

# Appel Farm Arts Camp



## THE APPEL CORE!

March  
2023

**Camp 2023 is right  
around the corner!**

Each new year brings the opportunity to start fresh. Starting over isn't always enjoyable, but it is good to remember that you can be exactly the person you've always wanted to be, whenever you want! Part of the magic of camp is that you're allowed to be different here- different than how you might be at home, or at school, or even with your friends. Camp is a supportive, non judgemental place to try different activities, different habits, different fashion, or even different names and pronouns!

The Camp Version of me is more confident, and much sillier than I am at home- and I laugh louder and more often at camp than I do anywhere else. I feel free of fear and free of society's expectations for who I should be. Maybe you've come to camp for years, and maybe you haven't joined us in-person yet- but either way, every summer that you're here, you get to make the choices about the kind of person you're going to be at camp! What will you choose in 2023?

### WHO'S COMING TO CAMP 2023?

Maddy, Jess, Allie, Cora, and Ava from Bunk 15

Miles, Gavin, Luke, Jack, and Cailiff from Bunk 5

**These 2022 friends are coming back... are you??**



### YOUR CAMP LEADERS



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Camp Director



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Assistant Camp Director

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# FEATURED CAMP ALUM, NOW STAFF

BY ADAM WACHTEL – 2D LEAD INSTRUCTOR

CAMPER (2016–2017), CIT (2018), STAFF (2022–2023)

## CAMP MEMORIES

Camp for me was a place where I was exposed to lots of new ideas, creatives, and life experiences both in and outside my studio classes. Just about all of the music I enjoy today I was exposed to by my music major friends at camp. Some of my favorite memories include hanging in the CIT lounge with my friends, having a bread-themed photoshoot with my counselor Toast, and learning the true value and satisfaction that comes from work ethic over the course of my CIT experience. And causing shenanigans with my friends like stealing a chair from the game room and hiding it from our counselors in the shower for a whole week.



## WHAT NOW?

I now live in Pasadena California where I attend the Art Center College of Design. I am studying Illustration and working towards becoming a children's book and graphic novel author-illustrator. Since my time as a camper, I have completed 10 murals, finished a graphic novel, and had 3 successful art shows at local NJ coffee shops. In my time outside of the studio, I enjoy cooking and all culinary things, hiking in the beautiful Altadena foothills and listening to live music.

## ADVICE FOR CAMPERS

My advice to current Appel Farm campers would be to be as present at camp as possible, especially to older campers who are about to age out. Never in your life again will you get to experience a place like Appel Farm, take in every little detail, the quiet stillness of the all-in, who sat at your lunch table, that ridiculously over the top Friday night concert performance, take it all in. I would also encourage campers to utilize the life experience and professional expertise of the counselors around them, who more often than not have navigated the same if not similar paths and struggles of the campers around them.



## MAJORS & MINORS



I was always a drawing and photo major. During my first summer, I minored in beginning guitar and spoken word poetry. Then creating comics and storytelling. My last summer I minored again in comics, and spent the other minor period working on my CIT project which evolved into an installation I got to display for the whole camp during showcase week.

## THE APPEL FARM EFFECT

Camp influenced me in so many ways, I truly feel the seed of the person I have become was born during my time at camp especially my last summer as a CIT. It was one of the few places I had access to where I felt a part of the community instead of an outcast or the quiet bug on the wall. It was the only four weeks a year where I felt like a normal (more often than not developmentally appropriate trouble-causing) teenager, instead of all the labels that followed me throughout high school. I was always treated like a real artist with valuable ideas and questions instead of some kid with a drawing pad.



# CAMP 2022 IN PHOTOS...



CAMP  
FRIENDS  
FOREVER



REMEMBER THIS?!



