# THE IROQUOIS SPRINGS TIMES

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### A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA Happy New Year – Summer Here we Come!

#### Happy 2023! Now that we can officially call it 2023, we are finally in the same year of our next amazing summer together!

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As we turn the page on another year, it is always a time of deep reflection for us. As we took a breath and looked back at what has been TWENTY-THREE incredible years of Iroquois Springs, since we bought the camp, it is hard to believe how guickly the time has passed. We have seen so many of our campers and staff grow up before our eyes. We are so proud of Iroquois Springs, twenty-three years later. Iroquois Springs has become an amazing community of campers and staff who respect and care about one another and look forward to returning to Rock Hill each summer more than almost anything else. Our reputation of taking great care of our campers and providing an incredible experience with our mature, well-trained staff has been unsurpassed. This is no small feat, and it happened because we have had the most wonderful camp families and staff members out there, who have believed in what Iroquois Springs is all about - Thank you!

As we look ahead to what we know will be another fantastic summer 2023 – 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 in Rock Hill. We are more

confident than ever that we have another historic summer planned with new

activities and traditions already in the planning process. The addition of the brand-new fieldhouse will surely add a new dimension to our camp program. Complete with air-conditioning, and a full Astro-turf indoor field will make this building a unique addition to any camp.

We are busy planning some of our reunions and meet ups for this upcoming year and cannot wait to see all our campers and families in March and April at our Northeast Reunion, Maryland Reunion and in South Florida. We have some fun things planned and unique giveaways to continue to spread spirit.

The most important part about camp is the people, and we are so proud of our campers, who have really grown in so many other ways, they are more self-confident, they are better friends, or better siblings or better children, and they are better people because the camp experience helps them to develop themselves and take risks in a warm, supportive, caring environment with staff that is there for their challenges and triumphs. As we always say, the "secret sauce" at Iroquois Springs are the people that we get to share another cherished summer together and make a difference in the lives of one another.

Let the official countdown begin as we excitedly head toward June with another great summer ahead.

We cannot wait!



#### HELLO AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WOW, 2023! Love that we are getting closer to the summer and before we know it, we will all be back together again. This time of year I often find myself answering the same question over and over again to friend, colleagues and sometimes even strangers.....should I send my child to sleepaway camp? I look at them like they are crazy and respond - OF COURSE YOU SHOULD SEND THEM to camp. BECAUSE, THEY GET TO UNPLUG and create LIFELONG FRIENDS and MEMORIES, what's better than that? They also learn to become more independent and better people while at camp! Most kids come home from camp with increased self-esteem, because they've had the opportunity to tackle new challenges on their own. Children often have an opportunity to reinvent themselves at camp, what could be better than that?

At camp, we learn to respect and appreciate each other's differences. We learn to be **NICE**, to be **KIND**, to be **BRAVE** and to **BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE**. So those are the reasons why everyone should send their kids to sleepaway camp if they have the opportunity to do so. There are so many more reasons, but those are the ones that stand out.

Camp has changed me and of course my family in so many ways. Not a day goes by that we don't talk about, think about, bring up a story from or get together with someone from camp! We were fortunate enough to be in Florida (as many of you were) over the holidays and we bumped into an I.S. family almost every day. 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 so excited to see all 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 **2021** are back as staff. There is just so much to look forward to this summer!

Remember to **LIVE - LOVE - LAUGH IN 2023** and make the most of every opportunity provided to you, I can't wait to see you all soon! **Posic**:)



## A Message From the Camp Office

#### Hi I.S. Parents!

Already!?!? It's 2023!? Well, you know what that means: Camp is on the horizon, and we are full steam ahead in the preparation process for another fantastic summer. Here in the winter office, we are working on welcoming new families and staff, supporting returning families and staff, and even working on giving you more Tik Tok and Instagram Reel content! (@IroquoisSprings TikTok + @Iroquoisspringscamp\_official Instagram).

