

GHOSTLIGHT THEATER CAMP



Our Mission is Community



Our Story

Over the years, Ghostlight Theater Camp has maintained its commitment to creating a remarkably supportive and inclusive environment where campers grow as both people and performers while developing confidence in themselves and essential skills of collaboration and communication. What began in 2003 as a small program called Acting Manitou has grown into an exceptional theater camp that, with fewer than 100 campers per session, provides an unrivaled, bespoke experience for campers. Our adaptable performance spaces, beautiful cabins, and intimate program create an environment dedicated to teaching and engaging young artists and producing summer theater festivals with an emphasis on community engagement.

Through our many years of summer camp and theater experience, we have seen the numerous ways our camp's focus on ensemble theater-making, paired with the values of a positive camp experience, have a lasting impact on campers' lives. We join families in preparing campers to be empathetic leaders and kindhearted citizens of their communities. We are delighted to share Ghostlight Theater Camp's traditions of Joy, Creativity, Gratitude, and Community with another generation of campers, families, and staff members!

Chris Murrah and Lesley Levy



The Best of Theater The Best of Camp Performance Festival

Each session, campers perform and build a complete theater festival from the ground up. Our culminating Festival Day is a mixture of new work (often commissioned specifically for our campers) and established plays & musicals that are cast, rehearsed, designed, and produced to highlight our campers and the stories of our community. Musicals, classic texts, and contemporary plays make up the season and are directed and designed by the highest caliber creative teams in the industry. Family and friends who visit on our Festival Day are sure to enjoy the wide array of entertainment and thought-provoking theater our campers produce.

Core Classes

Taught by professional theater artists, our Core Classes focus on challenging each camper in acting, movement, and voice. Each camper has the opportunity to dive into their individual practice and find the connection between body, mind, and creative spirit. Training begins with a grounding in individuality and moves into presence with others through work in The Viewpoints, Scene Study, Monologue Work, Body and Voice, Solo and Ensemble Singing, and more.

For Tech Campers, an understanding of all design disciplines is the foundation of their time at camp. They learn building skills in the scenic, props, and costume shops, and are hands-on in the installation of each production. In their later years, tech campers can focus on one or two disciplines of particular interest and assist on the design of a show.



Theater Electives

These classes provide the opportunity for campers to take what they are working on in their core work and apply it to performance or practical applications. Dance Audition Techniques, A Cappella, Musical Theater Ensemble, Stage Combat, Production and Stagecraft, and Playwriting are among the offerings that culminate in a mid-session performance for our camp community. Our elective presentation night ranks highly with all our campers as one of their favorite evening activities.

For older campers considering university programs in theater, individual or group lessons and workshops are offered to prepare for auditions and applications.

General Electives

Though we are all theater lovers, we also like to take a break from it on occasion. At Ghostlight Theater Camp, campers can enjoy relaxing offerings like Arts & Crafts, Mindfulness and Meditation, and Yoga. Those seeking adventure can dive into Nature Skills, Cooking, Fitness and Swimming, and more! General electives also offer opportunities to see the surrounding areas of Maine with trips to nearby hikes, farmers' markets, and local artisans.



The Ghostlight Cabins

Our cabins become our home at camp and our bunkmates our family. Each of our cabins is named for a contemporary playwright whose work and life embody the inclusivity and diversity that we celebrate at camp.

Charles **MEE**

Caryl **CHURCHILL**

Suzan-Lori **PARKS**

Quiara Alegría **HUDES**

David Henry **HWANG**

Itamar **MOSES**

María Irene **FORNÉS**

Tony **KUSHNER**

Lynn **NOTTAGE**

MJ **KAUFMAN**

Ayad **AKHTAR**



Emerging Artist Program

The journey to the stage begins with encouraging self-expression and creativity. At Ghostlight, we believe it's never too early for a camper to feel encouraged and celebrated for their unique artistry. Our Emerging Artist Program was intentionally designed for campers ages 9 to 11 who are new to the sleepaway camp experience.

This 10-day program offers the opportunity to experience Ghostlight's classes and activities alongside our full session campers, while also exploring the world of theater in events designed just for them!

Emerging Artists have the chance to work with our world-renowned staff on exploring performance, tech, and music. They work on producing their own show, created especially for and with them, which they get to present to the entire camp in a special evening performance at the end of their session.

