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The Iroquois Springs Times

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A Note From Mark & Laura

Spring is here and the official countdown has begun. By the time you read this we will have about 70 days to go before opening day. Between now and opening day, we have a lot going on to get ready for what we know will be our best summer ever.



We have tons of returning staff, and lots of new staff that can't wait to catch the "camp bug" and find out what a summer in Rock Hill is really all about.

We have lots of new campers who are gearing up for their very first Iroquois Springs summer! How lucky are they! Of course we can't wait to see all the smiling faces and how much everyone has grown up in a year of our returning campers. We can almost hear the busses rolling down Bowers Road already.



In just a few weeks we will be packing up the winter office and moving up to camp, one of the most exciting days of the year for us. Mid-May brings our leadership team planning weekend and new family orientation where we have some of our staff fly in from throughout the United States and around the globe. We will bunker down and prepare for summer 2008! We already have a lot of new things planned – tons of new entertainers, new evening programs and a few special surprise wrinkles. Look for the calendar in your mailboxes around May 1st.



With Love - Mark & Laura





Girls Side Gab



Now that the winter is coming to an end, I cannot stop thinking about this upcoming summer. I hope everyone is doing well and is just as excited about the summer of 2008 as I am. This summer is going to be filled with new program areas, new evening activities, new special days and much, much more. In addition to all the new stuff going on this summer, I am looking forward to the carnival, trip days, Clue, Tribal's and of course Color Week. For those of you coming to Iroquois Springs for the first time this summer, I cannot wait to watch you at all of these activities and I am confident in saying that this will be the best summer you ever had. For all of our returning campers, get ready for another amazing summer experience. Summers at IS are not only filled with activities, but are filled with memories that will last a lifetime. The friendships that you make at camp are ones that will last a lifetime.

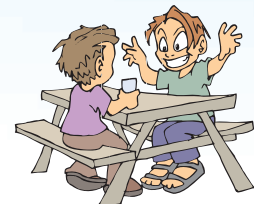
This year on girl's side I am looking forward to a lot of camp spirit, new bunk cheers, bunk themes, bunk songs and anything else your wonderful group leaders do to ensure that this is a summer you will never forget. Your group leaders are already thinking of all the great things they have planned for you! They are bursting with energy and new ideas.

I have been going to camp since I was 7 years old and as the Girls Head Counselor I am looking forward to making sure that each and every one of you has the best summer ever because there is truly no place like camp. See you in just a few weeks.

Rosie



Boy's Side Stuff



I cannot believe that baseball is back in action and that we are only weeks away from heading back to Rock Hill. You are sure to have another awesome summer in store for you at Iroquois Springs. If you are going to be a new camper on boy's side this summer, let me be the first to officially welcome you to IS. If you are a returning camper, welcome back. I am sure you are looking forward to the summer of 2008 just as I am. This year's group of counselors looks to be top notch as we have a nice mix of new and returning staff members.

I have been speaking with the group leaders and I am sure that we are in for some exciting activities, programs and events on boy's side this summer. We are going to have our annual Big Brother Night in which younger campers will be teamed with their boy's side brother and take part in various challenges. We have also contacted John Madden and I think that the Madden Bus might be rolling into camp for our 3rd annual Monday Night Tail-Gate and Football Game. If anyone has a suggestion for what we should BBQ at the game, please let me know. I'll also ask for suggestions and take a poll at morning line-up a few times too. There are also some new and original evening activities and boy's side events being planned as we speak.

We are all lucky to be spending the summer together in 2008. Having been at Iroquois Springs for the past 7 summers and in camping for the past 22 years, I know what camp offers children. There is no better place to spend your summer than at Iroquois Springs. I hope everyone is looking forward to meeting some real great friends this summer and making Iroquois Springs their new summer home. The returning campers and staff already know what I mean and I can't wait for the new campers and staff to find out.

I look forward to meeting many of our new campers and their families at this year's New Family Orientation. It is a great time to have some of your questions answered. You will also have the opportunity to meet some other kids that you will be spending your summer with. Before we know it, we will all be back at Iroquois Springs enjoying the warm weather and sunshine together....and I can't wait!

