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## The Final Burn

Informing The French Woods Community

## THE PERFORMER IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!!!

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**. Visit our web site at **www.frenchwoods.com**. We all love hearing from you!

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## Dear Frenchwoodite,

Summer thirty-six is now past, but who's counting. We've accomplished so much and more is on the way. The new music complex and recording studio are on the way and we are in the process of figuring out what's next.

I'd really like to give a special thanks to the casts of *Blood Brothers*, *Damn Yankees*, *Anything Goes*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *My Fair Lady* and *Les Miserables* for making the summer of 2005 so memorable for me.

Barbara and I will be heading back down to Florida soon. I'll be sure to keep you all updated what's going on. Be sure to keep us up to date too! We love hearing from you!

Fondly,

Ron



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## POST CAMP WEEK

The family camp, circus elite, magic, tennis and horse riding camp were an even bigger hit than last year! Parents and kids alike enjoyed unlimited waterskiing, horseback riding, magic lessons, tennis lessons, acting lessons and flying trapeze. There were hiking trips to Paradise Falls and the Ledges, special guest performances by visiting magicians, beach parties and social events at Ron's house. The week was very relaxed and a great time was had by all.

### Lost Properties

As always, lost items that are labeled with the owners' names are returned shortly after camp ends. This year, all non labeled items will be donated to the Red Cross for Hurricane relief.

### CAMPER & STAFF E-MAIL

French Woods will be forwarding all e-mail for campers and staff. All campers and staff can still be contacted through [firstname.lastname@frenchwoodscamp.com](mailto:firstname.lastname@frenchwoodscamp.com). This should simplify your year round correspondence.



## We're Already Registered!

For the Summer of 2006!



Lauren Adelstein  
Erica Anderson  
Morgan Anderson  
Kyle Axman  
Catherine Barsky  
Daniele Sara Bell  
Kalie Birbaum  
Lindsay Bloom  
Jamie Brand  
Heather Braverman  
Tyler Brown  
Tucker Caploe  
Kayla Chandler  
Samantha Cohen  
Molly Croce  
Alex Demar  
Jonathan Demar  
Rachel Dodson  
Benjamin Edelman  
Evan Englander

Rebecca Falcon  
Aaron Farenback-Brateman  
Taylor Feingold  
Ian Feldman  
Jonathan Feldman  
Sean Feldman  
Jenna Fontanetta  
Rachael Fox  
Caitlin Furhman  
Katie Gansler  
Hali Garber  
Jeremy Garber  
Remy Geller  
Zachary Gershon  
Jeremy Gilston  
Bruce Greene  
Shelby Grimac  
Melanie Haberman  
Sarah Haimes  
Alissa Hartenbaum  
Diana Hirst

Benjamin Holtzman  
Emily Jacobs  
Caroline Jenks  
Dylan Jenks  
Michelle Joline  
Alana Joseph  
Adam Kahn  
Josh Kahn  
Julia Katz  
Caitlin Kearney  
Lucie Kittel  
Jacob Kleinberg  
Charly Sarah Klinman  
Juliet Davida Klinman  
Danny Kornfeld  
Kai Kraus  
Jessica Kremer  
Lyndsay Kucher  
Rebecca Kuznick  
Nia Allen- Lee  
Adam Leibowitz  
Jeremiah Magier

Judith Mandel  
Gabrielle Moretto  
Nicholas Moretto  
Shamir Morrison  
Jordana Moser  
Rachel Moskowitz  
Sarah Moskowitz  
Gracie Nash  
Matthew Nicholson  
Abby Olan  
Randi Olan  
Casie Popkin  
Daniel Pratt  
Joshua Pratt  
Elizabeth Rausch  
Hayley Rivlin  
Amanda Rose  
Brandon Rose  
Jason Rose  
Sawyer Rosenstein  
Samantha Sadicario  
Ethan Saviet

