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★ A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA ★

A Summer We Will Never Forget

As the busses pulled out in August, our camp team took a deep breath, we waved goodbye to our campers and staff and shared plenty of bittersweet tears. The campers and staff enjoyed a summer full of laughs, firsts, challenges, and triumphs, as did we. This summer, Iroquois Springs offered the opportunity for the hundreds in our camp community to be seen, valued, and embraced for exactly for who they are. Our campers and staff came together to learn, collaborate, and most importantly, have fun and experience success. For so many, it was the very first time being together in person with others after months of separation. It was truly an unforgettable summer, one that will surely stand out amongst our 20+ prior to this one.

We have spent the last several months in deep reflection on this summer, and what stands out to us is the restorative nature camp has on our campers, counselors, senior staff and us! Camp has helped us all return to our best versions of ourselves, when we needed it most. More than ever, we feel grateful for the roles we have in our community and getting this amazing opportunity to be a part of this incredible community we call Iroquois Springs!

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank so many. **To our amazing 2021 staff** – so many did so much. In many cases so much more that they have ever been asked to do in the past.

They stepped up, they performed wonderfully and did anything that was asked of them because they knew it was all for the good of the kids! **To our camp parents** – thank you for trusting us with your children during this most critical part of their lives, when they were fragile and faced so much unknown. Without your trust and cheering us on, we could not have accomplished all we did this summer. **Lastly, to our campers** – thank you for being YOU, and being so happy to be back in your “happy place.” You filled camp with your sounds of laughter and joy – and that was the medicine we all needed most! You are truly amazing in every way!

As our thoughts and focus turn toward 2022, we are excited to do it all again, and continue to climb to new heights. We cannot wait to share new experiences together and create special memories to last a lifetime!

With Love, Gratitude and Admiration,

Mark & Laura



Burning of the Year 2021

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 **Remy Alperstein** reflected on her 8 summers at Iroquois Springs:

I truly cannot believe that I am standing up here tonight. When I came to Iroquois Springs 8 years ago, I thought about how much time I had until CIT summer, and the time I had left with my best friends. But now that I am here with hours left, I am filled with more gratitude than sadness. I am forever thankful for the life-changing experiences and friendships I have made here. The best advice I was given this summer is to look for happy accidents in everything I do. As hard as it was not being together last summer, I was able to fully understand and appreciate the importance of camp. I learned how much camp has made me a better person both at camp and at home. I learned how the bonds we make each summer will live on for eternity whether we are back here together or miles apart. Most importantly, I learned how it really isn't just the people, it's also the place that makes it so special. We choose to come back year after year because it is where we feel safest and where we have grown into who we are today. Camp pushes us out of our comfort zones to help us become the best versions of ourselves. We feel loved and encouraged when we are here together, and it is unlike any other place in the world.

Thank you Mark and Bubba for this place I get to call home and for giving me an outlet from the real world. Rosie, you have impacted my life in ways I can't describe. Your trust in me helps me grow as you continue to push me to be my best self. I truly cannot thank you enough. To Sarah Bush and my 20 sisters, thank you for the best times of my life. You have all made me a better person and I love you all more than anything.

So, to everyone who still has time here, don't take a single moment for granted. The memories you make here will last forever, so take time to appreciate every minute you have. Remind yourself how lucky you are to have a home and a family as special as the one we have here at Iroquois Springs. Thank you for everything.



Here is how **Leah Pearl** reflected on her 8 summers at Iroquois Springs:

To me, camp is a place where regardless of how much time has passed, I know I can come back and be welcomed with open arms and endless amounts of love and support. It's a tight community of people all working towards the same goal; a bubble, separated from the outside world, where social pressures are lifted and making friends comes naturally. It's a place where I'm not only able to be myself, but I'm also encouraged to embrace my differences and do the same for others. The kindness and energy of camp is contagious; a little bit of that camp magic rubbing off on everyone who spends their summer here.

To say I've changed and grown as a person since I started coming here is an understatement. I can remember 7-year-old me coming to camp as an Explorer, not knowing anything or anyone in this new and unfamiliar environment. Camp has helped define so many aspects of my personality, and I know I would be a completely different person if I didn't take that risk all those years ago. I know I speak for so many others when I say that I am truly my best self here. I like the person I am when I come to camp, and I really like the person I've become because I came to camp. I've discovered what I'm passionate about, how strong bonds can become, and that being kind is the most important thing. The people and lessons I've learned here will always stay with me, even when I'm alone and my journey as a camper has ended.

I'd like to talk a little bit more about the magic of camp. The magic I can always rely on, especially after this past year that I know has been a really tough one for everyone. It's that magic that convinced 7-year-old me to have my parents register me for camp the next year after my time as an Explorer. I still can't believe my CIT summer has already arrived and passed so quickly. The feeling of being in the moment I know I'll look back on and wish I could relive has been overwhelming. Growing up and moving all the way from G2 to G21 has allowed me to appreciate the beauty of camp even more. Being able to contribute to that camp magic for younger campers has been so incredibly rewarding and one of the most eye-opening experiences of my life. I am forever thankful to have gotten the opportunity to grow up here.

The only thing with camp magic and spending my summers as a camper here is that it doesn't last forever. I'm absolutely crushed to know my time is up, but it warms my heart to know that countless kids will get to experience the same things I have and grow into kinder, braver, more confident people. I can't wait to see what they accomplish.

To Mark, Bubba, Laura, Rosie, Bush, and all the counselors and GL's I've had throughout the years: a million thank you's couldn't express my gratitude. To CITS 2021, I love you all beyond words can describe and I'm so lucky to have such incredible lifelong best friends. As we watch the fire burn on another amazing summer, it's a bittersweet end to my camper years, but I know camp will continue to change the lives of so many kids after me. Thank you, Iroquois Springs, for everything.

