

Thank you for Registering for Sitka Fine Arts Camp 2012! Please read through the following information so you know what to expect:

SITKA FINE ARTS CAMP PACKING LIST

EVERYONE

- Instrument (if applicable) - bring extra reeds, oil, strings, metronomes, wire stand for practicing (instrument supplies are not available in Sitka)
- Gym shoes for the gym
- Swimsuit (optional recreation pool use)
- Clothes that are appropriate for the classes you are taking (especially for dance classes and physical theater – sweat pants and comfortable tops that can be layered, ballet students can wear tights, leotards, or shorts)
 - All music students should bring a white shirt, black skirt/pants, and black shoes suitable for performing
- Water Bottle
- Comfortable walking shoes

DORM STUDENTS (IN ADDITION TO ITEMS LISTED ABOVE.)

- Sleeping Bag & Pillow (linens are not provided)
- Towel and wash cloth
- Alarm clock
- Toothbrush/paste and other toiletries
- Flip-flops to shower in
- Warm jacket for rain and 40 –50 degree weather
- Medications (if applicable)
- Quarters for laundry

SHOULD I BRING MONEY?

There will be time for students to go downtown and to purchase camp souvenirs, so you may want to bring a small amount of money. Camp souvenirs range in price from \$10 for a CD to \$40 for a sweatshirt. You will also need money for laundry services: \$5.00 per load (includes wash and dry).

Information for booking travel arrangements:

Arrival Days: Students should arrive by 3pm

Sunday, June 17th Middle School

Sunday, July 1st High School

Monday, July 16th Musical Theater Camp

Departure Days: Students should depart as early as possible. Dormitory check-out is before noon.

Saturday, June 30th Middle School

Sunday, July 15th High School

Sunday, July 29th Musical Theater Camp

Make airline or ferry reservations early. Alaska Airlines offers a 5% discount for travel booked with the following discount codes:

ECMG399 Travel days 6/4-6/18

ECMG396 Travel days 6/16-6/30

ECMG397 Travel days 7/1-7/15

ECMG398 Travel days 7/15-7/29

The Camp receives a free ticket for every 40 tickets booked using the codes. Parents and visitors are also welcome to use the discount codes for travel to Sitka, but please be sure to email office@fineartscamp.org with the code you used and the 13 digit ticket number so we can redeem our free flights. Students using the codes should report 13 digit ticket numbers on the required Travel Form. Ex ticket number: 027-1234567899.

Setting:

Located in Sitka, one of Alaska's most picturesque communities, the Camp celebrates the natural beauty of both mountains and ocean. 2011 marked the return of the Camp to its original home on the campus of the former Sheldon Jackson College. Dormitory, cafeteria, gym, classrooms, and practice areas are located on site. The campus is a short walk from downtown Sitka. The final student performances will be held in Sitka's new, state of the art Performing Arts Center.

Schedule:

Students have 5 classes each day, Monday through Saturday.

When students are not in class, they can choose from recreation activities including soccer, frisbee, hiking, open photo lab, trivia chair, acapella, and much more! Each evening the faculty put on ArtShare performances for the Camp community. On Sundays in the middle of the Camp session, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor activities including hikes and kayaking. Students are also welcome to make arrangements to attend worship services on this day.

Food:

Meals at camp are served buffet style in the dining hall. Vegetarian options are available and there is an extensive salad bar. Cooks are happy to accommodate most dietary restrictions, be sure to include any requests on the Health History form during registration.

Performances:

There are many opportunities at Camp for students to share their artwork with one another. Campers put on a talent show, have open mic nights, and may even perform for tourists. The final three days of Camp are dedicated to final student performances and presentations. This is a great time for parents to visit.

Middle School Session:

Final Performances June 27, 28, 29 at 7pm at the Sitka Performing Arts Center
Afternoon Showcase June 29 1-4pm, location TBA

JAZZ ON THE WATERFRONT: Benefit concert between the Middle and High School Sessions; students must be accompanied by an adult. An exciting evening of music, dancing, and food and a great opportunity to support the Camp. June 30, 7:30pm at Harrigan Centennial Hall

High School Session:

Final Performances July 12, 13, 14 at 7pm at the Sitka Performing Arts Center
Afternoon Showcase July 14 1-4pm, location TBA

Nametags:

Your nametag serves as your ID for meals at the cafeteria and all campus activities. There is a \$5 fee to replace a lost nametag.

Health Services:

There is a registered nurse on call 24 hours a day to provide health services to students. Students who take prescription medications should bring their medicine to Camp in its original packaging inside a ziplock bag labeled with the student's name, medication name, dosage directions, and the name and phone number of the prescribing physician. Students are required to turn in all medication to the Camp nurse on the first day and are expected to go to the nurse's office as needed to receive their medication. Medication will be returned to students on the last day of Camp. Sitka Fine Arts Camp operates under the Centers for Disease Control guidelines regarding H1N1.

College Credit:

The University of Alaska Southeast offers college credit for high school students. To be eligible, students must attend all classes and evening performances. Be sure to contact UAS before the Camp session to set up college credit. Contact UAS for details at 907-747-6653.

Walking directions to the Sitka Performing Arts Center from the Sheldon Jackson Campus:

From the Hames Center parking lot, walk back to Jeff Davis Street and go Right towards the mountains. At Sawmill Creek Road, turn Left. Walk to round-about and take Right onto Lake Street. Walk along Lake Street to the stop sign at the top of the hill next to the Sitka High School sign on your right. Proceed straight through the stop sign, up a small hill and veer Right. The Performing Arts Center is the Silver and Red Building across the parking lot. The lobby entrance faces the woods.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What if my child is homesick?

It is not unusual for students of all ages to miss home and family in the first few days of camp, especially if it is a student's first extended time away from home. Camp staff are trained to recognize homesickness and work especially hard to keep students busy and engaged in the camp atmosphere.

