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★ A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA ★

Thankful for the Summer Ahead...

Happy 2022! Now that we can officially call it 2022, we are finally in the same year of our next amazing summer together!

The new year brings with it a flood of emotions, especially during these unusual times. On one hand, we reflected on what was an amazing summer filled with campers and staff growing and learning, and most importantly, having a rich and fulfilling in-person experience that had been missing for all of us. On the other hand, temporarily, times remain a little unsettled as we plan for summer '22. Once the office re-opened in January, it was "all systems go" as we plan for this summer – we anticipate this summer looking much more closely to 2019 than 2021 with the hope to return to things like trips, inter-camp games and visiting day – the office is buzzing with excitement as we plan for another great summer together!

We are excited to share with you that our full-time, year-round camp team has grown as we welcome two amazing new camp professionals. Lindsay Goldberg and Matt Morris, both who have grown up at camp and through the ranks have joined us full-time to help hire our amazing staff, develop new dynamic programs, and help plan for all the important details for this summer. They are both "lifers" who could not be more dedicated to Iroquois Springs and everything that makes our community so special.

As we look ahead to what we know will be another fantastic summer 2022 –

we are so excited that our enrollment is as strong as ever, thank you for spreading the word! We have so many amazing staff members who have already committed to returning to their summer home for another summer. We are more confident than ever that we have another historic summer planned with new activities and traditions already in the planning process.

As we continue to navigate, together, through this time, we send you our best wishes for good health and safety. We also would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued unwavering support and loyalty to Iroquois Springs. The important role camp plays in all our lives have truly never been clearer. The in-person **socialization and formation of true, meaningful lifelong friendships, independence, self-reliance, responsibility, resiliency, and respect for others** are the character traits we talk about every day at camp – it is what we are all about. Thank you for your belief in us!

We have already started to count down the days to summer 2022 when the busses roll into Rock Hill!

CAMP
139 Days

From
FEB 8



With Love, Mark & Laura

GIRLS SIDE GAB *With Rosie*

GOOD MORNING GIRLS SIDE – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are getting closer to summer 2022 and I cannot wait! I simply want to see all your smiling faces and hear everything about your school year at our upcoming spring reunion! I love seeing all the IS meet up pictures both from counselors and campers. There is truly nothing like your camp friends. I am wishing each one of you a happy and healthy 2022 and know this year is going to be filled with so much to look forward to. Hoping the new year brings nothing but smiles and laughter. In just a few more months we will all be together again in 12775, and I know in my house, we are already counting the days.

We are officially in camp mode here on Girls Side. We recently had our first winter leadership meeting and the planning is well underway! I am so excited to start talking about the campers and counselors that are enrolled for 2022, what new activities we will be doing this summer, the new Iroquois Springs Fieldhouse, Color War, Girls Side Sing and more.....

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 stationery and stamps so that we can send letters home. We will be on Girls Side singing, chanting and more. We will be at lineup, in the dining hall and in the theatre. We will be at evening activities, College Days 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 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, as you know, that is something we always try to do at camp, and I hope that continues outside our gates in 12775.

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 Rock Hill 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 2022, that is what we live for!

What also gets me so excited about camp is that so many of our counselors will be returning from years past and many of our former CITS are returning to their happy place, the place that has made them the best version of themselves for so many years. There is just so much to look forward to. Ladies, remember – **CHOOSE KIND, SMILE AND BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER**, this is what sets us apart from so many others.

Remember to **LIVE - LOVE - LAUGH IN 2022** and make the most of every opportunity provided to you, I can't wait to see you all soon!

Love Rosie :)



A Message From the Camp Office

Hi I.S. Parents!

It's here, 2022, and you know what that means: Camp Forms, forms, and more, you guessed it, forms! It's okay, though; the Iroquois Springs office is at your beacon for all your form related questions and needs. The 2022 forms are now unlocked and available for you to complete through your parent dashboard. Here, you will find the essential general camp forms and medical forms, which you will need to complete before April 15, 2022.

