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★ A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA ★

Choose Nice!

It was so nice seeing everyone at the 17th annual camp reunion in December. This is always one of the most special days on the calendar for us – it is right up there with the first day of each summer! The reunion is a chance for all of us to re-live what was another amazing summer, perhaps our all-time best!

Standing at the front when everyone starts to pour into the event makes us remember all those amazing feelings all summer long. Hearing the laughter and watching the exchange of warm hugs is second to none! We hope everyone had the chance to go online and see the brand new 2017 video yearbook, which beautifully captures the highlights and special moment of last summer – hope you enjoy it!

Like many families, over the long holiday break, we had a chance to get to the movies – this is one of our long-standing traditions and this year we were treated to one of the best movies we have seen in a long time, and one that really hit home as camp directors.

You may have heard the story that the movie “Wonder” is all about by now. If you have not, it’s a great story about boy’s struggles in middle school as he gets made fun of and is terribly bullied. “Wonder” tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August “Auggie” Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

The world is a cruel place and it’s exponentially crueler to people living with disadvantageous conditions

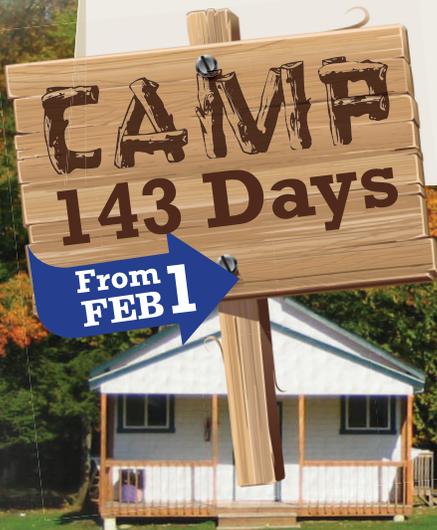
unable to be controlled. Throughout the movie you see Auggie’s struggles eventually turn into the many ways he positively directly affects the lives of those around him, whether his parents, sister, or his classmates at school.

Perhaps the strongest message in the entire movie was **“When given a choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.”** This struck a strong cord with us given the S.P.A.R.K. program we initiated this summer. We all live by the words, “be a difference maker” and this movie spoke to that point at its core.

As the year wraps up, we want to make sure we thank each and every one of you for your trust and belief in what Iroquois Springs has and always will be about. We have the most amazing community of people and when asked what makes our camp so special, we always say it’s the people that we share each summer with – that is the “secret sauce” at Iroquois Springs.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with prosperity, joy and hope for a great 2018! We are continually counting down the days until we are all together again in Rock Hill for summer #18

Remember... “When given a choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.”



With Love, Mark & Laura

GIRLS SIDE GAB *With Rosie*



GOOD MORNING GIRLS SIDE – Happy NEW YEAR! We are getting closer to summer 2018 and I cannot wait! It was so great seeing everyone at the camp reunion. I loved seeing all your smiling faces and hearing all about your school year! I am so proud of all of you – As I spoke to many of your parents, they all shared stories of how camp changed you. How the **“BE NICE”** motto has stuck for so many of you. **NOTHING MAKES ME HAPPIER.**

