

### FALL 2008 EDITION

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### A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA

Having just returned home from a weekend in Rock Hill for Columbus Day (one of our favorite things to do), it is hard to believe that camp ended 2 months ago already. While at camp, our minds were flooded with so many wonderful thoughts from this past summer – our hearts beat fast and huge smiles overwhelm us.

While walking around, memories of this summer flood our minds, certain special experiences come to mind – things like: Our staff talent show led by Eugene, Steve Max being tickled in front of the entire camp (a first for him), amazing fireworks on the 4th of July, Nancy Tucker singing her heart out in the new arena, our camp plays, our Tribal Games, the most successful Project Morry Swim-a-Thon, banquet nights, DJ parties with Yahney, Halloween in the summer, Mock Rock, Order of the Blue & Gold, Intercamp tournaments, Monday Night Football, Carnival, Alma Maters and Color Week and the most unforgettable hypnotist Brad Henderson, one of the funniest nights we can remember! By all accounts this was an amazing summer and our best ever. We cherish these wonderful memories and they help us get through the long winter.

Back in the winter office, the countdown has begun for our 8th Annual Camp Reunion at Fun Fuzion in New Rock City, New Rochelle. The bunk and individual pictures have arrived and the video yearbook is in production to be delivered at the reunion on December 7th. We can't wait to see all your smiling faces and get a chance to reconnect with everyone.

We wanted to once again thank all our families for the terrific support this year and in years past. Because of your wonderful feedback and recommendations to friends and family, our enrollment is full for 2009. We are so happy to be able to welcome all our new campers, younger siblings and relatives to the Iroquois Springs camp family. Thank you for helping us make Iroquois Springs the special place it continues to be.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the camp reunion on December 7th.

With Love,

Mark and Laura

### BOYS SIDE STUPP with Josh Bogard

I cannot believe that you are reading the first newsletter of the year. I must say that this summer was one of the best that I can remember. Boys Side was definitely the place to be in the summer of 2008. We were all excited for the summer to begin because each camper and staff member knew that they were in for the summer of their life. I always asked at morning line-up that everyone gets everything they can out of each and every day at Iroquois Springs. Boys Side definitely met the challenge. I have gotten many e-mails from your counselors who are back home. They can't wait to come back next summer and want to thank all of you for being such great campers.

I am sitting and writing this article and many of my favorite memories come back to mind. Whether it was Brad Henderson, the 4th of July fireworks, Boys Side Super Bowl Tailgate Party or just having a catch in Boys Circle we all had a great time at Iroquois Springs. I truly enjoyed looking through all of the pictures and videos on the website. It was like I was reliving the summer all over again. I look forward to working with the boys side group leaders to create some more new and thrilling events for the summer of 2009. If the summer of 2008 was a preview for the summer

I look forward to seeing everyone at the camp reunion. It will be December before we know it. If you have any ideas for the upcoming summer please feel free to share them with me at the reunion. I am always up for suggestions. As we move from having fun during the summer of 2008 to planning for the summer of 2009 I want to remind everyone to do well in school so we can all enjoy next summer together again at Iroquois Springs.

Only about nine more months until camp,

Josh

### GIRLS SIDE GAB with Rosie Bogard

#### Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone is having a great start to their school year. I can not believe that we have already been home for almost two months. Before we know it we will be seeing each other at the camp reunion. I can not wait! Whenever anyone asks me about my summer all I could say is that it was AMAZING! I am so proud of all of our first time campers and so proud of their camp big sisters who made them feel so welcome. I want to thank all of our amazing group leaders and counselors for making the summer of 2008 such a great success. I could not have done it without you. You truly made a difference this summer.



We had such a great summer on Girls Side...from our famous morning line-ups, to our big sister events, I.S Gladiators, Brad Henderson, Fame, Mock Rock, our divisional activities, and so much more. There is so much to look forward to already. Freshman, sophomores star gazing and dance parties, Juniors Graduation, Inters Sorority events, Lower Senior Prom and the Senior trip. So many of you tried new things this summer, whether it was at the lake, OA, playing tennis or even being in the play for the first time. I am so proud of you!

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I loved being the girls head counselor and look forward to many more summers with you on Girls Side. We are all so lucky that we were a part of another incredible summer. The spirit in camp this year was contagious. I can still picture all of you cheering and waiting at the flagpole while Josh and I were in a helicopter breaking out Color Week. What a moment!