Now that my shameless social media plug is done, let's get down to some business. This is the time of year when your **camp forms** become available on the parent dashboard. It's okay, though; the Iroquois Springs office is at your beckon call for all your form questions and needs. On your dashboard, you will find the essential general camp forms and medical forms, which you will need to complete **by April 15**. Of course, you know this, but we are 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." Making an appointment a few months in advance may save you the headache of scrambling in the springtime, and it will allow you ample time to get all the required forms in before **April 15**.

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

#### Best wishes, Jared

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Wow, how is it already 2023? I love that we are getting closer and closer to being at camp all together! The start of the New Year is always such an exciting time of year, as it brings a set of new beginnings, a refreshing start, and New Year's resolutions are top of everyone's minds. As I was thinking about my resolutions and how to meet them, I started thinking of how I can help you campers come up with some resolutions and how you can accomplish yours. As the start of another busy hiring season has officially taken off, this has become easier and easier. While sifting through hundreds of online applications, narrowing down the applicants through phone screenings, and then finally conducting virtual interviews, I am constantly thinking about all the positive ways our new and returning staff can help you reach your resolutions!

TRY SOMETHING NEW:

From the docks of waterski, to the Girls Side tennis courts, up through Hobbyville to the ropes course, Iroquois Springs has so much to offer. But what really allows you to try something new, are the staff who are there to teach skills and help develop new passions. We have been searching far and wide for the most capable, qualified, and passionate staff who are ready to teach you something new this summer.

MAKE NEW CONNECTIONS:

The beauty of our staff is the differences amongst every individual staff member. Although we have many staff members who have grown up at Iroquois Springs themselves, we also have staff from all over the country and all over the world! For the first time since I've worked on the full-time team, this year, Matthew, and I will be flying across the pond to London to participate in an international camp hiring fair. We are hoping to hire the next set of Difference Makers in your lives.

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It is always awesome to see first-hand just how much our counselors give back by working at camp every summer. Their selflessness and commitment to the success of each camper is inspiring. This year, find a way to give back as well! At camp each summer, you have the opportunity to partake in some incredible causes - Project Morry, Green Camps, and SCOPE, are just a few examples!

Remember, your resolutions do not have to be limited to these three, and they do not have to be limited to the New Year. Continue to come up with more on your own as the year goes on.

#### I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEM ALL COME TRUE!

## NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD

What a difference a year makes. At this time last year, I was talking about perspective, setting priorities and conquering life's challenges, whether big or small. This motto will never change and the passion and desire you have to make the best of any and all circumstances should be

desire you have to make the best of any and all circumstances should be the driving force behind all that we do. Sometimes roadblocks present themselves, but how you navigate these hurdles will certainly shape your roadmap ahead.

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Speaking of roadmaps, mine often looks the same each year in terms of how my calendar will take shape and where I find myself at different stages of the year. Clearly a good chunk of time is spent in our happy place, that is camp! Another chunk is spent with my family, at home, pushing through the daily grind as we all do which includes school, college planning (how did I get there), deciding what's for dinner and what we are doing each weekend....sound familiar? As a family, we also try to find time to enjoy our winter ski trips out west, spend quality with friends and simply try to enjoy each day to the max, as time truly does fly by as the calendar continues to change month to month, year to year.

February also marks the time in the year that our staff truly starts to take shape, our former counselors and leadership team can now say, "this summer I am headed back to camp" and we know the tremendous value returning staff have each summer. As camp directors, we know what a 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 and pass along the values and traditions to our first-time staff each summer.

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.

