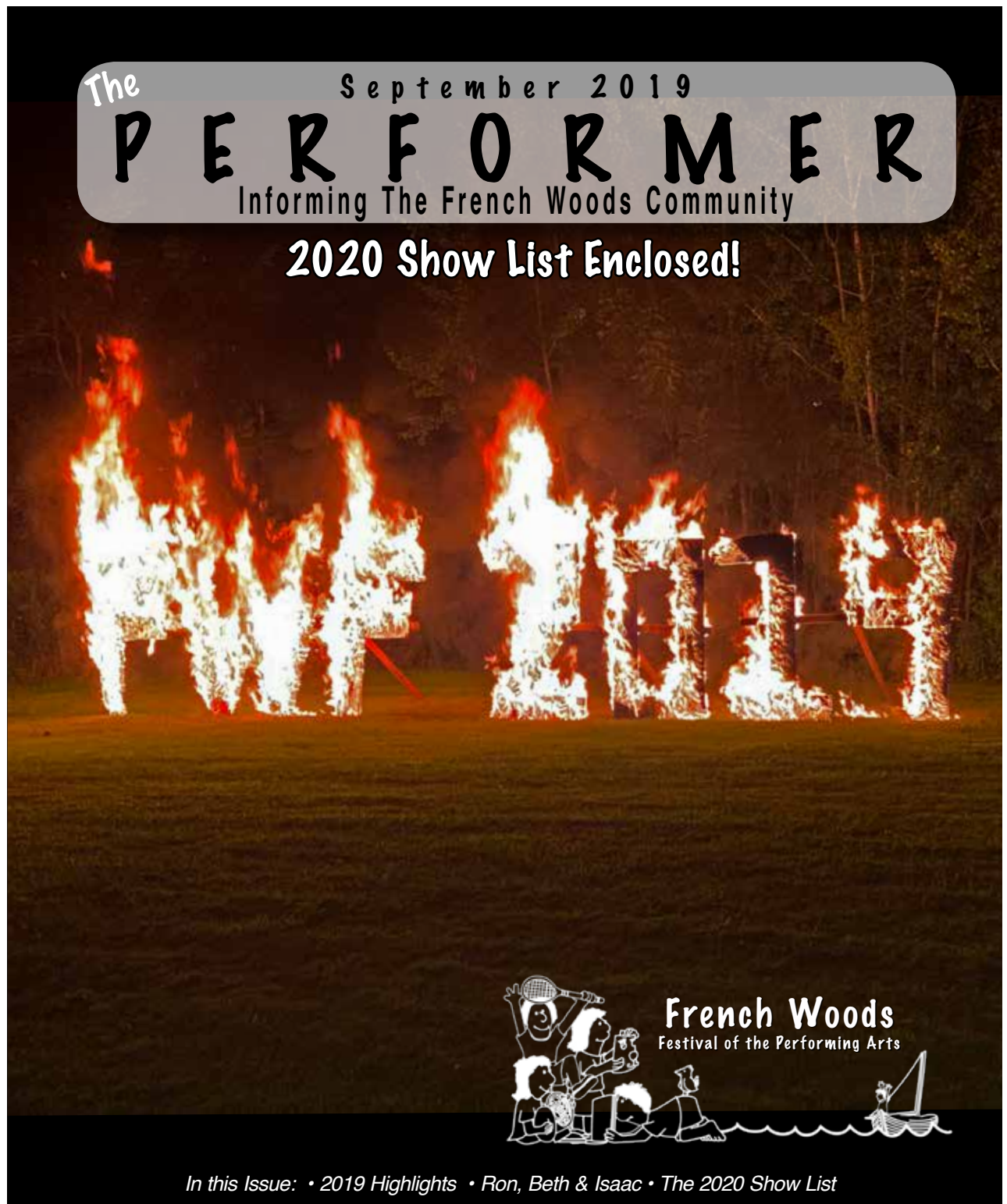


The **PERFORMER**

September 2019

Informing The French Woods Community

2020 Show List Enclosed!



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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. Do you have a performance or concert coming up? Have you seen or spoken to French Woods friends? How did your sports team do this season? Write us at P.O. Box 770100, Coral Springs, FL 33077-0100 or give us a call at 1-800-634-1703.