The last couple of years I have been on a mission. I have been speaking to middle school and high school students about social media and Internet Safety. I have pushed into health classes, spoke at parent meetings, met with students and parents from all over to discuss the dangers of the Internet and Social Media. Unfortunately, I have never had the chance to speak to all of you about my concerns. I don't have enough space in this newsletter to go on and on about my thoughts and feelings regarding cell phones and social media – but I do have some things I want to share with you. If you have a cell phone and have social media (I wish you didn't) please read this carefully and if you don't have them (yay), read it anyway. First, I need all of you to know this – what you post on line stays on line forever, so please be careful what you are saying or posting. If it is something you would not like your school principal to see, a college admissions counselor to see, an employer to see, me to see, your parents to see – then it should not be posted on line. Second, please make sure you do not have **ANYONE** following you that you do not know – it is not **COOL** to have 100 likes on a picture, when you only know 40 of them. Please make sure your location settings are OFF and you **NEVER** chat to anyone you do not know online – even when playing video games. Finally, **PLEASE BE NICE** on line. It is so much easier to be nice than to be mean. I know all about the fake Instagram accounts and Snap Chat and it breaks my heart to know that others are hurting each other's feelings using social media. So please, I beg you to always be **NICE**. Also, if you **SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING**. If someone is not being nice to you tell an adult. If someone is not being nice to someone else **TELL AN ADULT**. Parents, if you are reading this, please be mindful of what your children are doing on line, and please make sure they are developmentally ready to have access to social media. Our babies are all growing up to quickly and I worry about each and every one of my girls and the effects of cell phones and social media. I am a high school social worker and I see what happens when kids have cell phones or social media when they are not ready. I could go on and on!

That is why **I LOVE CAMP** so much, because we all get to **UNPLUG!** Ladies, go outside and play, pick up the phone and call each other instead of texting, limit the amount of time you are on your phone, **BE SAFE ONLINE** and of course **BE NICE!**

That being said, I cannot wait for all of us to be together again. We were in Florida over the break and we bumped into an I.S. family every day. We got to hang out with our old camp friends and new camp friends too. We were all so happy when we got to see a familiar Iroquois Springs family. **WE HAD I.S. MEET-UPS EVERYDAY IN FLORIDA** and it was awesome. Now I really cannot wait to all be together again in Rock Hill.

When camp ended I received the most amazing letters from campers and counselors saying how much camp has changed them. I am so proud of what we do at Iroquois Springs, camp is really a life changing experience. **SO PLEASE THANK YOUR PARENTS FOR ALLOWING YOU TO SPEND THE SUMMER WITH US! WHAT A GIFT!**

I am so excited for all our new campers that will be joining us this summer! I am also so excited to see all of our returners. I cannot wait for line up, Girls Side sing, color war and more! I cannot wait for rainy day schedules, evening activities and **FUZZIES**. I am so excited that so many of our counselors will be returning and many of our **CITS** from 2016 are back as staff. There is just so much to look forward to. So ladies, remember – **CHOOSE KIND, SMILE AND BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER!!!!!!!**

Happy and healthy new year, LIVE - LOVE - LAUGH IN 2018! *Love Rosie :)*

*****Remember – GIRLS SIDE DOES WHAT?...GREAT THINGS!*****





NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



It's the New Year, the time to slow down a bit, take it all in and think about the year ahead. Think about the changes you want to make, the things you want to accomplish and the person you want to become. It's a great time of year to remember how lucky we are, maybe you enjoyed time with friends and family over the holiday break or had a chance to be a difference maker for someone else. As we begin to look towards another summer at camp, we are reminded that each summer is the start of a new chapter, the opportunity to shape your 6-week experience at camp and get the most out of each day we spend together in 12775, never having any regrets about the decisions we make while together.

a great family vacation, had some quality

Of course, it was overwhelming to see the smiles, hear the laughter, see your faces and listen to the countless stories of campers, staff and parents together for our annual winter reunion at Fun Fuzion in December. With a turnout that never disappoints, it's obvious to all of us watching that Iroquois Springs has had such a profound and deep impact on all of us lucky enough to call Iroquois Springs our summer home.

For so many, the stories turned to our camp friends and the staff that that have such an important role in shaping the experience we enjoy each summer. This time of year, there is always chatter amongst our Iroquois Springs camp family about which staff will be back in camp next summer, and I can't fault anyone for that. As camp directors, we know what a difference fantastic staff has on the outcome of a summer for our campers and we rely on our veteran staff to continue to build on the foundation that has made Iroquois Springs what it is today.

As we begin another countdown to our summer together in Rock Hill, we wanted to share with you a list of staff who can't wait to get back to the 12775 and have already replied YES to returning to camp this summer...a question at the top of so many of your minds.

