

# THE IROQUOIS SPRINGS TIMES



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## ★ A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA ★

### *A Return to Normalcy*

We love the fall – the leaves change, a chance to wind down after a great summer and successful post season at camp and start gearing up for the year ahead. During the fall we see friends we missed all summer, connect with other colleagues, and get a chance to pause and reflect on the summer we all just experienced together.

Friends always ask, “how was the summer?” This fall we were able to enthusiastically say, “it was a **GREAT** summer”, it was nice to finally return to normalcy at camp. Campers and staff alike really had an amazing summer. Everyone settled in quickly and within a few days, it felt like we had all been at camp for weeks. Campers laughing, singing, and walking arm and arm throughout camp.

Camp continues to bring out our best versions of ourselves. 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!

When we look back at the summer some of the highlights that really stand out for us are our productions of The Little Mermaid and High School Musical 2, playing on the new pickleball courts, our DJ Party on July 4th with the Magen Boys, the color run, the girls side Taylor Swift Eras Tour day, Camp Kindness Day, playing ball day and night in the new turfed fieldhouse, and of course the incredible Color Week breakout that had us partying all night long!

No two summers are exactly the same, and this one was filled with warm embraces, confidence, kindness, risk-taking, confidence, and we hope you have seen this in

your children when they came home to you this year. We always speak of the “gift of camp” and by sending your children to Iroquois Springs they received a gift of a lifetime, thank you for believing in us and all we do here.

Each year our staff seem to get better and better, and this year was no exception. Our credo “**I am a difference maker**” which our staff wear on their staff t-shirts, felt like it took on new meaning this summer. Our staff was mature, engaged, committed and just fantastic. We cannot thank them enough for all they do each day and the amazing personal sacrifices they showed daily. We have gotten such incredible feedback since the summer about our staff, and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

We hope we sent you back your children a little wiser, more independent, more capable, and full of some of the greatest memories and stories to share with you – ones we hope will last throughout the year.

Once again, thank you for your support and belief in what Iroquois Springs is all about. As we look ahead toward summer #24, we could not be prouder to report that our enrollment is almost closed for next summer, with most age groups filled already. We thank you for all your feedback and sharing our story with so many others.

**Counting down the days until we are together again in Rock Hill!**



With Love,

*Mark & Laura*



# Burning of the Year

Each summer, the traditional burning of the year symbolizes the close of 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 Hannah Krauss reflected on her 8 summers at Iroquois Springs:

Closing off my eight summers is a relentless pit in my stomach and I always knew the emotions that come with it would be immensely difficult to put into the right words. Upon reflection this past week, I went to the place I knew I could draw inspiration from. A place I've used to step aside from my busy camp days and take in my surroundings from G3 - G20. A place I turn to when I want a memory to be engraved in my mind forever. This sentimental spot is on the porch during golden hour. After a moment of silent tranquility, I finally found an analogy to describe my rainbow of emotions. **The sun is bright and bold when I swing in the hammock during shower hour.** But in a few hours the sun will set over camp. In its own beautiful way, the sun sets differently every night. The sun is your CITS this summer. Even though we all shared this precious time together, each and every one of us has individually experienced these past six weeks. We all have different perspectives on saying goodbye, but all 42 of us have taken the time to leave the legacy we want to be remembered by. The sun setting every evening is inevitable, but so is the moon rising in place of the sun. You all are the moon. All of you have the power and time to make the most of your joy-filled summers count. Growing up in a fast-paced city has made me appreciate the protection of this unique bubble like none other.

To the youngest campers sitting in front of me, take the time to think about how you want to rise as the moon and when your time comes, set as the sun. Whether that be in 2030 or just a summer away. But always remember, even if it's a cloudy day, the sun is still peering through, watching over the place it will always call home. Thank you to every person who has put some part of themselves into creating such an indescribable special place for me and so many. Specifically, all my past and present counselors and group leaders. Thank you, Rosie, for not only being in this sun's corner, watching me grow and rooting for me to learn and flourish into the person I am today. But being a second mom to all 28 of us. I have finally found the best version of myself at camp, and I encourage every one of you to do the same. No matter whether you're the quiet, more reserved camper or the louder camper that would never pass up attention, you can all be the difference makers that create a lasting impact on whoever you surround, in and out of camp. When I turn the final page of this chapter just tomorrow morning, which always felt impossible and too far in the future, I am met with the conflict between whether I have wasted my last summer trying to freeze time or if I have completed



all I wanted to accomplish with my time here and during my CIT summer. But putting that thought aside, the bonds I have created outweigh all the small worries. I have an inexpressible amount of love and gratitude to leave here with a piece of my blue and gold heart.