IROQUOIS SPRINGS PUZZLER

CLASSIC ALMA MATER LINES

Welcome to the Iroquois Springs Puzzler! The first half of this puzzle consists of classic Alma Mater lyrics while the second part provides a list of teams. Your task is to match the lyrics with the team. And yes, you are allowed to use the Color Week section of the IS website to research your answers!!! (The 2021 Alma Maters will be added to the website soon!) An answer key is provided elsewhere in the next issue. Good luck to the Gold and the Blue!!!

1. "The wind brushes my face so gently Thinking back on our final goodbyes. I'm kept warm by the memories."
2. "But here we are tonight. With your fingers locked in mine. Don't want to let this go. But I need you to know. That even when apart. You'll be in my heart. In the dark blue night. Golden stars shine bright."
3. "Tonight we stand here. With our hands held tight. Our bonds are never broken. As our hearts unite. The love we share together. As the years ago by. Forever holding you, holding you tonight."
4. "And I'll trace back the stars, to wherever you are, The compass of my heart will point me home into your arms."
5. "Time travels fast but remembering the past We know we did it all for the Blue and the Gold"
6. "So stay here with me. You've helped me to see. That you had made me who I am. Made me stronger as I stand. With you tonight. As we're hand in hand we'll never be alone. Cause the blue and gold will always bring me home."
7. "You have changed me, imprinted my heart. Now I can see the light when it's dark."
8. "Another summer's gone by. It went too fast. But the memories we've made, will always last. As the end is drawing near, wonder how I'll live without your love"
9. "So hold me. With you by my side I can now see. You're the best part of me. Show me. Distance won't keep us alone see. The sun shines brightest with you. Thanks to the gold and the blue."
10. "The sun will rise again. And lead us back home. The light of blue and gold shines through when we're alone, awaiting our return. The seasons fade. I'll always remember. You've left me forever changed."
11. "Yeah. Even miles apart the blue and the gold hold a key to my heart. The time may make us alone. But in the end we will find our way back home. Here we have grown"
12. "With you I am me. Iroquois Springs. Stand right beside me. Forever we will be. Time fades away. Cherish these moments. Cherish these days."
13. "As time escapes me. Our memories will be. Engraved in our hearts. Until we must part. Where-ever I go, you'll always know, you're never alone with the blue and gold."
14. "I'd do whatever it takes to be here with you. For just one more day with the gold and blue. If I could rewind time and stay by your side. I'd do it all over and over."
15. So wipe the mark of sadness from my face. Show me that tonight will never fade. If all I am to have is your embrace. The blue and gold will always keep me safe."

CLASSIC ALMA MATER LINES SELECT FROM THESE TEAMS!

2021 Theia Blue
2021 Golden Olympia
2019 Arctic Blue
2019 Golden Nirvana
2018 Golden Legacy
2017 Hawaiian Blue
2016 Galactic Blue
2014 Odin Gold
2012 El Dorado Gold
2011 Golden Arcadia
2010 Achaean Blue
2008 Infinity Blue
2005 Gaia Blue
2004 Golden Nebula
2002 Janus Blue

GOOD LUCK!



NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



The first thoughts that come to mind are **"WOW, we did it, simply amazing!"** I certainly don't need to be the first person to remind you how incredible the summer of 2021 was for so many reasons. The burning need and desire for camp this past summer was more apparent than it's ever been. All of us together, campers, staff and parents needed the magic of camp for our own personal reasons. For some it was once again a return to normal, for others it was the sense of belonging, the one place we can be the best version of ourselves, where we fit in with those around us, feel comfortable in our own skin, know we are supported, loved and in an environment that fosters relationships that many of us were yearning for over the course of the pandemic. Sure, the summer of 2021 had its challenges, but that that was no surprise. Life is not always easy and sometimes things are thrown at you that challenge you to rethink your ideas and thoughts, but in the end, you are better for it.

As the line of cars came up Bowers Road on **opening** day and the true reality of what was about to happen hit me, all I could say to myself was, **"we are back!"** And for that moment in time, camp took on more meaning than it ever has. Sure, the butterflies I get in my stomach on opening day never seems to disappear, the combination of excitement, nervousness and simple please always a jumble, but this summer, there was just that little extra piece of the unknown. Could we pull this off, will our campers be happy, will the staff respond, what don't we know as a result of being away from one another for 18+ months? All questions we had on our mind, all questions we asked ourselves, all questions we thoughts long and hard about, but never in my wildest imagination did I think the summer of 2021 would unfold as it did.

With the fall in full-swing and the long winter days staring us down, now is the time to reflect. It's the opportunity afforded us to think about all that is good in our lives and all that we need to work on. It reminds us how lucky we are to have one another as a camp community, it reinforces the friendships and life lessons we learn at camp and how valuable they are in our everyday life and it also provides us time to think about where we may need to change, find personal growth, branch out, learn new skills that will make us better friends, better kids, better adults and better people for acknowledging our strengths and working on our weaknesses.

Sometimes we are reminded how precious each day is, and how valuable every moment that we share together is. Whether it be in camp, home, school, work, or any other environment you find yourself in. My challenge to you this off-season is simple; find those moments, stop and think about how lucky you are to be in that moment and how you can help to spread your joy, your happiness and your fortune with others. As I said above, life will sometimes throw you some unexpected curveballs, it's what you do in those moments and how you react in those situations that will help guide you to becoming the best version of yourself.

