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Dear Frenchwoodite,

Here we are at the end of a great summer. The hurricane bypassed us. The season ended with incredible performances and we start to plan the next season.

We look forward to remodeling the rest of the boy's bunks and some of the girls, a new video center, and a new tennis complex. As of this point, registration is such that we expect sessions two and three will be closed for girls by the end of the month and all CIT positions for both boys and girls will also be closed for sessions two and three.

I want to personally thank the cast members of Man of LaMancha, Les Miz, Pirates, Next To Normal, and Crazy for you. You gave me a great deal of pleasure and five great shows. Next year I want to do two middle camp shows instead of one.



It is my hope to see all of you again next summer. Keep those emails and letters coming. I love to hear from you.

Ron

Lost Properties

As always, lost items that are labeled with the owners' names are returned shortly after camp ends. All non-labeled items will be donated to charity.

Beth Backstage

The summer of 2011 was a very special summer for me. Tristan enjoyed his very first musical (Pirates of Penzance) at 5 months old and his first orchestra concert at 6 months! We both enjoyed the performances immensely.

I'd like to send out some special love to the cast of Spelling Bee and South Pacific - my summer would not have been complete without you.

Now that the summer is winding to a close, we are starting to think about the summer of 2012. So many people are excited to return to camp. You may not have been home long, but we are already looking to see how we can make next summer even better than this one. The theater schedule is being fine tuned and new programs are being considered.

Keep us up to date by email - we love to hear from you over the winter!

See you in 2012!



Post Camp

Circus elite, magic, skate park, waterski and horseback camp were a blast this summer, even without power for a couple of days! The circus and horseback shows were incredible! It was amazing to see how much these campers learned in so little time. As always, the week was very relaxing and a great time was had by all. We hope to have more of you join us for Post Camp 2012!



Aaron Berger
Aaron Simons
Abby Donnenfeld
Alec Feldherr
Alexa Goldberg
Alexa Silverman
Alexandra Welch
Alexis Wittlin
Alice Barlow
Alyssa Markowitz
Alyxandra Magnus
Amanda Basco
Amanda Bressler
Amanda Welch
Amy Geiger
Amy Sokolow
Andrew Cohen
Andrew Krinick
Andy O'Brien
Anna Graziano
Arianna Caiola
Arielle Stegman
Austin Jaross
Ayla Guttman
Benjamin Zander
Bennie Weber
Bianca Feiner

Blair Berlin
Bradley Rubenstein
Brennan Spector
Brittany Shore
Cameron Bonhurst
Camille Blum
Cara Young
Caroline Cannon
Carolyn Friedman
Charlie Morton
Chloe Barshay
Clarisa Carrillo
Dan Lifson
Daniel Greenstone
Daniel Matijosaitis
Dillan Spector
Dimitri Constantinides
Eleonore Meningaud
Eliana Rosenthal
Elijah "Eli" Schildkraut
Elisa Carrillo
Eliza Romeu
Elizabeth "Lily" Gleason
Emery Schaffer
Emily Cronin
Emily Messana

Emily Seltzer
Erin Craig
Ethan Otis
Evan Schachter
Floria Auerbach
Forest Pogorel
Gavin Becker
Graham Weber
Hanna Ziffer
Hannah Leibowitz
Imani Johnson
Isabel Otis
Jack Broda
Jake Bardack
Jake Strobel
Janna Sokolow
Jenna Bottone
Jennifer Molson
Jeremy Wechsler
Jesse Berkowitz
Jesse Morris
Jessie Shapiro
Joelle Friedman
John Barlow
Jonah Schildkraut
Jonathan Rockhill

Jordan Kulick
Jordan Spector
Joseph Schwartz
Josh Ford
Josh Krulik
Joshua Kahky
Julia Basco
Julia Feldman
Julianne Magnus
Kallen Cohane
Kate Joseph
Katie Stern
Kimberly Cohen
Kyle Bergerson
Lauren Johnston
Lauren Leibowitz
Lauren Sakol
Leah Pesso
Lilia Becker
Lindsay Feldherr
Lola Arenas
Madeline "Maddy" Weisman
Mali Sophia Abel
Marcie Piller
Matthew Gershon

Matthew Wechsler
Max Liben
Max Morse-Golub
Maya Grinberg
Melanie Davis
Michael Wechsler
Miriam Morris
Molly Greenstone
Molly Mc Carthy
Molly Sloane
Morgan Frayne
Naomi Littenberg
Natalie Baer
Natalie Lifson
Nick O'Brien
Nicole Clemente
Nicole Sharf
Ocean Pogorel
Olivia Cuozzo
Olivia Dei Cicchi
Pauline Cronin
Peri Bernstein
Pierre-Louis Meningaud
Pippa Cronin
Priscilla Jackson
Rachael Pollack