And with all that being said, after our final sunset, from the CITS of summer '23, goodnight Iroquois Springs.

## Here is how Noah Stein reflected on his 7 summers at Iroquois Springs:

The time has finally come. After 9 amazing summers at my home away from home, it is time to say goodbye. Over the last couple of weeks, as I began to recap and relive some of my camp memories, one question kept coming to mind. **"How has camp changed me?"** While thinking about my answer, I came up with this. Iroquois Springs has given me a place to escape the stress and anxiety of the real world. Camp has been a place where I can express my true personality and be myself for the entire summer. Camp is where I built life lasting bonds and brotherhoods that will stay with me way past my years at camp. While revisiting my years here, I have come to realize how precious and valuable every moment is. It is truly incredible how fast the time has flown by. It feels like yesterday being in B1, but in reality, it has been almost a decade. When I was thinking about our time, I thought back to Mark's speech prior to every rope burn. He always tells everyone that soon enough, you will be up there experiencing the magic of rope burn. Last summer, I was able to experience rope burn, and oh boy, it checked all the boxes. The magic of watching the fire burn with your brothers by your side is an unmatched feeling. Since that moment, the clock has begun to tick a little louder, and many memories started to become lasts. If I could get one point across to you from this speech, it is that your time here is too valuable to be taken for granted. Treasure and appreciate every moment because you only have so much time. I would give so many things to have one more summer here at camp, so please, appreciate the blessing of camp while you still have it. At this time tomorrow, most of us will be home, back to normalcy. And while it will be awesome to be with your loving families, it will be very weird and sad to be without your summer family. Before you go to sleep tonight, try to thank your counselors and GL's for an amazing summer. And make sure to hold your friends tight, because you don't realize how important those relationships are until the summer is over. I want to give a huge thank you to Mark, Laura, Bubba, Josh, Rosie, Programing, the GL's and everyone else who made camp the magical wonderland it has been for me for 9 years. I am so grateful for how camp has allowed me to grow in every positive way. I have come to appreciate every interaction that much more. To all my fellow CITS, it's been a hell of a ride, and I wouldn't have wanted to do it with anyone else. Iroquois Springs, you will always have a place in my heart. Thank you for lighting a SPARK inside of me and allowing me to be me.





# NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



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At Iroquois Springs, we believe that the magic of summer camp goes beyond fun and games. It's about fostering personal growth, building lifelong friendships, and instilling the values of kindness and empathy in our campers and staff. Our dedicated staff members are more than just counselors to kids; they are true "difference makers." They exemplify the essence of selflessness and compassion, doing meaningful acts for others even when no one is watching.

Summer camp is not just about having a blast; it's about creating a nurturing environment for our campers and staff to thrive. Our staff understands the impact they can have on a child's life, and they take this responsibility seriously. They go the extra mile to make every camper feel valued and appreciated, ensuring that every child has a memorable summer experience. Whether it's lending a listening ear to a homesick camper in the middle of the night or organizing an impromptu activity to boost a camper's confidence, our staff is always ready to make a difference.

Being a "difference maker" is not a role our staff takes for granted, nor does it change when the campfire fades away. These unsung heroes often engage in acts of kindness when no one is watching. They assist campers in need, mend friendships, and ensure that the spirit of Iroquois Springs extends beyond the summer months. These meaningful actions create a ripple effect, inspiring campers to be kind and empathetic to others both at camp and in their everyday lives.

Furthermore, it is our role as the leaders in camp to help our staff grow and develop into the best versions of themselves outside of our gates. It's acts of kindness, moments of inspiration and words of wisdom that we provide to our staff, that help to inspire this team of dedicated "difference makers" to give of themselves time and time again.

Iroquois Springs is more than just a summer camp; it's a community of kind-hearted individuals who come together to celebrate the values of compassion, friendship, and personal growth. As we continue to hire new staff this winter, we strive to search high and low and find leaders that truly embody the spirit of "being a difference maker." Their commitment to doing something meaningful for someone else when no one is watching sets a powerful example for our campers and reinforces the core values that Iroquois Springs is built on. Together, we create memories, friendships, and positive changes that last a lifetime.

Remember, you have the power to change someone's life, even if no one else is watching, so when you have that chance, don't miss the opportunity!

Can't wait to welcome you all back at our opening campfire of summer 2024 and watch as you enter the gates of Iroquois Springs for what will once again be a magical and life changing summer together.