Joey Schatt  
Arielle Schechtman  
Catherine Schwartz  
Ilana Schwartz  
Beth Sheil  
Jessi Silverman  
Stephen Simbari  
Jessica Spar  
Zak Stevens  
Jake Storms  
Alexandra Taggart  
Kirsten Taggart  
Rachel Taub  
Kelly Truitt  
Geoff Weiss  
Remy Zaken  
Benjamin Zander  
Max Zander  
Adam Ziering  
Arielle Zwiebach



## September Birthdays!



1 Jonathan Foster  
Natalia Galynker  
Allyson Merritt  
Richard Miron  
Ilana Schwartz  
Brian Skulnik  
Jade Storms  
Jenna Walsh  
2 Chaya Muldavin  
Ilana Vatkin  
3 Sarah Best  
Lauren La Torre  
Blake Hunter Landis  
Munin Streitz  
Elena Tolchelnikova  
Austen Elizabeth  
Tosone  
4 Jaxie Friedman  
Ashley Paige  
Marinello  
Kirsten Taggart  
Sean Zackrisson  
5 Taylor Goldman  
Nathan Harris  
Taber Lathrop  
Ben Moss  
Ricky Schweitzer  
6 Liz Buchanan

Nicole Cutrone  
Rachel Fleishaker  
Jennifer Schwartz  
7 Ron Shalom  
Brandon Waller  
8 Ryan Jacobs  
Jessica Kravitz  
Jessi Silverman  
Rebecca-Aronson  
Waintrup  
9 Josh Freilich  
Jeremy Gilston  
Rachel Rosen  
Ariana Rudess  
10 Matthew Carbognin  
Lauren Jentleson  
Alexandra Katselianos  
11 Peter Aamoth  
Hunter Balkind  
Terese Classen  
Emily Lubin  
Grace Patterson  
Natasha Walker  
Kayla Whipple  
12 Katie Gansler  
Anna Hulkower  
Alexa Mutchler  
Haley Plotner

Jillian Plotner  
13 Hilary Eisenberg  
Jamie Goldstone  
Mia Longenecker  
Ike Machover  
Jeremy Silberberg  
Erica Wiederlight  
14 Sonia Brozak  
Jessica Muir  
Brian Schatz  
Julian Seltzer  
Asher Vollmer  
Anne Willner  
Tammy Yosifove  
15 Devon Tipp  
Joey Varvaro  
16 Ryan Fugitt  
17 Zoe Eisen-Müller  
Michelle Keck  
Shamir Morrison  
Andrea Rocha  
Jordan Wiener  
18 Scott Berger  
Amanda De La Guardia  
Adam Gould  
Jessica Honovich  
Stephanie Leone  
Nicolas Lopez

Rebecca Marks  
Maddy Rojas  
Jade Sank  
19 Nadine Gaynor  
Caroline Haffner  
20 David Banks  
21 Sarah Levine  
Alice Polyakov  
Madeline Stern  
22 Samantha Allouche  
Michelle Burschtin  
Tessa Clark  
Champ Darabundit  
Evan Shlom  
Elisabeth Youngdahl  
23 Preston Davis  
Simone Furhman  
Jill Gerver  
Samantha Hannah  
Nicole Jubelirer  
Caroline Kaplan  
Adam Ziering  
24 Natalie Coppa  
Alison Levine  
Terry Schiavone  
Michael Schwartz  
Jolene Spivack  
Chloe Weidenbaum

Reuben Wolf  
25 Sonia Copple  
Jaime Cutrone  
Emily Finkelstein  
Danielle Greene  
Brittany Mignaneli  
26 Jesse Brickel  
Ian Brodsky  
27 Tucker Caploe  
Jillian Chatoff  
Bruce Greene  
Max Lazar  
Meredith Ribeiro  
28 Brooklyn Carrey  
Josh Kahn  
Vincent Van'T Laar  
Monica Levine  
Ryan Margulies  
Kelsey Sheppard  
29 David Del Rio  
Remy Deutsch  
Madeline (Coco) Paul-Henriot  
Elan Rosenfeld  
Lindsay Semel  
Zachary Sheikh  
30 Samantha Derby  
Bradley Robinson  
Benjamin Rosenbach

Please Note: May not include newly registered campers!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!



