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## A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA

By the time this newsletter hits your mailboxes we will have been finished with camp for almost two months, which is hard to believe, but it also means we are two months closer to another summer in Rock Hill. Our house is back in the swing of "everyday life" – school, extra-curricular activities, carpools and the hustle and bustle of each day. It is even harder to believe that we just marked our 11th Anniversary of Iroquois Springs. How far we have come and how much more we are looking to accomplish.

In 11 years, we have done so much and we are incredibly proud of what Iroquois Springs has become. During this time we have re-built the entire infrastructure of the camp, all its buildings and systems, added many new and creative programs, defined Iroquois Springs as the premier three and six week camp in the country, and most importantly, created a warm nurturing culture at camp, where "kids come first", being nice to one another is paramount, and doing great things for others in the form of community service is rewarded and recognized. That feels like a lot, but we have much more to accomplish together.

Now that we have been finished with camp for almost two months, it really gives us a chance to look back and reflect on this past summer. Person after person we have spoken with has said that "this was the best summer yet." We very much feel the same – whether it was the unbelievable weather we experienced, the terrific staff we assembled, or the most amazing group of wonderful, warm, welcoming campers we had at camp this summer – it is hard to put your finger on exactly what it was, but one thing is for sure – it truly was the best summer yet. We really miss everyone, and for us life is very hard to adjust to without all the activity and energy that you crave each day at camp.

With the summer of 2011 in the rear view mirror and our quest to improve upon it in 2012, a few huge "thank you's" are in order.

A huge thank you to all our staff, who worked tirelessly and selflessly each day to make sure each and every campers needs were taken care of and that everyone had a great time.

Thank you to all our parents and families who trusted us this summer with their children and believe in the way we run our camp. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you to everyone - parents, campers and staff members who generously gave to Project Morry in our swim-a-thon. You truly believe in the camp experience, and the importance of it for all children.

A huge thank you to all the campers at camp in 2011 – your energy, spirit, enthusiasm and love of camp, makes Iroquois Springs go – we are a very special community because we have the very best campers in the camping world! Thanks!

Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who recommended a friend or relative to Iroquois Springs for 2012. Our enrollment is stronger than ever, with several groups already closed for 2012. We are looking forward to giving all our new campers a huge welcome when they arrive at camp on June 30th – we are counting down the days.

We can't wait to see everyone at the Camp Reunion on December 4th, where for one day in the winter, it feels like the summer again!

*With Love,*

*Mark and Laura*



Countdown To Camp

★ 242 DAYS ★

From Nov. 1st

# BOYS SIDE STUFF

with Josh Bogard

I woke up this morning for work and put on a pair of pants and a sweater. This was the first time since camp that I had not worn shorts and a t-shirt. As I was putting my sweater over my head, I immediately wished that I was in camp and not getting dressed for work. This instantly reminded me of all the fun that we had this past summer. I like going to work, but I love going to camp. I love camp for all of the same reasons that you guys do; the friends, the fun and of course all of the activities. Boys Side was filled with campers that showed tremendous spirit and character this past summer. We spoke at every morning line-up about positive character, being a true friend and doing the right thing. You guys have all proven that you are all great young men. You have all bonded with your fellow campers and counselors and have created life-long friendships. You truly understand the meaning of camp. I could not be any prouder of everyone on boys side.

During the school season most of your mornings are filled with eating a quick breakfast, running out the door to catch the bus and then handing in your homework. I can't wait for everyone to return to Iroquois Springs where your mornings will be filled with line-up, Marty facts, breakfast in the dining hall and activities with your bunk. I know it seems like the summer of 2012 is really far away but it will be here before we know it. Let the countdown begin! All of your counselors from last summer are done travelling and have settled back at home or school. They feel the same way and their countdowns have begun as well. I would like to thank the entire staff for their tremendous efforts in making the summer of 2011 as successful as it was.

I am already looking forward to everyone unpacking their bags, hanging out at our opening night campfires and beginning the summer of 2012 with the same tremendous enthusiasm that carried us through the summer of 2011. Their truly is no place like Iroquois Springs. Baseball season is winding down and the football season is off and running. With autumn underway and winter around the corner we might be putting away our shorts and putting on our sweaters but the memories of 2011 will last a lifetime. See everyone at the reunion.

