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Dear French Woods Families

The summer calendar is taking shape and 2018 will be a fantastic camp season. Lee Kasper is firming up the show list and we are coming up with new ways to make your summer even better. The staff is coming together and we have some fantastic people coming in this year with an incredible mix of new and familiar faces.



Are you a nurse or do you know one? We are currently looking for camp nurses particularly in sessions one and four. Please call the office if you are interested.

Tristan, Michael and I are so excited to get back to camp in just a few months. We have several special events that are coming together for the summer including several exceptional guests to both perform for and work with the kids at camp.

Watch this space!

A note from Ron

In less than two months Barbara and I head up to camp. For me it will be year number forty-nine. So much is going on.



We have three Broadway trips this coming summer. Session one features *The Band's Visit*. Session two has *Mean Girls* and session three *Frozen*. If you're interested in any of these trips, register for them soon on your CampIn Touch dashboard online.

I am so excited about the new bunks. We've done three boy's bunks and are working on the girl's right now. The architectural plans for the new theatre have been approved. We hope to break ground this summer. What do you think about an indoor tennis complex?

I told you it was busy. See you this summer.

Isaac's Corner

Welcome to French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts. Your children are in for a remarkable experience at a place where magic happens, where wonderment is the norm, and growth, learning and fun are the goals. Many amazing and exciting adventures await your children at French Woods.



My name is Isaac, and I am one of the Directors at French Woods. My job is to make sure that every single French Woods camper gets the best possible experience imaginable at camp. Every camper is special and I want every camper to feel special. I want every camper to reach beyond their grasp and to achieve the success that comes with the exposure to the arts and beyond. I want every child to feel accomplished and self-assured. I want every camper to have fun in a safe, nurturing and supportive environment. Fun is the foundation upon which courage, self-respect and responsibility are built. A quality camp experience teaches respect for others and all living things.

I want all of you to know that I am here to make sure that all of the above happens for your children. I want them to "get everything" that they came to French Woods to do. By taking care of our campers "one child at a time," we feel we can give each camper the individual attention he or she needs. I need your help to start your children on their way to a successful summer experience. Please be sure to fill out the **online Confidential Camper Form** as soon as possible and let your children know that while at camp - no matter what they need, they should simply speak up. They will have counselors, head counselors, other significant adults and me. Tell them that if they need anything at all, "they should go to Isaac." If you, as parents need me, I am always available to you by phone. Please feel free to call and ask for me. Your child's Head Counselor will keep you informed about your child's activities, program and general camp experience.

I am looking forward to having your children at French Woods for many years to come. This is just the first step in a wondrous journey of a lifetime. Your child's adventure begins this summer.

See you all very soon.

