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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? We also welcome your photos and any creative writing you may want to see in print. It's **your** big chance! Write us at **P.O. Box 770100, Coral Springs, FL 33077-0100** or give us a call at **1-800-634-1703**. You can also send us e-mail at [admin@frenchwoods.com](mailto:admin@frenchwoods.com). Visit our website at [www.frenchwoods.com](http://www.frenchwoods.com). We all love hearing from you!

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Dear Frenchwoodite,

French Woods is now offering a wonderful opportunity for the siblings, friends, and relatives of our French Woods family. We are inviting boys and girls ages 7 through 12 who are interested in registering for French Woods to "test the waters." It is an opportunity for your children to spend a weekend at French Woods, to get a taste of what would be in store for them, should you sign your children up for camp.

Parents should plan to drop their children off at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 20th. A bagel brunch and a tour of the facility, as well as a question and answer period with one of our directors will await you. Your children will be escorted to their bunks, where they will be placed in cabins with their own counselors. Once settled, your children will be immersed in the French Woods program. On Saturday they will take part in two activities before lunch and three activities before dinner.

Saturday evening will be filled with special evening activities including a make your own sundae and pizza social, topped off with the music of our terrific deejay. On Sunday, after the three morning activities, you will be reunited with your children for our barbecue and some family activities. Bring your bathing suits because our pool side barbecues are always a big hit. Also, bring your tennis racquets and spend some time on our courts.

We are limiting this to the first 100 children that sign up. Remember, this is for youngsters 7 through 12 year olds who have not been to camp before!

If you have any questions, please call us at 800-634-1703.



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### Important Papers

Fondly,  
Ron



**Don't panic!** Many families have asked when they will be receiving their 2009 welcome packets. Welcome packets are being mailed out to all families registered for camp. If you misplace your folder, please download your forms from our website at: [http://www.frenchwoods.com/documents\\_french\\_woods.htm](http://www.frenchwoods.com/documents_french_woods.htm).

All remaining 2009 forms were mailed out last week. They include the **Medical** and **Profile** forms as well as information on clothing and visiting. Please note that **no child will be admitted to camp without a completed medical form signed by both a parent and the physician.** In addition all immunizations must be documented. These are New York State Health Department rules which we must abide by. Be smart; make an appointment early to bring your child to the doctor. On the Profile form both you and your child can express interests and expectations for the summer. You may request private music instruction, swim instruction or individual attention in other areas. This is also the form to indicate any bunking requests. **Remember: NY State mandates that all medications taken while at camp MUST be individually prepackaged by Campmeds to be dispensed at camp!**

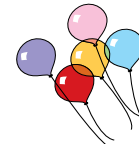
The **Parent's Handbook** details our phone policy as well as the rules for visiting the camp. You will also find a list of area motels and bed and breakfasts. We urge you to make your reservations for visiting days early. Spaces are limited. A clothing list is also included as well as some helpful hints for preparing first time campers for camp.

We will also include a variety of merchandise flyers from which you may order for camp. These items are totally optional and are provided as a convenience to you. We do recommend that every child purchases a camp T - shirt as they are required for any trips out of camp.

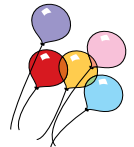
Good luck with your preparations for camp and as always feel free to call us with any questions.

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## February Birthdays!



