

The Ballibay Camps Important Suggestions

You don't need to read the whole thing; but please do take a look at the notes on any program area in which your camper shows interest; Campers, check this out too!

T H E A T R E

Auditions for plays and musicals are held during orientation, the first few days of each session. Two-week campers will be able to audition for one-act plays. Campers staying for 3 or more weeks will be able to audition for full-length plays (as these rehearse for more than 2 weeks). **New campers**, if you decide to audition for a musical, you may wish to bring sheet music for songs you know. Auditioning with a familiar tune is always a little more comfortable... If you do not have any music prepared, our music staff will have an assortment of familiar songs available; any camper may audition for a musical, and we'll help! Non-musical auditions will usually involve reading and improvisation; if you have a monologue prepared, please tell the directors during auditions! **Returning Campers:** If you have auditioned for musicals in previous summers, **the directors will expect you to have a song prepared and have the music with you when you come to your audition.**

M U S I C

Our music department has electronic keyboards and drumsets for your practice and lessons. With other instruments, we encourage you to bring your own if you plan on taking lessons or practicing. Campers often want to try a new instrument at camp — If so, we do have instruments on hand which campers may borrow. Bringing sheet music to camp is a good idea — there are many opportunities to perform favorite songs, or just play and sing with friends. Also, your own music may be used in lessons. Be sure to mark all music clearly with your name!

D A N C E

Although our dance studios can lend ballet and tap shoes to campers who are trying dance for the first time, we suggest that experienced dance students bring their own shoes. We have a good selection of music at camp, but you may wish to bring your favorite music on CD or iPod for choreographing your own pieces, warming up, or just for fun! Make sure everything you bring is marked with your name! **Returning Dancers:** If you have danced in previous summers and have your own shoes, **Jamie will expect you to bring your shoes, black tights, and black leggings with you this summer.**

P H O T O

Ballibay's photography studio provides bulk black-and-white film and photographic paper for campers interested in shooting and developing. We have several 35mm SLR and digital cameras to lend to beginning photographers; but campers more serious about photography should bring their own — and we suggest 35mm SLR cameras with an adjustable f-stop for best shooting! **We place a few restrictions on digital camera use at camp to insure the privacy of campers and staff in the cabin areas. Parents, please contact us if your camper is planning to bring a digital camera to camp.**

V I D E O

In our video program, campers learn live multi-camera video production. We also make dance films and videosongs! Some campers have in the past brought camcorders to camp; **we place a few restrictions on camcorder use at camp to insure the privacy of campers and staff in the cabin areas. Parents, please contact us if your camper is planning to bring a camcorder to camp.**

A R T S

The art department at **Ballibay** and **The Farm** is fully stocked with materials and tools for all areas of two- and three-dimensional studio work. There are very few things our studios cannot provide for a motivated camper — but a painting shirt or clay smock is worth bringing along; art can be a messy business!

R O C K - n - R O L L

Campers can bring their own instruments, amplifiers, effects pedals, &c... to camp. Any large equipment will be kept in one of the the Rock studios. **Label everything!**

important! Campers must wear ear protection when rehearsing and playing loud electric music. Even though our staff never let the volumes get too out of control, and rehearsal times are rarely longer than one hour, **your rock-n-roll camper must bring ear protection**, and it is a good habit to get into for the future! Simple foam ear plugs such as those for construction workers are inexpensive and can eliminate any risk of hearing damage; **please send some with your camper and reinforce the importance of using them when the volumes get loud!**

R I D I N G

Campers who wish to do horseback riding need to have shoes or boots with a hard heel, and an approved riding helmet. We have approved helmets in several sizes to lend to occasional riders, but serious riders will want to bring their own.

S P O R T S

We have sports equipment to lend to campers in all of our sporting areas, but campers are encouraged to bring their own tennis rackets, softball mits, &c... Just make sure everything is marked with your camper's name! We do not have any appropriate spaces for skateboarding, rollerskating or in-line skating, so these items can stay at home...

Q U E S T I O N S ?

Please contact us: 570 746 3223 or office@ballibayCamps.com)

We are always on campus this time of year, and if we are away from the phone, we'll get back to you quickly!

THINGS to BRING

(from the clothing list)

Theatre Needs

These are typical costume elements or under-pieces that almost every camper doing theater will need:

- 2 pairs of black or dark socks
- 2 black t-shirts (no printing)
- 2 expendable white tee-shirts pair of black or dark pants
- 1 pair of soft, darkly colored shoes (ballet/exercise/kung-fu or wrestling shoes)

Art & Sets

- 2 sets of paint clothes or overalls
- 1 old pair of paint shoes

Dancers...

- 1 pair of black leggings
- 1 pair of black tights
- 2 sets of dance clothing
- dance shoes if you have them

For Riding

- an approved riding helmet if you have one (if not we have several here at camp to loan you)
- tough, long pants **required**
- tough shoes w/heels **required**

For Music

- your instrument if you have one
- extra strings/reeds/&c...
- sheet music

For Rock-n-Roll

- your instrument if you have one
- an amplifier (optional)
- ear plugs for hearing protection
ear plugs are required!
- effects pedals, extra strings, picks

label *everything* with your name!