

Welcome:

Mission & Values:

Sitka Fine Arts Camp's mission is to build community by providing opportunities in the arts, culture, and recreation in an inclusive, educational, and inspirational environment. Kids are our priority. Together, we create the best experience possible for the students who attend our programs. We all build a positive and respectful environment for all people.

We welcome you to the Sitka Fine Arts Campus (SFAC) and hope you have a wonderful experience teaching at the Camp. Thank you for being part of our community!

The Sitka Fine Arts Camp was founded in 1973 as an arts camp for middle and high school students with interest in theater, dance, music, visual arts, and creative writing. Since that time, the Sitka Fine Arts Camp has become a nationally-recognized program for its quality of arts instruction that serves youth from throughout Alaska, the United States, and internationally.

In 2011, Sitka Fine Arts Camp was gifted 20 buildings on 22 acres of land that was originally the Sheldon Jackson School.

Since 2011, the Sitka Fine Arts Camp has expanded its programs into a dynamic year-round campus that serves several thousand people each year. This summer the campus will host arts camps for Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Adult students. We will host two teacher institutes, several university field courses, a historic restoration workshop, residency programs, and The Sitka Arts and Science Festival. For more about our programs visit: fineartscamp.org.

Here is important information.

Sitka Fine Arts Campus:

Campus History:

The Sitka Fine Arts Campus is a National Historic Landmark. As the former Sheldon Jackson School, it was the oldest existent educational institute in Alaska with over 100 years of history. "SJ," as it's known in Sitka, began as a Presbyterian mission for Native children in 1878. The school moved to this site in 1884. The current campus, with its formal layout of five central buildings around a grassy quadrangle, was built in 1910-11. The New York architectural firm of Ludlow and Peabody designed the campus. In 1917 the school became a boarding high school. College programs began in the 1940s, and in 1967 the high school closed and Sheldon Jackson was a private college until it closed in 2007. In 2011, Sitka Fine Arts Camp was gifted the core campus. Presented with the enormous challenge of repairing and maintaining the neglected historic campus, an enormous grassroots volunteer effort was launched with over a thousand volunteers contributing over 40,000 hours. Their work has transformed the campus into a vibrant Alaskan treasure.

Teaching:

Classrooms:

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Your classroom will be set up using the notes you provided on your supply list. The Sunday before each camp session is reserved for setting up your classroom and organizing your supplies. Classrooms are sometimes used by multiple teachers throughout the day.

Classroom Internet:

For educational use only, we also have password protected networks that are available for classroom usage. Our internet is donated and we have a limit on usage. Because of this we ask that faculty limit their internet usage to email and educational uses only. Please bring your personal laptop if you will need computer access while on campus. For personal use, there is a guest network available in each building or for access to higher speed internet, the Sitka Public Library is within walking distance of campus.

Supplies:

The supplies that you have ordered for camp should be in your classroom when you arrive. For additional supply needs, supply request forms are available at our Copy Center. Please submit supply request forms as far in advance as possible to give our staff time to fulfill the request. Because of our island location and budget constraints, we may not be able to provide additional supplies once camp begins.

Copy Center:

The Copy Center is located in the lobby of the Rasmuson Building. Requests may be submitted in person or electronically to copies@fineartscamp.org. Please submit copy requests as early as possible.

Staff:

The Camp faculty are artists and educators selected from throughout the United States for their excellence in arts education. Before arriving please read our faculty biographies in order to get to know your fellow faculty members.

Our counselors are college students or recent graduates with interest in arts education. The counseling staff is in charge of the supervision of students outside of class. In addition, each counselor assists in one class and has the option to attend another as a participant.

Our support staff work to make sure that camp runs smoothly. In addition to our year-round administrative team, we employ seasonally a production crew, kitchen staff, custodial staff, maintenance staff, interns, and volunteers.

Time:

Time at the Sitka Fine Arts Camp is an important ally toward the success and enjoyment of all. SFAC has many moving parts, with each part, like the gear in a watch, affecting the other parts. At the Sitka Fine Arts Camp we run on schedules. Please be a team player, respectful of each other's time, by being aware and following our schedules including: class schedules, dining hall schedules, rehearsal, performance schedules. There isn't a hierarchy of time, we are a democracy, where nobody's time is more important than another's. The cool thing is that the more we respect each other's time, the more free time we will all have and the better we will be able to serve all our students.

