



THE IROQUOIS SPRINGS TIMES

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★ A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA ★

It was great seeing everyone at our annual 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.

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!

We also took a breath and looked back at what has been FIFTEEN incredible years of Iroquois Springs, since we bought the camp. It is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed. We have seen so many of our campers and staff grow up before our eyes. We are so proud of Iroquois Springs, fifteen 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 fifteen years it has been and we cannot wait for the next 20 to see where it all goes! Thanks for being a part of it!

As we reflect on summer 2015, so many great memories come to mind, from our camp plays to trip days to color week and tribals. In our mind, camp is so much more than just these "events", but it is more about the moments - things like the friendships that form, the spirit and songs in the dining room each morning and night, the lineups where fuzzies are presented or a counselor comforting one of their campers! Those are the memories that warm our heart and keep camp alive throughout another long winter.

As we look ahead to what we know will be another fantastic summer 2016 - we are so excited that our enrollment is stronger than ever, in fact, as of February 1, session #1 enrollment is closed with limited availability in session #2 (this is the earliest that has ever happened). We have so many amazing staff who have already committed to returning for another summer, and many projects we have planned at camp that are well underway and taking great shape. We are certain that we have another historic summer planned with new activities and traditions already in the planning process.



With Love, Mark & Laura





BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

We are well under 200 days until the kick-off to the summer of 2016. A common theme amongst many of the campers who I spoke to at the reunion was appreciation. Everyone seemed to appreciate their friends, enjoy laughing at

memories and valuing the time we spent together. These are the values that we talk about every day at line-up and I left the reunion very proud to be your Head Counselor. It was nice to see everyone as well as many of your younger siblings who will be headed to Iroquois Springs for the first time. I also want to take this opportunity to welcome our new campers and families to Boys Side as well.

Boys Side is certainly going to look different this summer. We are so fortunate to have a second basketball court, new beach volleyball court and a football field added to our side of camp. These new facilities are going to provide us with many new activities for years to come. I surveyed about 20 campers at the reunion and they told me that the two new rewards for hitting a half-court shot a line-up are game changers. They will not be revealed just yet but they will certainly make your bunk happy that your counselor hit the shot. Here is a hint—you might need a knife and fork or a roll of duct tape.

We are in the process of hiring the best staff possible to ensure that the summer of 2016 is the best summer yet. Our returning counselors are booking their flights to New York already and our newly hired staff seems so eager to get started already. The Group Leaders are already on group chats and phone conferences planning new evening activities and events as well. This is surely going to be the summer of your life.

The following was my favorite idea that was shared during our morning line-up. Please enjoy and remember to do your best in school and everywhere else. See you in a few months in 12775.

HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO

- Be kind**
- Keep your word**
- Encourage others**
- Pursue excellence**
- Live with intention**
- Be upfront and honest**
- Be authentic and genuine**
- Give thanks and be sincere**
- Observe without judging**
- Give without expectation**
- Clean up your own messes**
- Live with integrity and honor**
- Smile sincerely and generously**
- Be the change you wish to see**
- Appreciate without comparing**
- Treat people with respect and dignity**
- Take the time to truly listen to people**
- Strive to add value wherever you may be**
- Offer to help without being asked**
- Do what you know is right, even when no one is watching**

ALWAYS

Josh

EVERYTHING CAMPER

We are pleased to let you know that we are once again teaming-up with Everything Camper as our clothing outfitter for the summer. We know you are going to love the new styles they offer and great camp gear that will be available for all of our camp families. Make sure to check-out their website at www.everythingcamper.com to get a complete packing list for the summer and book an appointment at one of their many "roadshows" where campers can try on gear, see the latest styles and place orders for all kinds of great camp items!

Everything Camper Roadshow Dates:

January 30 & 31:	New York City Showroom
February 3 - 7:	Brookville, NY
February 19 - 21:	Boca Raton, FL
February 27 & 28:	New York City Showroom
March 5 & 6:	White Plains - Westchester, NY
March 12 & 13:	Short Hills, NJ
March 19:	Bethesda, Maryland
March 26:	Conshohocken, PA
April 2 & 3:	Fort Lee, NJ
April 14 - 17:	Plainview, NY
April 9 - 10:	New York City Showroom

(New York City showroom appointments are also available when Roadshow schedule concludes)

Realizing that some families expressed frustration last summer obtaining a few items and felt as though there may have been a lack of communication between Everything Camper and our camp families, we want you to know that your voices were heard. Please know, we spent a number of hours on the phone and in face-to-face meetings with Everything Camper during the off-season and shared your concerns, and ours, with them. We have been reassured that customer service efforts have been stepped-up and you should experience a much more pleasant interaction this summer. Of course, Everything Camper is a representation of who we are at Iroquois Springs, and we take customer service very seriously. If you run into any hurdles and need our help, don't hesitate to call our office.

