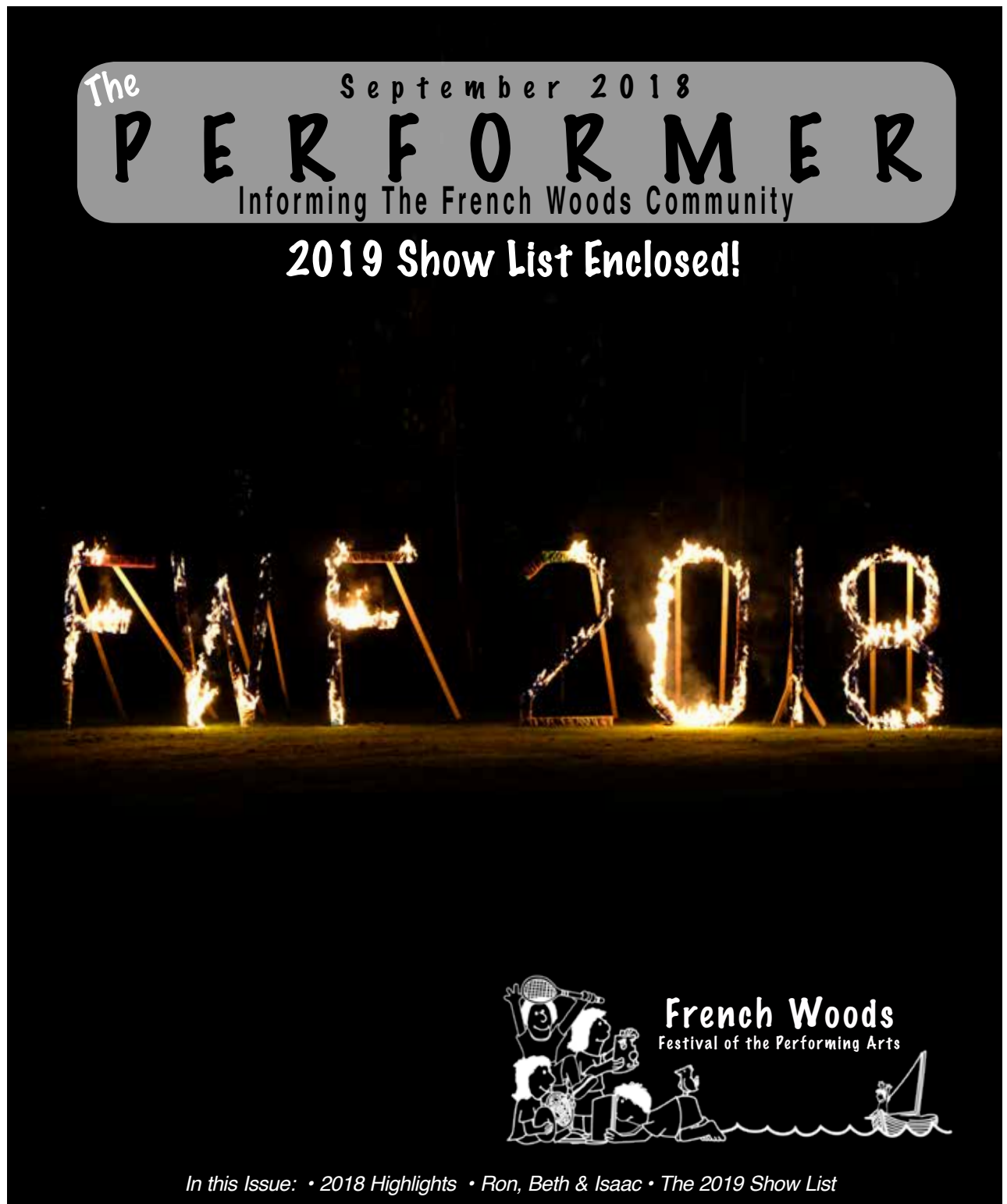


The **PERFORMER**

September 2018

Informing The French Woods Community

2019 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,

2018 has been an incredible season. To the casts and crews of *Spitfire Grill*, *Newsies*, *The Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, *Bright Star* and *Nine* - you made my summer with your talent, joy and professionalism. Being with you was the highlight of my day, every day. Thank you to the amazing staff for everything you do and to the parents for letting us borrow your children every summer!