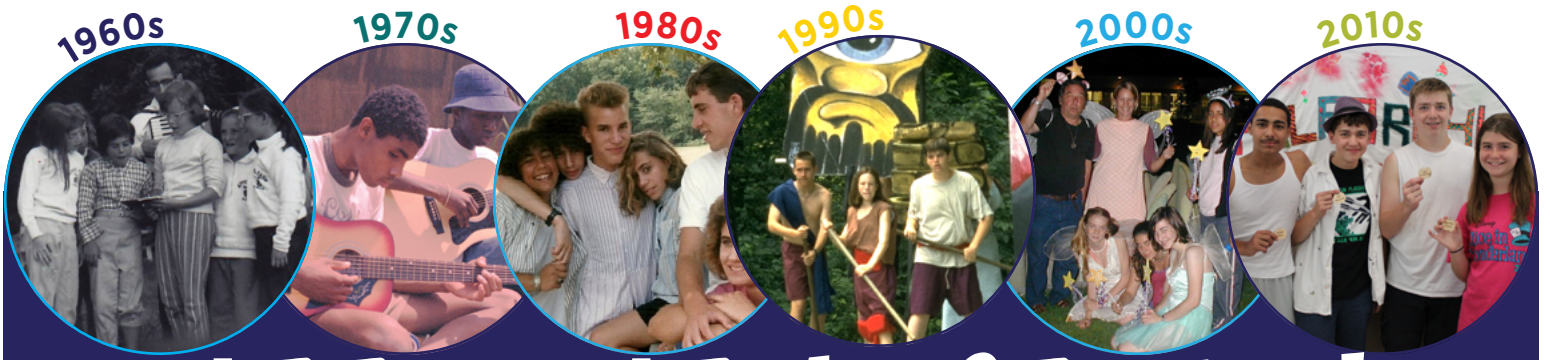
BEACH DAY!



COUNTDOWN TO CAMP 2023

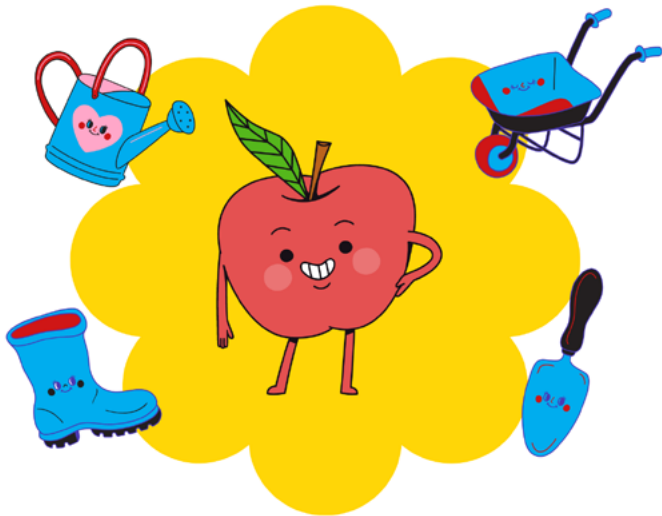
Only 115 Days until Opening Day!





# APPEL FARM FOR LIFE!

## EARTH DAY AT APPEL FARM



### SAVE THE DATE

for an afternoon of learning and preparation  
for Summer 2023!

APRIL 22, 1-5:00 PM  
457 SHIRLEY ROAD, ELMER, NJ

## Appel Farm Alumni Event!

Join other camp alumni at this public event on Earth Day, April 22 from 1pm-5pm to learn and explore in the garden, and prepare for Summer 2023! Plan to stay later for a special alumni only campfire.



Friends reunited at the Camp Reunion during Healthy HeARTS Fest in November 2022.



Followed by a special "Friday" Night Concert with some awesome performances.

# LOOK WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON @ APPEL FARM!



KIDS AND ADULTS  
GET CREATIVE  
THIS SPRING!



## After School Classes for Kids

### WEDNESDAYS

- 3D Sculpture: Creating with Cardboard (Grades 4-8)
- Experiential Arts Lab (Grades K-3)

### THURSDAYS

- 2D Art: Cartoon Character Design (Grades 4-8)
- Recording Arts Lab - Audio Engineering (Grades 4-8)

**Adult Sips Series** 3/16 Mosaic & Sip  
\$25 per class 4/20 Fibers & Sip  
Thursdays, 6:30pm-8pm 5/18 Paint & Sip

Register Today at [AppelFarm.org](http://AppelFarm.org)

## Mother's Day Weekend ARTS RETREAT at Appel Farm



May 13 & 14  
Register Today!

Overnight or Day Pass  
Arts Workshops • Campfire & S'mores  
Special Mother's Day Brunch

Perfect for caregivers and kiddos who want to create art together!



a community celebration of local arts

# Saturday, May 20, 2023

## 11am-3pm

LIVE MUSIC • ARTS ACTIVITIES • CRAFT VENDORS • BEER, WINE & SPIRITS



## FAMILY CAMP @ APPEL FARM

Wednesday 8/9 to  
Saturday 8/12



OPEN TO FAMILIES OF ALL KINDS!  
Get creative and explore the arts  
with the whole family this summer!

Register today at [AppelFarm.org/Camp](http://AppelFarm.org/Camp)

# GOT MERCH?

## 2023 CAMPERS:

Keep a look out for  
Special AFAC Merch  
Preorder Packages  
coming this May!