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| 1 Zachary Dick             | 6 Meghan Collins  | Michael Light             | Damien Deschamps      | Lilah Silverman     |
| Molly Gordon               | Grace Coughlin    | Emily Mcgurk              | Ella Grossman         | 24 Andrew Haas      |
| Sarah Gordon               | Madeline Cullen   | Ines Mora-Figueroa        | Zelda Kimble          | Chelsea Hano        |
| Juliet Davida Klinman      | Margaux Harmand   | Howard Alan Phipps        | Lauren Plumley        | Emma Leiken         |
| Lara Liebmann              | Scott Silberberg  | Charles Hardouin          | Martin Cabane         | Danielle Lippman    |
| Jeremiah Magier            | Ezra Skolnick     | Abigail Levine            | David "Jack" Marder   | Max Mc Gueghlin     |
| Shayna Plascoff            | Noah Weisbart     | Audrey Rapoport-Martiak   | Andrew Kosenstein     | Dina Weick          |
| Chelsea Siegal             | Gabe Yatzkan      | Julie Sillam              | 25 Isabelle Collins   | Tori Cott           |
| Natalie Wolpert            | 7 Ross Burman     | Merrick Stein             | Sara Ann O'brien      | Noah Masur          |
| 2 Andrea Auerbach          | Matthew Blumberg  | Lauren Teitelbaum         | Eve Steuer            | Charlotte Orenstein |
| Talia Bandini              | Corey Lorence     | Katie De Guzman           | 19 Christopher Chacon | Tess Pettavino      |
| Gabrielle Bijou            | Michayla Lupien   | Charles Hardouin          | Madeline Kimble       | Rachel Morrison     |
| Samara Cotumaccio          | Devon Marinello   | Abigail Levine            | Zachary Propp         | Megan Riechers      |
| Jordyn Fisher              | Antonin Siguier   | Audrey Rapoport-Martiak   | Amanda Schenkman      | Julia Morgenstern   |
| Mia Levinson               | Jamie Spingeld    | Julie Sillam              | Riley Samuel          | 26 Kacie Doran      |
| Matthew Taylor             | 8 Max Dopenfeld   | Merrick Stein             | Claire Laing          | Craig Laing         |
| Joshua Hancock             | Lindsey Max       | Lauren Teitelbaum         | Ruby Stewart          | Thomas Sergeant     |
| William Hopkins            | Kira Monin        | 12 Sofia Lahave           | 20 Amanda Blechman    | 27 Marjorie Baram   |
| Adrian Ruiz                | Ashley Neuman     | Rebecca Witzel            | Catarina Bloomfield   | Laura Hoffman       |
| Lynda Ulery                | Julia Small       | 13 Veronica Harrington    | Cameron Glass         | Erica Huang         |
| Jessica Zuckerbrod         | Emilie Sohl       | Jonathan Lynch            | Alexandra Gray        | Risa Kimura         |
| 3 Jake Attias              | Hallie Stern      | Sol Bernal Montes         | Aiko Miyazaki         | Audrey Metzman      |
| Lisa Caspari               | 4 Ana Warman      | Leah Pessio               | 21 Liza Benhamou      | Russell Shelp       |
| Nora Greenstein            | 9 India Armstrong | 14 Catherine Boozang-Hill | Jacob Cook            | Ariel Tomback       |
| Margaret Harris            | Justin Boes       | Sophie Hecht              | Molly Grob            | Samantha Wolff      |
| Daniel Hockstein           | Brian Feder       | Taylor Kaplan             | Nicole Seidner        | 28 Andrea Allen     |
| Christian Lee-Fatt         | Chelsea Meyers    | Diego Klock-Perez         | Eliza Singerman       | Matthew Brodie      |
| Delaney Moro               | Katie Okeefe      | George Liang              | Matthew Wiegler       | Rachel Curcio       |
| Max Prissert               | Jennifer Steine   | Lynx Marks                | Jessica Wills         | Zachary Goldblatt   |
| Rebecca Ruiz               | Hannah Perry-Zeik | Jennifer Steine           | 22 Chaz Greenberg     | Nicole Hoffman      |
| Elias Wygodny              | Loreley Picourt   | Alex Gil Vizcarra         | Giancarla Lavista     | Coleman Jennings    |
| 4 Mia Arbel-Stasny         | Gabriella Pontone | 15 Tony Cohn              | Naomi Stuhlman        | Becky Marcus        |
| Oliver Brown               | James Pontone     | Alejandra Pocock          | 23 Bobby Boym         | Rachael Miller      |
| Madeline Finkel            | Dana Schweinler   | 16 Amanda Blisberg        | Laura Coleman         | Emily Oppenheimer   |
| Alexander "Alec" Mackenzie | Brooke Starkman   | Brammy Geakuld            | Zachary Flick         | Nicole Palucci      |
| Andy O'brien               | Emma Steiger      | Krystiana Greaves         | Daniel Gerchakov      | Abigail Tami        |
| Shoshana Rath              | David Travis      | Sammi Martineak           | Kimberly Harboure     | Hannah Weinstein    |
| Anastasia Snegireva        | Alana Yeager      | Lyle Oberman              | Laura Paddock         | 29 Alexis Ebers     |
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| Brandon Qureshi            |                   |                           |                       |                     |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!



# Isaac's Corner

# Camper & Staff News

There are 130 days left until session 1 rolls around and 150 days to wait for the beginning of session 2. We can't wait to begin our 40th summer at French Woods. There are lots of surprises in store for you as we begin our celebrations.

I will be in Philly toward the end of February or the beginning of March for an open house at the Silow's, who have graciously offered to be our host. We will send out an email next week. I am also planning an open house in Newton, MA., near the Boston area. This too will happen in early March or late February.

I am flying to Paris and will be there from February 6th through February 10th. I am then leaving for Madrid and will be there from February 11th through February 13th. Please email me at Isaac@frenchwoods.com if you would like to come help or just get together.

