

FAMILY GUIDE 2018



SUMMER BEGINS WITH U.



Dear Summer 2018 Families,

Only a few more weeks until Summer. And with it, another wonderful year of art making, freedom making, and friend making at Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts. Enclosed is the Summer 2018 Family Guide. We encourage you to take a few minutes to read it through—even if your child has previously attended Usdan—as some of the processes and programs may have changed slightly from last year. Here at Usdan, we value each child’s perspective and personality, and strive to create unique and spectacular experiences for all. We are thrilled that you have chosen to be a part of this extraordinary community and to participate in what is sure to be an unforgettable summer of learning and fun. On behalf of all Usdan faculty and staff, I look forward to seeing and creating with you soon.

Sincerely,



Lauren Brandt Schloss
Executive Director

ALL STUDENTS, ALL FAMILIES, ALL STAFF: ALWAYS.

At Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts, we believe that a vital part of the creative process is cultivating openness to new ideas and different perspectives. We believe that art making is future making. Usdan is committed to building a thriving and diverse community for all, and we welcome and affirm social inclusiveness in all forms. We proactively seek to support all students, families, and staff, and we strive to create an environment that encourages all to share their unique gifts as a way to foster understanding, collaboration and friendship in season and throughout the year.

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IMPORTANT DATES

FAMILY ORIENTATION

Wednesday, June 20, 2018
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Important note: Please plan to arrive on Usdan's campus between 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Wear comfortable shoes, and be aware that Usdan's campus is hilly and difficult to traverse for those who cannot walk long distances or steep inclines. Those who park on campus will be required to walk a short distance from the lot.

On the evening of the Orientation, families are invited to visit campus and walk the grounds with two goals in mind: learning to navigate your summer class schedule and meeting your teachers. Be sure to bring your schedule (except for Discovery students, who will not receive a schedule). Musicians may bring their instruments to check them in at the Instrument Check Building. Families are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy at any of the Usdan picnic areas. Bring your own food, but we have the tables and benches. Please refrain from bringing alcohol.

2018 SESSIONS

Usdan will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day. Camp will operate on a normal schedule for the rest of that week.

7-week: June 25 - August 10

4-week: June 25 - July 20

2-week: July 9 - July 20

3-week: July 23 - August 10

IMPORTANT DATES & IMPORTANT EVENTS

Before the start of summer, you will receive a printed and more detailed calendar of performances and events, including the showcases of your children's work. Each week, we will email you a reminder of what's coming in the week ahead. Here are some important dates to make note of.

Wednesday, June 20: Family Orientation; see page 3 for more information.

Monday, June 25: Opening Day (4 & 7-week sessions)

Monday, July 9: Opening Day (2-week session)

Evening of Thursday, July 19: 50th Anniversary Gala*

Monday, July 23: Opening Day (3-week Session)

Saturday, August 4: Usdan Pool Party*

Monday, August 6: Art Open Studios

*Invitations will be sent separately. You can also visit usdan.org for more information.



CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS

185 Colonial Springs Road
Wheatley Heights, New York 11798

In case of weather or other emergencies, visit usdan.org for real-time updates and information.

PHONE
631-643-7900

EMAIL
questions@usdan.org

WEBSITE
usdan.org

SCHEDULE CHANGES

If you need to change your child's program you may do so according to this schedule:

2-week students: By Tuesday, July 10.

3-week students: By Tuesday, July 24.

4-week students: By Friday, June 29.

7-week students: By Friday, July 6.

Changes are made based on class availability. You may call 631-643-7900, or email enrollment@usdan.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram: [@usdanarts](https://www.instagram.com/usdanarts) | [#usdan](https://www.instagram.com/#usdan)
Facebook: [facebook.com/usdanarts](https://www.facebook.com/usdanarts)
Twitter: twitter.com/usdanarts

PAYMENTS

If you need to make a payment, you may call 631-643-7900 and ask for the finance office, or email invoices@usdan.org

HEALTH MATTERS

If you need to speak with the nurses, you may call 631-643-7900 and ask for the Health Office, or email healthoffice@usdan.org.

New York State law requires us to have your child's health form on file before allowing them to board a Usdan bus or attend a class. This form should be signed by a doctor and reflect a physical that occurred after June 1, 2017.