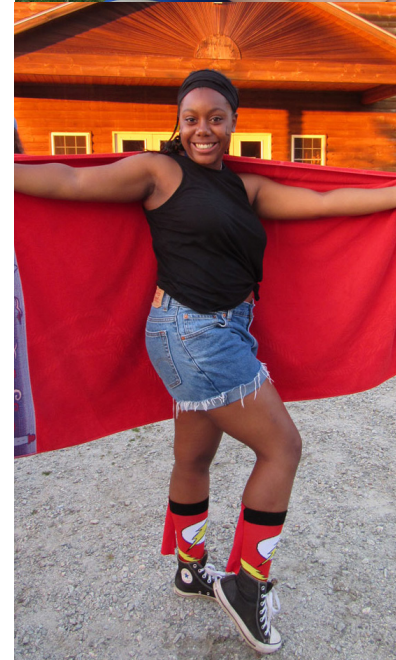
This program is a great option for younger campers as an introduction to the culture of sleep-away camp, and leads seamlessly into our 3- and 6-week program in the following years.



Be Green *Take*
Challenge
Yourself
Creatively
Grateful & Commune
Be Inspired & With Nature
Inspire Others
Know Your Place
With Your Friends
Be a Good Friend to All

Hill Time

- Cabins sleep 10 campers and 2 counselors.
- Each cabin has its own bathroom with 3 private showers, electricity, and bunk beds with plenty of storage for personal items.
- A spacious porch with room to hang out with friends is part of each cabin's design.
- All cabins look out on the "The Hill," which is the center of camp life between rehearsals and activities.
- The cabin is where campers begin and end each day and become a family unit for the summer.
- Ghostlight Theater Camp houses campers and staff based on their stated gender identity.



Making Theater

with a focus on Ensemble.

At Ghostlight, our mission of community begins with how we create theater. We know, and families see, that campers work as ensembles in their shows. Each performance is lifted by the work of the ensemble more than an individual in the spotlight. Our intentional focus on three principal aspects of each camper's training and rehearsal process sets us apart from other theater and performance arts camps.

Self-Expression

We celebrate individuality and the voice of every camper as an integral part of our classes, shows, and rehearsals. We know that a camper who believes in themselves becomes a valuable member of their cast and our camp community.

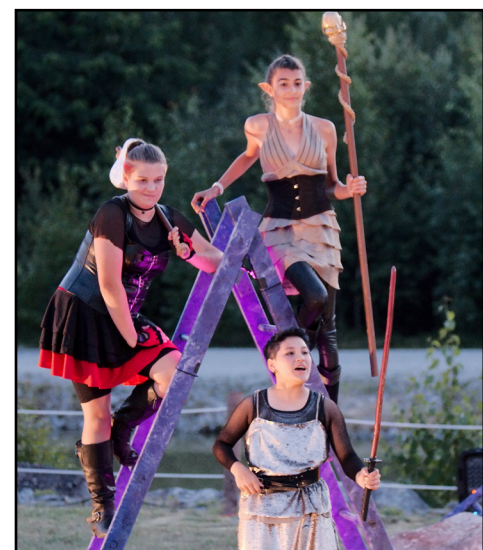


Participation

Campers begin to see their individuality and unique points of view as gifts to be shared with those around them. Whether in a rehearsal, class, or in their cabin, participation forms a connection with peers and encourages more confident and clear communication.

Inclusivity

We encourage our campers to include others in the joy of creativity and to create a true sense of collaboration in all aspects of camp life. This inclusivity is evident when campers give and receive feedback in class, share ideas with castmates, and extend invitations to family and friends to see our Performance Festival.