So, I leave you with a reminder to live every day to the fullest, reach-out to your camp friends, stay connected, support one another and **concentrate on the future, because we can't change the past.**

Can't wait to you welcome you all back at our opening campfire in summer 2022 and watch as you enter the gates of Iroquois Springs for what will once again be a magic and life changing summer together.

Sending much love and a giant hug to you all! **BUBBA**

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



GIRLS SIDE GAB With Rosie



Hello **GIRLS SIDE** and anyone else reading this - I was trying to decide what to write for the newsletter and my end of the year speech kept coming to mind. So here it is....It feels like many moons ago - however, that just means we are that much closer to being together in Rock Hill.

"So here we are at the burning of the year 2021! What a monumental summer for all of us. Words cannot express how grateful I am that we were able to spend our summer together. Last summer was my first summer home since 1983, I still can't believe it. A summer we will all never forget. We were in this one together! We all felt the void together. We all missed camp more than ever! Which made this summer that much more meaningful.

I just cannot believe that I am standing here in front of you getting ready to say goodbye - I know that we say this every year - BUT this summer went by so fast - mostly because it was so special! This year, more than ever, I could not wait to get into the camp bubble. There is so much in this world right now that I can't control - that coming here was a perfect escape! I get to spend the summer in my second home with all of you - When people ask me why I still come back to camp year after year - I can't even explain to them the feeling that I get when I am with all of you - whether we are at lineup, in the dining hall, in your bunks, in the pool or at canteen. Every moment that I get to spend with you is so meaningful.

Ladies you amaze me so much - I am so proud to be your girls head counselor. When I look around and I see what we have on Girls Side I am so very proud and feel so lucky! We have created a special community - that I can truly say does not exist anywhere else. When people ask me what makes Iroquois Springs different from the rest - I say that every camp has a pool, tennis courts, bunks and more - however, it is not about the actual facilities - It is about the people that fill it. It is about the people that you spend your summers with, your best friends your family. Every year I make a promise to myself **THAT I WAS GOING TO DO WHATEVER I COULD TO MAKE SURE THAT MY CAMPERS HERE HAVE THE SAME CAMP EXPERIENCE THAT I HAD. THEY WERE GOING TO LOVE CAMP AS MUCH AS I DO.** Yes, I wanted everyone to get better at something like soccer or swimming or go home with awesome arts and crafts projects **BUT** what is most important to me is that everyone went home happy, confident, and wanting more. I wanted to create an environment where everyone felt safe. I just wanted **NICE** girls at **CAMP!** My goal was that every camper felt better about themselves when leaving here. They were going to go home feeling independent, confident, and loved. **THEY WERE GOING HOME WITH NEW BEST FRIENDS.**

So here we are on August 5th and **GIRLS SIDE IS EXACTLY** what I dreamt it to be. From **G123** to **CITS, YOU GET IT!** Every one of you know the simple rule of being nice and I am so proud of you. I am so proud to be your girls head counselor. I know that you will continue to make me proud during the school year **BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU NOW GET IT!** There is nowhere in the world that I would rather be during the months of July and August. Yesterday at lineup I got very emotional and couldn't believe how far we have come. This summer came with some challenges; however, we stayed strong through it all. Nothing was stopping us from having the best summer ever. I looked around and I started to cry as I was talking to you. I saw friends hugging, counselors crying, group leaders doing both, I just looked around and took it all in and felt so proud - the way that we come together as one, and love each other with our differences, work through any conflicts and embrace one another- that power right there can change the world. Now that we can do that here - you can take that with you. You are difference makers. I know you will go home and be a **SPARK**. Don't be afraid to light a candle in dark places.

Last year, we missed so much. This year I loved seeing your smiling faces every day, I loved reminding you to wear sunscreen and drink water, I loved seeing you try new things, I loved hearing girls side songs, I loved all our evening activities, I loved playing jacks, I loved chicken patties and the salad bar, I loved my morning meetings, I loved meeting our new campers and watching them make new friends and fall in love with camp, I loved saying goodnight to everyone every night, I loved hanging in your bunks, I loved your hugs, I loved all my returning campers and counselors, I loved the girls **HC** and **LINE UP**, I loved all Girls Side swim, I loved the birdie song, I loved hearing how kind you were, I loved **SPARK**, I loved **DJ YAHNEY**, I loved talking to you about your year and all the things that you did, I loved watching the counselors make a difference, I loved watching the counselors form bonds with you and the other staff. I loved so much! We learned not to take things for granted.

This summer was filled with so many great memories - the three that stand out the most are Girls Side Color Run, our Cruise and Girls Side Sing - I have a smile on my face just thinking about - I can't wait for all of you to go home and look at all your pictures and relive it!

I could not do my job without **MY AMAZING** group leaders. Robyn, Lauren, Alex, Andie, Lissie, Dylan, Sarah and Sarah, you make it all possible for me. Your campers and counselors are so lucky to have such amazing women driving their division. You are not only my group leaders, but you are my friends and I love spending my summers with you. I love our morning meetings and our nighttime get togethers in the HC. I love how well we all work together and support each other. **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!** To Evan, AJ, MoMo, Korey, Ray, Jared and Eric - thank you for being awesome counterparts. We had an awesome team this year. Josh, I love that we get to do this together. There is no one else that I would rather have as my counterpart - I know that we both believe in the same thing for our campers and that makes things so much easier. We are so lucky that we get to do this together. This summer is one we will never forget.