Until then, Josh

Bubba's Clipboard

It's hard to believe that the snow has melted, the chill is almost out of the air and my shorts are on for the season. Well, maybe the shorts are not a surprise, but summer is rapidly approaching. Here in our winter office, we are already beginning to prepare for our move to Rock Hill in early May. For all of you, we know that in just a few short months you will be wrapping up your loose ends at home, taking those last final exams and zipping up your bags for camp, all in preparation for another extraordinary summer together.

We have been very hard at work here for the last 6-months scouring the country and overseas as well, for incredible staff to bring to camp this summer. I am confident that we have brought back some of our best from summers gone by and found some incredibly talented, skilled, caring and charismatic people who are going to make Iroquois Springs such a wonderful atmosphere again this summer. We have a fantastic return rate for our counselor staff and close to a 100% return rate of our Leadership Team, something to be very proud of!

Each year, it amazes me to speak to such outstanding people who want to experience camp and are just ready to jump at the opportunity to spend a summer working at Iroquois Springs. For many, they are traveling from as far west as California, northeast as Newfoundland and of course from the other side of world, all to experience and share in the love of summer camp. Many of them have been referred to us by friends who have had a life changing experience at camp and others who want to make a career of working with children. However they have gotten to us, I know they will be mesmerized by their summer at camp.

I am also personally very excited for camp again this summer, because not only will I be lucky enough to share camp with my wife Rebecca and daughter Avery, but we are expecting our second child late in the spring. It is going to be very exciting for Avery to be a "big sister" and have her baby brother / sister (still a surprise) at camp with her when he / she is just a few weeks old.

I know for all of us the spring is an exciting time for so many reasons. What is so great is that we all get the camp "buzz" together. For all of our new campers, this is an exciting time to experience something new, the first time to prepare for your overnight camp experience and the thoughts of what will be in store for the summer ahead. Returning campers are looking forward to picking-up where they left-off last summer and continuing to enjoy the experiences that camp offers us all. New and old staff get ready for a new challenge, an opportunity to grow as an adult and a chance to try to something totally different then ever before. No matter who you are, camp is something very special for us all, and we are lucky to have the chance to be together at Iroquois Springs this summer.

I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon - until then, finish school on a positive note, get excited for camp and get ready for another awesome summer together!



Greening of Iroquois Springs



As each year passes, it becomes more and more apparent that we need to pay attention to and respect the environment. Pollution and global warming have the real potential to negatively affect our lives in the near future and certainly negatively impact on the lives of our children.

With that in mind, here at Iroquois Springs this summer we are implementing a number of steps to make camp an environmentally friendlier place. These steps include:

- *Recycling paper, cardboard and aluminum cans*
- *Reducing the use of Styrofoam products*
- *Recycling all ink cartridges from printers, copiers and fax machines*
- *Replacing all incandescent bulbs, as they burn out, with eco-friendly fluorescent bulbs*
- *Use of recycled copy paper*
- *Continuing to reduce the amount of paper used by reducing the number of mailings in favor of communicating with our families and staff via e-mail and PDF documents*



It is our feeling that by modeling environmentally friendly practices, our campers will become increasingly more sensitive to these issues and gain an understanding of the importance of protecting our planet through the concept of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



We are sure that you would all agree, that each and every one of us can make a difference and there is no better place to start than at camp!



Check This Out!

We know you all will be excited to hear that we have purchased a brand new, Ski Nautique Competitive Water Ski Boat for our off-site ski program this summer.

This boat can do it all! Wait until you grab hold of the ski-rope and feel what it is like to ski in and out of the wake.... your going to love it!

We know how much you all love to ski and want to try and get you out as often as possible to water-ski. Although it is not something you can do everyday in camp, we think having a brand new ski boat off camp and our new Jet Ski on our lake is certainly going to help keep the program running day after day.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you get up on water-ski's, wakeboard or kneeboard this summer!

Miss...

I miss the voices
The laughs
The friends
I miss the activities
The night sky
The night shows and color wars
I miss the bunk
My bed
My second home
I miss it like my home
I miss breakfast, lunch and dinner
I miss the long bus ride
I miss the pool
I miss the dances
I miss our colors
And the town
I miss the soccer field, the canteen
And mostly.....
I MISS CAMP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Anonymous Camper, Summer '07



Morry's Camp is now Project Morry

As you'll notice, we've included in this mailing a newsletter from Project Morry, the wonderful operation that runs Morry's Camp. Your child swims for this cause every summer in our swim-a-thon and we thought you would enjoy learning more about Project Morry.

