



**WINTER 2012  
EDITION**

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## **A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA**

It was great seeing everyone at the Camp Reunion on December 4th. It was clear we had our best turnout ever, having people travel far and wide from places like Colorado, Florida, Maryland and Pennsylvania, as well as a few surprise guest staff members who couldn't stay away. We always ask ourselves... how great it is to be able to experience all the "camp energy" again....so many of us together again in one place just having a great time, and reliving the memories and rekindling the bonds and friendships that exist "only at camp". There really is nothing like the spirit and energy the Iroquois Springs gang can create....it truly is contagious. We are all so lucky!

When we returned home from the reunion, we ran to the TV to put the 2011 video yearbook into the DVD player, popped some popcorn and sat together and watched what was another terrific summer together. Our eyes opened wide and our smiles filled our faces as we watched and reflected on all we accomplished together in 2011. It was amazing to watch that DVD and see all the things that happened each day; to watch friendships form, activities flourish; the staff who cares for us, and the spirit that grows daily is what it really is all about. What a great summer!

We also took a breath and looked back at what has been ELEVEN incredible years of Iroquois Springs, since we bought the camp. It is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed. We have seen so many of our campers and staff grow up before our eyes. We are so proud of Iroquois Springs, eleven years later. Iroquois Springs has become an amazing community of campers and staff who respect and care about one another and look forward to returning to Rock Hill each summer more than almost anything else. Our reputation of taking great care of our campers and providing an incredible experience with our mature, well-trained staff has been unsurpassed. This is no small feat, and it happened because we have had the most wonderful camp families and staff members out there, who have believed in what Iroquois Springs is all about - Thank you!

We are proud of the top-notch facility that camp has become, with every cabin newly renovated, a new dining room, new health center, new administration building, new ball fields, renovated theater, field house, movie theater, dance studio, etc.- Iroquois Springs has really taken off!

Most importantly, camp is about the people, and we are so proud of our campers, who have really grown in so many other ways, they are more self-confident, they are better friends, or better siblings or better children, and they are better people because the camp experience helps them to develop themselves and take risks in a warm, supportive, caring environment with staff that is there for their challenges and triumphs. What a great eleven years it's been and we can't wait for the next 20 to see where it all goes! Thanks for being a part of it!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season, and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

*With Love,  
Mark and Laura*



Countdown To Camp

★ 150 days ★

From February 1st

# BOYS SIDE STUFF

with Josh Bogard

I woke up today and put on my sweater, hat and gloves and thought, "Can't it just be summer already?" With camp starting in less than 200 days I know that we will all be back together in Rock Hill before we know it. The camp reunion was a blast, but it's only a small taste of what is in store for the summer of 2012. I am continually impressed by the true friendships that have been created as a result of our time at Iroquois Springs. Watching boys and girls of all ages run across the room to hug and high five each other was a pleasure to watch at the reunion. You all had great stories to share about camp and everything that has happened since. I had such a great time listening to all of you. The constant theme in all of these stories was strong friendships. I hope that you guys all make time to see each other over the next few months and share your favorite memories of the summer of 2011. Gaining true friends that you trust and that can trust you is something that should not be taken for granted and I love that we all get to experience this together.

I want everyone to remember the last night of camp that we spent down by the lake. We spoke about friendship, commitment, memories, leaving your comfort zone and then sang the 2011 alma maters. Iroquois Springs is the place where all of these wonderful experiences happen and this year's alma maters certainly expressed these themes in their lyrics. These songs come on the radio and I am immediately brought back to our magical place in Rock Hill. This is what is so amazing about Iroquois Springs. The experiences that we create, share and laugh about is something that nobody can ever take away. The memories bring us right back to the patch of grass on which they took place. These memories are ours and they should always be cherished.

Boys side is looking strong for the summer of 2012. We have a strong amount of returning campers and a nice bunch of new campers as well. I look forward to all of us hanging out together during this upcoming summer. Your Group Leaders and counselors are already working on new events for our side of camp that I will share with you in our next newsletter. All I can say is... Sharpen your football combine skills and begin to prepare your Facebook messages for line-up because the summer of 2012 will be here before we know it. I am counting down the days until I can gas up the grill and start barbecuing already.