JOSH



## GIRLS SIDE GAB

with Rosie Bogard

Tweet Tweet Tweet... @Girls\_Side:

I cannot believe that we have been home for almost two months; it feels like yesterday that we were all on Girls Side together. I hope the rest of this school year goes by just as fast, so we can all be together at camp again. Every time someone asks me how my summer was, I can't help but say it was AMAZING! We had such an AMAZING time this summer. Girls Side's love for camp was contagious. We had a blast every morning at line-up tweeting, singing the Girls side song, doing 30 seconds of fame, listening to Jenna's Joke and more. I loved watching you ladies throughout the day at all of your activities, whether it was soccer, cooking, skate park, arts & crafts or anything in between, we were always having fun! I loved the spirit we had on girls side this year; walking into the bunks and hearing you guys singing camp songs and cheers. I loved being in the dining hall and hearing you sing louder than the boys. I loved watching you compete during Tribals and Color War, especially your excitement at breakout and your spirit during sing. I loved seeing all of you dancing at DJ Yahney and on the stage during Mock Rock. I loved watching you during the Hoe Down, especially at the end when we had a crazy dance party/sing off in the theatre together.

There is so much I love about camp and that is why I come back year after year to be your Girls Head Counselor. You keep a smile on my face all day long that lasts throughout the school year. I wanted to thank all the Group Leaders for a JOB WELL DONE! To all the CIT's and JC's out there...THANK YOU AGAIN for your dedication to camp and to being wonderful role models for everyone on girls side. Study hard ladies, and don't forget "nice matters" and smiles are contagious.

Love, Rosie

#1234wewantcolorwar #campreunion #doitallagainnextyear #girlssiderocks

## NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



It really boggles my mind that I could be sitting here right now typing another fall newsletter article. When I arrived at camp in early May and started to get settled in, I could distinctly remember thinking to myself that we still had close to 50 days before the campers were coming and it would feel like forever before camp as we know it was truly underway. Boy, was I wrong! I don't know where the time goes... the days are certainly long in Rock Hill, but the summer just flies before your eyes. After arriving in May, we started to welcome our retreat groups and had the chance to break-in the cabins, buildings and ball fields for the summer and were quickly met by all of our first-time campers and parents at the New Family Orientation. From that point on, I knew we were in for an awesome summer! May and June went by in the blink of an eye and we were quickly met by our staff of 225+ from all over the world. I think you would all agree that once again the staff deserve a huge THANK YOU as this group was truly one for the record books.

Speaking of staff, can you believe that some of them are still at camp as I write this to you? That's right, there's a select few that stay on and become part of our retreat / event staff and remain in Rock Hill until the middle of October when we finally close camp for the winter months. Many others have already emailed us to let us know of their travels, new jobs / careers they began since moving home, updates from their college campus, etc since departing Rock Hill. I know I can speak for just about all of them when I say that the staff of Iroquois Springs, both first-time and returning, get as much out of the summer experience as you do. Each and every one of them may come to camp for a different reason, but they all share one common experience, that as they depart camp in August and return home, they will be forever changed after having had Iroquois Springs in their life even if for just one summer.

Well, my space here on the clipboard is getting short, so I will leave you with one final thought. Even when the winter months feel cold and never ending and the days until camp can't come soon enough, remember your camp friends, the memories we all had together and the fun we shared as one community at Iroquois Springs, those thoughts and reminders should warm your hearts until we are together again in Rock Hill for the summer of 2012 which will once again be legendary.

Hope to see many of you at the Camp Reunion in December – until then, stay well, study hard, do well in school and keep in touch with your camp friends any time you can.

Miss you all!

**BUBBA**

## GIRLS SIDE SONG 2011

(To the tune of Last Friday Night by Katy Perry)

With my best friends on the bus  
Another summer is a must  
Iroquois Springs is the place  
There's a smile on  
my face  
Feels so good to be  
back home  
Don't care had to  
leave my phone  
Josh is on the  
barbecue  
Rosie's singing right  
on cue



Pictures of last night ended up online  
Hey mom, hi dad  
Summer '11 is here  
And it's pretty clear  
It rules, Lah!