Welcome To The Family!



We Are So happy to Welcome the Following Campers to the Iroquois Springs Camp Family!

Samantha Aronowitz New York, NY
Brian Cali Mendham, NJ
Zachary Campbell Milford, CT
Laura Dal Pont Treviso, Italy
Anna Dal Pont Treviso, Italy
Giulia Dal Pont Treviso, Italy
Sarah DellaFave Franklin Lakes, NJ
Jack Duxin Avon, CT
Taylor Dworkin Syosset, NY
Lauren Frankel Franklin Lakes, NJ
Daisy Gumin Irvington, NY
Rachel Gutschmit Potomac, MD

Jake Helfand Livingston, NJ
Emily Konrad Stamford, CT
Abbi Leighton Weston, CT
Carli Mager Yorktown Heights, NY
Jessica McDonough Plainview, NY
Lily Minkowitz Weston, CT
Russel Pober Ossining, NY
Eitan Raites West Hills, NY
Riley Stevens Kingston, NY
Alexandra Stevens Kingston, NY
Charlotte Zlotkowski Scarsdale, NY

What's Happening in Rock Hill?

Our facilities director, Dennis, has been hard at work all winter, busy getting camp prepared for another summer, and making sure everything looks terrific. As we have done each of the last several years, we take on a large project to improve our camp facility and program.

Last year we added our second pool, which added another dimension to our aquatics program. The new pool is perfect for instructional or free swims, and was enjoyed by everyone last summer.



This summer we are building a new indoor sports arena. This new complex will be able to accommodate the entire camp for all kinds of gatherings such as concerts, entertainers, rainy days, sporting events and super hot days.

The Arena, designed for hockey and basketball will help us continue to enhance our already top-notch athletics program which we have become known for in the Mountain Camp Conference. This covered, 10,000 square foot facility, will be the place to be this summer. We can't wait to show this off on the first day of camp!

Happy Birthday!

April

Danielle Moskowitz	1
Liana Sasloff	1
Brooke Arnold	3
Chase Kirshner	3
Daniel Hertz	3
Mollie Keller	3
Sydney Abelow	3
Matthew Orfinger	4
Molly Breitbart	4
Nicole Hirsch	4
Sam Baden	4
Paul Martorano	5
Amanda Cohen	7
Giulia Dal Pont	7
Charlotte Zlotkowski	8
Julia Bretschneider	8
Rachel Mann	8
Sasha Clarick	8
Matthew Gillam	12
Jenna Greenstein	13
Lucas Zelnick	13
Samantha Schaechter	13
Benjamin Barker	14
Emily Karmel	15
Lauren Zolit	15
Madison Sergi	15
Alex Tancredi	16
Jake Miller	16
Jenna Montag	16
Matthew Sanders	16
Tess Condron	16
Ben White	17
Jesse Cohen	18
Max Cohen	18
Zachary Silverhardt	18
Chelsey Cohen	19
Jessie Levy	20
Nicole Toback	20
Bethany Donovan	22
Allie Mollo	23
Liam Kirschner	23
Jennifer Lessick	24
Alina Tucker	25
Allison Levy	25
McKenzie Banahan	25
Allison Davis	26
Jenna Weinstein	26
Jesse Finver	26
Jessica Natofsky	26
Stacy Rozansky	26
Zachary Hammer	26
Mark Korinets	27
Logan Grossman	28
Carli Mager	29
Jamie Lerner	29
Emily Greenberg	30