- Abigail Corish
- Abigail Schwartz
- Adelaide Fargo
- Alaia Savoie
- Alex Bunis
- Alexa Rodriguez
- Alexa Seder
- Alexander Bello
- Alexander Stein
- Alexandra Hulnick
- Alexandra Purdue
- Alexia Morakis
- Alison Silverstein
- Ally Fenton
- Amanda Miller
- Amaya Vargas
- Ambrose Megel
- Ammon Wormuth
- Amy Choi
- Anderson Stuart
- Andrea Sin
- Andres Asali Elorduy
- Angelika Skrabek
- Angelina Yuzvik
- Anna Fortenberry
- Annabelle Scher
- Anneliese Simon
- Araceli Grant
- Ari Turell
- Aubrey Chapman
- Auden Sorensen
- Audrey Isserles
- Ava Gillule
- Ava Lithgow
- Ava Tobias
- Avery Whitacre
- Beatriz Barreto
- Beau Broad
- Ben Koltich
- Benjamin Denmark
- Benjamin Sommer
- Brendan O'Connell
- Bridget Cornog
- Brooke Naznitsky
- Caitlin Norbutt
- Caitlyn Liu
- Camryn Adams
- Carlo Silva
- Caroline Stevenson
- Caroline Waters
- Carson Adams
- Carter Wormuth
- Casey Moskowitz
- Cassi Silver
- Charlie Bern
- Charlotte Wulfsohn
- Chloe Grudzinski
- Chloe Kim
- Chloe Schneider
- Chloe Tuinman
- Christian Unthank
- Claire O'Connell
- Cole Chapman
- Daria Ofer
- Dario Allais
- Dasha Genkin
- David Silva
- Dewei Zuo
- Dmitry Korostylev
- Elise Margnat
- Ella Maruszewski
- Ella McKiernan
- Ellery Hammerstrom
- Estella Pena
- Ethan Unthank
- Ezra Kittay
- Faith Kalt
- Fie McGeeney
- Finn Dippy
- Finnegan Ryder
- Fiona Brown-Kempf
- Flora Adair
- Francesco Pizzocaro
- Frank Nieman
- Jonah Posner
- Gabriella downey
- Gabrielle Lieberman
- Garance Robilliard
- Gavin Zhao
- Genevieve Rodda
- George Kalt
- Gigi Manley
- Giulia Pizzocaro
- Grace Miller
- Gracie Mannheim
- Hannah Cohen
- Harri Vanhems
- Hayley Zullin
- Helena Silva
- Hudson Flynn
- Ian White
- Ilan Sharon
- Ilana Stone
- Iphy Murphy
- Isabella osorio
- Isabelle Ulick
- Isadore Haviland
- Isaiah Woods
- Isiah Jessie
- Ivan Kuznetsov
- Jack Kramer
- Jackson Kellerman
- Jacob Davis
- Jacqueline Rowe
- Jade Pompa
- Jake Brunschwig
- James Bernard
- James Fall
- James Morrow
- Jasper Jamison
- Jenna Feldman

Just Registered!

- Jesse Gold
- Jonah McNair
- Joseph Roche
- Josephine Bullock
- Julia Brown
- Julia Malove
- Julia Sutherland
- Julian Kuri
- Kai Sorensen
- Kaleb Wong
- Kara Achilles
- Karsten Kleitsch
- Kate Enger
- Kate Jacksy
- Katherine Watters
- Kathleen Bauer
- Kaya Bernard
- Kiera Chiu
- Kiley Tefft
- Lauren Gilman
- Lauren Sternberg
- Lauren Tuinman
- Leila McKiernan
- Leonardo Viglietti
- Lillian Taylor
- Lily Burnside
- Lily Foster
- Lily Kunkel
- Liv McGeeney
- Luca Lodewick
- Lucas Quintana Garcia
- Lucie Pousin
- Lucille Mixon
- Lucy Dahl
- Lucy Ramirez
- Ludmila Robillard
- Luisa Asali Elorduy
- Luke Actie
- Lut Alvarez de Estrada
- Madelyn Alecia
- Maeve O'Brien-McKevitt
- Maggie Looby
- Makayla Flowers
- Mallory Zullin
- Marcel Switzer
- Maren Heary
- Margaret Maloy
- Maria Torres
- Marissa Gagliano
- Marley Sonke
- Marlowe Johnsen
- Mary Fortenberry
- Mary Willoya
- Matthew Frankel
- Matvey Kamenskoy
- Maya Ford
- Mckayla Mokotoff
- Megan Lauer
- Mela Sherman
- Melissa Nugent
- Meredith Levine
- Miles Holloway
- Miles McGlashan
- Miller Fishback
- Miranda Pena
- Molly Volpe
- Nala Challenger
- Natalia Leaf
- Natalie Hernandez
- Natalie Shapiro
- Nehru Madan
- Nia Jones
- Nicolette Peremen
- Nikoletta Kuvavea

