



CAMP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER !

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# The PERFORMER

Informing The French Woods Community

Summer Performance Schedule Enclosed!

**French Woods**  
Festival of the Performing Arts

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## There are Still Tickets Available!

It has become French Woods tradition to offer our campers the opportunity to attend a Broadway Show in New York City. Often the campers are treated to a talkback with the cast. This summer we will feature the following:

### Session 2 *War Paint*

For a limited number of Session 2 campers on Sunday, July 9, 2017 The all-inclusive cost is \$160 and includes ticket, transportation and dinner. There is no age restriction.

### Session 3 *Hello, Dolly*

On Sunday, July 30, 2017, The all-inclusive cost is \$190 and includes ticket, transportation and dinner. There is no age restriction.

**If you are interested in having your child attend, please complete and e-sign the permission slip and credit card authorization found through CampMinder on your Camp Intouch dashboard under Forms and Documents.** These are amazing shows and we anticipate selling out quickly.



1-800-634-1703 in FL 954-346-7455

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## A Note from Ron

The pre-camp season has begun. We are working hard to put the final touches on camp before you get here. The weather has been great and everyone is excited to have camp start. This is year forty-seven and it seems as I get older I enjoy it more.

It is now less than twenty until camp, but who's counting.

See you soon,

Ron

## And Away We Go!

Your address at camp will be:

**Camper Name \***  
**French Woods Festival**  
**P.O. Box 609**  
**Hancock, NY 13783**

Any packages should be addressed to:

**Camper Name \***  
**French Woods Festival**  
**199 Bouchoux Brook Road**  
**Hancock, NY 13783**

\*When you get your bunk number at camp please inform everyone who will be writing or sending packages to you to put your bunk number after your name. This will help us get you your mail delivered as quickly as possible.

## Spring Cleaning

Have you done your spring house cleaning yet? The *French Woods Costume Shop* can always use your unwanted items. Clothes (especially children's sizes), shoes, hats, wigs, costume jewelry and even old drapes are extremely useful. If you have any donations please call us to arrange for pickup in the NY area. Your discards might play a starring role in a future French Woods production.

## Camper email

Campers may send and receive email after the first couple days of camp. Every camper has an email account through our own camp mail server. It is **firstnamelastname@frenchwoodscamp.com** (for example **john.doe@frenchwoodscamp.com**). Please use this address instead of AOL, gmail, yahoo or other servers that interfere with the operation of our network. If your child has a hyphenated name or an apostrophe, do not include that punctuation, rather **lucassmithrobinson@frenchwoodscamp.com** or **annahara@frenchwoodscamp.com**



## First Time Parents: Urgent!

Every child attending camp for the first time leaves home with apprehension. Make your child's experience a positive one. His or her success or failure is **totally** in your hands.

Every parent wants what's best for their child. What's best is having a child who has self-esteem and is able to function in a supportive and friendly climate, without the constant need of their parent's presence.

When a child does not finish what they have started there is certainty of failure. Taking a child home early leads not to rescue but to future loss.

Here are some simple tips to follow:

- Let your child know before they leave that they will have a wonderful time and that you love them.
- **Do Not** discuss a trial period or give the child any reason to think they will fail.
- Write letters & emails asking about the child's experiences at camp. He does not need to know his dog misses him or his sister now rules the house.
- Most important, work with the camp director to make sure your child succeeds at camp.

Help us to help your child succeed. Help us!

See you this summer,  
 Ron, Isaac, and Beth  
 800-634-1703  
 admin@frenchwoods.com

Aaron Triffleman-Miller  
 Abhinaz Ganesh  
 Abigail Fuller  
 Adalay Shalov  
 Adam Knode  
 Addison Lockhart  
 Addison Sipkin  
 Aderinsola Odusanwo  
 Ako de Siran de Cabanac  
 Alba Lavin Molina  
 Alexa Lopez  
 Alexa Shaheen  
 Alexa Steckel  
 Alexander Breitenbach  
 Alexis Lopez  
 Amelia Bornmann  
 Anabella Owens  
 Ananda Wenhammar  
 Anderson Stuart  
 Andrew Deluca  
 Anna Leduc  
 Annika Johnson  
 Anthony Zhang  
 Arely Peckham  
 Arianna Siegel  
 Arina Ilchuk  
 Ashley King  
 Austin North  
 Ava Reitz-Bouren  
 Avery Anderson  
 Beatrice Bassiri  
 Bella Downey  
 Benjamin Mulligan  
 Benjamin Segall  
 Blaire Batista  
 Boris Gachot  
 Brian Lee  
 Caitlyn McHenry  
 Cameron Kugel  
 Carling Dickinson

