



French Woods

Festival of the Performing Arts

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Visiting Days

French Woods Festival Days (often referred to as Visiting Days) take place on the last two days of each session. This is a very special opportunity for parents to visit camp and watch performances that reflect the hard work and dedication that their children have put into being a part of the French Woods family. Spectacular theater productions, circus shows, dance performances, rock shows, Music concerts, equestrian shows, fine art and media displays, all take place during our Festival Days. Parents have the option of taking their children home after their last performance or having them remain at camp through the following morning (the last day of the session). Afternoon performances generally end at around 4:00 PM and evening performances by 10:00 PM. Once your children know what show they are in, they will be able to tell you when their performances will take place.

Camper Transportation

Free bus service **to camp** is provided for all campers from our pick-up locations in Philadelphia/South New Jersey area, Northern New Jersey, Queens, New York, and South Eastern Massachusetts. Free bus service to and from camp will be provided for all campers flying into Newark Airport.

An additional fee will be charged for pick up at any airport other than Newark Airport. Typically, most campers will leave camp after their last performance. In fact all departing campers have departed by 9 AM on the day of departure.

For all campers (except those traveling by air) there will be a \$25 non-refundable fee to reserve a space on a returning bus if you choose to use our transportation.

Airport Transfers

The safety of your child is our first priority. This fact is used as the most important driving force in all of the arrangements we make for your child.

We request that all campers fly into Newark-Liberty International Airport (EWR). Newark is the largest airport close to camp. Newark's main airline is Continental Airlines and it offers the most non-stop flights to more destinations than any other airline that serves Newark. Currently, Continental is part of the Star Alliance Network. All campers that fly into and out of Newark airport will be provided with free transfer to and from camp. Campers that fly into any other airport will be assessed a transfer fee based on cost of providing separate vehicles and staff for the pick-up.

Best times to fly in and out of Newark Airport:

International campers and those campers west of the Mississippi River can fly in one day prior to the start of the session. (this will help the camper get better adjusted.) Plan to fly your child to Newark between the hours of 11 AM and 7 PM.

Campers arriving from the east coast should plan on arriving into Newark Airport on day the session starts arriving between the hours of 11 AM and 7 PM.

Departures for all campers using camp transportation should be between the hours of 11 AM until 10 PM. The departure day will be the date the session ends.

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NO FLIGHTS SHOULD DEPART BEFORE 11 AM

Unaccompanied Minors

These are children deemed by the airlines as too young to travel without an adult. (Please contact your airline for specific age requirements and fees.) The Airline will require that one of our camp employees to get a security pass to meet the unaccompanied minor at the gate. This program insures the safe transfer of your child for both incoming and outgoing flights. Parents are asked to pay the required fee for both the incoming and outgoing flight at the original departure destination. Your child will need the following information when checking in as an unaccompanied minor:

1. Name of person bringing the child to the airport.
2. The home telephone and address for this person.
3. The name of the person meeting your child and the business, home phone and address of that person.

**** This information will be e-mailed to you 48 hours prior to the flight to camp. When your child arrives at Newark Airport, a French Woods Staff member will meet them at the gate. Your child will then be allowed to make a brief call home using their cell phone or one of the camp's cell phones. Once this call has been made we will then collect the cell phone from your child and return it prior to their flight home****

Campers over the age of 15 (depending on airline rules) traveling independently will be met at the Baggage Claim Area of the assigned flight. We encourage campers traveling alone to have a cell or mobile phone. The staff member will be wearing a French Woods Staff shirt and holding up a French Woods sign. Your child will be asked to call home briefly to confirm the pick up. Cell phones will then be given to the staff member to be returned prior to your camper's departure from camp.

Luggage

For those campers using camp bus service, luggage should be brought with them to the camp bus. Your child should have no more than 2 duffle bags or **soft** suitcases and any musical instruments or sports equipment they may need. In order to secure the safety of fragile items, they should be brought directly to one of the French Woods staff members upon arrival at the bus location. At check in, campers will be given colored-coded tags indicating age grouping.

To expedite delivering your camper's luggage to them, please help to insure that these tags are securely placed on your child's luggage. For those campers flying into camp, we ask that you send your child's luggage no earlier than two weeks prior to their arrival at camp. The luggage will be stored and delivered once your child arrives at camp. We suggest UPS ground delivery.

We ask that luggage being sent to camp be addressed as follows:

Child's Name
c/o Larry Siegel
French Woods Festival
350 Bouchoux Brook Road
Hancock, NY 13783.

E-mail the tracking numbers and a description of what you are sending to larry@frenchwoods.com. (E.g., 2 duffels, 1 red suitcases, 3 boxes, etc.). You will receive confirmation by e-mail once your luggage arrives at camp. This is just a suggestion; you are more than welcome to check the luggage onboard the aircraft when flying to camp.