

French Woods Festival  
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We are packing up and getting ready to move from our Florida Winter Office to Camp! As of May 1st, 2019, all snail mail to camp should be addressed to French Woods, PO Box 609, Hancock, NY 13783. The summer office will be up and running on Monday, May 6, 2019 where our phone number is (607) 637-8400.

## THE PERFORMER IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!!!

# The PERFORMER

April 2019  
Informing The French Woods Community



*In this Issue: 4th Session Shows – Camper & Staff News – Ron, Beth & Isaac*

# A Note from Ron



It's hard to understand how fast the year goes by. In three weeks Barbara and I leave for camp and then it's four weeks until the start of session one.

This summer holds an incredible storehouse of new things. New bunks start to appear on both campuses in

addition to the remodeling of the girls campus.

We have three Broadway shows to offer this summer with limited tickets still available. Session one, *Hadestown*, has very few tickets left, Session two, *The Prom*, and session three, *Be More Chill*. All three shows are available to all ages of campers. Reserve your space through the permission slip on your online CampInTouch account today. We cannot guarantee when the tickets will be sold out.

I've been hearing from many of you with all kinds of requests. Keep 'em coming.

See you soon.

## Tennis Anyone?

French Woods offers private tennis lessons by our staff of tennis pros for \$50 per lesson. This money is contributed to the Hancock French-Woods Arts Alliance, a 501(c) 3 public charity.

You can sign up online through your CampInTouch account. Call Rose at the office for more info (607) 637-8404.

## Important ONLINE Forms and Documents:

By now you should be familiar with our CampInTouch program that gets you to your child's Forms Dashboard where you have been filling out all the required forms and documents. The deadline for Bunk requests has past and we are now reviewing all the **medical forms** and the **camper confidential form and lesson signup**.

**Darryn needs your transportation info input on to the travel form now.** Even if you are driving your camper to camp - we need that info too. All children must be accounted for. Please help us!

Many forms are web-based and just need to be filled out online. The forms that require signatures must be downloaded and printed out. **Remember to fax back only to (845) 468-7078 without a coversheet or preferably simply upload them as pdfs directly to your account on CampInTouch. All remaining forms are due no later than May 1st.** If you have not done so, you should schedule a doctor's appointment for your child.

There are a number of informational family documents available to you at the bottom of your child's forms and documents page through CampInTouch. You will find both the *2019 Parents and Campers Guides*, CampMeds Info, shipping your luggage, and much more. If you have any questions about getting on to CampInTouch or if we can help in anyway, please call us in the office at (800) 634-1703.

## Camper Medication Procedures:

We **require** you to have your child's daily medication pre-packaged prior to arrival at camp. **This includes any herbal medications and/or vitamins!** Be sure all medications are ordered through Campmeds thru [www.campmeds.com](http://www.campmeds.com) prior to your child's arrival at camp.

## Winter Address:

Please address any mail sent **after May 1st** to the New York Address:

**PO BOX 609, HANCOCK, NY 13783**

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## April Birthdays!

## Just Registered - March 8th to April 2nd!

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## Dear French Woods Families:



We are all geared up for the summer of 2019 - I have been putting finishing touches on the staffing and it looks like we will have an incredible group of counselors and teachers. I am still looking for full summer staff members for select positions, as well as one more nurse in session four. Please let me know if you or someone you know might be interested and qualified!

The theater schedule is shaping up nicely and a performance date schedule will be posted in next month's newsletter. I'm very excited about this summer's show selections, as we are including several French Woods premiers including: *Groundhog Day*, *Disaster*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *IF/Then*, *Weird the Musical*, *The Knight at Dawn*, *The Descendants*, *Mama Mia*, *Something Rotten*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, and *Matilda*.

We are so excited to get up to camp next month and even more excited for you to get to camp too! See you soon!

## Camper & Staff News

**Becca Supcoff** (Ensemble), **Susanna Steinberg** (Cordelia Elam), **Kiera Swingle** (Gertie Cummings), and **Sarah Tabak** (Aunt Eller), performed together in the MS 54 musical production of *Oklahoma*.

**Ben Steinberg** performed as a Feature Ensemble in the Churchill School and Center musical production of *Marry Poppins*.

**Jack McCarthy** will be playing the title role in the world premiere of *August Rush*, a new musical based on the movie and directed by John Doyle.

The show runs for six weeks in Chicago this spring.