Can friends and family members visit students at camp?

Family and friends are welcome at the evening artshare performances and the final performances, as well as for short visits on the main campus. Visitors must check in with the counseling office upon arrival. Please keep in mind that students are busy and frequent or lengthy visits can make it difficult for students to fully engage in the camp experience.

What should I do if I cannot access my camp account or forgot my password?

Call the camp office 907-747-3085 or email office(at)fineartscamp.org. Please do not create a new account.

Can my student receive mail at camp?

Yes, please address mail to:

Student Name
c/o Sitka Fine Arts Camp
121 John Brady
Sitka, AK 99835

SFAC is unable to forward camper mail that arrives after the recipient's camp session.

What kind of adult supervision do students have?

The primary responsibility of all camp staff is the safety and well-being of each student. The counselor to camper ration is 1:10. Students must check in twice a day with their counselor and attendance is taken for each class period. During rec time, students occasionally have the opportunity to go downtown. Middle school students must be accompanied by a counselor. High school students may go downtown in groups of 3 or more without a counselor.

Who are the counselors?

The counseling staff consists of a diverse group of talented people whose primary objective is helping students get the most out of the SFAC experience. The majority of our counselors are art students or graduates from various colleges and universities throughout the country.

What suggestions do counselors have for getting the most out of camp?

The single most important aspect in getting the most out of camp is to attend classes well rested and healthy. Students should get plenty of rest, drink lots of water, and make healthy eating decisions.

What is the dormitory like for residential students?

Students are housed in dormitories on the Sheldon Jackson Campus and will share a room with one other student. Rooms are equipped with bunk beds and desks. A shared bathroom is a short walk down the hall. Dorm rooms lock and each student has a key to his or her room. Each student is responsible for keeping his or her room locked and for holding on to the key. There is a \$25 fee for lost keys. Boys and girls are separated by dormitory floors and are only permitted on their respective floors. Students may submit the name of one friend on the roommate request portion of the registration form. Lights out is at 10 pm for Middle School Students and at 10:30 for High School Students.

Do residential students have an opportunity to do laundry at camp?

Yes, residential students have the option to do laundry. Students should bring quarters and soap is provided.

What is the camp cell phone policy?

Students who come to Camp with a cell phone may call their family to let them know they arrived safely, but are expected to turn it off and store it in their room for the remainder of Camp except during approved calling hours. Most students find their experience more enjoyable without the distraction of a cell phone. Cell phones used during classes, performances, or after lights-out will be confiscated until camp is over. If there is an emergency at home, parents can contact their child by calling the Camp office 907-747-3085.

Is it ok to book the 6am flight for my child's departure on the final day of camp?

Absolutely! In fact, the majority of our campers leave on the 6 am flight.

There are no travel options to get my child to Sitka by 3 pm on the first day of camp. Is it better to have my child arrive late on the first day or to come a day early?

It is better for students to arrive later on the first day of camp. Your child's counselor will make sure he or she is caught up with orientation and that any auditions are rescheduled. If it is not possible to arrive on the first day of camp and your child must come a day early, please be sure to indicate the arrival day and time on the travel form as well as email the office at office(at)fineartscamp.org. There is a \$50 fee for students who arrive a day early.

How does my child get from the airport or ferry terminal to camp?

SFAC provides complimentary shuttle service for the following Alaska Airline flights: arrival on flights 62, 63, and 67 and departure on flights 62, 68, and 73 on the scheduled arrival and departure days. We will announce the status of

complimentary shuttle service for ferry passengers in May. Please make sure you fill out the Travel Form to let the camp office know when and how your student is arriving. It is your responsibility to provide SFAC with this information. For students arriving at other times, please contact our office for information on shuttle and taxi services.

My child is traveling is traveling to camp as an unaccompanied minor. Whose name and contact information should I provide to the airline for the person meeting my child at the airport in Sitka?

Roger Schmidt (Camp Director), 907-747-3085, office(at)fineartscamp.org

Does my child need to bring his or her instrument to Camp for music classes?

Yes, students should bring their personal instruments to camp with the exception of: drums and piano. Rock band students should bring guitars but Camp will provide amplifiers. If your student plays an instrument that is difficult to transport to camp, contact the camp office during registration to see if any loaner instruments are available, office(at)fineartscamp.org.

Can my child begin music lessons on a new instrument at Camp?

The two-week intensive camp experience is best suited for students with some prior experience/instruction on their instrument. There are plenty of exploratory opportunities in other disciplines such as theater, writing, and the visual arts.

My student is signed up for a photography class. What kind of camera is needed?

Students need manual SLR cameras. The Camp has a limited number of loaner cameras available for students who don't have personal cameras to bring. To use a loaner camera, email office(at)fineartscamp.org to arrange rental before the session begins.

Can my student leave campus during Camp?

Students can be checked out through the counseling office by a parent/guardian or a pre-approved adult, 18 years of age or older. Counselors must know when the student is expected back and have a contact phone number for the adult. It is best to call the office the day before to alert the Head Counselor.

Is there a camp lost and found?

The counseling staff does its best to reconnect students with their missing items during Camp. Families are responsible for the shipping and handling expenses should and item need to be returned after the session is over.

What's the weather like?

In Sitka it can rain for days on end or be sunny for the entire camp. Be prepared for both extremes. Summer temperatures can range from 40-80 degrees. Dressing in layers is recommended.

My student has already attended Camp does he or she still need to turn in a teacher's recommendation form for this year?

Yes. We do not keep the Teacher's Recommendations forms year to year. In addition our staff changes and your student changes.

Is financial aid available?

Limited need-based financial aid is available for qualifying students. Contact the Camp Office for more information: 907-747-3085.