

The **PERFORMER**

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Informing The French Woods Community

Happy Thanksgiving!



French Woods
Festival of the Performing Arts

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The **Performer** is only as good as the contributions we receive from the French Woods community. Let us know what is going on in your life. Your camp friends love to hear what you are doing. Our email address is admin@frenchwoods.com. We love hearing from you.

Do you want to have your Bar or Bat Mitzvah at French Woods? Let us know!

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Dear French Woods Families,



Projects around camp are progressing well. Staffing is moving quickly and many of our favorite counselors are already signed on to return to camp. We are currently looking for a doctors and nurses for our wellness center this summer. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be interested in joining us this summer!

Camp enrollment is filling up quickly and I can't understate the need to solidify your plans for next summer if you've not already done so. We are beginning to turn away campers in some age groups in sessions two and three and will be announcing session closings soon. Call the office so that you don't get closed out!

See you in 2018!

A Note from Ron



Here we go again. 2018 is just around the corner and we've got big plans. The new buildings are well underway. 2018 will feature new bunks and public bathrooms. As far as the shows are concerned, I'll be doing *Hello, Dolly!*, *West Side Story*, *Sweeny Todd*, *Half a Sixpence* and *Oklahoma*. We'll wait and see if there are any changes, but this is enough to keep me busy.

I've been getting great notes from lots of kids and I'm glad to hear from all of you. Keep those emails coming, I love to hear from you and learn what you are doing. If any of you are going to be in Florida for Xmas, plan to stop by. We'd love to see you.

Right now we're planning for the Broadway trips for next summer. We have solidified *The Band's Visit* for session one, and tentatively have scheduled *Mean Girls* and *Frozen* for sessions two and three. Check them out.

Both Beth and I will be traveling in January to hire staff. We'll keep you up to date.

Staff Needed!

Do you know someone that might make a great staff member at French Woods? We always welcome your recommendations. Especially needed are strong sports and tennis staff, musical directors, instrumental musicians, skilled artists, technical theater staff and doctors and nurses.

Please call us in the winter office at: (800) 634-1703 if you know of anyone, and we will be happy to direct them to the appropriate application information. With many of your favorite staff returning, we are hoping to make the staff of 2018 the best ever.

Visiting Days

In response to the many phone calls we have received, please mark these dates:

Session 1: June 24th and 25th *

Session 2: July 14th and 15th *

Session 3: August 3rd and 4th *

Session 4: August 24th & 25th *

Session 5: September 1st (10 am)

*Visiting on the first day begins immediately **after** lunch, at 1:30 PM. The second day of visiting begins at 10 AM. Visitors will **NOT** be allowed on the grounds before these times. Parents/Visitors may **NOT** bring their pets to camp. Parents may **NOT** bring picnic dinners or any other food to share with their children at camp. Parents and visitors are welcome to eat in our dining hall, but under no circumstances are campers permitted to leave the grounds.

Should you wish to attend **any other performance** during the summer, please call the camp so that we know you are coming. You must check-in at the main office at 5:45 pm for dinner in the dining hall. Picnics and other food items are **NOT** permitted during ANY visits.

If you are in need of accommodations please check your CampIn Touch dashboard under family forms and documents or visit our website at <http://frenchwoods.com/nearby-accommodations.php> for this info.



Abraham El Harar
Addison Sipkin
Adeyemi Lewis
Aidan Wizeman
Alex Kreichman
Alexa Wallace
Alexandra Heller
Alexis LARBalestrier-Smith
Alienor Albrand
Amelia Sipkin
Ari Belfer
Asher Belfer
Audrey Kassewitz
Audrey Yang
Ava Franciscovich
Ava Pilar Reel
Avery Eiff
Ayala Chocron
Ayla Katz
Ben Schancupp
Braden Blacker
Brandon Strug
Brooke Shingary
Camryn Scott
Celia Evans
Charlotte Cohen

Just Registered! (October)



Charlotte Furie
Charlotte Novara
Cody Tooker
Cydny Klass
Dani Saril
Danielle Wergiles
Dorian Vaughn
Dylan Messana
Eliana Singer
Elizabeth Hill
Ella-Rose Levy
Ellie Mintz
Elsie Ross
Emilia Raviola
Emily
LARBalestrier-Smith
Emma Devlin
Eve Harris
Gabriel Leon
Gemma Singer
Gia Waisvisz
Gracie Pedini
Isabel Botko
Isabel Shaine
Isabella Buzzetta
Isabella Leon