1 Brian Lee  
 Callie Gaytan  
 Elise De Botton  
 Isabelle Grace Ballard  
 Jeremy Bernstein  
 Liam Diamond  
 Lucy Beth Fraser  
 Maya Iskowitz  
 Oliver Crapanzano  
 Sarah Pudiwitr  
 2 Anouk Levy  
 Kiera Cucunato  
 3 Anthony Posy  
 D. Steele Hamme  
 Ella Nusinov  
 Grace Krsul-Sullivan  
 Hannah Freundel  
 Kyana Momah  
 Marissa McNeill  
 Matthew Danforth  
 Melody Alonso  
 Mia Murphy  
 Richard Vilcinsh  
 Sam Piccone  
 4 Annabelle Eng  
 Azaryah Cartagena  
 Lily Ventura  
 Rachel Sapozhna  
 Sawyer Dunham  
 5 Aidan Pesce  
 Alexandra Hulnick  
 Allison Murphy  
 Cameryn Gray  
 Elizabeth Perry

Caroline Buell  
 Casey Peckham  
 Casey Weisman  
 Charles de Pouzilac  
 Charlotte Kistenbroker  
 Chloe Shaw  
 Christopher Chiuimento  
 Clement Zimmer  
 Daniel Dayala  
 Danny Baumfeld  
 Daria Belova  
 Darien House  
 David Aaron  
 David Chodor  
 Deborah Haimowitz  
 Du Xinyu  
 Eli Buretea-Bloom  
 Elizabeth Beckett  
 Ella Cucunato  
 Ella Lukowiak  
 Elle Mazon  
 Elle Miller  
 Elliott Quill  
 Elsa Levine  
 Emily Huffman  
 Emily Khabie  
 Emma Arends  
 Emma Liu  
 Emma Schatz  
 Eva Cazar  
 Evan Schachter  
 Fiona Brown-Kempf  
 Freya Peers  
 Gabriel Dayan  
 Gabriela Ettinger  
 Georgy Shishakov  
 Gillian Mcsheffrey  
 Grace Gramins  
 Grace Sodi  
 Haely Burgos

Harrison Acrish  
 Jade Harnish  
 Laila Zukerman  
 Mary Fortenberry  
 Rayna Frantz  
 Sadie Hanson  
 Sage Stretch  
 Samuel Storch  
 Sylvie Reimer  
 Sherman  
 6 Elliot Rossman  
 Kennedy Sanchez  
 Mikaela Leith  
 Rachel Lonker  
 Samuel Morris-Kliment  
 Zach Abood-Bieber  
 7 Elizabeth Santaniello  
 Emma Arends  
 8 Emma Filoramo  
 Grace Riedy  
 Jonathan Feinstein  
 Max Tabatchnik  
 Nicolette Kobrick  
 Shanzeh Haider  
 Sophia Habler  
 Sophie Redvers  
 Victoria Pertsovsky  
 9 Camille Cirurgiao  
 Finnegan Ryder  
 Lucy Humble  
 Mazie Chamberlin  
 Nicole Hara  
 Norah Van  
 Valkenburgh  
 Phoebe Mugford

Rebecca Dyckman  
 10 Alyssa Marvin  
 Amber Nelson  
 Dennett Stibel  
 Isaac Snitkoff  
 Madison Winn  
 Zachary O'Neill  
 11 Borja Ferrandis  
 Charlotte Novara  
 Giulia Pizzocaro  
 Priyanka Oomman  
 Sabine Sarre-Uriu  
 12 Annabelle Lesser  
 Hannah Katz  
 Kofi Dufu  
 Noah Goldwasser  
 Olivia Dewar  
 Presley Herthel  
 13 Alexandra Connelly  
 Brionna Trilling  
 Mae Dunham  
 Nyan Lieberthal  
 Sophia Scholl  
 Zoe Shmidt  
 14 Charlotte Richter  
 Emma Grace Kelly  
 Samantha Murray  
 15 Anabel Emerson-Molinoff  
 Anika Fiedelholz  
 Christopher Rider  
 Cornelia Cassidy  
 Elliott Levine  
 Megan Kumar

