



# THE IROQUOIS SPRINGS TIMES

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## ★ A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA ★

### Welcome 2020! – 20 years of Iroquois Springs!!!

Welcome to 2020, a new year and a new decade. As the calendar changed over on January 1st, our thoughts flooded with the reality that this would be the 20th summer for Iroquois Springs. Where did the time go, how has it been that long since we started this dream of owning our own camp. 20 years! – wow, how time has gone by. We could not help but think about all the amazing summers, all the amazing staff that we have met along the way, all the amazing parents we have gotten to work so closely with, and most importantly, all the AMAZING campers we have had a chance to share our summers with. After all that time, we have seen so many campers and staff grow up before our eyes and see those amazing things they have accomplished and where their life has taken them – we could not be prouder!

We think 20 years is a really big deal, and we plan to celebrate throughout the winter and of course during this summer. As the year goes on, we will be sharing with you some of the amazing ways we are going to celebrate together. To start, we are starting a legacy project, where campers, families, staff, and alumni can purchase a personalized paving brick with your name or anything you would like it to say, that will live forever outside the new theater to commemorate 20 years. We are using this as a way to raise money for Project Morry, a wonderful and meaningful cause that we have supported all 20 years that Iroquois Springs has been around. Project Morry is celebrating its 25th summer, and together we hope many people choose to leave their mark forever at Iroquois Springs. You can read more about participating in this wonderful project in this newsletter!

As we pause and take a little while to reflect on what has been an amazing journey that started 20 years ago, it is only fitting to thank some of the truly amazing people that make Iroquois Springs the incredible, and special place it has become. Every camp is only as good as the people that make it amazing, and we are fortunate that these people have been with us all along the way:

**BRIAN “BUBBA” COHEN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR – 20 YEARS**

**JOSH BOGARD – BOYS HEAD COUNSELOR – 20 YEARS**

**ROSIE BOGARD – GIRLS HEAD COUNSELOR – 20 YEARS**

**LEAH SIDER – AQUATICS DIRECTOR – 20 YEARS**

**COLIN HAMILTON – ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR – 20 YEARS**

**LARRY WILENSKY – PROGRAM COORDINATOR – 20 YEARS**

**WARREN FAMIGLIETTI – TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR – 20 YEARS**

**REBECCA COHEN – OFFICE – 20 YEARS**

**GARY ROSS – STAFFING COORDINATOR – 19 YEARS**

**MELANIE BERGSTEDT – OFFICE MANAGER – 18 YEARS**

We can't wait to see everyone soon – stay warm, and hope for the winter to go quickly, so we can all be together again to celebrate **BIG #20**.

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SUMMER IN 2020**



*With Love, Mark & Laura*





# GIRLS SIDE GAB With Rosie

GOODMORNING GIRLS SIDE – Happy 2020! Hope everyone is great. I am so sorry I missed you at the camp reunion; however, I was in Atlanta celebrating my CAMP FRIENDS wedding. There truly is nothing better than a camp friendship. I did see some great pictures and all of your smiling faces and it made me so happy.

Last week I went to see “Dancing With The Stars” with Olivia, it was so much fun! There were a group of girls in front of us with their phones out “snapping” the whole show, missing awesome moments and not being present. I was so grateful that my phone was away, and that Olivia still doesn’t have one. The girls missed most of the show, snapping and checking their phones to see what their “friends” had to say. First of all, how many of you watch other people’s snaps of concerts, sporting events, etc.? They are boring and all you do is tap your phone until the videos are over. If you don’t care about others, I am pretty sure your friends don’t want to watch a Dancing With The Stars show, or a NY Rangers game, or a Jonas Brothers concert off your phone. So, the girls’ in front of us and their parents wasted a lot of money on tickets and all they have is the snaps that disappear as their memories. This reminded me of a newsletter I wrote a few years ago. I am here to remind you that life is short. **Be Present, Be Nice, Be Kind, Be Brave and be the best that you can be.** Enjoy the time you have with your family and friends. I promise you; life will be so much more meaningful for all of you.