Treasure all of your camp memories and get excited for creating some more in the upcoming summer. Have a great school year and remember to always BE NICE! Make me proud.

Miss you, Rosie

#### **NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD**



Wow – can you believe it? Another summer in the books, just amazing how quick the summer really goes. Each day at camp seems long, but the 6 weeks together just seems too short. Each year I think it will be difficult to top the summer gone by, but we always seems to manage. I bet you would all agree, the summer of 2008 proved to be our best yet.

I look back now at all the wonderful times we shared together in Rock Hill not too long ago. The smiles from your faces during Tribals & Color Week, the excitement during line-up simply to hear if you had canteen that night, the tear in your eye on the last day when saying goodbye...these

- Bubba

are the moments which make camp so special. Nothing will replace those memories we all have of another wonderful summer together at camp. These truly are the memories that help us get through the cold winter, knowing we will all be able to share such an amazing experience together again next summer in a place as special as Iroquois Springs.

Who could forget our staff – what a wonderful team this was. Choosing an elite group to work with you all during the summer in not easy, but I think you will all join me in giving a HUGE thank you to an incredible group of men and women this year. We are still getting a ton of emails, calls and letters from counselors saying thank you, not just for the opportunity to work at camp, but for the opportunity to work with campers as awesome as you all are.

For me personally, this summer was truly amazing. I still remember getting the call on June 14 to go to the hospital. Riley was born one hour after I arrived and instantly, we went in as a family of three and came out a family of four. Having the chance to experience camp with my whole family was such a joy. Thank you all for the small things you did to make the summer special for both Avery & Riley.

As the saying goes, "all good things come to an end" and this is the time to say goodbye until I see you at the reunion on December 7. Remember to be diligent in your studies, enjoy school and keep in touch with your camp friends whom you share an incredible bond with.

Begin the countdown to summer '09 -- it's not too far away!

### SET YOUR DVRs - I.S. ON TV!

Be sure to tune into MSNBC on Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 7:30 AM as we will be featured on the TV show "Your Business."

"Your Business," hosted by JJ Ramberg, focuses on the world of America's small business entrepreneurs, featuring profiles, news, advice and tips.

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The piece will explore how a seasonal-business (summer camp) has extended its season (pre & post camp group rentals) and the course taken to become successful. Be sure to check it out, as you will certainly see some familiar faces from the summer.

#### MEDIA MATTERS

Hi everyone! I hope school is going well and you're looking forward to the reunion in December. It was a very busy summer for the

Iroquois Springs Media Department; make sure you go onto the Summer Site to check out all the photos, videos, newspapers and radio shows from the summer, if you haven't already.



### Here's a quick look at some numbers from the 2008 summer:

- · Over 16,000 photos online
- · More than 3 and a half hours of video
- · An average of 78,000 pages viewed per day

Also, be sure to check out the new Color Week pages at iroquoissprings.com... Lah and I have been hard at work putting together all of the archives, and we have a whole lot of new photos, audio and Sing lyrics from the past 8 years. Check it out at:

www.iroquoissprings.com/color-week.html

See you next summer!

- Media Matt

#### **SAVE THE DATE - CAMP REUNION**

Mark your Calendar - We are proud to announce the 8th Annual Iroquois Springs Camp Reunion on Sunday - December 7, 2008 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 soon!

### **MEMORIES FROM SUMMER 2008**



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Ellie Rogoff Noah Waxner Tess McIntyre Alexandra Saypoff Alexis Fassenfeld Erica Glick Nicole Schrumpf **Emily Lanning** Evan Kopf Nina Rubenstein Renata Gross-Horowitz Max Kaplan Devon Jackson Megan Dolan Brett Berkenblit Gina Ethe Nicholas Dorane Samantha Richman Julie Zeiberg Carly Zetoff Nora Gleeson Adam Lerner Marty Reider Talia Clarick Jeffrey Rutz Danna Cooperberg Morgan Abrams Cooper Talty **Daniel Berrick** Jonathan Briendel Samantha Schapero Schuyler Montaigne Jesse Burak Matthew Hilzenrath Robbie Michaelson Sydney Lenihan Jolie Fisher Kyle Klaschka **Rachel Werman** Allison Krumper Amanda Clark Elvssa Diamond Matthew Schwartz Zachary Schwartz Kelsey Sklar

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### WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