GIRLS SIDE GAB *With Rosie*

It's certainly cold out there, but thinking about summer 2016 sure helps to warm me up - Happy New Year everyone! It hardly seems possible that January has ended and only 5-months remain until the Iroquois Springs buses come up Bowers Road and pull into camp for an incredible experience together. I always consider the camp reunion our halfway point and camp just feels that much closer. I was so happy to see so many of you reconnect with your camp friends during the camp reunion. There were a number of sleepovers, parties and gatherings the whole weekend. I saw pictures on Facebook and Instagram that made me smile. Especially the pictures that included everyone - the pictures that made me think this is what camp is all about...that makes me proud!

Before we know it, we will be at our second home. Soon we will be saying goodbye to our homework, our teachers and our school friends. We will turn our cell phones off and get out our stationary and stamps so that we can send letters home. We will be on Girls Side singing, chanting and more. We will be at line up, in the dining hall and in the theatre. We will be at evening activities, Tribals and Color War. We will be learning the new girls side song and meeting our camp sisters. I am getting so excited as I write all of this. However, until then, please remember that we are all very lucky that we get to spend our summers at camp, there are other people out there that are not as lucky as we are. Each and every one of you has the power to make a difference in the world. All it takes is a few kind words and helping someone in need. Every one of us can contribute and make a difference to the world in our own unique way. So go out there and volunteer, help someone less fortunate or find someone that needs a smile, and give them that smile. Whatever you do will make a difference.

Iroquois Springs is a magical place where you will continue to make lasting friendships, experience new activities and collect a lifetime of memories, I am so grateful that I get to share this magical place with you.

For those campers coming to 12775 for the first time this summer, you are in for an incredible, life changing experience. Girls Side can't wait to welcome you with open arms. Returning campers, we all know why you keep coming back, and I can't wait to make new memories and share the magic with you again in 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Continue to do the right thing and BE NICE!

With Love *Rosie*



Burning of the Year

Each summer, the traditional burning of the year symbolizes the close of yet another summer gone by in Rock Hill and the start of the countdown to our next summer together. A few summers ago we started a new tradition of having our CIT's share a few words about their experiences as campers and the close of a chapter in their lives, which will hopefully live in their hearts forever.

Here is what Lindsay Kantor had to say at the end of summer 2015:

I have spent the last 7 years of my life at camp, not just any camp, but this camp; Iroquois Springs. I would do anything to spend the next 7 years of my life here as well. To think that I will not be back in my second home next summer sends pain through my body.

Every second spent at this camp is a life lasting memory. CIT summer was the most amazing experience of my life. Knowing that there are kids who look up to you everyday and love everything about you is the most rewarding feeling. I would not ask for one thing about this summer to be different. Every second spent with the blue and gold is a second I will never forget. I have been able to go out of my comfort zone without having to worry about being judged. I am forever thankful for late night talks with my bunk, dance parties, campouts, and little kids jumping on my back 24/7.

Thank you to all my sisters who have made these past years the most memorable years of my life. I owe it all to the Iroquois Springs for everything they have done for me. I would not want to have grown up anywhere else.



Notes from BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



The reunion was a blast, and hopefully you all love your new IS bucket hats! It's always such an incredible day together, being able to talk camp for a few hours and being surrounded by people who "just get it." The turnout to the event was simply amazing and we heard so many great stories and memories of the summer gone by.

As we count down to another summer together in Rock Hill, we wanted to share with you a list of staff who "just get it" and have already replied YES to returning to camp this summer...a question at the top of so many of your minds.

