

# Appel Farm Arts Camp



IGNITING CREATIVITY, KINDNESS & CONFIDENCE



## OVERNIGHT ARTS CAMP

New structure in 2023!

### AGES 7-17

Let's reconnect this summer through arts and learning in a safe environment of community, personal growth, and fun!

**Register Today!**



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# Discover, Create, Express, & Connect



**A safe and brave non-competitive arts environment**

**Building creative community and belonging**

**Differentiated instruction for classes of 7 to 17-year-olds**

**Supporting personal growth & amplifying camper voices**



# VALUES GUIDE OUR PROGRAM

**For more than 50 years**, summers at Appel Farm have sparked the imaginations of thousands of young people as they interacted with artists from around the world in beautiful rural southern New Jersey. Safety, Community, Personal Growth, and Fun guide our program and ensure that every camper experiences a summer that will last a lifetime.

## Safety

Your camper's physical and emotional safety is our top priority. Our **experienced counselors** are carefully chosen to be positive role models who will empower your camper to gain self-confidence, awareness and independence in a well supervised environment.

## Community

Your camper is welcomed into a **supportive, diverse community** where friendship and acceptance are valued. Being surrounded by young people with similar interests, and counselors who actively help young people form connections, ensures that your camper makes friends.

## Personal Growth


We believe all people are inherently creative. With **only 230 campers in each session and a 3:1 camper/staff ratio**, individualized attention is at the heart of every class. Professional artists and arts educators will guide your camper's development based on his or her skill level and interests.

## Fun!

With a **balanced schedule** of classes, free time, workshops, trips, campfires, performances and special events, every session at Appel Farm is fun!

## We do camp differently.

- Small class sizes and differentiated instruction
- Approach based on Restorative Practices and Collaborative Problem Solving
- Mental Health First Aid staff training
- Experienced, specialized instructors
- Modern, air-conditioned ensuite bunks



“Appel Farm has this unique space of **no judgment, joyful creation** and true empowerment that I have not found in many other places.”

— Katerina, camp parent and former camper



# LIFE AT APPEL FARM

**LIVING IN A BUNK** is the center of the awesome Appel Farm experience. Caring counselors help a mix of new and returning campers create a safe, fun, and comfortable living space. Bunkmates develop friendships through many activities including an overnight camping trip, a pizza & pool party, workshops, and special events.

- **Gender inclusive**, modern bunks with electricity, hot water and private bathrooms
- Bunks house 8-14 campers grouped by grade and age
- At least two adult counselors live in each bunk
- Air-conditioning in all learning & living spaces
- Organic garden that stocks the salad bar
- Nutritious menu with options for different dietary needs and allergies
- Two qualified medical staff on-site 24/7, with daily visits from the doctor
- Regional hospital within one mile



# A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

**MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY**, campers will attend the classes they have picked for their schedules, have free time in the afternoons, and participate in all-camp Evening Activities. Here is an example of what one of those days might look like- and your camper may decide to take some of these classes, or maybe completely different ones! Ample transitional time is built into our schedule to support the needs of campers and staff alike.



OPEN LIBRARY

morning yoga

rock band!  
creative writing

Early Bird Activities

Breakfast

Bunk Clean-Up

Majors

Lunch

Rest Hour

Minor 1

Afternoon Snack

Minor 2

Free Choice

Dinner

Evening Activity

Evening Snack

Check-In/Wind Down

Lights Out at North

Lights Out at Coop

Lights Out at Hill

Lights Out at South



IMPROV GAMES

podcasting

modern dance

TENNIS  
ceramics

APPEL FARM TV

free swim

CARNIVAL

FRIDAY NIGHT  
CONCERT!!!





