

Appel Farm Arts Camp



IGNITING CREATIVITY, KINDNESS & CONFIDENCE



OVERNIGHT ARTS CAMP AGES 7-17

Non-competitive arts exploration
and personal growth in a radically
supportive, gender-affirming,
conscious community!

Register Today!



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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



VALUES GUIDE OUR PROGRAM

For more than 60 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. In our small classes, individualized attention and handpicked arts educators will guide your camper's development based on his or her skill level and interests. Campers are encouraged to express themselves in every way!

Fun!

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



“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 Bunk Nights, a pizza & pool party, workshops, or special events.

WE DO CAMP DIFFERENTLY.

- 🍏 Appel Farm works to be an explicitly anti-racist, anti-sexist, trauma-informed, trans-inclusive and gender-affirming space for both staff and campers
- 🍏 Modern bunks with electricity, hot water and private changing areas
- 🍏 Air-conditioning in all learning & living spaces
- 🍏 Cross-generational learning and relationship building
- 🍏 Small class sizes and differentiated instruction
- 🍏 Collaborative Problem Solving and Restorative Practices
- 🍏 Organic garden that stocks the salad bar
- 🍏 Nutritious menu with options for dietary needs and allergies
- 🍏 Medical staff on-site 24/7, regional hospital within one mile
- 🍏 Mental Health First Aid staff training



A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

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

7:15a Early Bird Activities

8:15a Breakfast

9:00a Bunk Clean-Up

9:30a Major

11:45a Transition

12:00p Lunch

12:45p Rest Hour

1:50p Minor 1

3:00p Transition/Snack

3:15p Minor 2

4:25p Transition

4:30p Open Studios

5:15p Dinner

6:00p Evening Free Choice

7:30p Evening Activity

8:45p Evening Snack

9:00p Check-In/Wind Down

9:30p Lights Out at North

10:00p Lights Out at Coop

10:30p Lights Out at Hill

11:00p Lights Out at South

rock band!
creative writing

TENNIS
ceramics

APPEL FARM TV



FRIDAY NIGHT
CONCERT!!!



IMPROV GAMES
podcasting
modern dance

free swim

CARNIVAL





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 Monday through Saturday. Emphasis is placed on the creative process, hands-on learning, and collaborative projects. Free Choice allows your camper to explore other areas of the arts each afternoon, to take a dip in the pool, or to 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.

PERFORMANCES & SHOWCASES at the end of the 4-Week session provide dedicated time and space for campers to present what they've accomplished in their Major class. When possible, these 4-Week showcases are livestreamed or open to guests. 1- and 2-Week campers will have the opportunity to present their work in regularly scheduled opt-in performances and showcases.

MAJORS

New in 2023! Campers will choose their Major department before arrival on camp. After arrival, instructors will work with each camper to decide what they'd like to focus on learning.

Campers may choose to major in: Music, Theatre Performance, Technical Theater, Dance, Creative Writing, Visual Arts, Photography, Media Arts, or Environmental Arts.

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.



EXPLORE CHARACTERS, EXPERIENCE IMPROV,
STUDY A SCENE, BELT A BALLAD!