Reilly O'Neill  
 Daniel Dayala  
 16 Isabella Morgan  
 Cassie Elish  
 Eli Chazin  
 Freya Peers  
 Hagar Wizel  
 Henry Chen  
 Zev Chazin  
 zoe kruger  
 18 Chelsea Backer  
 Clara Rohatyn  
 David Chodor  
 Eleanor Chamberlin  
 Elijah May Desrosiers  
 Mercer Kewfi  
 Sophia Edwards  
 20 Zina Louhaichy  
 Alexa Lopez  
 Arely Peckham  
 Kadajah Olanipekun  
 Katherine Moe  
 Seth Kelawan  
 21 Andrew Maskoff  
 Bella Downey  
 Camryn Curneck  
 Grace Traxler  
 Jacob Shapiro  
 Kyra Whiteman  
 Noah Scher  
 Olivia Cornett  
 Sawyer Garrity  
 22 Aliyah Cohen  
 Ariana Yacoubi

## Just Registered!

Hannah Handelsman  
 Hannah Hinds  
 Harper Polson  
 Harrison Dahn  
 Hayley Feinstein  
 Hilda Marquez  
 Holden Ickovics  
 Ilana Mizrahi  
 Isabel Botko  
 Isabel Richards  
 Isabelle Ehrlich  
 Ivanna Soler  
 Jacarise Bartlett  
 Jack Melville  
 Jacob Davis  
 Jacob Mitovich  
 Jacqueline Reninger  
 Jaden Martinez  
 Jake Colon Salguero  
 Jared Cooper  
 Jeremiah Ortiz  
 Jessica Daddio  
 Jiayi Chen  
 Joaquin Ordonez  
 Joelle Sacks  
 John Cellini  
 John Potash  
 Jonas Keusch  
 Joseph Casali  
 Joshua Triffleman-Miller  
 Juliana McBride  
 Juliane Newman  
 Juliette Macron  
 Julius Delgado  
 Kaia Dirksen  
 Karolina Bukowski  
 Kate Arbuckle

Katherine Alonso  
 Kathryn Dougherty  
 Kayla Theodore  
 Kiara Kling  
 Kiera Cucunato  
 Kylie Hammerman  
 Laney Rakofsky  
 Lara Davila  
 Lianne Ohayon  
 Lila Kunkel  
 Lilianna Micera  
 Lilly Bowman  
 Lily Ventura  
 Linzi Chen  
 Lora Sarkisyan  
 Luca Grendene  
 Lucas Storch  
 Lucia Qureshi  
 Luke Dobson  
 Mackenzie Moore  
 Madison Abbott  
 Madison Amis  
 Marianna Goncharova  
 Mary Fortenberry  
 Mathew Sainvil  
 Mathilde Carle  
 Matilde Crapanzano  
 Saida Dia  
 Matthew Ike  
 Mattson Barreira  
 Maximilian Hsu  
 Maxwell Seelig  
 Maya Altman  
 Maya Douglas  
 Mia Murphy  
 Mia Robb  
 Michael Curtis  
 Mikaela Goytizolo

Milo Turba  
 Miriam Morris  
 Moksha Akil  
 Moshe Botton  
 Murphy Bolko  
 Nasir Clark  
 Natalia Del Cueto  
 Natalia Fernandez  
 Nia Fulton  
 Nicole Gustafson  
 Nova Ramseur Moore  
 Oliver Crapanzano  
 Olivia Barcohana  
 Olivia Ross  
 Persephone Reeves  
 Peter Jedruszczuk  
 Philip Fletcher  
 Rachael Stokes  
 Ray Kao  
 Rebecca Dyckman  
 Reece Fiore  
 Robert Lewis  
 Roman Belov  
 Rowan Renfroe  
 Roxane Coutrot Du Pasquier  
 Ruby Rios  
 Sabina Arcila  
 Sadie Hanson  
 Saida Dia  
 Samara Little  
 Sammy Saka  
 Samuel Storch  
 Sarah Aaron  
 Sarah Malourmian  
 Sarah Rodee  
 Sarai Perez  
 Sarim Haider  
 Sawyer Rose  
 Scarlett Sinclair-Carin  
 Shanzeh Haider