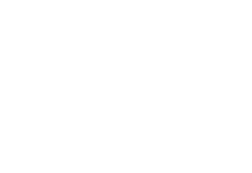
Rachel Gershon
Rachel Hall
Rachel Sakol
Rachel Wolchok
Rebecca Thrope
Reese Garrity
Remi Waxman
Sabrina Diamond
Sam Grinberg
Sam Levin
Samantha Morris
Samantha Rubenstein
Sandy Gooen
Sara Graziano
Sawyer Garrity
Sheridan Devito
Skylar Hertz
Sophie Davidovich
Surya Garg
Sydney Kempner
Sydney Krulik
Sylvia Probst
Thelonious Coleman
Trinity Smithers
Veronica Frank
Zachary Gershon

September Birthdays!

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Justine Lisa Ellie Michelle Juliette | 9 | Depekary Boyle Martin Miller Geisser Estes Moritz Sterling Hertz Szipigiel Rosen Hertz Borochaner Jackman Michael Goodson Lublimer Burgin Iv Shanbom Boyle Spierer Besca Chun Conard Deroux Kodish Stoute Conterno Mahler Littwin Walden Werder Kislin Vatkin Danzi Guynn Cohn Murray Graye Handel Andio Gottlieb | 10 | Ella Gabriella Phillip Kyoko Olivia Anne Alexandra Amanda Edward Giovanni Jessica Joey Ryan Carter Kaylin Grace Miya Clara Ines Jaclyn Athena Hannah Alyssa Hannah Nicolas Patricia Georgia Shamir Ashley Katalina "Kate" Connors Miele Vecchi Cohen Mechanic Cox Greenblatt Cohen Gershon Gershon Esselstyn Summers Wagner | 14 | Hampton Keith Peres De Vecchi Yuta Bonwell Albarran Jacob Rosengrant Price Randall De Ghetto Gavin Da Silva Nicolas Fisch Fisch Davila Strausman Sokolow Shapiro Shapiro Sokolow Farrell Berkower Mckenna San Giovanni Tuman Christian Garwood Weinraub Picardi Ewald Felter Galker Cardazone Berlin Dunham Shindler Yuste-Golub 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2011 Highlights



Isaac's Corner

As of September 1, 2011, there are only 282 days left until our session 1, summer of 2012. And 302 days for the start of session 2.

I want to thank all of those people that made this summer as successful as it was.

The theatre department was an oasis of wonder - Incredible shows, amazing talent, wonderful classes. Many thanks to Devan, who with the help of all of her directors and assistants, techies and the like, ran an outstanding program.

I still can't believe that Mary Ellen is able to provide costumes for the seventy-seven shows that were produced this summer. The sets were amazing and Mark, Gus and Nikki are unbelievable.

I can't thank Larry enough for being Larry and running the camp in a most efficient and effective way.

Dave Weinstein was a steady force throughout the year hiring a great staff, preparing for camp and taking care of the kids throughout the summer, and doing whatever is necessary to make this place the special place that it is. No job was too big, too small, or too difficult for Dave. Congrats to Dave and Elena on their impending wedding.

Enid was incredibly busy this past year running all over the country to meet with present and future French Woods campers and their families. She also helped Jean Begin a new venture this summer, our camp store. Great job!

Our music department offered a vast array of bands, orchestras, lessons and the like. Thanks to all the musicians, and a special thanks to Brian Worsdale, our artistic director, who made it all work.

The rock department headed by Mark Chapin, and assisted by Martin Hill produced more original music than ever before. Lessons, bands, and more were the fare for the summer. Mark and his guys provided live music for the circus, Jazz, Ska bands, and the list goes on and on. Mark is truly a part of the French Woods family. And what a great surprise having Adam Levine and Jesse Carmichael show up and jam with our kids.

Ann, and Ron H. did wonders as the heads of the dance department. The classes were enlightening, the concerts astounding, and the choreography extraordinary. Best dance program ever.

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, headed by Michael Knauf, and assisted by Caitlin had more children go through its doors than any other department. Their staff was outstanding, and incredible projects were produced and displayed.

Video/film has become a world of its own. Ryan Arey is not only an incredible videographer but a great teacher, creator, and great guy. He "shot" over 100 activities and will produce 1400 DVDs that we will be sending out to you. His film festivals attracted standing room only crowds. I just loved video postcard.

The boys won Sing again, but what a great Sing it was. The closest I can remember in years. Nice job Ben and Misha.

Dave with the help of James, Earl, et. al., ran an incredible sports program. Kids learned and grew in the more than 16 different programs that are offered through sports. And how about the "Mo", Mark and Hellen made it a happening place. skate park, was that beyond belief! Thank you Mike and the crew.