To all the first-time campers, **WOW YOU DID IT!** How amazing! I loved getting to know each one of you! I am so proud of you that you made new friends and tried new things and did an awesome job being away from home. To all my returners **THANK YOU FOR** creating an awesome vibe on Girls Side and spreading the love. Thank you for making all our new campers feel welcome. For those bunks that have been here for years and got new campers in them this year (you know who you are) you did it, you made my job easier by making everyone feel so welcome and included. **THAT IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT! THANK YOU!**

Upper camp you were awesome **BIG SISTERS** and **ROLE MODELS** you really made Girls Side feel like home for lower camp! Job well done! You know I love you all :)

CITS girls what can I say but **THANK YOU!** I remember when you started camp - I loved watching you grow into the young ladies that you are. Your love for camp is contagious. You did an awesome job this summer and I cannot wait for you to be on staff one day. I am going to miss you next summer, **BUT** I am so excited to hear about all the awesome things you will be doing next summer. **ENJOY IT AND HAVE NO REGRETS.** You are beautiful inside and out - don't ever change because now you get it!



To all the supervisors out there - **THANK YOU** for taking such great care of our campers from the pool and the lake, to fitness, to cooking, to hobbyville, to sports, canteen and more. Thank you for supporting Girls Side and always being a part of Girls Side lineup.

Hoff, Jenna and Alyssa - Thank you for all that you did for us this summer - we always knew we could rely on you. You always made sure to take care of us and we are forever grateful ~ To Jared and the office staff - **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND PATIENCE THIS SUMMER.** To the entire **HEALTH CENTER** team, thank you thank you!

Gary you are amazing, and this place just wouldn't be the same without you. The program this summer ran better than ever. You were patient and flexible and made sure our campers were happy. The changes that were made this summer - were so great and should continue forever. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE AND THANK YOU FOR HIRING AN AMAZING STAFF.**

To my amazing staff on Girls Side - **YOU MADE IT - YOU LISTENED AND YOU STAYED** and I am forever grateful. I asked you to join my mission. I asked you to go home with **NO REGRETS** and **YOU DID IT!** To all the first-time staff members that didn't understand why we did this year after year. I hope now you get it. I am glad I get to say **I TOLD YOU SO. YOU MADE ME SO PROUD.** Your campers were so lucky to have you there for them. You took care of someone else's child, and you did it so well.

To all returning counselors - I know this was a very different year for all of us. Thank you for coming back and helping me make sure everyone loved camp as much as we do. Your love for camp is so obvious and I feel so lucky to have you a part of my team. **CAMPER / COUNSELORS,** I know it is difficult going from being a camper to being a counselor you made it look so easy - even this summer! **THANK YOU!** all of you are true difference makers and remember **YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE TO THAT ONE!** Have an awesome year, safe travels and remember if you could do this you could do anything.

I could not end this speech without mentioning that this officially was our 20th summer here at camp. A group of us started here after leaving a camp we loved and spent most of our lives going to. I am not sure I could do what I do without them. We have so much to celebrate together from 2001 to now. We did this! You are my forever camp friends and I love you. Mark, Laura, Bubba and Josh we did it - **ANOTHER SUMMER IN THE BOOKS.** Look how much we did in 21 years.

So tonight, on this day and in this moment what I want to tell all of you is that we don't know what this year will bring - I hope everyone gets to go back to some type of normalcy - however, what I do know is that There is Power in Kindness - it cost us absolutely nothing to be kind. Continue to be a **SPARK.** Continue to do the right thing. Continue to reach out to those that seem lonely. Continue to be nice, include others, make new friends, and think about ways you can make a difference in this world. Be a positive role model, focus on the positive, stay in touch with your camp friends and if you haven't reached out - now is a great time to do so. Thank Your parents for sending you here and **HAVE NO REGRETS.**

Stay humble, grateful, resourceful, resilient, a hard worker and of course be kind!

I miss you all!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - hope to see you soon

Love you and **BE NICE!**

Rosie :) ♡



REUNION - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

There is nothing like seeing your camp friends, especially during the non-camp season! We know how important it is to be together, relive and share the memories of the summer and simply enjoy the feeling of being together as a camp family!

Of course, we can all appreciate that to do this (just like the past summer), it's imperative that we do it safely and thoughtfully. With that in mind, as you already know, the decision to postpone our NY Winter Reunion was made. Instead of gathering indoors with such a large crowd, we have already begun to plan a newly designed outdoor Spring Reunion for April. While details are still not set in stone, here is what you can count on. Great friends, spectacular atmosphere, the feeling of being together with your summer family and more.

Make sure to mark your calendar

Weekend of April 23 – 24, 2022

Breezemont Day Camp

Armonk, NY

In addition to our NY Reunion, as we have done in the recent past, we will be hosting 2 other reunions during the winter as well for our families a bit further south of camp.

Maryland & Florida

(Specific details on all the above events coming soon)

We can't wait to see you there!



GOODBYE

Wishing Good Luck to Gary



Our inaugural summer of 2001, a new young counselor stepped off the staff bus to join us for his first summer. Little did everyone know that this would change the course for both Iroquois Springs and Gary Ross for 20 years to follow.

We have been fortunate enough to have “Gazza” as part of camp for every summer of our operation except for 2002 when he took the summer off to travel the world! From day one, it was apparent that Gary was among the top of his class, a true “difference maker” that stood out from the pack. In 2005 Gary joined our full-time, year-round camp team. As camp grew so did Gary’s role, starting out helping with our staff recruitment and eventually growing into the role of Director of Staff Recruitment along with the many hats he wore that included design and implementation of staff orientation, overseeing the daily camp program, supporting, and ensuring the success of our seasonal staff and more!