TRANSPORTATION

After you receive your child's program information, you will receive your child's transportation information in the mail under a separate cover. In this mailing, you will find important information such as your child's bus company contact information, bus counselor contact information, bus number, and approximate pick-up and drop-off times. Should you have questions regarding your child's transportation, you should contact the bus company or the bus counselor. You may also contact 631-643-7900 with other questions. For non-urgent transportation matters, you may email bus@usdan.org.

DEANS

If your child experiences social or emotional difficulties while at camp, contact the Dean's Office at 631-643-7900, or email dean@usdan.org.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

If your child is in the Partners in the Arts (P.I.A.) program for 2nd and 3rd graders and you have questions regarding your child's counselor, or the P.I.A. program, please contact Amy Schecher at 631-643-7900, or email institute@usdan.org.

If your child is a high school aged member of the Usdan Leadership Institute for the Arts, and you have questions about the Institute, you may also contact Amy Schecher at 631-643-7900, or email institute@usdan.org.

DONATIONS & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

To donate to need-based scholarships, or attend the Summer Gala on July 19 or Usdan's Pool Party Fundraiser on August 4, or please contact Andrew Navarette at 631-643-7900 or email anavarette@usdan.org.

MEET THE STAFF

Usdan is more than a place—it's a tight-knit community of people who work and thrive together. The camp's staff and faculty are a crucial part of the Usdan experience.



Executive Director
Lauren Brandt Schloss

Oscar Amaya, Facilities Manager
Anthony Amico, Director of Facilities
Kerry Barnhart, Senior Director of Student Affairs
Kathleen Drohan, Director of Marketing and Communications
Julio Garcia, Senior Groundskeeper
Jillian Greenberg, Director of Education
Marcos Flores, Junior Groundskeeper
Stacey Jamieson, Admissions Counselor
Courtney Kassinger, Transportation Manager
Andrew Navarette, Director of Development
Lafiya Watson Ramirez, Marketing and Communications
Coordinator
Amy Schecher, Director of Student Supervision
Sari Sharaby, Senior Director of Finance and Operations
Stella Shepherd | Development Associate
Lindsay Smilow, Interim Director of Education
Olivia Wise, Admissions Counselor

Parent Support Staff

Melissa Callegari | Stephanie Lanuto |
Kyra Leeds | Matt Mantione | Zachary Rifkind

Usdan Store
Jaden Noguee

Bussing

Estefany Gutierrez

Attendance Staff

Adam Cordero | Matthew Drago | David Schecher

Departmental Leadership

Mark Bligh | Co-Chair, Music Department

Mike Blutman | Co-Chair, Music Department

Saul Chernick | Chair, Art Department

Jodie Embelton | Senior Coordinator, Art Department

Jillian Greenberg and Lindsay Smilow | supporting Recreation,
Chess, Nature, and Writing

Jim Incorvaia | Chair, Theater Department

Grainne Josephat | Aquatics Director

Marilyn Lehman | Coordinator, Music Department:
Piano and Chorus

Megan Marino | Chair, Discovery Program

Juliana May | Chair, Dance Department

Tara Sheena | Coordinator, Dance Department

HEALTH OFFICE

Knee scrapes and bug bites are part of the summer camp experience. To keep our students healthy, Usdan maintains an on-site Health Office to provide care and dispense medication. Families should have already provided a Health Record and Physical Examination form by May 31.



Sally Cappy, RN
Liz Scanello, RN

Usdan's Health Office requires both a doctor's orders and parent permission for all medications. Students may self-medicate only if specified by a doctor's orders. Medication and doctor's orders should be brought to the Health Office on Orientation Day. Forms can be found at usdan.org/downloads.

Sally Cappy boasts 39 years experience as a nurse, including 20 years as a school nurse in Huntington and South Huntington school districts. This is her 16th summer at Usdan.

Liz Scanello began her career as a clinical nurse in 1979 until becoming a school nurse in 1992. 2018 marks her 12th summer at Usdan.

DEAN'S OFFICE

The Dean's Office helps students become comfortable at Usdan. The Deans can offer advice or mentorship to students struggling with behavior, social skills, or their classes (if you have specific questions regarding the content and curriculum of your child's class, contact the department chair). The Dean's Office staff are here to support all students and ensure they have a special summer experience at Usdan.

David Schecher has served as Usdan's Dean of Students for over 30 years and Director of Senior Division Bands for over 10 years. He loves experiencing Usdan each summer and working with both students and adults.