To the French Woods kids - you make us what we are. Go out and spread the positivity everywhere you go. Have a soup-er day!

See you in 2019.

The 2018 Plaque



A Note From Ron:



Here we are again at the end of the summer, year forty-nine, and we start to plan for next summer. Say goodbye to Boys bunk six. A new bunk will stand in its place next summer. Boys bunks five and seven and Girls fourteen and fifteen will be completely remodeled as will the concert hall at the Knipe. Work on the new theater will also progress.

On a personal note I want to thank the casts of *Hello Dolly*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Thirteen*, *West Side Story* and *Billy Elliott* for allowing me to direct five fantastic shows. You gave me a great deal of pleasure.

Next year we hit number fifty. I continue to look forward and love to hear from you. Keep those emails and letters coming.

Ron

Lost Property

Lost items that are labeled with the camper's complete names have been sent out. We do have several pairs of prescription eyeglasses that were left behind. Please call the office if your camper is missing theirs. All other non-labeled items have been donated to charity.

Session 5

We hit the ground running with our one-week Session Five. 200 campers starting at age seven through teens experienced more than just a "taste" of French Woods. Theater, Video, Magic, Rock and Roll, Cooking and Horseriding offered intensive double periods and circus, dance, music, project adventure, art, waterfront, tennis, fitness, skate park, and sports saw every period filled with eager, happy and excited campers new to French Woods. The weather was great all week.

Our visiting day presentations featured a film festival, chamber music, Glee, waterskiing, magic, circus, art, rock and roll bands, skate park and a tennis tournament. This was topped off by afternoon performances in our Scott Theatre highlighting dance, lower, middle and upper camp musical theater showcases and three One Acts performances all well-attended by parents and families.

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.

Aaron Triffleman-Miller
Abigail Gluck
Abigail Kanen
Abigail Love
Adam Ginsburg
Yemi Lewis
Adrian Antonioli
Aidan Kelly
Alana Meillo
Alex Margolis
Alexa Goldberg
Alexandra Savoy
Alexandra Vygovski
Alexis Zuckerman
Allie Reisert
Ally Fenton
Amalia San Juan
Albores
Amelia German
Amelia Robinson
Amelie Wilday
Ana Lillie
Andrew Deluca
Andrew Lull
Andrew Maskoff
Andrew Stein
Anna Bauman
Annabel Crater
Annali Doyle
Anne Nodelman
Anthony Gaukhman
Anton Popowitz
Ara Lopez
Ariana Haidri
Arjun Ratan
August Janklow
Ava Cefalo
Ava Harkavy
Ava Loeb
Ava Marcus
Ava Tucker
Ava-Marie Trombino
Avery Frekhtman
Avram Needleman
Ayla Katz
Ben Garber
Ben Harris
Ben Shar
Benjamin Marchena
Benjamin Piccarillo
Benjamin Wohl
Braden Blacker
Brandon Riedy
Brandon Stern
Brea Gladstone
Brianna Stamper

Brody Kaplan
Brooke Rubenstein
Carly Stern
Caroline Funk
Cary Goertzel
Cassi Silver
Catalina Houseknecht
Charlie Garber
Charlie Zuker
Charlie-Kate Litwak
Charlotte Funke
Charlotte Tuttle
Cole Dazker-Epstein
Cosimo Lopez
Cyd Kennard
Dana Barrow
Daniel Asnis
Daniella Rosenfield
Daniella Usherovich
Dante Garcia
Daphne Antonioli
Darah Barenholtz
Diana Davidson
Dylan Forman
Dylan Sher
Eleanor Schlenoff
Eli Bomse
Eli Sherling
Elizabeth Perry
Ella Froah
Ella Miller
Ella Saliba
Ella-Rae Gill
Elroy Solondz
Elsa Baker-Spitzer
Emily Khabie
Emma Arends
Emma Bennett
Emmy Kuhn
Erik Galati
Ethan Lafazan
Ethan Silver
Ethan Walmark
Evan Goldman
Eve Budd
Evelyn Burt
Evelyn Lee
Evie Kissinger
Gabe Sklar
Gabriel Wallerstein
Gabriela Berger
Gabrielle O'Neil
Georges Azor

