



**SPRING 2009
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A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA

Spring has finally arrived and the official camp countdown has begun. We are getting more and more excited about the start of another camp season; we can't believe it. This amazing dream called Iroquois Springs started nine years ago and it is hard to believe how much we have accomplished in that time. We are so proud of the amazing leadership team that has been assembled, and that continues to work so cohesively summer after summer. They lead an incredible group of staff and campers throughout their summer experience. We are proud to boast one of the highest camper retention rates in the industry. We smile from ear to ear when we see the facility that we envisioned 9 years ago that looks just like we dreamed it would look like. What we are most proud of is the incredible relationship we have developed with each of our campers and families. We feel proud that you have let us be a part of your family throughout the entire year – thank you! Now, more than ever, we are convinced the experiences a camper has at camp are ones that stay with each of us for a lifetime.

By the time you read this, we will have about 65 days to go before opening day. Between now and the start of camp, we have a lot going on to get prepared for what we expect will be our best summer yet. We have tons of returning staff to welcome so many familiar faces on the first day of camp, as well as an excited group of new staff members and first time campers who are counting down the days. We can almost hear the buses rolling down Bowers Road already.

In just a few weeks, we will be packing up the winter office and moving up to camp; truly one of the most exciting days of the year for us. Mid-May brings our leadership team together for a 3-day planning weekend and new family orientation where we have some of our staff fly in from throughout the country and around the globe.

*With Love,
Mark and Laura*



Countdown To Camp



57 DAYS



From May 1st

BOYS SIDE STUFF with Josh Bogard

I am sure if you love camp as much as I do than your "camp countdown" has officially started. We are down to double digits and that means we will all be pulling into Rock Hill before we know it. This summer has a lot in store for us and I can't wait to get the festivities under way. I have been in touch with many of the returning counselors and all of them tell me how excited they are to see their former campers as well as to meet their new campers for the summer of 2009. The Boys Side Group Leaders and I are looking at this summer as an opportunity to make your camp experience everything you want it to be.

There are some brand new activities and experiences available that will certainly make this summer stand out. We are planning some new Boys Side events for both sessions but still welcome and value your input. If there is an activity or event that you think we should do on Boys Side, please don't hesitate to let the camp office know. This is your side of camp and we want your voices to be heard. We will certainly have our 4th annual Big Brother Night as well as our Monday Night Football Tailgate Party. If there is a football team that you root for, we encourage you to wear that team's jersey, shirt or hat to the Monday Night Football Tailgate Extravaganza. Prizes and VIP seats will be awarded for the most "spirited" fans. On another note, I have updated the menu for our Boys Side Breakfast BBQ when the Seniors are enjoying the trip to Washington DC. I hope that the food is so good that we get onto an episode of Diners, Drive-Ins just thinking of it. The warmer it gets outside the closer we are again to hanging out on Boys Side. camp is so near that I can almost smell the annual opening night campfires and taste the s'mores.

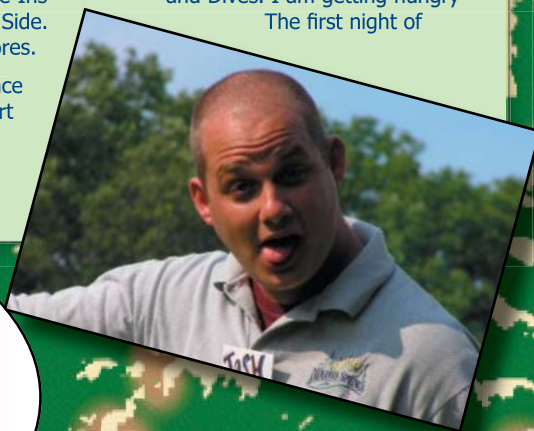
This summer will surely be here soon enough. I do not want you to forget about the importance of finishing the school year in a strong way. A solid report card is the most positive way to start your summer. I wish you all the best and look forward to everyone arriving in Rock Hill.

Josh

IT'S A GIRL!



Iroquois Springs is proud to welcome its newest camper,
Olivia Hayden Bogard,
born March 28th, 2009, and weighing in at 6 lbs, 14 oz.
Congratulations to Josh and Rosie,
and we look forward to seeing Olivia at camp in 2009!



GIRLS SIDE GAB with Rosie Bogard

I hope you have been enjoying all of this year's newsletters; however, I can not believe that the next time you hear any news from me it will be on girls side at line-up. Line-up is always one of my favorite parts of the day. It is a time when we are all together and I get to talk to all of you and share all the great things coming up that day and night. I am always looking for new ideas for line-up, so please feel free to share them with both myself and the group leaders.