Of course, you know this, but we feel obligated to remind you that completing these forms is essential for our team to best prepare for the upcoming summer season.

Completing these forms earlier rather than later will allow you to put the time and necessary effort into completing these forms that help prepare our staff for your child(ren) to arrive at camp.

Please be sure to contact your child's pediatrician to schedule their yearly check-ups sooner rather than later. Parents often have difficulties getting appointments in the springtime due to the "camp-surge", so plan ahead.

The Iroquois Springs office is looking forward to helping you prepare for camp this summer and for all the exciting things to come.





COUNSELOR'S CORNER



We could not be prouder to “officially announce” the addition of **Lindsay Goldberg** and **Matthew “Mo-Mo” Morris** to our full-time team. Both Lindsay and Matthew are lifers at Iroquois Springs! Having grown up at camp as campers, became staff members and took on multiple leadership roles over the years, both have hit the ground running and are thrilled to be working together as our staff recruiting team to bring the next set of **Iroquois Springs Difference Makers** to camp this summer!



MoMo

Wow, where to begin? If someone had told me a year ago that I'd be sitting down to write an article in the camp newsletter, I don't think I would have believed them. But if the last few years have taught us anything, it's that nothing is impossible and nothing lasts forever.

My love for camp has taught me so many things about myself and about the world around me and has now presented me an amazing opportunity with a new career at Iroquois Springs. Being a part of the full-time team is truly a dream come true and I couldn't be more grateful. The last few months have been busy and exciting, we've already hired so many amazing staff members that I can't wait for all of you to meet! We've spoken with potential counselors from all the way “down under” in Australia to right here in Florida (where I'm currently working from). I can't wait to get up to Rock Hill and get this summer started already! I know this will be one of our best summers yet! So, until we all meet again in the 12775, here's a few friendly reminders, that can never be said enough. Always be a SPARK, drink plenty of water and apply lots of sunscreen. Most importantly, keep being a positive influence on the people and community around you!

See you all soon! MoMo

Love from

Lindsay

“The sun will rise again and lead us back home,”

never have these words resonated with me more. After 8 long years of growing and learning, I have finally found myself once again right where I belong.

Iroquois Springs has truly been my home away from home since 2003 and being part of our newly formed full-time team has been the best start to 2022. It is truly humbling to be a part of a team filled with so many of the role models who have shaped me from such a young age.

I am already loving my new position and have really enjoyed getting the ball rolling on Summer 2022. I have learned the meaning of “whatever you do, do it with passion,” as I get to spend each day doing what I love, talking about Iroquois Springs! We are always searching for the best, most qualified staff to join our team of Difference Makers and so far, this is shaping up to be an outstanding summer crew. From the horseback stables all the way down to waterski and back up to Outdoor Adventure, we're assembling a team of talented and passionate individuals who are “all in” for the summer of their lives! They seem ready and excited to positively impact the lives of all our campers this summer. I can't wait for all of you to meet our staff and welcome them into our camp family!

In the meantime, keep up your hard work in school, be true to yourself, and always remember to confidently do what you love. **I'll see you all this summer in my favorite place on earth, right where I belong, in Rock Hill, 12775!**



NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



When the calendar turns to a new year, we are excited, looking ahead, optimistic about what's to come and of course, closer to the summer, and that is something to celebrate all on its own! Of course, each new day and each new month can present us with obstacles that we must navigate, learn to overcome, grow from, and become better versions of ourselves for having conquered these challenges. On a personal note, I have seen this first-hand, but I can truly say, when you focus on what is important and set your priorities straight, there is nothing you can't overcome, it's all about perspective.

Iroquois Springs is not just a place, it's a community of like-minded people, campers, parents, and staff who genuinely have your back, want to support you in every way and will be there for you even when you might not expect it. Being part of a family like this is truly heartwarming, it highlights the character and good nature of the folks who are fortunate to call Iroquois Springs home each summer and can bring you joy and optimism even during difficult times.