Gerardo Capo
Grace Riedy
Haana Juman
Hagar Wizel
Hannah Schrader
Harry Watkin-Fox
Hayes Sherman
Henry Crater
Henry Lagrua
Ian Ritter
Ian Szigethy
Imogen Notaro
India-Mae Fraser
Iris Zurlo
Isaac Muriello
Isaac Newman
Isabel Feldman
Isabella Grundmann
Isabella Lotenberg
Isabelle Ballard
Isadora Ruland
Jack Glick
Jacob Baker-Spitzer
Jacob Demarco
Jacob Garber
Jacob Loeb
Jacob Woodlee
Jacquelyn Harrison
Jade Chalmers
Jade Harnish
Jaden Friedman
Jaden Robinson
Jake Lippmann
James Chin
Jason Schachner
Jayson Goldner
Jeremiah Ortiz
Jeremy Shore
Jessi Kaplan
Jessica Woodlee
Jonah Hertzman
Jordan Silver
Joey Casali
Josephyne Schaefer
Josh Krulik
Joshua Deherrera
Joshua Triffleman-Miller
Julia Sherling
Julianne Magnus
Julieta Garcia
Kaden Sampogna
Kaia Dirksen

Kate Osterkamp
Kate Persily
Kate Wang
Kate Lobel
Katherine Cefalo
Katherine Fishbane
Kayden Merritt
Kayla Hertzberg
Kennedy Hack-Juman
Kyle Sher
Kyra Spiegle
Lana Schwartz
Lea Boldon
Leah Gottsegen
Leah Orenstein
Levi Robinovitz
Lia Miller
Lila Grillo
Lily Jaramillo
Lily Tucker
Lindsay Goldstein
Logan Hankin
Logan Swerdloff
Lucia Frank
Lucia Shulman
Luke Crater
Luke Niehaus
Mackenzie
Bender
Madeleine Pace
Madeline Dick
Madeline Santoriello
Madeline Wolf
Madeline Woodlee
Mahdi Levine
Makayla Fetterman
Mara Riegel
Marcia Wechsler
Maren Frey
Tess Romero
Mary-Ella Rinzler
Mateo Sanguinetti-Zelikow
Matteo Piccarillo
Matthew Zide
Max Hsu
Max Zuckerman
Maximilian Dring
Max Oster
Maxwell Seelig
Maya Jaffe
Maya Oblatz
Mazzy Dring

Melody Beron
Mia Broder
Mia Lerin
Mia Rosenblum-Solis
Mia Rozenberg
Micah Bierman
Michael Karezin
Michelle Grinberg
Mika Mccaffrey
Mikaela Malka
Mikayla Pyke-Sharpe
Milena Carpati
Miles Engel
Molly Andrews
Molly Bender
Naomi Grillo
Natalie Cohen
Natalie Goldstein
Nicole Namath
Noah Harkavy
Noah Hertzman
Noelani Kim
Nolan Medalla
Nolan Shaffer
Nora Harr
Novella Phipps
Oakley Decristofaro
Oliver Olefson
Olivia Albury
Olivia Kaplan
Olivia Lipton
Olivia Shar
Olivia Woloz
Oscar Gluck
Penny Willoughby
Petra Romero
Peyton Riveiro
Phoenix Chalmers
Piper Clurman
Quincy Butler
Quinn Harnish
Rachel Gershon
Raquel Ramsey
Rebecca Supcoff
Reese Bruning
Rikki Teicher
Riley Mcmanus
Riley Sexton
Robert Ratcliff
Rose Kotz
Rosie Kauppinen
Ryan Witz
Sabina Rosenblum-

Solis
Sadie-Reimer
Sherman
Samantha Marchena
Samantha New
Samantha Savoy
Samara Bennett
Sammy Greenwald
Samuel Stein
Sam Sherman
Sara Grant
Sara Moore
Sarah Reich
Sasha Broder
Satya Loeb
Sawyer Chan
Shayna Landow
Shayne Buddman
Shiloh Merritt
Sienna Withers
Simon Nigam
Simona German
Skylar Rosenberg
Skylar Sherman
Sophia Grundmann
Sophia Lagrua
Sophia Ortiz-Heaney
Sophie Glenn
Sophie Picciotto
Sophie Santoriello
Spencer Udin
Stanley Bochar
Sydney Sher
Sylvie-Reimer
Sherman
Tali Orenstein
Talia Bloomfield
Taryn Kossover
Taylor Rubenstein
Teshura Goldman
Thailen Merritt
Thea Sherman
Thomas Baker-Spitzer
Thompson Randolph
Tinsley Louv
Tristan Knauff-Schaefer
Valerie Davelman
Viv Willoughby
Zachary Asnis
Zachary Degen
Zachary Udin
Zack Ramsey
Zoe Glimcher
Zoe Jacobs
Zoe Siegel
Zosia Sinton

Just Registered

(as of September 13th)

2018 Highlights



Please write, call, fax 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.