Jason "Camp Doc" Abfier	Rafael Cifuentes	Kelsey Horowitz	Lauren Parks
Shawna Adler	Chelsey Cohen	Clayton Hufford	Akos Paroczi
Derreck Arroyo Alicea	Brien Corwin	Aimee Hughes	Constance Penn
Nicholas Almanza	Freddie d'Aboville	Erin Johnson	Donna "Hobbyville" Poole
Joshua Anderson	Jacob "Tennis" Davies	Zachary Karger	Jarrod Rogers
Kenton "K-Dog" Armbruster	Sophie Duggan-Thomas	Toby Keelys	Gary "Gazza" Ross
Hallie Arnold	Nathanael Edwards	Bridget "Gymnastics" Kennedy	Meredith Scheiner
Brooke Arnold	Gina Ethe	Allie Krumper	Nicole Scott
Victor J. Arroyo	Charlie Faed	Jakub Kucera	Alexandria Scott
Samantha Asman	Warren "Wazza" Famiglietti	Wesley "DJ Wes" Laga	Leah "Aquatics" Sider
Kaleigh Ayers	Megan Farley	Sarah Lemery	Gareth Sloan
Noah Bergman	Matthew Fein	Melissa Levine	Andrea Spector
Melanie Bergstedt	Amanda Flynn	Ellen Mager	Benji Stoll
Owen Betteridge	Yve "Camp Mom" Fouladi	Anthony Marchello	Ashley Stuewe
Aixa Martinez Bidot	Joe Fowler	Brandon "Magic Man" Marino	Noah Tickle
James Blackburn	Michael "Midge" Francis	Kim McDonagh	Kristina Torrente
Richard Blackburn	Rachel Fraser	Nicole McDonough	Michael Torres
Diana Blank	Maria "Gabby" Gabriela	Tim McGinnis	Attila Toth
Josh Bogard	Gonzalez	Anna Medina	Samantha Ulin
Rosanne Bogard	Daniel Goldberg	Matthew Memming	Gabriella Valentine
Petra Borsos	Lindsay Goldberg	Ciaran Miles	Cayla-Michelle "Water-Ski"
Thomas Boyle	Daniel Goldstein	Fred Miller	Van Vugt
Lori "Cooking" Bright	Emma Goodman	Bonnie "Camp Doc" Miller-Ethe	Jessica Ward
Sarah Bush	Carl "Basketball" Graham	Itzel Momox Cuatrecatel	Jamie Warrack
Juan Amador Camacho	Jenna Greenstein	Matthew Morris	Robin Wenzl
Mark Campbell	Colin "Colio" Hamilton	Gavin Morris	Emma Wenger
Flavio Carretero	Tara "Fitness" Hartman	Zachary Mszyco	Larry "Lah" Wilensky
Jeff "Baseball" Caspi	Benjamin Hatton	Claire Nibbe	Evan "Tennis" Williams
Benjamin Chason	Corrie Hodges	Lisa Nichols	Stephanie Wilson
Kevin "Camp Doc" Chason	Michael "Hoff" Hofmeister	Jessica Oliveira	Tammy "Tours" Zornberg
Emily Chaytor	Rebecca Hopwood	Matthew Orfinger	

While this list is quite impressive on it's own, it will certainly grow as some of our staff who are still on the "maybe" list solidify plans and arrange for their summer to be spent in Rock Hill.

By the looks of it, we are going to have another incredible group of staff for the summer of 2016!

BUBBA

Don't forget to check us out on...





CARNIVAL



THIS SUMMER AT CAMP



Fireworks



THE WINTER ARROW CLUE

Well, no one has sent in the correct answer yet to clue # 1, 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:

It is written that when the great glaciers retreated to the north at the end of the last Ice Age, mighty boulders were left behind in their wake. A walk in the woods behind boys side, down the path and past the fieldhouse and the site of the amphitheater will bring you to a place of sedimentary geological wonders. And in the distance, monuments to past inter-nations.....

Here is Clue #2:

But our story does not take place there at all, though there are some clues as to where we are going! Rush along, we have a long hike ahead of us, and you don't want to miss anything! And be careful not to trip over those pebbles on the path for they gather no moss. Our guide prepares us for an audience with the spirits of the Wood and the Wire. "It won't be long now", she says.....

FAVORITE RECIPE FROM Kitchen Stadium

Pizza Cobbler

Ingredients

- 1 Tablespoon Extra-Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 Cup Chopped Onion
- 2 Cloves Garlic, Smashed and Peeled
- 1 8 - 10 Ounce Package Sliced Mushrooms
- 1 1/2 Cups Tomato Sauce
- 1/2 Cup Sliced Black Olives
- 2/3 Cup Sliced Pepperoni
- 1 Cup Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- 1 7 1/2 Ounce Can Refrigerated Biscuits, Separated and Cut Into Quarters

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large skillet, combine the oil, onion and garlic and cook on medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in the tomato sauce and olives and bring to a simmer.
- Spread the sauce mixture in a greased 2-quart baking dish. Arrange the pepperoni in a single layer on top and sprinkle with the cheese. Top with the biscuit pieces. Bake until the cheese is bubbly and the biscuits are browned, about 15 minutes. Let cool for about 5 minutes before serving.