Jason "Doc" Abfier	Evan Dowers	Chris Martin	Tamas Racz
Andie Abrams	Lukas Eade	Christian Rosa	Hunter Ray
Shawna Adler	Warren "Wazza" Famiglietti	Jesus Martinez	Olivia Rosner
Ana Alicea	Omar Israel	Luis Martinez	Gary "Gazza" Ross
Victor Arroyo	John Fountain	Melvin Martinez	Casey Ryan
Nicole Axelrod	Joe Fowler	Lizzy Maurer	Luke Salerno
Hannah Barr	Jessica Fuller	Tim McGinnis	Danielle Saypoff
Emily Beacroft	Maren Gandy	Lauren Mchugh	Elliot Sharp
Noah Bergman	Lindsay Goldberg	Matthew Memming	Leah Sider
Melanie "Office" Bergstedt	Ivonne Garcia	Melissa Mengos	Allison Simon
Ali "Allergies" Berman	Milly Hall	Ciaran Miles	Samantha Simon
Owen Betteridge	Tara "Fitness" Hartman	Fred Miller	Paige Singhose
Aixa Bidot	Alexandra Hochstedler	Kate Miller	Gareth Sloan
Tiana Black	Keisha Hooper	Aaron Milliner	Travis Smith
James Blackburn	Sarah Jensen	Matthew "Mo-Mo" Morris	Shari Steinert
Richard Blackburn	Anthony Johnson	Larissa "Larry" Muir	Viktoria Szöts
Diana Blank	Erin Johnson	Sam Mullins	Reece Tiley
Josh Bogard	Lindsay Kantor	Laura Newfield	Eugene Titus
Rosanne Bogard	Grace Karney	Mark Newfield	Kristina Torrente
Lori "Cooking" Bright	Nick Keeper	Sarah Newfield	Attila Toth
Sarah Bush	Toby Keeys	Lisa Nichols	Taylor Van Roekel
Mark Campbell	Bridget "Gymnastics" Kennedy	Conor O'Neil	Adam Vass
Ravon Carrillo	Aleksandra Knezevic	Jessica Oliveira	Kylie Vestre
Lynn Cicco	Devin Knight	Nayeli Olmedo	Mary Lynn Wells
Bubba Cohen	Emily Knowles	Samantha Orfinger	Robin Wenczl
Chelsey Cohen	Gergely "Smity" Kovacs	Joe Paley	Meghan West
Rebecca Cohen	Wesley "DJ Wes" Laga	Alyssa Pavlu	Abbie "Basketball" Wheeler
Rebecca Cole	Madison Laperle	Michael Pearson	Larry "Lah" Wilensky
Cortney Conklyn	Rich Lippmann	Zach "Water-Ski" Pelzer	Tanner Williams
Tony Cruz	Jake Lockley	Connie Penn	Shawn "Soccer" Willis
Michael Cruz	Emma Lubrano	Donna Poole	Harrison Winters
David Daroczi	Abbey Markley	Gemma Price	Oliver Young
			Tammy "Tours" Zornberg

While this list is quite impressive on its own, it will certainly grow as some of our staff who are still on the "maybe" list solidify plans and arrange for their summer to be spent in Rock Hill. By the looks of it, we are going to have another incredible group of "difference makers" for the summer of 2018, thank you in advance to our staff who have committed to providing our camp community with an incredible summer together!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

THANK YOU:
From a Counselor to You

The start of the New Year is such an exciting time in the office as I dive into the busy hiring season, searching far and wide for the next set of Difference Makers. One of the perks of my recruiting job is getting the opportunity to hit the road and travel overseas to find outstanding International staff that bring so much value to camp and complement our American staff. There is no doubt our campers love having an International counselor in their bunk so they can learn about a different culture and get the opportunity to teach their counselors about American culture.

In the first leg on my trip, I travel around the United Kingdom attending 4 different fairs to find the best talent to bring to Iroquois Springs. I thoroughly enjoy meeting our new staff face-to-face and describing the atmosphere of Iroquois Springs and what a special place it really is. It's great seeing the excitement on their faces knowing they are getting to come to America this summer.

