

The
PERFORMER

November 2012

Informing The French Woods Community

Happy Thanksgiving!



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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.
OUR E MAIL ADDRESS IS admin@frenchwoods.com.
We all love hearing from you!

All the news that's fit to print.

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Dear French Woodites,



The return applications for staff are coming in like mad. We have already heard from many of our favorites and are receiving new applications every day.

2012 will welcome new staff facilities, and twelve new tennis courts. We can also look forward to the new video center.

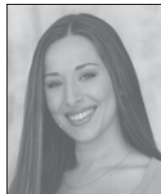
Registration is just unreal. Please note the following: We are now just under two thirds filled.

We are already forced to turn away certain age groups in sessions two and three. In the next Performer we will be forced to announce the closing of many sessions by age. Give us a call, or return your registration before you are closed out. We would love to have you join us in 2012.

Beth Backstage

As you can see we have put together a tentative show schedule for the summer of 2012. We are planning some fantastic favorites and, as always, we will have several making their French Woods debut this summer. We have been in contact with many of you and have taken several of your suggestions into account. I think that the show selection is particularly good this year. It's looking like theater heaven in 2012!

We have sent out most of our returning counselor invitations for the 2012 season and it looks as though we will have quite the fabulous staff. There will be many returning staff members and we are starting the drive to recruit new staff from all over the country and all over the world. Things are busy in the French Woods office these days!



I hope school is going well & I look forward to seeing you all next summer!

Staff Needed!

Do you know someone that might make a great staff member at French Woods? We always welcome your recommendations. Especially needed are strong sports and tennis staff, musical directors, instrumental musicians, skilled artists, technical theatre staff and Doctors and nurses.

Please call us in the winter office at: 1-800-634-1703 if you know of anyone, and we will be happy to forward them the appropriate application forms and information. With many of your favorite staff returning, we are hoping to make the staff of 2012 the best ever.

Visiting Days

In response to the many phone calls we have received, please mark these dates:

Session 1: June 25th and 26th

Session 2: July 15h and 16th

Session 3: August 4th and 5th

Session 4 August 24th & 25th

Visiting on the first of each two day period begins immediately **after** lunch, about 2 PM. The second day of visiting begins at 11 AM. Visitors will **NOT** be allowed on the grounds before these times. Parents may **NOT** bring picnic dinners or any other food to share with their children at camp. Parents and visitors are welcome to eat in our dining hall, but under no circumstances are campers permitted to leave the grounds.

Should you wish to attend **any other performance** during the summer, please call the camp so that we know you are coming. You may arrive at 6 PM for dinner in the dining hall. Picnics and other food items are **NOT** permitted during these visits.

If you are in need of accommodations please call the winter office and we will be happy to provide you with names and phone numbers to contact.



Aaron Cohen
Adam Krevlin
Alana Sackman
Alanna Jacobs
Alix Orlinsky
Alora Eisen
Amanda Leone
Amanda Sangston
Amanda Shore
Amber Marcus
Amy Ciardiello
Ana Sofia Armenta
Andrew Miller
Anna Ventor
Annicka Haines
Anton Kronfeld
Antonio Martins Jr
Aranza Alvarando
Arianna Peluso
Ashley Revness
Ava Mccoy
Ben Hernowitz
Benjamin Kimmel
Billie Green
Bradley Heckler

Caitlin Slatcher
Caitlyn Meagher
Carly Stern
Carolina Jarufe
Chaz Greenberg
Chelsea Siegal
Chloe Hechter
Cole Albinder
Connor Harvey
Connor Slaight
Daniel Flick
Daniele Stocksdale
Danielle Spierer
Daria Zaytseva
Drew Massirman
Eden Depekary
Eli Ullman-Kissel
Eliza Mckenna
Elizaveta Tufanova
Emily Blieberg
Emily Goldblatt
Emily Mattlin
Emma Conlon
Emma Ginsberg
Eric Whyman

Evan Ozer
Franny Keller
Gabriel Wallerstein
Gabrielle
Niederhoffer
Gavin Davis
Greg Sacks
Gregory Zaytseva
Hannah Buckley
Hannah Newfield
Heather Berman
Jackson Portnoff
Jacob Green
Jada Washington
Jade Diskin
Jamie Marcus
Jazmin Kay
Jenna Lichtman
Jennifer Kazma
Jereah Washington
Jerrrod Everett
Jewel Morris
Jillian O'leary
Joe Blackman
Joely Zilkha