May

Rachel Salamone	1
Cayla Bamberger	2
Chelsea Nachamie	2
Tyler Volk	2
Mira Schildkraut	3
Emma Lubrano	4
Meagan Callahan	4
Bradley Walker	5
Alex Toback	7
Andrew Toback	7
Ryan Levy	7
Matthew Goldstein	9
Daniel Hug	10
Matthew Santola	10
Jamie Warrack	11
Rachel Hirschhorn	11
Will Gladstone	11
Mark Schachter	13
Alexandra Rood	14
Emma Schorr	14
Ethan Finver	14
Katie Zambelli	14
Sarah Zodicoff	14
Abigail Lustig	16
Jennifer VanderValk	17
Matthew Bretschneider	17
Jessica Miller	18
Ally Weissenberg	19
David Santola	19
Glen Dunayer	19
Ryane Lake	19
Samantha Tenenbaum	19
Rebecca Levitt	20
Jessica Koenigsberg	21
Tyler Chafitz	21
Katharine Berman	22
Adam Coopersmith	23
Danielle Kroll	23
Alyson Givre	24
Nicholas Kestenbaum	24
Brandon Glass	25
Stephany Gomez	25
Zachary Silverman	25
Abigail Saltzman	26
Amanda Werman	26
Carly Polkowitz	26
Charlotte Saltzman	26
Craig Cohen	27
Lauren Evans	27
Rebecca Stoll	27
Jenna Grossbarth	28
Lauren Gerber	28
Michael Grossbarth	28
Scott Silverman	28
Benjamin Chason	29
Olivia Dansky	29
Rene Sandler	29
Tyler Schapero	31

June

Jake Lesser	1
Samantha Aronowitz	3
Allie Schachter	4
Daniel Berger	4
Dylan Schorr	4
Jason Christal	5
Noah Leader	5
Danielle Wolfenson	6
Hallie Brown	6
Mitchell Breitbart	6
Sam Parmett	8
Lauren Feldman	9
Mitchell Kuznick	9
Devon Novick	11
Merideth Feinstein	11
Haley Peacock	12
Madison Hoffman	12
Elizabeth Cornell	13
Sydney Salomon	13
Chase Sandler	15
Dylan Young	15
Meredith Scheiner	15
Zachary Karger	16
Alexis Karmel	17
Matthew Coopersmith	17
Noah Krupnick	17
Joshua Kestenbaum	19
Matthew Kutner	19
Ashley Klein	21
Dara Frank	21
Jake Benzaquen	21
Danielle Levin	22
Christopher Lynch	23
Corey Sider	23
James Lynch	23
Zachary Sider	23
Alexis Moskowitz	24
Ali Greenstein	25
Allison Diamond	26
Benjamin Fox	26
Daniel Soifer	27
Jason Katz	27
Sam Eade	27
Daniel Simmons	28
Samantha Orfinger	28
Taylor Sardoff	28
Mackenzie Frand	29
Robin Briendel	29
Daniel Goldstein	30
Jack Wilkow	30
Jenna Trainor	30



Important Information

Please Note

This year the Long Island bus location for baggage and bus departure and arrivals will be at the OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION, in Old Bethpage, NY.

(The Roosevelt Field Mall no longer allows camps to use their parking facility.)



Just A Friendly Reminder About Our Electronics Policy!

One additional reminder about our camp electronics policy for this summer. The following electronic items are not allowed at camp:

- Hand-held video game devices (Gameboys, Nintendo DS, PSP's, etc.)
- Cell phones of any kind
- Video loaded Ipods
- Anything that connects to the internet or Wi-Fi connections

Here is What's Allowed:

- Books • Magazines • Stationary • Ipods without videos

Please give the office a call if you have any questions.

We Heard What You Had To Say

Wait until you see the new calendar coming your way around May 1st. We have brought in ALL NEW ENTERTAINERS for this summer. From singers to hypnotists and a few things in between, we know your going to love watching these new performances at camp this summer!



**The Official
Countdown to Camp!**

**As of April 25
we have 64 days!**

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Dates to Remember!

All Forms Due to the Winter Office	Tuesday, April 15th
Office Opens in Rock Hill.	Wednesday, May 14th
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
Senior trip to Toronto.	Sunday - Wednesday July 27th-30th
Campers Return Home.	Friday, August 8th





The Story of Morry (this is well worth reading)

Morry Stein was the owner and director of Camp Echo Lake, and over his 30 years in camping, Morry came to realize the indelible impact that camping has on children. His goal was to give every American child the gift of summer camp. In October 1994, Morry went to the American Camping Association's headquarters in Martinsville, Indiana to be part of a meeting charged with excitement. The foundation was nearing its fundraising goal to give the gift of camp to so many children. Morry's life was taken on his return flight home, before he could fulfill his dream, and the dream of so many youngsters. Inspired by that dream, Morry's friends, colleagues, and family created Morry's Camp.

