

## Summer Camp Talent Show

Last summer my friend Candace and I went to a performing arts camp for kids who want to learn acting, singing, and dancing. We got to take two classes over two weeks. The categories included singing, dancing, theater, and circus acts, like clowning and swinging on the trapeze. At the end of the camp, we put on a talent show for our families.

Candace and I are pretty clumsy, so we decided not to take any dance classes. We took the clown class instead. In it, we learned to ride a unicycle while wearing wigs, fake glasses, and huge shoes. We also learned how to juggle four pieces of fruit and vegetables all at once! Being a clown is much harder than it looks.

I also took a jazz singing class. There were ten boys and ten girls in that class, so it was evenly balanced. First, we learned how to read music. Then, we listened to jazz music from the 1930s and 1940s. Old jazz is very different from the music we listen to today, but I like it a lot! We chose three songs to sing for the talent show and practiced hard, every day.

Candace signed up for a class about costumes and stage design. Candace is very creative so she wanted to work behind the scenes. She learned how to make fancy clothing and scenery for the camp play. The play was about a princess who secretly dreamed of becoming a movie actress. It was a drama and a comedy at the same time. (Candace called it a "dramady.")

Anyway, the talent show was a huge success. We were very sad when the time came to leave camp. We're already thinking about what to do next summer!