The last couple of years I have been on a mission. I have been speaking to middle school and high school students about social media and Internet Safety. I have pushed into health classes, spoke at parent meetings, met with students and parents from all over to discuss the dangers of the Internet and Social Media. Unfortunately, I have never had the chance to speak to all of you about my concerns. I don’t have enough space in this newsletter to go on and on about my thoughts and feelings regarding cell phones and social media – but I do have some things I want to share with you. If you have a cell phone and have social media (I wish you didn’t) please read this carefully and if you don’t have them (yay), read it anyway. First, I need all of you to know this – what you post on line stays on line forever, so please be careful what you are saying or posting. If it is something you would not like your school principal to see, a college admissions counselor to see, an employer to see, me to see, your parents to see – then it should not be posted on line. Second, please make sure you do not have ANYONE following you that you do not know – it is not COOL to have 100 likes on a picture, when you only know 40 of them. Please make sure your location settings are **OFF** and you **NEVER** chat to anyone you do not know online – even when playing video games. Finally, **PLEASE BE NICE** on line. It is so much easier to be nice than to be mean. I know all about the fake Instagram accounts and Snap Chat and it breaks my heart to know that others are hurting each other’s feelings using social media. So please, I beg you to always be NICE. Also, if you **SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING**. If someone is not being nice to you tell an adult. If someone is not being nice to someone else **TELL AN ADULT**. Parents, if you are reading this, please be mindful of what your children are doing on line, and please make sure they are developmentally ready to have access to social media. Our babies are all growing up to quickly and I worry about each and every one of my girls and the effects of cell phones and social media. I am a high school social worker and I see what happens when kids have cell phones or social media when they are not ready. I could go on and on!

That is why I LOVE CAMP so much, because we all get to **UNPLUG!** Ladies, go outside and play, pick up the phone and call each other instead of texting, limit the amount of time you are on your phone, **BE SAFE ONLINE** and of course **BE NICE!**

That being said, I cannot wait for all of us to be together again. We were in Florida over the break. We got to hang out with our old camp friends and new camp friends too. We were all so happy when we got to see a familiar Iroquois Springs family. **WE HAD I.S. MEET-UPS IN FLORIDA**, and it was awesome. Now I really cannot wait to all be together again in Rock Hill.

When camp ended, I received the most amazing letters from campers and counselors saying how much camp has changed them. I am so proud of what we do at Iroquois Springs, camp is really a life changing experience. **SO PLEASE THANK YOUR PARENTS FOR ALLOWING YOU TO SPEND THE SUMMER WITH US! WHAT A GIFT!**

I am so excited for all our new campers that will be joining us this summer! I am also very excited to see all of our returners. I cannot wait for line up, Girls Side sing, color war and more! I cannot wait for rainy day schedules, evening activities and **FUZZIES**. I am so excited that so many of our counselors will be returning and many of our CITS from 2018 are back as staff. There is just so much to look forward to.

This past summer we participated in **Camp Kindness Day**. I am reaching out to all of you to help us make it bigger and better this summer. How can we incorporate Camp Kindness day into our bunks, daily activities, line up and more? What else can we do on that day to show the world all the great things we do throughout the summer and the school year. I am open to new ideas...

So, ladies, remember – **CHOOSE KIND, SMILE AND BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER!!!!!!!**

Happy and healthy new year,

*Love Rosie :)*

**LIVE LOVE LAUGH in 2020!**



## THE IS PUZZLER

Here are the answers to the Iroquois Springs Puzzler, published in our Fall edition.



### ACROSS

1. Colorbowl
3. Genesis
7. Pingpongball
11. Poem
13. Poseidon
17. Sparta
18. Leah
20. Dominos
22. Almamater
23. Scavenger
24. Momo
25. Break

### DOWN

2. Legacy
4. Eclipse
5. Six
6. Comicsongs
8. Infinity
9. Colin
10. Floatinglineup
12. Fieldmarshal
15. Janus
16. Tempest
19. Ellen
21. Major
22. Arrow





# NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



I can't believe it's February, truly amazing how quick time flies. Seeing so many campers and families at our 3 reunions in NY, MD and FL was extraordinary, and being able to relive camp for a few hours at a time is always such a comforting feeling this time of year. It seems like just yesterday we ended the summer, hoped on the busses and headed for home, but in the same breath, hard to imagine that opening day for our 20th Anniversary Summer is not so far away. Before we know it, our winter gear will be put away, and it will be time to break out our summer wardrobe....which only means camp is around the corner, and we know that puts a smile on all of our faces!