**Sending much love and a giant hug to my camp family!**

**BUBBA**

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





# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

Our campers, staff, rental groups and virtually everyone who was lucky enough to spend time this summer in Rock Hill has departed and settled back into their normal routine for the remainder of the year. All that is left now is the quiet, peaceful calmness that has settled in throughout our beloved summer home, and this time of year is simply breathtaking with the changing of the seasons, the fall foliage in full effect and the tranquility that fills our entire camp property. Once our final post-camp staff said their goodbyes (October 17), it was time to tuck Iroquois Springs in for the long winter months ahead and start to prepare for summer 2024. As you walk through every building on camp, turning off the water, locking all the windows, turning off the lights for the final time this season, it's hard not to think about all the energy that filled Iroquois Springs this summer.

Of course, as you enter the gates of camp and step foot on the driveway, you may think it's going to be a quiet winter with nothing going on at "summer camp." Well, as you have come to know, there is no off-season at camp that remains completely quiet, and we always have projects going on that we know will help to improve our program and top-notch facility. Last winter, the addition of our Field House was truly amazing, and having full access to this indoor turf facility will be something campers are going to enjoy for decades to come. In fact, we are putting the final touches on the field house with the addition of a huge scoreboard and display of our color week and college days plaques. We were also fortunate enough to add 6 Pickleball courts last summer which proved to be one of the busiest spots on camp and we could not have been happier with how well received these additions were for our entire camp community.

**So, now you are wondering, what's in store for this winter? Well, here is just the start of the list of projects that are already underway at camp and will be ready for summer 2024:**



- **Renovated Boys Side Tennis / Pickleball Courts and Fences**
- **New Girls Side bunk to replace an older / existing cabin**
- **Addition of a new element on our Aerial Adventure Course**
- **Updates to our Health Center**
- **New Water-Ski Dock**
- **Turf Gaga Pits on both sides of camp**
- **Renovations to several existing bathrooms in cabins**
- **New Girls Side flagpole and more!**



While it may be quiet in Rock Hill this time of year, behind the scenes, we are busy making improvements and finding ways to continue to build on what you have come to expect from us over the years. Thank you for the support and helping to make it possible for Iroquois Springs to continue to be an industry leader!



INTERS BOYS

# GLOW LAUNCH

It's been a few summers since our Inter Boys glow launch has seen some results, but 2023 has proven to be a success! Our Inter Boys always look forward to this night and it certainly did not disappoint. The scene was set yet again; Jack assembled the Inter Boys for the **10th annual "late night glow launch."** The Inter Boys, campers and staff, launched 11 balloons covered in glow sticks into the night sky, each with an ID code to verify who launched each balloon.

**The goal was to see if the balloons would be found, and if so, where, how far from camp and by whom. We are very excited to announce that the first balloon has been found!**

So far, this is the recovery info we have received:

- **BALLOON # 5:** Will Berg & Sayres Brodlieb
- **LOCATION RECOVERED:**  
Ould Newbury Golf Course, Hole # 4,  
Newbury Massachusetts

Amazing work to say the least, and officially the new Iroquois Springs record for the longest traveled balloon in our 10 year launch history, **NICE WORK!** What an awesome job by our Inter Boys division and of course, a big thank you to Jack Nassau, group leader, who took the time to put this wonderful event together again this summer.

We know our rising juniors, soon to be Inter division is already looking forward to the

**"INTER BOYS GLOW LAUNCH" FOR 2024!**



Love from

Lindsay



As the days grow shorter and the leaves paint the landscape with hues of orange, red, and gold, it is hard to believe that we have officially found ourselves in the heart of fall. As the last traces of summer warmth give way to the cool embrace of fall, the routine of school, activities, and home life takes hold, and we can't help but think back to the warm days of summer, the thrill of adventures, and the cherished friendships that were cultivated at camp. If you're anything like me, one gust of wind in the cool air transports me back to being at camp, arm in arm with our camp friends, smiles on our faces, and pure happiness in our hearts. In an instant memory, we are brought back to our home away from home, the place where we feel our most authentic selves. It's a special thing that camp gives us - the ability to be celebrated for exactly who we are, not only as individuals but as a camp community. While we can be our most authentic selves at camp, we are constantly thinking back on summer 2023 and all of the amazing things to come in summer 2024.

