

Bethel Camp for the Arts

Kaleidoscope

2007 Information Session Schedule

MASSACHUSETTS:

Sat., Jan. 27, 2007
Danvers Courtyard by Marriott, 275 Independence Way, Danvers, Mass. (978) 777-8630
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Sat., Feb. 3, 2007
Chestnut Hill, Mass., The Farm Condominiums.
Time: 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Sun., March 25, 2007
Boston area,
Location & Time:
TBA

FLORIDA:

Sun., Feb. 11, 2007
West Palm Beach, Florida, at a camper's home.
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 18, 2007
Palm City, Florida, at a camper's home.
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Let's grow together in 2007!

The New Year...a time to grow with new ideas, new friends, and new goals.

As we ushered in the New Year, many of us were looking back at the past year, while thinking about what lies ahead. In our world of camp, this is especially meaningful and fun. We have so many great memories from last summer—close friendships that were made, challenges that were overcome, talents that were expressed, and so many people that touched our lives. As we look forward, we are very excited about the new ideas we plan to implement, new activities we're adding, and the new staff members and campers we'll be welcoming into our Bethel Camp for the Arts family.

It's been wonderful hearing from so many camper families, and we can't wait to see how all of our returning campers have grown—physically, emotionally and socially. It will also be terrific to see our returning staff members, and hear about all the interesting things they've been doing throughout the year, including those taking semesters abroad.

Looking ahead, we'd like to welcome all of our new staff members and campers! We look forward to reaping the benefits from the unique qualities you'll bring to our community. Like our newsletter name, we function as a kaleidoscope, with every individual adding to our mix to help us form a unique design. Every individual at Bethel Camp for the Arts plays an important role in defining who we are, and

we're proud of all of you. At a larger camp, you might be able to melt into the woodwork, but not here...your voice is a part of our chorus, and we hear you loud and clear!

In the same respect, you can expect to grow too



by being part of our community. When we interview potential staff members, we ask what kind of personal growth they'd like to gain from being at Bethel Camp for the Arts. We'd like to ask you the same question.

“What kind of personal growth would you like to gain from being at Bethel Camp for the Arts?”

Of course, most of you just look forward to having fun! And that's the beauty of going to camp...you get to have lots of fun, and you grow up a bit without even knowing it!

Looking forward to our best summer ever,
Rick & Candy

Bethel Camp for the Arts Mission Statement:

To provide a non-competitive, nurturing environment in which children can explore and enjoy a balance of fine and performing arts, technology, enrichment activities and individual/lifetime sports as part of a small, inclusive community.

Our approach to the camp experience:

We are a non-traditional camp with no team sports or color war. Campers create their own schedules, choosing from a wide variety of activities. At Bethel Camp for the Arts, we are committed to offering the highest quality program, staff and facility. We welcome all children to join us and celebrate being who they are!

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Staff

WE KNOW that the staff members are the most important component of our camp. Because of that, we are very particular about who we hire. We try to interview most potential staff members in person, and we have quite a lengthy interview process. In addition, we spend time checking references and doing background checks. We maintain approximately a 3:1 camper to staff ratio.

Who's coming back?

We're happy to tell you that our senior staff members are all returning, as are a number of others:

- ◆ Linc Jackson – Head Counselor
- ◆ Ashley Hensel-Browning – Head Girls' Counselor/Dance Director
- ◆ Jon Estey – Head Boys' Counselor
- ◆ Margot Law – Theater Director
- ◆ Marilyn Barry – Visual Arts Dir.
- ◆ Becky Swan – Nurse
- ◆ Alex Lucas – Tennis
- ◆ Brant Wells – Videography
- ◆ Mica Rich – Dance
- ◆ Cathi DiCoco – Culinary Arts
- ◆ Kate Slattery – Animal Care
- ◆ Maureen Libby & her alpacas!

The following are still figuring out their summer plans, which hopefully will include us:

- ◆ Brett Hine
- ◆ Billfred Leverette
- ◆ Stephanie Ross

We've also hired new staff members:

- ◆ Kara Dunne – Art
- ◆ Shawna Lancaster – Theater
- ◆ Megan Coombs – Art
- ◆ Danielle Faletra – Photography
- ◆ Kendra Rennick – Photography
- ◆ Hillary Douglas – Art
- ◆ Amara Thomas – Theater

We're still hiring staff, so check out our web site staff pages to keep updated. ❄

**"You're not obligated to win.
You're obligated to keep trying to
do the best you can every day."**

Marian Wright Edelman

Information Sessions

AS YOU'LL SEE on the first page sidebar, we're holding several information sessions in Massachusetts and Florida. **PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO COME IF THEY'RE NEARBY!** ❄

In The News...



BETHEL CAMP FOR THE ARTS was written about in *Playbill* magazine on December 4, 2006!

The New York Times
nytimes.com

THE TOWN OF BETHEL, MAINE was featured in the Travel Section of the *NY Times* on December 1, 2006.



PORTLAND, MAINE was listed in November 2006 by Frommer's Travel Guide as one of the 12 emerging travel places not to be missed in 2007! It was also featured in *USA TODAY* on January 8, 2007.

LET US KNOW if you'd like a copy or a link to any of these articles. ❄

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Camp Forms/Schedule

AFTER YOU REGISTER for camp, you can expect to receive your camper packet in the mail starting at the end of February. This will include the much anticipated activity sign-up sheet, parent hand-book, health forms, packing list, and other information. On the activity sign-up sheet, campers will be asked to list their top 15 activities, in the order of importance. If any activities start to fill up, we will look at the date that each camper registered, and those who registered earliest will get priority.

TUITION BALANCES: early enrollment balances are due February 1st, and other balances are due April 15th. ❄

New Activities for 2007

SO YOU THINK you already know what you want to sign up for at Bethel Camp for the Arts this summer? Choosing activities is always very exciting for our campers. We know it's hard to wait, but we like to hire a good portion of our staff before we finalize our activity list. We often find hidden talents amongst our staff, and we sometimes decide to add or fine tune an activity based on these talents.

We know many of you will be very excited to hear that for 2007 we're adding:

- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Hip Hop
- ◆ Acting Classes
- ◆ Videography choices:
 - Music Videos
 - Documentary
 - Narrative Film
- ◆ Bookmaking

Catch A Camper Being Good! Try this at home...

CAMPERS, REMEMBER how much fun we had handing secret notes to Linc to report something nice that a camper or counselor did for you? Ask Mom & Dad if you can do this at home. Or, try it with your friends. Make someone smile 😊