Theater camps offer kids a way to express themselves

By GT Staff

Theater is a great way for children to express themselves. They may even find that they have a true talent for acting, singing or dancing. Experienced or novice, students grades 4 through high school can now choose from two exciting summer camps in south Reno.

The 8th annual Elective and the Triple Threat Performance camps will be held June 18-22, and July 30-August 3, 2012, respectively, at the Galena High School Theater. Both camps emphasize performance, movement, dance and voice.

Camps run 9am-3pm daily and end with an all-participant production on stage on the respective last Friday at 2 pm. The public is welcome.

The camps are produced by Sierra School of Performing Arts, a Nevada non-profit which makes the performing arts widely available through camps and performances.

Janet Lazarus directs the camps. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton, and her Master of Fine Arts with an emphasis in acting from UCLA. She has worked and performed in stage, film and television in New York, Los Angeles, Rome/Italy, Honolulu, Lake Tahoe and Reno. Since 1990, Lazarus has taught acting and movement classes at various schools and colleges throughout California and Hawaii, and has been teaching theatre, acting and stage make up classes at the University of Nevada, Reno since 2008.

Camp management is led by Matt Wilkerson, a three-time manager, veteran thespian and barbershop chorus member.

Scholarships and internships are available; multi-family discounts apply.

For more information, visit www.SierraSchoolofPerformingArts.org or call (775) 852-7740. Galena High School is located at 3600 Butch Cassidy Dr., just off Mt. Rose Hwy, use of I-395.