All the best, **JOSH**



## GIRLS SIDE GAB

with Rosie Bogard

Hope everyone is doing well. It was so great seeing everyone at the camp reunion. Hope you had as much fun as I did. I used to love going to my camp reunion. It was something I looked forward to as soon as I got home from camp. I loved reconnecting with all my friends and counselors. This year, I was so proud to hear how everyone was doing in school. Enjoy the rest of the school year, continue to do the best that you can do and please remember to always BE NICE.

As I was driving home, I was thinking about how lucky I am to be able to go back to camp every summer and relive some of my fondest camp memories. Much of your school year is jam packed with studying, after school activities, computers, cell phones and more. There is something to be said that we get to spend our summers enjoying the outdoors, playing sports, learning new skills, participating in arts and crafts, cooking and more, and of course making new friends. We are so lucky that we get to spend our summers at Iroquois Springs. During this holiday time, it is important to remember how fortunate we all are. There are many kids out there that do not get the same opportunities that we have, so remember how lucky you are that you get to spend your summers at camp. This time of year, I find myself remembering how fortunate I am to have such a great family, a job I love and I get to spend my summers with you. I hope that everyone is doing well and had a great vacation. Happy New Year!

"Together we can change the world, one good deed at a time."

Happy New Year Everyone!

**ROSIE**

## NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



**We all love to see those familiar faces on day # 1 when we step off the bus and enter the gates into camp.**

**Whether it's old friends or returning staff, there is a comfort in knowing that some of the same people are back to share in the magic that makes Iroquois Springs such a special place in all of our hearts.**

**Here is a list of the staff who have already said "yes" to returning to camp in 2012:**

Leigh Aicher	Phyllis Dodd	Albert Kadosh	Leah "Aquatics" Sider
Melanie Bergstedt	Ffion "A & C" Evans	Ron Kestenbaum	Zach Sider
Ari "Soccer" Bisk	Warren Famiglietti	Evan Kopf	Corey Sider
Karen Blitz	Yve Fouladi	Wesley Laga	Scott Silverman
Josh Bogard	John "The Baker" Fountain	Scott Luchs	Jonathan Simpson
Rosanne Bogard	Michael "Midge" Francis	Scott Lybarger	Jannie Slone
Lori "Cooking" Bright	Lauren Gerber	Ellen "Program" Mager	Perri Spector
Jeff "Baseball" Caspi	William Gladstone	Robyn Martin	Andrea Spector
Geraldine Catania	Jessica Glaswand	Elisabeth Maurer	Allen Talansky
"Media" Matt Cavagnaro	Esta Greenstein	Nicole McDonough	Sheila Talansky
Kevin Chason	Colin "Colio" Hamilton	Fred Miller	Ben "Theater" Theobald
Marcy Cohen	Don Hamlin	Bonnie Miller-Ethe	Brendan "Security" Thomas
Adam Coopersmith	June Hartman	Matt Morris	Paul Titley
Andrew Cowan	Tara "Fitness" Hartman	Ana Orozco	Anya "A & C" Tucker
Richard Dacher	Edward Hill	Marton Retvarl	Hollie Ware
Drew Dalton	Jessica Hirschhorn	Alex Reyes	Phelim White
Allison Davis	Sarah Holzberg	Luis Rodriguez Vargas	Larry "Lah" Wilensky
Steve "Athletics" Davis	Harry Hughes-Davies	Leonardo Colmenares	Evan "Tennis" Williams
Erman Demirci	Gina Xiao Jing	Stacy Rozansky	Jenna Wollin
Kerim Dere	Logan "Basketball" Jones	Jack Sanders	Dylan Young

**We still have a long list of staff that have said "maybe" for next summer, they still need a bit more time to make a decision, however I know from experience, the list above is sure to grow. I am sure you will all agree, we are headed for another awesome summer with happy campers and great staff!**