In Paris, I am staying at:  
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I look forward to seeing you in France and Spain!

My basketball season is almost over; we have had a rough year. I have great kids, but not great basketball players. They have come a long way. My daughter Jen continues to enjoy her new job as an Assistant Principal at my alma mater, Abraham Lincoln HS in Brooklyn. I am very proud of her accomplishments. My son, Josh, is hard at work at the Lahey Clinic outside of Boston as an Orthopedic partner. Hopefully, the first of his three children, Teddy, who will be turning 7 in June, will become a third generation French Woodite this summer. Lillie (4) and Danny (3) will soon follow.



Please read some valuable information compiled with the help of the ACA that I have included below.

## The Benefits of Camp

The camp experience enriches lives and changes the world. Camp provides children with a community of caring adults, who nurture experiential education that results in self-respect and appreciation for human value. All of the outcomes — self-identity, self-worth, self-esteem, leadership, and self-respect — build personal competencies. These personal competencies are reflected in the four “C’s” of the camp community: compassion, contribution, commitment, and character! For years, campers’ parents have reported that when their children return home from camp they are more caring, understand the importance of giving, are more equipped to stand up for what they know is right, and are willing to be more responsible. These are the qualities that will help build a successful nation and a civil society.

Children are at less risk at camp where they have a sense of community, develop inter generational relationships, and learn through first-hand experiences. Trained, caring adult role models help children feel loved, capable, and included. Camp helps children grow by providing a supervised, positive environment that has safety as a primary commitment.

Camp professionals have enormous power in conveying simple teachable moments . . . special moments of passing experiences touched by the human spirit. These fleeting moments of time build three significant camp values that are reflected in the benefits campers derive from camp.

The camp experience teaches children to value people. The moments that result in the camp experience repeatedly express the value of people. We demonstrate that value through respect, honesty, caring, and sharing. Through the camp experience, young people learn to understand the strength of mankind. They also develop an appreciation for the qualities required to protect these relationships.

Camp teaches a child to value the natural world. We seek and appreciate what is real, genuine, and non-artificial. In seeking those qualities in people as well as in the actual world, we foster understanding of the importance of human connections for survival and of the critical connections to our physical world. Campers realize the need to protect not only one another, but also the environment in which they live. Our intent is to preserve and share that legacy with the next generation.

Finally, camp values a sense of contribution. Our contributions are both obvious and subtle. The benefits of our work are both immediate and slow to emerge. Most significantly, although the experience itself is often fleeting, our impact on the human spirit lasts a lifetime. Children who attend camp develop connections with the world.

We never underestimate the simplest lesson or the briefest wink of time. It may be a star in someone’s horizon for all eternity.

\*Information gathered from the American Camping Association

**Christina Ames** has landed the lead role of Rosemary in Wheatley’s spring musical production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. She has also been chosen as Wheatley’s Jazz vocalist performing with the Wheatley Jazz Band and she was selected and participated in Nassau’s All-County Chorus.

**Dani Sklarz** is thrilled to have landed in the spotlight as Lily St. Regis, in the Eastern Middle School (Greenwich, Connecticut) production of *Annie*.

**Kelly Reilly** was recently cast as Jenny in Off Stage Films’ upcoming short film *One Saved Message*. She also will appear as the Tin WOMAN in Adam Roebuck’s limited run off-Broadway production of *The Wizard of Oz* in April. **Kelly** recently completed filming the first episode of *The Conservatory*, a new cable-TV and internet soap opera. She was also accepted into the Essex County Symphony Orchestra as a flutist and will be traveling to Austria with the orchestra in June to perform in the American Celebration of Music in Austria concerts in Salzburg, Innsbruck, and Vienna.

**Jackson Shain** will be playing Marcellus Washburn in *The Music Man* in February, 2009 at Weber Middle School in Port Washington. Shapooi!

**Chelsea Siegal** recently performed in the Nassau County All-County Choir at Tilles Center in Brookville, New York. Soon, she will be singing in the All-District Choir and playing her trumpet in the All-District Band in Port Washington. In June, she will be performing four pieces at Dance Arts Centre in Port Washington and will also be performing with her acting class at Hofstra University in June.

**Corey Lorence**, the smallest boy on the Lexington Middle School Wrestling team has qualified for state! The tournament was held in Lexington, SC on January 31st.

**Elana Egri-Thomas** starred as Sarah Brown in her school’s production of *Guys and Dolls*.

**Stephanie Krasner** has been cast as the beautiful Evelyn Nesbit in *Ragtime* at the Smithtown Center for Performing Arts, as well as Fermina in the Commack High School production of *Man of La Mancha*. She is very excited, but still counting down the days until session 2!