Jojo Weinstein
Joseph Monte
Jr Haines
Judy Katsnelson
Julia Rutkovsky
Justin Levine
Kaia Waxenberg
Kate Meaney
Katelyn Slaight
Katherine Graham
Katie Hall
Kevin O'leary
Kiana Boyle
Kimberly Krane
Kira Hattenbach
Kira Zelbo
Kyle Mandell
Laura Stocksdale
Leighonn Deluca
Lexi Klein
Liam Depekary
Lilly Avram
Lisa Graye
Louisa Auerbach
Lucas Newfield

Lucas Raskin
Lucille Hampel
Lucy Macgowan
Madison Hartman
Maria Zaytseva
Maria Fernanda
Armenta
Mary Geren
Matthew Prevor
Max Prissert
Maxine Reilly
Maya Estrin
Michael Blieberg
Michael Felt
Misha Teixeira
Michelle Antonova
Miguel Angel
Luciano
Milena Sigerson
Mollie Knee
Morgan Joseph
Morgan
Tromberg
Natalie Maguire-
Ress

Nikita Zaytseva
Noah Gottdenker
Noah Greenspan
Noah Jacobson
Oliver Shore
Olivia Wood
Patricia Irwin
Rebecca Lazer
Rebecca Ozer
Regina Alvarando
Robbie Tromberg
Roberto Morean
Ryan Weinstein
Sage Edelstein
Samantha Monte
Samantha Ozer
Samantha Padula
Samantha Sacks
Sami Seiden
Samuel Miller
Sara Feidelson
Sarah Fleiss
Sarah Moses
Sasha Prissert
Sawyer Wolf

Scott Crepea
Sean Meagher
Serena Wecker
Sharif Fahim
Shaylan Kolodney
Shelby Latterman
Shreya Dutta
Somer Wecker
Sophia Teixeira
Sophie Miller
Sophie Rockland
Siggi Schorr
Tali Green
Taylor Eisenberg
Taylor Hernowitz
Thomas Hanes
Tia Rockland
William Prevor
Zach Barnes
Zachary Flick
Zachary Goldblatt
Zoe Stern



Just Registered!

November Birthdays

1 Austin Peremen
Eliana Rosenthal
Guido Maria Rossi
Jessica Reinach
Jessica Smith
Kelly Fuller
Max Harris
Priscilla Jackson
2 Allegra Greenawalt
Cassidy Cahill
Chasen Bloch
Jack Muldavin
Lilia Becker
Natalie Lifson
Sara Mc Clellion
Stefano Vecchi
Zachary Riopelle
3 Ashley Revness
Samantha Sheinker
4 Abbey Mandrachia
Alec Bardey
Emma Goodman
Hope Newman
Jack Shepard
Katie Hall
Lily Breck
Margot Metz
Stephanie Ramirez
Sydney Wainland
5 Alexandra Bellusci
Amelia Baumann
Julian Isikoff
Marly Pred
Shari Bernbach
6 Adrian Gildea
Alexander Milburn

Camille Martayan
Geri Ross
Gillian Lieberman
Isabel Bank
Lauren Teller
Lily Harris
Natalie Maguire- Ress
7 Jillian Foster
Joshua Kahky
Maya Kreitman
Tahra Friedman
Yael Haskal
8 Garrett Snyder
Grace Bergere
Jackson Shain
Jacopo Marzotto
Jessica Brookner
Josh Estes
Molly Parker
Victor Feffer
9 Amy O'Connell
Ben Bradford
Brandon Keno
Eliott Cassin
Sharif Fahim
10 Dakota Kerekes
Emma Conlon
Emma Handler
Lauren Broadbent
Livia McNulty-Myran
Morgan Gerber
Naila Perez-Stringari
Nyachombanyathiira
Muchai-Kinya
Polina Borodaeva
Rebecca Rocke

Sean Feldman
Stephanie Logue
Zoe Feygin
11 Amanda Gluck
Cameron Kasky
Constantin Nemeč
Dara Molotsky
Franny Keller
Jessica Franklin
Kendrick Shoji
Manuela Benaim
Ruby Wertheimer
12 Angela Gracia
Isabelle Kenet
Kyla Mcmillan
Marlon Da Silva
Naomi Haber
Rachel Haber
Zachary Yonish
13 Alexandra Mccorkle
Allison Seibold
Devitt Logan
Elena Golub
Emily Laura Galishoff
Hebe Sanchis
Matthew Grosbard
Morgan Seftel
Zoe Stern
14 Abigail Rivoir
Elana Iskowitz
Hannah Allen
Margaret Smith
Mckenzie Stoute
Molly Sloane