When we are at camp, there is nothing more valuable to a camper than knowing they are being cared for, supported, valued, and inspired. Who makes that happen, you already know the answer to that question? It's our staff, our team of Difference Makers! We search far and wide to fill our gates with the very best available, and once again, our full-time team is doing just that. With international travel resuming, we have been fortunate to attract so many who want to make 12775 their summer home and share in the magic and gift of camp from near to far.

We have said it before, and believe this whole heartedly, "the magic of camp lies in its people!" It's not the place or the "stuff", it's the people! We are proud to share with you, that this summer we have a record number of returning staff, some of which had to take a 1 or 2 year hiatus thanks to the pandemic, but found a way back home. We know you look forward to seeing "who" is coming back to camp, so here goes, this is the official list of those that have said YES so far!

Jessica Abelow	Marcella Donatelli	Max Lasky	Talia Paisner
Andie Abrams	Evan Dowers	Rachel Lebda	Alyssa Pavlu
Ellye Alperstein	Charles "CJ" Ellis	Jordyn Lieberman	Zach "Water Ski" Pelzer
Roberto Azpiri	Warren "Wazza" Famiglietti	Avery Lieberman	Donna "DP" Poole
Alan Villagomez Baez	Maren "Fitness" Gandy	Ava Lieberman	Matthew Projansky
Allison "Allergies" Berman	Sofia Gomez	Rich Lippmann	Ciaran Quigley
Andrew Bialek	Andres Gomez Orantes	Fernando Manuel Manzola Marin	Dylan Randolph
Aixa Martinez Bidot	Jenna Greenstein	Seth Marcus	Alexandria Reynolds
Richard Blackburn	Colin "DJ" Hamilton	Mike "Baseball" Martin	Nathan Rogers
Lauren Blackburn	Angel Hernandez	Christian Rosa Martinez	Omar Tlapa Sansalvador
James "Div" Blackburn	James Higgins	Jesus Martinez	Alexandra Saypoff
Diana Blank	Alexandra Hochstedler	Luis Velez Martinez	Irwin "Stosh" Schtierman
Ella Blank	Michael "Hof" Hofmeister	Lissie Maurer	Damaris Scott
Josh "JB" Bogard	Millie Rose Hogman	Eric Maurer	Leah Sider
Rosanne "Rosie" Bogard	Cody Holcomb	Tim McGinnis	Jhenelle Small
Lori "Cooking" Bright	Keisha Hooper	Grace Medina	Anthony Sodaro
Immanuel Broadway	Matthew Jacob	Ciaran Miles	Arianna Stassa
Jared Brown	Anthony "AJ" Johnson	Carson Mo	Shari Steinert
Abigail Bryan	Erin Johnson	Jesus Viveros Morales	Emma Stevenson
Sarah Bush	Nicholas Jordan	Matthew "Mo-Mo" Morris	Lauryn Stewart
Julian Chambers	Noa Katz	Eli Nadell	Najon Subik
Lynn Cicco	Cassandra Kelso	Hannah Nassau	Brogen Thomas
James Clayton	Katherine Kerr	Sarah Newfield	Heidi Perez Tirado
Jordi Vazquez Contreras	Amanda Kline	Joshua Nickson	Mariana "Tennis" Valenzuela
David Cooperberg	Aleksandra Knezevic	Phineas Nutting	Kaulani Walker
Jose A. Velez "Tony" Cruz	Spencer "Aquatics" Knowles	Angel Ocasio	William "Big Will" Walter
Ian Quiroz Cuapio	Gabrielle Krumper	Hannah Olger	Larry "Lah" Wilensky

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...





BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

It is currently 14 degrees outside and with the windchill it feels like -2. I have a to-do list on my desk that seems as long as the Apache Relay but sitting at work while wearing a hat and fleece is not making me want to check anything off of the list. It is making me only want to do

one thing; think of the times when the bell at the end of a class period is replaced by the **sounds of reveille, food glorious food and rubber ducky** over the camp PA. I want to exchange the keys to my car for the key to the golf cart and replace my cell phone with a walkie-talkie. I am excited for my laundry to come back in a giant bag and for my meals to be prepared without me having anything to do with it. I want to wake up and stand in front of over 200 campers at Boys Flagpole while making announcements and playing ridiculous games together. Believe it or not, I am truly missing cookies and chocolate milk for snack! As you know, cookies and milk for snack usually guarantees that the temperature in Boys Circle will be at least 100 degrees. I cannot wait for **late night campfires with s'mores, movies under the stars** and all the memories that are created during our 42 days together in Rock Hill.