Then I get the opportunity to travel to Eastern Europe to hire some of the unsung heroes of camp: our support staff. It is so exciting for me to offer opportunities to young students from Poland and Hungary to come to camp and become immersed in our American culture. For these young adults, the dream of visiting America has been just that - a dream, but I get to make that dream a reality. They work extremely hard behind the scenes at camp to make sure camp runs smoothly, and we are so appreciative of all of their efforts.

On my travels, I also try to connect with some of our returning/alumni staff and catch up with their lives since they left camp. We reminisce about the past summer and also look forward to the upcoming summer. And I can assure you they are just as excited about returning to camp as our campers!

Look forward to seeing you all soon! - **Gazza**



Ciaran Miles and Harry Winters have an I.S. Meetup to hike "Snowdonia" in Wales



Burning of the Year

Each summer, the traditional burning of the year symbolizes the close of yet another summer gone by in Rock Hill and the start of the countdown to our next summer together. A few summers ago, we started a new tradition of having our CIT's share a few words about their experiences as campers and the close of a chapter in their lives, which will hopefully live in their hearts forever.

Here is what Sammie Spector had to say:

It all looks the same as it did before. Red-roofed white bunks, green grass, blue skies. Year after year I have stepped off the bus to be greeted with the same scene, same smiling group leaders, same reuniting hugs, same familiar faces, all the same.

The only thing that seems to change is myself. However, I haven't changed alone - I've changed with my best friends by my side - and I can genuinely say that I am who I am today as a result of these best friends. And with that in mind, venturing out into the world beyond camp doesn't seem as scary as before. But when I do return to my other home, I know the questions I'll be faced with - "how was CIT summer? Was it fun? Was it worth it?" And the honest answer to every question is that it is simply unexplainable. I'll never be able to find the right words to capture the feeling of being genuinely looked up to. To have little kids ecstatically run up to you just for the sake of getting your attention - it really is a form of happiness.

This summer was the absolute perfect way to end my 9 years spent here at camp. For years, the end seemed so far away. Just a distant thing that I have so long until I have to deal with. But here, I find myself at the end. What I never imagined would become real is face to face with me. My home, becoming a place I need to take a break from before returning. For the first time in as long as I can remember, this place is not a constant in my life anymore. But then, I remember.

I remember that when I return, my home will be here to greet me like it has for the past decade. I'll see the same red-roofed white bunks, the same sprawling green grass, same bright blue skies. And most importantly, I'll look around me and see the people I love most.

To all my CITs - THANK YOU!

You are all the most loving, genuine, dependable people I will ever meet. Whether we're breaking into dance to our favorite songs or just having real conversations untainted by technology, every minute we share is special. You all know me better than I know myself and I can't wait to see what the future has in store for us. I'm beyond lucky to have each and every one of you in my life.

To the younger campers, I would give everything to have the time you have left here. Appreciate every opportunity given to you as if it were your last, because someday it will be. Give all of yourself into soccer, pour your soul into dining hall cheers, and go out of your way to form friendships with everyone you've always wanted to.

To all the staff and group leaders, you have watched me grow up here, and I owe you all the world. To Mark and Laura, thank you for everything all these years. You are so generous and kind and I will never forget you both. To Rosie, my second mother since 2005, thank you for being such an important part of my life. You've guided me through every possible high and low, and my family cherishes you and Josh more than you both will ever know.

To Iroquois Springs, you have provided me with a happy place, an escape, and a safe haven for 9 years. What I have learned here will stay with me in my heart for the rest of my entire life. I am truly me because of this place, and I have found people who make me happiest. And for that, I could never repay this place for all it has done for me. Home is where the heart is, and my heart is forever here.

For most of you tomorrow, this is a temporary goodbye. But for my CIT's and I, the future is uncertain. But if there's one thing I know for sure, it's that I have 25 girls to catch me if I fall.