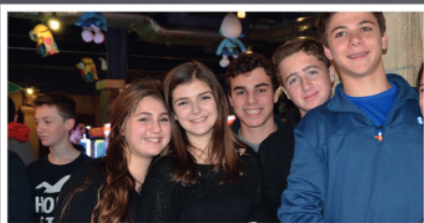
SENIOR TRIP TO TORONTO

Reminder, all SENIOR CAMPERS (ent. 8th – 11th grade) participating on the senior trip will be REQUIRED to provide a valid passport in order to go to Toronto this summer. Don't Delay! Details of the 3-night / 4-day trip will follow soon...



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 and of course, send us some pics wearing your new "IS Bucket Hats" that we can add to our social media feeds!

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We wanted to remind you that our **Parent Dashboard** has many features for families needing quick and easy camp information such as the ability to:

- Print statements
- Add a new credit card
- Make a payment online

- View & print invoices
- View current, as well as past invoices
- Schedule Phone Calls (available in the spring)
- View daily pictures and videos (Camp Today)
- Email your camper
- Complete required forms

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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

Winter came a little late for most of us here in the northeast, and that has allowed us to get right to work on all of our new projects we have lined up for 2016. As we told you about in our last newsletter, crews have been very busy building new cabins on both boys and girls side of camp and we could not be more pleased with their progress. As you know, we take great pride in knowing that our camper bunks are second to none, and we are thrilled that we once again were able to take down our oldest cabins and replace them with brand new buildings!

In addition to building our new bunks, the great weather got us jump started on the construction of our new ball field as well. The space between the back of the boys bunk circle and the field house has been completely transformed, it's simply amazing. We can't wait to see campers playing flag-football, kicking around a soccer ball or throwing a lacrosse ball out there this summer....what a difference! Whether it's daytime or night (yes, the field will have lights), we know campers are going to really enjoy this newly developed area of camp.

Also on our boy's side of the campus, the foundation for our 2 brand new, side-by-side basketball courts have been prepared and we just can't wait to back-up the blacktop trucks in the spring and bring these courts to life. Complete with new color-coated sport surface, awesome new backboards, and lights on both playing surfaces, these courts are going to see a lot of action this summer!



Clearly, the crew at camp is busy at work! Even though the snow and much colder weather has made it's appearance, nothing is going to stop us. We can't wait for you to see all the changes as you enter the gates for 2016 and share with us how proud we are to be able to spend our summer together at such a top-notch facility like Iroquois Springs.

Make sure to continue to follow our social media feeds and newsletters to hear all about what's doing in 12775 throughout the winter and stay on top of new program ideas and other exciting improvements for next summer!

WELCOME

We are thrilled to welcome the following new campers to the **Iroquois Springs Family** (since our last newsletter)

- Ryan Attman Potomac, MD
- Lila Kokalas Montclair, NJ
- Hayden Levine Tenaflly, NJ
- Parker Levine Tenaflly, NJ
- Fallon Shapiro New City, NY
- Hannah Krauss New York, NY
- Sydney Jusko Syosset, NY
- Camille Isnard Madrid, Spain
- Beatriz Morodo Madrid, Spain
- Carlota Morodo Madrid, Spain
- Mariana Morodo Madrid, Spain

- Flor Ferro
- Cosima Lindley
- Eugenia Lindley
- Samantha Wancier
- Justin Wachen
- Carolina Vargas
- Ella Frantz
- Luca Sillins
- Emerson Wein
- Sophia Niarchos
- Maggie Musmar

- Lisboa, Portugal
- Madrid, Spain
- Madrid, Spain
- Briarcliff Manor, NY
- Ardsey, NY
- Uccle, Brussels
- Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
- New Paltz, NY
- Cresskill, NJ
- London, England
- London, England