This time of year also marks the peak of our staff recruitment season. The monumental task to scour the world in search of 250+ dedicated individuals that will call Iroquois Springs home this summer is truly a gargantuan task, but one we take very seriously here at camp. As you know, our staff proudly wear camp staff shirts with the phrase "I am a Difference Maker" and work tirelessly every day to live up to the standard of making a positive impact on every child they will encounter this summer. We also know that campers look forward to reuniting with staff from previous summers, and throughout the winter ask if their favorite counselor will be returning to camp this summer. As camp directors, we know first-hand the true difference fantastic staff has on the outcome of a summer for our campers and we rely on our veteran staff to continue to build on the foundation that has made Iroquois Springs what it is today.

As we begin another countdown to our summer together in Rock Hill, we wanted to share with you a list of staff who can't wait to get back to the 12775 and have already replied YES to returning to camp this summer...a question at the top of so many of your minds.

Andie Abrams	Jae Dunphy	Gabby Krumper	Michael Port
Ana Alicea	Nat Edwards	Wesley "DJ Wes" Laga	Gemma Price
Victor J. Arroyo	Sarah Eickmeyer	Jason Lever	Matthew Projansky
Harriet Ayling	Amoy Ellis	Olivia Lieberman	Ciaran Quigley
Rachel Bachman	Peter Erdi-Krausz	Jordyn Lieberman	Nathan Rogers
Ali Baines	Warren "Wazza" Famiglietti	Rich Lippmann	Gabe "IT" Rosas Guzman
Carson Bennett	Omar Flores Gayosso	Wojciech Listo	Gary "Gazza" Ross
Melanie Bergstedt	Will "Water-Ski" Ford	Raymond Lubus	Chris Scharbow
Ali Berman	Hannah Fouladi	Diana Luna Arredondo	Irwin Schtierman
Aixa Martinez Bidot	Joe Fowler	Jacob Maloney	Damaris Scott
James "Div" Blackburn	Jessica Fuller	Mike "Baseball" Martin	Nicole Scott
Richard Blackburn	Maren Gandy	Christian Martinez	Elliott Sharp
Diana Blank	Jodie Gilfillan	Jesus Martinez	Keith Sheiner
Josh Bogard	Abigail Gonzalez	Luis Martinez	Ami "Spin" Sheridan
Rosie Bogard	Monique Grabham	Julio Martinez Carrillo	Leah Sider
Danny Bonilla	Karolina Grychtol	Ako Matsumura	Samantha Spector
Lori "Cooking" Bright	Milly Hall	Meaghan McCallion	Emily Staub
Sarah Bush	Colin "Colio" Hamilton	Brianna McCormack	Shari Steinert
Conor Butcher-Doyle	Morgan Hickey	Tim McGinnis	Emma Stevenson
Frankie Cajigas	James Higgins	Lauren Mchugh	Dawid Swietochowski
Alistair Campbell	Alexandra Hochstedler	Sarah McNeill	Matthew Tankel
Ravon Carrillo	Michael "Hof" Hofmeister	Ciaran Miles	Rebecca Taylor
Thomas Chason	Millie Rose Hogman	Matthew "Mo-Mo" Morris	Roy Thomas
Lynn Cicco	Keisha Hooper	Larissa "Larry" Muir	Heather Tye
James Clayton	Anthony Johnson	Sarah Newfield	Saerlaith Walsh
Rebecca Cohen	Susan Johnson	Ian Paine	Will Walter
Declan Coll	Erin Johnson	Ben Parker	Romina Wancier
Tony Cruz	Chloe Johnston	Josh Parnaby	Mary Lynn Wells
Renata Cseko	Jaimee Kastler	Alyssa Pavlu	Robin Wenczl
Robyn Dalton	Noa Katz	Zach Pelzer	Abbie Wheeler
Anna Davies	Matthew Kelsey	Isabel Pergande	Larry "Lah" Wilensky
Elena Dawson	Katherine Kerr	William Phan	Annie Wilson
Michael Discolo	Aleksandra Knezevic	Donna Poole	Nathan Yzaguirre
Evan Dowers	Spencer Knowles	Maciej Popkowski	Samantha Zaintz

While this list is quite impressive on its 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 "difference makers" this summer. Thank you in advance to our staff who have committed to providing our camp community with an incredible summer together!