**Looking forward to sharing another great summer together soon!**

# SUMMER 2012 PROGRAM PREVIEW

Did you say hypnotist or magician?..well, this summer; we have a surprise for you. We have seen Brad come to camp and absolutely amaze us with both his hypnosis



show and his magic show, but trying to choose one over the other is always so difficult, so get a load of this. For the first time ever, Brad Henderson will be at camp 2 times this summer and will be spending one entire day running **MAGIC WORKSHOPS** for the Iroquois Springs campers. You will have an opportunity during your elective time to spend an entire period with Brad learning some really cool magic tricks from a true professional. Of course, an evening together watching staff on stage under hypnosis could not

be passed up either, so Brad will be at camp to bring down the house once again with an awesome evening performance. We know these are two programs that will certainly draw some attention this summer.

Of course, with the success over the last 2 summers with our Specialty Sport Clinics in soccer and lacrosse, we will once again be offering these programs at no charge to campers who would like to take their game to the next level and participate in a two-day clinic with top trainers in both sports. We are also hard at work trying to add one more clinic to the mix and will tell you more about it in the next newsletter. Enrollment information will be emailed in the spring time with further details on this summer's offerings.



We truly believe that one of the unique parts of Iroquois Springs is the diversity of our program□..there is something for everyone. We are already hard at work trying to think outside the box and finding ways to add even more to our vast array of choices. Could it be a rock band or jam session, maybe Pilates or yoga, how about video production and editing, what do you think? If you have any ideas of new programs you would like to see added to camp, send us a quick email at [summers@iroquoissprings.com](mailto:summers@iroquoissprings.com), we would love to hear from you.

## THE I.S. BLOG!

We are excited to be able to offer our Blog on the Iroquois Springs website. The focus of our Blog will be to provide new and important information to parents about camp life, child development, and topics that are all about parenting in the 21st century. We will also occasionally, bring you some inside looks at what happens in the camp office in the off-season, new construction projects or just plain fun stuff about camp.



For the last few months, in preparation for launching this new blog, we have found a variety of articles from experts in various areas to present some new information to you. We think we have found some terrific stuff, and look forward to your input and feedback. Our blog will be authored by Robin Wenczl, who has a masters in counseling and had worked at the American Camp Association (ACA) for several years - she knows camp, and knows what parents are looking for. Her professional focus at the ACA was to help guide parents as they choose a summer camp experience for their children. Most importantly, Robin is a parent of 3 young children, and she can't wait to share with you some of her findings.

Check out the Iroquois Springs blog at:

<http://iroquoissprings.blogspot.com/>



## CONGRATS TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

We have some very exciting news to share with you about some of the staff at Iroquois Springs. Let's give a big Iroquois Springs congratulation to Gary Ross and Bridget Owen, who have recently been married. After meeting at camp and dating for several years they decided to get married. Gary works at camp full time as our staff recruiter and as a group leader in the summer, while Bridget was a group leader and our tour director this past summer. We are so happy for you both.

More great news... Josh and Rosie, our wonderful and dynamic boys and girls head counselors are expecting their second child in the spring. We are so excited to be able to welcome another new camper to camp this summer! Olivia cannot wait to be a big sister, and she is excited to welcome her little brother or sister into the world of Blue and Gold! Josh and Rosie are wonderful parents and are so excited to be expanding their family - and we are too! It is always great to have another IS baby at camp.



# WINTER REUNION RECAP

The pictures here say it all! Another incredible reunion filled with happy faces and great stories. Thanks to everyone who made the journey from near and far to be with us and relive camp for just a few hours together at Fun Fuzion.

Make sure you take some time to visit the Iroquois Springs website and check out all of the great pictures from the reunion.