**Dorney Park
& Wildwater Kingdom**

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BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

I hope that everyone is having a terrific start to 2018 and that everything is going well for you. There is currently a foot of snow and 40 mile per hour winds outside my window. I just shoveled out my car and came back inside feeling like a snow man. As much as I love to

ski and sleigh ride, I would trade it all in right now for my Iroquois Springs staff shirt and walkie-talkie. The sound of snow plows would be much more pleasant if they were golf carts whizzing around camp. It is days like this that I wish I could close my eyes, snap my fingers and be on Boys Side.

At morning line-up, we always talk about being a gentleman, doing the right thing and making the people around us better. I hope everyone remembers that these are not just lessons that should be used in camp. These are lessons that we should all be using throughout our everyday lives. Iroquois Springs is not only the place where we all go to have the best summers of our life, but it is the place where we go to better ourselves for the future.

Most adults who work in schools or camps take a vacation to get away from the children that they work with. In all honesty, it was so heartwarming for me to see so many current and former Iroquois Springs campers so far away from our oasis in Rock Hill on my vacation from school. You were all so polite and seemed so happy to relive, even for a quick moment, your favorite camp memory or story. Many of you were so thoughtful to ask how your counselors were doing and if they would be back. Watching everyone in a non-camp environment using the lessons learned while together in camp ensures that the Boys Side Brotherhood Bond is strong and the lessons taught are part of your daily routine. This positive vibe was felt at the reunion too, I could not be more proud! We had many of our campers attend along with a few staff who travelled many hours to join their camp family. It was so great to see so many of you.

As the snow continues, it only means one thing. Every minute of the cold means that we are one minute closer to being in 12775. I wish everyone a wonderful start to the new year and nothing but health and happiness. I'm currently counting down the days until we are back in Rock Hill.

Josh

Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome the following new campers to the Iroquois Springs Family (since our last newsletter)

- Aidan Sapka North Haledon, NJ
- Emily Sapka North Haledon, NJ
- Samantha Kobel Dix Hills, NY
- Audrey Bunan Westport, CT
- Ori Yoran New York, NY
- Chloe Shapiro Bay Harbor Islands, FL
- Lola Shapiro Bay Harbor Islands, FL
- Maren Comey Chappaqua, NY
- Stella Myers Chappaqua, NY
- Sean Hart Wantagh, NY
- David Anderson Delray Beach, FL
- Simone Timchur Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Ella Horwitz Weston, FL
- Zachary Weiser New York, NY
- Damien Jung Brooklyn, NY
- Wyatt Jung Brooklyn, NY
- Elias Bloom Chappaqua, NY
- Alex Lessen Lighthouse Point, FL
- Max Lessen Lighthouse Point, FL
- Jessica Fitzmaurice White Plains, NY
- Jonah Berkowitz Del Ray Beach, FL
- Holden Rothschild Plainview, NY
- Emma Lerner Scarsdale, NY
- Charlie Friedland New York, NY
- Lila Friedland New York, NY
- Laetitia Meier Neuilly sur Seine, France
- Ethan Taylor Bethesda, MD
- Adam Courseau Dallas, TX
- Lauren Rayner Larchmont, NY
- Jason Stransky Forest Hills, NY
- Vanessa Goldbaum Boynton Beach, FL
- Jacob Gordon New York, NY
- Spencer Gordon New York, NY
- Maddy Projansky Melville, NY

THE SENIORS ARE HEADING TO

MONTREAL

REMINDER THAT ALL CAMPERS WILL NEED A VALID PASSPORT, DON'T DELAY! DETAILS OF THE 3-NIGHT / 4-DAY TRIP WILL FOLLOW SOON...



THE WINTER ARROW CLUE

Well, no one has sent in the correct answer yet to clue # 1, so here we go again!

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 trip out of camp for ice cream with 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 and make sure to include your first and last name in the email.

