



June 2020 Newsletter



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.

Happy Summer TF Films Community!

You can't stop a train, so we have been working to reroute our momentum. Thank you for your patience as we build new tracks to travel on during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am excited to announce our NEW ONLINE SUMMER 2020 PROGRAM. Classes begin June 29th. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. The cool thing about going online is, anyone from anywhere can register! Spread the word and invite your cousins in Chicago!

We are dedicating our Summer 2020 online program to the **Black Lives Matter** movement. All proceeds after costs will be donated to organizations in support of the Black Lives Matter movement and other organizations dedicated to

fighting for equal rights & tolerance.

Not interested in classes, but want to help? Make a donation to fund scholarships for families in need. Your contribution will not only provide tuition costs for a child that might not otherwise afford this opportunity, but will also then go on to be donated to organizations in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Teacher	DATES (Session)	Class online meet days	Class online meet times	Class Subject / Class Title	Ages	Cost per session
AVERY	Bootcamp Session #1 June 29th - 3rd	Mon-Fri	10 - 11:30 am	Filmmakers Boot Camp!	12 and under	\$175
ASALI		Mon-Fri	10 - 11:30 am	Filmmakers Boot Camp!	13 to 17	\$175
ASALI	Bootcamp Session #2 July 20th- July 24th	Mon-Fri	10am - 11:30am	Filmmakers Boot Camp!	12 and under	\$175
AVERY		Mon-Fri	10am - 11:30am	Filmmakers Boot Camp!	13 to 17	\$175
Asali	Class Session #1 July 6th - July 17th	Monday & Wednesday	1pm to 2:30pm	Stop Motion Animation	All ages	\$150
Avery		Friday	1pm to 2pm	Video Editing	12 and under	\$50
Avery		Friday	2pm to 3pm	Video Editing	13 to 17	\$50
Avery		Monday & Wednesday	3pm to 4:30pm	Hand drawn Animation	12 to 17	\$150
Asali	Class Session #2 July 27th- Aug 7th	Monday & Wednesday	1pm to 2pm	Screenwriting	13 to 17	\$100
Avery		Friday	1pm to 2pm	Video Editing	12 and under	\$50
Avery		Friday	2pm to 3pm	Video Editing	13 to 17	\$50
Avery		Monday & Wednesday	3pm to 4:30pm	Hand drawn Animation	12 to 17	\$150

REGISTER NOW

Have you been working on a screenplay or short video to enter into our competition? If not, you still have plenty of time!

And now, you can submit work that you create while participating in our online classes.

The Thomas Farm Films Youth Screenwriting and 2-Minute Video Competition!

GUIDELINES FOR THE SCREENWRITING PORTION OF OUR CONTEST:

1. Contest is open to ages 26 and under, with 3 age categories for screenwriting submissions:

- Ages 12 and under
- Ages 17 and under
- Ages 26 and under

2. Movie screenplays should be 10 to 14 pages long in screenplay format. (Keep in mind our shooting location—a 35 acre farm. There are barns, large fields, trees, green screen, possible set building. Feel free to email any questions to thomasfarmfilms@gmail.com

3. Keep it rated G or PG.

4. Screenplays in ENGLISH or SPANISH are accepted.

5. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2020.

6. Submit entries by emailing them as a PDF attachment to thomasfarmfilms@gmail.com

If your script is selected:

We will pay you \$100 CASH to buy your script!

You will be invited to DIRECT YOUR FILM under the guidance of our filmmaking instructor at our filmmaking camp. (no camp tuition required)

We will make your screenplay into a short film, with you credited as the writer and director! Your film will be screened at our ***Thomas Farm Films 2021 Summer Camp Film Festival***. Plus, we will enter the film into various film festivals around the globe and see what happens!

GUIDELINES FOR THE SHORT FILM/VIDEO PORTION OF OUR CONTEST:

1. Contest is open to ages 26 and under, with 3 age categories for film submissions:

- Ages 12 and under
- Ages 17 and under
- Ages 26 and under

2. Video entries need to be 2 minutes or less. No exceptions to this rule!

3. Videos must be made between 3/31/20 - 8/31/20

4. Keep it rated G or PG.

5. Videos in ENGLISH or SPANISH are accepted.

6. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2020.

7. Submit entries by emailing a PRIVATE OR PASSWORD PROTECTED Youtube or Vimeo link. (We will not accept videos that are open for public viewing)

If your video is selected:

Your short film will be screened with the other selections at our ***Thomas Farm Films 2021 Summer Camp Film Festival***. Prizes will be awarded for Best in Show, Audience Favorite, Best Cinematography, Best Concept, Best Acting,...