## JANUARY

Sara Tesser 1  
Alec Ash 2  
Julia Coughlin 2  
Spencer Carus 3  
Jonathan Kopf 4  
Gabriel Golombek 5  
Mollie Wolfe 6  
Griffin Schwab 7  
Nicole Eisenberg 9  
James Gorayeb 9  
Carly Orent 9  
Zachary Schiffman 10  
Amanda Wiseltier 12  
Hannah Luchs 13  
Brandon Nimberger 13  
Sydney Carus 14  
Samantha Zaintz 14  
Josh Carus 18  
Marlon Dixon 18  
Melissa Holzberg 18  
Casey Peacock 18  
Lauren Peacock 18  
Rebecca Wallenstein 18  
Paula Weissenberg 18  
Tyler Pollack 19  
Rylee Dubrow 20  
Danielle Feldman 20  
Benji Stoll 20  
Halle Goldberg 23  
Samantha Einiger 24  
Celia Ginzburg 24  
Alyssa Kopf 24  
Jessica Zodicoff 24  
Jake Atlas 25  
Eden Schumer 25  
Lola Berger 26  
Ruby Berger 26  
Rachel Dickson 26  
Brian Pfeffer 26  
Brooke Rose 28  
Jamie Goldstein 29  
Adam Hershaft 29  
Jason Hershaft 29  
Dean Koenig 29  
Jackie Pollack 29  
Samantha Atlas 30

## FEBRUARY

Hannah Fouladi 1  
Jack McIntyre 1  
Nicole Drayzen 2  
Rebecca Simon 2  
Zachary Blicksilver 3  
Mia Ginzburg 3  
Garrett Gold 3  
Benjamin Schriever 3  
Alison Young 6  
Rachel Geffner 7  
Jessica McDonough 7  
Elena Dal Pont 8  
Nicole Rosenzweig 8  
Rachel Brenner 9  
Sari Sosnick 9  
Maya Theodoros 9  
Alex Kestenbaum 11  
Jack Staub 11  
Sammi Rubinstein 12  
Ross Brenner 13  
Josh Maurer 14  
Emily Staub 14  
Lauren Rosenberg 15  
Ella Kaminsky 16  
Jake Lamazor 16  
Kellie Spector 16  
Zev Hartman 18  
Justin Lott 18  
Emily Zames 18  
Lily Rodino 23  
Justin Weiss 25  
Jonathan Givre 26  
Daniel Hirsch 26  
Sammie Spector 26  
Sara Lidsky 27  
Matthew Newfield 27  
Roy Tal Dew 27  
Brooke Wallenstein 27  
Rachel Wallenstein 27  
Anya Kornfeld 28  
Sarah Wish 28

## MARCH

Samantha Kalt 2  
Gabriela Parsons 2  
Carly Brensilber 4  
Austin Forman 4  
Emma Lidsky 5  
Jason Shackman 5  
Sarah Milner 6  
Sam Parsons 6  
Hannah Barr 7  
Josh Radin 7  
Zachary Zwerling 7  
Egor Kiryushin 8  
Adam Golden 9  
Olivia Ethe 10  
Jessica Ostroff 11  
Lauren Tufano 12  
Luke Lamazor 13  
Melissa Levine 13  
Zachary Saklad 14  
Alison Meyer 15  
Pablo Montes 15  
Cole Sussman 15  
Dylan Bretschneider 16  
Jesse Sattler 19  
Samantha Goldstein 20  
Nicole Kerman 20  
Zachary Seymour 20  
Nicole Axelrod 21  
Ross Dunayer 21  
Willie Nebens 21  
Robert Mitchell 22  
Kate Klaschka 23  
Anna Dal Pont 24  
Alison Chafitz 26  
Evan Plotkin 27  
Lara Bamberger 29  
Nicole Newfield 29  
Serena Feldman 31

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

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

(Since our last newsletter)

Rylee Dubrow  
Ben Goldberg  
Chloe Goldman  
Lexie Goldman  
Brooke Hirsch  
Ella Kaminsky  
Egor Kiryushin  
Milla Kiryushina  
Jane Krauss  
Russell Krauss  
Alexis Mogensen

*Livingston, NJ*  
*Bronx, NY*  
*Chappaqua, NY*  
*Chappaqua, NY*  
*Montebello, NY*  
*Potomac, MD*  
*Moscow, Russia*  
*Moscow, Russia*  
*Westport, CT*  
*Westport, CT*  
*Tenafly, NJ*