FAVORITE RECIPE FROM Kitchen Stadium

S'mores Banana Bites

Ingredients

- 1 banana
- ¼ cup marshmallow fluff
- ¼ cup graham crackers, crushed into crumbs
- ½ cup bittersweet chocolate chips, melted

Directions

1. Slice banana into 12, 1/2" pieces.
2. Line a small baking sheet with parchment paper.
3. Assemble bites: Place 6 banana slices on baking sheet and top with a large dollop of marshmallow fluff and a sprinkle of graham cracker crumbs. Top with remaining bananas to make a sandwich. Stabilize with a toothpick if desired. Freeze until firm, 1 hour.
4. Once sandwiches are frozen solid, dunk half in melted chocolate, and then into remaining graham cracker crumbs. Place back in freezer until fully set, 30 minutes more (or until ready to serve).

Here is Clue #1:

The mysterious third floor of the IS Office is a place where time stands still. Look! There are ancient gaslight connections, wallpaper over a century old, and the remains of a water closet from an era long gone. Bunk G-12 walked around nervously, adventurers in a strange land. They stepped over all sorts of stuff that had been stored up here and forgotten for decades. 1960s hula hoops, old "Halloween" props, and baskets of card and board games. Entering the tower room, they enjoyed the view and heard about the legend rumored to haunt that room since the days the office was part of the Glenwood Hotel. On the wall, there was a cryptic message written a long time ago. "What makes the twine Sing? Let our voices Ring!"

Here is Clue #2:

Later that same day, the New Field sparkled in the early evening setting sun which shyly peaked through the tree-tops on the lake side. It was evening activity for G-12 and the rest of Internation. Old mysteries often arrive wrapped in new packages, and the New Field was surely a fun house of surprises! When the land had been cleared back in '16 and the digging began, secrets of the past two hundred years began to reveal themselves. Tim, the caretaker, shared some of these secrets. The Inters stared at him with awe. "And" he added cryptically, "there are mysteries out in these camp woods that have yet to be discovered. They're not even rumors yet. Just wait and see!"

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We wanted to remind you that our Parent Dashboard has many features for families needing quick and easy camp information such as the ability to:

- Print statements
- Add a new credit card
- Make a payment online
- View current, as well as past invoices
- Schedule Phone Calls (available in the spring)
- View daily pictures and videos (Camp Today)
- Email your camper
- Complete required forms

REMINDER TO PARENTS..... Apple is no longer making an iPod Nano or Shuffle, however, Iroquois Springs will continue our policy which does not allow the use of electronics that have a screen or can access the internet. That said, please plan accordingly, as music is a big part of bunk life and we want campers to enjoy listening to their favorite tunes, so please refer to our previous email with suggestions on MP3 devices appropriate for camp.

Should you have any questions at all, just call and ask, we are always available to help!

REUNION RE-CAP

WOW, maybe the best turnout we have ever had! The pictures here tell the true story of campers and staff reuniting and having the chance to be with their "camp family" for just a few hours during the winter. 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 while we enjoyed the excitement of Fun Fuzion.





Make sure you take some time to visit the Iroquois Springs website and check out all the great pictures from the reunion and of course, any pictures throughout the winter with camp friends that we can add to our social media feeds!



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REUNION - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our spring Maryland Reunion will take place on Friday, April 13 at

Dave and Busters in Silver Spring, MD at 5:30 PM.

Details to Follow Soon



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

There is always something going on in Rock Hill, no matter what time of year! Most of us would think, the snow is falling, the campers and staff are home and camp is quiet, just waiting for the arrival of our summer family, but that is just not the case. It takes a year-round team and tons of effort to keep Iroquois Springs the premier facility we have become accustomed to and our maintenance crew is still hard at work, braving the harsh winter weather, getting camp ready for another incredible summer together!

Our new **HIGH** and **LOW ROPES COURSE** with **TREE HOUSE** and an awesome new **CLIMBING WALL** are underway and we could not be more excited. Just a few weeks ago, with the snow already on the ground, a crew came into camp and installed 14 gigantic telephone posts, 55' each in length and began to build the support structure to what is going to be a highlight for so many of you this summer. Whether you love to zip-line, climb, traverse, challenge yourself in the air or step-out of your comfort zone, this multi-level Aerial **TREE-TOP PARK** will have something for everyone! In addition, the new **TREE HOUSE** is going to be a welcome addition for overnights with your bunk, cool outdoor slumber parties and so much more. We can't wait for you to see it on day 1 of camp!

