

# 10TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMER!



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## A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA

We think about this constantly – “how time flies” - as parents we wonder how we now have a daughter in middle school and a son in intermediate school, and as Camp Directors, we measure time all the time. How many days until camp starts – at any given day of the year, we can give you the exact number of days until we start another summer – we measure how many days until visiting day, how many days until Tribals or Color Week – how time flies – each summer it seems to go by faster than the last. It’s truly amazing how quickly time flies at camp. Something we look forward to all year long, goes by in a blink of an eye, especially when we have a great summer – this year we had another wonderful season and boy did it go quickly.

Recently we have been wondering how time flies when we reflect on the fact that we will be celebrating our 10th summer at Iroquois Springs in 2010 – we wonder, “how did that happen?” We are so proud of all we have achieved in those 10 years – we have rebuilt the entire facility, making it one of the top camps in the northeast, our enrollment continues to be strong through these tough economic times, we have created the most special camp culture – one where campers are respected, care about one another, foster new and wonderful relationships that last a life-time - a spirit that is infectious and a tight knit community that understands the importance of doing good things for others!

The last 10 years have been the most fun and rewarding time of our lives and we are looking forward to another 20+ of summers at Iroquois Springs. Happy 10th Anniversary to Iroquois Springs – we will all celebrate this terrific achievement together in Rock Hill – 2010.

We can’t wait to see everyone at our camp reunion in December, where for one morning we can be together again and feel the magic that makes Iroquois Springs the special place it continues to be. Let’s hope on that morning time does not fly and we enjoy being together again.

*With Love,  
Mark and Laura*



Countdown To Camp

★ 238 DAYS ★

From Nov. 1st

# BOYS SIDE STUFF with Josh Bogard

Now that summer is over and football season is well underway, this can only mean one thing: it is time for the first Iroquois Springs newsletter of the year. I recently spent one Sunday afternoon, while watching the Jets beat the Patriots, going through all of the pictures and videos on the Iroquois Springs summer website and it brought me right back to all of the amazing times that we shared together during the summer of 2009. The times we share are so special, and I wanted to thank everyone for being such amazing campers. We had a tremendously successful summer on Boys Side and this is greatly owed to your positive behavior, strong friendships and willingness to try new things. I vividly remember asking at our final morning Boys Line-Up for campers to raise their hands if they tried something new this summer and almost everyone raised their hands. That is what camp is about. There are so many people to thank for the success of our ninth summer in Rock Hill. Thank you to all of the campers on Boys Side for making camp such an awesome place. Also, what would camp be without our incredible and enthusiastic team of camp counselors and group leaders. The experience that they had it was for you. We look to continue our success as we round out the first decade at We will without a doubt continue our Annual Strong Man Competition. If I were you I hit the gym and maybe you will have the opportunity to show your strengths in front of your division. The Boys Side Breakfast BBQ is already scheduled as well as our Monday Night Football Tailgate Party. I know the winter hasn't even begun yet but I am already counting down the days until we all gather at the flagpole for our first evening line-up. Until then, be well, do your homework and keep in touch. See you at the reunion,

**Josh**



# GIRLS SIDE GAB with Rosie Bogard

Hope everyone is doing well and has had a smooth transition into this school year. Summer 2009 was such an amazing summer. When I look back on this past summer, I can't help but smile. Girls Side, you were fantastic; you continue to impress me. I loved that I started every morning with you. Girls Side line-up was such a great hit. Our Girls Side song was so much fun to sing everyday; I get so excited when I hear that song on the radio. (Thank You Starr and Jenna). So everyone should start thinking of a song for next year to add to our line up song selection. I find myself looking at IS pictures everyday and love seeing pictures of all our Big Sister/Little Sister events, our Halloween costumes, Girls Side Got Talent, and more. All your divisional activities were so much fun to watch, I bet you cannot wait to move up. We are all so lucky that we were all a part of another incredible summer. The spirit in camp this year was contagious. This summer would not have been as great without the hard work of your group leaders and counselors. So THANK YOU! CIT girls, you continue to make me proud and I am looking forward to working with you next summer. JCs, thank you for stepping up to the plate and making sure your campers had the same if not better camp experience than you remember. I hope that everyone is doing well. I wish you the best of luck this school year. Please keep working hard and remember to "be nice". A smile goes a long way.....See you at the camp reunion.



**Rosie**



## NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



As they say in baseball, "put it in the books." Another summer of incredible memories and experiences has recently come to an end, but I know the sounds and feel of camp are still very fresh on so many of our minds. I am pretty lucky during this time of year because I get to go back to camp every weekend through the fall to work with our retreat groups who get to experience just a small snippet of the magic that makes Iroquois Springs so special. Unfortunately for me though, it is just not the same because without our camp family it feels as though there is just so much missing.....of course, that is all of you!

We had another incredible summer that felt as though it flew by. I can remember like it was yesterday the pre-camp crew rolling into Rock Hill in May, the counselors arriving for orientation in the middle of June and of course all the campers arriving for day one of camp in late June. It still amazes me that we have now completed 9 years of Iroquois Springs and will be celebrating our 10th anniversary this summer – you're all invited to the party!