Housing:**Dorms:**

Dorms have shared bathrooms down the hall. Our dorms are unheated and can be drafty, so please bring warm clothing for sleeping. Most of our dorms have common spaces and libraries, which are available for your use.

Kitchen:

Faculty have access to a kitchen for recreational use. This is a public kitchen shared by all staff. As a courtesy to other users please keep the kitchen clean. Please label any food. Please remove food when leaving campus.

Quiet Time:

Quiet Time in residential dorms is between 10pm and 7am.

Laundry:

Coin operated laundry machines are located in North Pacific Hall.

Keys:

Room keys are distributed upon arrival. Keys are returned at check-out. There is a \$50 fee for lost or damaged keys.

Pets and Service Animals:

Pets are not allowed at Sitka Fine Arts Camp. Sitka Fine Arts Camp complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any person who plans to bring a service animal must notify the Sitka Fine Arts Camp Office (907-747-3085), at which time we may ask if the service animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the service animal has been trained to do. A service animal must be under the handler's control at all times, and the handler is expected to clean up after the service animal. If dorm housing is requested, a fee will be charged should there be any damage to the room.

Storm Windows:

Please do not remove storm windows yourself as they are heavy and fragile. If you would like your storm window removed, please submit a maintenance request.

Trash:

Please take your garbage out to the dumpster that is closest to your building. Make sure the lid on the dumpster closes so that the ravens don't scatter trash all over campus.

Check Out:

Summer check out time is at 10am. For those leaving on later flights we are able to store luggage.

Campus:

Location:

The Campus is conveniently located 5 minutes by foot to downtown with access to the library, post office, grocery store, as well as several restaurants and bars. The Campus is also bordered by the Sitka National Historic Park which includes a beautiful trail with a phenomenal collection of Tlingit and Haida totem poles. Other walking trails are also nearby.

Dining Hall:

Meals on campus are served buffet style in the Dining Hall. There is a fresh salad bar, hot meal options, vegetarian dishes, soups, and fresh Alaskan seafood. In order for our chefs to provide the best service to everyone, they are unable to accommodate special requests or to go meals. For people with special dietary needs, there is a grocery store within walking distance of campus.

Dining Hall Meal Times:

Sunday Breakfast - 8:00am-9:00am

Monday-Saturday Breakfast - 7:00am-8:00am

Lunch - 12pm-1pm (Lunch is 12:20pm-1:20pm at High School Camp)

Dinner - 5:30pm-6:30pm

Please note: Food service ends 10 minutes before the Dining Hall closes.

Lunch is our busiest meal. Staff who do not teach 3rd period are allowed and encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early. Please do not release students early for lunch.

Gym:

Located on campus, the Hames Center is a gym with cardio machines, free weights, weight machines, and exercise classes for all your workout needs. Faculty are required to bring their nametags for access.

Yoga Studio:

The non-profit community-run Yoga Union is located on campus in the Kellogg Building and available to guests for drop-ins or classes. For more information visit: <http://yogaunionsitka.org>.

Campus Partners:

The Campus is home to three other great partner organizations that own buildings purchased from the original school. We encourage you to learn more about their programs by visiting their websites at [The Sitka Sound Science Center](#), [The Sitka Summer Music Festival](#), and the [Sheldon Jackson State Museum](#).

Mail:

If you would like to receive mail at camp, your address is:

Your Name

c/o Sitka Fine Arts Camp

110 College Drive

Suite #111

Sitka, AK 99835

SFAC is unable to forward mail that arrives after the recipient's departure. SFAC is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

Maintenance:

Please report any broken items to our maintenance team. Maintenance Request Forms are available at the Copy Center. For emergencies or for issues needing immediate attention after business hours, call our Facility Manager, Nate Lafriniere (907-738-4919).

Custodial:

Our custodial team cleans bathrooms daily. As a courtesy to others, please keep all common areas clean and tidy. Each dorm is supplied with vacuum cleaner and cleaning supplies for general use.

Drug Policy:

We are a smoke and drug free campus. We strictly prohibit tobacco, marijuana, and illegal drug use of any kind on campus, including e-cigarettes.

Alcohol Policy:

As a member of our campus community, we expect that guests will enjoy alcohol responsibly and will only consume alcohol if they are over the legal drinking age (21 years of age). Please dispose of all empty bottles/cans/cups, etc. We ask that adults are respectful of our youth programs and not drink around underage guests. Please note that residential counseling staff who directly supervise students are prohibited from drinking alcohol.