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Dear French Woods Families,

2019 was the best summer I've had in recent memory. To the casts and crews of *She Loves Me, Beauty and the Beast, Violet* and the maggots in *Matilda* - you made my summer with your talent and joy. Being with you was the highlight of my day, every day. Thank you to the amazing staff for everything you do, to the parents for letting us borrow your children every summer and to my people for being you.



To the French Woods kids - you are French Woods. Go out and spread the love everywhere you go. Have a soup-er day!

See you in 2020. 

Lost Property

Lost items that were labeled with the camper's complete names have been sent out. All other non-labeled items have been donated to charity.

Session 5

Session 5 is another awesome French Woods tradition that gives new and returning campers the chance to experience a short time away from home, participating in performing arts and traditional camp activities with the feeling of success that comes from both.

A Note From Ron:



Well here we are again. The end of another summer. For me this has been incredible. First of all, the Side By Side celebration in session four was both a surprise and honor. Seeing all those alumni who both sang and became part of the audience was something I'll remember the rest of my life. The new camp song written by Josh Freilich is now on line and will soon become part of the French Woods video. The orchestra along with the New York Pops players could not be matched anywhere and the soloists, both professional and camper proved just what French Woods is all about.

I also want to thank the casts of *Next to Normal, Evita, The Drowsy Chaperone, Something Rotten* and *The Pirates of Penzance* for giving me five great shows. It was truly a pleasure dealing with such talent. Hope to see all of you next year.

Barbara and I head back to Florida soon and we should have the winter office open by Friday. I'd love to see all of you during the winter, so if you are in Florida, give us a call. In any event, I always answer my email.



The 2019 Plaque

Drawing inspiration from the work of American sculptor Alexander Calder, this year's 50th anniversary plaque takes the form of a mobile suspended in the upper dining hall.

The design incorporates the abstracted form of a tree symbolizing the incredible journey that so many have experienced and will continue to experience at French Woods through the years.

The leaf-shapes contain the titles of a number of shows from this summer, while the blue circle containing the words "French Woods 2019" is based on an outline of the lake.

With special thanks to Steven Grainger, Jack Anderson, Callum Su and Laurie Figgis.



Aaron Triffleman-Miller
Abigail Granowsky
Adam Ginsburg
Adrian Antonioli
Adrienne Guss
Aitan Dorsky
Alessandra Baldacchino
Alexander Poje
Alexander Strulovic-Lord
Alexandra Krum
Alexandra Mestel
Alexis Zuckerman
Alisa Shapsis
Allie Reisert
Alyssa Marvin
Amalia San Juan Albores
Amalia Sardinha
Amelia German
Amelia Sipkin
Amelie Wilday
Andrew Marvin
Annali Doyle
Anne Nodelman
Ava Harkavy
Ava-Marie Trombino
Avery Frekhtman
Aviram "Rami" Livneh
Ayla Katz
Ben Shar
Benjamin Piccarillo
Brooke Naznitsky
Brooke "Brookie" Tash
Cassia Larren
Ceili Fitzpatrick
Charlotte Newman
Chloe Cranmer
Chloe Finn
Claire Anderson
Clive Withers
Dalia Punyon
Dana Barrow
Daniel Asnis
Daniela Arnold
Daphne Antonioli
Darah Barenholtz
Dean Santelia
Deanna Santiago
Diana Davidson
Dylan Feinsilver-Shorr