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Roberto Azpiri Alan Baez Timothy Baldock	Yve Fouladi Maren Gandy	Fernando Manuel Manzola Marín Jesus Martinez Lissie Maurer	Irwin Schtierman Damaris Scott Ami Sheridan
Charles Ball	Lindsay Goldberg	Eoin McCloskey	Leah Sider
Andrew Bialek	Sofia Gomez	Tim McGinnis	Jhenelle Small
Aixa Martinez Bidot	Jodie Gilfillan	Eon David Mendez	Anthony Sodaro
Richard Blackburn	Jenna Greenstein	Ciaran Miles	Ingrid Soderholm
Diana Blank	Karolina Grychtol	Stacy Moore	Arianna Stassa
Josh Bogard	Colin Hamilton	Ezequiel Mora	Danielle Stassa
Rosanne Bogard	Arisbeth Hernandez Dauzon	Jesus Viveros Morales	Kaitlin Stein
Immanuel Broadway	Jared Hobson	Matthew Morris	Shari Steinert
Jared Brown	Alexandra Hochstedler	Will Morton	Emma Stevenson
Sarah Bush Daniel Cabrera Sydney Castaneda	Michael Hofmeister Millie Rose Hogman Cody Holcomb	Jack Nassau Sarah Newfield	Charlotte Storey Najon Subik Grace Sugano
Juan Castro	Keisha Hooper	Angel Ocasio	Elina Sungatullina
Benjamin Chapman	Adrijan Hrzic	Cameron Parish	Dawid Swietochowski
Kamil Chmura	Sandra Berenice Huesca Rojo	Alyssa Pavlu	Roy Thomas
Lynn Cicco	Chloe Johnston	Zach Pelzer	Heidi Perez Tirado
Dickson Cindy	Nicholas Jordan	Gabriella Perry	Heather Tollin
Jillian Cohen	Noa Katz	Donna Poole	Alfie Torbet
Georgia Cole Shawn Coleman Tony Cruz	Kacee Kehoe-Amsler Spencer Knowles Matt Korn	Dennis Power Matthew Projansky Fergus Pye	William Walter Robin Wenczl
Panna Cseko	Marcell Kovacs	Emily Quartermaine	Matt Wills

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!



## BOYS SIDE STUFF

I'd like to take the cold days of winter to focus on the warmth that being a S.P.A.R.K. can bring other people. It's February and we can all use a little S.P.A.R.K. to warm us up. Here are some inspiring quotes that resonate with

the importance of being a S.P.A.R.K. in other people's lives.

**elfless:** "It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others." **- Dalai Lama XIV** 

**assionate:** "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." - Harriet Tubman

**uthentic:** "Authenticity is more than speaking; Authenticity is also about doing. Every decision we make says something about who we are." - Simon Sinek

esilient: "Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up." - Nelson Mandela

**ind:** "My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness. Continue to allow humor to lighten the burden of your tender heart." - Maya Angelou

As usual, the Boys Side crew is using the winter months to create new and exciting activities for the summer, but I do want to remind you that the most important items on the packing list for the summer of 2023 are an **open mind**, **kind heart and the willingness to try new things**. Iroquois Springs is the best place to spend your summer and I am counting down the days until the s'mores are roasting, bunks are full of campers and Boys Side is once again filled with the laughter and smiles of campers living and making life-long positive memories. If you listen carefully, you can hear Rock Hill calling all our names.

#### All the best, **TOSH**



Welcome

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

Addison Blumkin **Ines Cerrada Marley Chiu Drew Crampton** Sophia Drosos Dylan Edgar Gabi Hausfeld Jorge LaFuente **Oliver Melnichok** Landon Mitchel Max Mulle **Ryan Mulle Jacob Rich Jagger Rich Reece Rich** Emma Rothman **Asher Smith Cooper Smith Hudson Smith** Athena Speyer **Dylan Steiner** Jeremy Temkin **Camille Waber** Ethan Wafer **Reade White Devon Cohen Antonio** Tali Cohen Antonio Jordan Jemal **Ryan Jemal** 

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- Gael Paradies
- Evan Silverstein