We speak every morning at line-up about the positive effects that we can have on all of the people around us. I always ask that you make the people around you better, simply because they know YOU. Keep this mission alive through the winter and I can promise that you will be making the people around you better while also growing into a responsible and caring young adult. It is a staff member's mission at Iroquois Springs to be **The Difference Maker** and we hope that these values become a part of your lives every day. We are all learning in real time how small acts of kindness can go a long way to making a difference in someone's life. Iroquois Springs is who I am and who you are. Iroquois Springs is not just a camp or piece of land in Rock Hill, New York. It is a way of life, a way to think and a way to live.

I recently passed a man in the street who was wearing a T-shirt that said, **"You may leave summer camp, but summer camp never leaves you."** This t-shirt resonated with me because those eleven words cannot be any truer. I might not be physically standing at the gates of Iroquois Springs, but Iroquois Springs is currently within me. Iroquois Springs has been changing the lives of campers for the past 21 summers and I know that the 22nd summer is not going to be any different. I cannot wait to join the ride with everyone.

So, there are about 18 Mondays until our 1st pizza night and around 18 Thursdays until our 1st BBQ... Let's all begin the countdown until the best day of the year, the 1st Day of Camp.

Campe Diem, **JOSH**

Welcome

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



- Caleb Barth Boca Raton, FL
- Sienna Belmont-Spector New York, NY
- Matthew Berlin Larchmont, NY
- Jake Bernstein Pine Brook, NJ
- Daniel Cohen Upper Saddle River, NJ
- Matthew Cohn Pelham Manor, NY
- Olivia Danes New York, NY
- Lauren Ehrlich Rockville, MD
- Bria Endlich Merrick, NY
- Isaac Endlich Merrick, NY
- Jessica Finder Framingham, MA
- Rowyn Fleissig Park Ridge, NJ
- Sienna Friedman Delray Beach, FL
- Chloe Georgopoulos Boca Raton, FL
- Benjamin Holtzman Bethesda, MD
- Joseph Holtzman Bethesda, MD
- Zeke Horowitz Englewood Cliffs, NJ
- Meyer Jacobson Larchmont, NY
- Abigail Kleinman Smithtown, NY
- Josh Kolton North Caldwell, NJ
- Ryan Kolton North Caldwell, NJ
- Lainey Lebowitz Boca Raton, FL
- Owen Lieberman North Caldwell, NJ
- Emmie Merriam Brooklyn, NY
- Olivia Merriam Brooklyn, NY
- Lavi Peer Forest Hills, NY
- Gavin Preizler Chappaqua, NY
- Morgan Sauer Rye Brook, NY
- Ava Schachter Ardsley, NY
- Dylan Silbowitz Potomac, MD
- Vivienne Silbowitz Potomac, MD
- Lola Tesi Syosset, NY
- Klara Vien New York, NY
- Daniel Yerushalmi Woodbury, NY



FAVORITE RECIPE FROM

Kitchen Stadium

Heart Shaped Cinnamon Rolls (JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINES DAY)

INGREDIENTS

DOUGH

- 1 cup milk
- 1 .25 oz. package of dry active yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1/6 cup sugar
- 1/6 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 Tbs baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 egg
- 3 1/2 cups flour



FILLING

- 2 Tbs butter, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 4 tsp cinnamon

ICING

- 4 oz cream cheese, softened
- 2 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 4 Tbs milk