- Noah Barr
- Noah Scherzinger
- Noemi Elliott
- Noemi Pare
- Oliver Olefson
- Oliver Shane
- Olivia Alicea
- Olivia Cheung
- Olivia Hernandez
- Oona Isserles
- Parker Broad
- Pauline Margnat
- Gabi Perel
- Juliet Perel
- Peter Langer
- Phoebe Mugford
- Pierce Switzer
- Rachel Perl
- Rachel Sorscher
- Raea Eyre
- Rebecca Besecker
- Rocco Ranalli
- Roman Zelman
- Rose Chassard
- Rose Passalacqua
- Ruhi Salhotra
- Rylie Rodriguez
- Sachi Ikuma
- Sadie Kopacz
- Sadie Taylor
- Saja Digiovanni
- Sam Papier
- Samaya Perez
- Samuel Schreiber
- Samuel Stone
- Sara Laduzinski
- Sara Martin
- Sarah Cunningham
- Sebastian Lopez
- Shana Litt
- Sierra Dimartino
- Simona Freed
- Simone Mena
- Sofia Borisova
- Sofia Fernandez Germani
- Sofia Korostyevsky
- Soleil Doering
- Sophia Nehme
- Sophia Torren
- Sophie Cabrera
- Sophie Elliott
- Sophie Leventhal
- Spencer Davimos
- Stella Hirsch
- Stephanie Emdin
- Tade Adeyeri
- Talia Gold
- Tallulah Elorriaga
- Taryn Zullin
- Tela Kopacz
- Therese Kalt
- Thomas Kunkel
- Toby Poole
- Toni Lubin
- Tori Wheat
- Trenton Rothbard
- Triston Lynch-Frost
- Troy Burnett
- Vivienne Kassewitz
- Willa Hart
- William Abbott
- William Rosen
- Yanyrah Fulmore
- Zach Rakotomaniraka
- Zachary Schwartz
- Zina Louhaichy
- Zoe Glimcher
- Zosia Sinton
- Zuri Dennison-Lane

March Birthdays!

- 14 Abby Langer
- 21 Amber Lewis
- 27 Ezra Kittay
- 28 Corey Baylor
- 29 Carmen Rose
- 30 Chloe Catana
- 31 Amanda Ruffino
- Ava Sklar
- Aysu Williams
- Emily Larbaestrier-Smith
- Gavin Friedman
- Luke Dobson
- Margaret Bugos
- Nora Harr
- Olivia Alicea
- Avram Needleman
- Chloe Lucich
- Craig Brill
- Elliott Flueck
- Amaya Vargas
- Anthony Gaukhman
- Haley Kampner
- Madeline Wolf
- Marley Marshall
- Mattson Barreira
- Maylis Gaillard
- Natalie Rubin
- Emily Hollowell
- Jessica Topkis
- Maximilian Hsu
- Maxwell Cohen
- Charlie Baker
- Lindsey Leonhirth
- Nathaniel Anton
- Sydney Amato
- Aaron Lefkowitz
- Mitchell Dubin
- Paige Zeltzer
- Rachel Sorscher
- Jordan Ziegler
- Ruby Farmer
- David Silva
- William Abbott
- Harrison Freedman
- Kate Enger
- Madeline Dick
- Marlowe Johnsen
- Sofia Rubio
- Jordan Melnick
- Margit Romero
- Seraphima Belyaeva
- Yuliana Mas
- Abigail Mah
- Alex Margolis
- Annabelle Scher
- Hayley Powers
- Jacob Gordon
- Alexandra Garcia
- Avery Eiff
- Giovanna Andreassi
- Peter Lopez
- Sienna Withers
- Sophie Cabrera
- Tommaso Nesta
- Charlotte Reiser
- Ellery Hammerstrom
- Celia Evans
- Jacob DeMarco
- Joshua
- Gerstenhaber
- Tess Wilson
- Vivian Dinota
- Calum Horner
- Roan Anker
- Ella Rae Gill
- Luke Corbin
- Makayla Fetterman
- Sian Phillips
- Sydney Phillips
- Cameron Cashdollar
- Daniela Couso
- Emma Bennett
- Ethan Siskel
- Jenna Waisvisz
- John Gnagy
- Julia Besterman
- Owen Siskel
- Penelope Mitchell
- Sam Schupak
- Sofia Fateh
- Bella Pianko
- Emma Liu
- Grayson Aspen
- Max Leifman
- Siri Moses
- Hayes Sherman
- Lucie-Rose Cohen
- Lucille Mixon
- Saja Digiovanni
- Matthew Sainvil
- Pierce Switzer
- Rachel Duffy
- Sophie Widawsky
- Elizabeth Molfetto
- Marin Lily Mitchell
- Zachary Udin
- Lacosta Kolsrud
- Harold Hurley
- Isabella Leon
- Jessi Kaplan
- Natalia Leaf
- Selin Selcuker
- Enzo Porcelli
- Liam Noble
- Marina Chernin
- Spencer Davimos
- Ariel Zapin
- Ben Koltich
- Brody Chin

Camper & Staff News

Kate Stiene was cast as Charlie Brown in the Applause NY spring production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

Grace Petersen has been cast as Sandy in Chatham Community Player's production of *Grease* this spring at the Chatham Playhouse in Chatham, NJ.