There are free screenwriting and video editing tutorials online.

Here are some helpful screenwriting links:

<https://industrialscripts.com/screenwriting-software/>

Final Draft is the "industry standard" for screenwriting software.

Here are some helpful video editing links:

GOOD LUCK!!

FIND OUT MORE

Film Festival Circuit news from Summer Camp 2019 films!

We currently have 131 Official Selections around the globe with 25 Semi-Finalist, 16 Finalist, and 13 award winners! Our films have already screened on the big screen in Texas, Oklahoma, and Utah. Due to the pandemic, many festivals have been postponed or moved online.

Lost On Barduino just screened online in the Nenagh Children's Film Festival out of Ireland, while *The McGuffin* screened online in the Fresh Film Festival also out of Ireland, earning the **Junior Performance Award**. Our lovable film, *Gopher Dreaming*, just screened online in The Film Club International Film Festival out of Sonora Mexico and won the **Young Talent Award**. *Retirement* just screened online in the Turnpike Festival out of New Jersey and earned the **Best Experimental Film Award**!

Here are some film festivals coming up that have selected our films to screen, whether online or in person. Click on the links to see the schedule (and our cool film posters featured on their website!) We hope you can attend one or more of these festivals in person or online.

Columbia Film Festival, Columbia, MD—June 17th-26th

<https://columbiafestival.org/>

(*Retirement*)

Cane River Film Festival, Natchitoches, LA—July 10th-11th

<https://www.caneriverfilmfestival.com/>

(*Retirement*)

Beyond: The Cary Film Festival, Cary, NC—September 24th-27th

<http://thecarytheater.com/>

(*The Spaghetti Monster*)

Imagination Lunchbox International Film Festival, Baltimore, MD—August 8th

<https://www.imaginationlunchbox.com/ilic-film-festival.html>

(*We Ride*)

Reel Comedy Film Festival, Bloomingdale, IL—July 15th

<http://www.reelcomedyfest.com/films>
(*Gopher Dreaming*)

Sandy Dennis Film Festival, Hastings, NE—TBA
(*Fantasy A'hoy, Gopher Dreaming, The McGuffin, Clementine*)

Kids Video Connection, Decatur, GA—June 26th-28th
<http://kidsvideoconnection.org/film-festival/>
(*Lost On Barduino, The Spaghetti Monster*)

The Victoria TX Indie Film Fest, Victoria, TX—TBA
<http://www.vtxiff.com/>
(*Retirement, Zombie Pizza Party, Lost On Barduino*)

Prague International Indie Film Festival, Praha, Czechia—September 19th
<https://www.piif.org/annual-gala>
(*Retirement*)

Baja California International Film Festival, Tijuana,
Baja California—June 4th-20th
<https://bciff.mx/>
(*Zombie Pizza Party, The Spaghetti Monster, Blood Sisters, Clementine, The McGuffin, Slotter Room, Retirement*)

Seoul Guro International Kids Film Festival, Seoul, South Korea—July 2nd-8th
<https://www.movie-guro.or.kr/program/section-introduction/>
(*Lost On Barduino*)

San Diego International Kids' Film Festival, Carlsbad, CA—August 21st-23rd
<http://www.sdkidsfilms.org/>
(*The Spaghetti Monster, Clementine*)

The Soul 4 Reel Film Festival, District Heights, MD—August 16th
<http://rockabyemedia.com/soul-4-reel>
(*Zombie Pizza Party*)

Speculative Film Festival, Seattle, WA—postponed to summer 2021
<https://westercon73.org/>
(*Blood Sisters, Zombie Pizza Party, The Spaghetti Monster, Gopher Dreaming*)

Hamilton Youth Film Festival, Canada—September 11th
<http://hamiltonyouthfilmfestival.ca/>
(*Gopher Dreaming*)

Motor City Nightmares, Milford, MI—postponed to April 23rd-25th 2021
(possible online screening in July)
<https://www.motorcitynightmares.com/>
(*Zombie Pizza Party*)

In closing, I'm excited to let you know that we are working on major classroom improvements! We can hardly wait to resume in-person filmmaking classes and projects again and we will do so as soon as it is safe. I'll keep you posted as plans develop. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. Enjoy your summer!

Warmly,

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"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. "

-Adina (Fred Bodell)







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