Past Performances at Ghostlight

2019

**Anon(ymous)
Shakespeare in Love
The Cool Kids Wear Black Lipstick*
Mamma Mia!
Matilda
Pneumonia*
Fun Home
His Dark Materials
Puffs
Shakespeare in Love**

2017

**Sew What*
Spring Awakening
A Wrinkle in Time
The Merchant of Venice
Antigone
Promnado*
Peter and the Starcatcher
Pippin
Once Upon a Mattress**

2018

**25th Annual Putnam County
Spelling Bee
Tuck Everlasting
She Kills Monsters
Pride and Prejudice
Much Ado About Nothing
The 39 Steps
Be More Chill
Billy Elliot
Noises Off
The Winter's Tale**

2016

**Anything Goes
As You Like It
Bat Boy
She Loves Me
The Addams Family
The Diviners
The Drowsy Chaperone
Click*
Treasure Island**

Theater Tech

As an ensemble camp, we value every aspect of production and artistry that goes into creating a show. Every camper at Ghostlight engages in the design and build of the shows in our Festival. Whether it's painting scenery, focusing lights, building props, or sewing costumes, each camper has a hand in what our audiences see on stage.

Beyond the necessary work to put on the show, campers have the opportunity to learn from designers and artists in our various shops. Our costume designers often teach sewing skills, hair & makeup, and design classes, while our lighting and scenic designers offer classes in everything from technical design and the proper use of machinery and tools to design philosophy and management. Our tech campers learn how to plot a repertory of three or more sets that share one stage.

Above all, safety is our number one concern backstage, and all campers receive an orientation and training before participating in tech at camp. Second to safety is collaboration. Campers leave camp with a deeper appreciation of how all the elements of theater work together to create the whole. A number of campers who have participated in Ghostlight's Theater Tech experience have gone on to study design and management at the college level.



**Do you have a camper who loves the tech side of theater?
Ghostlight Theater Camp offers a 3- or 6-week tech
program that allows them to focus on their interests.
Reach out to us to learn more!**

** Denotes a New Work*

Activities at camp

Game Show Night • Murder Mystery Dinner Theater • Surprise-Super Prize-Surprise • Gotcha! • Camper Showcase • Lazy Sunday • Counselor Workshops • Ping Pong Tournament • The Ghost Light Games • S'Mores

Night • Dancing With The Stars • Theater Trivia Jeopardy • D&D Afternoon • Play Reading Club • Splish-Splash Pool Musicals • Movie Theater Takeover • Elective Presentations • Bowling • Roller Skating • Ice Cream Social •

Gratitude Night • Bunk Challenges • Create a Monster • Lake Trip • Colby Art Museum Trip • 4th of July Fireworks • Theme Dances • Runway Fashion Night



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AMAZING!



Pool Time

Whether it's rehearsing a show or relaxing before dinner, the pool at Ghostlight Theater Camp is a centerpiece of everybody's day. Though our weather can be mild compared to other regions of the country, there is nothing like a dip in the pool on a hot day to energize and refresh a camper. At night, you might even catch a performance of a musical or simply a one-time theater event created by one of our classes or our oldest campers, the CITs.

No matter what time of day, Red Cross-certified lifeguards are always on duty.



Dining at Camp

Meals are a special time where we all come together from our various corners of camp and slow down to commune with each other. Coming from classes, rehearsals, and pool time means it is important that the quality, healthfulness, and variety of food we serve supports the growth of our campers in their time at camp.

All meals include a rotating main course along with a breakfast or salad bar, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. We accommodate all allergens and are 100% nut-free. The dining pavilion is open throughout the day for cold juice and fresh fruit snacks for that mid-rehearsal boost.

Dessert at camp is a real treat and often highlights ingredients of local farmers (we try to source our meals as locally as possible to reduce our carbon footprint.)

Sunday mornings are set aside for a special camp tradition: Director Omelette Breakfast! Campers are invited to sleep in and come to breakfast at their leisure where the senior directors and creative staff offer omelettes cooked to order, scrambled eggs and toast, or a Belgian waffle! The morning is topped off by a special Sunday morning Broadway sing-along and the occasional ribbon dance or flash mob.