It's times like these that I try to remember that while we think about camp all year, the fall season has its own unique magic to offer as well. Of course, it's wonderful to be back home and into the rhythm of our everyday lives. School, extracurricular activities, and family gatherings have once again become our daily reality. However, the spirit of camp lives on within us, reminding us of the many valuable lessons we learned. Iroquois

Springs isn't just a place; it's a feeling, a sense of belonging, and a community where you can be your most authentic self. Whether it was conquering a fear of heights at the ropes course, learning to paddle a kayak, or simply making new friends, camp is about growth, which happens by stepping out of your comfort zone and diving headfirst into the adventure. While we might miss the freedom and adventures that camp offers, let's carry these lessons forward into the fall. Thinking back during the year about our camp experiences and friendships reiterates the power of camp and how it can lead to growth. Remember to embrace this school year and all of the change and growth that comes along with it.

As leaves change colors and fall to the ground, it reminds us that change is a natural and an important part of life. Just as the leaves let go and reveal their true colors, we encourage you to do the same. Let the lessons of Fall guide you in being the most authentic version of yourself. Unsurprisingly, as the fall season continues to unfold, I can't help but get excited for Halloween, one of my favorite holidays (and evening activities)! Just as it is at camp, Halloween is a time to embrace your creativity, express yourself, and celebrate the unique individual you are. It is a perfect opportunity to let our individuality shine. Whether you choose a costume that reflects your interests, an alter ego, or something completely whimsical, remember that Halloween is all about being YOU and having fun in the process. We hope you carry the spirit of camp with you throughout this fall season - Be fearless in trying new things, be kind to those around you, and always be true to yourself. As we embrace the beauty of the cooler weather, the shorter days, and the vibrant colors, we look forward to reuniting with you all next summer for more adventures, friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Love, Lindsay



# MEMO FROM

MoMo



As the sun sets on another incredible summer adventure, it is completely normal to feel a twinge of sadness that it's come to an end. But guess what? The fun is far from over! The world is still brimming with excitement and opportunities for creativity, and we're here to show you some incredible ways to experience all the joys of camp year-round. So, grab your imagination and get ready for a fantastic journey beyond the campfire!

## 1 Campfire Magic at Home

Who says you can't have a campfire in your backyard or even indoors? Gather your family and friends, build a safe campfire, and tell stories, sing songs, and roast marshmallows, just like you did at camp. It's a perfect way to keep the camp spirit alive!

Turn your neighborhood into a thrilling treasure hunt! Create a list of camp-themed clues and riddles, and invite your friends to join in. Explore your surroundings, discover hidden gems, and feel the excitement of a real-life adventure.

## Camp-Themed Scavenger Hunts

# 2

## 3 Nature Art Gallery

Use the beauty of the natural world as your canvas! Collect leaves, rocks, and flowers from your surroundings and transform them into breathtaking works of art. Get inspired by the colors and textures of the outdoors and let your creativity soar!

Transform your living room into a cozy movie theater. Invite your camp buddies over or host a virtual movie night with your fellow campers. Share your favorite camp memories while enjoying popcorn and camp-themed movies!

## 4 Camp-In Movie Night

Design and build your very own obstacle course in your backyard or a local park. Use tires, ropes, and other household items to create challenges that test your agility, speed, and problem-solving skills. Compete against friends and family for an adrenaline-packed day of fun!

## DIY Outdoor Challenge Course

# 5

## 6 Write Your Own Adventure

Become the author of your own epic summer story. Imagine you're the hero or heroine embarking on a grand adventure. Write down your adventures, draw illustrations, and share your story with friends and family. Who knows, your story might even inspire others!

## 7 Camp-in-a-Box

Can't get enough of camp? Create your mini-camp experience at home! Fill a box with camp-themed activities, crafts, and challenges. Each day, open a new surprise from your box, and keep the camp spirit alive all year round.

Plan virtual camp reunions with your fellow campers. Share stories, play games, and relive the fun memories that you created together. Technology can bridge the gap until the next camp adventure!

## 8 Virtual Camp Reunions

To summarize, although another summer has come to an end, the adventures are far from over. With a sprinkle of creativity and a dash of imagination, you can turn every day into an unforgettable journey. So, embrace the world around you, make memories, and remember that the spirit of camp lives on in your heart. The fun, the laughter, and the friendships you've forged will carry you through until the next summer. Until then, let your imagination soar, and keep the campfire burning bright!