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## FAVORITE RECIPE FROM

#### **Kitchen Stadium**

**Cupid Crunch Valentine Popcorn Mix** (JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINES DAY)

#### WHAT YOU NEED

- 2 bags microwave popcorn or 1/2 -2/3 cup popcorn kernels, popped
- 12 oz bag Chocolate Candy Melts
- 2 cups pretzels- broken into pieces
- 1 ½ cups M&Ms
- Sprinkles, Nonpareils, Holiday shaped candies for decoration

#### HOW TO MAKE IT

- 1. Pop popcorn, set aside.
- 2. Melt the candy melts at 30 second intervals in the microwave stirring frequently.
- 3. Toss broken pretzels and M&Ms into the bowl with popcorn. Then pour 1/2 the melted candy over the top and combine with a rubber spatula.
- 4. Spread mixture out on a sheet of wax paperdrizzle remaining melted candy over the top.
- 5. Sprinkle the nonpareils, candy bits or sprinkles
- 6. After the chocolate dries/firms up again, break into bits and store in an airtight container and Enjoy!

## TECHNOLOGY & ECTRONICS 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:

- 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!

## Welcome to the Iroquois Springs Parent Dashboard!

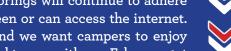
#### **REMINDER TO PARENTS...**



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 & CAMPFIRE PLAYER. Both devices are great options for camp and along with any other 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!







# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

You might think that with the cold outside, frozen lake, most of the lights off and very few people walking through the grounds of 12775 that there would not be much going on right now at camp, but that is just not the case! This time of year, if you look from the center of camp, you can see the Fitness Center almost clear as day, but now, that line of sight will have a brand-new look and feel.

That's right, the much anticipated and certainly much desired **Fieldhouse** construction is well underway, and this building is going to be a true **SHOW STOPPER!** It's amazing to watch as the construction crew rolled in just after January I, the heavy machinery and materials started to arrive, and you literally could see the building start to take shape almost immediately. It's impressive to watch, even through some undesirable weather, the crew continues to push along, and progress is being made every day!

The new Fieldhouse will be a **totally enclosed, turf field** that can be used for almost any type of activity or program imaginable. Whether it's a full field indoor soccer game, flag football, dodgeball, DJ Party, rainy day activity, divisional gatherings and so much more, the fieldhouse is going to be the place to be this summer! 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.

As you have also become a customized to knowing, we continually try to "push the envelope" and continue to find ways to add more program spaces for campers and

improve our incredible facility each summer. While the fieldhouse is most certainly impressive



on its own, we are also adding a new **Pickle Ball Complex** on the Girls Side of camp. The "back tennis courts" are being completely transformed into this new program area that will be home to our new **Pickle Ball** courts and provide campers and staff an opportunity to join the quickly growing Pickle Ball craze that has gained popularity nationwide. Whether you have played before or this may be your first time, we can't wait for you to step onto the courts this summer and join in on the fun!

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 2023!



## > THE WINTER ARROW CLUE

It's been a few issues since our last clue was provided, but in usual fashion, the iconic and notorious Larry Wilensky (Camp Historian & Resident Storyteller) does not disappoint.

In this issue of the Iroquois Springs Times, we have presented 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.

#### Here is Clue #1:

I shine on brightly through sun, rain and snow,

The ages of horse and carriage automobile and golf cart are as one to me,

For I have surely seen it all!

But out of all the times I have witnessed and sheltered,

I have worn the circles around the sun of late the most proudly,

For I now stand with legends!

#### Send your answers to:

summers@iroquoissprings.com and make sure to include your first and last name in the email.

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- **Gavin Keller** 2
- Jeremy Projansky 3
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- 5 **Reade White**
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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!

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- 8 **Chloe Georgopoulos**
- **Jeffrey Adrian** 9
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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!