I am so excited for this upcoming summer. Now that we changed our clocks and the days seem longer, I know that camp is right around the corner. We have spent the last couple of months planning for summer 2009 and I know that this will be another AMAZING summer. Every division will continue to have their own unique activities both during the day and at night, big sister and little sister activities are going to continue to get bigger and better, and there is so much more to look forward to. Just check out this summer's calendar on our website for a summer filled with Spirit, Excitement and New activities.

For those of you that are joining us this summer for the first time, get ready to make friends and memories that will last a lifetime. Get ready to try things you have never tried before and WELCOME TO YOUR SECOND HOME! Girls side loves making new friends and loves sharing their past camp experiences with all of our campers. For those of you that have been to camp before, get ready for another FANTASTIC summer, get ready to try new things and get ready to see your friends, counselors and group leaders again.

Ladies, we are only a few months away from seeing each other again...remember, study hard, be nice to each other and get ready for summer 2009. I will be waiting for you as the buses pull into Iroquois Springs.

Miss you, **Rosie**



NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



It's hard to believe that the snow is melted, the chill is almost out 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 such a wonderful atmosphere at Iroquois Springs again this summer. We have a fantastic return rate for your counselor staff and close to a 100% return rate for 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, as far northeast as Newfoundland and of course from the other side of world... all to experience and share in the love of summer camp. Friends who have had a life changing experience at camp and others who want to make a career of working with children have referred many staff to us. However they have found Iroquois Springs, I know they will be mesmerized by their summer at camp.

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 first time 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 something totally different than 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 together!

-Bubba

INTRODUCING EXPLORER CAMP!

Come explore the world of overnight camp!

Explorers: Future campers who will be entering the 2nd through 5th grades in September 2009. The program is strictly limited to 24 boys and 24 girls.

Dates: Saturday, July 25th at 11:00 until Sunday, July 26th at 4:00pm

Program: Get a chance to explore what an Iroquois Springs camper enjoys each day throughout the summer. This is a terrific way to discover what Iroquois Springs will be all about before the 2010 summer. You will be instantly transformed into an Iroquois Springs camper for life! This unique, well-rounded program centers around each camper gaining independence, and confidence by learning to give and take in the camp setting.

Cost: \$150 per camper, including transportation and t-shirts. This will be credited towards any camper who enrolls for camp in 2010.

Call the camp office for registration details!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

As we have done each and every year, we continue to improve our already first rate facility. Dennis, our facilities director has been working hard since the last day of camp 2008 to get camp in-shape and ready for 2009. We are officially in countdown mode and before we know it the grass will need to be cut and the trees will be in full bloom.

When you arrive at camp this summer campers will see that EVERY single athletic court, and outdoor running track will be newly resurfaced – we are so excited to see how it looks – work is scheduled to begin as soon as the weather breaks in Rock Hill. The baseball field is getting a face-lift – complete with a new home run fence and dugouts! Now you can really “swing for the fences”. The new arena (2008) is getting new portable college style basketball hoops – now we will be able to play hoops in the rain and on super hot days in a covered facility that is equal to the field house.

When you arrive, you will notice a dramatic change to the picnic area outside the dining room. Dennis and his gang have created a new “grove” area outside the dining room for our picnic tables and lunch area – we are all looking forward to dining “al fresco” at the new and improved dining room grove area.



Last but not least, we are excited to show off the newly refurbished theater. Over the past nine years we have managed to build many new facilities and buildings and renovate throughout the campus. Our theater has been the last building to get this type of attention – we are thrilled that the theater is now completely renovated and fits within the high standards of building quality that we have set at Iroquois Springs. The building is completely renovated with knotty pine walls (the same look in all the cabins and dining hall) and a new first class, high tech sound, multi-media and lighting system. Our camp musicals are going to rise to another level this summer as well as our special camp events hosted in the theater. The electrical lowered screen as well as the ceiling mounted projector will enable us to produce all kinds of new multi-media experiences for some of our events. We can't wait to show you.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING AT I.S.

For the first time ever, we are going to offer campers the opportunity to become certified American Red Cross Lifeguards while at camp. In order to be eligible to enroll in the course, you must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum of 15 yrs. of age at the start of camp
- Enrolled at Iroquois Springs as a full-season (6-week) camper
- Ability to swim 300-yards continuously
- Commitment to approx. 5 - 6 hours per-week to complete course (30-hrs. total)

This is a great opportunity for our Senior Campers / CIT's to earn an incredible certification that you can use for years to come. After successful completion of the course, you will earn a lifeguard training certification valid for 3-years, first-aid training also valid for 3-years and CPR for the Professional Rescuer which is a 1-year certification.