Iroquois Springs  
Chanting in the dining  
hall

DJ Yahney is a ball  
At OA we do trust falls

Iroquois Springs  
Canoeing, sliding in the lake  
There's a new baker try the cake  
Friendship bracelets I will make  
Iroquois Springs

We love carnival and clue  
Coming back for gold and blue  
We have cubbies for the shoes  
Iroquois Springs

1234 Color War  
Bubba's chilling at the  
door  
When camp's over we  
want more  
Iroquois Springs  
Do it all again, next  
year (x2)



## MEDIA MATTERS

2011 was an awesome summer for the media team at Iroquois Springs, in no small part to the awesome staff! Video Mike captured the entire summer in HD (an Iroquois Springs first), putting together an awesome daily video each day not to mention the fantastic end-of-session videos. Photo Matt (not to be confused with Media Matt) jumped in head first and did an awesome job getting all those special moments during the summer on film. And of course, Newspaper Michele kept everyone informed each morning, delivering a quality paper each and every day - not an easy task!



If you haven't already, you can relive the summer by going to [iroquoissprings.com](http://iroquoissprings.com) and clicking on 'Summer Site.'

See you next summer!

-Media Matt

## SAVE THE DATE - CAMP REUNION

Mark your Calendar - We are proud to announce the 11th Annual Iroquois Springs Camp Reunion on Sunday, December 4, 2011 to be held at FunFuzion in New Roc City (New Rochelle, NY).

This awesome venue has been the site of our past camp reunions and there is a reason we are coming back for more! Come with your family to reunite with camp friends from the summer and enjoy the games, rides and excitement FunFuzion has to offer.

One of the great traditions we have at the reunion is the unveiling of the summer video yearbook and slideshow. What a great way to relive the memories of camp just before your eyes. You will also receive, as a holiday gift, your framed copy of your bunk and individual camp picture as a keepsake of last summer. (For those of you who cannot make it to the reunion, we will mail your photo and video to you shortly after the reunion).

Make sure to check your inbox soon for more details about the reunion, how to RSVP and directions to New Roc City.

See you all there!



# MEMORIES OF 2011

## GETTING SOAKED ON CARNIVAL DAY

BRAD HENDERSON HYPNOSIS

s'mores at opening campfire

JULIUS C BAND

LACROSSE AND SOCCER CLINICS

MOCK ROCK

ARE WE HAVING CANTEEN TONIGHT?

THE SING - LIVE ONCE AGAIN FOR PARENTS TO VIEW

SWIMMING LOTS OF LAPS FOR PROJECT MORRY

ROPE BURN

FUZZIES, FUZZIES, FUZZIES

MARY POPPINS + SEUSSICAL

DANCING WITH DJ TODD YAHNEY

THE ORDER OF THE BLUE AND GOLD

ALMA MATERS

IROQUOIS SPRINGS OWN "JAC VANEK" COLOR WEEK BRACELETS

WATCHING EVERYONE RUN TO HUG THEIR CAMPERS ON VISITING DAY

SENIOR TRIP TO BOSTON

DANCEDANCE REVOLUTION

GIRLS SIDE SONGS (LYRICS ENCLOSED!)

COLOR WEEK COOKIE CAKES

AWESOME JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

BLUE & GOLD FOREVER!

## What's Happening In Rock Hill?

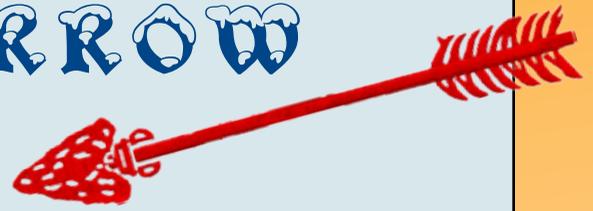
It would not be an Iroquois Springs "off-season" if we weren't busy keeping our year-round facility managers (Tim & Dennis) busy during the cold winter months in Rock Hill. Every season we put our heads together and try to think about what we can do to improve our already wonderful facility. As you know, this past summer we added the Skate Park, completely renovated the tennis courts and continued to beautify camp as we often do. We think you would all agree, these new additions sure were a success! As we pondered what project to take on this winter, we decided that a new Art Facility would truly be a welcomed addition to camp. No matter what the day is like at camp, you can always find campers and staff alike in one of our many arts and crafts shops or hobby program areas. Well, the time has finally come to bring together Arts & Crafts, Ceramics, Jewelry, Woodworking, Rocketry, Digital Photography and more! The project is already underway and summer 2012 will welcome the new home of our "Art Village" located just next to the current Iroquois Arena. We truly think this is going to be a great new addition to camp for next summer.