**BUBBA**

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





# Burning of the Year 2019

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 how Eli Nadel reflected on his 8 summers at Iroquois Springs:

Soon after sitting down to write this speech, I realized the monumental task that lay ahead of me. How could I possibly encapsulate an entire 8-year camp career in a mere few minutes? Even though so many had done it before me, it seemed like I had bitten off more than I could chew. On top of this, many references from my first few years at camp seem obsolete and outdated in today's camp universe. After all, my most vivid lower camp memories consist of Tribals, Hof N' Stretch, and A-Lo's Banana Song; none of which are here at camp today. So, I began to search for constants. What has been a part of camp since 2012 that is still prevalent today, in 2019? Naturally, my mind was drawn to morning lineup. A daily meeting with all of Boys Side; seems pretty constant to me. Of course, lineup had its fair share of changes along the way. Jason Katz isn't here to do the Undertaker, we've added half-court shots, and the circle has seemingly moved right next to the flagpole. The prospect of the circle itself, though, always excited me. Starting in B2, it felt like getting to sit under the tree as a CIT was as distant a thought as graduating from college. Each year I made my way around the circle, climbing the layers of divisions. But I was not alone in this climb. My bunkmates and friends sat there with me year after year, slowly getting closer to the tree. It then dawned on me that these same bunkmates were what made camp so special for me. The true beauty of camp didn't lie in the surplus of activities and sports; it lay in the people around me.

When I toured IS in 2011, I was instantly drawn to the canteen and aqua playground. These were the aspects of camp that I was looking forward to experiencing in my coming years as a camper. And when 2012 arrived and I embarked on my first year as a camper, these aspects of camp held the same

appeal they did a year prior. But as I matured in age and in character, and as I moved around the circle at lineup, they suddenly lost that influential flare that had

captivated me not too long ago and were replaced with the bonds I shared with bunkmates and staff members. So, I kept returning, and with each year that passed, those bonds strengthened, and camp started to become what it is for me today. The 6-weeks became seemingly therapeutic; a detox of every pressure the world could throw at me, be it school, social media, or sports. I could let loose and spend time with my closest friends, having fun and making the most of our summers. Camp was the place where we could be engulfed in kindness, respect, and love without having to worry about what happened when we left. For that, I'd like to extend my gratitude to Mark, Laura, Bubba, Josh, and Rosie for giving me the gift of camp and including me in the IS family. It's not often you find people who share the same passion for camp and for making the most out of every summer as those 5 people. To all my counselors, past and present, I can't thank you enough for instilling in me the values of camp that make Boys Side what it is today; **brotherhood, kindness, and chivalry** to name a few. Every staff member here has been invested in my summers at camp in a way that I will take with me for the rest of my life. And finally, thank you to my parents for seeing IS's potential and sending me to the greatest place on earth. You have truly given me a second home. For those younger campers who sit in front of me, I leave you with this: **You get out of camp what you put into it.** Spend everyday participating in activities, making new friends, and having a smile on your face. It will help you in the long run. For the older campers, don't waste a second. Always remember how lucky you are to be a part of this and never take it for granted. Whether you are here for 3 weeks or 6, make everyday count. And lastly, to my fellow CITs. The past 8 summers have honestly been the best 8 summers of my life. Thank you for being with me every step of the way and I can't wait to see what's in store for us.



**REMINDER TO PARENTS.....** Apple is no longer making an iPod Nano or Shuffle, however, Iroquois Springs will continue to keep to our policy which does not allow the use of electronics that have a screen or can access the internet. That said, please plan accordingly, as music is a big part of bunk life and we want campers to enjoy listening to their favorite tunes, so please refer to our previous email introducing you to the **MIGHTY VIBE** and don't forget to use the coupon code **CAMP15** at checkout to save **15%**.

(of course, any MP3 player that adheres to our policy is acceptable)

Should you have any questions at all, just call and ask, we are always available to help!





