

A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA

It was great seeing everyone at the Camp Reunion in December - once again it was filled with laughter, smiles, palpable spirit, and true bonds and friendships. The feeling when the entire Iroquois Springs community is together is something you can feel, something that has "life", something that can't be duplicated anywhere else.

INIS SPRINCE

It was clear we had our best turnout ever, having people travel far and wide 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 re-kindling 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!

During the holiday season, we have some time to reflect on our summer and to look ahead towards 2014 and another amazing summer together. When we look back at 2013, several things come to mind - first, we have an amazing group of campers. Our campers are committed to what Iroquois Springs is all about, which is a place where being nice to one another is held above anything else. Our campers come together each summer, and really cherish the opportunity to be with each other and share each of their days together to make one another even better. Next, our staff who this summer committed individually and collectively to "be a difference maker". This phrase was worn with pride each day on our staff t-shirts and

was something we each held one another to that standard throughout the 6 weeks. It was amazing to watch what could happen in a place like camp when EVERYONE was committed to exactly the same thing! We also took a breath and looked

back at what has been THIRTEEN incredible years of Iroquois Springs, since we bought the camp. It is hard to believe how quickly the time passed. We have seen many of campers our and staff grow



With Love, Mark & Laura

up before our eyes. We are so proud of Iroquois Springs, thirteen 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!

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 thirteen 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!



BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

The New Year only means that we have reached another benchmark towards the beginning of camp. I hope everyone had a safe and healthy new year and that you are back in the swing of things as you read this. As we are in the time of new beginnings and fresh starts I want to remind everyone about the importance of trying your best in school and the other activities that you are involved in and to always remember how critical it is to be a good person to everyone around you. You have the opportunity everyday to make those around you feel good and by the looks

on all of your faces at the reunion---you are all doing a great job. Even though it seems like a long time ago, it was great to see everyone at Fun Fuzion.

I was fortunate to be able to spend my winter vacation in Florida. I forgot how nice it was to wear shorts every day and to eat ice cream outside at night. Swimming in the pool, feeling the warm sun and wearing sunscreen brought back all of my memories of past summers. Closing my eyes and listening to children jump in the pool brought me right back to the afternoon and general swim. I was waiting for a buddy-check but then I remembered that it was December. We are so fortunate that we all spend our summers together at Iroquois Springs. Like many of you do, I wear my IS clothing with pride and hope that I bump into a camp friend when I am out with my family. There is nothing like hanging out with a camp friend.

I am eagerly anticipating our fourteenth summer in Rock Hill and can't wait to see campers that I remember as little boys coming back as young men. I also look forward to watching some of our newer campers come back for their second and third summer. As always, we welcome our new members of Boys Side with open arms and anticipate an awesome summer for you. We have a large amount of returning staff for this season and their dedication, along with the Group Leaders, for you to have the summer of your lives is something that they have been thinking about since camp has ended. Although the fields are white with snow, the pools are covered with canvas and the cabins are closed for winter our camp that we love so much will be green and ready for us before we know it. Less than six months until we smell our opening campfires burning and the summer of 2014 has begun.

I wish everyone nothing but health, happiness and smiles in 2014. Josh



In our last newsletter we told you about the first ever inter-boys "late night glow launch" where the entire inter-boys division launched 4 rockets covered in glow sticks along with 34 helium balloons each holding a glow stick and a tag that told where the balloons came from and a specific ID number. The goal was to see if the rockets or balloons would be found, and if so, where, how far from camp, by whom, etc.

We are ecstatic to announce, that just before Thanksgiving, we received an email that more balloons were found, here are the details:

BALLOON #'S 2, 17, 25, 39, 43 & 46 WERE RECOVERED

- Launched by the following:
- 2: Abe Frankel & Ethan Frey
- 17: Brian Pfeffer & Andrew Speelman
- 25: Hamish Elliott (Staff)
- 39: Kyle Rosenberg & Garrett Gold
- 43: Daniel Cohen & Alexander Hellman
- 46: Jake Blancher & Andrew Kraus
- Location: Beach Lake, PA almost 50 miles from camp
- Found by: Local farmer working in his field while picking apples...

