

# Appel Farm Arts Camp



IGNITING CREATIVITY, KINDNESS AND CONFIDENCE



## OVERNIGHT ARTS CAMP

AGES 8-16

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

**Register Today!**

**AppelFarm.org**

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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 staff are all carefully chosen and trained 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.
- 🍏 Staff training in Mental Health First Aid, Collaborative Problem Solving and Restorative Practices.
- 🍏 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.
- 🍏 Cafeteria options for dietary needs and allergies.
- 🍏 Medical staff on-site 24/7, 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 Choice, 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.

rock band!  
creative writing

TENNIS  
ceramics  
APPEL FARM TV



FRIDAY NIGHT  
CONCERT!!!



morning yoga

7:00 am Optional Early Bird Activities

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Bunk Clean-Up

9:30 am Majors

11:00 am Majors Studios

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Rest Hour

2:00 pm Minor 1

3:15 pm Afternoon Snack

3:30 pm Minor 2

5:00 pm Free Choice

6:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Evening Activity

8:45 pm Evening Snack

9:00 pm Check-In/Wind Down

9:30 pm Lights Out at North

10:00 pm Lights Out at Coop

10:30 pm Lights Out at Hill & South



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, take a dip in the pool, or spend relaxing 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 AND SHOWCASES** provide dedicated time and space for campers to present what they've accomplished in their Major class. When possible, these 4-Week camper showcases are live streamed or open to guests. Four Week campers should expect to perform or present, while Two Week campers may opt in or out of showcases.

## MAJORS

Campers will indicate their Major department of interest before arrival on camp. Specific class options will become available before your camper's session begins.

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

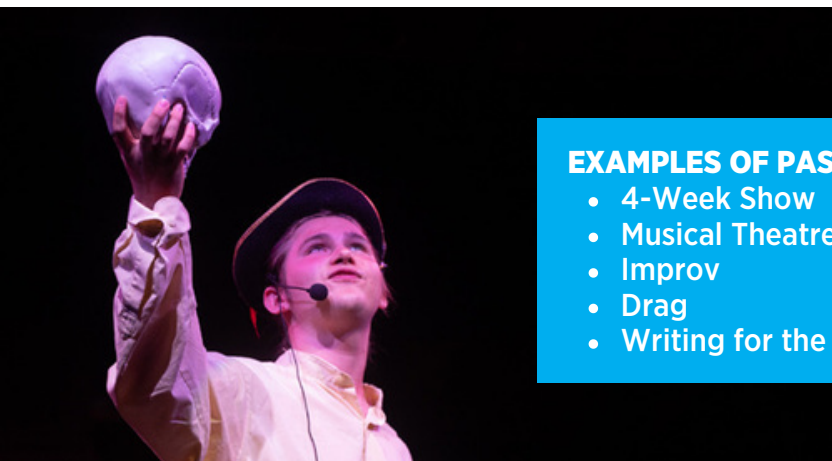
**MINORS** vary every summer and reflect the unique strengths of current staff. Campers can explore an art form, learn a new instrument or study a specific area in depth, without the pressure of having to prepare for a performance. Several Minors are developed within each core program area.



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

## THEATRE PERFORMANCE

- Actor training, character development, contemporary approaches
- Non-competitive casting
- 4-week campers produce a full-scale show
- 2 week campers present scene studies or cabaret-style showcases
- Musicals, comedies, dramas, classics, and world premieres
- Perform in our 200-seat theatre, two outdoor stages, or somewhere else at camp
- Performance opportunities multiple times a week at our Friday Night Concerts or a 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 counselors treat me like an adult. I feel free to be myself and to be extra creative here!” -Dessa , First-time Camper, 2021





**WATCH NOW**

**PICK UP AN INSTRUMENT, WARM UP YOUR VOCAL CHORDS,  
AND 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, and musicianship
- Indoor and outdoor performance spaces
- Frequent opportunities 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 AND 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

- 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

- Individual and collaborative projects with an emphasis on process-based learning
- Equal parts instruction in technique and independent, choice-based studio time
- One-of-a-kind, hand built Noborigama wood-fired kiln
- Informal class critiques, art history and appreciation
- Spacious, light-filled building houses large, open studios and gallery

### 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

- One of the last completely analog photography programs in South Jersey
- 35mm black and white photography with film cameras
- Develop your own film and print your own images
- Get messy with alternative processes and techniques
- Create some dramatic portraits in our on-site lighting studio
- 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

- Choose from a variety of digital video or audio classes
- Learn the art of producing, screenwriting, directing, filming and editing
- Professional equipment and *Adobe Premier* editing suite
- Emphasis on process-based learning through collaborative projects
- Produce a short film or record original music!
- Create the podcast you've always wanted to hear!
- 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 Appel Core newsletter
- Share your words with the world on stage in Slam Poetry!
- Design and test-play your own Role Playing Game campaign
- Bring your world to life in Live Action Role Play!



### **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 art making!
- Grow plants and flowers to use in classes
- Observe wildlife, log tree species, track birds, and more!



### EXAMPLES OF PAST CLASSES

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



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

## SPORTS AND GAMES

- Emphasis on playing rather than winning
- Instruction in skill, technique and teamwork
- Optional sporting events during Free Choice
- Basketball court, 2 tennis courts, soccer field
- Group games: basketball, baseball, international games, GAGA pit and more
- Early Bird activities open to all campers

### EXAMPLES OF PAST MINORS

- Team Games
- International Sports
- Tennis
- Yoga
- Soccer



“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)**

- Program open to return campers ages 15+
- Work 1:1 with a staff mentor for an Independent Study minor of your choice!
- Build relationships with and support supervision of the youngest campers
- 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, or late-night activities!

### **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

- Focus on: art making, portfolio prep, pedagogy, classroom management, community service, etc.
- Produce a gallery show, a performance, a permanent sculpture or mural on Camp, or something completely different!

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

- Social-Emotional intelligence
- Justice & Equity
- Conflict resolution
- Teamwork
- Feedback & Professional Growth



**REGISTER TODAY!**

**COME SEE US SOON!**



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**In-person Camp Tours available:  
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**Accessibility**

Families requiring access support should contact Appel Farm at least two weeks before camp. NJRelay System TTY:(800)852-7899 or 711.

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



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