Magic Larry and his crew of five outstanding magicians, who were not only great at their trade but loving and caring to the children, as well incredible teachers.

All of the nurses, secretaries and doctors worked to make it a safe and pleasant summer for all of our campers and staff. Thanks!

Cat continues to add love, excitement and fun to camp working with the campers in theatre and stage combat.

Lee continued to make our equestrian program as good as any in the country. She brought warmth to the kids, great teaching ability, and growth and fun for all. Her staff never stopped.

Arup stepped up and brought in Molly and she ran an even better and more viable tennis program. We are very grateful to her.

Darren and Sarah kept the kids swimming, sailing, boating and waterskiing in a safe and caring environment. There are no better waterfronts in all of camping than the one at French Woods.

Our cooking program, with Betsy, Stu, and Rachelle, was a tremendous hit and we hope that they all can return to expand on what was a most successful summer in our brand new facility.

Ryan Tutton and Carrie worked wonders in the kitchen and dining room in order to make meals "fit for a king." Kudos to Barbara Schaefer for her role in taking care of food services and management. Great Banquet! This was by far the best year of food and food services in a long time.

Louie Slatcher, our caretaker and head of maintenance kept this place going and going with the help of Stevie and Dave Nevin.

I could not have survived the summer without our head counselors who work 24/7 without complaint and with a love and caring that could not be found anywhere but at a place like French Woods. Thank you - Elena, Lindsay, Jill, Carolyn, Lois, Jen, Robson, Ben, Sam, Steve, and Scott. I love you all. Carolyn, you know that I couldn't have done it without you. All of our head counselors are family and having Elena and Robson as new HCs this year has made this the best administrative group ever. This year I felt we came full circle. When I came her over 30 years ago we had my two kids ages 3 and 5, Ron's children, among many other campers that were "born at French Woods". Now with Tristan, and Zoe, and Ella, and Logan, and Grace, and Scott's crew these young campers will grow up in this special place called French Woods. It is evident that FWF will continue forever.

A special thanks to Errick for all he does.

All of our office staff always went the extra mile and responded beyond the call of duty. Thanks to Scott and Kaleigh for their contributions to the French Woods family.

The program office, ran more smoothly than ever as my Rose with the help of Steven made sure the kids all got what they needed and kept the camp organized.

This was my best summer. Everyday was special and having Rose with me made it easy, productive, fun, and exciting. You have rejuvenated me and I feel that I can do French Woods for another 30 year.

The success of our camp lies in the hands and hearts of our wonderful staff, without you French Woods would not be what it is. I want to personally thank all of you for all you did for our kids throughout the summer to make their lives more enriched for knowing you. You are why their lives are changed for the better. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

You know, I really never thank Ron for all he does; because out of his head jumped this incredibly wonderful concept call French Woods Festival and he has never looked back. He has changed the lives of youngsters for generations and generations. His modesty is only exceeded by his creativity and his kindness. Thank you Ron.



Please write, call, fax or e-mail us at the winter office with your news, stories and photos. We all 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 have 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.

The 2012 Show List

Session 1

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| Joseph and the...Dreamcoat | 7-11 |
| The Jungle Book | 7-11 |
| Hunchback of Notre Dame | 7-11 |
| The Pajama Game | 11-14 |
| Once Upon a Mattress | 11-14 |
| Guys and Dolls | 11-14 |
| 13 | 11-14 |
| Parade | 11-17 |
| Aida | 11-17 |
| 42nd St | 11-17 |
| Marisol | 11-17 |
| Tartuffe | 11-17 |
| The Rink | 11-17 |

Session 2

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| Tangled | 7-11 |
| The Little Mermaid | 7-11 |
| Dr. Doolittle | 7-11 |
| Pinocchio | 7-11 |
| Schoolhouse Rock | 7-11 |
| Footloose | 11-14 |
| Once On This Island | 11-14 |
| How to Succeed | 11-14 |
| Aint' Misbehavin | 11-14 |
| My Favorite Year | 11-14 |
| In The Heights | 11-17 |
| Anything Goes | 11-17 |
| 1776 | 11-14 |
| Nine | 11-14 |
| On The Town | 11-14 |
| The Bald Soprano | 11-14 |
| The Three Sisters | 11-14 |
| Company Stock Show | |

Session 3

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 101 Dalmations | 7-11 |
| Bugsy Malone | 7-11 |
| Toy Story | 7-11 |
| The Sound of Music | 7-11 |
| Mary Popins | 7-11 |
| Funny Thing...Forum | 11-14 |
| Grease | 11-14 |
| Little Shop of Horrors | 11-14 |
| The Wizard of Oz | 11-14 |
| Ragtime | 14-17 |
| Little Women | 14-17 |
| A Year With Frog & Toad | 14-17 |
| The Music Man | 14-17 |
| Cabaret | 14-17 |
| Noises Off | 14-17 |
| House of Bernarda Alba | 14-17 |
| Brighton Beach Memoirs | 14-17 |