Over the 20 years that Gary has been a part of Iroquois Springs he has grown into a very seasoned camp professional who is respected throughout the camp industry. He has worked on various ACA committees

including the Tri-State Camp Conference, has become an ACA Accreditation Visitor, and attended and presented at multiple professional conferences. During this time, it was apparent to all that know Gazza, his love for camp, his dedication to his work and the drive for excellence were always at the forefront of everything he did.

While it is bittersweet and hard to say goodbye, we are proud to let you know that Gary has accepted a job closer to his home in Boston, Massachusetts as the Assistant Director at a large school based day camp. This is truly a wonderful opportunity for Gary to continue to develop, grow and be professionally challenged. We could not be prouder of his accomplishments and what he had done to make Iroquois Springs what it is today. We wish Gary and his family all the luck in the world as he takes on this new chapter of his life. Gazza promises not to be a stranger at Iroquois Springs and we know you all join with us together to wish him nothing but happiness and success in this new chapter.

We will miss you!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

Many of you have heard the phrase, "New York is the city that never sleeps." But is Rock Hill also the "small town that never sleeps?" Well, actually, this is the time of year that camps gets to take a nap, similar to rest hour! Long after all the campers and staff have departed 12775 and our last rental groups have completed their season, the task of putting camp to bed for the winter begins. Turning off all the water, doing repairs in preparation for next summer, closing all the buildings and preparing for the long winter ahead is a monumental task, and our full-time maintenance teams work long and hard to get it all done inside the very quiet gates of Iroquois Springs.

Of course, just because camp has some time to rest, it's not exactly quiet in our small town of Rock Hill, or more accurately, at our summer home. Every year, we evaluate our program, our facility, our needs, and the ever-evolving opportunity of ideas we have to further improve our state-of-the-art camp property. As you already know, we built a stunning new **THEATER** that we got to enjoy (maybe not fully) in 2021 and something that we will marvel at for years. In the past few off-seasons, improvements such as the **NINJA WARRIOR COURSE**, **AERIAL TREE-TOP PARK**, **NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX** and more and have continued to define Iroquois Springs as a premier 6-week camp in the northeast.

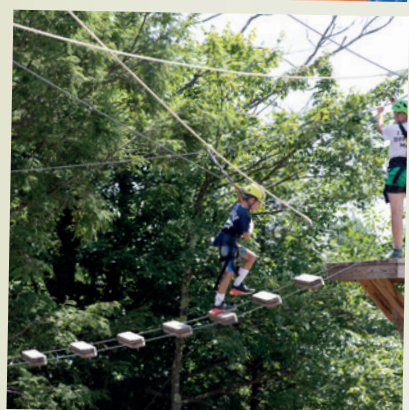
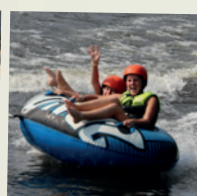
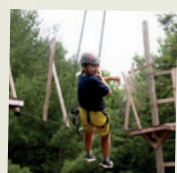
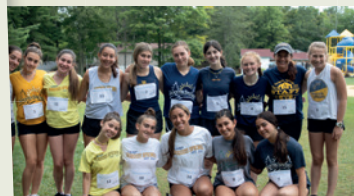
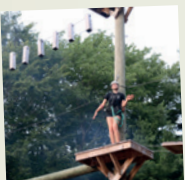
So, when you look around camp and you say, what can they think of next, sometimes it's hard to imagine what could be in store for our campers in 2022. As the saying goes, well folks, there is more! During the winter of 2020, our original Fieldhouse building, which was home to so many Senior Basketball Games, dodge ball extravaganza's, DJ Yahney parties and more, suffered a partial roof collapse and was deemed unrepairable. The decision to have to remove such an iconic building from camp was not an easy one, but it had to be done.

We are proud to announce, that for the summer of 2022, we will be unveiling a brand new, **IROQUOIS SPRINGS FIELDHOUSE!** Yes, that is correct. Plans have already been approved; the clearing for the foundation of the building is underway and at the very same location that our original structure sat for 50+ years, home to our new **FIELDHOUSE** will once again come alive.

What we have in store for you will be amazing! The new Fieldhouse will be a **TOTALLY ENCLOSED, TURF FIELD** that can be used for almost any type of activity or program imaginable. Imagine a full field indoor soccer game, flag football, dodgeball, DJ Party, rainy day activity, divisional gatherings and so much more! The new building, just like the new Theater will feature a **FULL HEATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM**, new A/V system, and so much more. There are not many camps that can say they have an indoor turf field, but we can't wait to unveil ours. Make sure to watch our social media feeds and stay updated through our off-season editions of the Iroquois Springs Times to view pictures and get updates on what is going to be an absolutely mesmerizing accomplishment.

So, as camp "goes to bed" for the winter, there is still much to do, but the anticipation for the summer of 2022 and what's to come is at an all-time high! We can't wait to welcome you back to Rock Hill, **OUR SUMMER HOME**, next season.