**Chris Anselmo** is performing in the high school production of *Rent* at Allentown, New Jersey. Break a leg!

**Rebecca Suskauer** played the role of Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* in The Benjamin School Variety Show. She brought down the house at the Eissey Theater!

**Zoe Chaitoff** has landed the role of Kate in the production of *Annie* at her school Donna Klein Jewish Academy.

**Sophie de Bruijn** has been cast as Mayzie la Bird in the Coleytown Middle School production of *Seussical the Musical*, Westport, CT.

**Rachel Weisbart** will be playing the role of “Star To Be” in a Random Farms production of *Annie* at the Tarrytown Music Hall. She will also be playing flute in the Westchester All-County Band at Suny Purchase in March.

**Lillie Eiger** will be playing the role of Rosie in *Bye Bye Birdie*.

**Jordan Brown** was Charlie Brown in his high school play of *You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown*. He was the only freshmen in a cast of 10 seniors and 1 sophomore! He played Captain Von Trapp in *Sound of Music* and he is now in rehearsals for *Hair*, where he will play Woof!

**Nicole Mizrahi** had her first ever Broadway show audition. She said it was just like the auditions at French Woods so she felt no nerves!

**Elissa Frank** celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on January 3rd surrounded by her bunk mates **Marjorie Baram, Paige Matkin, Ryan Andretta, Natalie Wolpert** and **Julia Wolinsky**.

**Carley Beard** was recently cast in her school’s production of *Singin’ in the Rain*. She also had the pleasure of visiting **Alex Hollander** in sunny Ft Laderdale over the holiday break. **Carley** continues to talk about her wonderful experience at French Woods.

**Joey Champey** continues to play a lot of minutes on his 18-4 High School basketball team. They will win 20 games this year and be a force in the playoffs. **Joey** is leading the team in field goal percentage and three-point shooting.

**Rachel Taub** just finished performing on the Double Bass, with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, at Richardson Auditorium at Princeton University. She will be performing with them this spring at *The Ocean City Music Pier*, and at the WWP High School North. She is excited to return to camp for her seventh summer at camp and can not wait to see all her friends!

**Andrew Miller** was recently cast as Mike Teevee in his middle school’s production of *Willy Wonka*.

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

# Second Session Shows 2009!

## **The Wizard of Oz**

Dorothy lives on a farm in Kansas until a cyclone arrives, and picks up her house, her dog and Dorothy herself, depositing them all in the land of Oz. Things in Oz are strange and beautiful, but Dorothy just wants to get back home. She's helped by the Good Witch of the North, but she's also in trouble with the Wicked Witch of the West, who seeks revenge for the death of the Wicked Witch of the East, for which she blames Dorothy. 7-11 year olds will enjoy performing this beloved classic.

## **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory**

Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir comes to life in this stage adaptation of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," which features the songs from the classic family film and will be performed by 7-11 year olds.

## **Annabell Broom**

This enchanting children's musical tells the story of Annabelle Broom, who clashes with her tough witch superiors over her unconventional beliefs, nearly losing her haunting card when she decides to help - instead of frighten - two lost children. 7-11

## VISITING 2009

Visiting days are **June 28th** and **29th**, **July 18th** and **19th**, **August 7th** and **8th** and **August 28th** and **29th**. Visiting is held from 2PM on the first day and from 11AM on the second day. There is **NO** visiting prior to these times. Parents are welcome to have meals with us during these times. **Picnic meals or any other food may NOT be brought into camp.** (This includes pizzas, Mc Donalds and any other food that may be purchased in town). Under no circumstances may a child leave camp. Concerts, circus and performances of shows will take place on these mornings, afternoons and evenings along with all scheduled activities. Remember, flash photography is forbidden. All performances are video taped for your convenience and may be purchased in the camp office.

These dates represent our only visiting times. Any other visitation must be arranged in advance. Should you wish to visit at another time please remember, your invitation includes having dinner with us in the Dining Hall. Picnic dinners will **NOT** be allowed. Simply call the camp office if special arrangements need to be made.

It is our hope that you will see your children enjoying activities and performances with a minimum of disruption to their daily routine.

year olds are sure to enjoy this utterly bewitching entertainment!

## **Children's Letters To God**

A musical that follows the lives of five young friends as they voice beliefs, desires, questions and doubts common to all people but most disarmingly expressed by children. Sixteen tuneful songs and assorted scenes (some based on actual letters) explore timeless issues such as sibling rivalry, divorce, holidays, loss of a beloved pet, the trials of being unathletic and first love. This entertaining show carries a universal message which crosses the boundaries of age, and geography, for ages 11-13.