Our New Name

For the past 13 years, we have been known as Morry's Camp, always busy fulfilling Morry's dream. We are now thrilled to introduce our new name, Project Morry, which enables us to more fully communicate the true scope of what we do. We are more than a camp. Project Morry is a year-round youth development organization.

A reminder of what Morry's Camp is:

(we know you know the name, but do you really know what we do?)

- A four week camp experience in Glen Spey, New York for four consecutive years
- Camper population comes from agencies, schools, and community organizations throughout the New York Metropolitan Tri-State area
- Summer program focuses on recreational and educational areas, as well as values and personal development
- Campers are asked to think as often as possible while having fun!

A reminder of what Project Morry is:

- unique, multi-year, year-round youth development organization that expands past the four week camp experience
- Monthly meetings for our kids throughout the entire year to outline goals, and the steps needed to achieve these goals
- Mentors for our oldest participants to assist them in achieving their post high school graduation goals
- Our involvement positively impacts both the family and the community



Did you know that...

- **100% of our campers** who are with us for the entire nine year program graduate high school on time, 80% attend college, and others work full-time or join the military!
- **100% of our campers** in college remain in college!

Find out more about
Project Morry at our website

www.projectmorry.org

'CAMPS THAT GIVE'

(this means YOU!)

You are receiving this newsletter because you are part of one of the great camps that give! The 'camps that give' celebrate the gift of camp through a camp-based fundraiser targeted at benefiting Project Morry. Camps contribute to Project Morry through swim-a-thons, carnivals, marathons, or bake sales. In 2007, the following camps participated in a fundraiser and donated the proceeds to Project Morry:

Black Bear Lake Day Camp
Camps Baco & Che-Na-Wah
Camp Chipinaw
Camp Echo Lake
Camp Lokanda
Camp Mah-Kee-Nac
Camp Starlight
Camp Towanda
Camp Walden
Camp Walt Whitman
Camp Wayne for Boys
Camp Wayne for Girls
Camp Wicosuta
Camps Kenwood & Evergreen
Coleman Family Camps
Dream Big Day Camp
Elmwood Day Camp
Gate Hill Day Camp
Harbor Hills Day Camp
Indian Head Camp
Iroquois Springs
Ivy League Day Camp (NY)
Ivy League Day Camp (NJ)
Lake Bryn Mawr Camp
Liberty Lake Day Camp
Merrick Woods Day Camp
Mount Tom Day Camp
North Shore Day Camp
Southwoods
Summer Trails Day Camp
Timber Lake Camp
Timber Lake West
Twin Creeks
Tyler Hill Camp
Woodmont Day Camp

'KIDS THAT GIVE'

Many of the campers who participate in '*Camps that Give*' are inspired to continue their fundraising back home. Through individual acts of kindness and group efforts, our youngest contributors support Project Morry.

Projects 'KIDS THAT GIVE' have done:

- lemonade stands
- swim team Swim-A-Thons
- backyard carnivals
- book drives
- Bar and Bat mitzvah projects, using centerpieces filled with fun items or sports goods for donations or asking that gifts be donated to Project Morry

Are you a camper and would like to contribute at home for Project Morry?

It's simple – all you need to do is call Dawn at Project Morry at 914.592.3055 or email her at dawn@projectmorry.org

Your Chance To Give...

If you have not yet been able to contribute for your child's fundraising efforts from this past summer, please visit our website at **www.projectmorry.org** to contribute or mail the attached form below.

Project Morry is a not for profit corporation, tax-exempt #13-385-1126. If you participate in a Matching Gift Program please include your form. Project Morry does not sell or exchange our mailing list.

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Name: _____

Camp: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ I am pleased to enclose my tax-deductible gift of \$ _____ payable to Project Morry.

☐ Please charge a donation of \$ _____ to my
☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature of Card Holder _____

My donation is in honor/in memory of _____

Please send my acknowledgement card to (Name and Address)