Bailey Ross  
 Bebe Yaffe  
 carson gerber  
 Chloe Grudzinski  
 Dylan Duke  
 Eli Buretea-Bloom  
 Gabriel Dayan  
 23 Chloe Shin Yang  
 Daniel Edelstein  
 Frederick Sumter  
 Tristan Robles  
 24 Eleanor Whitmore  
 Jack Gormin  
 Lily Ross  
 Lincoln Stibel  
 Mercer Kewfi  
 Sophia Edwards  
 25 Carina Davis  
 Carlos O'Connor  
 Eleonora Ricceri  
 Elizabeth Bouck  
 Filippo Maresca  
 Denini  
 Francis Gindi-Chiafallo  
 Hannah Weisz  
 Katherine Gaukhaman  
 Leigh-Ann Norberg  
 Nico Santiago  
 Peter Jedruszczuk  
 Sarah Malourmian  
 Simon Poje  
 26 Benjamin Piccarillo  
 Julia White  
 Kaelin Schetter  
 Pierce Schetter

Sarah Traub  
 Sophie Antevy  
 27 Emily Zhu  
 Leo Freynk  
 Luc Villard  
 Mia Lanphear  
 Phoebe Turner  
 Violet Childers  
 28 Jeniy Saka  
 Madeleine Pace  
 Maya Henkin  
 Natalie Parks  
 Thomas Baker-Spitzer  
 29 Ella Gilad  
 Joshua Hines  
 Kees Nachbahr  
 Nola Abramowicz  
 30 Alexander Breitenbach  
 Ana Viveros  
 Ben Krieger  
 Casey Gottlieb  
 Danny Reshamwala  
 DeLa Armah  
 Moses Nam  
 Olu Armah  
 31 Alexander Poje  
 Carolyn Goertzel  
 Elizabeth Pepperman  
 Gracie Shaw-Rothberg  
 Joshua DeHerrera  
 Maja Coben  
 Petra Cullen  
 Ruby Rios



## Camper & Staff News

**Olga** and **Peter Dager** and their band recently performed at the Aids Walk Miami.

**Sarah Rappoport** recently played Serena Katz in her middle school's production of *Fame*.

**Sarah Fleiss** performed at Juilliard this spring and has been accepted as a student at Juilliard and Columbia in a joint program.

**Elsie Spitzer** is playing Lady of the Lake in her middle school production of *Spamalot*.

**Emerson Davis** has been cast as C.G. Paterson in the Off-Broadway musical, *Annie Warbucks*, at Signature Theatre in NYC this August.

**Viola Young** has been accepted into New York City's Professional Performing Arts School for middle school.

**Mazie** and **Eleanor Chamberlin** were both cast in a local production of *Charlotte's Web* this spring with Mazie playing Charlotte. Mazie also will be performing as Schlomo in her middle school production of *Fame, Jr.*

**Sarah Rappoport** recently played Serena Katz in her middle school's production of *Fame*.

**Oakley DeCristofaro** was recently cast as the Wicked Witch in Alpha NYC's workshop production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

## Packing!

You will find a clothing list as part of the *Parent's Guide 2017*, and you can also see it on your forms dashboard on your Campln Touch account. **Some Tips:**

- Put your child's full name on everything you send. You can find Label Daddy on your Campln Touch dashboard. They sell labels and make this job easier. At the end of the summer, we will mail home anything that gets left behind, but only if **it has a camper's first name and last name on it**. Please, no abbreviations or initials.

- Please use a soft sided duffel bag, backpack, or suitcase, to make storage easier.

- Remember to pack rain gear and something warm for cool mornings and evenings, especially in the first, fourth and fifth sessions.

As far as the little things go, flashlights, cameras, sports equipment, frisbees, playing cards, books to read at rest hour and other games that don't require batteries are fine. If your children are taking dance classes they will need appropriate shoes for the classes that interest them. Horseback riders need long pants and shoes with a heel. For those interested in theater, one dress outfit often helps. While iPods, iPads etc... may be fun, these small items are easily misplaced and camp cannot be held responsible when they are lost. Cell phones will not work at camp, BUT if you bring one to take photos and/or listen to music - make your child's name the wallpaper!



horseback.