IROQUOIS

Springs

Picture

COLLAGE

Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome the following new campers to the
Iroquois Springs Family

• Emily Bash	Warren, NJ	• Ilan Kleinman	Ardsley, NY
• Ryan Basov	Port Washington, NY	• Olive Kremen	Pikesville, MD
• Jonah Bender	Roslyn Heights, NY	• Axel Krosney	Forest Hills, NY
• Amalia Benke	Westfield, NJ	• Anita Kumar	New York, NY
• Matthew Bernhardt	Larchmont, NY	• Leela Kumar	New York, NY
• Annabelle Bernstein	New York, NY	• Alexandra Lapiana	Hoboken, NJ
• Jake Bernstein	Pine Brook, NJ	• Skylar (Sky) Levitt	Washington, DC
• Flint Birnbaum	Sands Point, NY	• Emerson Mandel	Westfield, NJ
• Brooke Cavallaro	Armonk, NY	• Max Mann	Fair Haven, NJ
• Ava Cutri	Tenafly, NJ	• Thomas McNamara	Whitestone, NY
• Dylan Davis	Berkeley Heights, NJ	• Dev Melwani	Port Washington, NY
• Parker Davis	Berkeley Heights, NJ	• Jordan Rael Meytes	Tenafly, NJ
• Ava Epstein	Chappaqua, NY	• Jack Mitola	East Northport, NY
• Jeffrey Epstein	Chappaqua, NY	• Jack Moscov	Delray Beach, FL
• Benji Etzkin	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	• Julian Munguia-Siegel	New York, NY
• Jordyn Etzkin	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	• Gabe Nash	Port Washington, NY
• Ethan Farber	N. Potomac, MD	• Evan Nelson	Essex Fells, NJ
• Rory Fink	Millwood, NY	• Hayley Nelson	Essex Fells, NJ
• James Flores	Armonk, NY	• Jake Noyes	Bronxville, NY
• Gavin Freed	Delray Beach, FL	• Sophie Penner	Syosset, NY
• Scarlett Frenkel	West Hartford, CT	• Jackson Projansky	Melville, NY
• Savannah Gittleman	Roslyn, NY	• Dominic Ridge	Whitestone, NY
• Greyson Glick	Ardsley, NY	• Kate Rosen	San Francisco, CA
• Logan Gold	Central Valley, NY	• Reilly Rosen	San Francisco, CA
• Henry Goldenberg	Westport, CT	• Brody Rosenman	Potomac, MD
• Blake Goldman	Glen Rock, NJ	• Libby Santora	New York, NY
• Casey Goldstein	Scarsdale, NY	• Eli Schoenberg	New York, NY
• Zachary Gould	Port Washington, NY	• Leah Schwarz	Scotch Plains, NJ
• Devon Green	Scarsdale, NY	• Grant Sherov	Plainview, NY
• Mariana Gushue	Chappaqua, NY	• Julian Sherov	Plainview, NY
• Kelly Hale	New York, NY	• Leandro Shulman	Dobbs Ferry, NY
• Drew Handler	Montville, NJ	• Nina Stein	White Plains, NY
• Justin Heller	Dix Hills, NY	• Ronan Tavel	Short Hills, NJ
• Jesse Ismail	North Caldwell, NJ	• Star Weinberg	Boca Raton, FL
• Mason Josephs	Westfield, NJ	• Zoe Zaremski	Gainesville, FL



Camp-Counselor - Robin

Going to sleepaway camp for the first time is a very exciting moment in a young person's life, and we are beyond excited to welcome our newest campers to the Iroquois Springs family for Summer 2022!

We are so happy they have chosen Iroquois Springs to be their "summer home" and are confident that their camp journey will be filled with amazing activities, forever friendships, meaningful traditions, and wonderful memories for years to come.

We also know that preparing for that first summer can feel a bit overwhelming. Camp life is unfamiliar to first-time campers and their parents, and they may understandably have questions and concerns about a variety of issues. What happens if my child experiences homesickness?... what options are available if they don't like the meal being served?... what essentials should we pack?... who helps them choose clubs and electives? how does bunking work if they decide to extend their camp stay?... and so much more.

That is why we offer a "camp-cierge" to new families, giving you the opportunity to talk with our "camp-counselor", Robin Wenczl, who will help you walk through all your camp questions. Parents can schedule a phone call appointment with Robin to discuss any camp concerns. Robin has been a part of the Iroquois Springs family since 2005 and has a thorough understanding of the summer camp experience and how to best prepare your child (and yourself) for the overnight camp experience. "Working in the camp office and having a daughter and two sons that have grown up at Iroquois Springs, I understand the camp community and culture, and want to help families feel comfortable with the transition to overnight camp. It's important for parents to know that they can ask questions and prepare their new campers for a successful and wonderful summer."

Look out for information in the coming months on how to schedule a time to talk with Robin. Until then, enjoy the holidays, and start getting excited for Summer 2022! We can't wait for summer to arrive when we can all be together in Rock Hill once again!



Enrollment Update

Thank you for spreading the word about Iroquois Springs to so many - we are excited to welcome many younger siblings and family members to our Iroquois Springs family.

We are proud to let you know that many age groups are already filled for 2022. After the summer we toured a tremendous number of new prospective families who are excited about joining us next summer in Rock Hill!



Girls Side Song

To the Tune of: “Levitating” by Dua Lipa

Verse 1

Our cars pull up now we're finally home
We're gonna have a great time on Girl's Side (1)
We've waited long enough
Living 10 months for 2
We're making memories that last for life (1)
Be nice and be kind, be yourself all the time
Be the best that you can be (1)
Let's go to the bunk it's time to unpack our trunks
And head to lineup with Rosie (1,2)
Be sure to ... drink waaater
Wear sunscreen ... and re-apply it
All summer long ... with our best friends in
Summer twenty-one (1)

Chorus

**We got camp... on our minds
All of... the time
From G-1... to 22
I.S. is our home... And don't forget it
Hey, girl's side, six weeks, flies by
We love gold... and blue
I.S. is our home... And don't forget it (1,2)**

Verse 2

It's the 20th year and the new theatre's here
We can't wait to go inside (1)
We love Carnival and Clue
Pizza nights and BBQ's
Color war and mock rock too (1)
Swimming in the lake, at cooking we will bake
Find our smiles on the website (1)
We wanna stay together here on Girl's Side forever
This is where we are meant to be (1,2)
Be sure to ... drink waaater
Wear sunscreen...and re-apply it
All summer long ... with our best friends in
Summer twenty-one (1)