Of course, you know us better than that, and we don't stop at just 1 new project, there is always more! So what else is going on at camp...glad you asked. As reported in our last issue of the Iroquois Springs Times, the Dance Studio has gotten a full interior makeover, complete with knotty-pine, new lighting and sound system, a great new floor surface to dance and all new windows, bathrooms and more. In addition, our crew has been busy installing new cabin doors, renovating a number

of bunk bathrooms, building new beds and cubbies and taking care of all the details that make us so comfortable at camp. We have also continued to pave many of the roads in camp, making your "daily strolls" through boys and girls side more enjoyable and easier on the occasional days that we receive liquid sunshine (rain) throughout the summer.

What is also so cool to see this time of year, for those of us lucky enough to get up to camp in the winter, are the footsteps through the snow we find leading up to the tree on guest lawn that displays our 10-year honoree dog tags. It truly warms our hearts, knowing that past campers, staff and parents, took a few minutes out of their drive, maybe on the way home from college or en route to a winter getaway, to stop at camp and relive the memories that put a smile on all of our faces. We are all so very lucky to have Iroquois Springs in our life, something I know none of us take for granted.

As you can tell, we continue to beautify, restore and transform our wonderful summer home into a camp we are all proud of. The entire Iroquois Springs team, from our maintenance staff to directors are dedicated to putting forth the best effort possible to continue the great tradition of taking care of campers and staff in a way only Iroquois Springs can!

Make sure to continue to follow our social media feeds and newsletters to hear all about what's doing in 12775 throughout the off-season and stay on top of new program ideas and other exciting improvements for next summer!



EVERYTHING CAMPER

We are pleased to let you know that we are once again teaming-up with Everything Camper as our clothing outfitter for the summer. We know you are going to love the new styles they offer and great camp gear that will be available for all of our camp families. Make sure to check-out their website at www.everythingcamper.com to get a complete **packing list** for the summer and **book an appointment** at one of their many "roadshows" where campers can try on gear, see the latest styles and place orders for all kinds of great camp items!

Everything Camper Roadshow Dates:

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| January 25 - 28: | Brookville, NY |
| February 3: | New York City |
| February 10 - 11: | Short Hills, NJ |
| February 24 - 25: | Boca Raton, FL |
| March 2 - 4: | Carle Place, NY |
| March 10 - 11: | White Plains - Westchester, NY |
| March 17 - 18: | Englewood, NJ |
| April 7: | Philadelphia - Conshohocken, PA |
| April 14 - 15: | New York City |



HAPPY Birthday

January

- 2 Breanna Keller
- 2 Gavin Keller
- 3 Molly Berman
- 3 Spencer Carus
- 3 Ryan Cohen
- 3 Abigail Hooper
- 3 Evan Simon
- 3 Chloe Verch
- 5 Pablo Valle
- 6 Hannah Byrnes
- 6 Sophia Snyder
- 8 Meiling Laurence
- 9 Jocelyn Levy
- 11 Zachary Kam
- 12 William Bernfeld
- 12 Daniella Friedman
- 13 Lukas Brophy
- 13 Corey Jacobs
- 13 Emery Matusow
- 13 Noah Snyder
- 14 Alexa Bassuk
- 14 Natalie Camps
- 14 Sami Speelman
- 14 Sophia Warren
- 15 Ben Lange
- 15 Sage Winters
- 16 Leah Pearl
- 17 Stella Myers
- 18 Willa Rothschild
- 19 Tyler Bassett
- 19 Joshua Buxbaum
- 19 Madeline Drucker
- 19 Jennifer Kaplan
- 19 Chloe Panes
- 19 Samara Weinfeld
- 20 Reese Schneider
- 21 Spencer Shinrod
- 22 Ella Horwitz
- 22 Brody Schimmel
- 22 Eli Stein
- 24 Jacob DeAlto
- 24 Celia Ginzburg
- 26 Greyson Fuller
- 26 Lucy Iselin
- 29 Dean Koenig
- 29 Jackie Pollack
- 29 Addison Wein
- 30 Ethan Jalosky
- 31 Aaron Gilbert

