



# French Woods

## Festival of the Performing Arts

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As French Woods looks forward to the summer of 2021, we are eager to make the music as magical and memorable as possible. The French Woods Music Program is the oldest facet of camp life. Over the past twenty years, we have worked hard to build new partnerships, strengthen old ones and make our music program as accessible as possible across the country and around the globe. The upcoming summer will provide new opportunities to continue to make those connections with potential campers. I am happy to announce on behalf of the Schaefer family, a new work study opportunity for 16 and 17 year old instrumentalists.

The **French Woods Music Apprenticeship Program** will offer full tuition working scholarships to all selected for the program. The program runs in two blocks (Sessions 1 & 2, Sessions 3 & 4.) To qualify for this program you must meet the following criteria:

- Turned 16 on or before June 1, 2021
- Commit to the entire 6 week program. (Sessions 1 & 2, or 3 & 4)
- Pay a non refundable PED (Personal Expense Deposit) of \$175
- Pay for your flight to Newark Airport (Transportation from Newark to camp will be provided round trip)
- Submit an audition recording of a concerto or solo work of your choice which displays:
  - Advanced Technique
  - Musicality
  - Lyrical playing
- Two Letters of recommendation from your school music teacher and your private teacher, youth orchestra conductor or other music instructor.

Applications will be accepted from the following instruments:

- Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone (any voicing)
- Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba
- Percussion
- Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass

\*Only 20 applicants will be chosen per 6 week block.

As part of this apprenticeship you will have certain expectations which include work study as well as playing commitments. They include

- Two Major Ensembles (Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble)
- Pit Orchestras

Work Study in our French Woods Dining Hall

- Acceptance into this program requires your participation in the Dining Hall Work Study
- Campers in work-study will pay no tuition, but will serve in our dining hall during the meals. Your responsibility will be
  - Serving on the food lines
  - Stocking and Assisting the Salad Bar
  - Helping to clean up after the meal.

This schedule leaves you two periods per day or more to explore other facets of our music program which include:

- Chamber Music
- Private Coaching with one of our senior staff members
- One on one lessons with members of ensembles such as The Pittsburgh Symphony, The New York Philharmonic, The New York Pops and The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

You will also have access to our many other camp activities which can be explored on our website [www.frenchwoods.com](http://www.frenchwoods.com).

There is no deadline to apply for this program. However, spots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Upon acceptance of this work-study scholarship you will have 10 days to apply for the French Woods program (instructions to follow) You may submit your application on line and instructions on how to submit your audition video will be outlined in the online application. \*This opportunity is for NEW campers.

The French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts is the preeminent comprehensive choice arts program in the United States. French Woods fosters the growth of the camper through access to the arts in one of the most beautiful areas of the Upper Delaware Valley Region.

Sincerely,

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Artistic Director and Conductor  
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