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## BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

Iroquois Springs is our place to get away from the stress of school and the craziness of our busy lives. We don't have to wake up early, eat breakfast and run to catch the school bus. Walking the halls to our classroom with our fingers crossed, hoping that there won't be a surprise test seems like a distant

memory. Thinking about doing homework is something that is so far from our memory and this is why we all love summer. Iroquois Springs is the place we all go to be with our best friends while having non-stop fun every moment of the day. Being a camper was one of my favorite times of my life. The laughs at night after lights out, or the silly jokes while you take the long walk from the Aerial Tree Top Park to waterskiing are moments that as you get older you wish you could still have. I am one of those lucky people who still gets to have those moments with all of you. This is one of the main reasons I have returned to Iroquois Springs for the past 20 years. Watching you turn from young boys to young men before my eyes is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job. Please cherish these moments and remember how lucky you are to be able to spend your summer at Iroquois Springs.

I was at camp a few weeks ago and did my usual lap around camp. I was wearing sweatpants, a jacket, boots and a hat. Not in my normal Iroquois Springs summer clothes, I would often open a building door, close my eyes, take a deep breath and wish that when I opened my eyes it would be the middle of the summer and that I would hear the "Oh Sugar Sugar" song for snack. I bet that song is stuck in your head like it is in mine now. Dah, dah, dah, dah, dah...Oh Sugar, Sugar. Unfortunately, it was still cold and winter when I opened my eyes. The good news is that the days are getting longer, and Spring is next month. Wow, that sounds nice. Spring is next month!!!

Anyhow, we have a great summer in store for you in 2020. This is our 20th anniversary in Rock Hill and Boys Side is going to show how much we love our summer in 12775. Many of your favorite counselors will be returning and staff recruiting is well underway, searching for more incredible staff to join our summer team! I look forward to seeing all of you in a few short months and meeting our new campers as we get closer to summer.

All the best, **JOSH**

Look out Canada, the Iroquois Springs senior campers are headed your way this summer! 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 Toronto, Canada. Highlights will include Niagara Falls, Cruise on Lake Ontario, The Ontario Science Center, the thrills of Canada's Wonderland Amusement Park and a few more surprises we are still working on!

All senior campers participating on the senior trip will be **REQUIRED** to provide a valid passport in order to go to Toronto this summer. If you do not currently have a passport, we strongly urge you to start the process now.

# Welcome

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

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| • Loghan Baeker      | Clinton Corners, NY |
| • Stella Burns       | New York, NY        |
| • Alexandra Goldberg | New York, NY        |
| • Ava Hart           | Wantagh, NY         |
| • Evelyn Kelly       | Miami, FL           |
| • Tate Kelly         | New York, NY        |
| • Guy Riskind        | Delray Beach, FL    |
| • Adelyn Rottler     | New York, NY        |
| • Brenny Rottler     | New York, NY        |
| • Chloe Schimel      | Melville, NY        |
| • Lyla Schulman      | Brooklyn, NY        |
| • Lucia Shullman     | Dobbs Ferry, NY     |
| • Mia Shrank         | Warren, NJ          |
| • Sammie Stimell     | Melville, NY        |
| • Ben Zawadski       | New York, NY        |

## THE SENIORS ARE HEADING TO TORONTO



Details and enrollment information will be sent later in the year, but we wanted to remind you about this great opportunity and can't wait to share all the highlights as we confirm the trip throughout the winter.

Of course, should you have any questions about the trip prior to receiving the details, don't hesitate to let us know. This is an awesome experience and we don't want you to miss it!



# THE WINTER ARROW CLUE

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 camper to correctly name the exact location of the "Winter Arrow" will win a prize for their bunk this 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](mailto:summers@iroquoissprings.com) and make sure to include your first and last name in the email.

## Here is Clue #1:

In our 20th summer the theater will arise brand new  
But what arose anew in summer #1 is only remembered by a few.  
Genesis and Valhalla for two. Do you?  
All yesterday's parties, at the cacophony we laugh  
Innovative games to amuse the campers and the staff  
The lore of our deep past has left its marks  
At the heart of all things, near where legends sleep....