Dean of Students
David Schecher



Associate Dean of Students
James Keenan

Assistant Deans
Michele Keenan | Sarrit Haik | Deborah Royal



WHAT TO EXPECT: THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP

The opening day of camp is thrilling, maybe a little nerve wracking, and oh, so much fun. Here's what to expect: Before camp you will receive transportation information with all of your child's bus info. The bus will pick up your child and head to Usdan. When buses arrive at camp, they are greeted by a member of the Dean's office, who will provide instructions and a slip of paper with your child's bus number on it. Your child should keep this slip of paper in a safe place and refer to it at the end of the day, to help remember their bus number.

Teachers will greet students at their classes, and the fun begins. Your child will enjoy morning classes, the Opening Day Ceremony and Faculty Performance, lunch, and afternoon classes. At the end of the day, everyone receives an ice cream snack on their way to the bus. If your child needs lactose- or gluten-free frozen treats, instead of an ice cream, they're kept in the Health Office. Partners in the Arts campers, please tell the Counselor, or a staff member, that's what your child needs. A Counselor will then escort your child to the Health Office, where the nurses will make sure they get the correct treat. Junior and Senior division campers who require one of those allergy free treats, should go to the Health Office at the end of the day.

DISCOVERY (GRADES PRE-K TO 1)

Discovery students must wear their nametag on the first, and every day of the season. This nametag alerts our staff that a child is a Discovery camper and helps them anticipate their needs and expectations.

Once they have arrived at Usdan, Discovery campers will meet Discovery staff members who will escort them to the McKinley Amphitheater to meet their Counselor. A Counselor will be with the children every step of the way and will be there to answer any questions and help with anything they need.

PARTNERS IN THE ARTS (GRADES 2 TO 3)

Partners in the Arts must wear their nametag on the first, and every day of the season. This nametag alerts our staff that a child is in the Partners program and helps them anticipate a child's needs and expectations.

Partners will head to the Amphitheater upon arrival to meet their Counselor and begin their day. Counselors will walk with their group to their first period class where they'll make sure they're comfortable and ready to start the first activity. At the end of every period throughout the day, the Counselor will be there to help students get from one class to the next, including the Opening Day Ceremony and Faculty Performance, and lunch. At the conclusion of their last class, the Counselor will be there to take them to get an ice cream snack and then to the bus field for their ride home.

JUNIORS & SENIORS (GRADES 4 TO 12)

Make sure your child has their program card when they get to their first class! If they need help, Usdan staff members wearing a can't-miss bright blue t-shirt or students wearing an equally bright yellow t-shirt will be able to help them. There will a tent marked "New Student Information" where new students can find help or a friendly face before they head off to class.

BUDDY PROGRAM

If you are a new student, you will have received a "New Student" button at Orientation. If you were unable to attend the orientation you can pick one up at the New Student Information tent on the first day. When you get off the bus on the first day of camp, you may head to the Buddy Meet Up tent to be introduced to a returning student who shares your age and interests and can help introduce you to the campus.

If you are a returning student who signed up for the Buddy program, we ask you to wear your "Ambassador" button and head to the Buddy Meet Up tent when your bus arrives. Be prepared to meet our new students with a big smile and help them on their way. If you didn't receive an Ambassador button at Orientation, you can pick one up at the tent on the first day of camp.

The Usdan campus is easy to navigate, and the staff is friendly, but sometimes we still need an insider to help us around at the beginning. A friendly face... a point in the right direction... maybe even walking to class, having lunch or sitting together at the Festival Performance — that's what we're aiming for.

AFTER CARE

Following their daily ice cream treat, students in the After Care program will take a quick stroll to the McKinley Amphitheater to meet After Care staff. Partners and Discovery students will be brought to McKinley by their Counselors. Once they arrive at the Amphitheater, students will be notified of that afternoon's activities. After Care programs may vary daily and can include board games, recreational art time, journaling swimming, and more. Students can bring their own activities and games, as long as they're clearly marked with their names. Children in the After Care program do not receive bus service home. They must be picked up by a parent or authorized person at Usdan's campus before 6:00 PM.

If you have signed up for After Care you will receive more detailed information about After Care with your child's program.