**Ben Wohl** recently made his professional musical theater debut as Les in Westchester Broadway Theatre's production of *Newsies*.

**Siri Waxenberg** played Ado Annie in the Booker T. Washington Middle School 54's production of *Oklahoma*.

**Grant Herman** was recently cast as Olaf in The Musical Theatre of Orange County's upcoming production of *Frozen Jr*.

**Mika McCaffrey** will be playing Katherine Plummer in Paul Revere Middle School's production of *Newsies*.

**Lyla Eidson** Will be playing the role of Sebastian in *Little Mermaid* this spring at the Colorado Children's Theater.

**Hannah Levine** performed as Mary Poppins in her school musical and is currently performing as Teen Fiona in Merrick Theatre's Family Theatre.

## 9th Annual 4K Race for the Arts

Each session we hold a 4k Race for the Arts that benefits the Hancock-French Woods Arts Alliance. The funds raised will be used for college scholarships granted to needy & deserving French Woods counselors committed to a career in the arts.

Whether sponsored or not, everyone gets involved as either a runner, walker, volunteer or cheerleader and all receive a participatory race wristband. Sponsored campers receive a commemorative t-shirt. You can sign up your camper by filling out the race form on your Campln Touch dashboard.

There are many sponsorship opportunities available all the way from the race participant up to sponsoring the race with many, many levels in-between. HFWAA appreciates all donations. See your Campln Touch dashboard to sign up or call the office at (607) 637-8404 for more information.



**HOMESICKNESS...**Many first year campers have never been away from home for an extended period of time. Homesickness is a natural result of the changes in a child's environment. Parents can take courage from the fact that many campers do not experience this, and those that do recover swiftly. All of the camp staff, from the director down, are prepared to help the youngster with the adjustment, expedited with the cooperation of the parent.

These suggestions are designed to help you prepare your child for camp.

**At Home...**If your camper exhibits concern about going to camp, encourage them to talk to you about it. It is helpful to tell your child that such concerns are normal and that many other campers feel the same way. If there are specific worries about bunkmates, clothes, or anything else, let your child call the camp office and speak with me. Often specific answers are not necessary after the child has had the opportunity to express themselves to a receptive ear.

Don't be ambivalent about the length of your child's stay at camp. There should be no trial periods. They are there for a full session and should understand this. A "try-out" approach is a sure loser, certain to create a serious homesickness problem at camp.

Send a note or care package (**Remember-No Food**) ahead of time to arrive the first day of camp. Acknowledge, in a positive way, that you will miss your child. For example, you can say "I am going to miss you, but I know that you will have a good time at camp."

Reassure your child that everything at home will be the same as when they left; that pets will be cared for, possessions protected, etc. If, for some reason, this is not possible, let me know so that we can be effectively supportive. Don't bribe. Linking a successful stay at camp to a material object sends the wrong message. The reward should be your child's new found confidence and independence.

Please notify me of any upsetting event which may have occurred prior to camp, or is to occur during the summer. This might include illness or death in the family, poor school grades, divorce or moving to a new house or city.

When seeing your child off at the bus or airport, make your parting brief and pleasant. Long goodbyes and floods of tears are upsetting. The same applies if you bring your child to camp and for visiting days.

Remember, our staff will always be there to help make you and your child feel comfortable.

Every camp asks for parents to fill out medical and profile

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information. Be sure that you complete the online health history, confidential camper form and activity profile forms as completely and as soon as possible. Don't forget to include a photo! While the camp is designed to provide instruction and recreation in many areas, certain campers may have a more rewarding time if encouraged in specific activities. The camp staff's knowledge of your child's interests (and phobias!) can be helpful in arranging the most appropriate program from the wide variety of activities that French Woods offers.

**At Camp...**Your cooperation is needed to ensure a successful summer for your child. Most children are resilient and adapt successfully to new situations. Parents, however, sometimes find it difficult to adjust to their children being away from home. To prevent any negative effects on your campers, write or email frequently with good news and a cheerful tone - chatty and pleasant. Try not to telephone except in an emergency. Contact me if you have a special concern. Be assured we will contact you if your child is experiencing difficulties. Remember children can call you after the first week of each session.

If a "rescue call" comes from the child, offer calm reassurance and put the time frame into perspective. Above all, avoid the temptation to take the child home early. Should you receive an upsetting call or email, telephone me immediately. My staff and I will help. MAKE NO PROMISES. This is a sure route to failure.