I think it is also appropriate at this time to once again give a huge THANK YOU to all the staff who make camp so special for all of us. Whether it is seeing a familiar face when you arrive on day one or looking forward to a great activity period each day, it is the staff who are able to bring to life the spirit of camp right along side all of our great campers. I have heard from many staff since camp after they completed their travels and arrived back to school and the sentiment is always the same –WOW, I never thought camp would be as great as this summer proved to be!

Looking forward to seeing you all the reunion in December and talking about the wonderful summer we all experienced. Until then, do well in school, stay in touch with your camp friends and get ready for another awesome summer in 2010, it will be here before you know it!

**- Bubba**

# GIRLS SIDE SONG

*When the buses pulled up and my temp was taken, swine '09,  
don't be mistaken, wash your hands. Sneeze into your sleeve not your hands.  
See the friends, see the smiles the laughter, see them make their way through the crowd and  
say hello, little did we know that this would be the best, summer ever and my daddy said  
don't forget to write me a letter!*

*I was cryin' at the end of session two, saying please don't goooo.  
And I said Iroquois Springs a place you'll never be alone,  
I'll be waiting to return to my summer home.  
You'll be my sister, I'll be your best friend. It's  
a camp story please don't ever end.*



## MEDIA MATTERS

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. Thanks to Rob and Luke, we had the best summer for media in IS history!



### Here's a quick look at some numbers from the 2009 summer:

- Over 22,000 photos online
- More than 6 hours of video

Also, be sure to check out the 2009 Color Week pages at [iroquoissprings.com](http://iroquoissprings.com) (with a big THANKS to Lah for supplying all of the Sing material!) - and we have a whole lot of photos, audio and Sing lyrics from the past 8 years. Check it out at:

[www.iroquoissprings.com/color-week.html](http://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 9th Annual **Iroquois Springs Camp Reunion on Sunday - December 6, 2009** 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.





# MEMORIES OF 2009

APACHE RELAY fuzzies, fuzzies, fuzzies

Boys Side strong man competition

Dancing with DJ Todd Yahney

AWESOME FOURTH of July fireworks

GIRLS SIDE SONG - THE BEST EVER!

SWIMMING LOTS OF LAPS FOR PROJECT MORRY

MOCK ROCK

GIRLS SIDE ROPE BURN

SIMON SEZ WITH STEVE MAX

*Mamma Mia! dancing in the aisles*

BRAD HENDERSON MAKING OUR COUNSELORS DO SILLY THINGS!

THE SING

BLUE & GOLD  
ALMA MATERS

THE ORDER

THE LAST-SECOND WINNING BASKET AT THE SENIOR BOYS ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME

"Are we having canteen tonight?"

SENIOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

watching everyone run to hug their campers on visiting day

DINING ROOM CHANTS

S'MORES AT THE OPENING CAMPFIRE

## Here's What We Heard...

So, what did you think of leagues, extreme canteen, the new general swim periods, extended rest hour and fitness with Tara? We hope that you have enjoyed some of the program changes we made in 2009 and feel as good about them as we do. From what we gather, seems like the additions and new options for this summer were a big hit!

Please let us know if you think you have a great program that can work at camp, we would love to hear from you.



# THE FACES OF SUMMER 2009





## OCTOBER

Noah Waxner	1
Tess McIntyre	2
Alexandra Saypoff	3
Benjamin Marinaccio	3
Erica Glick	3
Nicole Schruppf	5
Emily Lanning	6
Nina Rubenstein	7
Max Kaplan	9
Devon Dalton	10
Brett Berkenblit	12
Gina Ethe	12
Matthew Karger	13
Julie Zeiberg	15
Nora Gleeson	16
Talia Clarick	17
Adam Lerner	17
Lauren Shackman	18
Cooper Talty	22
Jordan Chafitz	22
Samantha Schapero	22
Robbie Michaelson	24
Matthew Hilzenrath	24
Jolie Fisher	25
Rachel Werman	26
Allison Krumper	28
Elyssa Diamond	29
Amanda Clark	29
Kelsey Sklar	30
Lara Schechter	31

## NOVEMBER

Noah Schwab	1
Mia Katz	2
Rachel Polkowitz	6
Tali Hayden	6
Amy Turtz	7
Joshua Frankel	7
Zachary Gillam	7
Elisabeth Maurer	7
Perri Spector	9
Andie Abrams	11
Benny Bailey	12
Lauren Frankel	12
Chase Wolfer	15
Jolie Mallitz	15
Jamie Fink	16
Joshua Horowitz	17
Alex Horowitz	17
Kelsey Horowitz	17
Tyler Metz	19
Anna Fox	19
Ilexa Schechter	20
Michael Levin	20
Jordan Davis	22
Bob Lesser	22
Stephanie DeBisceglia	23
Rachel Fein	23
Justin Levine	23
Rebecca Kantor	24
Dylan Wit	25
Emily Konrad	25
Phoebe Brenner	28
Emma Walsh	28
Alex Hirsch	30