Now this is pretty cool, we thought after the first set was found that we would not hear from anyone else, but getting a second response with so many balloons recovered is just fantastic.

Pretty safe to stay, that the Inter Boys Glow Launch is something that inter-boys will be enjoying for many years to come!



THIS SUMMER AT CAMP



Fireworks

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Dorney Park Wildwater Kingdom



THE WINTER ARROW CLUE



Well, no one has sent in the correct answer yet to this clue, 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 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 and make sure to include your first and last name in the email.

Here is Clue #1:

The trees they grow high
And they whisper their secrets
Maybe the smell of blueberry pie
And the piper at the gates of dawn....

If you listen closely you can hear the highlands call Executives running to catch the shuttle Evoking a memory of Sparks of ancient light



Here is Clue #2:

Come hear a tale of the reign of 48 stars
Disturbed by only the occasional cars
From which excited arms pointed out the sight
A honk of the horn – hold on tight!

Maybe the Junior Boys can build a towering fort
The highlands roof echoing with a pitter-patter of
Summer rain and games of chance and a ghost or two
And not far away the sacred grove...



EZ-Pizza

Ingredients

- 1 Teaspoon Italian Seasoning Blend
- 1/2 Teaspoon Red Pepper Flakes (optional)
- 18 oz. Package Refrigerated Crescent Rolls
- ½ Cup Pizza Sauce
- 1 Cup Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- 1 Pound Chicken / Pepperoni / Sausage
- 2 Tbl. Spoons Butter

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 Degrees

- 2. Cook the chicken / sausage in a skillet over medium-high heat until crumbly and evenly browned. Stir in the Italian seasoning. Drain, and set aside. (Pepperoni is pre-cooked and this step can be skipped)
- 3. Place the crescent roll dough on a baking sheet and roll into 9x13 inch rectangle. Spoon pizza sauce over the middle of dough, and top with Mozzarella cheese, then cooked sausage. Fold two opposite sides of the dough in towards the center to cover the sausage mixture; pinch edges of dough together in a few places to seal.
- **4.** Bake in preheated oven until crust is browned, 11 to 14 minutes.





REUNION RE-CAP

WOW, maybe the best turnout we have ever had! The pictures here really 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 of the great pictures from the reunion.























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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We are very excited about some new features that have been added to our parent dashboard and are already available for your use. (New families will receive parent dashboard login info as of Feb.1)

Parents will now have these added features accessible from their parent dashboard accounts:

- Print statements
- Add a new credit card
- Make a payment online
- View & print invoices
- View current, as well as past invoices

We hope this technology continues to make your experience an easy one. Should you have any questions at all, just call and ask, we are always available to help!

🍑 GIRLS SIDE GAB *With Rosie* 🏈

FAMILY AND TRADITION

Happy, Happy New Year - I am so excited that we are getting closer to summer. It may not feel that way; however, summer 2014 is going to be here before we know it. It was wonderful seeing you at the camp reunion, of course I wish we had more time to catch up - however, it was great seeing you with your friends – I will get my time soon. I hope everyone had a nice time during winter break and you had the chance to spend some quality time with your family. I was very lucky and the BOGARDS were able to get away and spend some quality time together. During our trip - Josh and I often looked at each other and said "This is so nice". Our lives are so busy during the year and we run around like crazy and rarely have the chance to just sit down and relax. We realized that week the importance of family and the importance of creating family traditions. I then realized how all of this applies to camp and how I want this summer on Girls Side to be about **FAMILY** and **TRADITION**. My family looks forward to camp not only because we get to all be together for 7 weeks; but we get to share that time with OUR camp family.

At work I often encourage my students to spend time with their families - I tell them that their families are a sense of emotional support, comfort, protection and security. I hope that all of you feel that way not only with your own families but with your IS family. I want Girls Side to be a place where each and every one of you feels a part of our camp family. I want Girls Side to feel like home for all of you. The problem is I cannot do all the work myself, I need your help. I need you to make the commitment that you will each play a role in keeping our family strong.

