

Summer scenes @

SUMMER STAGE

Performing Arts Camp

Director's Corner – Shawn & Ben

Dear Summer Stage Families,

Week four is over! Wow! We welcomed our new second session campers with open arms and they are picking everything up incredibly fast and proficiently. This past week we brought every camper to experience Wave Hill. They all had a blast doing improv, karate, design, photography and hip hop outdoors. What a fun day! Meanwhile Mulan is doing their first run-through as we write this. The show is coming together really well, the singing in particular has really evolved. We are very excited for the final production.



Next Week...

Matilda!! - July 31st



Disney MULAN JR.

with Angela Howell

Mulan rehearsals are going very well. It is just wonderful to see and hear the progress of our campers. Each one has grown in different ways as we attempt to honor the culture and triumph of Mulan. I am especially proud of the dedicated students who have learned this rather large score of music. Many thanks to the parents who have also helped ensure each camper could practice avidly with their MP3's. We are looking forward to further shaping each song and featuring these wonderful RRS kids. I think the "Written in Stone" sequence is sure to be a show-stopper!



Spotlight On ...

Karate with Julio Rodriguez

During the last two weeks, students have spent part of their summer studying the art of Goju-Ryu Karate. The phrase, Go, is the Japanese word for hardness and Ju is the word for 'softness' or 'gentleness'. The phrase, Ryu, means way of. The proper translation of Goju-Ryu means the way of the hard and soft. The system is based on an Oriental concept that all hardness and stiffness is not good. At the same time all softness and too much gentleness is not good. The two should complement each other. Combining the two gives Goju-Ryu karate beautiful movement, filled with grace, flowing forms and strength.

Actions are sometimes extremely fast and other times slow and majestic. The existence of both hard and soft techniques in this system is characteristic of Goju-Ryu karate. Learning how to defend oneself and others is not the primary goal in Goju-Ryu karate. A great emphasis is placed on respect for others, humility, confidence, responsibility, honesty, perseverance, and honor.

The physical and mental challenges that take place during their sessions help our students handle conflicts that take place in the outside world. In short, the physical and mental aspects of Goju-Ryu karate will only enhance the character of our students.

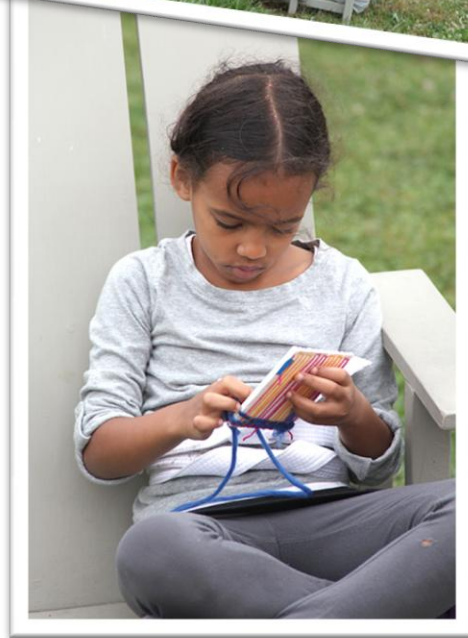
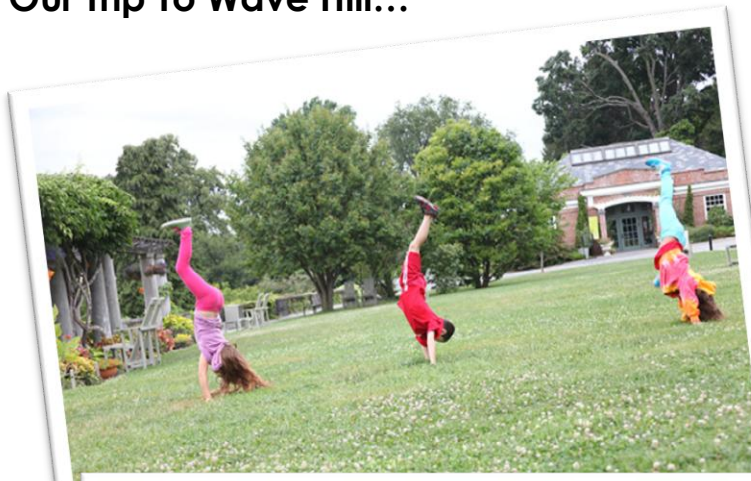


剛 - GO
柔 - JU
流 - RYU

Master Class Series – Audition Techniques with Angela Howell



Our Trip To Wave Hill...



What did you like best about our trip to Wave Hill?

Little Stars

I liked walking around and taking lots of pictures of stuff.

- Kaia



Shooting Stars

Sitting on the throne by the water pond.

- Fiona



All Stars

I liked Improv when we were vampires and had to close our eyes and squeeze each other's necks.

- Alana



Triple Threat

Playing Improv games where we can move around a lot in open space. It is fun to do the things we normally do, but in a different environment.

- Karizma



*** Special birthday wishes go out to Diego - July 25 ***

Counselor Connection.....Diego Velazquez

At Wave Hill I really enjoyed leading the kids around and helping them with photography.



This is Romi's last week at Summer Stage
- she will be missed!

What will you miss most?

"All of you! Everyone and everything!"

- Romi

To see more photos from the week check out the RRS website and blog at

RiverdaleRisingStars.com

Reminder

Mulan tickets available for purchase online. Check our website!

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