RECOMMENDED CAMP ITEMS: CHECKLIST

- Your Nametag (for Discovery campers, Partners in the Arts and members of the Leadership Institute)
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Swimsuit and Towel (if you are taking Swimming or have After Care)
- Smock (if needed)
- Instrument (if you are taking instrumental music classes)
- Dance Attire (see page 16 for details)
- Camera (if you are taking Photography)
- Mobile Device (if you are taking a Mobile Photo Class)
- Sneakers or Walking Shoes (no Flip-Flops or Sandals)
- Snack (for Discovery and Aftercare)
- Mosquito Spray
- Sunblock
- Hat
- Umbrella, Poncho, or Raincoat
- Anything Else to Make Your Day More Comfortable

CAMP GUIDELINES

Even the home of summer fun has a few rules.

VISITORS

Every day at Usdan is visiting day. Families are invited to visit camp on any weekday during the season with your family parking pass and proper ID. Two family parking passes are included in this mailing. Be sure to keep your pass in your car window when visiting Usdan. Those without a pass must call the day before their visit to be placed on a security list. No visitors will be admitted without identification.

Family members are always encouraged to visit for the daily performance (admission is included in your child's tuition). Before the start of summer, you will receive a printed and more detailed calendar of performances and events, including the showcases of your children's work. Each week, we will email you a reminder of what's coming in the week ahead. Visitors are not permitted to ride on any Usdan bus, bring pets onto campus, or use any of the camp's recreational facilities.

PICKING UP STUDENTS

Parents or guardians occasionally need to pick up students during the day or after camp has ended. Parents, guardians, and anyone else authorized must provide photo identification when picking up campers. If an adult who has not been authorized on the enrollment form picks up a camper, that adult must bring signed permission from a child's guardian and a photo ID. You must sign out your child at the Administration Building and meet them there at the end of the day. If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please be here no later than 3:05p.m., as after that cars will not be permitted to enter the grounds until the buses have all departed, around 3:30p.m.

TAKING YOUR CHILD'S FRIEND(S) HOME

If a parent or guardian wants their child to go home with another Usdan student, both children must be picked up at the Administration Building. Written permission must be provided by

parents of both students. Please provide 24-hour advance notice. Students may not ride on any bus other than the one assigned to them by Usdan.

LOST AND FOUND

We recommend that all personal items be marked with each child's name. All found items are held at the Lost and Found area near the bus field, with the exception of valuables, such as glasses, wallets, mobile phones, jewelry, etc., which are brought to the Administration Building for safekeeping.

BRINGING FOOD FOR PARTIES OR OTHER EVENTS

Please do not supply your child with food or treats for birthday or end-of-season parties, whether on campus or your child's bus. This will protect the health and safety of students with food allergies.

FORBIDDEN ITEMS

Students and visitors may not bring drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or weapons onto campus. No smoking is permitted at Usdan. Possession of any such items are grounds for immediate dismissal.

MOBILE DEVICES

Usdan believes that mobile devices such as phones and tablets can be incredible tools for creativity. We even offer classes in social media and mobile photography. But Usdan is also a place to disconnect from the frenzy of technology for a summer of discovery amidst the camp's natural beauty. Students are permitted to use mobile devices on the bus and during lunch. Limited phone use is permitted during passing periods only when the student has reached their next class location. Students are not allowed to use mobile devices during class unless authorized by teachers, while walking on campus, in the Amphitheater during a performance, or during After Care.

SOCIAL MEDIA USE

Usdan students are always expected to use respect toward each other - both at camp and online. Please be a good digital citizen by not participating in, or tolerating, cyberbullying via any social media platform. Saying hurtful or malicious things about others, no matter the form, is never tolerated by Usdan. If you or your child witness, or are the victim of, cyberbullying, please report it to the Dean's office immediately.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts cares about children and has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all of our young people. We recognize that providing that safe, caring environment is everyone's job, not only the job of our teachers. Our entire staff - assistant teachers, accompanists, swim and recreation staff members, maintenance staff and the administrative staff - all have a responsibility to be informed about and take an active role in the prevention of child abuse.

If you have any questions, or feel that a Usdan camper is being abused, or is in danger of being abused, please contact any member of the Dean's Office staff, Nurse Sally Cappy or Nurse Liz Scannello.

ATTIRE FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

Usdan encourages students to choose for themselves whichever specific class attire they feel most comfortably expresses their identity.

Music: For concerts, musicians are required to have a white shirt or blouse, black pants or long black skirt, and black dress shoes.