# CIRCUS

The regular summer season came to a close, but the circus kept right on going. This is the 5th anniversary of the Circus Elite program and it has been made extra special by a great bunch of campers and staff this year. New ideas and different acts are always developed during post camp and this was no exception. It really is our favorite part of the summer. Many thanks to everyone involved in circus this year. You never cease to amaze us with what you achieve. Much Love!

*Mike, Bron & the Crew*

# Dance

On behalf of the excellent teachers, and myself, it was great to share the love of dance with the many campers at French Woods! Next year, we will adding classes in Repertory and Dance History. We will also bring back the Live Music and Dance Concert during our third session plus produce an evening-length work that will feature our talented hip-hop dancers. We can't wait to get started! See you all next summer!

*Darryl*

# VISUAL ARTS

Visual Art dove right into new creative projects in 2005. Crafts had every camper sporting hand painted tote bags and campers revisited the 60's with tie-dye shirts, bags, sheets and even socks. New creativity flowed from stained glass. Mosaic jewelry boxes and photo frames were new favorites. Both metal and beaded jewelry adorned campers and wearable art seemed to be a running theme with silk screen and leather work. Show posters were some of the best we've seen in years! Woodwork took on a new look with creative ideas for campers to work with. Ceramics created the raku program and Painting & Drawing produced quality work. Photography captured memories around camp. Rocketry had campers and staff alike building and launching rockets. It was a year of change in Visual Art. We had a blast - thank you for a great summer!

*Emma*

# Magic

Well the summer magically disappeared and the magic department had another great summer. Kids worked so hard and tuned out some really good magic in the summer of '05 Aidan & Jimmy were always there to back me up. Have a great, safe school year - see you in 2006!

# Horseback

Many campers rode this summer having fun, and enjoying the trails and lessons each day. Our 25 horses worked constantly and with the new horse care program, campers treated them to bubble baths, massages, pedicures, health checks, and mane and tail stylings. We even had a blue horse and line dancing! Well done & Safe trails!

*Jo & Anita*



# The 2006 Show List



## SESSION ONE

Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum 11-17  
 Nine 11-17  
 Once on this Island 11-14  
 Bells Are Ringing 11-14  
 Mulan 7-11  
 Really Rosie 7-11  
 Ten Little Indians 11-17  
 Prelude to a Kiss 11-17

AS ALWAYS ALL  
 SHOWS ARE  
 SUBJECT TO  
 AVAILABILITY!

## SESSION TWO

Cabaret 11-17  
 The Music Man 11-17  
 Sweeney Todd 11-17  
 Miss Saigon 11-17\*  
 Oklahoma 11-14  
 Superman 11-14\*  
 Little Shop 11-14  
 Big 11-14  
 Free to be You and Me 7-11  
 Phantom Tollbooth 7-11  
 The Wizard of Oz 7-11  
 Sly Fox 11-17  
 The Heidi Chronicles 11-17  
 Dracula 11-17

## SESSION THREE

Thoroughly Modern Millie 11-17  
 Pippin 11-17  
 Side by Side by Sondheim 11-17  
 West Side Story 11-17\*  
 How to Succeed 11-14  
 My Favorite Year 11-14  
 42nd Street 11-14\*  
 A Connecticut Yankee 11-14  
 Pete's Dragon 7-11  
 Disney Review 7-11  
 The Adventures of Huck Finn 7-11  
 The Survivor 11-17  
 The Children's Hour 11-17  
 Nutz 11-17

\* Indicates Carry Over

## SESSION FOUR

RagTime 11-17  
 Batboy 11-17  
 Company 11-17  
 Titanic 11-17  
 Boys from Syracuse 11-14  
 Do Re Me 11-14  
 The Pajama Game 11-14  
 The It Girl 11-14  
 HMS Pinefore 7-11  
 Annie Get Your Gun 7-11  
 Starmites 7-11  
 You Can't Take It With You 11-17  
 Agnes of God 11-17  
 5 Women Wearing The Same Dress 11-17

# MUSIC

Just a note of thanks who made the music department the best ever in 2006: from the fourth of July to the amazing James Alder playing the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto, I wish to extend a special recognition to our concerto night soloists and our superb staff. I would love to hear about all of your musical adventures during the year! All the best till 2006.

