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Happy Halloween!
It's that time of year where we start to build the things we have had in the planning stage. So here we go:

Say good-bye to girls 18 and senior lodges 1 & 2. We had planned to take them down last year but decided to wait the year due to the economy, but as of now they are already being removed. This will reduce the number of girls we are capable of enrolling by forty eight campers. This is something we have anticipated for several years.

On the plus side, the new boys junior lodge is now complete. This is something we have been wanting to do for a long time and we are capable of enrolling by forty eight campers. This is an exciting time. Next week I'll be headed back up to the Florida office! Michael and I spent a few days in New York City and caught up with a bunch of the New York based staff members will be back for round two (and sometimes three or more!) We have been going through the hiring and camper fair schedule and will keep you informed when we learn more.

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Dear Backstage.

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Due to the demand for Super CIT positions for the summer of 2010, we will be unable to register Super CITs after December 15th for the summer of 2010. If you are interested in registering as a Super CIT for the summer of 2010 and will be seventeen years old at the start of the summer, please contact the office as soon as possible to ensure your registration.

Fondly,

Ron & Barbara

Happy Birthday to You!!

1. Matthew C. Prifti
2. Louisa Auerbach
3. Arleigh Wasserman
4. Lucie Allanoue
5. Jonathan Hassan
6. Olivia Goodfield
7. Josh Krull
8. Benjamin Nichols
9. Nicholas Delta Sala
10. Richard Mininchelli
11. Marie Anne Morel
12. Evan Jacobs
13. Nina Petersen
14. Robert Castro
15. Cassandra Catron
16. Rachel Ming Wolf
17. Eileen Fitzpatrick
18. Hannah Smith
19. Camilla Tubella
20. Sonnet Whitaker
21. Joshua Epstein
22. Dillon Shain
23. Hailey Marcus
24. Elliana Kavouriadis
25. Natalie Guerrero
26. Katlin Kelkoy
27. Alexandra Stolz
28. Jorg Barranco
29. Camille Adams
30. Melanie Haberman
31. Shane Nickel
32. Daniel Armas
33. Jane Bernhard
34. Karlie Denner
35. Michael Gordon
36. Max Ackerman
37. Eva Gershovich
38. Emily Rush
39. Justin Rosenblat
40. Jacob Perricone
41. Kyla Gerber
42. Jamir Price
43. Jordan Schönberger
44. Elsie Hyman
45. Courtney Klein
46. Zach Kantor
47. Fabiana Scattol Paoli
48. Lisa Gertisly
49. Adam Sandifer
50. Jaron Blashinsky
51. Caitlin Hoffmaier
52. Jonathan Sosa
53. Lucas Jampolsky
54. Brittan Araya
55. Ben Jackson
56. Hope Kaufman
57. Mya Harris
58. Candice Vauclain
59. Gabriel Van Deen
60. Rachael Richard
61. Sydney Kempner
62. Ryan Nonville
63. Lars Odland
64. Caseley Paul
65. Jessie MANN
66. Julia Wolinsky
67. Jason Guerreo
68. Catalina Frederick
69. Anna Leduc
70. Jordan Elyan
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Isaac's Corner

As of October 1, 2009, there are only 252 days until session 1, 2010 and 272 days until session 2. What an incredible summer we had. Registration is way up. Ron is not resting on his laurels. A new infirmary and two new lodges are on his agenda for the summer of 2010. The new skatepark was a big hit as it rivaled the best skate camps in the country. The brand new fitness center, boasts over 40 state of the art pieces of equipment. What a success that was. The “Mo”, as we affectionately call it, is as functional and well equipped as any training center anywhere in the country. We are now also looking to expand our cooking program, which also was a big success with our campers. Our gymnastics program is in for some upgrading in its new facility as well. I am sure Ron has even more surprises. He never rests and continues to make French Woods the most uniquely creative, educational, and comprehensive camp in the world. Did I leave out fun?! I was able to see my grand children again after camp. Teddy is now 7, Lilly is 5 (went to her 5th birthday party) and Danny is 3 1/2 years old. I played ball with the kids, took them to school and to their various activities. I can’t wait for them to become French Woods’ campers. I even got to see my son Josh, a former Frenchwoodite, play with his band at a fundraiser he and a group of his friends and neighbors sponsored for the needy. Josh is an orthopedic surgeon at the Lahey Clinic outside of Boston and a professor at Boston University. We also got exciting news about my daughter, she was officially appointed as the Assistant Principal of English and head of the Performing Arts Center at Abraham Lincoln High School, in Brooklyn, my alma mater.

I will be traveling to Boston, Philly, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and Paris this year. So stay in touch and I will let you know when I am off on “tour.” I begin my basketball season at the Coral Springs Charter School very soon. I hope everyone has settled into their fall routines. Auditions for shows, placement in orchestras and bands, homecoming parades and games are all part of the start of a new school year. As we come off of one of the most successful summers the music department has ever had, I am starting off on my own new routine. I have joined the faculty of the Third Street Music School. This is the Oldest music settlement house in the United States. Founded in 1894, Third Street offers classes in theory, ear training, sight singing, musical theater repertory classes, dance, and acting. For the performer there are ensembles of every kind and private lessons galore.

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That’s the news and we’re outta here!!!

From the Conductor’s Podium

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Camper & Staff News

Had any French Woods staff knocking on your door? Any achievements or performances we should know about? Let us know for future issues of “The Performer”.

Sydney Gough recently performed in Thoroughly Modern Millie in the gender-bending role of Trevor Graydon III for the Youth Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles.

Tatsumi Romano got into the film, Papa Gorilla Banana and is one of the lead roles, Keiko. She starts filming in early September.

Nate Sassoon has been accepted to The Lee Strasberg Theater and Film Institute (New York), to the Young Actor’s Program, he is starting the program this September.

Sarah Vetesi was selected to lead a 9/11 assembly with Taps on her Trumpet.

Bella Scarselli will be appearing in two off Broadway performances this fall: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat production by The Brooklyn Theater Arts Project at the players theater in Sept. and Literally Alive’s production of The Selfish Giant at the Players Theater Sept/Oct.

Kellen Penner Coxon finished up the summer working on her circus skills on silks, trampoline, and flying trapeze at Trapeze School New York. She mastered a new drop on silks, turned 6 back flips in a row on trampoline, and completed a knee drop catch on the flying trapeze.

Adrian Ruz is studying hard as a freshman at Boston Conservatory and having a blast.

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