## DECEMBER

Sydney Tuckman	1
Leah Buchman	1
Nicole Goldstein	2
Kathryn Evans	3
Ilana Char	3
Emily Yankowitz	4
Derek Ash	5
Justin Schapero	6
Dylan Silber	8
Giorgio Dal Pont	8
Ben Spielman	11
Jayson Brenner	14
Eliana Rosenzweig	15
Sam Zarkower	15
Laura Dal Pont	15
Danielle Saypoff	17
Emily Edwards	17
Julia Hirsch	19
Alexander Fishman	19
Danielle Licht	19
Rachel Hein	20
Benjamin Eisenberg	20
Matthew Hopkins	20
Isabelle Surloff	22
Julia Levy	22
David Golden	23
Halle McDonough	24
Meg Wallach	24
Cori Friedman	24
Ashley Lederman	24
Gabriella Feder	27
David Ross	27
Allison Simon	28
Samantha Simon	28
Jason Krumper	29
Gabrielle Krumper	29
Erica Hellman	29
Morgan Young	30
Abby Kuznick	30
Michal Sobiczewski	30
AJ Gold	31

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

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

Lara Bamberger	<i>New York, NY</i>
Julia Berman	<i>Hastings-on-Hudson, NY</i>
Jessica Bristow	<i>Suffern, NY</i>
Josh Carus	<i>Pine Brook, NJ</i>
Giorgio Dal Pont	<i>Treviso, AL</i>
Alexandra Discolo	<i>Rye Brook, NY</i>
Emily Edwards	<i>Sands Point, NY</i>
Gabrielle Egol	<i>Rye Brook, NY</i>
Olivia Ethe	<i>Melville, NY</i>
Julia Feder	<i>Woodcliff Lake, NJ</i>
Serena Feldman	<i>Bedford, NY</i>
Abraham Frankel	<i>East Windsor, NJ</i>
Ben Ginsburg	<i>Dobbs Ferry, NY</i>
Celia Ginzburg	<i>New York, NY</i>
Mia Ginzburg	<i>New York, NY</i>
Julia Hames	<i>Port Washington, NY</i>
Julia Hartheimer	<i>Dobbs Ferry, NY</i>
Julia Hirsch	<i>New York, NY</i>
Dexter Kalderon	<i>Dobbs Ferry, NY</i>
Andrew Kaplan	<i>Tappan, NY</i>

Matthew Karger	<i>Morris Plains, NJ</i>
Mia Katz	<i>New York, NY</i>
Jenna Kirsch	<i>Pine Brook, NJ</i>
Talia Knutsen	<i>Maplewood, NJ</i>
Ashley Lederman	<i>East Setauket, NY</i>
Jacob Lustig	<i>Westport, CT</i>
Maxence Mahe	<i>Great Neck, NY</i>
Benjamin Marinaccio	<i>Closter, NJ</i>
Halle Marinaccio	<i>Closter, NJ</i>
Eric Maurer	<i>New City, NY</i>
Zachary Meyer	<i>Plainview, NY</i>
Sam Rosenblum	<i>New York, NY</i>
Eliana Rosenzweig	<i>Rye Brook, NY</i>
Matthew Rozansky	<i>Larchmont, NY</i>
Sydney Schriever	<i>Dobbs Ferry, NY</i>
Gabi Sheybani	<i>Riverdale, NY</i>
Emily Silvershein	<i>Pleasantville, NY</i>
Penn Sturm	<i>Dix Hills, NY</i>
Ashley Trattner	<i>Upper Saddle River, NJ</i>



## THE SENIORS ARE HEADING NORTH

As many of you already know, one of the highlights of our senior program includes a 3-night / 4-day trip each summer. This coming season, our senior campers (entering grades 8 – 11) will have the opportunity to visit beautiful Montreal, Canada. Details and enrollment information will be sent later in the year, but we wanted to remind you about obtaining valid documentation for the trip.



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

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



## PROJECT MORRY UPDATE

Once again our CIT's spent 2 days at Project Morry 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 CIT's – 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, special recognition goes to Paul Titley (Aquatics Specialist) who raised \$1,000 amongst the Iroquois Springs staff and swam for 8 straight hours....kudos to you!



It never ceases to amaze us, but even during these tough economic times, the Iroquois Springs family of campers, parents and staff stepped up to the plate and made a difference in the lives of so many less fortunate kids. Your continued contributions and dedication to this program will give the gift of summer camp to youth for years to come.

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

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## DATES TO REMEMBER



<b>Camp Reunion</b>	Sunday, December 6th
<b>Tri-State Camp Conference (Office Closed)</b>	Tuesday, March 16th to Friday, March 19th
<b>Office Opens in Rock Hill</b>	Thursday, May 13th
<b>New Family Orientation</b>	Sunday, May 16th
<b>Opening Day</b>	Sunday, June 27th
<b>Visiting Day</b>	Saturday, July 10th
<b>Session #1 Ends</b>	Saturday, July 17th
<b>Session #2 Begins</b>	Sunday, July 18th
<b>Campers Return Home</b>	Saturday, August 7th