Dylan Forman
Eli Marshall
Eli Sandler
Eliana Herskovitz
Ethan Lafazan
Ethan Silver
Ethan Walmark
Gabriel Brito
Gabriel Lafazan
Gabriel Leon
Georgy Shishakov
Goran Drozd
Grace Riedy
Haley Ruthman
Harry Watkin-Fox
Holden Goldberg
Ian Ritter
Ilana Rikon
Imogen Notaro
India-Mae Fraser
Iris Zurlo
Isaac Newman
Isabella Brito
Isabella Grundmann
Isabella Leon
Isadora Ruland
Jack Glick
Jade Chalmers
Jaden Robinson
James "Jamie" Chin
Jessica Curtin
Jonah Hertzman
Jordan Silver
Joshua Deherrera
Joshua Triffleman-Miller
Julia Marvin
Julia Roth
Kaleb Wong
Kayden Merritt
Kayla Hertzberg
Kennedy Hack-Juman
Kia Moreno
Lana Schwartz
Leah Orenstein
Leo Glick
Levi Putter
Liam Zagury
Lindsay Goldstein
Lorenzo Brito

Macy Quatrochi
Madeleine Pace
Madeline Baumkirchner
Madeline Santoriello
Madison "Maddie" Dalewitz
Mahdi Levine
Marcia Wechsler
Martin Seals
Matteo Piccarillo
Matthew Frankel
Max Zuckerman
Maximilian Dring
Maximilian "Max" Oster
Maxwell Seelig
Maxx Star
Mazzy Dring
Melody Beron
Mia Broder
Mia Rozenberg
Micah Bierman
Michelle Jenkins
Mikayla Pyke-Sharpe
Miles Engel
Natalie Goldstein
Natalie Rubin
Nicole Namath
Noah Harkavy
Noah Hertzman
Noah Lupowitz
Nomi Livneh
Norah Van Valkenburgh
Novella Phipps
Oliver Olefson
Olivia Woloz
Olivia "Liv" Shar
Pei-Sian "Sasha" Tsai
Peyton Lansburgh
Peyton Riveiro
Phoebe Cooper
Phoebe Struminger
Phoenix Chalmers
Quincy Butler
Rachel Cooper
Rachel Gershon
Rachel Spencer
Rebecca Mestel
Reese Bruning
Rikki Teicher
Riley Mcmanus

Just Registered

(as of August 28th)

Roman "Romchik" Parshin
Ronly Marra
Roscoe Rubin-Rottenberg
Rose Kotz
Roslyn Hamilton
Ruby Sherman
Sabina Rosenblum-Solis
Sadie Edelman
Sadie-Reimer Sherman
Sam Greenwald
Sammy Greenwald
Samuel Stein
Sarah Broder
Sasha Reich
Serena Krouk
Shayna Landow
Shayne Buddman
"Shiloh"
Merritt"
Sienna Larren
Sienna Withers
Simona German
Sofie Poliakoff
Sophia Grundmann
Sophia Ortiz-Heaney
Sophie Santoriello
Sophie Simon
Stanley Bochar
Sydney Dakss
Sydney Greenwald
Sydney Hirsch
Sylvie-Reimer Sherman
Tali Orenstein
Talia Hirsch
Talia Ifrah
Talia Landow
Taylor Rubenstein
Teshura Goldman
Thailen Merritt
Thelma Rubin-Rottenberg
Tristan Knauf-Schaefer
William Garrity
Zach Greenhawt
Zach Rowen
Zachary Asnis
Zachary Degen



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Isaac's Corner

As of September 1st there are 281 days left until session 1, summer of 2020 and 302 days for the start of session 2.

At this time of year, I like to acknowledge and thank all the staff who made the summer so special and successful. Our 2019 summer staff was loving, kind, warm, and supportive.

The theater department was a wonder - incredible shows, amazing talent, wonderful classes. Many thanks to Anne, Sarah, Natty, Kennah and all the directors, AD's, sound and lighting staff, stage managers, props and choreographers. Luke and Daniel and their Costume crew provided costumes for over ninety shows that were produced this summer. The sets were amazing and Nick and Austin in stagecraft and all their staff were unbelievable.

Our music department offered a vast array of bands, orchestras, pits, ensembles and lessons. Thanks to all the musicians, and a special thanks to Brian Worsdale, our artistic director, who made it all work along with his assistant, Frankie. The Pittsburgh and Baltimore Symphonies were a great addition to the summer program and the Side by Side with the NY Pops and numerous alumni, Broadway stars - Caesar Samoya and Betsy Wolfe, culminated in a spectacular FWF 50th anniversary celebration.