Willie Nebens  
Christopher Patino  
Zachary Segal  
Alex Shesh  
Mollie Sysler  
Quinn Wagner  
Brandon Weinberg  
Emily Zames  
Brett Zornberg  
Chase Zornberg  
Jordan Zornberg

*Haworth, NJ*  
*Fort Salonga, NY*  
*Potomac, MD*  
*New York, NY*  
*Short Hills, NJ*  
*Westport, CT*  
*Scotch Plains, NJ*  
*Franklin Lakes, NJ*  
*East Rockaway, NY*  
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## EXPLORERS CAMP 2012

We are proud to announce that once again, we will be offering our Explorers Camp from July 28 – 29, 2012 for campers entering 2nd – 5th grade. Who can forget all of those cute young faces taking part in camp last summer and getting the chance to experience what our traditional campers do each and every day.

We are so happy to report that the following Explorers from 2011 will be joining us this summer as traditional campers:



Ryan Abfier  
Alyssa Alperstein  
Justin Alperstein  
Elana Atlas  
Avery Conklin  
Olivia Coughlin  
Rylee Dubrow  
Jessi Finkelstein  
Caleb Frey  
Jonathan Givre  
Julia Glaser  
Jane Krauss  
Hallie Lancz

*Montville, NJ*  
*Reisterstown, MD*  
*Reisterstown, MD*  
*Westport, CT*  
*Livingston, NJ*  
*Livingston, NJ*  
*Livingston, NJ*  
*New York, NY*  
*Larchmont, NY*  
*Melville, NY*  
*Dix Hills, NY*  
*Westport, CT*  
*Potomac, MD*

Olivia Lancz  
Sara Lidsky  
Randi Mendel  
Alison Meyer  
Willie Nebens  
Nicole Newfield  
Zachary Ostroff  
Jaiden Rowe  
Skyler Rowe  
Sammi Rubinstein  
Zachary Schiffman  
Jenna Wiseltier

*Potomac, MD*  
*Ringwood, NJ*  
*Cortlandt Manor, NY*  
*Plainview, NY*  
*Haworth, NJ*  
*Commack, NY*  
*Stamford, CT*  
*Millburn, NJ*  
*Millburn, NJ*  
*New York, NY*  
*Irvington, NY*  
*Jericho, NY*

# THE WINTER ARROW



To date we have had many suggestions as to the location of the arrow, but no one has guessed the correct location just yet. Keep your answers coming, we can't wait to announce a winner to the 1st Annual Winter Arrow Location. Remember, 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  
For what lies in the shadow of the statue here at Iroquois Springs

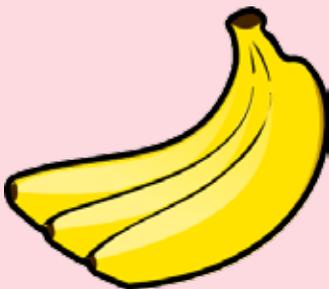
## Here is Clue #2:

Here today, gone tomorrow?  
Day after day, the man with the foolish grin  
is keeping perfectly still  
Yet spreading the word and muse all around camp  
You can hear the waves flow so quickly  
traveling at the speed of between the tick and the tock...

## CAMPERS FAVORITE RECIPES FROM KITCHEN STADIUM



# BLUE MOUNTAIN MILKSHAKE



- 4 CUPS VANILLA ICE CREAM
- 4 CUPS MILK
- 2 CUPS VANILLA YOGURT
- 4 LARGE BANANAS
- 3 TSP. VANILLA EXTRACT
- 8 DROPS OF BLUE FOOD COLORING



Blend all ingredients together in a blender until creamy.  
Makes 12 servings.

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# DATES TO REMEMBER



<b>CLOZ Catalogs Mailed (Camp Outfitter)</b>	Monday, January 16th
<b>Spring Mailing</b>	Wednesday, February 15th
<b>Tri-State Camp Conference (Office Closed)</b>	Tuesday, March 13th to Friday, March 16th
<b>Camper Forms Due</b>	Sunday, April 15th
<b>Office Opens in Rock Hill</b>	Thursday, May 17th
<b>New Family Orientation</b>	Sunday, May 20th
<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