Chorus

Repeat Chorus

FAVORITE RECIPE FROM

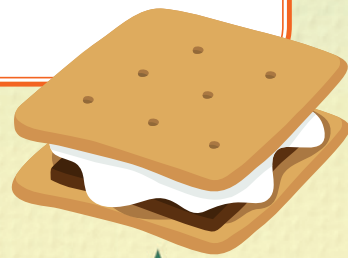
Kitchen Stadium S'mores Crepes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 3 cups milk
- graham cracker, as desired
- chocolate, as desired
- marshmallow, as desired
- chocolate syrup, to garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, combine flour, eggs, butter, and sugar, stirring until ingredients are slightly mixed.
2. Add the milk ½ cup at a time, stirring vigorously, making sure the milk is completely incorporated into the batter and that the batter is smooth before adding more milk.
3. Repeat with the rest of the milk. The batter should be very liquidy and have no lumps.
4. In a pan over medium heat, pour ⅓ cup of the batter in the center and swirl the batter around the edges of the pan until set.
5. To know when the crepe is ready to flip, lift up one of the edges about ⅓ of the way. The bottom side should be golden brown. Flip the crepe.
6. Cook until the edges are starting to slightly crisp.
7. Remove from heat and cover with a paper towel to make sure the crepes stay moist.
8. Add graham crackers, chocolate, and marshmallows to crepe. Fold crepe over twice.
9. Bake at 350 °F for 10 minutes.
10. Remove from heat and cool.
11. Serve with chocolate syrup and crumbled graham crackers.
12. Enjoy!



HAPPY Birthday

October

- 1 Benjamin Blum
- 1 Emmett Ulloa
- 2 Drew Levy
- 4 Jordyn Etzkin
- 6 Hayley Lederman
- 6 Madison Maher
- 6 Thomas McNamara
- 6 Sloane Shapiro
- 7 Hailey Farber
- 7 Samuel Keltz
- 8 Sadie Fink
- 9 Noa Herman
- 10 Jason Cook
- 10 Jorin Krupitsky
- 10 Ethan Lewis
- 11 Emily Heller
- 11 Annie Lewis
- 12 Abigail Cohen
- 12 Rylie Levine
- 12 Zack Schteingart
- 12 Daniel Silver
- 13 Dylan Davis
- 15 Lexi Bernstein
- 15 Casey Goldstein
- 16 Savannah Gittleman
- 17 Ian Cohen
- 17 Maya Horowitz
- 17 Brett Kaplan
- 18 Olivia Loe
- 19 Eduardo Arturo De Los Santos
- 20 Lily Keltz
- 20 Eden Weisel
- 21 Samantha Bell
- 21 Alexandra Lapiana
- 23 Hope Esposito
- 23 Fallon Shapiro
- 27 Sayres Brodlied
- 27 Sydney Greenberg
- 27 Jonah Kleinman

November

- 1 Zachary Goldenberg
- 1 Zachary Hirsch
- 1 Peter Shaknes
- 2 Olivia Zodda
- 3 Jane Grossman
- 3 Reid Grossman
- 3 Julian Munguia-Siegel
- 4 Lucas Weinfeld
- 5 Harry Johnson-Weinberg
- 8 Jordan Sanders
- 9 Vivian Kelly
- 10 Madeline Crotty
- 10 Saige Hasson
- 10 Josh Martin
- 11 Jake Nalitt
- 12 Maceo Brown
- 12 Charlie Zirlin
- 13 Lillian Heard
- 14 Benji Etzkin
- 14 Sophie Penner
- 14 Zoe Zaremski
- 16 Annabelle Bernstein
- 17 Hudson Oziel
- 18 Abigail Wechsler
- 20 Kyle Cicco
- 20 Jake Levy
- 20 Charlotte Madigan
- 21 Blake Goldman
- 21 Alexis Handler
- 24 Ethan Taylor
- 25 Eden Baer
- 25 Joanna Chertoff
- 26 Laika Bloom
- 26 Alexandra Setton
- 27 Jared Schwartz
- 29 Caroline Minor
- 30 Alivia Donaldson

December

- 1 Tyler Gallow
- 4 Parker Davis
- 4 Lucas Male
- 4 Phoebe Male
- 4 Beckett VanWyk
- 5 Eva Spiegeland
- 6 Charlie Kaminsky
- 6 Madeline Projansky
- 7 Jenna Reed
- 8 Maggie Lipps
- 8 Zoe Lipps
- 8 Ella Mirsky
- 8 Daniel Zirlin
- 9 Ryan Attman
- 9 Danielle Lazear
- 9 Matthew Spina
- 10 Alexa Wessner
- 12 Hudson Crotty
- 15 Alex Lewis
- 15 Guy Riskind
- 16 Max Mann
- 16 Eli Schoenberg
- 18 Leo Blank
- 19 Elina Kamensky
- 20 Daniel Mirsky
- 21 Avery Cohen
- 22 Lila Kokalas
- 22 Justin Lotke
- 22 Jack Sisco
- 22 Jason Stransky
- 23 Jack Moscow
- 26 Laura Bialek
- 30 Logan Gold
- 30 Aiden Parker
- 30 Emmi Ross
- 30 Emily Tepp

The Amazing Power of Camp & Project Morry

Community service has always been at the core of values for Iroquois Springs, something we stress at camp, understanding the importance of community service and giving to others not as fortunate as us. Typically, each summer, our Counselors in Training (CIT's) spend a day at Project Morry, getting to know their campers, understanding their values, and participating in camp activities with both of our camp communities working as one. Although we could not physically be together this summer for obvious reasons, we made it a point to continue the work we have done and instill the common values that are so important to both Iroquois Springs and Project Morry. Understanding what makes Project Morry so special gives our CIT's a better perspective of why we raise money to support such a wonderful cause and most of all, creates an awareness about the opportunity that summer camp offers to campers from all social and economic backgrounds. Listening to CIT's talk about Project Morry is truly heart-warming. It puts into perspective the opportunities that have been afforded to each of them and reminds them what it means to give back, what it means to help others and what it means to help raise awareness for those not afforded the same opportunities we may enjoy.