Isabella Morgan
Jack Eiff
Jackson Pavlik
Jaya Harper
Jenna Waisvisz
Jillian Smith
Jonah Schancupp
Josh Krulik
Julia Tannenbaum
Justin Ali
Karly Kriegstein
Kellyn Leetzow
Lena Lee
Lila Levy
Lilah Glassman
Lily Jaramillo
Liv McNamara
Luke Hill
Maeve O'Shea
Maggie Abrams
Maja Coben
Mateo Sanguinetti-Zelikow
Max Waisvisz
Maya Altman
Melody Alonso
Molly Robb

Murphy Botko
Nicole Itkin
Noah Kriegstein
Novella Phipps
Olivia Negro
Parker Palermo
Phoebe Macintosh
Rachel Duffy
Rakan Haddadin-Cameron
Roscoe Rubin-Rottenberg
Ruby Port
Sadie Storch
Sam Schupak
Samantha Belford
Serendipity DePauw
Seth Greenberg
Skyler Rosenberg
Sloan Steinlauf
Sophia Johnson
Stella Felix
Sydney Amato
Tess Wilson
Thelma Rubin-Rottenberg
Willa Hart
Yoonsuh Kim

November Birthdays

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Aubin Bradley | Menen Gowdie | Loren Sawyer | 17 Darla Moody | Jackson Levine | Logan Swerdloff |
| Cameron Hurwitz | Oumar LY | Natalie Solis | David Luongo | Michaela Scarano | Nolan Casey |
| Daniel Skvortsov | Sophia Thompson | Zoe Joubert | Henry Rauch | Tanner Jansen | 27 Chloe Lewis |
| Hunter Phay | Zachary Asnis | 12 Charlotte Hirst | Konrad Kebbel | Abdourahmane Diallo | Eleanor Schlenoff |
| Kyamonie Holder | 7 Caroline Funk | Elsa Levine | Tanya George | Brandon Stolz | Evelyn LeDuc |
| Max Harris | Charlotte Pontarelli | Jayden Julien | Torri McMullin | Brooke Rubenstein | Mary Ann Wright |
| Priscilla Jackson | Christopher Dominguez | Kiara Kling | 18 Amanda Green | Elle Baylor | 28 Aaron Genachowski |
| Sarah Foley | Eduardo Lamazares | Lillian Graves | Brielle Schneider | Ian Ritter | Danielle Kobrick |
| Trenton Rothbard | Eleanor Ryan | Lindsay Marr | Lilliana Haus | Jonah Posner | Ethan Barrocas |
| Daisy Brant | Nicole Alper-Esko | Nicole Alper-Esko | Marie Schultz | Ray Kao | German Belyaev |
| Luca O'Kane | Rowan Smart | Talya Polak | Matthew Laskow | Sofia FernandezGermani | Jaya Harper |
| Madelaine Rosenhaft | Talia Molina | Zoe Piccirillo | Mela Sherman | Tanner Barr | Katerina Kucher |
| Sabina Rosenblum-Solis | 8 Alexandra Kaminsky | 13 Amelie Wilday | Rachel Spencer | 23 Eliana Singer | Lola Pousin |
| Sophie Marks | Annemarie Suarez | Anastasia Brown | Sarah Reyes | Gabriel Prissert | 29 Ava Marie Trombino |
| Spencer Udin | Astrid Kelly | Ava Spires | Sophie Santoriello | Gemma Singer | Carlyn Barenholtz |
| Stanley Bochar | Audrey Yang | Charlotte Millman | 19 Anna Callender | Jayden Ellis | Cleo Garten |
| 3 Ako deSiran deCabanac | Caitlin O'Brien | Nathaniel Mendoza | Nathaniel Mendoza | Madeleine Garcia | George Dalton |
| Alec Kudler | Deya Pakhomova | Josef Komissar | 20 Anna Zettelmeyer | Noah Prissert | Izaiah Rivera |
| Danielle Cohen | Morgan Seftel | Sarah Marcus | Arabella Casper | Saida Dia | Kate Abelson |
| Ivan Remsha | Joshua Brown | Serendipity DePauw | Brandon Strug | 24 Amelia Allison | Katerina Murphy |
| Jordan Silver | Julian Goodman | 14 Annabella Potenza | Caroline Humphrey | Amelia Allison | Max Kaplan |
| Mikayla Pyke-Sharpe | Lily Seitz | Eli Sandler | Claire Humphrey | Cole Danzker Epstein | Max Redvers |
| 4 Avery Whitacre | Mykal Bailey | Gianna Pellicani | Douglas Tulman | Ines Guillen Lopez | Peyton Riveiro |
| Dylan Smolla | Tess Boosin | James Adamson | Duncan Cooper Kramer | Isabelle Fore | 30 Amelia Weldon |
| Sari Seldman | 9 Aviva Burch | Nicholas Potenza | Elias Gitterman | Kendyliah Rolle | Andrea Sin |
| Sining Chen | Isabel Martens | TJ Moody | Gabriella Baldacchino | Sachin Green | Ben Shar |
| Taryn Kossover | Wyatt Weppler | 15 Chris Hutchings | Jaden Moore | Sofia Guillen Lopez | Chana Raphael |
| Daniella Budoff | Zack Ramsey | Jahnaya Kilgore | Karolina Bukowski | Vivienne Litwak | Joey Verbaro |
| Emma Lincks | 10 Amelia Bornmann | Makenzie Williams | Michelle Tychalski | 25 Anastasia Germano | Julianne Magnus |
| Karly Kriegstein | Charlotte Beede | 16 Alex Birger | Riley McManus | Charlie Freilich | Nina Diwan |
| Loulou Goldfarb | Grace Sodi | Christian Camporin | Yoonsuh Kim | Chelsea Lenna | Sam Abramson |
| Lydia Ryan | Matthew Nadler | Cole Feins | Harrison Hancock | Henry Chandonnet | Tess Farrell |
| 5 Samantha Semsel | Max Cohen | Louis Rosenthal | 21 Ava Diamond | 26 Ayala Chocron | Thomas Kunkel |
| Taylor Grant | Miranda Hausman | Luke Flannery | Bastien Murguia | Jacob Baker-Spitzer | |
| 6 Davida Goldman | Rose Passalacqua | Niko Poort | Gabriel Small | Justine D'Hollander | |
| Delilah Belmont | 11 Dylan Mulholland | | Hailey Wilson | | |
| | | | Imogen Notaro | | |