The rock and roll department headed by Mark and assisted by Tye produced more original music than ever before. They and their staff taught daily lessons and had scores of camper bands and provided live music for some of the circus shows.

Gabby headed up the dance department this year. Peanut and all the dance staff gave us another year of amazing choreography and dance classes.

And as always, circus was the place to be. The shows were awe-inspiring, the teaching was impressive and engaging, and the atmosphere was warm and caring - all this, thanks to Mike and Bronwyn and their fantastic staff.

The fine arts department with returner Steven at the helm, had countless children go through its doors.

Video/film has become a world of its own. The return of Veg as head of department was a huge success. The department shot over 100 films and filmed and edited all of our own scores of productions.

James and Gareth and staff did a great job at Sports. Kids participated in intercamp tournaments, had fun and improved! And how about the "Mo?" Helen made the fitness center uber friendly with campers across the board participating in safe, fun and challenging fitness programs. Thank you to Helen and Mate and the team in preparing for four 4K Race for the Arts events.

Our Adventure course rivals any in camping - thank you Jess for stepping up and making it an incredible program - the best and safest program ever.

The skate park was full, safe and accountable everyday - thanks to Jay and his crew.

Magic Larry and his protege Nick had another outstanding year in magic with an incredible staff of quality magicians,

who were loving and caring to the children, as well as fantastic teachers.

And Cat continues to add love, excitement and fun to camp working with the campers at the stables. Dylan and his team made our equestrian program a fabulous place to be.

Coach Susanna continues to raise the quality of our Tennis program. Wonderful crew this year and great job with all those private lessons and clinics.

Billy-Ray and Josh and their staff of lifeguards kept the kids swimming, sailing, canoeing and waterskiing in a safe and caring environment and hosted hundreds of rest hour s'mores parties!

Cooking, headed by Jenny was a tremendous hit. Creative Cooking was 'the place to be.'

Our Radio and DJ program met with great success with Kieran, Amber and Elliott. Scobes ran the train room, helped some of our oldest campers with college apps and again was a big hit with his traditional campfires.

I could not have survived the summer without our head counselors who work 24/7 with a love and caring that could not be found anywhere but here at French Woods. Thank you - Meg, Katie, Chloe, Rachel, Sarah, Lucy, Alice, Carolyn, Bernard, Danny, Dave and Robson. I love you all. Thanks to Jason for working with our first time campers and Mate for assisting and to Carolyn for her work with our CITs and Supers.

Robson, as an assistant director, you are the hardest working person I know who always makes my life better here and at home. Thank you.

A big thank you to Darryn and his assistant Jason. They do a yeoman's job in travel, operations and staff excursions and cultural exchange. A special thanks to Erick for all he does. He is my radar, my friend, and I could not deal with all I deal with, without his steadying force, and great relationship he has with campers and their families.

The program office ran smoothly as Rose with the help of Cameron, Chris and John made sure the kids and staff all got what they needed and kept the camp organized while facilitating the four Race for the Arts, over 400 birthday parties, the NYC Broadways Shows and so much more. What a success.

A special congratulations to our Counselors of the Summer - Dylan Glasser, Conor Wilkinson and Claire Bindoff. You went above and beyond in both your work areas and the bunks and are incredible examples to your colleagues.

To all our staff: The success of French Woods lies in your hands and your hearts and without you French Woods would not be what it is. Thank you for all you did for our kids throughout the summer to enrich their lives. I hope you feel the same way that through the kids your lives have been enriched as well.



Isaac

Please write, call or e-mail us at the winter office with your news, stories and photos. We look forward to hearing from you and know all your camp friends will too!

THANK YOU

French Woods Festival and especially the costume shop are very grateful for all of your donations over the last few months. You helped make the magic happen. The Costume Shop is now able to costume fifteen or more productions at a time with ease and boast a stock that would be the envy of many professional companies.