## GIRLS SIDE GAB *With Rosie*

*In a world that can be filled with hate, it's essential to remember that even as campers and staff, we have the power to make a positive difference. Let's choose kindness, empathy, and understanding over hate, and continue to foster an environment where compassion and respect thrive. Together, we can be a beacon of light in these challenging times.*

I always like to share part of my Burning of the Year Speech in our first newsletter of the season, so here goes:

As we gather here on this last night of camp, I can't help but be overwhelmed with emotions as we reflect on the incredible 6 weeks we've spent together here at camp. This truly has been one of the best summers, filled with unforgettable memories, new experiences, and life lessons that will stay with you forever.

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 great! 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 is 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 here - whether we are at lineup, in the dining hall, on a trip, in the pool or in our bunks, every moment that I get to spend with you is special.

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 AND COUNSELORS HERE HAVE THE SAME CAMP EXPERIENCE THAT I HAD.

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 goes home **happy, confident, and wanting more.** I want to create an environment where everyone feels **safe.** I just wanted NICE girls (and boys) 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.

During the Girls Side swim, I got very emotional - I looked around and I started to cry. I saw upper camp swimming with lower camp, I saw CIT'S in the water with their younger campers, I saw group leaders hanging out with their counselors, I saw girls dancing together - EVERYONE WAS SO HAPPY! 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.*

This summer was filled with so many great memories - one that stands out the most is the Era's tour - I have a smile on my face just thinking about it- I can't wait for all of you to go home and look at all your pictures and relive it! I LOVED THE GIRLS SIDE

COLOR RUN, GIRLS SIDE SING, BIG AND LITTLE NIGHT, BREAKOUT, THE MUD RUN, knock out, girls side swims, and so much more. THIS SUMMER FELT LIKE CAMP!!! The music on Girls Side had me smiling all day long. On visiting day so many parents said, "Rosie, how do you do it all....my response is always, the campers make it easy!"

To all the first-time campers WOW YOU DID IT! I loved getting to know each one of you! I am so proud of you - you made new friends, 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!

Finally, to my amazing staff on Girls Side, WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU? I am going to miss our Sunday meetings and writing letters to you every week - now it's your turn! I asked you to join my mission, I asked you to go home with NO REGRETS and YOU DID IT! I watched you form bonds with each other that I know will never be broken, I watched you look out for each other and take care of each other. I watched you be NICE to each other, and YOU MADE ME PROUD. You helped set the tone on Girls Side and I am forever grateful. 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.

Remember, even if you've changed just one life for the better, you've already made a significant difference in this world. 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.

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

*I miss you all! Love you and BE NICE!*

*Rosie* :) 







# REUNION - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Girls Side Song

### To the Tune of: "You Belong with Me" by Taylor Swift

Hop off the bus,  
Now Summer '23 is here,  
Blue & Gold back together,  
Let's give a cheer  
'Cus we've waited a long 10 months for these 2

Cooking, waterski, OA and pickleball,  
The new Field House is where we will do it all,  
Having fun from G1 to 22

We drink water and put on sunscreen,  
Mornings we sing the Birdie song with Rosie,  
Living every day being brave and kind  
Remember no regrets,  
Girls' Side will always shine

From the Cruise to Clue,  
The fun never ends,  
Surrounded by all my best friends,  
Can't you see?  
This is the place to be,  
Girls' Side '23!

We are thrilled to announce that our annual **Camp Reunions** have returned to pre-pandemic format, and we can't wait to see you at these upcoming events!

There is nothing like seeing your camp friends, especially during the off-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!

**Make sure to mark your calendar**

## NY Area Reunion

**Sunday - December 3, 2023**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Life, The Place to Be  
Ardsey, NY**

**Great friends, spectacular atmosphere,  
the feeling of being together with your  
summer family and more.**

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

## Maryland

**Saturday - March 9, 2024**

**Dave & Busters  
Gaithersburg, MD**

## Florida

**Sunday - March 10, 2024**

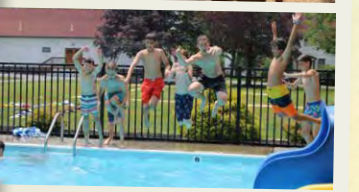
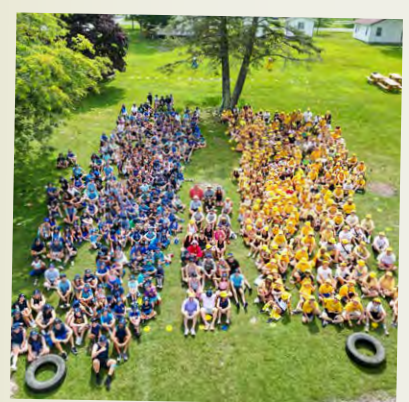
**Boca Raton, FL**