Art: A smock or old shirt to protect clothes.

Yoga: Comfortable clothing that is easy to move in, preferably without buttons and zippers. Bring a yoga mat marked with your name. Students can leave mats for the entirety of the session.

Dance Classes:

Ballet: Leotard (any style), tights. Feet: Ballet shoes (no color

preference for all).

Broadway Jazz: Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top, leotard, tights. Feet: Juniors: Jazz shoes; Seniors: Character shoes found at Capezio or Bloch.

Contemporary: Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top, leotard. Feet: Barefeet.

Creative Movement : Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top, leotard. Feet: Barefeet.

Dance Adventure: Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top. Feet: Barefeet.

Dance Ensemble morning ballet class: Leotard (any style), tights. Feet: Ballet shoes (no color preference for all).

Dance Ensemble Repertory : Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top, leotard. Feet: Barefeet.

Hip Hop: Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top, leotard. Feet: Sneakers.

Modern: Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top, leotard. Feet: Barefeet.

Tap: Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top. Feet: Tap shoes. Any brand or type is ok. Capezio and Bloch are affordable options. Students may wear socks or no socks depending on comfort.

West African: Comfortable non restrictive clothing i.e, shorts (no jeans), leggings, dance pants, Yoga Pants, sweat pants, t-shirt, tank top. Feet: Barefeet.

INSTRUMENT CHECK

For the convenience of musicians, Usdan provides 24-hour instrument storage at Instrument Check. It is conveniently located on the way to the Music Department. All checked instruments must be in protective cases and marked with owner's name. Musicians will find a special sticker for their instrument case included in this mailing. If you require an instrument check sticker, but did not receive one, the staff at the Instrument Check Building can assign one to you the evening of Orientation, or in the opening days of each camp session.

LUNCH

Students are required to bring their own lunch. There is no refrigeration and students are required to carry their lunch in their bag. If a student forgets or loses their lunch, Usdan Administration can provide food as a last resort.

WATER

As there is nowhere on campus to purchase beverages or food, students are advised to bring their own reusable water bottle. Water filling stations are located throughout the camp for student use. Students can purchase additional water bottles at the Usdan Store. Cups are also available.

SNACK

Each afternoon, before boarding the buses, students are served an ice cream snack at no extra charge. If students need lactose- or gluten-free frozen treats, instead of an ice cream, they're kept in the Health Office. If your child is in the Discovery program, or is attending the After Care program, please provide an additional snack.

NATURE & SUSTAINABILITY

Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts maintains a pristine, natural campus for the enjoyment of all students, and exploring the campus is an integral part of the Usdan experience. Studies show that hiking and spending time outdoors can boost creativity, improve focus, and encourage positive thinking.

Of course, being immersed in nature brings out some health and safety risks for children, including mosquitoes, ticks, and poison ivy.

MOSQUITOES

Usdan encourages all students to use organic herbal insect repellent to prevent mosquito and other insect bites. Usdan takes care to remove standing rainwater where mosquito larvae may linger, but mosquito bites are a natural consequence of spending time in wooded areas.

TICKS

Students are told to perform regular tick checks. Families are encouraged to thoroughly check their children for ticks after each day and carefully remove any ticks present (the recommended method is simply using a piece of tape or sticky lint roller to pull a loose tick off). If a child is bitten, be sure to monitor the bite site for irritation.

Here are some tips to safely remove an attached tick, should you find one:

- Tweezers are the best tool to use.
- Place tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Try to grab the tick's head or just above it.
- Pull upward with a slow and steady motion. Try to avoid breaking the tick, but don't be alarmed if the head breaks off and remains in the skin. Disease transmission is not possible without the entire body.
- Disinfect the bite area with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.

- Contact your child's healthcare provider.

To learn more about tick prevention, visit
www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html.

POISON IVY

Poison ivy is a common vine found throughout the northeastern United States and beyond. Contact with the plant can cause an allergic reaction that triggers skin irritation and blisters. Nature students are taught to recognize poison ivy's trademark three-leaf pattern and not to touch any part of the vine. Students enrolled in programs that regularly venture into wooded areas are supplied with pre-contact solutions that help prevent allergic reaction. Usdan removes poison ivy near our pathways.