The 2020 PROPOSED SHOW LIST **

Session One

Parade	11-17
Avenue Q	11-17
The Prom	11-17
A New Brain	11-17
Stop Kiss	11-17 Play
Twelfth Night	11-17 Play
Annie	11-14
Crazy For You	11-14
Joseph and the Amazing...	11-14
Bells are Ringing	11-14
Alice in Wonderland	9-11
The Cat in the Hat	9-11
Curious George	7-9
Free to be You & Me	7-9

Session Two

In The Heights	11-17
Tootsie	11-17
Aida	11-17
A Chorus Line	11-17
Failure A Love Story	11-17 Play
Night Sky	11-17 Play
Me & My Girl	11-14
Tarzan	11-14
Honk	11-14
George M	11-14
Highschool Musical	11-14
The Lion King	9-11
Freckleface Strawberry	9-11
The Jungle Book	7-9
Snow White	7-9

Session 3

Fiddler on the Roof	11-17
On The Town	11-17
Stop the World I Want to Get Off	11-17
The Gazebo	11-17 PLAY
Dr Jeckle & Mr Hyde	11-17 PLAY
Once Upon a Mattress	11-14
Do Re Mi	11-14
Be More Chill	11-14
Mack & Mabel	11-14
Anything Goes	11-14
Seussical	9-11
Peter Pan	9-11
Alice in Wonderland	7-9
Aladdin	7-9

Session 4

Ragtime	11-17
Spring Awakening	11-17
Shrek	11-17
Arsenic and Old Lace	11-17 PLAY
She Kills Monsters	11-17 Play
Damn Yankees	11-14
Into the Woods	11-14
Redhead	11-14
Cinderella	11-14
Zombee Prom	11-14
Annie Get Your Gun	9-11
Pinnocchio	9-11
Toy Story	7-9
A Child's Life	7-9

11-17 Stock: Sunday in the Park With George

11-14-Stock: A Funny Thing Happened

11-17 Stock Drama: 39 Steps

**All Shows Subject to change

Circus

Thank you, one and all for making our 24th summer here at French Woods so memorable. A big shout out to every one of our cast members from all the Circus/ Junior and Firefly shows and to the entire circus team for making the impossible a reality. Until next time, remember to challenge yourselves every day and be a better person than you were yesterday. love, hugs & push-ups... *Mike & Bron*

Dance

The Dance Department had a wonderful summer filled with creativity, teamwork and dedication. The Dance staff is a supportive team always getting the best out of our campers all summer long. Looking forward to seeing everyone involved in the dance department next year for another successful summer.

Music

WOW! What an amazing summer for music! Every year our ensembles flourish with talent and enjoyment. I am so grateful for a dynamic group of staff, cits and campers who make a difference every day with their art! Our *Side by Side* continues to grow and the Pittsburgh and Baltimore Symphonies joined us as well! The 50th anniversary celebration was fabulous with the inclusion of over 50 alumni participating (Thank you Lisa Reich). Please email me at brian@frenchwoods.com to tell me about concerts or events in your area! I would be happy to come visit your programs.

Magic

The Magic Department had new tricks, new stage illusions, new activities and Minors including our take on Hogwarts Magic and the most talented staff ever! Of course, we still had old favorites like Impromptu Magic and Trick of the Day. — wait and see what we have in store for next year!

Kitchen

The kitchen and dining room staff had such a great summer this year! We certainly worked hard... but knowing how much everyone enjoyed the meals certainly makes it all worthwhile.

Theater

And so the summer of 2019 is in the books! We had another year filled with incredibly talented Performers, Directors, ADs, Stage Managers, Designers and Technicians. Premieres this summer included *Groundhog Day*, *If/Then*, *Spamalot Jr*, *Frozen Jr*, *Super Jewels*, *The Descendants*, *Matilda*, *Mamma Mia*, *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, *Men in Boats*, *The Wolves*, *The Knight at Dawn*, *Band Geeks*, *Disaster*, *Something Rotten and Ruthless*. We brought hundreds of campers to Broadway this year and saw *Hadestown*, *The Prom* and *Be More Chill*. Thank you all for a fantastic summer! Have an incredible year and we can't wait to see you all next year!

