



December 2019 Newsletter



Kids Makin' Movies

Located on an organic farm in Aptos, CA—Thomas Farm Films is a nonprofit organization that educates children how to make movies. From script to screen, our hands-on curriculum promotes CREATIVITY, SELF-CONFIDENCE, & CRITICAL THINKING...resulting in short films that will be screened together at local theaters in Thomas Farm Film Festivals! All children ages 5 to 18 can learn the craft, as we offer partial & full scholarships for those in need.

Hello TF Films Community,

I'd like to start off our FIRST NEWSLETTER by saying WE DID IT! Summer 2019 was a huge success. Five weeks of filmmaking on the farm was a blast. With so much heart and hard work contributed by everyone involved, we were able to make 10 great short films that culminated in the ultimate GRAND FINALE—our own Short Film Festival screening on THE BIG SCREEN!

The event was incredibly fun, rewarding, & memorable. Attendance was great and the filmmakers looked marvelous on the red carpet. If you missed the screening, or just want to watch the films again, visit our website and view them from our "watch films" page. <https://www.thomasfarmfilms.com/watch->

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Also not to miss, visit the "photos" page and see all the excellent behind the scenes shots on the farm and more TF Film Festival red carpet event photos.

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HUGEST of THANK YOUs once again to all the fabulous cast and crew, the rockstar supportive parents, hard working production assistants, Travis Cruse for the excellent original music, Joshua Thomas, Asali Echols, and Emily Robbins for script-writing, Bonnie Maree for make-up and Erin Perry for hair and costume design.

SPECIAL THANKS to Joshua Thomas, Asali Echols and Avery Christmas for your film direction, movie making instruction, patience and hours of editing!

That all said...we are going to do it all over again!

I am excited to update you with this summer's filmmaking schedule. **Save the date(s)!** For Summer 2020 filmmaking camps. 8 consecutive weeks. Two movies will be made each week for a total of 16 short films!

Week 1: June 15 through June 19

Week 2: June 22 through June 26

Week 3: June 29 through July 3

Week 4: July 6 through July 10

Week 5: July 13 through July 17

Week 6: July 20 through July 24

Week 7: July 27 through July 31

Week 8: August 3 through August 7

- 10 spaces available per movie, for a total of 20 spots available per week.
- Registration is open on Sunday, December 8th (in time for a Christmas Gift)
- Register by February 15th for a discounted price of \$550. After 2/15, the price goes up to \$600. <https://www.thomasfarmfilms.com/register/>

- Full and partial scholarships are available, but limited. Approved applicants will be placed in a queue and funded in the order received. We will work to fund as many scholarships as possible.

<https://www.thomasfarmfilms.com/scholarships/>

- New for Summer 2020!

1. All films made during summer camp will be either G rated (see *Gopher Dreaming, Lost On Barduino, The McGuffin, Fantasy A'hoj, & Clementine*) or PG rated (see *Slotter Room, Blood Sisters, The Spaghetti Monster, Retirement, & Zombie Pizza Party*) . You will have the option to select "G", "PG", or "Either one is ok" when you register.

2. While filmmaking takes place from 10am to 4pm and it will be necessary for all cast and crew to be there during those hours, you will have the option to **DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AS EARLY AS 8AM AND PICK THEM UP AS LATE AS 5PM. At no extra charge.**

3. Summer 2020 Summer Camp Film Festival will be screened in Fall 2020 over two dates, in two 8-film blocks. A "G" rated block & a "PG" rated block. Exact date, time, and place TBA.



A few last notes...

We will be entering summer 2019 films into a few film festivals around the globe (mostly youth film festivals). Fingers crossed, with no promises. We will keep you posted.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Get your friends and family to follow as well and tell 'em to sign up for our newsletter. Exciting things are in the future for TF Film! We are excited to embark on this ride with all of you!

Sincerely,
Kari Thomas
Executive Director
Thomas Farm Films

"It was the best camp I have ever been to and it helps kids learn about making movies and you can have the part that you want to have. "



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