Camper & Staff News

Eli Jacobson is one of 294 students out of 2,030,038 nationwide to score a perfect 36 in all categories on the ACT!

Lana Schwartz is taking over the lead role in the Off-Broadway musical, *Endangered*, at The Davenport Theatre, NYC - Saturdays from November 11th through December 30th.

Olivia Mastromarino has been cast as Dominique, one of the twelve little girls in KOTA's Off-Broadway production of *Madeline's Christmas* - playing in the Lion Theatre in NYC in December.

Riley McManus will be performing as Flounder in A Class Act NY's production of *The Little Mermaid* at The Riverside Theatre.

Kate Stiene has been accepted into the Grammy nominated Choir of Trinity Wall Street and is performing at Carnegie Hall this month.

Aaron Simons is playing Old Deuteronomy and **Olivia Cornett** is playing Grizabella in the StarStruck Academy production of *CATS* in Stuart, Florida.

Viola Young, a student at the School of American Ballet, will be performing in *The Nutcracker* with the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center during the holiday season. She will be a candy cane girl in the Hoops dance.

Ariel Mayer won the 2017 U.S. National Pro/Am Youth Smooth Ballroom Championship for waltz, tango, foxtrot and Viennese waltz and the 2017 U.S. National Pro/Am Youth Rhythm Ballroom Championship that includes cha-cha, rumba, swing, bolero and Mambo. Winning both categories makes her the United States Youth 9 Dance Champion. She won at 14 years old in the Youth category for 16 to 18 years olds.

Sarah Rose Skolnick is performing in *You Can't Take It With You* at her high school, Gann Academy.

Ariel Skolnick is playing the witch in *Into the Woods* at her middle school, Solomon Schechter Day School.

2018 Broadway Trips!

By next month, we will have our Broadway Show Trips selections finalized. Then, registered campers will be able to sign up online for our summer Broadway show trips. It's looking good for the following shows:

Session 1: *The Band's Visit*;



Session 2: *Mean Girls*



Session 3: *Frozen*.



Recently we asked parents about the impact camp had on their children. Here's some of what they said. *

Tell us about your child's experience as a camper at French Woods.

Olivia had such an amazing time and met friends that will last a lifetime! She participated in the show Annie and had a great experience with professional costumes and stage sets. (Age 14 - Miami)

Charlie loves French Woods. He begged for three sessions this year! (Age 14 - NJ)

Sophie has benefitted a lot from the sense of freedom and independence she is given at camp and the activities suit her interests and needs. (Age 11 - Philadelphia)

Kira had a life changing experience at this amazing camp. She gained time management skills and a respect for time that progressed with her throughout the school year. (Age 9 - Queens, NY)

Elena had a fantastic time making new incredible friends and trying many new things and she knew she just had to go back. She said the experience was magical and could not stop talking about it even months after coming back home. (Age 13 - NYC)

His first year at French Woods was last year and he loved it. What made it really great for him were his bunkmates and counselors. (Age 12 - Cleveland)

Ava has gone to French Woods for two summers now and has absolutely loved it. She returns home a happier and healthier and more confident child. (Age 11 - Los Angeles)

What is your perspective about your kids stay at French Woods?

