our very own float! All Touring Production members are invited to be part of this festive experience. Please let me know whether or not you'll be able to join us for this fun night.

SCHEDULE

The full schedule is attached to this parent handbook, below are the abnormal/important dates outside of Tuesday rehearsals and normally schedule Friday performances:

1. **September 9th:** First Day of Rehearsal
2. **November 14th:** Firefly Fundraiser
3. **November 21st:** Firefly Fundraiser (Rain-Date)
4. **December 5th:** Collierville Christmas Parade
5. **December 12th:** Friday Rehearsal – see times
6. **January 23rd & 30th:** Friday Rehearsal
7. **February 6th:** First Performances
8. **April 11th & 18th:** Tentative Saturday Performances

Lost the schedule? <https://www.memphisfirefly.org/madagascar>

PARENT ATTENDANCE

Due to school security policies, not every performance will be open to outside guests. You will be notified in advance which shows are open for parents and families to attend, but as a general

rule, performances held at schools will not be open to parents. If you plan to attend one of the open performances, please let me know at least two weeks ahead of time so we can coordinate accordingly.

PARENT MEALS

To keep Madagascar Jr. tuition-free, we ask each family to sign up to provide lunch for the cast and crew on one of our Friday performance days. Because we only have 15 people total (students and staff combined), the meal does not need to be large or complicated. Families can choose the date that works best for them using our SignUpGenius form: [Sign up here](#). Lunches should be simple, filling, and easy to serve—things like sandwiches, pizza, chicken tenders, pasta, or salads all work well. Drinks and water will already be provided, but feel free to add fruit, chips, or dessert if you'd like. Sharing meals together helps us stay energized on performance days and builds a spirit of community as we travel and perform.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Being part of the Madagascar Jr. School + Community Tour means more than just performing—it means representing Firefly Creative with excellence wherever we go. Students are expected to be respectful, kind, and courteous at every venue, remembering that they are guests in each space. As part of a small, collaborative team, cast members should always treat their castmates with kindness and support, helping to create a positive and encouraging environment.

Participation also includes responsibilities beyond the stage. Students will help move equipment, set up, and assist with load-in and load-out at each venue. Rehearsals require full preparation and focus, with all lines and music memorized by the first day of rehearsal. Cast members are expected to practice at home so that rehearsal time can be spent on refining the performance rather than just learning material.

Above all, students are asked to uphold a high standard of professionalism, behavior, and work ethic. By showing responsibility, teamwork, and dedication, each cast member helps make this tour a positive and successful experience for everyone involved.

COSTUMES AND CLOTHING

- Students will be provided with a **Firefly Madagascar Jr. show shirt** for the final performance.
- Families may be asked to provide basic costume pieces such as black pants or jeans or a specific type of shoe. Specific requests will be communicated closer to performance and within enough time for you to prepare.

- Each week, students should wear **comfortable rehearsal clothes** suitable for movement.
- Closed-toe shoes (sneakers preferred) are required. Sandals, flip-flops, and heels are not allowed.

FIREFLY POLICIES

This handbook covers the basics for Fall 2025. Firefly maintains a full list of policies on our website. Please visit:

👉 www.memphisfirefly.org/policies