Session 4

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| Prince of Egypt | 7-11 |
| Dear Edwina | 7-11 |
| Willy Wonka | 7-11 |
| Mary Poppins | 7-11 |
| Godspell | 11-14 |
| Star Child | 11-14 |
| Pippin | 11-14 |
| George M | 11-14 |
| The Producers | 14-17 |
| Funny Girl | 14-17 |
| Addams Family | 14-17 |
| A View From the Bridge | 14-17 |
| Broadway Bound | 14-17 |
| Playing For Time | 14-17 |

Circus

Thank-you to everyone at camp this summer for making '11 such a great year. A bunch of great shows, fantastic casts and a wonderful crew made this summer at Circus very memorable. Hope you all stay safe and well and we hope to see you next summer. Lots of Luv and push-ups...

Mike & Bron

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! See you all next summer!

Ann

Music

Wow! What a terrific summer for music! July 4th had the talents of Scott Feiner, a massed choir and two talented ensembles Other amazing talent working with our students included Paul Corn and His Brooklyn New Art Ensemble, renowned conductors and educators Jeffrey Grogan and Peter Martin as well as our own dynamic

conducting staff and teaching artists. Concerto Night was one of our best with some terrific soloists and an amazing reading of Shostakovich and Dvorak! Look for me at a school or university near you working with the ensemble and talking about the amazing program here at French Woods. PS- If you are a symphony member of this summer and interested in coming to Indianapolis this March, please email me at brian@frenchwoods with the following subject line: Interested in INDY!

Magic

Magic at French Woods has never been bigger - Bring on next year! These kids all have magic inside them and the magic department lets them show us what they can do. Magic beyond belief - Thanks for a fantastic summer!

Video

When I think back on Video 2011, I remember the more than 80 films our campers made. We've seen everything from fist-pumping potatoes to the unrequited love of a water fountain.

I also remember a staff that isn't afraid to dance in the rain. Thank you Jodie, Austin, Natalie, Emily, Lauren, Jordan, Matt, Caleb, Chris, Noah, Dylan, Phill, Jon, Jeremy, Josh, and Veg for making this summer special. Everyday, I got to work with my best friends, and that makes me the luckiest guy in camp.

Right now, as I'm packing up the Old Video room for the final time, my thoughts turn to the future. Yes, there's a lot of history written on these walls, but next year we're moving into the new French Woods Media Center. This begins a new era for our beloved Video Department, and I hope all the staff and campers return to make history in 2012.

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 worth while.

Theater

This The summer of 2011 has been a fantastic one. I had an amazing staff and we got to work with a terrific group of campers! A guest director came to do the premier of Monty Python's Spamalot. We also had the opportunity to workshop Next to Normal and the school edition of Avenue Q as well as having the French Woods premier of Spring Awakening. We tap danced our way through the summer finishing off with a whole lot of rhythm in Crazy for You! I hope everyone has a safe and happy school year. Can't wait to see you all back in the woods in 2012!

Head Counselors

The Head Counselors (Lyndsay, Lois, Jen, Jill, Elena, Carolyn, Scott, Robson, Ben, Sam, and Steve) had an awesome time this summer! Such amazing memories: talent shows, dances, Brain Wars, Carnival, Crazy Olympics,

trips to Broadway, third minor rugby, Acoustic Rock fests, Sing, Banquet, Candlelight ceremony - too many great events to name here! 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 - it would be great to hear from you.

Fine Arts

Visual Arts had a great summer, thanks to all the staff for working so hard. We've got exciting plans for next year, so stay tuned!

Waterfront

What a great summer! Great to meet all the new faces and fantastic to see all the returning campers. I hope to see everyone down at the waterfront again next summer!

Ropes

It's been an amazing summer! The rock wall has been a place where good friends have been made, limits have been pushed and fears have been conquered. I would like to thank, everyone for their involvement in Project Adventure

Sports

The Sports department enjoyed a great summer, we were competitive in many of our intercamp games and had sun everyday!

Rock Shop

Lightning and thunder erupted from the Rock Shop this summer as a great staff helped awesome campers rock out at Skate Park Shows, Circus Shows, Evening Activities in the M5, Canteen Parties... oh, and campers got to play with Maroon 5 in first session! Major improvements were made to make the Rock Shop shows more epic for both the bands and the crowd. We plan on making the Rock Shop bigger, better, brighter, and louder every year. Our big plans for next year are to improve the Canteen set-up for both bands and DJ. See you next season!

Wellness Center

The Wellness Center thanks you for a great season. We had an amazing time nursing you back to camp. We love you all and enjoy watching you at your activities until next season...