

# Jungle Book Kids

**1 Act, G Rated**

**Cast Size: 65 Campers**

**15 Roles + 3 Small Groups + Ensemble**

**Dance Requirements: Standard to None**

## Plot Summary

The jungle is jumpin' with a jazzy beat in *Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS*. Specially adapted from the classic Disney animated film, *Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS* features a host of colorful characters and your favorite songs from the movie.

Banished by the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan, a human boy named Mowgli and his panther friend, Bagheera, are on the run in the deepest parts of the jungle. On their journey, the two meet a sinister snake named Kaa, a herd of elephants and a giant bear named Baloo, who teaches them the swingin' musical rhythms of the jungle. After surviving a dangerous encounter with a band of monkeys led by King Louie, Mowgli and Bagheera are forced to run for their lives. When Shere Khan returns, our heroes must rally their fellow animals into battle and restore peace throughout the jungle.

## Mowgli – Lead Character

**\*Auditions will begin with campers entering 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

**Younger grades should speak with the Show Director if they would like to audition for this character.**

Mowgli is a boy who gets along with everyone and who is very likable. He has a joyful and curious nature, and a twinkle in his eye. The actor or actress we cast will have a spark that can captivate the audience and should be a bit feisty. They should have a natural talent for acting and singing.

## Bagheera – Lead Character

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The role of Bagheera, the panther, is not gender-specific. This actor or actress should be able to easily portray the physical attributes of a feline, be physically agile and uninhibited with good command of his or her body. They should also possess a natural talent for acting, singing and leading a story. Bagheera should act like an older brother or sister to Mowgli.

## Baloo – Lead Character

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Baloo, the bear, should be exuberant with a great natural talent for singing and acting. Baloo provides much of the comedic relief in the story, so the actor or actress must possess a natural sense of comedy and not be afraid to be wild and crazy. They should not be self-conscious and should enjoy the spotlight. Baloo's part in "I Wan'na Be Like You" demands a singer with a strong sense of rhythm.

## Kaa – Supporting Character

Kaa, the snake, supplies threat and danger to Mowgli's journey out of the jungle. We will cast someone that has flair with good vocal and movement skills to be the lead Kaa (the head of the snake). Five other actors or actresses will be cast as the body. Each of the actors in the scene has solo lines that are spoken and sung so the part requires some natural acting and singing ability as well as dance.

## Shere Khan – Supporting Character

Shere Khan, the tiger, is King of the Jungle. We will cast someone who can portray being physically

threatening, either in size, attitude, or both. We will be looking for a stronger actor than singer for this role. Shere Khan is the villain and the story depends on a good villain.

### **Colonel Hathi – Supporting Character**

Colonel Hathi, the elephant, is in charge of the elephant brigade, but is also a little forgetful. He is good at giving commands but doesn't really understand what's going on around him. We will cast someone who can sing well and act like a drill sergeant. This is a good role to feature someone who has talent but may not be ready for the leading role just yet.

### **Baby Elephant – Supporting Character**

This character has a solo line in the song as well as marching, so the actor or actress should have a sense of music and movement.

### **King Louie – Supporting Character**

King Louie is King of the Monkeys. We will cast an actor or actress with strong comedic timing and good singing ability. They should have flair and aren't afraid to act like a monkey.

### **Old Monkey – Supporting Character**

We will cast the Old Monkey with a strong actor over a singer. He or she should not be afraid to assume the physical traits of a monkey.

### **Shanti – Supporting Character**

Shanti is the girl who takes Mowgli to the village at the end of the story. She is hiding in the jungle the entire time disguised as a Coconut Tree. This actor or actress should exude sweetness and kindness and have a natural ability for acting and singing. They will have a couple of solos as the Coconut Tree.

### **Shanti's Family – Small Group**

Shanti's Family is not seen, but represented by offstage voices.

### **Elephant Troupe - Small Group**

The actors and actresses in the Elephant Troupe won't need to be strong singers, but should be good movers/dancers so they can physicalize the behavior of elephants and march in and out of formation.

### **Monkeys - Small Group**

The actors and actresses cast as Monkeys should be strong dancers. "I Wan'na Be Like You" will be a fun chance to show off their great musical choreography.

### **Jungle Chorus - Ensemble**

The Jungle Chorus will be our ensemble of singers, actors and dancers. They will come together to help transport the audience into the jungle and will have a hand in saving Mowgli from Shere Kahn.