

2026 EVENT GUIDE



SOUTH JERSEY

ARTS FEST

2026

at Appel Farm

Saturday • May 30

10am-3pm

FREE ARTS ACTIVITIES

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • CRAFT VENDORS • BEER & WINE

Appel Farm Arts & Music Center

EVENT LOCATION

Appel Farm Arts & Music Center
457 Shirley Rd. • Elmer, NJ 08318



Appel Farm Arts & Music Center is located in picturesque Salem County, NJ with easy access to Routes 77, 40 & 55. Only 35 minutes from Philadelphia, 30 minutes from Wilmington, DE, 90 minutes from Princeton, AC & Cape May.















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EVENT MAP



MAP KEY

-  Welcome Tent
-  Craft Vendors
-  Grove Stage
-  Appel Farm Arts Activities
-  Beer & Wine
-  Busker Location
-  Hill Field
-  Food Vendors
-  Public Parking
-  Restroom
-  First Aid
-  Accessible Restroom
-  Accessible Parking

FREE ARTS ACTIVITIES

Led by Appel Farm Teaching Artists

Make Your Own Instrument

Explore music-making by creating your own instrument using household items like paper plates, rubber bands, rice, and more.

(Great for young artists)

Felt Crowns

Create and decorate your own crown using felt, ribbon, and other materials. Wear them during the festival and join the Arts Fest nobility for the day!

Community Mosaic Mural

Decorate your own tile to take home, or decorate a tile to contribute to an Appel Farm mural while watching a real mosaic muralist at work.

(Younger artists may need caregiver assistance)

ARTIST VENDORS + MAKERS

Spotted Horse Provisions

Get Link'd

Stouch Studios

D&J Creations

Our Good Scents LLC

Taddy Creations

Tim's Woodshop

Insomnia Beading

PAWsitively Organic

MCR by Amber

Diffused by D'Arby

Joygirl Creative

Bloomin Brushes Boutique

Studio Fig

More To Love Shirts

Mermaid's Garden

NJER Studio

Pebbles & Pearls

Jen Ottepka Photography

Gather the Fragments

Jacob Millburn

Shy Unique

Resin Carnation

Sam Stran Art

Knot Today

Henna By Janvii

Homebody Hollow

Juna Wiz Creations

HLSings Studio

Nature Bone Studio

Arrow's HeArt

Jen's Art Garage

Daylily

McBerg's

Red Headed Story Keeper

Wind & Wave's Creations

Home Stitches by Wendi Cohen

LOCAL ORGS + PARTNERS

Salem County Pride

C3 Charter School

Lake Garrison

NJ Veg

Renewal by Andersen

Center for Family Services

Garden Club of Salem County

Resources for Independent Living

FOOD + DRINK VENDORS



Buckets Cookie House

Kona Ice

Los Gordos

Matty G Dogz

Teenie Hut Jr's

Travelin' Toms

Squeeze & Bean Co.



Auburn Road Vineyard

Farmers & Bankers Brewing

Lost Elephant Brewing Company

APPEL FARM MERCH!

Visit the Appel Farm Merch Booth near the Grove Stage to grab some classic favorites, or some exclusive 65th Anniversary merch!
SUPPORT APPEL FARM PROGRAMS WITH YOUR PURCHASE!

65th Anniversary Hoodies & Tees
Camp Hoodies & Tees
Vintage AMCC Tees
Camp Teddy Bears
Mugs • Hats • Notecards • Stickers



SALE

Discounted 65th Anniversary Merch!

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BUSKERS

**Enjoy live acoustic music throughout campus starting at 10am!
Wander the grounds and discover performances from local
musicians in creative spaces before the Grove Stage
performances begin at 11am.**

10:00 AM

**Bob Higgins @ Dance Studio
John Renteria @ Maple Grove
Al Michael @ Lean-to
Jay Runyon @ Dining Hall Patio**

10:30AM

**Same Old Joe @ Beauty and the Beast
Kenny Six String @ Pirate Ship
Go'Shea @ Coop Porch
Trey Smith @ South Porch
Starlightsing @ Pavilion**

LIVE MUSIC @ GROVE STAGE

Grab some food, and head over to the Grove Stage to listen to our great WXPN supported bands! Bring your own chair or blanket if you'd like, or enjoy one of our picnic tables.



11am-12pm

Anthony West



12:30pm-1:30pm

cooperstomp



2pm-3pm

 **PLANETTE
AUTOMATIC**

PERFORMANCE @ HILL FIELD



DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

Open Rehearsals throughout the day

Performance

2:45pm



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PARKING/ACCESSIBILITY



- **Attendee Parking is available in our grass field. Our parking lot attendants will guide you to an available spot.**
- **This event and parking are FREE, but please consider making a suggested donation of \$20 for parking to support our summer and year-round arts programming.**
- **There will be a short walk to the festival area on our paved pathways and sidewalks. Most of the festival area is grass.**
- **Accessible Parking is available in our main paved lot. If needed, please let parking attendant know when you arrive.**
- **If additional assistance is needed for your party, please see a staff member, or visit the Welcome Tent.**

FAQS

How much does this event cost?

This is a FREE community event. If you are able, please consider making a donation for parking or at the Welcome Tent, or purchase one of our merch items to support our summer and year-round arts education programming.

What should I bring?

Bring a chair or blanket if you'd like to enjoy the live music at the Grove Stage! Some vendors will prefer to accept cash only, so bring cash if you can.

Can I bring my dog with me?

Unfortunately our campus is not open to pets during our community events. Please leave furry friends at home! Of course, service animals are always permitted.

Where do I go when I get there?

There is a walk from the parking lot to get to the festival area. Our campus is quite large and spread out, but the festival area is concentrated to the back of our campus where the Grove Stage is located. If you'd like to learn more about our grounds, please see a staff member who may be available to offer a short tour.

What happens if it rains?

This is a fully outdoor, rain or shine event! In the event of unexpected severe weather, the event may be cancelled or attendees may be moved indoors.

ABOUT APPEL FARM

At Appel Farm, we believe artmaking is a healing practice, a community practice, and a way of recognizing people for who they are.

Appel Farm co-creates experiences that lead to wholeness through the arts. It does so by inspiring and empowering people to unleash their authentic creativity, leading to self- discovery, community building, and joy.

Founded in 1960 by Albert and Clare Appel, Appel Farm began as a summer arts camp. The Appels, both professional musicians and music educators, believed that the arts play a crucial role in developing a child's learning skills, encouraging personal growth, and instilling a sense of community and responsibility. They believed that all children have artistic talent, thus the camp was intended to promote a supportive environment in which the individual child can learn, experience and grow in a wide variety of artistic media.

Now in its seventh decade, Appel Farm has evolved into a multidisciplinary regional arts center serving audiences, artists, and students through local, regional, national, and international programs. Our programs build on the Appel's founding principles, providing opportunities for arts education, arts appreciation and creative expression to thousands of children and adults annually.