SUSTAINABILITY

As part of Usdan's maintenance of a beautiful natural setting for students, the camp emphasizes a commitment to sustainable living. Please be sure to send your student with a reusable water bottle daily; fresh drinking water is also on-site for student consumption. Recycling areas are also available for students to discard recyclable material.

WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, Usdan will provide the latest camp announcements online at usdan.org. Parents or Guardians will also receive updates to be alerted of severe weather issues or other imperative information.



USDAN STORE

Show your Usdan pride with official apparel, available at the Usdan online store. Visit usdan.org/store to see what's available. Merchandise will also be available for purchase at the camp.



TRAVELING TO USDAN

185 Colonial Springs Road | Wheatley Heights, NY 11798
631-643-7900

FROM POINTS NORTH & WEST: NEW YORK CITY, NASSAU COUNTIES & WESTCHESTER

Via Long Island Expressway

Queens Midtown Tunnel to the Long Island Expressway to Exit 49S or Throgs Neck Bridge to Clearview Expressway to Long Island Expressway to Exit 49S.

Continue on the service road, parallel to the Expressway, for 3 lights to Pinelawn Road. Turn Right onto Pinelawn for 6 lights (there is a left hand turning lane at the 6th light). Turn left onto Colonial Springs Road. The entrance is 1 mile on your left.

Via Southern State Parkway

Belt Parkway to Southern State Parkway, Exit 35 (Wellwood Avenue). Follow Wellwood Avenue, north, past the Long Island National Cemetery, just past Newsday. Turn right after Newsday onto Colonial Springs Road. The entrance is 1 mile on your left.

FROM POINTS EAST-SUFFOLK COUNTY

Via Long Island Expressway

To Exit 49N.

At the traffic light on the exit ramp turn left onto Pinelawn Road. Cross over the Expressway heading south on Pinelawn Road.

Continue on Pinelawn for 7 lights (there is a left hand turning lane at the 7th light). Turn left onto Colonial Springs Road. The entrance is 1 mile on your left.

Via Southern State Parkway

To Exit 35 (Wellwood Avenue).

Follow Wellwood Avenue, north, past the Long Island National Cemetery, just past Newsday. Turn right after Newsday onto Colonial Springs Road. The entrance is 1 mile on your left.

Via the Long Island Railroad

The nearest station is Wyandanch on the Main Line, Ronkonkoma Branch. There are taxis at the station. Long Island Railroad information can be found at www.mta.info.

Taxi service: Taxi Service: Rideshares (Uber, Lyft, etc) are available in the area.

Farmingdale LIRR: Yellow Cab - 516-249-1212

Pinelawn & Wyandanch LIRR: Lindy's Taxi Service - 631-586-5666

THE USDAN WAY

Since our very first summer, Usdan staff and campers have embraced the belief that we should treat others with respect, empathy, kindness, compassion, and understanding at all times. Even when it's hard to do. Especially, when it's hard to do.

Together, we can create classroom environments which welcome every student and Festival Performance audiences which celebrate those on stage. Like the staff and campers before us, using this simple philosophy and common sense we can find energy and inspiration in art and and a roadmap to be good citizens at Usdan and in life.

GUIDELINES FOR AMPITHEATER BEHAVIOR

When attending, or participating in, a performance at the Amphitheater, the goal is to create an atmosphere of focus, engagement, appreciation, and respect. Another goal is for students to understand and be comfortable in various performance settings. Like all great art, this takes practice and perseverance.

Talking or other forms of distraction, including eating food, during a performance is impolite to the performers and those around you.

Students should not leave the Amphitheater, or prepare to leave, until the lights have gone off. Putting your back pack on, or leaving your seat are also impolite. Please wait until the stage lights go off.

Different types of performances require different forms of response:

- Clapping along is good when encouraged by the performer.
- Clapping after an improvised solo in a jazz concert is expected.
- Clapping is reserved only for the end of the entire piece in a classical music concert.
- Calling out the names of performers, or making distracting noises, are not appropriate. These noises distract performers, and impair their ability to engage with an audience fully.
- Clapping for stage crew is not appropriate.
- Use of electronic devices, as well as other “quiet” activities, such as

reading or drawing, are not appropriate.

GUIDELINES FOR RESPECTFUL DISCUSSIONS

Students thrive when they feel safe. Creating a respectful environment that fosters that safety is one of our most important goals. In the 10 points that follow, you will find guidelines that will help ensure that discussions are respectful and inclusive. A “discussion” could be a number of things including a class discussion, a conversation with a friend, a debate with another artist, a large question and answer session within your department, or any of life’s countless groupings, and the exchange of ideas that are the result.