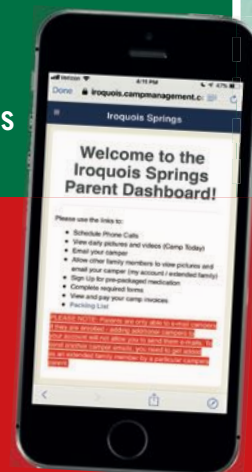
DIRECTIONS

- Heat milk in a small saucepan until it bubbles, stirring frequently so it doesn't burn. Remove from heat and let cool until it's lukewarm.
- Dissolve yeast into 1/4 cup of warm water and let stand for 10 minutes, or until creamy.
- In the bowl of a stand mixer, fitted with the dough hook, combine yeast mixture, warm milk, sugar, oil, baking powder, salt, egg and 2 cups of flour. Mix until the dough is smooth. Slowly add remaining flour and mix until well combined. Knead dough on low speed for 5 minutes, until smooth and elastic. Place dough in lightly oiled bowl, covered, and let sit for 1 hour in a dry, warm place.
- Grease two 9-inch pans with butter and set aside.
- Once the dough has doubled in size (about 1-2 hours), punch dough and place on a lightly floured surface. Roll out into a rectangle, about 13 inches in length. Using an off-set spatula, apply butter and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. To roll the dough, roll in each long side towards the middle. Cut the log into twelve 1-inch rolls. Pinch the bottom of each roll to make the bottom point of the heart. Place six rolls in each pan, spaced slightly apart. Cover and refrigerate overnight, for at least 12 hours.
- The next day, take rolls out of the refrigerator and let sit at room temperature for 45 minutes to an hour. Preheat oven to 350F while rolls are resting. Also, make icing by mixing the icing ingredients in a bowl with an electric mixer.
- Bake cinnamon rolls uncovered for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown. Ice while warm.

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



TEXT MESSAGING

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!

IROQUOIS SPRINGS PUZZLER CLASSIC ALMA MATER LINES

- Item 1 – 2004 Golden Nebula
- Item 2 – 2019 Arctic Blue
- Item 3 – 2008 Infinity Blue
- Item 4 – 2021 Golden Olympia
- Item 5 – 2002 Janus Blue
- Item 6 – 2018 Golden Legacy
- Item 7 – 2021 Theia Blue
- Item 8 – 2005 Gaia Blue
- Item 9 – 2017 Hawaiian Blue
- Item 10 – 2010 Achaean Blue
- Item 11 – 2014 Odin Gold
- Item 12 – 2011 Golden Arcadia
- Item 13 – 2012 El Dorado Gold
- Item 14 – 2019 Golden Nirvana
- Item 15 – 2016 Galactic Blue

ANSWER KEY



MEMORIES OF

Blue

& GOLD

IROQUOIS SPRINGS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

Brrrrr, it's cold outside, and Rock Hill is no exception! While most of the lights are off, the cabin doors are closed, the canteen is empty and so much of camp simply looks peaceful and quiet, there is always something happening! Our year-round team along with many contractors are busy at camp, battling the snow and cold to continue to improve our world-class facility.

As we continue to ponder what's next and evaluate the best ways to continue to make improvements to camp, here is what we are currently working on "behind the scenes." Our team has been busy renovating several private staff rooms that accommodate our group leaders and administrative team during the summer, as well as guests who rent our facility before and after our traditional camp season. As with all aspects of camp, we know it's important to "see the big picture" and try to focus our attention on even the smallest details. Keeping our staff happy during the summer is just another piece of the puzzle because happy staff = happy campers and that tends to mean happy parents which makes for happy camp directors!

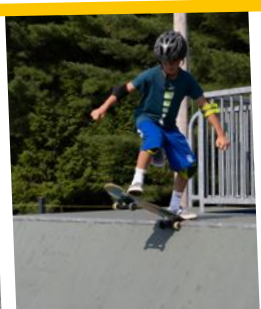
In addition, we have teamed up with NYSEG, our local energy provider to make camp **"more efficient"** and move towards creating a **"greener"** environment that we can all be proud of and most importantly we know will be sustainable for so many years to come. Bulbs are being changed to LED's, compressors are being swapped out for higher efficiency units and again, behind the scenes, all the small details that make camp work daily are being addressed. More about this "green effort" can be found in the article to follow.