Mitchell Dubin is conducting an all student 30 piece orchestra for his school's production of *Les Miserables*

Ana Lillie was cast as a Nun in *Tracks* and as a Crazy Lady with Notebook in *Chamber Music*. at Gonzaga Prep High School in Spokane WA.

Madeleine Pace played the part of Young Girl in HULU's television show, *The Path* (Season 3, Episode 1).

Sarah Giuliani was cast as Wednesday Addams in the Livingston High School performance of *The Addams Family*.

Alexa Googel recently played the role of Ariel in *The Little Mermaid* at the Seven Bridges Performing Arts Center with KJK productions.

Sophie Pugh has been cast as Reno Sweeney in *Anything Goes* at Ancillae Assumpta Academy.

Henry Crater played Little Brother in *Ragtime*, and also Sam in *Romance, Romance*, at Phillips Academy in Andover, MA.

Annabel Crater was cast as Jasmine in and **Luke Crater** was cast as Iago in *Aladdin* with Creative Theater Workshop in Sanibel, FL, Annabel also played Ariel and Luke played Iago in *The Little Mermaid* at Canterbury School in Ft Myers, FL.

Grace Riedy played the role of Madame Arcati in *Blithe Spirit*, Levi in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and will be in the upcoming production of *Romeo & Juliet* at her school. She also performed in *Oliver!*

Zach Asnis played the role of Billy Crocker in Birch Wathen Lenox's production of *Anything*

Goes. He will also be playing Gangster #1 in *Drowsy Chaperone* at Applause New York.

Danny Asnis played the role of Danny Zuko in Birch Wathen Lenox's production of *Grease Jr*. He will also be playing a Wikisham Brother in *Seussical* at Applause New York.

Special thank you to those campers and staff who helped us out at camp fairs this past month: **Sam Greenwald, Jesdelson Vazquez, Jaylen Coaxum, Adolfo Monterroso, Amelia Sipkin, Aidan Klinges, Samara Little, Milo Roth, Annie Ross, Jordan Bialik, Eric Brown, Evan Ross, Jillian Coleman, Idan Horowitz, Adrian Ruz and Magic Larry Denburg!** You are the best.

Our Most Frequently Asked Questions

1.) When do campers pick their activities? The three Major activities are chosen after Camp Director Isaac's orientation and with the help of your Head Counselor and Program Director.

2.) How many people in a bunk? Each cabin is home to up to eleven campers and three counselors.

3.) Do campers ever get turned away from an activity? No, our Program Director and her staff spend the day working with each camper's schedule.

4.) How does laundry work? Your laundry is done weekly and is returned the same day. Make sure all your clothing is marked with your name!

5.) So, how's the food? The food is amazing! No kidding- an office poll puts steak, chicken wings/tenders, brisket, Ron's Philly cheese steak, taco day, sweet and sour chicken and ferro salad as our favorites. We have vegetarian options, gluten-free options, an extensive salad bar and an alternative area everyday that includes hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers and turkey burgers.

6.) What is the cell phone and Wi-fi policy? Summer camp offers a great opportunity to learn about and navigate social situations while not being constantly connected to and immersed within a digital/virtual world. Having said that, there is a classroom available for sign-up during the day where our older campers can access Wi-Fi and approved sites for doing research for FW activities, school homework, SAT/ACT study.

For more info - see your 2018 Camper Guide on your *CampIn Touch* dashboard.



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Third Session Shows 2018!**

Free to Be You and Me (7 - 9 year olds)

Using poetry, songs, and sketches, the series salutes values such as individuality, tolerance, and happiness with one's identity. The album has become a cult classic across the United States amongst many who were children in the 1970s.