# THE PROGRAM

**OUR DYNAMIC LEARNING PROGRAM** is a balance of consistency and free choice. Campers choose Majors and Minors for their session, which meet in modern air-conditioned facilities for 75 minutes, Monday through Saturday. Emphasis is placed on the creative process, hands-on learning and collaborative projects as campers work toward performances and exhibitions for their families to enjoy at the end of each session. Free Choice will allow your camper to explore other areas of the arts each afternoon, take a dip in the pool, or spend time with friends. Sundays are a special time for campers to take a break from their normal routine to try new things, relax, and create their own schedule of varied workshops held throughout the day.

**COMBINABLE SESSIONS** allow families to create a customized camp experience! While shorter sessions can be great for first time campers, many of our campers choose to attend camp for multiple sessions.

**MAJORS** are offered every summer in core program areas:

- Music
- Theatre Performance
- Technical Theatre
- Dance
- Visual Arts
- Photography
- Video
- Creative Writing
- Sports & Swim
- Green Corps

**MINORS** vary every summer and reflect the unique strengths of current staff. Campers can explore an art form, learn a new instrument or study a specific area in depth, without the pressure of having to prepare for a performance. Several Minors are developed within each core program area.



PLAY A CHARACTER, EXPERIENCE SHAKESPEARE,  
CREATE A COSTUME OR HELP DESIGN & LIGHT A SET!

## THEATRE PERFORMANCE

- Intensive actor training and performance opportunities
- Non-competitive casting
- Full-scale productions each summer, including musicals, comedies, dramas, classics, and world premieres in a 300-seat black box theatre and two outdoor stages



## TECHNICAL THEATRE

- Behind-the-scenes experts make the productions come alive
- Learn stage management, and design the lighting, sound, sets, props and costumes for a show

### MAJORS

- Acting
- Theatre Production
- Set, Lighting & Sound Design
- Stage Crew & Construction

### EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Musical Theatre
- Improv
- Drag
- Stage Makeup
- Costume Design





PICK UP AN INSTRUMENT, WARM UP YOUR VOCAL CHORDS,  
& PREPARE TO JOIN THE MUSICAL STORM

## MUSIC

- Individual attention, studio classes, ensembles and multiple performance opportunities
- Programs and ensembles in Classical, Jazz, Rock, Pop Music and more
- Training in composition, conducting, history, theory, music appreciation, and musicianship
- Indoor and outdoor performance and private practice facilities



### MAJORS

- Orchestra
- Jazz Band
- Rock Band
- Piano
- Vocals
- String Ensemble
- Wind & Woodwind Ensemble
- Brass Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble

### EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Chamber Music
- Jazz/Funk Band
- Songwriting
- Beginning Guitar



**MUSIC, STORY, RHYTHM – DANCE! EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH THE MAGIC, DISCIPLINE & SHEER PHYSICAL ENERGY**

## DANCE

- Serious dance training in state-of-the-art studios
- Emphasis on technique, choreography, and strength training
- Differentiated instruction to meet the needs of beginning through advanced dancers
- Process-centered classes balanced with a variety of ensemble performance opportunities

“We’ve always said that we wished we could bottle how happy our child is when she’s at Appel Farm and spread it throughout the year. It truly is the highlight of her entire year.”

—Thomas, Camp Parent



### MAJORS

- Ballet
- Modern
- Jazz
- Hip Hop

### EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Choreography
- Pointe Ballet
- Tap
- Latin Fusion
- Vogue/Ballroom





**THROW A POT, PAINT A MURAL OR WEAVE YOUR WILDEST DREAMS. POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS WHEN YOU IGNITE YOUR IMAGINATION!**

## VISUAL ARTS

- Campers learn to use a variety of artistic tools including pottery wheels, screen printing, looms for weaving, and more
- Individual and collaborative projects with an emphasis on process-learning
- Electric, gas, and unique Noborigama wood-fired kilns
- Informal class critiques, art history and appreciation
- Families invited to a formal gallery show each session
- Spacious art building houses large, open studios and gallery

### MAJORS

- Drawing
- Painting
- Ceramics
- Sculpture
- Multimedia & Printmaking
- Fiber Arts and Crafts

### EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Pottery
- Bookmaking
- Green Corps (Art in Nature)
- Creating Comics





DEVELOP PHOTOS, DIRECT A ZOMBIE MOVIE, ANIMATE A CARTOON DESIGN,  
SOUND EFFECTS, CREATE A PODCAST OR RECORD LIVE MUSIC!