Stay tuned to the next newsletter to see some pictures of the new buildings as they are constructed and hear more about what the winter months in Rock Hill are all about.



# THE WINTER ARROW

As the days grow shorter and the leaves turn beautiful shades of red and gold before making their annual descent to the ground, soon to be covered by winter's snow... there is a hidden arrow waiting to be found....well, figuratively!



In each issue of the Iroquois Springs Times we will present a new clue to the "Winter Arrow's" location. Unlike in Color Week, the "Winter Arrow" can be ANYWHERE in Camp – Indoors or Outdoors, areas both in bounds and off limits. Use your creativity and imagination...you can even search without a counselor.

The first Girls Side and Boys Side campers to correctly name the exact location of the "Winter Arrow" will win a prize for their bunk next summer. Remember to give a detailed description of why you think the "Winter Arrow" is there when you respond.

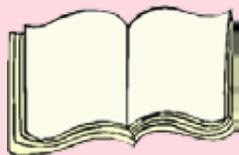
Send your answers to: [summers@iroquoissprings.com](mailto:summers@iroquoissprings.com) and make sure to include your first and last name in the email.

## Here is Clue #1:

A stamp of approval is a standing ovation of sorts  
A gathering of coins to build the strongest of forts  
A prodigious blast from the past from our Casey at the Bat  
A slow trot around the bases and a tip of the hat  
Noted and shared for all  
Elvis Costello paid homage in his special way  
Special way  
For what lies in the shadow of the statue here at Iroquois Springs



## CAMPERS FAVORITE RECIPES FROM KITCHEN STADIUM



### WHOOPIE PIE

2 OZ UNSWEETENED CHOCOLATE - CHOPPED  
4 OZ SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE - CHOPPED  
1/2 CUP UNSALTED BUTTER  
1 CUP SUGAR  
3 EGGS  
VANILLA  
1 CUP FLOUR  
1/2 TSP BAKING POWDER  
18 LARGE  
MARSHMALLOWS



Put the unsweetened and semisweet chocolates and butter in microwave to melt.

Whisk the sugar, eggs and vanilla into the chocolate mixture until smooth.

Sift the flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. Gradually whisk the dry ingredients into the wet and combine.

Use a small cookie scoop or spoon to drop a heaping tablespoon of batter onto a lined baking sheet with parchment paper. Repeat and space cooking about 1 inch apart. Bake for about 8 minutes.

Cool cookies on rack. Turn half cookies over, so they lay with the flat side up. Place a marshmallow on top of each flipped cookie and return

# THE FACES OF SUMMER 2011



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## OCTOBER

Noah Waxner	1
Samantha Bristow	2
Haley Popowitz	2
Erica Glick	3
Alexandra Saypoff	3
Olivia Lieberman	4
Ross Grigos	5
Aaron Bart	6
Ethan Bart	6
Anna Nesser	6
Nina Rubenstein	7
Gabriela Snyder	7
Brett Berkenblit	12
Gina Ethe	12
Caroline Gerla	12
Matthew Karger	13
Julie Zeiberg	15
Sam Carus	16
Lauren Shackman	18
Ethan Berman	21
Jordan Chafitz	22
Samantha Schapero	22
Jessica Abelow	24
Matthew Hilzenrath	24
Sydney Lenihan	24
Samantha Dolan	26
Kyle Klaschka	26
Andie Mandel	27
Emily Bright	28
Allison Krumper	28
Matthew Rozansky	28
Amanda Clark	29
Lara Schechter	31

## NOVEMBER

Rachel Kosofsky	1
Mia Katz	2
James Taubman	3
Jake Henkin	4
Jamie Teitelman	4
Rachel Polkowitz	6
Joshua Frankel	7
Amy Turtz	7
Steven Arnold	8
Emma Cohen	8
Chandler Tucker	9
Andie Abrams	11
Benny Bailey	12
Spencer Starr	12
Caleb Frey	15
Jolie Mallitz	15
Jamie Fink	16
Kate Lesser	16
Alex Horowitz	17
Joshua Horowitz	17
Kelsey Horowitz	17
Anna Fox	19
Julia Glaser	19
Ilexa Schechter	20
Miles Theodoros	21
Jordan Davis	22
Bob Lesser	22
Katie Tropp-Levy	22
Stephanie DeBisceglia	23
Justin Levine	23
Rebecca Kantor	24
Dylan Wit	25
Phoebe Brenner	28
Eli Burk	30
Alex Hirsch	30