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- 17 **Eoin Kennedy Olivia Greeley**

**Harper Krauss** 

**Carlo Dolgetta** 

**Star Weinberg** 

Alana Bardavid

**Jake Noyes** 

**Zoe Mitola** 

Amelia Baric

Sophia Drosos

Samantha Frank

**Bexley Wiegand** 

**Emily Nudelman** 

**Hunter Baltch** 

**Olivia Bogard** 

**Dominic Ridge** 

Simon Solomon

**Cooper Warren** 

Julia Beida

Max Mulle

**Ryan Mulle** 

**Adam Stephan-Gewirtz** 





#### **REUNIONS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Maryland Area Reunion** 

Dave & Buster's, Gaithersburg Saturday, March 11th 12:00 – 2:00

Florida Area Reunion

**Boca Raton**, on Saturday, March 12th

**New York Area Reunion** 

Breezemont Day Camp in Armonk, NY on Saturday, April 29th

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.)

Further Details to Follow on all 3 Reunions – We can't wait to see you!

Canada, here we come! 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 summer, 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 so much more!

## The Senior Trip will take place from July 23–26 during Session # 2.

Of course, should you have any questions about the trip prior to receiving the further details, don't hesitate to let us know. **This is an awesome experience, and we don't want you to miss it!** Details and enrollment information will be sent separately, 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.

## 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 & CITS** 

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## ATTENTION

All Senior / CIT 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. At Iroquois Springs, we pride ourselves on having topnotch counselors to care for and work with our campers. The rigorous hiring process, which includes receiving and reviewing hundreds of online applications, whittling down the candidate pool through initial phone screening, and then finally conducting virtual interviews with the best of the eager, would-be staff, helps us to identify and hire the finest counselors to inspire and impact the lives of our campers.

Primarily we search for counselors who have a **PASSION** for and considerable experience working with and positively impacting children. From the pool of candidates seeking the chance to spend the summer being a difference maker, those who stand apart from the crowd are candidates with character and AUTHENTICITY. To us, a staff member who has great character is responsible, caring, and considerate. Therefore, our counselors are the best role models for the kids who come to our camp; they put others first, do the right thing, and make decisions compassionately. Ultimately, this is what leads to meaningful camp experiences for Iroquois Springs campers. Their own character is shaped in camp by counselors who teach them what it means to do the right thing, how to be KIND and caring to others, and how to be open-minded. The camp experience is fundamental to a child's development, and we feel Iroquois Springs does it best because of the caliber of counselors we hire! We take great pride in selecting counselors with great character because we know how much of an impact, they can have on children's lives both in camp and beyond.

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As we watch campers grow through the years at Iroquois Springs, it is hard not to see the impact their counselors have had on them. After just finishing a round of interviews with former campers who are now seniors in high school, we were impressed by how many of them demonstrated responsibility by holding key positions in a club or organization, exemplified care, and **SELFLESSNESS** for others by working with younger children or special needs children or showed **RESILIENCE** and **compassion** by volunteering their time for charities in the community. There is little doubt that these character traits were instilled, in part, by their counselors' influence throughout their summers at Iroquois Springs. That is the value in hiring counselors with great character and integrity. **Summer 2023 is shaping up to be filled with counselors with great character, ready to be the difference makers this summer.** 

See you all soon! MOMO

#### **Dates to Remember**

Maryland Reunion -	Saturday, March 11
Florida Reunion -	Sunday, March 12
Tri-State Camp Conference -	Tuesday, March 14th to
(Office Closed)	Thursday, March 16th
Camper Forms Due -	Saturday, April 15th
NY Camp Reunion -	Saturday, April 29th
New Family Orientation -	Sunday, May 21st
Area Pick-Up for IS Baggage Service -	Sunday, June 18th
Opening Day -	Saturday, June 24th
Visiting Day -	Saturday, July 8th
Rookie Day -	Sunday, July 9th
Session #1 Ends -	Friday, July 14th
Session #2 Begins -	Saturday, July 15th
Explorers Camp -	Saturday, July 22nd – Sunday, July 23rd
Senior Trip -	Sunday, July 23rd – Wednesday, July 26th
Campers Return Home -	Friday, August 4th