## FAVORITE RECIPE FROM Kitchen Stadium

### Marshmallow Caramel Oreo Cookie S'Mores Bars

#### INGREDIENTS

##### FOR THE CRUST

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted (3/4 of one stick)
- 32 Oreo Cookies or chocolate sandwich cookies, ground

##### FOR THE TOPPING

- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 15 caramels, unwrapped and quartered (total of 60 small pieces)
- 3 to 4 tablespoons semi-sweet chocolate chips

#### DIRECTIONS

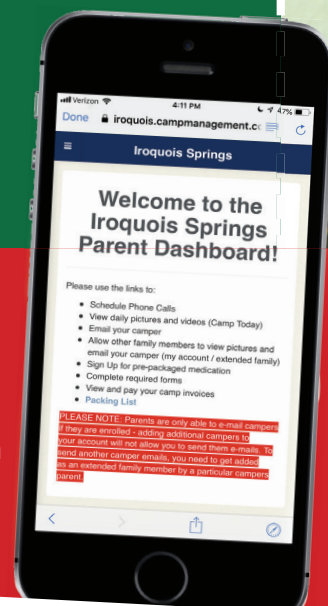
1. Preheat oven to 350°. Line an 8-by-8-inch baking pan with aluminum foil leaving overhang, spray with cooking spray; set aside.
2. For the Crust - In a large microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter on high power, about 1 minute; set aside. Add the ground cookies and stir to combine. Transfer crumb mixture to prepared pan and pack it down firmly with a spatula or the bottom of a flat-bottomed drinking glass. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or just until set; don't worry if it's a bit under baked as pan will be going back into the oven in the next step.
3. For the Topping - Evenly sprinkle the marshmallows over the crust. Evenly sprinkle the caramels, making sure to do it in that order. Bake for about 5 to 8 minutes or until marshmallows and caramel have begun to melt and remove pan before marshmallows start browning or developing color. Immediately upon removing pan from oven, evenly sprinkle the chocolate chips. Allow bars to set up for at least 2 hours before slicing.
4. Slice bars by lifting them out using the foil overhang and transfer to a cutting board.

## TECHNOLOGY & ELECTRONICS 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:

- Schedule Phone Calls (available in the spring)
- View daily pictures and videos (Camp Today)
- Allow other family members to view pictures and email your camper (my account / extended family)
- View Packing List
- Email your camper
- Sign-up for pre-packaged medication
- Complete required forms
- Print statements
- Add a new credit card
- Make a payment online
- past invoices

**While on the Parent Dashboard, don't forget to "opt-in" to our text messaging service which will allow you to stay on top of all the latest and greatest news coming from camp!**



**TEXT MESSAGING**



# REUNION RE-CAP

WOW, nothing beats getting together with camp friends! The pictures here 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 at our NY Reunion.



Make sure you take some time to visit the Iroquois Springs website and check out all the great pictures from the reunion and of course, share any pictures throughout the winter with camp friends that we can add to our social media feeds!



DAVE & BUSTER'S

We just returned back to the camp office after our Maryland and Florida reunions, they were simple incredible! Make sure to look for pictures of these 2 events on our social media feeds. Thanks again to all the families who gave up part of their weekend to join us!





# COUNSELOR'S CORNER



**It's the peak of staff recruiting season, and what an incredibly exciting time that is!**

The chance to scour the globe in search of just the right people who will call Iroquois Springs their summer home in 2020! The task of assembling a team of 250+ dedicated men and woman is not easy, especially with all the pressures put on college students to find the "right job, the perfect internship, the unique resume builder" and all the other ideas floating around out there.

But what some people don't realize however, camp is all of those things and more!

Where else on earth can you learn about

**leadership, communication, time management, selflessness, building relationships, caring for someone else's most prize possession and earn a paycheck while having fun!**

Iroquois Springs is a unique place that is both empowering and transformational for all that are lucky enough to step through its gates, from campers to staff member, camp is truly a life-changing experience. The 21st century skills that are crucial to success in today's every changing environment are easily learned and perfected in a setting that is welcoming, supportive and embracing for all who have been afforded the gift of camp. Whether your teaching a particular skill in camp as an activity specialist or your interacting in all facets of camp life as a cabin specialist, the time spent in camp is equally as valuable to a staff member as it is to our campers.