Here are some benefits to think about:

1. Develop skills and experience valued by colleges and future employers.
2. Opportunity to gain 3 nationally recognized certifications in one course.
3. Chance to participate in a course with fellow campers in a great setting like camp.

This course will be offered to campers at no-charge, however a commitment to the completion of the course is required before camp begins. We will send an email with enrollment information shortly, but please remember, this is something you will need to commit 30-hrs + in order to successfully complete. In addition, camp will be picking up the cost of the course along with all course materials -- we would appreciate just those truly interested to enroll.

Keep an eye in your inbox for more information on this exciting new opportunity being offered for the first time!



SENIOR SCHMOOZE

Super Seniors & CIT's - we know with a later curfew you can get hungry at night and sometimes you would like some late-night eats – not just snacks at the canteen, but FOOD. This summer our plan is to have some late night snacks - things like pizza, wings, nachos, etc. served at the dining room a few nights each week. This is a special treat, something reserved for our super seniors and CIT campers! It will become a camp tradition for summers to come – something all our younger campers can look forward to.

So a few nights each week – hang out with friends at the dining room, eat some treats and socialize a little before heading back to your cabin for the night. We are excited about this and think this is something our oldest campers have been asking for over the past few summers – we don't have a teen lounge, but now campers can hang with each other and get something to eat.

Send us an e-mail if you have some idea of what you think this should be called – everything at camp has a special name, or if you have some ideas of what you would like to see served at our late night snack – no sushi!



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

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

Will Blood - Venice, FL

Alexander Bondorowsky - Montclair, NJ

Erica Bosso - New City, NY

Alexa Char - Woodcliff Lake, NJ

Carly Discolo - Rye Brook, NY

Skylar Holden - Frederick, MD

Damian Kaminski - Bronxville, NY

Natalia Kaminski - Bronxville, NY

Josh Koelsch - Roslyn Heights, NY

Segolene Mahe - Great Neck, NY

Brandon Markowitz - New York, NY

Camilla Meazza - Milano, Italy

Pablo Montes - Madrid, Spain

Alexander Romaine - Stamford, CT

Mackenzie Rich - Roslyn Heights, NY

Catherine Rooney - Graves - Bronx, NY

Brendon Shunk - Jericho, NY

Douglas Shunk - Jericho, NY

Michal Sobiczewski - New York, NY

Piotr Sobiczewski - New York, NY

Tim Spenser - Hastings On Hudson, NY

Daniela Stumm - Lugano, Switzerland

Emily Taub - Larchmont, NY

Daniel Travis - Dix Hills, NY

Rebecca Wallenstein - New York, NY

Alex Wiener - Roslyn, NY

Madalynn Williams - Strasburg, VA

Cori Friedman - Weston, FL

Olivia Weinberg - Briarcliff Manor, NY

Olivia Warshaw - New York, NY



MEDIA MATTERS

The media team at Iroquois Springs never rests; we're always looking for ways to improve the Summer Site!

This year, we're moving our photos and videos to a new hosting service called SmugMug. SmugMug gives you an easy way to order prints of camp photos, not to mention a lot of other cool stuff like t-shirts, posters, mugs and more! It's also super easy to create hardcover photo albums (a great present to have waiting for your camper when they come home from the summer).

The Summer Site itself has also undergone some changes; the look and feel are similar to last summer, but we've made a lot of improvements under the hood that you may notice (things are a lot faster!).

Get a sneak peek at summer.iroquois-springs.com, and log in using the password 'gold'!

DON'T FORGET TO PACK!

Everyday in camp should be a special one and we want to make sure you get the most from every experience this summer. While packing for camp, here are a few things not to forget:

- White T-Shirt or Pillow Case to Tie-Dye
- Cloz Anywhere Chair (Available from CLOZ Catalog)
- Crazy / Fun Hat for "Crazy Hat Day"
- Football Jersey for Monday Night Football on Boys Side
- Musical Instrument (if you play one and want to "jam" during camp)
- Halloween Costume (yes, we celebrate Halloween during the summer)
- An Outfit for Banquet Night

Of course, a full packing list can be found inside the front cover of your CLOZ Catalog or on our web-site.