Recently, one of my friends asked me why I still go to camp. My response was - "If you went to camp as a kid or a counselor you would understand". I tried to explain to her what my camp friends mean to me, I told her that I still sing my favorite camp songs, I remember all my counselors and all the memories I created while I was there. I explained that camp gives kids a world of good. It opened doors for me and made me a better person. Camp is truly the gift that keeps on giving. I told her that camp is my family and I feel so lucky to be a part of it.

I then started to remember some of my camp traditions and realized how important traditions are. I looked up the definition of tradition and this is what it said:

- 1. The handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice
- 2. Something that is handed down
- 3. A long-established or inherited way of thinking or acting:
- 4. A continuing pattern of culture beliefs or practices.

All of the above apply to camp - SO LADIES - we have a job to do, we have to make sure our camp traditions grow and continue year to year. Your group leaders are dedicated to making our **BIG SISTER PROGRAM** bigger and better, we will continue to have a girls side song and a lineup that rocks, we will sing and then sing some more, we will make sure to continue our favorite traditions and if need be come up with some more. Like, GIRLS SIDE SING, which is already on



the calendar for next year. If you have any new ideas you would like to bring to girls side - let me know.

Senior girls, make sure you are ready to pass along your traditions down to our younger campers. Remind yourselves why you come back to camp year after year - continue to make your love for camp contagious. So whether you are a freshmen, sophomore, junior, inter or senior you have a job to do this summer - you are going to make sure that everyone feels a part of the family as you become a part of TRADITION!

When camp traditions are done right they lend a certain magic, spirit, and texture to our summers. LETS DO THIS!

For all our new campers I can't wait for you to be a part of our family and our traditions...

SAY HELLO TO YOUR FAMILY AND REMEMBER TO BE NICE!!!!!!

With Love, Rosie

Written By: Rebecca Davidson Digital Media

On our return from Rock Hill We were tired and glum Back to reality Back to the fun It's cold here in Ireland Take me back to the heat No more hats and scarves But flip flops on our feet Reunions were great They brought us together ALL over the world Memories lasting forever It's December already In just 6 moths time We will be gathered in girls circle Singing in rhyme Let's finish this poem Don't get this wrong See you in Rock Hill Peace Out and Rock On

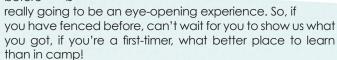
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

It sure has been a cold and snowy winter in 12775, but that has not stopped our crew from getting ready for 2014. Before we know it, the time will be upon us to put the Adirondack chairs back in the "circle of trust" on guest lawn, fill both pools for the summer and move the water cooler stands back out to all of our program areas. While we brainstormed this offseason for a winter project that we thought the campers would really benefit from, one program area rose to the top of the list......can you guess what it was?

GYMNASTICS! That's right, we are undergoing a huge renovation for summer 2014 which will highlight our brand new, totally enclosed, gymnastics center that will boast new equipment, complete with competition-size spring floor, beam, Tumble-Trak, bars and more! This completely modernized facility is sure to be a hit for girls and boys this summer.....

That's not it though....as we have done for many years, we always try to add to already awesome program and electives and think outside the box to offer our campers a truly well-rounded experience while at camp. This summer, we will offer **FENCING** at camp, that's right, fencing! Plans are already underway to add this up and coming sport to

activity and we think that exposure to something many of you may have never done before is



As you know, we take great pride in our facility and our program, and we know that these new additions are going to be a welcomed change for all of our campers! So when you walk past dance studio this summer on your way to the Iroquois Arena, we know your going to be impressed by our new gymnastics facility, which will really be something to marvel at.

Can't wait for you to see pictures as the construction gets underway!