## DECEMBER

Sydney Tuckman	1
Hailey Wechsler	1
Sara Bright	2
Ilana Char	3
Derek Ash	5
Michael Port	7
Giorgio Dal Pont	8
Samantha Marks	9
Laura Dal Pont	15
Eliana Rosenzweig	15
Sam Zarkower	15
Emily Edwards	17
Danielle Saypoff	17
Alexander Fishman	19
Julia Hirsch	19
Danielle Licht	19
Avery Conklin	20
Matthew Hopkins	20
Nicole Staub	20
Avery Cohen	21
Evan Hitsky	22
David Golden	23
Noa Katz	23
Ashley Lederman	24
Halle McDonough	24
Meg Wallach	24
Gabriella Feder	27
David Ross	27
Emily Char	28
Avery Lieberman	28
Allison Simon	28
Samantha Simon	28
Erica Hellman	29
Gabrielle Krumper	29
Jason Krumper	29
Abby Kuznick	30
Morgan Young	30
AJ Gold	31
Emily Panciroli	31
Jaiden Rowe	31

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

We are thrilled to welcome the following new campers to the Iroquois Springs family!

Ryan Abfier  
Alyssa Alperstein  
Ellye Alperstein  
Justin Alperstein  
Elana Atlas  
Marc Baronci  
Matthew Baronci  
Aaron Bart  
Ethan Bart  
Lola Berger  
Ruby Berger  
Ethan Berman  
Jonah Bitman  
John Bretschneider  
Spencer Carus  
Emily Chertoff  
Avery Conklin  
Sofia Cordover  
Olivia Coughlin  
Elena Dal Pont  
Brooke Dann  
Michael Discolo  
Samantha Einiger  
Maya Federmann  
Jessi Finkelstein  
Caleb Frey  
Jonathan Givre  
Julia Glaser  
Max Goldstein  
Sadie Goldstein  
Lily Greenleigh  
Evan Hitsky  
Benjamin Kam  
Joshua Kanter  
Shani Katz  
Danielle Koenig  
Dean Koenig  
Anya Kornfeld  
Rachel Kosofsky

Montville, NJ  
Reisterstown, MD  
Reistertown, MD  
Reisterstown, MD  
Westport, CT  
Great Neck, NY  
Great Neck, NY  
Melville, NY  
Melville, NY  
New York, NY  
New York, NY  
Rye brook, NY  
New York, NY  
Melville, NY  
Montville, NJ  
Old Bethpage, NY  
Livingston, NJ  
Tenafly, NJ  
Livingston, NJ  
Treviso, AL  
Upper Saddle River, NJ  
Rye Brook, NY  
Suffern, NY  
Plainview, NY  
New York, NY  
Larchmont, NY  
Melville, NY  
Dix Hills, NY  
New York, NY  
New York, NY  
Bethesda, MD  
Plainview, NY  
Syosset, NY  
New York, NY  
Greenwich, CT  
Warren, NJ  
Warren, NJ  
Scarsdale, NY  
Great Neck, NY

Andrew Kraus  
Jake Lamazor  
Luke Lamazor  
Hallie Lancz  
Olivia Lancz  
Maelyn Levine  
Skylar Levine  
Sara Lidsky  
Avery Lieberman  
Carly Mallitz  
Andie Mandel  
Samantha Marks  
Randi Mendel  
Alison Meyer  
Eli Nadell  
Anna Nesser  
Nicole Newfield  
Zachary Ostroff  
Carly Pearl  
Jackie Pollack  
Jessica Polvino  
Jade Radice  
Paige Radice  
Nicole Rosenzweig  
Jaiden Rowe  
Skyler Rowe  
Sammi Rubinstein  
Zachary Schiffman  
Noah Schoenhaus  
Zoe Schoenhaus  
Benjamin Schriever  
Alexa Shelton  
James Taubman  
Sara Tesser  
Gracie Tropp-Levy  
Brooke Wallenstein  
Rachel Wallenstein  
Hailey Wechsler  
Jenna Wiseltier  
Emily Zeiberg