Josh loves French Woods. He wants to attend every year until he turns 18. Then he wants to become a camp counselor. (Age 10 - Atlanta)

Anna has had an amazing time at French Woods and every year comes back a happy, independent and more mature young lady. (Age 11 - NJ)

Life isn't the same for Lily without it. There's not a

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person or day that goes by that she doesn't inject her enthusiasm and joy about camp. (Age 14 - Upstate NY)

Lexi considers French Woods her home away from home. She absolutely loves the environment of creativity, the counselors, working on a theater production and acting in one. (Age 13 - Greenwich, CT)

Julia had an awesome time. French Woods has inspired her to follow her dreams as an actress and becoming more involved in the arts. (Age 15 - Mexico City)

Taylor loved it and can't wait to come back. She wanted to return to camp right when she left. (Age 12 - Chicago suburbs)

My camper loves French Woods so much that he cries when we have to leave. (Age 12 - Denver)

Rachel loved French Woods last year and can't wait to go back. She calls it "camp sick." (Age 12 - Long Island, NY)

We also heard from some of the campers.

Camp is my happy place. I've never felt true happiness until I spent a summer at French Woods. This will be my 4th of many more summers at French Woods. I love it with all my heart. (Age 15 - Atlanta, GA)

I've been to French Woods two times and it has always been an amazing experience. As a French teenager, I wanted to discover more about the American culture and improve my English. I have not been disappointed. I found amazing friends. Some are French and we see each other regularly and some are American and we FaceTime often. (Age 15 - Paris, France)

This will be my fifth year at French Woods and I love, love, love it there. I am obsessed with talking about the great times I have had there and I couldn't live without it. (Age 12 - Baltimore)

It was fierce. (Age 14 - Brookline, MA)

**(camper's names have been changed for this article.)*

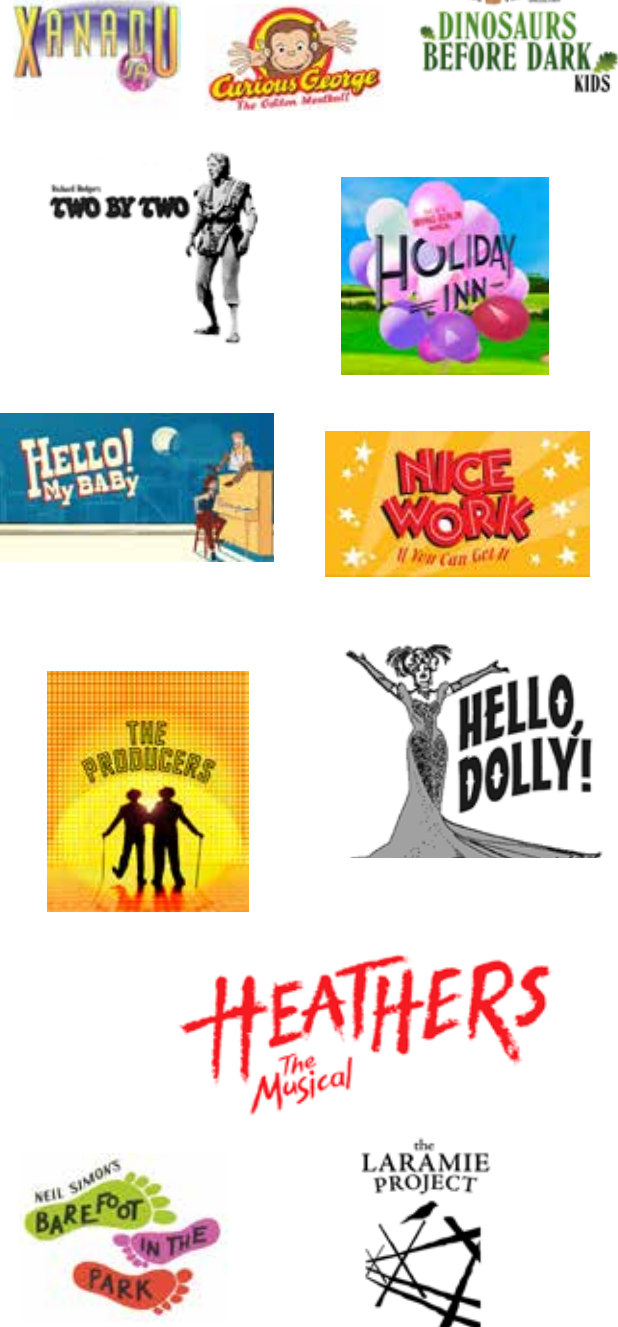
By the way, there are only 205 days left until session 1, and 224 days until session 2, 2018.

See you all soon.

Isaac

French Woods 2018 Proposed Shows*

Session 1



Session 2



Session 3



Session 4



* all shows are subject to change