Help us spread the word on why being a **Difference Maker** this summer is not just another job, but a life-changing experience that has extraordinary value, purpose and of course memories and fun that simply can't be found anywhere else! Tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and anyone who will listen, **CAMP IS A REAL JOB**, in fact, it's an opportunity to shape the lives of children and set you on the path to success now and in the future!



## 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](http://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:

<b>February 22 - 23:</b>	<b>Boca Raton, FL</b>
<b>February 29 - March 1:</b>	<b>White Plains, NY</b>
<b>March 6 - 8:</b>	<b>New York City</b>
<b>March 14 - 15:</b>	<b>Short Hills, NJ</b>
<b>March 20 - 22:</b>	<b>Melville, NY</b>
<b>March 28 - 29:</b>	<b>Englewood, NJ</b>



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

If you know anything about Iroquois Springs, we are always looking for ways to continue to improve our state-of-the-art facility, and this off-season is no different. Our THEATER building, located right in the middle of camp, is home to a huge amount of activity on a daily basis. Whether it's a camp musical, entertainers, Mock Rock, Color Week Sing, rainy day activities or a whole host of other gatherings, the theater ALWAYS has people in it, and it was finally time for a change! After 60+ years of the old theater (formerly Social Hall), the original building was removed (as you saw in the last newsletter) and the new building has emerged out of the ground. And when we say emerged, we mean it! It's been amazing to watch the construction happen, from foundation to roof trusses. While the weather has not always been on our side, the crews in Rock Hill have managed to keep the job moving, and this building is impressive!

When complete, the new THEATER will be much more comfortable and able to accommodate us all comfortably, that is great news to start. In addition, the sound and projection systems will allow for a much better experience for everyone to see and hear what's happening on stage and best news of all, the Theater is going to have Air-Conditioning! That's right, those hot summer days will not be a problem when we gather together as a camp under 1 roof, this is going to be a welcome change for everyone!

Of course, if this project was not enough, there are always other improvements happening at camp during the off-season. We have changed all the lighting fixtures in the dining room to LED's, providing a more consistent and brighter dining experience for us to enjoy, renovated some bathrooms in cabins and continue to have a few other projects for everyone to see when they get to camp. Make no mistake about it, the THEATER is a HUGE undertaking for us, and we are focusing the majority of our attention to complete this project on schedule as we know how critical it is for our entire camp operation.

Of course, a premier facility is one thing, but what makes Iroquois Springs truly come to life are the people that step foot on the ground every summer. The entire Iroquois Springs team, from our maintenance staff to directors are dedicated to putting forth the best effort possible to continue the great tradition of taking care of campers and staff in a way only Iroquois Springs can! We can all agree, our 20th Anniversary is going to be our best summer yet!

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



## Paving the Way for the Future

**Help Iroquois Springs pave the way for the future by purchasing a permanent paving stone and helping to raise money for Project Morry!**

In celebration of our 20th Anniversary Summer, we are offering the chance to leave your "permanent mark" on the grounds of Iroquois Springs, and by doing so, supporting Project Morry who coincidentally is celebrating its 25th Anniversary summer!

With the construction of the new theater well underway, our plan is to place these new "personalized paving bricks" throughout the patio area between the dining room and

theater. What better way to give back to the camp community than purchasing a "paving stone" that will be placed in our summer home for years to come and helping to support a non-profit that we are all so proud to be associated with.

Make sure to keep an eye on your inbox and our social media feeds so that can visit our personalized website that will walk you through the steps to purchase your laser engraved paver today. **Please make sure to share this fundraising idea with family and friends, we truly believe it's an opportunity to beautify Iroquois Springs, raise money for a worthy cause and show your camp pride forever!**