- One mic, one voice: Only one person should speak at a time.
- Step up, step back: Participants should be aware of how much they are speaking. If they feel they are speaking a lot, they should let others speak, and if they find themselves not talking, they should try to contribute some comments, ideas or suggestions.
- Use “I” statements: Everyone should speak from his/her/hir own experiences.
- Avoid making generalizations: Don’t make blanket statements about any groups of people. If you’re not sure that something you want to say is factually correct, phrase it as a question.
- No assumptions — except for best intentions: People should not assume other people’s experiences or anything else. The only assumption people should make is that when other participants speak, they are speaking with the best intentions and do not mean to offend anyone.
- Correct gently, but do correct: If someone says something that is incorrect or offensive, politely call them on that. Letting comments slip by only makes the space less safe and increases the difficulty of building successful partnerships.
- Respect confidentiality: Assume that stories and comments shared in meetings should remain private. If you would like to share someone’s story or comment, please ask them first.
- Embrace diversity: Diverse groups have lots to offer, including different tastes. When members share their likes and dislikes, respect their personal opinions and preferences.

- Lean into discomfort: Many topics, and the discussions that result, can sometimes be challenging. Be willing to experience some discomfort in discussions, and learn from it.

- Uphold commitments: The key to safe and successful communities (classes, peer groups, friendships, etc.) is honoring your commitments to that community. If you cannot go through with a commitment, make sure to let people know and find someone to take your place.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Conduct on the Bus: For your safety, standing in the aisles of the bus is not permitted and all students must wear a seatbelt. If you do not abide by these rules, intended for your wellbeing and that of other students, you may be dismissed from Usdan.

Forbidden Items: No smoking is permitted at Usdan. Smoking on the grounds could result in immediate dismissal.

Attendance: Regular attendance in class and at performances is expected of all students. If you have missed a class, stop at the office and give your reason to the Attendance Office. Unexplained absences will be reported to parents, and repeated absences from class may result in expulsion from the camp without a refund of tuition. You may be excused to accompany your family on a vacation, but no refund of fees is made for absences.

Leaving the Grounds: You are not permitted to leave the grounds. If you do so, you may not be allowed to continue at Usdan.

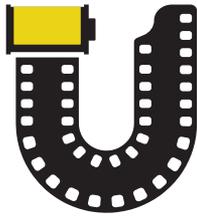
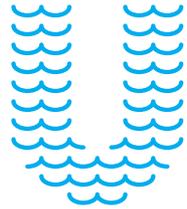
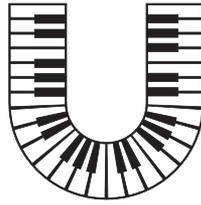
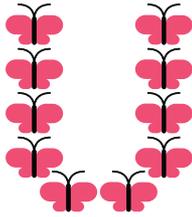
Items to Leave at Home: Students are not to bring the following to camp: skateboards, roller blades, frisbees, water pistols, wide-tipped markers, portable radios, weapons of any kind, cigarettes, matches, alcohol, or drugs.

Students are also advised not to bring cell phones, tablets, iPods, expensive watches, cameras, jewelry, and money beyond that needed for emergencies. The safekeeping of these items cannot be guaranteed, especially during swim periods.

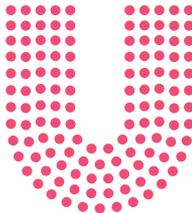
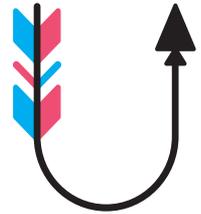
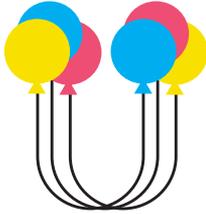
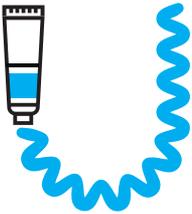
Usdan students are always expected to use respect toward each other - both at camp and online. Please be a good digital citizen by not

participating in, or tolerating, cyberbullying via any social media platform. Saying hurtful or malicious things about others, no matter the form, is never tolerated by Usdan. If you are the victim of, cyberbullying, please report it to the Dean's office in the Administration Building immediately.





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