



**Thank you for Registering for Sitka Fine Arts Camp 2017! Please read through the following information carefully 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□
- 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.)**

- Warm Sleeping Bag & Pillow (linens are not provided)□
- Towel and washcloth□
- 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
- Warm clothes for sleeping (our dorms are unheated and are often cold at night)

#### **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 \$65 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 18 - Middle School

Sunday, July 2 - High School

Sunday, July 16 - Musical Theater Camp, Dance Intensive, Sitka Jazz Workshop

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

Saturday, July 1 - Middle School

Sunday, July 16 - High School

Sunday, July 23 - Dance Intensive, Sitka Jazz Workshop

Sunday, July 30 - Musical Theater Camp

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

ECMX451 May 29 – June 12

ECMX452 June 17 – July 1

ECMX453 July 2 – July 16

ECMX462 July 16 – July 30

ECMX463 July 28 – August 5

The Camp receives a free ticket for every 40 tickets booked using the codes. Parents and visitors are also welcome and encouraged to use the discount codes for travel to Sitka, but please be sure to email [office@fineartscamp.org](mailto:office@fineartscamp.org) with the code that 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 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. Please be sure to include any information about food allergies 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 28, 29, 30 at 7pm at the Sitka Performing Arts Center

Afternoon Showcase June 30, 1-4pm, on the Sitka Fine Arts Campus

Rock Band Performance June 30th at 10pm in Odess Theater on the Sitka Fine Arts Campus

**JAZZ ON THE WATERFRONT:** Benefit concert between the Middle and High School Sessions; This is a special event that is not part of the regular camp sessions. Students are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. An exciting evening of music, dancing, and food and a great opportunity to support the Camp. July 1, 7pm in the Odess Theater. Tickets are \$65 and are available from the Camp office: 747-3085 or online during registration.

**High School Session:**

Final Performances July 13, 14, 15 at 7pm at the Sitka Performing Arts Center

Afternoon Showcase July 15, 1-4pm, on the Sitka Fine Arts Campus

Rock Band Performance July 15th at 10pm in Odess Theater on the Sitka Fine Arts Campus

**Musical Theater:**

Shows July 28 at 7pm, July 29 at 2pm and 7pm at the Sitka Performing Arts Center

**Nametags:**

Your name tag 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.

**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 Sitka Fine Arts 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 is my CampInTouch account? How do I access it?**

CampMinder is our online registration system. With CampMinder you are able to login to your CampInTouch account at any time to fill out required forms, check on the status of forms, update your contact information, and make tuition payments. Your CampInTouch account is a convenient way for you to access all of the information that you need in one place. You can log in to your CampInTouch account at any time from the Login Page of our website. Please take a moment to explore your account and its different features.

### **How are classes assigned?**

The class catalog is released in mid-January and students have until February 1 to submit their class preferences. There are five class periods a day and each student will select their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th choice for each period. Students are placed in classes in the order that they register for camp. This means that the earlier a student registers, the more likely they are to receive their first choice of class. Photography and ceramics classes are an exception and are assigned by a random lottery for any student who registers on January 1, and then until space is full based on the regular class priority system. *Please note that priority is not based on the date that the student submits their class preferences.* Students who do not submit their class preference form and health history form by the February 1 deadline may lose their class placement priority. Students who register after mid-February should call before registering to check on class availability, 907-747-3085.

### **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. If your student is experiencing homesickness, we recommend keeping calls short and helping your student focus on engaging in the camp community and activities.

### **Can friends and family members visit students at camp?**

Family and friends are welcome at the evening artshare performances and the final performances. Rec time on some days also an opportunity to take your student off campus as long as your student does not have a prior camp commitment during that time. Visitors must check in with the counseling office upon arrival and be approved by the student's parent or guardian. 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](mailto:office@fineartscamp.org). Please do not create a new account.

### **Can my student receive mail at camp?**

Yes, please address mail to:

Student Name, Camp Session (example: Mary Smith, Middle School Camp)  
c/o Sitka Fine Arts Camp  
110 College Drive Suite #111  
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 ratio 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 beds and desks. A shared bathroom is a short walk down the hall. Students are housed on floors by gender. Our dorms are unheated so students should bring warm clothes for sleeping. Students may submit the name of one friend on the roommate request portion of the registration form. Lights out is at 9:30 pm for Middle School Students and at 10:00 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. Cost is \$5 per load.

**What is the camp cell phone policy?**

Most students find their experience more enjoyable without the distraction of a cell phone. If there is an emergency at home, parents can contact their child by calling the Camp office 907-747-3085. 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. Approved calling hours are from 6:00-7:45am and in the evening during free time between 8:00 pm and lights out. Cell phones used outside approved calling hours such as during classes, meals, performances, or after lights-out will be confiscated until camp is over.

**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 auditions will be rescheduled as the schedule permits. 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@fineartscamp.org](mailto:office@fineartscamp.org). There is an \$85 fee for students who arrive a day early or depart a day late from campus (this fee includes a shuttle from the airport or ferry terminal). All early arrivals and late departures must be noted in the students travel form and arranged with SFAC's Main Office by calling 907-747-3085 or emailing [office@fineartscamp.org](mailto:office@fineartscamp.org).

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

Sitka Fine Arts Camp offers complimentary shuttle service to and from the Sitka airport or ferry terminal on all program arrival and departure dates. For students arriving and departing on other dates or at other locations there is a \$15 fee for shuttle service. Sitka Fine Arts Camp does not provide shuttle service for parents or other family members.

**My child 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?**

Paul McGlew (Director of Students), 907-747-3085, [office@fineartscamp.org](mailto:office@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 and guitar cables. 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@fineartscamp.org](mailto:office@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 rent for students who don't have personal cameras to bring. The fee for a camera rental is \$25. To use a loaner camera, email [office@fineartscamp.org](mailto:office@fineartscamp.org) to obtain a rental request form before the session begins. Loaner cameras are rented for the class period and must be checked out with the teacher for use outside of class.

**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. Parents can add authorized adults on the forms dashboard of their CampInTouch account.

**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 an item need to be mailed 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 require a Teacher's Recommendation every year because our faculty use the recommendations to get to know your student and help tailor their teaching style to meet the needs of each child.

**Is financial aid available?**

We believe that all students should be able to participate in our programs regardless of their financial circumstances. Sitka Fine Arts Camp provides need-based financial aid for qualifying students. Please visit the Financial Aid page of our website for more information about our financial aid, as well as information about alternate sources of funding for Alaska students: <http://fineartscamp.org/financial-aid-information/>.

**What is the refund policy?**

Students who cancel their registration by June 1st will be refunded the full amount, less a \$75 non-refundable deposit (\$50 non-refundable deposit for elementary programs and workshops). Tuition is non-refundable after June 1st. Please let us know as soon as possible if you intend to cancel so we can make your slot available to another student.