Wycoff, NJ  
Brooklyn, NY  
Brooklyn, NY  
Potomac, MD  
Potomac, MD  
Larchmont, NY  
Larchmont, NY  
Ringwood, NJ  
North Caldwell, NJ  
Weston, CT  
Short Hills, NJ  
New York, NY  
Cortlandt Manor, NY  
Plainview, NY  
Short Hills, NJ  
Short Hills, NJ  
Commack, NY  
Stamford, CT  
Commack, NY  
Irvington, NY  
Congers, NY  
Westfield, NJ  
Westfield, NJ  
Rye Brook, NY  
Millburn, NJ  
Millburn, NJ  
New York, NY  
Irvington, NY  
Morganville, NJ  
Morganville, NJ  
Dobbs Ferry, NY  
Merrick, NY  
New York, NY  
Wyckoff, NJ  
Great Neck, NY  
Rye Brook, NY  
Rye Brook, NY  
Syosset, NY  
Jericho, NY  
Mt. Laurel, NJ

# THE SENIORS ARE HEADING TO TORONTO

As many of you already know, one of the highlights of our senior program includes a 3-night / 4-day trip each summer. This coming season, our senior campers (entering grades 8 – 11) will have the opportunity to visit scenic Toronto, Canada. Highlights will include a trip to Niagara Falls, The Ontario Science Center, Rogers Centre (the home of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team), the thrills of Canada's Wonderland and more!



Details and enrollment information will be sent later in the year, but we wanted to remind you about obtaining valid documentation for the trip.

All senior campers participating on the senior trip will be **REQUIRED** to obtain a valid passport in order to go to Toronto this summer.

If you do not currently have a passport, we strongly urge you to start the process now. If you have any questions about the trip prior to receiving the details, don't hesitate to let us know. This is an awesome trip and we don't want you to miss it!



## PROJECT MORRY UPDATE

One of the values we continue to stress at Iroquois Springs is the importance of community service. This summer, as in summers past our CIT's participated in a variety of community service projects both locally and within the larger camp community. Because we feel so strongly about this, once again, our CIT's spent 2-days at Project Morry in conjunction with our annual Swim-a-Thon at camp. They had the chance to see this special program in action, get a better understanding of why we raise money to support Project Morry and most of all, put into perspective the unique opportunity that summer camp offers to campers from all social and economic backgrounds.



Our CIT's brought so much energy and excitement to our Swim-a-Thon this summer and facilitated another awesome camp event. We swam more laps and raised more money for this truly special organization than any other Swim-a-Thon in the past. We especially want to thank the Iroquois Springs family of campers, parents and staff as they always step up to the plate and helped to make a difference in the lives of so many less fortunate kids. Your continued contributions and dedication to this program will give the gift of summer camp to youth for years to come.

If you have not had a chance to send in your donation for this year's Swim-a-Thon, it's not too late. Please send it to our camp office and we will make sure Project Morry receives it.

Project Morry has become part of the fabric of our camp community and we are so proud of the many campers who have chosen to help support Project Morry for their bar/bat-mitzvah service project or other community service fundraising event.

We are proud to announce that once again our camp raised over \$10,000 for Project Morry – thanks to everyone who donated and thanks for a job well done by our CIT's! Keep up the great work.

To find out more about Project Morry, please check out their website at: [www.projectmorry.org](http://www.projectmorry.org).

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SUMMER TIMES



# DATES TO REMEMBER



<b>Camp Reunion</b>	Sunday, December 4th
<b>Tri-State Camp Conference (Office Closed)</b>	Tuesday, March 13th to Friday, March 16th
<b>Spring Mailing</b>	Wednesday, February 1st
<b>Camper Forms Due</b>	Sunday, April 15th
<b>Area Pick-Up for IS Baggage Service</b>	Sunday, June 24th
<b>Opening Day</b>	Saturday, June 30th
<b>Visiting Day</b>	Saturday, July 14th
<b>Session #1 Ends</b>	Friday, July 20th
<b>Session #2 Begins</b>	Saturday, July 21st
<b>Campers Return Home</b>	Friday, August 10th