



KITSAP FOREST THEATER

THEATER INSPIRED BY A MAGICAL PLACE

The Mountaineers Players present *Footloose, The Musical*
at the magical **Kitsap Forest Theater** in Bremerton

July 28-29, August 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; 2012 – 2:00 pm

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BREMERTON, WA – Through *Footloose, The Musical*, Kitsap Forest Theater and its family audiences will explore topics near and dear to them: family, community, morals, values and self-expression. The popular music of the 80's film and new songs created for the musical adaptation will come to life on the forest floor of this outdoor amphitheater just west of Bremerton. The Mountaineers Players will present this toe-tapping show each weekend at 2pm, July 28-August 19.

Producing musicals at Kitsap Forest Theater is a community theater experience unique to the Mountaineers Players. This multi-generational ensemble camps, hikes and cooks together on weekends throughout the rehearsal process. Fellow actors and volunteers become an extended family, mirroring the close relationships of the fictional town of Beaumont they will portray in *Footloose*. This perspective and insight will add new depth to an already heart-warming story.

Footloose, The Musical Synopsis: When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn't prepared for are the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher, determined to exercise the control over the town's youth that he cannot command in his own home. When the reverend's rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend tries to sabotage Ren's reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid. The heartfelt story that emerges is of a father longing for the son he lost and of a young man aching for the father who walked out on him. *Footloose, The Musical* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind and is fun for all ages.

About Kitsap Forest Theater: The Mountaineers Players, part of The Mountaineers of Seattle, are one of the longest-running nonprofit community theater groups in the country. Each spring and summer, they perform at Kitsap Forest Theater, one of the oldest outdoor theaters in North America. This natural outdoor amphitheater, where giant fir trees surround terraced seating and verdant ferns serve as "footlights," is located in Bremerton on a 460-acre Rhododendron Preserve. Shows at Kitsap Forest Theater are a treasured Northwest family tradition dating back to 1923.

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