An annual summer event at Iroquois Springs is our **Project Morry Swim-A-Thon!** Our CIT's brought so much energy and excitement to this most special day at camp as our

entire CIT group worked together to facilitate an incredible full camp event. Each camper participates throughout the day, and amazingly, we continue to swim more laps and have raised more money for this truly special organization than any other Swim-a-Thon in the past. We especially want to **thank the Iroquois Springs family of campers, parents, and staff** as they always step up to the plate and helped to make a difference in the lives of so many less fortunate kids. Our continued contributions and dedication to this program will give the gift of summer camp to youth for years to come.

We are thrilled to announce that once again our camp community **raised over \$10,000 for Project Morry**, simply amazing! Acts of kindness as demonstrated above truly highlight the deep connection that our camp families have to the essence of camp for all and the power that a summer at sleepaway camp has on those fortunate enough to experience it.

To find out more about Project Morry, please check out their website at: www.projectmorry.org.



A Message From the Camp Office

As we write this memo, here in Rock Hill, the fall foliage is in full effect. With the beauty of camp at our disposal, it is a great time to reminisce on how our incredible staff and camp families met the unique challenges of summer 2021.

Even with the hard work that went into arriving at camp and navigating camp during a pandemic, you were able to help us keep the philosophy of Iroquois Springs alive. Our camp families and staff did all of this while safety was still at the forefront of their minds. Communication was of the utmost importance to allow our parents to have clarification and essential information in a timely manner. Our skillful office team allowed the voice of camp to be one of trust and the ubiquitous communication was vital for our camp community.

Yes, this summer, camp was a place for solace, normalcy, and growth, and we are happy that the resilience of our camp community allowed for this experience to take place. Furthermore, we are thankful for our office staff, who was the

voice of camp and dedicated their summer to give our camp families the information and the necessary connection for the value of camp to be heard in real-time.

For this, I would like to congratulate the 2021 office team, **Robin, Rebecca, Hope, Savannah, & Kate**, for a job well done. Their collaborative work and dedication reiterated how camp communication is directly correlated to the family experience.

This was my first summer on the job, I was able to apply a new perspective to the communicative experience. With that, I was able to learn and grow immensely as a camp professional. I look forward to utilizing my lessons learned and applying them to make Summer 2022 another great one!

This was a much-needed camp season for our camp community, and we appreciate all the effort that went into making the summer of 2021 a success. Looking ahead to 2022, please be sure to reach out with any feedback or camp questions!

Happy fall, Jared



BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

The summer of 2021 was two years in the making and the fond memories will certainly last a lifetime. We all packed our bags and headed for our little slice of heaven in Rock Hill, New York. We arrived at our summer home to enjoy a safe summer with all of our closest friends at the best place in the world. Camp was certainly different this summer as we didn't go on trips and had to shift with the times to make camp successful. The one thing that did not change was all your love for Iroquois Springs and your positive comradery with each other. You were all so happy to be with your friends, counselors, and group leaders. There was a huge lesson in to be learned. Nobody was focusing on what we couldn't do but were all **appreciative for everything we could do**. Expanding this philosophy beyond the gates of camp is a lesson that will benefit all of you for the rest of your lives. You will all remember that one crazy summer where you got to eat your meals in the theater, become closer friends even though you were socially distant, and were told to sanitize your hands as often as you were reminded to put on sunscreen and drink water. **Focusing on the positive aspects of life is a refreshing way to live**. Focusing on the positive was certainly a theme this past summer.

At Iroquois Springs we always say that it is the people that make our camp so special. This theory was proven during the summer of 2021. Thank you to all the counselors who made it through the summer and gave it everything that you had to make sure our campers had the summer of their lives. I also want to thank the group leaders for working so incredibly hard day and night to ensure Boys Side ran as smoothly as possible. Congratulations to all the campers who tried something new, made a new friend or simply succeeded being away from home for the first time. I want you to think about an activity that might have been difficult for you and want you to remember that you should be proud of yourself because you tried. I do not want to diminish the influence that Iroquois Springs has on all of us. It is certainly a huge part of who I am today, and I know it is also a huge part of who you are too. The lessons we learn at Iroquois Springs benefit all of us throughout our lives.

As the leaves fall, and the days get shorter, please use the amazing memories you have of the summer of 2021 to keep you warm physically and emotionally. The bond that all of us share because we spend our summers together is what keeps us strong. Although it may seem far away at times, we will all be back in our happy place before we know it.

Be well and stay safe, Josh

Dates to Remember

Spring Mailing - Tuesday, February 1st
Maryland Reunion - Announcement Coming Soon
Florida Reunion - Announcement Coming Soon
Tri-State Camp Conference - Monday, March 14th to
(Office Closed) Wednesday, March 16th
Camper Forms Due - Friday, April 15th
NY Camp Reunion - April 23rd - 24th Weekend (TBD)
New Family Orientation - Sunday, May 22nd
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 - Sunday, July 24th - Wednesday, July 27th
Campers Return Home - Friday, August 5th