Rachel Weisbart
Tyler Pelton
15 Claire Collins
Samantha Goldberg
16 Alex Birger
Brett Gross
Cole Toig-Feins
Elijah "Eli" Schildkraut
Michaela Burger
Molly Mc Carthy
Ricardo Albarran
Serena Cantu
17 Alexis Bolner
Anna Vasilyeva
Emery Bergmann
Emmanuel Denove
Giannino Marzotto
Kate Barnes
Kira Zelbo
Sarah Abbott
Sarah Druckman
18 Colby Nolan
Julia Friedman
Olivia Cuozzo
Racheal Lama
Roberto Morean
Senna Lauer
19 Evan Azari
Helena Adler
Jacob Mcguire
Jade Yan
Jordan Miller
Julian Cardazone
Kaleigh Hemstock

Kayla Miller
Serena Hernandez
20 Alex Mark
Amanda Bressler
Caitlin Wolper
Charlotte Zee
Drew McCarron
Elizaveta Tufanova
Jordan Cohen
21 Bailey Herskowitz
Elliott Potteiger
Julie Villarreal
Megan Van Dermolen
Michaela Sena
Nethmi De Silva
22 Brandon Stolz
Julia Tordjman
Kate Barnes
Matthew Finkelstein
Olivia Scharffman
23 Andre Lopushansky
Elizabeth Jacobs
Helen Hagermoser
Jaime Wissner
Jake Bardack
Leah Middleberg
Sophie Miller
24 Miranda Braithwaite
Rose Miller
Sienna Placer
25 Jamie Rosenfeld
Kaitlyn Dutchin
Samantha Schoenfeld
Tess Higgins
Will Bostwick

26 Christine Turturo
Danielle Black
Eliza Romeo
Logan Swerdlow
Mckenzie Figliolini
Michaela Turturo
27 Alexandra Kuchinskaya
Ethan Basmanov
Evelyn Leduc
Henna Nam
Jorge Alvarez
Lauren Kozak
28 Dionysios Antipas
Ellie Freedman
Ilana Whitmont
Judith Rossillon
Montana Gerber
Takumi Matsuno
Valentina Sanchez
29 Adam Herrin
Ann Gutierrez
Briana Logan
Carlyn Barenholtz
Danielle Barnett
Liyana Falvey
Sasha Prissert
Talia Louda
Valerie Esses
30 Caitlin Dullahan Bates
Idan Horowitz
Jennifer Kazma
Julianne Magnus
Samuel Hooper
Tia Rockland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Isaac's Corner



Why chose an individually programmed sessional specialty camp as opposed to a traditional camp?

French Woods allows children to choose the activities that they would like to participate in.

I wanted my children exposed to the boys and girls that attended a camp with an abundance of creative and artistic activities. I realized that at French Woods they could partake in swimming, sailing, tennis, baseball basketball, fencing, wrestling, biking, hockey, skating football soccer and even horseback riding; but they could also learn to play an instrument, be in a Broadway show with a full pit, be in a band or orchestra, learn to dance, build a set, learn about video, sound, and lighting, throw a pot, make a puppet, screen a shirt, create an animation, produce a movie, record their own music, fly on the trapeze or jam with a rock band, the list is endless.

The one thing that stands out in my mind is the tremendous support that the campers give to one another. The creative arts camper is more precocious and more introspective than the average child; they are brighter, more inquisitive, creative, motivated and supportive.

At my son's wedding, there were four tables of former campers. One table was full with boys from his very first bunk (age 6), the young men he started camp with, and almost twenty years later still counted them as his most important friends.

We will begin posting our open house schedule for prospective campers and we can always use your help. Let me know if you are available or would like to host an open house for French Woods.

PS: there are only 220 days until we open our doors to session 1, 2012. (And 239 days until session 2.) Can't wait - regards to all

I'd like to end with this poem, written by French Woods camper Ben Zander,

It happens at school, out in town, in the park
you may see it you may not. It's sometimes in the dark
It happens on tv. It happens on the net
people being mistreated being treated like a pet.
This ones a homo and that ones a geek
she is a four-eyed cross-eyed freak
don't talk to him he's too fat and too weird
I heard that girl used to have a beard
you know you want to stop it, do something and get help
you might not do it, it could mean your health
it might happen to you and your unsure of what to do
like the only way out is to bring an end to you
next time your judged, hurt, and mistreated
please do not think you have been defeated
there are people that care
we are real we are there
we want to help end the disgusting trend
we also really want to be your friend
you might feel scared and way unprepared
but there are those who can help you wake up from
the nightmare
show those bullies who are unheated
that you can survive and overcome what they started.