Talk candidly with me or your child's head counselor to obtain our perspective on your child's adjustment. Don't feel guilty about encouraging your child to stay at camp. For many children, camp is a first step toward independence and plays an important role in their growth and development.

**Conclusion...**Camp is an experience that cannot be replicated in any other environment. It offers the opportunity for your child to achieve the poise and confidence that comes with the mastery of skills and the sociability developed as a vital participant in a structured and democratic community of their peers. French Woods works diligently to assemble the best staff possible. Countless hours throughout the year go into preparation and evaluation of the camp program. With your help, we are well prepared to serve the needs of your child.



# Fourth Session Shows 2019!\*\*\*

## **The Lion King (7-9 year olds)**

Music by Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice, celebrate "the circle of life" with Simba, Nala, Mufasa, Rafiki, Timon, Pumbaa and the rest of the gang in this well loved musical.

## **The Aristocats (7-9 year olds)**

Madame's jealous butler, Edgar, catnaps Duchess and her Aristokittens and abandons them in the Parisian countryside. What's a cat to do? Luckily, Thomas O'Malley and his rag-tag bunch of Alley Cats come to their rescue! This feline adventure is sure to get your audiences tapping their feet to its hep, jazzy beat, which includes the Disney favorites "The Aristocats," "Scales and Arpeggios" and "Ev'rybody Wants to Be a Cat."

## **Frozen Jr (9-11 year olds)**

Based on the 2018 Broadway musical, it brings Elsa, Anna and the magical land of Arendelle to life onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

## **The Nightmare Before Christmas (9-11 year olds)**

Jack Skellington, the pumpkin king of Halloween Town, is bored with doing the same thing every year for Halloween. One day he stumbles into Christmas Town and is so taken with the idea of Christmas that

he tries to get the resident bats, ghouls and goblins of Halloween town to help him put on Christmas instead of Halloween - but alas, they can't get it quite right.

## **Guys and Dolls (11-12 year olds)**

Nathan Detroit, the organizer of the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York, bets fellow gambler Sky Masterson that he can't make the next girl he sees fall in love with him. The next girl he sees happens to be Miss Sarah Brown, a pure-at-heart Salvation Army-type reformer, and the stage is set.

## **The Aliens Logs of Super Jewels (11-14 year olds)**

This family-friendly musical follows the adventures of Jewels, as she recounts her adventures from Kinderprison to Muddle School, and looks for clues to what sets her apart. Could she be an alien, a superhero, or something completely different? Join Jewels as she explores the confusing - and often hilarious - world of social expectations. Jewels' journey of self-discovery takes her to some unexpected places, and most surprising of all is finding a little bit of ourselves along the way.

## **Godspell (11-14 year olds)**

*Godspell* is based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. In the Gospel, Jesus Christ preaches through parables and storytelling. The show, which is not built on a traditional plot, utilizes clowning,

pantomime, charades, acrobatics, and vaudeville to tell the story of Christ.

## **Ruthless (11-14 year olds)**

Eight-year-old Tina Denmark knows she was born to play Pippi Longstocking, and she will do anything to win the part in her school musical. Anything includes murdering the leading lady! This aggressively outrageous musical hit garnered rave reviews during its long Off-Broadway run.

## **Pirates of Penzance (11-17 year olds)**

Frederick, was to be apprenticed to a pilot, but due to a hard-of-hearing nursery maid, was instead apprenticed to a pirate. Not just any pirate, but the Pirate King, leader of the *Pirates of Penzance*. But now his indentures are over and Frederick's sense of duty calls him to rid the seas of these rather simple ruffians.

## **Matilda (11-17 year olds)**

Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing and the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules.

## **Chicago (11-17 year olds)**

Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband Amos to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess," Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the "American Dream" - fame, fortune and acquittal.

## **Eurydice (11-17 year olds)**

A play by Sarah Ruhl which retells the myth of Orpheus from the perspective of Eurydice, his wife. The story focuses on Eurydice's choice to return to earth with Orpheus or to stay in the underworld with her father.

## **The Wolves (11-17 year olds)**

The Wolves chronicles six Saturday mornings in the lives of a soccer team somewhere in suburban America as they prepare for their games. The girls discuss everything and a group of girls whom at first seem indistinguishable as each is referred to by only her number quickly become identifiable and different. In the course of six short weeks, the Wolves deal with love, loss, and identity in ways that real teenagers do.

## **One Act Plays (11-17)**

- To be announced

\*\*\*All shows are subject to availability/change