We are thrilled to welcome the following new campers to the Iroquois Springs Family

Polina Baranova
Maggie Curtis-Hardy
Madeline Drucker
Owen Fischer
Jillian Gerber
Jude Huseby
Veronica Kaplan
Danielle Klewans
Jake Kline
Jaron Kline
Bella Levin
Aiden Levy
Lucas Levy
Henry Martin

Moscow, Russia
New York, NY
Short Hills, NJ
Dobbs Ferry, NY
Woodcliff Lake, NJ
Frederick, MD
New York, NY
Potomac, MD
Potomac, MD
Westport, CT
Norwood, NJ
Melville, NY
Melville, NY
Wyckoff, NJ

Ella Mazer
Jonah Mazer
Caroline Miller
Joshua Pursel
Quinn Seidenman
Cristina Servet
Evan Shavitz
Spencer Shinrod
Risa Tanenbaum
Katie Wenczl
Ryan Wenczl
Tyler Wenczl

Sherman Oaks, CA
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Baltimore, MD
Jacksonville, FL
Lutherville, MD
Madrid, Spain
Bethesda, MD
Woodcliff Lake, NJ
Livingston, NJ
Melville, NY
Melville, NY

SENIOR TRIP TO MONTREAL, CANADA

Reminder that all SENIOR CAMPERS (ent. 8th - 11th grade) will need a valid passport, don't delay! Details of the 3-night / 4-day trip will follow soon...





COUNSELOR'S CORNER



At Iroquois Springs, we pride ourselves on having top-notch counselors to care for and work with your children. The rigorous hiring process—which includes receiving and reviewing hundreds of online applications, whittling down the candidate pool through initial phone screening, and then finally conducting Skype interviews with the best of the eager, would-be staff—helps us to identify and hire the finest counselors to inspire and impact your children.

Primarily we search for counselors who have a passion for and considerable experience working with and positively impacting children. From the pool of candidates seeking the chance to spend the summer being the difference maker in your children's lives, those who stand apart from the crowd are candidates with CHARACTER. To us, a staff member who has great character is someone who is responsible, Caring, and CONSIDERATE. This is why our counselors are the best role models for your children: they put others first, do the right thing, and make decisions compassionately. Ultimately, this is what leads to meaningful camp experiences for your children: their own character is shaped in camp by counselors who teach them what it means to do the right thing, how to be kind and caring to others, and how to be open-minded. The camp experience is fundamental to a child's development and we feel Iroquois Springs does it best because of the caliber of our counselors.

We take great pride in selecting counselors with great character because we know how much of an impact they can have on your children's lives both in camp and beyond. As we watch campers grow through the years at Iroquois Springs, it is hard not to see the impact their counselors have had on them. After just finishing a round of interviews with former campers who are now seniors in high school, we were impressed by how many of them demonstrated **responsibility** by holding key positions in a club or organization, exemplified **corre** and **compassion** for others by working with younger children or special needs children, or showed **POLITENESS** and **selfessness** by volunteering their time for charities in the community. There is little doubt that these character traits were instilled, in part, by their counselors' influence throughout their summers at Iroquois Springs. That is the value in hiring counselors with great character.

Summer 2014 is shaping up to be filled with counselors with great character ready to be the difference makers in your children's lives.

More thoughts and reflections from Summer 2013!...

"Iroquois Springs taught me that you truly can accomplish anything if you set your heart and mind to it. Every evening, I was reminded of this as fuzzy's were given out to campers and staff who set their fears aside and accomplished something that they could never do before, or when somebody went the extra mile to help out a friend. I have learned that I am capable of whatever I set out to do and that nobody can stop me from achieving my goals." Hillary Hunsinger



Tanuary

- Sara Tesser 1
- **Alec Ash**
- **Jake Berman**
- Julia Coughlin 2
- **Spencer Carus**
- **Evan Simon**
- **Chloe Verch** 3
- **Max Kaplan**
- Jonathan Kopf
- 5 **Gabriel Golombek**
- **Mollie Wolfe**
- 9 **Carly Orent**
- **Zachary Schiffman** 10
- **Peter Feinberg** 11
- **Zachary Kam**
- 13 **Brandon Nimberger**
- 14 Samantha Zaintz
- **Leah Pearl** 16
- 17 **Brittany Davis**
- 18 **Josh Carus**
- **Casey Peacock** 18
- **Lauren Peacock** 18
- **Rebecca Wallenstein**
- Paula Weissenberg
- 19 Joshua Buxbaum
- **Madeline Drucker** 19
- **Tyler Pollack** 19
- **Rulee Dubrow**
- Danielle Feldman
- **Kylie Warsaw** 20
- **Spencer Shinrod** 21
- 24 Samantha Einiger
- Celia Ginzburg 24
- 24 **Amanda Wiseltier**
- 25 **Eden Schumer**
- 26 **Lola Berger**
- 26 **Ruby Berger**
- 26 **Rachel Dickson**
- **Brian Pfeffer** 26
- 27 Lauren Fialkow
- 29 **Adam Hershaft**
- 29 **Jason Hershaft**
- 29 Dean Koenig
- **Jackie Pollack** 29
- Samantha Atlas