February

- 2 Sam Levi
- 2 Alexander Safaei
- 2 Maren Shapero
- 3 Benjamin Schriever
- 4 Brandon Tucker
- 5 Aliza Sefret
- 8 Dylan Bern
- 8 Nicole Rosenzweig
- 9 Riley Bordetsky
- 9 Jenna Kraus
- 10 Jake Gillam
- 10 Ryan Grossman
- 10 Phillip Lederman
- 11 Isabella Iorii
- 11 Caleigh Weintraub
- 12 Carson Beida
- 12 Casey Conklin
- 13 Simon Kelsey
- 14 Alexandra Lazear
- 14 Alexander Stillman
- 15 Zachary Weiser
- 16 Morgan Gross
- 16 Justin Tibaldi
- 17 Evan Goldstein
- 17 Lexie Music
- 18 Zev Hartman
- 19 Seth Marcus
- 19 Oliver Wyatt
- 20 Chase Matusow
- 20 Ben Tankel
- 21 David Anderson
- 21 Ella Frantz
- 22 Sarah Krause
- 22 Alexandra Zodda
- 23 Piper Keltz
- 24 Jake Bash
- 25 Samantha Kobel
- 25 Max Pensabene
- 26 Jonathan Givre
- 26 Ava Herzog
- 27 Brooke Wallenstein
- 27 Rachel Wallenstein

March

- 1 Ethan Bernstein
- 2 Benjamin Metula
- 4 Bennett Gorman
- 4 Max Lasky
- 6 Bruce Dittelman
- 6 Laetitia Meier
- 6 Sarah Milner
- 6 Sam Parsons
- 7 Jessica Fitzmaurice
- 7 Aiden Levy
- 9 Dara Alperstein
- 10 Braedon Gross
- 11 Manny Bandler
- 12 Nate Kulish
- 13 Jordan Gold
- 13 Sydney Hausman
- 13 Luke Lamazor
- 15 Alison Meyer
- 15 Samantha Starrett
- 16 Dylan Bretschneider
- 17 Evan Penner
- 18 Sofia Goldbaum
- 18 Adam Stephan-Gewirtz
- 21 Alana Bardavid
- 21 Ali Koster
- 21 Zoe Mitola
- 21 Willy Nebens
- 23 Rachel Kershner
- 23 Bryan Manheimer
- 24 Marcie Coeny
- 25 Skylar Greenberg
- 25 Isabel Nichols Jelletich
- 25 Jake Noah
- 27 Emily Nudelman
- 27 Alexandra Sachs
- 27 Risa Tanenbaum
- 28 Olivia Bogard
- 28 Ava Kleinberg
- 28 Sydney Mallow
- 29 Nicole Newfield
- 30 Cooper Warren
- 31 Julia Beida
- 31 Ariel Berkman
- 31 Ryan Espaillat
- 31 Sammy Khafif



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Dates to Remember

- Spring Mailing - Thursday, February 1st
- Tri-State Camp Conference - Monday, March 19th to Thursday, (Office Closed) March 22nd
- Camper Forms Due - Sunday, April 15th
- New Family Orientation - Sunday, May 20th
- Area Pick-Up for IS Baggage Service - Sunday, June 17th
- Opening Day - Saturday, June 23rd
- Visiting Day - Saturday, July 7th
- Rookie Day - Sunday, July 8th
- Session #1 Ends - Friday, July 13th
- Session #2 Begins - Saturday, July 14th
- Explorers Camp - Saturday, July 21st - Sunday, July 22nd
- Senior Trip to Montreal, Canada - Sunday, July 22nd - Wednesday, July 25th
- Campers Return Home - Friday, August 3rd