Fine Arts

Thank you to FWF for making this summer an unforgettable one. To every Fine Arts Counselor and CIT-thank you for making the impossible possible. We had hundreds of talented kids this year in the Art Department across 20 different shops and we hope to see you in 2020!

Horseback

We would like to thank everyone who came up to the stables to ride or help take care of the horses! We look forward to seeing everyone next Summer, and we wish the ponies a restful winter.

Waterfront

2019 saw many campers join us on the Waterfront - kneeboarders, water-skiers, wakeboarders, wake skaters, surf boarders, discers, sailers, canoeers and kayakers. Lots of fish were caught, both big and small. We hosted countless s'mores parties at both waterfront and the pool. Can't wait to see you 's'more' next summer!

Video

In Video this year the campers made over 100 films and the staff and supers filmed and edited over 200 performances from every department on camp. The work and dedication that the campers and staff continue to bring every year is truly inspiring. See you all at the next pitch meeting next summer.

Ropes

Project Adventure helped empower an amazing group of kids with courage that reached the Sky and beyond! Big shout out to all the staff who made this happen! Thank you and hope to see you all again next year!

Sports

We hosted over thirty intercamp games and won about 80%! The Campers worked hard and dedicated themselves all summer to improving their skills and having lots of fun while doing it.

Fitness

We had a very successful and fun summer here at the MO, with so many motivated campers who earned the prestigious Fitness Centre T-Shirt! Muay Thai, Zumba and Spin classes were a big hit. All 4 Race for the Arts HFWAA events were successful thanks to all our sponsors and everyone who signed up and completed the course! Till 2020!

Tennis

We had the best staff ever and gave over 900 private lessons, held tournaments and clinics and had a great time doing it. See you next year.

Rock Shop

The sounds of Punk Rock, of Alternative Rock and Classic Rock and Hard Rock and Soft Rock and HOW AWESOME IS THAT!!!? Lets crank it up again next year (but please plug in properly)!!!

Head Counselors

The Head Counselors (Meg, Katie, Chloe, Rachel, Sarah, Lucy, Alice, Carolyn, Bernard, Danny, Dave and Robson) and their assistants (Mate and Jason) have such amazing memories: talent shows, dances, gaga ball, Brain Wars, acoustic fests, Sing, Banquet, - too many great events to name! It was so wonderful to get to know so many phenomenal campers and we can't wait to see everyone again next year! Please keep in touch.

Wellness Center

Another fabulous summer has come and gone, and what a fantastic time we had getting to know everyone! We love dispensing TLC to the campers and getting them back to their activities. Looking forward to next summer and wishing everyone a safe and healthy school year!

Program Office & HFWAA

Special thanks to Cameron, Chris and John and Liam too and all our terrific CIT's! Majors and Minors, Race for the Arts, S'mores, Cooking, Cinema at Sundown/ Movie parties, Cam's auditions, organizing 3 Broadway Shows and seeing the campers everyday kept the 2019 Program Office motivated, excited and busy. See you in 2020. -Rose

Costume

This summer the costume shop put close to 5,000 costumes on our campers in scores of main stage musicals and plays, many of them premiers at French

Woods. In addition, we loaned costume items and accessories to circus, dance, and video. We received many amazing donations from our French Woods families. A special "shout out" to our costume designers.

Creative Cooking

The summer of 2019 is over and it was the best first year the cooking staff could've asked for. A reminder if anyone wants a cookbook just contact the office and we will email it to you. As Fernand Point said, "The duty of a good cuisinier is to transmit to the next generation everything he has learned and experienced."

Radio, DJ & Music Production

Radio produced over 100 radio shows, 110 tracks in music production and added ASMR to the activity list. We filled our DJ classes and we look forward to 2020 and bringing you more 'live action'!

Skate Park

Thank you to everyone who made this summer a special and memorable year, both campers and counselors. Its been amazing, with so many memories that we'll never forget. We were so pleased to see so many talented kids, some of which won our new this year sessional "Skate Jam." We look forward to seeing you all next year.