Isaac's Corner

As of September 1st there are 281 days left until session 1, summer of 2019 and 300 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 2018 summer staff was loving, kind, warm, and supportive.

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

Our music department offered a vast array of bands, orchestras, 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. And how about Maestro Steven Reineke, conductor and composer and members of the New York Pops, as well as Broadway stars and French Woods Alum Andrea Burns and Caesar Samayoa! They offered master classes and performed in a very special Side by Side concert featuring our orchestra and as well as campers Rose Messenger and Jaden Martinez.

The rock and roll department headed by Mark and assisted by "Coyle" 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 the circus shows.

Annabel 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 Ro and Michael had countless children go through its doors.

Video/film has become a world of its own. Josh's first year as department head was a huge success. An unprecedented number of campers majored in Video for summer 2018. In addition, his department shot over 100 films and the sessions' film festivals became a part of our festival weekends!

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?" Theresa made the fitness center uber friendly with campers across the board participating in safe, fun and challenging fitness programs. Thank you to Theresa and her team in preparing for four 4K Race for the Arts events. We know this is no small task.

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

The skate park was full everyday - thanks to Jordan and his crew.

Magic Larry and his outstanding staff of quality magicians, who were loving and caring to the children, as well as incredible teachers, gave us the best magic program since French Woods began.

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

Coach Susanna continues to raise the quality of our Tennis program. Great job with all those private lessons and clinics (despite the rain) and camper counselor tournaments!

Marion and her staff of incredible 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 Jesse and Lockie, was a tremendous hit. Creative Cooking was 'the place to be.'

Our Radio and DJ program met with great success with Beth, Jonny and members of the Rock Shop pitching in. Scobes ran the train room, helped some of our oldest campers with college apps and was a big hit with his trademark 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 at a place like French Woods. You all went above and beyond this summer. Thank you - Chloe D., Chloe S., Natalie, Sarah, Jazz, Lucy, Jemima, Carolyn, Bernard, Danny, Dave and Robson. I love you all. Thanks to Katie and Jason for working with our first time campers and Mate for assisting and again 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 special thanks to Errick for all he does. He is my radar, my friend, and I could not deal with all I deal with, without his steadying force, sense of humor, and great relationship he has with campers and their families.

The program office ran smoothly as Rose with the help of Cameron, Kelsey and Liam 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 Broadway Shows and so much more. What a success.

A special congratulations to our Counselors of the Summer - Debbie Pataki and Andrew McCarthy. 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.



The 2019 PROPOSED SHOW LIST **

Session One

Aida	11-17
Honeymoon In Vegas	11-17
Spamalot	11-17
Damn Yankees	11-17
Cosi Fon Tutti	11-17 Play
Mr Burns	11-17 Play
Mamma Mia	11-14
She Loves Me	11-14
Thoroughly Modern Millie	11-14
Bugsy Malone	11-12
Hercules	9-11
The Wizard of OZ	9-11
Winnie The Pooh	7-9
The Jungle Book	7-9

Session Two

Matilda	11-17
Les Miserables	11-17
Urinetown	11-17
Avenue Q	11-17
Next To Normal*	11-17
Blue Hills Remembered	11-14 Play
The Wolves	11-12 Play
Little Miss Sunshine*	11-14
Guys and Dolls	11-14
Disaster!	11-14
The Addams Family	11-14
The Little Mermaid	11-12
High School Musical	9-11
Pocahontas	9-11
Finding Nemo	9-11
Tangled	9-11
Bed Knobs and Broomsticks	7-9
Pirates Past Noon	7-9