The BIG PROJECT however and the one we know you can't wait to see is the construction of our brand new, state

of the art, **Iroquois Springs Fieldhouse!** In the very same location that stood our original structure, which was an amazing sight to see, our new construction will soon take shape and our campers will surely enjoy so many wonderful activities and programs in this new space. What is different about this build, however, is that much of the structure will be built off-site and then assembled at camp. So, while we don't see if all happening before our very eyes right now, believe us, this project is well underway!

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. Pretty cool to be able to say, we have an indoor turf field, we can't wait to unveil it! 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.

Our premier facility continues to shine, and we take great pride in making sure we offer the very best and provide the very best to those lucky enough to call Iroquois Springs home each 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't wait to see you all enjoy this new addition to camp during the summer of 2022!**



REMINDER TO PARENTS....

Apple is no longer making an iPod Nano or Shuffle, however, Iroquois Springs will continue to adhere 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 the information provided to you with our **February 1st** correspondence 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!

HAPPY Birthday

January

- 1 Dev Melwani
- 2 Gavin Keller
- 3 Abigail Hooper
- 3 Jeremy Projansky
- 5 Camilo Hurtado
- 6 Sophia Snyder
- 6 Nina Stein
- 9 Jocelyn Levy
- 11 Kelly Hale
- 12 Daniella Friedman
- 12 Devon Green
- 13 Corey Jacobs
- 13 Emery Matusow
- 13 Noah Snyder
- 14 Alexa Bassuk
- 14 Jack Mitola
- 14 Chloe Schimmel
- 15 Sage Winters
- 17 William Berg
- 17 Aidan Blom
- 18 Willa Rothschild
- 19 Tyler Bassett
- 19 Zachary Gould
- 19 Ashley Mednik
- 19 Samara Weinfeld
- 22 Ella Horwitz
- 22 Brody Schimmel
- 22 Eli Stein
- 23 Jordan Herzog
- 25 Dylan Canfield
- 26 Jack Tavelin
- 27 Harper Kelsey
- 28 Sienna Belmont-Spector
- 28 Jack Horowitz
- 29 Addison Wein
- 30 Aryana Berger
- 30 Ethan Jalosky
- 30 Elle Stein
- 30 Carson Uris
- 31 Olivia Danes
- 31 Aaron Gilbert

February

- 1 Rodrigo De Los Santos
- 1 Gavin Freed
- 2 Sam Levi
- 3 Austin Klein
- 4 Charlie Lottner
- 4 Brandon Tibaldi
- 5 Flint Birnbaum
- 5 Olivia Wolf
- 8 Matthew Bernhardt
- 9 Riley Bordetsky
- 10 Gabriella Ruziecki
- 11 Caleigh Weintraub
- 12 Zeke Horowitz
- 12 Leah Schwarz
- 12 Allie Shaknes
- 13 Maren Breen
- 13 Simon Kelsey
- 13 Loulou Redmond
- 14 Alexandra Lazear
- 14 Alexander Stillman
- 15 Jake Kaplan
- 15 Brody Rosenman
- 16 Justin Tibaldi
- 17 Evan Goldstein
- 17 Lexie Music
- 17 Ashlyn Roffman
- 17 Sasha Rosenman
- 17 Ava Schachter
- 17 Ellen Zuckerbrod
- 19 Reese Bassett
- 20 Ryan Basov
- 20 Chase Matusow
- 20 Arden-Love Vimbor
- 21 David Anderson
- 22 Alexandra Zodda
- 23 Piper Keltz
- 25 Derek Drehwing
- 26 Grace Liebman
- 27 Dalia Ghadiry