Sleeping Beauty (7 - 9 year olds)

It's princess Aurora's sixteenth birthday, and Flora, Fauna and Merryweather must use their fairy magic to save her from the spell of evil sorceress Maleficent! Songs from the beloved film, including "Once Upon a Dream," accompany fun new songs like "Maleficent!" and "A Little Magic Now" to bring a fresh telling of the story to a new generation of kids and families.

Peter Pan (9 - 11 year olds)

The everlasting classic account of two boys and a girl who follow Peter Pan and the invisible fairy, Tinker Bell, into Never Land, where children never grow old and where Captain Hook and his pirates are outwitted.

Madagascar (9 - 11 year olds)

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto your stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime.

Junie B. Jones (9 - 11 year olds)

A delightful adaptation of four of Barbara Park's best-selling books, brought to life in a genuinely comical (and not strictly-for-kids) musical developed by TheatreworksUSA. Awaken a young person's desire to read with the sassy little diva, Junie B. Jones, and her adventures in first grade.

The Phantom Tollbooth (9 - 11 year olds)

Even surrounded by dozens of toys, Milo is bored. Nothing interests him at all. The Demons of Ignorance are certain he will be their next victim, telling him "If you get the urge to do anything - don't. It could be dangerous." To the rescue comes The Phantom Tollbooth!

Annie (11 - 12 year olds)

"Annie" is a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Oklahoma (11 - 14 year olds)

Oklahoma! changed the face of stage musicals by telling an emotional story through music, lyrics and dance as never before. Set in the Indian territory of the American West at the turn of the century - against a background of conflict between farmers and cattlemen.

Redhead (11 - 14 year olds)

The story is a Whodunnit set in the music-halls of London at the turn of the century. Essie Whimple becomes embroiled in the mystery, though she isn't in fact the 'Redhead' of the title!

Bye Bye Birdie (11 - 14 year olds)

One of the most captivating musical shows of our time. It tells the story of a rock and roll singer (aka Elvis) who is about to be inducted into the army. It is a satire done with the fondest affection. The musical set in the 50's tops the imagination and frivolity.

Spelling Bee* (11 - 14 year olds)

An eclectic group of sixth-graders arrives at the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, each eager to win for very different reasons. In hilarious, touching, and catchy songs, each speller reveals his/her hopes, struggles, and passions as they make their way through the competition.

Nine (11 - 17 year olds)

A theatrical adaptation of the Federico Fellini film *8 1/2* Film director Guido Contini. Fresh off the greatest hit of his career so far, endures a midlife crisis that has blocked his creative impulses and entangled him in a web of romantic difficulties. We view the world through his eyes and see all that goes on in his head; demons and fantasies alike.

West Side Story* (11 - 17 year olds)

The musical explores the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs. The members of the Sharks, from Puerto Rico, are taunted by the Jets, a white gang. Tony, a former member of the Jets and best friend of the gang's leader, Riff, falls in love with Maria, the sister of Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks. The dark theme, sophisticated music, extended dance scenes, and focus on social problems marked a turning point in musical theater.

A Gentlemans Guide to Love and Murder* (11 - 17 year olds)

The uproarious story of Monty Navarro, an heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of succession by—you guessed it—eliminating the eight pesky relatives who stand in his way. All the while, Monty has to juggle his mistress (she's after more than just love), his fiancée (she's his cousin but who's keeping track?), and the constant threat of landing behind bars!

Mary Poppins (11 - 17 year olds)

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again.

Dracula (play for 11 - 17 year olds)

Lucy Seward, whose father is the doctor in charge of an English sanatorium, has been attacked by some mysterious illness. Dr. Van Helsing, a specialist, believes that the girl is the victim of a vampire, a sort of ghost that goes about at night sucking blood from its victims. The vampire is at last found to be a certain Count Dracula, whose ghost is at last laid to rest in a striking and novel manner.

Amadeus* (play for 11 - 17 year olds)

The composer Antonio Salieri must come to terms with the greater genius of the bratty but God-gifted younger composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart — but not before setting out to destroy him.

One Act Play Festival (11-17)

to be announced.

* Carryover show into first week of Session 4. **All shows are subject to change. See you this summer!