Intensive Skills Development Program for 2012 post camp.

August 26- September 2nd 2012

Master Classes, Group Trips and Professional instruction in Circus and Fire, Skatepark, Magic, Horseback, Waterskiing, Rock and Roll, Creative Cooking, Tennis and our Family Camp.

\$695 for the week Call our office 800-634-1703 for more details.



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Camper & Staff News

Heather Braverman recently spoke at the FAAN's Teen Summit, and appeared alongside fellow frenchwoodite **Max Beer** in the movie *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life*

Jamie Goodson was recently cast in the role of Martha Cratchit in the professional production of *A Christmas Carol* at Ford's Theatre in Washington, DC. Jamie will be performing the show this November and December!

Daniel Matijosaitis is now a member of the Society of Young Magicians he performed his Ropes trick for the 5th & 6th graders and has been selected to be in the Mabank Jr High Show Choir.

Knox Van Horn played Linus in his high school's recent production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

Eva Gutt played a storyteller in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and sang the Duet *Benjamin Callipso*

Danielle Lippman Is playing Dionne in the Teen Program for Applause N.Y.C. production of *Hair*.

Taylor Amato is going to be playing Carmen, in the upcoming Baldwin High School Production of *Fame*.

Matt Dershowitz has been cast as Lloyd Andrews in his high school's production of *Rehearsal for Murder*.

Bari Dershowitz has been cast as Millie Dilmount in her middle school's production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

Bebe Yaffe was cast in the Children's Acting Academy performance of *Godspell* at Symphony Space on the Upper West Side in Manhattan.

Sara Franklin-Gillette has been cast as ensemble in Act Two @ Levine's Production of *Spring Awakening*.

Jordan Kulick just got a callback for the new 2012 Broadway production of *Annie*.

Seth Stein won two silver medals at the *Tumbling and Trampoline National Junior Olympics*.

Max Stein and **Sari Stein** were cast to march in the Macy's Day Parade.

Evan Schachter was cast as the White Rabbit for his middle schools production of *Alice in Wonderland, Jr*.

Alex Vorlicky was cast in the fall mainstage production of sophie treadwell's *MACHINAL*

Rachel Weisbart will be appearing as Susanna Walcott in *The Crucible* at Ossining High School She will also be playing a featured tribe member in *Hair* at Random Farms Kids Theater The Edge.

Noah Weisbart will be appearing as John Proctor in *The Crucible* at Ossining High School. He will also be playing Berger in *Hair* at Random Farms Kids theater The Edge.

Miriam Levitin was recently cast as Mimi in the Cultural Playhouse's performance of *Rent* in Roslyn, NY.

Sawyer Garrity was cast as Annie in Broadway Bounds production of *Annie* at The Township Theater in Coconut Creek, FL. Her Sister **Reese Garrity** was cast as Duffy in the same play!

Sara Frankel was cast as the White Queen in Westfield New Jersey's Roosevelt Middle School production of *Alice in Wonderland*.

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

French Woods 2012

Session 1

Session 2

proposed show schedule

Session 3

Session 4

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Disney's The Jungle Book

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Disney Tangled FREE TO BE... YOU AND ME

THE 101 DALMATIANS MUSICAL

Bugsy Malone The Musical

TOY STORY

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

Dear Edwina

Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID

SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK! LIVE!

Disney MY SON PINOCCHIO Geppetto's Musical Tale

Disney's Alice in Wonderland JR.

WILL THE MUSICAL WONKA

Disney's THE Aristocats LIVE

THE AMERICAN

Good Dots

13

Footloose

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

GREASE

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

GODSPELL

DOCTOR DOLITTLE

once upon a mattress

Gilbert Sullivan's PINAFORE H.M.S. FORE "The Lass That Loved a Sailor"

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' FATS WALLER ROCK SHOW

THE WIZARD OF OZ

My Favorite Year THE MUSICAL

GEORGE M!

RAGTIME THE MUSICAL

IN THE **** HEIGHTS

THE MUSIC MAN

THE PRODUCERS

CABARET

FUNNY GIRL

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

ALPHA

42ND STREET

Anything GOES

THE BALD SOPRANO

LEGALLY BLONDE The Musical

ON THE TOWN

Annie

Fielding Family

The Rink

marisol by José Rivera

TARTUFFE

Three Sisters

COMPANY

The Survivor

nine THE MUSICAL

Little Women The Musical THE HOUSE DEFINED ALBA

NOISES OF Brighton Beach Memoirs

A View from the BRIDGE

OUR TOWN