

# SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

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**SFOA NEWSLETTER Issue #2: Third week of June**

**WELCOME TO SFOA 2010!**

## **NO Senior Orientation – (Was Saturday July 3)**

Due to the schedule announced for the Bar Harbor Independence Day Celebration – **July 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup>**, (Events in Bar Harbor are at the following: <http://www.maine.info/July4.php>)

SFOA **will not** be holding the Senior Orientation Day on **Saturday July 3**. We will make every effort to have schedules confirmed for all students before that date. We will hold a Senior student welcome in the auditorium during the first period of the day on Monday, July 5. All Junior students will proceed as is the tradition to their first period music class and Sprites will gather on the north lawn for their welcome to SFOA.

Unless you have business to conduct with the administration - a station set up in the cafeteria for any parents that may still need to arrange or confirm transportation or lunch orders (for the second and third week, first week's lunch orders must be in office by Thursday July 1), parent attendance is not required. Student preordered T-shirts will be distributed at this time and additional design T-shirts in varied styles and colors will also be available throughout the run of camp. (\$12 for preordered, \$15 for special colors)

## **Junior & Senior Class Schedules**

Student schedules will be prepared and accompany this newsletter. Just a reminder, class schedules are constructed from your choices. We do not guarantee **any** student will receive **all** of their first choice selections. We do our best to include the two most desired classes you indicated on your schedule.

## **Sprite Information**

Last year it was determined the Sprite *parents* needed a little extra time to say good-bye for the morning drop-off. We know the children were all eager to start the day but sometimes... well with that in mind we will slightly extend the day for the Sprites and have dismissal at 12:30. If this change creates a difficulty for anyone please contact us and we will return to the 12 noon dismissal.

## **Withdrawals**

If you decide to withdraw your child from camp before June 11, your deposit and all payments made on your account will be refunded in full. After June 12, the \$50 deposit will not be refunded. **Tuition is 100% non-refundable after June 30.**

## **Medical Releases and Waivers**

Releases and waivers (available for print out online) must be completed in full (don't forget to fill in the date of their last tetanus shot) and **returned immediately**. Remember to read the "Rules to Live By" (posted on the website and also on back of schedule form). Please help us keep your kids safe!

## **Hours / Location**

Camp starts at **9:00 a.m.** sharp and ends at **3:00 p.m.** (9:00a.m.-12:30p.m. for Sprites) on campus at MDI High School on Rt. 233 (Eagle Lake Rd) in Bar Harbor. SFOA uses the **north lawn entrance** at the music and art wing. If you arrive early, or come by bus, please gather on the North Lawn

and wait for camp to start at 9:00 a.m. Our year-round office is on Main Street in Southwest Harbor behind LS Robinson Real Estate until July 1 when we move to MDI High School Room 101. Our phone number is (207) 244-3855 (calls are forwarded from our SWH office). Please don't call Mt. Desert Island High School to get in touch with us! We don't use their phone system during camp.

### Transportation (Bus) Information

See bus schedule on website. FYI off-island riders, it is the “old” Mardens location behind McDonalds. Please contact us if you need a schedule sent to you. Let us know ASAP which stop you will use if you have not yet done so.

### Lunch (aka The Lunch Wagon)

Lunch is a fun and social time for our campers. On sunny days, we have lunch outside on the lawn. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch from home or order lunch through SFOA. We offer sandwiches 3 days per week and pizza on Tuesday and Thursdays. The cost for lunch is \$7/day or \$30/week. You can order a full week of lunches, or just a few days (lots of kids just order just on pizza days and bring lunch the other days). **In either case, lunches must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. This year lunch orders and payments are due by July 1 (week one), July 8 (week two) and July 15 (week three).** There are also several affordable a la carte items available for sale each day that don't have to be pre-ordered including: drinks, bagels & cream cheese, granola bars, cookies, fruit, etc.

### Junior and Sprites Snacks

We have snack time in the morning for Juniors and Sprites. Please send a long a healthy snack each day. (The lunch wagon is not open for this snack time.)

### Calendar / Finale Performances

Please take a minute to look over the SFOA 2010 calendar. We know families have lots of planning to do, so we've included a general outline of the Finale Weekend performances and other important dates and times.

### Volunteering

As many of you know, SFOA relies on volunteers. Without the time and support of parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, extended family members, friends, and other generous members of the community, we simply would not be able to make SFOA happen. Please sign up for a volunteer assignment early! We have lots of opportunities before, during and after camp from cleaning out classrooms to helping with lunch to taking tickets at the Finale. If you filled out the volunteer section on your child's registration form, we'll be contacting you soon!

Camp-set-up schedule:	Time	Number
Tuesday, June 29- Arrange/set-up rooms –	9:00-4:00 Morning and/or afternoon shifts	6 helpers
Wednesday, June 30 – Move Supplies -	9:00 At Benson's Storage, SWH	4-6 vehicles
Wednesday, June 30 – Sort/Set-up supplies	1:00-4:00 Afternoon finish room set-up	4-6 helpers
Wednesday, June 30 - “Doug's Crew” -	5:00-7:00-ish Erect Lunch Wagon/ Tent	6 helpers+tools
Thursday, July 1, -Move SFOA office to MDI	9:00-? Final move in and ready for Camp	4-6 helpers

### 6th Annual SFOA Gala – SFOA Gala Fundraiser. Thursday August 19

Location- John Williams Boat Company, Hall Quarry, Mount Desert, Maine.

Mark your calendars! Last year's event was great fun! This year will feature musical performances by our talented teaching artists and SFOA friends, tasty fare from a number of local restaurants and much much more! Details in following newsletters.

# 2010 SFOA CALENDAR

(All dates/times correct as of 6/10/10; watch for updates and revisions!)

- Friday, June 11      Final Payments Due\* (June 18 for scholarship recipients)  
Medical and Release Forms Due  
Bus Stop Choice and Payment Due
- Friday, June 18      Junior & Senior Schedules Mailed
- Friday, June 30      Refund Cut Off (no tuition refunds after this date)
- Thursday, July 1      SFOA office moves to MDI High School  
Lunch orders for week 1 due (week 2 orders due 7/12, week 3 7/19)
- June 28 – July 2      Moving and Set-up days at MDI High School (Volunteers needed!  
Call SFOA office for schedule and times)
- - - NO STUDENT ORIENTATION JULY 3 - - -
- July 5 – July 23      SFOA in Session at MDI High School  
(Weekdays) 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## 2010 Finale Performances (Tentative all subject to change!)

- Friday, July 23      6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Junior Festival & Grand Art Show  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Senior Festival Kick Off - Rock Bands
- Saturday, July 24      Senior Festival Performances  
(*Exact Times and Locations TBA: order of events as follows*)  
Music & Dance Performances, Theater Performances (plays)  
MDI High School Clean-up / Pack-up begins (Volunteers needed, contact SFOA office)
- July 25 -- 27      9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. "Leave No Trace" Volunteer Clean Up at High School (work Sunday, Monday & Tuesday if needed)