February

- Hannah Fouladi
- 1 **Jack McInture**
- 2 **Jonah Mazer**
- **Zachary Blicksilver** 3
- 3 Mia Ginzburg
- 3 **Garrett Gold**
- 3 **Benjamin Schriever**
- 6 **Scarlett Ames**
- 7 William Aaron
- 8 **Nicole Rosenzweig**
- 9 Riley Bordetsky
- 9 **Rachel Brenner**
- 9 Jenna Kraus
- 9 Sari Sosnick
- 9 Maya Theodoros
- 10 **Ryan Grossman**
- 12 Sammi Rubinstein
- 13 **Ross Brenner** 14 **Emily Staub**
- 15 **Emma Blancher**
- Lauren Rosenberg 15
- 16 **Morgan Gross**
- 16 Ella Kaminsky
- **Jake Lamazor** 16
- 18 **Zev Hartman**
- 18 **Halie Jasinover**
- 19 **Seth Marcus**
- 20 **Ben Tankel**
- **Jake Bash** 24
- 25 **Jessie Baker**
- **Justin Weiss** 25
- 26 **Jonathan Givre**
- **Daniel Hirsch** 26
- 26 **Sammie Spector**
- 27 **Matthew Newfield**
- 27 **Brooke Wallenstein**
- 27 **Rachel Wallenstein**
- 28 Anya Kornfeld

March

- Lucy Rubin
- **Carly Brensilber**
- Jake Kline
- Max Lasky
- **Bruce Dittelman**
- Sarah Milner
- **Sam Parsons** 6
- 7 **Hannah Barr**
- 7 **Aiden Levy**
- 7 **Josh Radin**
- 7 **Zachary Zwerling**
- **Dara Alperstein** 9
- 9 Adam Golden
- 9 Mia Gottlieb 10 Olivia Ethe
- 11 **Jessica Ostroff**
- **Lauren Tufano** 12
- 13 Jordan Gold
- 13 **Luke Lamazor**
- 15 **Alison Meyer**
- **Dylan Bretschneider** 16
- 16 **Murray Litman**
- **Jacobo Dominguez-Arame** 17
- 18 **Blake Feldman**
- 18 Sofia Goldbaum
- Jesse Sattler 19
- 21 **Nicole Axelrod**
- 21 **Ali Koster**
- Willy Nebens 21
- 23 Kate Klaschka
- **Alison Chafitz** 26
- 27 Polina Baranova
- 27 **Evan Plotkin**
- 27 **Alexandra Sachs**
- 27 Risa Tanenbaum
- 28 **Ava Kleinberg**
- 29 Lara Bamberger 29 Nicole Newfield
- 30 Olivia Pletter
- Jordyn Lieberman







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Dates to Remember

Spring Mailing - Monday, February 3rd

Tri-State Camp Conference - Tuesday, March 18th to Friday,

(Office Closed) March 21st

Camper Forms Due - Tuesday, April 15th

Office Opens in Rock Hill - Thursday, May 15th.

New Family Orientation - Sunday, May 18th

Area Pick-up for IS Baggage Service - Sunday, June 22nd

Opening Day - Saturday, June 28th

Visiting Day - Saturday, July 12th

Session #1 Ends - Friday, July 18th

Session #2 Begins - Saturday, July 19th

Campers Return Home - Friday, August 8th