Session 3

Parade	11-17
Jeckyll and Hyde	11-17
Hair	11-17
If, Then *	11-17
Chicago	11-17
Inherit The Wind	11-17 Play
The Curious Incident...	11.17 Play
Pirates of Penzance	11-14
Frog and Toad*	11-14
Camp Rock	11-14
Beauty and The Beast	11-14
The Pajama Game	11-14
Shrek The Musical Jr	9-11
Flat Stanley	9-11
Captain Louie	9-11
Mulan	9-11
101 Dalmations	7-9
The Knight at Dawn	7-9

Session 4

Something Rotten!	11-17
Spring Awakening	11-17
Sweet Charity	11-17
Most Happy Fella	11-17
Dracula	11-17 Play
Eurydice	11-17 Play
Footloose	11-12
Spongebob	11-14
Bank Geeks	11-14
Mame	11-14
The Nightmare Before Christmas	9-11
The Lion King	9-11
The Aristocats	7-9
Miss Nelson is Missing	7-9

11-14 Stock: The Drowsy Chaperone

11-17-Stock: Amour

* Carryover shows

**All Shows Subject to change

Circus

Thank you, one and all for making our 23rd summer here at French Woods so memorable. A big shout out to every one of our cast members from all the Circus/ Junior Circus and Firefly shows and of course 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 to teaching and choreography. 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! Look out for some new *Side by Side* opportunities in Session 1 as we continue to expand the music program. 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 reached new heights this summer! New tricks, new stage illusions, and the most talented (and international) staff ever. We added tons of new activities and Minors: Levitation, Hypnotism, Magic History, Scams & Hustles... Of course, we still had our old favorites like Impromptu Magic and Trick of the Day. We just keep getting bigger and better — wait and see what we have in store for next year!

Horseback

Three cheers for an excellent horseback riding season and our horseback riding exhibitions! We happily ride off into the sunset, but we will see you 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 2018 is in the books! We had another year filled with incredibly talented Performers, Directors, ADs, Designers and Technicians. Our FWF Premieres this summer included *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, *Hello, My Baby!*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, *The Spitfire Grill*, *Battle of*

Boat, *Newsies*, *Madagascar*, *Freaky Friday*, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, and *Getting Out*. Each session we brought hundreds of campers to Broadway and this year saw *The Band's Visit*, *Mean Girls* and *Frozen*. Thank you all for a fantastic summer! Have an incredible school year and we can't wait to see you all back in the Woods next year!

Fine Arts

Thank you to FWF for making this summer one I will never forget. To every Fine Arts Counsellor 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 2019!

Waterfront

2018 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 wake to ski you s'more next summer! -Maz

Video

In Video this year the campers made over 100 films and the staff and students 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

The Motivational Center a/k/a the MO was busy with lots of classes, training and exercise that was tailored for each age group. Over the summer hundreds of campers earned the coveted MO t-shirt and each session we helped bring 4k Race for the Arts to FWF.

Tennis

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

Rock Shop

This year marked my 11th year piloting the good ship Rock Shop and, like so many years before, this was the best season yet! We had a great staff that helped so many incredible campers get up on stage and rock out. Rock Shop fam forever! I'll hear you next year.

Head Counselors

The Head Counselors (Chloe D., Chloe S., Natalie, Sarah, Lucy, Jazz, Jemima, Carolyn, Bernard, Danny, Dave and Robson) and their assistants (Katie, Mate and Jason) had an awesome time this summer! 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 & HFVAA

Special thanks to Cameron, Kelsey and Liam too and all our terrific CIT's! Majors and Minors, Race for the Arts, S'mores, Cooking and Movie parties, Cam's auditions, organizing 3 Broadway Shows and seeing the campers everyday kept the 2018 Program Office motivated, excited and busy. See you in 2019. -Rose

Costume

This summer the costume shop put close to 5,000 costumes on our campers in scores of main stage musicals and

plays. In addition, we loaned costume items and accessories to circus, dance, and video. We received many amazing donations from our French Woods families. We are, as always, very grateful for this ongoing generosity on the part of our parents who donate costume and clothing items. A special "shout out" to our costume designers. I am humbled by how much they have shown their love for theater and their joy in caring for our campers.

Creative Cooking

The summer of 2019 is over and it was the best first year the cooking staff could've asked for. Everyone loved our addition of Breakfast Club and Master Chef Jr! 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 filled to capacity DJ classes. We look forward to 2019 and bringing you more 'live action'!

Skate Park

Our amazing facility saw hundreds of campers this summer at all levels of skating. Skate Park was the place to be. See you all next year!