APRIL

Danielle Moskowitz	1
Liana Sasloff	1
Sydney Abelow	3
Brooke Arnold	3
Lindsay Kantor	3
Mollie Keller	3
Chase Kirshner	3
Sam Baden	4
Molly Breitbart	4
Matthew Orfinger	4
Larsen Talmadge	4
Braden Konrad	6
Amanda Cohen	7
Giulia Dal Pont	7
Julia Bretschneider	8
Sasha Clarick	8
Rachel Mann	8
Hannah Leshman	10
Matthew Gillam	12
Jenna Greenstein	13
Samantha Schaechter	13
Lucas Zelnick	13
Nicole Hirsch	14
Emily Lapine	14
Emily Karmel	15
Olivia Rosner	15
Benjamin Schildkraut	15
Madison Sergi	15
Lauren Zolit	15
Tess Condron	16
Ilana Cooperman	16
Jenna Montag	16
Matthew Sanders	16
Alex Tancredi	16
Ben White	17
Jesse Cohen	18
Max Cohen	18
Zachary Silverhardt	18
Chelsey Cohen	19
Jessie Levy	20
Nicole Toback	20
Allie Mollo	23
Jennifer Lessick	24
Allison Levy	25
Piotr Sobiczewski	25
Alina Tucker	25
Allison Davis	26
Zachary Hammer	26
Jessica Natofsky	26
Stacy Rozansky	26
Ali Luchs	28
Jamie Lerner	29
Carli Mager	29
Hadley Talty	29
Emily Greenberg	30

MAY

Jordan Heinlein	1
Rachel Salamone	1
Cayla Bamberger	2
Chelsea Nachamie	2
Tyler Volk	2
Mira Schildkraut	3
Alexander Bondorowsky	4
Emma Lubrano	4
Emily Stevens	6
Ryan Levy	7
Alex Toback	7
Andrew Toback	7
Jamie Dugal	8
Daniel Hug	10
Matthew Santola	10
Will Gladstone	11
Rachel Hirschhorn	11
Jamie Warrack	11
Mark Schachter	13
Alexandra Rood	14
Emma Schorr	14
Sarah Zodicoff	14
Abigail Lustig	16
Matthew Bretschneider	17
Jessica Miller	18
Kaitlyn Dugal	19
Glen Dunayer	19
Ryane Lake	19
Segolene Mahe	19
Morgan Sturdevant	19
Samantha Tenenbaum	19
Ally Weissenberg	19
Tyler Chafitz	21
Jessica Koenigsberg	21
Josh Slifka	21
Katharine Berman	22
Adam Coopersmith	23
Danielle Kroll	23
Alyson Givre	24
Nicholas Kestenbaum	24
Brandon Glass	25
Zachary Silverman	25
Carly Polkowitz	26
Abigail Saltzman	26
Charlotte Saltzman	26
Amanda Werman	26
Craig Cohen	27
Lauren Evans	27
Lauren Gerber	28
Jenna Grossbarth	28
Michael Grossbarth	28
Scott Silverman	28
Benjamin Chason	29
Olivia Dansky	29
Rene Sandler	29

JUNE

Skylar Cooperman	1
Skylar Holden	2
Samantha Aronowitz	3
Daniel Berger	4
Allie Schachter	4
Dylan Schorr	4
Mitchell Breitbart	6
Hallie Brown	6
Sam Parmett	8
Lawrence Reklblatt	10
Merideth Feinstein	11
Madison Hoffman	12
Haley Peacock	12
Sydney Salomon	13
Sarah Bernstein	15
Chase Sandler	15
Meredith Scheiner	15
Dylan Young	15
Zachary Karger	16
Matthew Coopersmith	17
Alexis Karmel	17
Rebecca Millman	17
Joshua Kestenbaum	19
Matthew Kutner	19
Zachary Saltzman	19
Jake Benzaquen	21
Ashley Klein	21
Danielle Levin	22
Christopher Lynch	23
James Lynch	23
Corey Sider	23
Zachary Sider	23
Alexis Moskowitz	24
Ali Greenstein	25
Allison Diamond	26
Benjamin Fox	26
Sam Eade	27
Jason Katz	27
George Katseva	28
Samantha Orfinger	28
Taylor Sardoff	28
Daniel Simmons	28
Robin Briendel	29
Daniel Goldstein	30
Jenna Trainor	30
Jack Wilkow	30

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Camper Forms Due	Wednesday, April 15th
Office Opens in Rock Hill	Thursday, May 14th
New Family Orientation	Sunday, May 17th
Area Pickup for IS Baggage Service	Sunday, June 21st
Opening Day	Sunday, June 28th
Visiting Day	Saturday, July 11th
Session #1 Ends	Saturday, July 18th
Session #2 Begins	Sunday, July 19th
Senior Trip	Sunday, July 26th - Wednesday, July 29th
Campers Return Home	Saturday, August 8th