At breakfast that morning we'll announce a theater orientation where we explain all the details of the theater department for that session. We'll go over how and where to audition. Be sure to audition for the musicals; so long as you audition for the musicals in your age group, you are guaranteed a part in a show! You may have more than one theater audition that you are eligible to go to on that day. Go to as many as you can, because that way you have the best chance for a better part (since you're auditioning for so many different roles). In addition to the Musical Theater Auditions, we have a separate audition for each session's dramas. For that audition, you don't prepare a thing. We'll give you a part of a script to read. You'll get a chance to go over it while waiting for your turn to audition and after you read for us that's it for the primary auditions. Pretty simple, huh?

While it's fine to bring a prepared audition song with sheet music for accompaniment up to camp, just sing any song that you are comfortable with and remember, we need to hear everyone, so don't worry if you only get to sing a little bit of your song. If we need to hear more, we have call back auditions later on in the day (but I'll talk more about that later)!

While you are doing all of this theater auditioning, be sure that you head over to circus, dance, music and horseback riding too!

If you want to be in the circus show there's a quick circus audition. There are also music, dance and horseback placements to determine what level of classes to put you in. Don't worry about preparing for those either - everyone who wants to be involved will be.

Now that you've done your initial audition, we have one more round of "call-backs" in the theater department. Sometimes the first audition isn't enough to really get to see what role you'd be best suited for, so we call back a few kids for every show so that we can better determine what role they would best be suited for. Don't worry if you don't get called back! Not getting a call back doesn't mean you won't get a role. Sometimes we

## Dear French Woods Families

were sure the first time and you're already set with a part on the cast list, but check the call back lists just in case.

It's a long day, but it will be worth it. The following morning we will put up the cast lists in time for you to sign up for rehearsal on your Major Activity sheet. If you have any questions, ask them when you get to camp! We're all here to help. Remember: No pressure! Everybody can be involved! See you at Camp!

*P.S. The dates for our 4k Race for the Arts are below. Your sponsorship benefits the Hancock-French Woods Arts Alliance that helps send counselors committed to a career in the arts to college. Sign up thru your Campln Touch account or call 607-637-8404.*



S1 - June 17th

S2 - July 8th

S3 - July 27th

S4 - August 17th

**HANCOCK-FRENCH WOODS ARTS ALLIANCE:**

### **MATCHING GRANT**

**EXCITING news!**

**Built around the incredible success of the HFWAA Annual 4k Race for the Arts, we want to encourage you to participate in our Matching Grant.**

**Heading into our 7th year, two generous individuals have teamed up with the HFWAA to help make your dollar go the extra mile!**

**With every dollar you put forth towards your child's participation will be matched in full by each individual.**

***TRIPLE your Donation today - foster DREAMS for tomorrow!***

## Isaac's Corner

### **An Open Letter to Parents From Your Kids' Camp Counselors**

Dear Parents,

Thank you. Thank you for trusting us with your whole world, because we know that's what you've handed us - your whole world, and your trust along with it, and we're grateful.

You should know, we think your kids are the coolest. The coolest. With all their quirks and their gifts and their challenges and their unique qualities, we think your kids are just the coolest, and we're excited to be their friends. For the time we have them, your kids are our life.

We're here because there's no place we'd rather be this summer than with your kids. We're here because we LOVE this. We train for this. We live for this. We work for it. We're exhausted by it. We're energized by it. Because we understand your kids are worth it. Every bit. Deeply, deeply worth our time and our interest and our effort... and our prayers and our hopes, too. Even now, even before we've met them, in these weeks we use to prepare for their arrival.

So tell us about your kids when you spend those hours filling out the forms. Tell us what you want us to know; the more, the better. The needs, yes. Of course, tell us what your kid needs. And then tell us what she likes, too. What makes him smile. What makes her talk. What lights him up. What tricks and tips we might use to encourage, to help, to protect, and to love. And know this: we're listening. We're reading your words. We're studying what you say. And we're not judging - not you, not your kid. We're here to be your partners. Because we want to make a difference for your kids who become our kids for a short time, even if we never get to see what that difference was.

What we most want you to know, though, is this. You parents are our heroes. And your kids are amazing. Like, really, really great. Your children change us. They make us better. And we're grateful.

Sincerely,