# HAPPY Birthday

## January

- 2 Gavin Keller
- 2 Ethan Plummer
- 3 Molly Berman
- 3 Abigail Hooper
- 3 Jeremy Projansky
- 3 Evan Simon
- 6 Sophia Snyder
- 8 Ryan Cherry
- 9 Jocelyn Levy
- 10 Alex Gheilerman
- 11 Zachary Kam
- 12 Faith Buckley
- 12 Daniella Friedman
- 13 Corey Jacobs
- 13 Emery Matusow
- 13 Noah Snyder
- 14 Alexa Bassuk
- 14 Natalie Camps
- 14 Chloe Schimel
- 14 Sami Speelman
- 15 Ben Lange
- 15 Sage Winters
- 16 Leah Pearl
- 17 Aidan Blom
- 18 Willa Rothschild
- 19 Tyler Bassett
- 19 Ashley Mednik
- 19 Samara Weinfeld
- 21 Keira Frech
- 22 Ella Horwitz
- 22 Brody Schimmel
- 22 Eli Stein
- 23 Jordan Herzog
- 26 Greyson Fuller
- 26 Lucy Iselin
- 26 Jack Tavelin
- 27 Harper Kelsey
- 28 Jack Horowitz
- 29 Addison Wein
- 30 Ethan Jalosky
- 30 Hudson Menzel
- 30 Elle Stein
- 30 Carson Uris
- 31 Aaron Gilbert
- 31 Sydney Lambert

## February

- 1 Rodrigo De Los Santos
- 2 Sam Levi
- 2 Evan McCauley
- 2 Maren Shapero
- 4 Charlie Lottner
- 4 Oriel Steinberg
- 4 Brandon Tibaldi
- 9 Riley Bordetsky
- 10 Ryan Grossman
- 10 Leo Klein
- 11 Adelyn Rottler
- 11 Caleigh Weintraub
- 12 Carson Beida
- 12 Casey Conklin
- 12 Thelen Reyes-McRae
- 12 Allie Shaknes
- 13 Simon Kelsey
- 14 Alexandra Lazear
- 14 Alexander Stillman
- 15 Ethan Kaplan
- 15 Jake Kaplan
- 15 Zachary Weiser
- 16 Justin Tibaldi
- 17 Evan Goldstein
- 17 Lexie Music
- 17 Ashlyn Roffman
- 17 Sasha Rosenman
- 18 Justin Schwartz
- 19 Sophia Reiser
- 19 Oliver Wyatt
- 20 Chase Matusow
- 20 Arden-Love Vimbor
- 21 David Anderson
- 21 Alexandra Goldberg
- 22 Alexandra Zodda
- 23 Piper Keltz
- 25 Derek Drehwing
- 25 Samantha Kobel
- 26 Ava Herzog
- 26 Leonardo Rinaldi
- 27 Tate Kelly

## March

- 1 Ethan Bernstein
- 1 Bryce Freed
- 2 Benjamin Metula
- 2 Reid Buckley
- 6 Jessica Fitzmaurice
- 7 Matthew Ventrino
- 9 Dara Alperstein
- 10 Braedon Gross
- 12 Nate Kulish
- 15 Gianluca Putek
- 15 Samantha Starrett
- 16 Billy Slawe
- 17 Luca Cavallo
- 18 Maya Kobayashi
- 18 Harper Krauss
- 18 Skye Rosenblatt
- 18 Adam Stephan-Gewirtz
- 19 Ashley Clarke
- 19 Carlo Dolgetta
- 21 Alana Bardavid
- 21 Ali Koster
- 21 Zoe Mitola
- 22 Samantha Frank
- 23 Rachel Kershner
- 25 Skylar Greenberg
- 27 Emily Nudelman
- 28 Olivia Bogard
- 30 Cooper Warren
- 31 Julia Beida
- 31 Sammy Khafif





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## Dates to Remember

**Tri-State Camp Conference - Monday, March 9th to  
(Office Closed) Thursday, March 12th**  
**Camper Forms Due - Wednesday, April 15th**  
**New Family Orientation - Sunday, May 17th**  
**Area Pick-Up for IS Baggage Service - Sunday, June 21st**  
**Opening Day - Saturday, June 27th**  
**Visiting Day - Saturday, July 11th**  
**Rookie Day - Sunday, July 12th**  
**Session #1 Ends - Friday, July 17th**  
**Session #2 Begins - Saturday, July 18th**  
**Explorers Camp - Saturday, July 25th – Sunday, July 26th**  
**Senior Trip to Toronto - Sunday, July 26th – Wednesday, July 29th**  
**Campers Return Home - Friday, August 7th**