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

Aaron Tucker Alex Hirsch Alexandra Saypoff Ali Luchs Allison Simon Andie Abrams Arinn Shulman **Benjamin Lerner** Benjamin Saltzman Benjamin Schildkraut Braden Konrad **Brendan Salese** Brian Golub **Brian Pfeffer** Casey Peacock **Chase Wolfer** David Ross Ella Gotsch **Emily Lapine Emily Stevens** Emma Blancher Erica Glick Ethan Kuhl **Evan Alpert** Gabby Feder Gabrielle Krumper George Katseva Hadley Talty Hannah Barr Hannah Leshman Harrison Barr Ilana Cooperman **Isabelle Surloff** Jacob Lustig Jamie Dugal Jana Becker

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Jason Volk Jessica Ostroff Jessica Zodicoff Jonathan Kopf Jordan Evar Jordan Heinlein Josh Feinstein Josh Radin Josh Slifka Julia Talish Justin Levin Kaitlyn Dugal Larsen Talmadge Lauren Tufano Lindsay Kantor Madison Wolfer Meg Wallach Mohona Siddiqi Morgan Sturdevant Noah Schwab Olivia Rosner **Paige Brauser Rachel Polkowitz** Sam Zarkower Samantha Atlas Samantha Lapine Samantha Simon Sammie Spector Sarah Wish Sean Wollin Signe Diaz Sydney Tuckman **Tobi Charnizon** Zach Gotsch Zachary Saltzman

Randolph , NJ Stamford , CT Roslyn, NY Closter, NJ Closter . NJ Hastings On Hudson, NY Montville, NJ Scarsdale, NY New York, NY Scarsdale, NY Irvington, NY West Hempstead, NY Rve Brook, NY Woodbury, NY Livingston, NJ Cresskill, NJ Closter , NJ New York , NY Westfield, NJ Millburn, NJ Irvington, NY New York , NY Marlboro, NJ Rye Brook, NY Westport, CT Irvington, NY Warren, NJ East Hills , NY Short Hills , NJ Briarcliff Manor, NY Suffern , NY New York , NY Scarsdale, NY Short Hills , NJ Greenvale, NY

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

Each year we continue to make improvements to our facility, program and staff. While camp has been over for two months, Dennis and his crew have been busy working on the facility and getting camp ready for our arrival. We have already painted every cabin floor in camp, applied polyurethane to the dining room and manicured all the ball fields.

Speaking of ball fields – our plan is to give our entire athletic facility a make-over. The courts are getting a fresh coat of paint, portable basketball hoops are going into the arena, the baseball field will be getting a home run fence and dugouts, and the grass will be greener and thicker than ever.

The ball fields are not the only place we are renovating. Over the past nine years, just about every building in camp has been refurbished. This year, the theater will be getting its turn. We plan on building new seating, putting light-colored knotty pine from floor to ceiling, installing new lighting system and a brand new state-of-the-art audio visual system, complete with lighting, sound and video capability. Our camp productions, evening activities and all camp activities will be better than ever. This has been a much needed project and we are pleased to announce that the theater will be up to the standard of each and every other facility at camp now.

In addition to this, we are going to re-design the landscape outside the dining room by creating a comfortable grove seating area for lunch and a more attractive entrance to our dining room.

> We are looking forward to being able to show-off all these additions to camp – keep checking this newsletter for progress reports on all these projects.



### **PROJECT MORRY UPDATE**

Once again our CIT's spent the day at Morry's Camp prior to our annual Swim-a-thon, and this year's group was even more enthusiastic about their experience and hosting the Swim-A-Thon than any other group of CITs

– great job to them.

All that wonderful energy and enthusiasm helped our camp have the most successful event ever. We swam more laps and raised more money for this truly special organization than any other Swim-A-Thon.



In addition to the money everyone generously donated for the Swim-A-Thon, our CITs raised money from the loose change our campers donated in each HC – this money was able to be used to purchase much needed everyday items like toiletries that the Morry's Camp campers needed for their summer.

> 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 CITs! Keep up the great work.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



**Camp Reunion** Tri-State Camp Conference (Office Closed) **Office Opens in Rock Hill New Family Orientation Session #2 Begins Campers Return Home** 

Sunday, December 7th Tuesday, March 17th to Friday, March 20th Thursday, May 14th Sunday, May 17th **Opening Day** Sunday, June 28th Visiting Day Saturday, July 11th Session #1 Ends Saturday, July 18th Sunday, July 19th Saturday, August 8th