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- 35mm black and white film photography with SLR manual cameras
- Develop your own film and print your own images
- Fully equipped darkrooms
- Alternative processes and techniques

### MAJORS

- Photography
- Video
- Recording Arts

## VIDEO

- Experience every aspect of film production
- Learn the art of producing, screenwriting, directing, filming and editing
- Professional digital video equipment and *Adobe Premier* editing suite
- Emphasis on process-based learning through collaborative projects
- Produce a short film that is viewed by the entire camp community

### EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Alternative Process Photography
- Portraiture Photography
- Appel Farm TV News
- Podcasting
- Silent Movie

## RECORDING ARTS

- Record original music with a band, design sound effects for a play, create a soundtrack for a video, or create your own podcast
- Digital recording studio with *ProTools* workstation technology





**WRITE A SHORT STORY OR REPORT ON THE LATEST NEWS.  
LEARN ABOUT ORGANIC GARDENING OR TRACK WILDLIFE!**

## CREATIVE WRITING

- Creative non-fiction, short stories, poetry and more are explored through structure, voice and characterization
- Create and publish summer issues of the *Appel Core* newsletter, or start your own blog
- Design and test-play your own Role Playing Game campaign

## GREEN CORPS

- Environmental activism expressed through the arts
- Organic gardening, camp conservation, ecology, environmental art
- Observe wildlife, log tree species, track birds, and more!



### MAJORS

- Creative Writing
- Journalism
- Green Corps

### EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Memoir Writing
- Blogging
- Role Play Game Design
- Art for Social Change
- Spoken Word Poetry



LEARN TO SWIM, SCORE A GOAL, WORK ON YOUR SERVE,  
PRACTICE SUN SALUTATIONS – STRETCH!

## SPORTS & SWIM

- Safe, well-supervised and non-competitive programs
- Instruction in skill, technique and teamwork
- Optional sporting events during Free Choice
- Basketball court, 2 tennis courts, 3 athletic fields
- Group games: basketball, baseball, international games, GAGA pit and more
- 25-meter swimming pool
- Lap swimming available every morning
- Free Swim open to all campers every afternoon



### MAJORS

- Instructional Swim
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Group Games

### EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Instructional Swim
- Water Ballet
- Tennis
- Yoga

**“My son still hasn’t stopped telling me about all the great things he did at camp. It was the best thing I could have done for him.”**

**— Catherine,  
camp parent**



**DEVELOP LEADERSHIP AND ARTISTIC SKILLS IN A  
FOCUSED PROGRAM WITH A DEDICATED STAFF MENTOR**

## **COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CIT)**

- Return campers ages 16 & 17
- Prepare for college-level arts classes with an Independent Study major in the department of your choice! Your end product could be a gallery show, a performance, a permanent sculpture or mural on Camp, or something completely different!
- Work 1:1 with a mentor in your arts area
- Co-supervise a North bunk once per week
- Participate in Leadership training with your CIT cohort
- Complete community service/volunteer hours for your home school
- CIT Privileges may include special off-camp trips, phone time, late-night activities, and more!

### **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

- in the Department of the CIT's choosing
- Focus on: artmaking, portfolio prep, pedagogy, classroom management, community service, etc.
- Identify a specific staff Mentor to work with 1:1

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

- Social-emotional intelligence
- Conflict resolution
- Teamwork
- Feedback & Professional Growth

### **NEW FOR CITS:**

Based on interest, enrollment, and engagement during their 4-week session, 2022 CITs will have an opportunity to stay an additional week to support the 1-Week Taste of Camp program. CITs who stay for the 1-Week program will live in North bunks and assist with the TOC classes, while still enjoying free time and evening activities as campers.