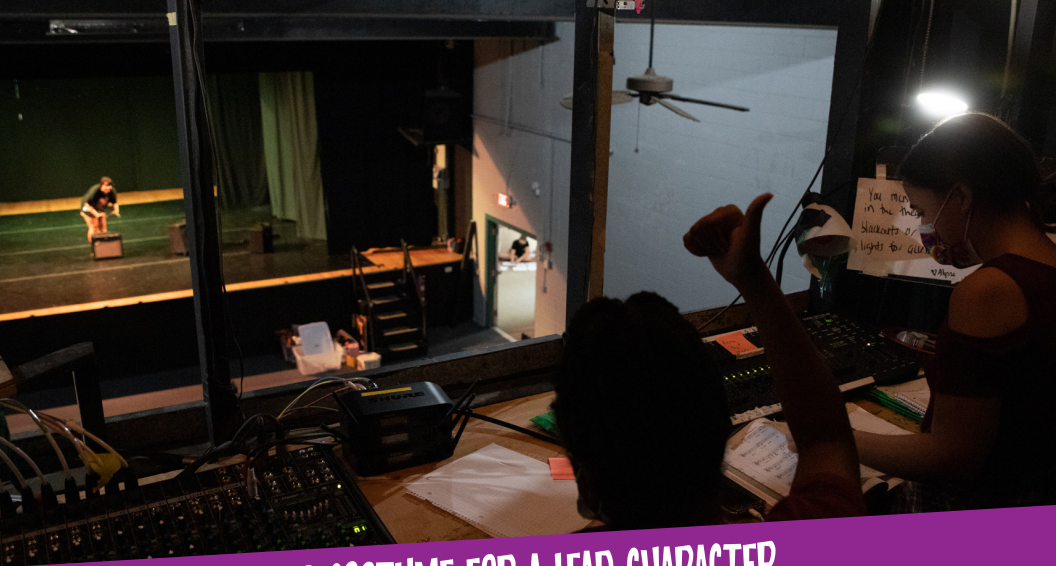
THEATRE PERFORMANCE

- Actor training, character development, contemporary approaches
- Non-competitive casting
- Full-scale productions each summer
- Musicals, comedies, dramas, classics, and world premieres
- Perform in our 200-seat theatre, two outdoor stages, or maybe even in the pool!
- Performance opportunities multiple times a week at our Friday Night Concerts or variety of other Evening Activities



EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- 4-Week Show
- Musical Theatre
- Improv
- Drag
- Writing for the Stage



**DESIGN A COSTUME FOR A LEAD CHARACTER,
PLAY WITH FAKE SKIN, OR BUILD A SET FROM SCRATCH!**

TECHNICAL THEATRE

- Behind-the-scenes experts make the productions come alive
- Learn lighting and sound design to make scenes pop!
- Design and construct props, set pieces, or the costume of your dreams!
- Workshop and power tool safety instruction in every class
- Gross out your counselors with your projects in Special Effects Makeup

EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- Fashion Design
- Set Construction
- Stage Management
- Special Effects Makeup
- Lighting & Sound Design



**"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





PICK UP AN INSTRUMENT, WARM UP YOUR VOCAL CHORDS,
& GET READY TO JAM!

MUSIC

- Team-taught classes provide more 1:1 instruction opportunity
- Ensembles and instruction in Classical, Jazz, Rock, Pop and more
- Training in composition, conducting, history, theory, music appreciation, and musicianship
- Indoor and outdoor performance spaces
- Daily Open Studio period for individual or small ensemble rehearsals

EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- Jazz/Funk Band
- Songwriting
- Beginning Guitar
- Weird Music
- Orchestra
- Rock Band
- Piano
- Vocals
- String Ensemble
- Wind Ensemble





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

“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

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

EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- 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
- One-of-a-kind, handbuilt Noborigama wood-fired kiln
- Informal class critiques, art history and appreciation

EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- Ceramics
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Multimedia & Printmaking
- Fiber Arts
- Bookmaking
- Public Art
- Creating Comics



“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



DARKROOMS! FILM! CHEMICALS!
GO RETRO LEARNING HOW TO USE THE CAMERA YOU FOUND IN YOUR ATTIC!

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Explore different styles of photography with experienced instructors and two fully equipped darkrooms
- 35mm black and white film photography with analog cameras
- Develop your own film and print your own images
- Get messy with alternative processes and techniques
- Check out the lighting studio and create some dramatic portraits!
- Cameras and film provided, or bring your own!

EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- General Photography
- Experimental Photography
- Alternative Processes
- Portraiture
- Photojournalism
- PhotoBooks



“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



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

MEDIA ARTS

- Digital video and recording arts
- 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
- Record original music with a band or create the soundtrack for a film!
- Produce the podcast you've always wanted!
- Digital recording studio with *ProTools* workstation technology

EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- Video
- Recording Arts
- Appel Farm TV News
- Podcasting
- Silent Movie





WRITE A SHORT STORY OR REPORT ON THE LATEST NEWS,
DESIGN AN UNFORGETTABLE GAME!

CREATIVE WRITING

- Creative non-fiction, short stories, poetry, journalism, and more!
- Create and publish summer issues of the *Apple Core* newsletter
- Start your own blog
- Share your words with the world on stage in Slam Poetry!
- Design and test-play your own Role Playing Game campaign



EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Memoir Writing
- Blogging
- Role Play Game Design
- Creating Comics
- Slam Poetry



**GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY GETTING CREATIVE!
LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABLE ARTMAKING, TRACK WILDLIFE, HARVEST SNACKS!**

ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS

- Plants, animals, agriculture and ecology!
- Learn about using more natural and sustainable materials in your artmaking!
- Keep the organic garden feeding camp all summer long
- Observe wildlife, log tree species, track birds, and more!



"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, 2017-2023

EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- Art for Social Change
- Green Corps
- Recycled Materials
- Natural Fibers & Dyes



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

SPORTS & SWIM

- Emphasis on playing rather than winning
- Instruction in skill, technique and teamwork
- Optional sporting events during Open Studios
- Basketball court, 2 tennis courts, soccer field
- Group games: basketball, baseball, international games, GAGA pit and more
- 25-meter swimming pool
- Lap swimming available every morning
- Early Bird and Free Swim open to all campers every day

EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

- Instructional Swim
- Water Games
- Tennis
- Yoga
- Soccer
- Group Games



“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, Former Camper, Current Staff





**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 off-camp trips, WiFi 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

JUNIOR COUNSELOR PROGRAM:

Based on interest, enrollment, and engagement during their 4-week session, 17-year-old 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
- Participate in all-camp games and activities
- Small class sizes, individual attention
- A mix of classes just for ToC Campers, and regular camp classes
- Specialized homesickness and adjustment support training for ToC counselors



Campers will choose a Major- either Visual Arts, Performing Arts, or Media Arts- and then choose two Minor classes (offerings change every summer).

In their Major, campers will enjoy small-class introductory exploration in a variety of mediums. In their Minors, they will get to explore a specific arts area more fully while engaging with the rest of the camp community.

PERFECT FOR

- Campers who are nervous to sleep away from home
- Creative youth who want to try lots of things
- Young campers with older siblings



2023 DATES & RATES

Two Week 1: 6/25-7/8

Tuition: \$3000

Four Week: 6/25-7/22

Tuition: \$5500

Two Week 2: 7/23-8/5

Tuition: \$3000



Taste of Camp 1: 7/23-7/29

Taste of Camp 2: 7/30-8/5

Tuition: \$1750

*Open to **First Time Campers** only

Stay for SIX WEEKS & save!

6/25-8/5

Tuition: \$8000

NEW IN 2023!

Family Camp

You've asked- it's here!

Spend three days and four nights at Appel Farm with the whole family! A perfect option for a reunion, family friends, or for testing out camp for the first time! Participate in daily workshops and all-camp activities, enjoy free time, the pool, and nightly campfires!



8/9-8/12

Bunk Size 1, sleeps 4-6: \$1470

Bunk Size 2, sleeps 8-10: \$2450

Visit our website to learn more about our
Early Bird Registration discount, valid until 12/31!



In-person Camp Tours available!

11/5, 12/3, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, and 5/27

Email camp@appelfarm.org to sign up.





SEE YOU SOON!



• New York City

Philadelphia •

REGISTER HERE!



Accessibility

Families requiring access support should contact Appel Farm at least two weeks before camp.

NJ Relay System TTY: (800) 852-7899 or 711.

Further details at <https://www.appelfarm.org/plan-your-visit/accessibility-information/>



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