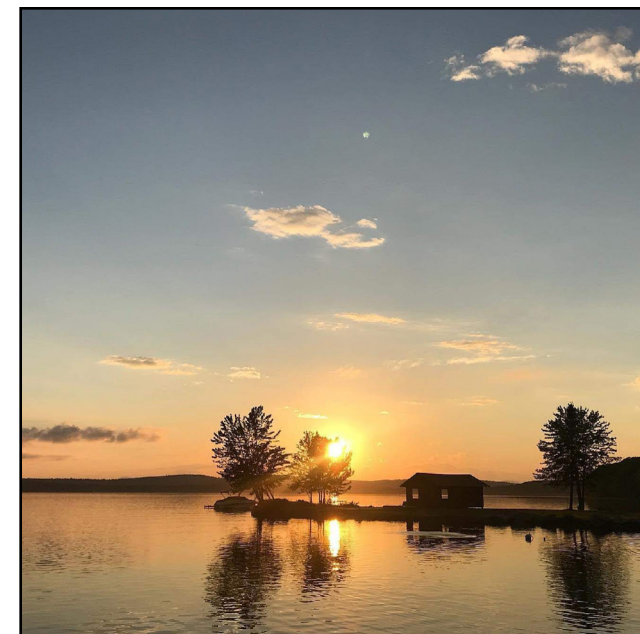
The Best of



There is no better feeling than waking up to the sounds of birds chirping and the smell of flowers and trees. Unless it happens to be the feeling of going to bed after looking up at the sky filled with stars.

Located in the Belgrade Lakes region, Ghostlight Theater Camp is centrally situated to take advantage of the natural beauty of Maine's coast and mountains, and less than two hours away from Portland.

The towns of Bar Harbor, Belfast, and Brunswick are also popular destinations for our trip days and our close proximity to Maine State Music Theater and other regional playhouses means inspiration is never far away.



Traveling to Camp

Chartered transportation is provided to camp from New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

Campers flying to camp are met at their gate at the Portland International Jetport (PWM) or Boston's Logan Airport (BOS).

Creativity

Dear Family,

Camp is off to a great start. Yesterday, we had auditions. I got to do a scene from each play and sing a song from the musicals. It was super chill and I wasn't nervous at all. I can't wait for rehearsal to start tomorrow!



The food is great! At breakfast I enjoy the oatmeal and granola and at dinner they have great vegetarian options every night! Last night we had "worms in dirt" for dessert. It sounds gross but it was really good. I promise I am eating salad too.

The people in my bunk are really nice and the counselors are both awesome! Before bed, my cabin does "Roses and Thorns." We say what we're grateful for and what we are looking forward to the next day.



I love evening activities. Last night was game show night and my cabin won a morning where we can skip inspection!

I love you and can't wait for you to visit camp and see my show!

Margie



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Campers First

Staff and Supervision

Ghostlight Theater Camp hires counselors, teachers, and creative team members that have both a passion for theater and a passion for working with young people.

Campers at Ghostlight are surrounded by mentors and role models who become their champions, cheering on their individual artistry, encouraging them through challenges, and celebrating collaboration within the cabin, cast, and community.

We train our staff to welcome the whole camper, become well acquainted with the individual needs of each camper, and to empathetically place the camper above all else during their time at camp.

Through a series of pre-camp meetings and training modules, along with a week-long staff training at camp prior to the campers' arrivals, our entire staff greets the first camper through our gates with confidence, compassion, and a generosity of spirit that ensures each summer is fulfilling and enriching for all members of our community.

All applicants are interviewed by Lesley and Chris and are screened with background checks through both state and national databases.

Health and Safety

We maintain a well-equipped health center, centrally located at the top of the hill by our cabins. Two registered nurses work at camp, one of whom is always on-site and on-duty (24 hours a day.)

There are semi-private, air-conditioned rooms available for those campers with illnesses that require overnight stays in the health center. There are two hospitals in nearby Waterville and a number of Urgent Care centers.

Communication with families is our number one priority when a camper is in need of medical care outside of camp or requires an overnight stay in the health center.

Summer Communication

Families receive a daily morning email from Chris and Lesley that recaps the day before and sets the stage for what your camper has coming in the day ahead.

One-way email is delivered to campers daily along with regular mail. We encourage campers to write home often but set aside time one week into each session for everyone to write a letter home.



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home visit with a director.*



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Quick Links

*Simply point your phone's camera at the QR
codes below.*

Go "backstage" with us
to learn more.



Schedule a call with a
camp director.



Program Options

3- or 6-Weeks, Ages 9-17

Campers can choose between a performance or tech focus. Each session culminates in a performance festival that is open to family and friends.

10-Day Emerging Artists, Ages 9-11

The perfect way for first time campers to experience the joy and excitement of Ghostlight Theater Camp. This program is open to first time Ghostlight campers.

*For more information on our programs,
schedule a call or email today.*





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