EXPLORE ALL THAT APPEL FARM CAN BE  
IN OUR 1-WEEK PROGRAM!

## TASTE OF CAMP



- Brand new campers of all ages
- Spend one week sampling all that Appel Farm has to offer!
- Fill your three class slots with Visual Arts, Theatre, or Music for the week
- Participate in afternoon and evening activities with the rest of camp
- Small class sizes, individual attention
- Specialized homesickness and adjustment support training for Taste of Camp counselors

### A DAY WITH TASTE OF CAMP

- 8 am: Breakfast
- 9:45 - 11:45 am: Music
- 12 pm: Lunch
- 2:30 pm: Theatre
- 3:45 pm: Visual Arts
- 5:15 pm: Afternoon Free Choice
- 6:15 pm: Dinner
- 7:30 pm: Evening Activity



### PERFECT FOR

- Young campers with older siblings
- Creative youth who don't have a focus yet
- Campers who are nervous to sleep away from home
- Families who've never experienced camp together

# A CAMP EXPERIENCE AS UNIQUE AS EACH CAMPER!

- Afternoon Free Choice allows campers to relax with friends
- Workshops allow campers to try activities outside of classes
- Performances, campfires, and special events make evening activities a special time for all campers
- Trips to local museums and area attractions offer variety and fun
- Counselor in Training Program available for campers ages 16-17



# 2023 Dates, Rates, Tours & More!

## **Taste of Camp\*** (1 Week)

Session 1: 7/23-7/29

Session 2: 7/30-8/5

Tuition: \$1750

\*Open to First Time Campers only



**Combine sessions & save!**

## **Six Week Session**

6/25-8/5

Tuition: \$8000

## **Two Week Sessions**

Session 1: 6/25-7/8

Session 2: 7/23-8/5

Tuition: \$3000

## **Four Week Session**

6/25-7/22

Tuition: \$5500

## **NEW!**

### **Family Camp**

8/9-8/12

Bunk Size 1, sleeps 4-6

\$1470

Bunk Size 2, sleeps 8-10

\$2450



**In-person Camp Tours available!**

**Email [camp@appelfarm.org](mailto:camp@appelfarm.org) for more information.**

# What does our community have to say?

**Former & current camp families can give you a great perspective on the Appel Farm experience. Our community is built of people from all over the world, all walks of life, and hundreds of different cultures and backgrounds. Appel Farm strives to be a place where creative youth can see themselves reflected in every facet of the work we do.**

**“Camp is the best place where you’re free to be who you are. I like doing sculpture and making random things. I get to be creative and make up silly songs with my bunk and we perform them on stage.”**

**-Olive  
(camper, 2017-2021)**

**“I made more friends and memories in one summer at camp than in my four years in high school. Being at camp is an exciting, relaxing, and positive experience. Everyone is so supportive and accepting. Appel Farm is my home away from home!”**

**-Nahdjah  
(camper 2015-2021)**

**“There’s been no other community that’s had such a positive and long lasting impact on my family than Appel Farm. It’s the place where my children have formed their most meaningful relationships, delved deepest into their creativity, and learned about who they are and who they want to be.”**

**-Julia  
(camp alum, former camp parent)**

**“I love camp so, so much! My teachers treat me like an adult. I feel free to be myself and to be extra creative here!”**

**-Dessa  
(first-time camper, 2021)**

## Register for camp today!

You can register your camper(s) by phone, mail, or online. A \$900 deposit is required to reserve your camper’s space at camp. Feel free to call our Camp Directors at 856-358-6881 for more information!



**FIND YOUR ART. FIND YOUR PEOPLE. FIND YOURSELF!**

“Appel Farm is my **dream place**. It is a place of **love, kindness, and respect**. This is a place where **everyone** is accepted.”

— Siona, camper





# SEE YOU SOON!

- 40 minutes from Philly, 2.5 hours from NYC & Washington DC
- Combinable sessions
- Tours available!



New York City

Philadelphia

**REGISTER HERE!**



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