## **Trial By Jury / Cox and Box**

The plots of Gilbert and Sullivan's various operettas are ludicrous, but the characters behave as if the events were perfectly reasonable. These two one acts are no exception. 11-14 year olds will be sure to enjoy them!

## **High School Musical**

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on your stage! While on their family vacations, high school jock and basketball star Troy and brainy Gabriella - two teens who are worlds apart - meet. During a karaoke contest ("Start of Something New") they discover their love for singing, and an interest in each other. After vacation, Troy discovers that Gabriella is the new girl at East High. Still a bit inspired by their holiday vacation performance, Troy and Gabriella both decide to audition for the school musical and havoc ensues. This show is to be performed by 11-14 year olds.

## **Forty Second Street**

Julian Marsh, a successful Broadway director, produces a new show, in spite of his poor health. The money comes from a rich old man who is in love with the star of the show, Dorothy Brock. But she doesn't repay his love, because she is still in love with her old partner. On the night before the premier, Dorothy Brock breaks her ankle and one of the chorus girls, Peggy Sawyer tries to take over her part. 11- 14 year olds will be tapping their toes in this classic American Musical.

## **Forum**

Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever

written - the perfect escape from life's troubles. The show takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from time-tested 2000 year old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. The result is a non-stop laugh-fest in which a crafty slave (Pseudolus) struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan (Philia) for his young master (Hero), in exchange for freedom. This limited cast will be for ages 11-17.

## **Thoroughly Modern Millie**

Thoroughly Modern Millie was 2002's most awarded new show on Broadway. This singing, dancing, romancing musical takes place in Manhattan, 1922, with all the jazz-age razzmatazz you want in a big, bright, brand-new Broadway blockbuster. It's the story of a Midwestern girl who arrives in New York determined to take the town by storm. A delightful valentine to the long-standing spirit of New York City and the people who seek to discover themselves there, this new stage version of Thoroughly Modern Millie features 15 songs, including two from the 1967 film, four standards from the 1920s, and nine brand-new songs by Jeanine Tesori (music) and Dick Scanlan (lyrics). Eleven to seventeen year olds are sure to enjoy this hit.

## **Nine**

A theatrical adaptation of the Federico Fellini film 8 1/2 with music and lyrics by American composer Maury Yeston concerns the difficulties of the film director Guido Contini. Fresh off the greatest hit of his career so far, he 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. The original 1983 Broadway production, directed by Tommy Tune and starring Raul Julia as Guido, the only man in an otherwise all-female cast, was revived in 2003 with Antonio Banderes in the starring role. Nine is a must-see for ages eleven to seventeen.

## **Sweeney Todd**

The rare instance of a musical thriller, Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's chilling, suspenseful, heart-pounding masterpiece of murderous barberism and culinary crime tells the infamous tale of the unjustly exiled barber who returns to 19th century London seeking revenge against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. His

thirst for blood soon expands to include his unfortunate customers, and the resourceful proprietress of the pie shop downstairs soon has the people of London lining up in droves with her mysterious new meat pie recipe! Sophisticated, macabre, visceral and uncompromising, "Sweeney Todd" nevertheless has a great sense of fun, mixing intense drama with howlingly funny moments of dark humor: eleven to seventeen year olds will find themselves laughing hysterically one moment and gasping in surprise the next, for ages 11-17

## **The Elephant Man**

Based on the life of Joseph Merrick in late nineteenth century London. Burdened by a severe case of neurofibromatosis, Joseph "John" Merrick was born severely deformed. He is discovered by a prestigious London doctor, Frederick Treves, who saves him from various circus freak shows. The play investigates the relationship between Frederick and Joseph. This often requested show will be produced by 11-17 year olds.

## **39 Steps**

The 39 Steps is a play adapted from the 1915 novel by John Buchan and the 1935 film by Alfred Hitchcock. This recent Broadway hit will be performed by 11 to 17 year olds.

## **You Can't Take it With You**

At first the Sycamores seem mad, but it is not long before we realize that if they are mad, the rest of the world is madder. In contrast to these delightful people are the unhappy Kirbys. The plot shows how Tony, attractive young son of the Kirbys, falls in love with Alice Sycamore and brings his parents to dine at the Sycamore home on the wrong evening. This classic play will entertain 11 to 17 year olds.

**One Act Play Festival (11-17)** - To be announced.

\* **Denotes Carryover**

**All shows are subject to change.**