



# French Woods

## Festival of the Performing Arts

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Dear Parents,

As our camp season approaches, we have had feedback from many of our parents concerning electronic toys, games, and equipment that their children would like to bring to camp. Parents have vehemently suggested that we do not allow these items to be brought to camp. These items are expensive, delicate, and easily misplaced or damaged. **FRENCH WOODS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO THIS ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.** They include iPods, gameboys, PSPs, laptops, X-boxes, TVs, DVD players, as well as cell phones. All of our activity areas that need small electronic equipment are well supplied. Our computer labs have over eighty computers for the campers to use for music, games, etc. Our plan for this summer is to have a computer on every bunk, allowing campers easy accessibility to them during down time. We are, as strongly as possible, asking you to have your children leave the above mentioned items at home.

Cell phones are not to be used at camp, should not be brought to camp, and will be confiscated. If a camper brings a cell phone to camp for any reason, the cell phone must be placed in our camp safe, for safe keeping during the camper's stay at French Woods, and will be returned when the child goes home.

If for any reason you as a parent feel the necessity to send your child with the above mentioned equipment, please call me so that we may discuss these issues. We want you and your child to enjoy the French Woods experience without worrying about losing or damaging expensive paraphernalia. Remember that insurance can be purchased for many items, including clothing, at very low rates, through your own insurance company or through other companies dealing with camping.

The smaller electronic items are the ones easily damaged or lost. The X-boxes, TVs, DVD players, etc., are just unnecessary. We suggest an inexpensive MP3 player or a DAP (digital audio player) as a good replacement for an expensive iPod for the summer.

We do have all the equipment necessary for both digital and black and white photography. Although unnecessary, campers interested in photography can bring their own cameras, but the camp cannot be responsible for lost or damaged equipment.

Video, sound, lighting, recording, deejay, and other equipment of this ilk, is readily available at camp for your children's use; much of it is digital and computer assisted.

I am looking forward to a fun filled, safe, and productive summer without any worries relating to lost or damaged items.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Isaac'.

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