HAPPY Birthday

January

- 1 Sara Tesser
- 2 Julia Coughlin
- 2 Breanna Keller
- 2 Gavin Keller
- 3 Spencer Carus
- 3 Evan Simon
- 3 Chloe Verch
- 4 Max Kaplan
- 4 Jacob Meyer
- 5 Gabriel Golombek
- 6 Hannah Byrnes
- 8 Meiling Laurence
- 9 Jocelyn Levy
- 11 Zachary Kam
- 12 William Bernfeld
- 12 Daniella Friedman
- 12 Hannah Lowitz
- 12 Sophie Lowitz
- 13 Emery Matusow
- 14 Sami Speelman
- 14 Sophia Warren
- 14 Samantha Zaintz
- 15 Sage Winters
- 16 Eugenia Lindley
- 16 Leah Pearl
- 17 Brittany Davis
- 17 Skylar Ross
- 18 Josh Carus
- 19 Joshua Buxbaum
- 19 Madeline Drucker
- 19 Jennifer Kaplan
- 19 Chloe Panes
- 20 Danielle Feldman
- 20 Kylie Warsaw
- 21 Spencer Shinrod
- 22 Brody Schimmel
- 24 Jacob DeAlto
- 24 Samantha Einiger
- 24 Celia Ginzburg
- 24 Amanda Wiseltier
- 26 Lola Berger
- 26 Ruby Berger
- 26 Brian Pfeffer
- 27 Lauren Fialkow
- 29 Dean Koenig
- 29 Jackie Pollack
- 30 Aaron Kazi

February

- 1 Hannah Fouladi
- 2 Sam Levi
- 2 Jonah Mazer
- 3 Mia Ginzburg
- 3 Garrett Gold
- 3 Benjamin Schriever
- 4 Emma Kornfeld
- 4 Arlo Nemerson
- 5 Ben Kamp
- 5 Aliza Sefret
- 5 Hannah Sefret
- 6 Scarlett Ames
- 9 Riley Bordetsky
- 9 Jenna Kraus
- 9 Maya Theodoros
- 10 Jake Gillam
- 10 Ryan Grossman
- 10 Phillip Lederman
- 11 Isabella Iori
- 11 Caleigh Weintraub
- 12 Carson Beida
- 12 Casey Conklin
- 12 Sammi Rubinstein
- 13 Ross Brenner
- 14 Alexander Stillman
- 15 Lauren Rosenberg
- 16 Morgan Gross
- 16 Ella Kaminsky
- 16 Jake Lamazor
- 16 Amanda Vignapiano
- 18 Zev Hartman
- 18 Halie Jasinover
- 19 Seth Marcus
- 20 Chase Matusow
- 20 Ben Tankel
- 21 Ella Frantz
- 24 Jake Bash
- 25 Jessie Baker
- 25 Max Pensabene
- 25 Justin Weiss
- 26 Jonathan Givre
- 26 Sammie Spector
- 27 Matthew Newfield
- 27 Brooke Wallenstein
- 27 Rachel Wallenstein
- 28 Anya Kornfeld
- 28 Mariana Morodo
- 29 Felix Arribas

March

- 1 Olivia Berkman
- 3 Lucy Rubin
- 4 Max Lasky
- 6 Bruce Dittelman
- 6 Griffin Dugger-Ades
- 6 Sarah Milner
- 6 Sam Parsons
- 9 Dara Alperstein
- 9 Adam Golden
- 9 Mia Gottlieb
- 10 Olivia Ethe
- 11 Jessica Ostroff
- 13 Luke Lamazor
- 14 Adam Robinson
- 15 Alison Meyer
- 16 Dylan Bretschneider
- 18 Sofia Goldbaum
- 19 Ethan Zaptin
- 21 Ali Koster
- 21 Willy Nebens
- 23 Bryan Manheimer
- 25 Jake Noah
- 27 Emily Nudelman
- 27 Alexandra Sachs
- 27 Risa Tanenbaum
- 28 Ava Kleinberg
- 28 Sydney Mallow
- 29 Lara Bamberger
- 29 Nicole Newfield
- 30 Alyssa Loube
- 30 Cooper Warren
- 31 Ariel Berkman
- 31 Ryan Espaillat
- 31 Jordyn Lieberman



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Dates to Remember

- Spring Mailing - Monday, February 1st
- Tri-State Camp Conference - Monday, March 7th to Thursday, March 10th
(Office Closed)
- Camper Forms Due - Friday, April 15th
- Office Opens in Rock Hill - Thursday, May 12th
- New Family Orientation - Sunday, May 15th
- Area Pick-up for IS Baggage Service - Sunday, June 19th
- Opening Day - Saturday, June 25th
- Visiting Day - Saturday, July 9th
- Rookie Day - Sunday, July 10th
- Session #1 Ends - Friday, July 15th
- Session #2 Begins - Saturday, July 16th
- Explorers Camp - Saturday, July 23rd – Sunday, July 24th
- Senior Trip to Toronto - Sunday, July 24th – Wednesday, July 27th
- Campers Return Home - Friday, August 5th