*Brian*

# WATERFRONT

What a fabulous summer we've had! Congratulations to all the swimmers, skiers, knee boarders, wake boarders, sailors, canoers, kyakers, and, of course, fishermen. We can't wait until the summer of 2006 so that you can continue to learn, excel in activities, and, above all, HAVE FUN! Love to you all,

*Betty, Aroo and Darren*

# VIDEO

With 91 camper shows and the staff show, Video has turned out more DVDs than ever before. Video postcards were a huge success and the video department produced its first one hour feature film. The end of year video montage and the staff show will be available at a special discounted rate of \$8 this year only! (the rest of the shows cost \$35) See you in '06!

# Ropes

It was an awesome summer at the Rock Wall and Project Adventure. The high elements gave both campers and staff a joyful scare, while pushing boundaries to accomplish things they never thought possible. It was a season campers will never forget. I enjoyed working with everyone and look forward to seeing them all next year. Take care!

*Steve Crane*

# SPORTS

FW participated in more than 50 inter camp & tournament games, taking home first and second place trophies in many of them. We fielded basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, hockey, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, and lacrosse - all with many wins. Advanced mountain bikers rode from camp to the Delaware River, to Lordville, and hiked up to the Ledges. Skateboarders visited one of the largest skateboard parks on the East Coast. Fencers dazzled parents with their exhibitions. We look forward to seeing you all next summer!

# Tennis

Congratulations to all who took part in a fabulous year of tennis at FWF. We had fantastic success at our inter camp tournaments and lots of laughs in the Camper/Counselor games. Special mention goes out to the coaches for making it such a special year. Hopefully you will all be back for another sensational summer in 2006!

*Nick*

# THEATRE

During the Summer of 2005 we produced more amazing shows than ever before, and next year it only gets better! We had so many memorable performances, it is hard not to mention them all. Likewise, we had fantastic productions like: Beauty and the Beast, Floyd Collins, Gypsy, George M, Joe the Musical, Aida, Honour, Sweet Charity and Les Miserables; again too many to mention all the wonderful plays and musicals that we've seen in 2005. Classes in Acting Technique, Stand-Up Comedy, Street Theatre had more campers learning the necessary skills to bring about amazing performances. I look forward to another fantastic summer. So keep singing and acting in your local communities during the school year and get ready for a thrilling summer in 2006!

*Chris*

# The French Woods 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 worth while. It seems like only a few days ago that the banquet cake tipped the scales as the largest cake in FW history... it almost didn't fit through the doorway! And now the summer of 2005 is over - where did all the time go? But we all need the winter to rest so that we can gather our strength to prepare for another spectacular banquet. Can we top 2005? We sure will try! Have a wonderful year.... And we'll be waiting for you in 2006!

*Barbara & Cathy*

# Beth Backstage

What a fantastic summer we've had in 2005! The shows were some of the best ever and the staff were definitely some of the finest we've ever had. I want to thank all of the people who made this summer special for me, especially the casts of *JCS*, *Gypsy* and *The Shape of Things*. Post camp was great this year! Thank you to a wonderful staff who stuck it out for those last weeks!

We now return to Florida and will be looking at all of those quick applications for staff to put together the returning staff for next year along with the select few who will make the leap from camper to counselor. We will get the office resettled in Coral Springs and continue registering all of our new and returning campers for what looks like a very exciting summer in 2006. Looks like a busy year for us!

Keep those E-mails coming! Let us continue to inform the French Woods community.

Stay well! See you in 2006!

# Beth