March

- 1 Ethan Bernstein
- 1 Bryce Freed
- 1 Skylar (Sky) Levitt
- 1 Logan Scott
- 2 Benjamin Metula
- 5 Jacob Goldstein
- 6 Reid Buckley
- 7 Jessica Fitzmaurice
- 7 Matthew Ventorino
- 8 Aiden Frank
- 8 Chloe Georgopoulos
- 9 Dara Alperstein
- 9 Jeffrey Adrian Epstein
- 10 Braedon Gross
- 15 Samantha Starrett
- 15 Leo Vasapolli
- 16 Avery Klein
- 16 Abigail Kleinman
- 17 Luca Cavallo
- 18 Harper Krauss
- 18 Adam Stephan-Gewirtz
- 19 Carlo Dolgetta
- 19 Laila Virji
- 19 Star Weinberg
- 20 Jake Noyes
- 21 Alana Bardavid
- 21 Zoe Mitola
- 22 Samantha Frank
- 23 Rachel Kershner
- 27 Emily Nudelman
- 28 Olivia Bogard
- 30 Dominic Ridge
- 30 Simon Solomon
- 30 Cooper Warren
- 31 Julia Beida

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 a **virtual appointment** at one of their many "roadshows" where campers can see the latest styles and place orders for all kinds of great camp items!

Keep in mind, as with so many things over the last few years, supply chain delays continue to be of concern for all industries, so make sure to take a look and get your orders in with Everything Camper!



THE NY WINTER REUNION - DATE IS SET!

Join us at
Breezemont Day Camp
in Armonk, NY on
Saturday, April 23rd

Gather with camp friends outdoors, enjoy some fun activities, great food, share memories, get excited for the summer ahead and pick-up your framed camp pictures from last summer.

(If you can't attend, we will of course mail them to you.)

For those of you a bit further south, keep an eye out for our Maryland and Florida gatherings as well, we can't wait to see you all!



ATTENTION New Camp Families!!!!



If this is your first time coming to Iroquois Springs and you have some of those first-time camp parent questions - packing list, forms and "what to expect" question..... have no fear - we have you covered with our very own

"Camp Counselor"

We are excited to introduce you to Robin, our camp counselor who is here to help you best prepare for this summer. She is a veteran member of our full-time camp team, and mom of 3 Iroquois Springs campers.

If you have not made an appointment to connect with Robin to have all your camp questions answered, be sure to do that right away - <https://calendly.com/robin-iroquoissprings>

She cannot wait to speak with you!

THE SENIORS ARE HEADING TO **BOSTON** MASSACHUSETTS

Look out New England, the Iroquois Springs senior campers and CIT 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 historic Boston, Massachusetts. **Highlights will include a trip to the NE Aquarium, Boston Harbor Cruise, Duck Boat Tour, Tour of Fenway Park, the thrills of Six Flags NE, an excursion to Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall and more!**

Details and enrollment information will be sent very soon, but we wanted to remind you about this great

opportunity and can't wait to share all the highlights as we confirm the details of the trip throughout the winter.

The Senior Trip will take place from July 24 - 27 during Session # 2.

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!**



A WALK THROUGH THE WOODLANDS OF I.S.

With so many wonderful facilities on campus, it is easy to forget that much of the land of Iroquois Springs is undeveloped woodlands, with the largest part located behind Boys Campus. For generations, campers and staff have enjoyed hiking these woods. The Iroquois Springs woodlands hold many secrets and surprises to the adventurous and attentive observer!

The earliest known inhabitants of the land we know as Rock Hill, NY 12775 was the Esopus tribe (es-SOAP-es): a tribe of Lenape (Delaware) First Nations People who were native to modern day Sullivan and Ulster counties. If they have left any sign of their presence on the magical grounds of Iroquois Springs it would be in the traces of old trails in the oldest parts of the woods. This would be off the well-trodden paths. Intriguingly, just off the main path into the woods, a bit beyond Mark and Laura's House, there is a large rock outcropping deposited when a mighty glacier retreated north at the end of the last Ice Age about 12,000 years ago. Stories have been passed down long-ago about campers finding ancient arrow heads beneath the overhang of the rock outcropping. And then there is the tall tale that beneath the outcropping there is an entrance to a network of fabled underground caves. But that is a tale for another time.....

In the 1700's, settlers arrived and cleared much of the original woods and established homesteads. If you are a good observer, you can find the traces they left behind. Scattered throughout the woods behind Boys Side are the remains of stone walls and property boundaries. They have fired the imaginations of generations of campers! These walls - basically long piles of stones - are generally accompanied by clearings in the woods where there are no trees present. Mostly just ferns and ivy. One theory: these are the locations of the homesteads of the first European settlers of Sullivan County. What were their lives like? One thing we are fairly sure of is where many of these early Iroquois Springs citizens got their water supply. On the very edge of camp property is the remains of a small reservoir / well which to this day has a running water supply. If you know where to find it, it's a cool destination for a hiking period. (HINT: Ask Tim, the camp facilities manager, or Mr. Josh Bogard, our Boys Head Counselor!)

For those who are not so adventurous and want to see an artifact over 200 years old, walk down the path to the soccer field. Just before entering the soccer field look to the right, and you will see a row of small boulders: all that remains of an old property boundary. This trace of the distant past survived all the development and clearing of the soccer field during the many years that have passed since those boulders marked a long-gone boundary. Pretty cool to think about!

The woods of Iroquois Springs hold other more recent surprises as well, but that can wait for another time! Just a bit of the fascinating backstory of The Greatest Place in the World!!!!



Each new year, it is important to focus on new resolutions, goals, and adventures, and here at Iroquois Springs, we are no different. Over the past few months, we have been discussing ways to enhance the camp experience, expand our knowledge, and get our camp community more involved while making a difference.

For many, anytime they hear the words “eco-friendly” or “go green,” they think of earth day and recycling. Camp sustainability is more than just focusing on earth day and using reusable water bottles; it is about adopting a **SUSTAINABLE MINDSET**. This year, we recognize more than ever our footprint as a camp community and have shifted our focus to being more environmentally knowledgeable and sustainable. With that philosophy and goal, we discovered the organization **GREEN CAMPS**, which recognizes the transformative power of camp and has a mission to inspire the next generation of eco-leaders. Green Camps is a non-profit organization that brings together folks from across the camping industry and beyond to empower and inspire staff and campers to be eco-leaders. Being a new member of Green Camps allows Iroquois Springs to have a valuable resource to better our environment and camp community.

To start on our eco-centric journey, we recently met with NYSEG (New York State Electric & Gas Corporation) to swap out all of our light bulbs for LED lights. LED lights last longer, save energy, contain no hazardous materials (Mercury free), and allow for less landfill waste.

As you all know from your time at camp, or will soon come to find out, there are many more moving parts in the camp community than just light bulbs. Therefore, we are forming an **IROQUOIS SPRINGS “GREEN COMMITTEE”** to put our best foot forward and to have a perspective from various people in our camp community, especially our CIT's and veteran staff.

This is an opportunity for our CIT's to formulate ideas, collaborate, and begin their leadership stride for this upcoming summer. This volunteer opportunity will allow them to document hours for school volunteer hours, keep them thinking about camp throughout the year, and it will be a great resume builder for college.

We look forward to inspiring, educating, and implementing environmentally friendly initiatives at Iroquois Springs. For those who would like to be more involved, offer some ideas, or have any questions, feel free to reach out to us, we can't wait to hear from you!

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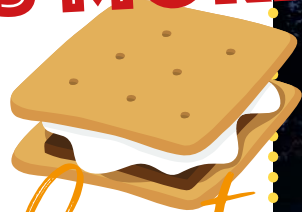
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Fireworks

Dates to Remember

- Tri-State Camp Conference - Monday, March 14th to (Office Closed) Wednesday, March 16th
- Camper Forms Due - Friday, April 15th
- NY Camp Reunion - Saturday, April 23rd
- New Family Orientation at Camp - Sunday, May 22nd
- Area Pick-Up for IS Baggage Service - Saturday, 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
- Seniors Trip to Boston - Sunday, July 24th - Wednesday, July 27th
- Campers Return Home - Friday, August 5th