(Specific details on all the above events coming soon)

**We can't wait to see you there!**







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*Springs*

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**COLLAGE**



# Welcome

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

- Viviana Acquaviva Fairfield, CT
- Grace Anacker New York, NY
- Dana Assa Dix Hills, NY
- Caleb Ast Irvington, NY
- Ethan Ast Irvington, NY
- Mollie Attman Lutherville, MD
- Tyler Attman Owings Mills, MD
- Bliss Barnett Biscayne Park, FL
- Cooper Barnett Biscayne Park, FL
- Casey Bender Roslyn Heights, NY
- Jordan Berger Sea Cliff, NY
- Sammy Bernstein Pine Brook, NJ
- Sydney Bernstein New York, NY
- Caleb Berrol Oyster Bay, NY
- Sebastian Broadbent New York, NY
- Elle Brodlieb New York, NY
- Anna Buchwald White Plains, NY
- Colin Crotty Westfield, NJ
- Gadea De Silva Madrid, Spain
- Guzman De Silva Madrid, Spain
- Evie Dinkes Rye Brook, NY
- Nathan Dishuk Ridgewood, NJ
- TRUE Ettinger Scarsdale, NY
- Noah Fajga Melville, NY
- Samantha Finer Harrington Park, NJ
- Reid Finnern Maplewood, NJ
- Archer Fraade-Blanar New York, NY
- Ali Frank Westport, CT
- Miles Glickman Glen Rock, NJ
- Poppy Goldberg Cockeysville, MD
- Evan Goldstein Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- Dylan Gorman New York, NY
- Kyle Gorman New York, NY
- Alexandra Gushue Chappaqua, NY
- Joey Guzman Irvington, NY
- Leighton Heard New York, NY
- Lily Katzenstein Westfield, NJ
- Crosby Kayne Montclair, NJ
- Isabella Kersh New City, NY
- Brendan Kiliski Forest Hills, NY
- Noa Klein Wyckoff, NJ
- Olivia Kleinman Chappaqua, NY
- Miles Krivicka Pelham Manor, NY
- Vivienne LaMarca Larchmont, NY
- Charlotte Landesman Pleasantville, NY
- Marlowe Margiotta Westfield, NJ
- Juliet Mastroberti New York, NY
- Norah Meade Irvington, NY
- Eleanor Mitchell Armonk, NY
- Lila Mitchell Armonk, NY
- Zachary Mittler Briarcliff Manor, NY
- Dylan Neisner Manhasset, NY
- Aliza Nickum Stamford, CT
- Maxwell Patkin Dobbs Ferry, NY
- Mia Pearlman Pleasantville, NY
- Summer Principe Parkland, FL
- Ethan Raiken Montville, NJ
- Ruby Rosen Pikesville, MD
- Anna Rosenbaum Port Washington, NY
- Max Rosenbaum Port Washington, NY
- Ivy Schneidman Armonk, NY
- Sydnie Schubach Old Bethpage, NY
- Molly Schwarz Scotch Plains, NJ
- Judson Scott Nashville, TN
- Justin Sico Chappaqua, NY
- Thomas Sico Chappaqua, NY
- Hayley Siegfried Fairfield, CT
- Judd Silbowitz Potomac, MD
- Rachel Singer Boca Raton, FL
- Parker Stein New York, NY
- Maddie Sternberg Port Washington, NY
- Ethan Strugatz Port Washington, NY
- Sydney Strugatz Port Washington, NY
- Ezra Taishoff New York, NY
- Brynn Troisi Westfield, NJ
- Abigail Tropp Irvington, NY
- Ava Vantorino Armonk, NY
- Justin Vantorino Armonk, NY
- William Weiss Short Hills, NJ
- Max Wolf Davie, FL
- Max Xu Hong Kong, China
- Lili Yoran Katonah, NY
- Elias Younger Hastings on Hudson, NY



# Welcome to the Iroquois Springs Camp Family

We want to give a shout out and warm welcome to all our new IS camp families!

We hope you enjoy reading your first Iroquois Springs Times camp Newsletter and hearing all about what's ahead for Summer 2024. The Fall issue is a great start to what will be an unforgettable summer, and we are thrilled that you made the decision to join our camp family. We know how much time and energy went into choosing an overnight camp, and we are confident that IS will be the perfect place for your camper to thrive, create meaningful memories and develop lifelong friendships.

The IS crew is always here for you to answer any questions, address any concerns and support you and your camper from their first year, all the way to CIT summer.

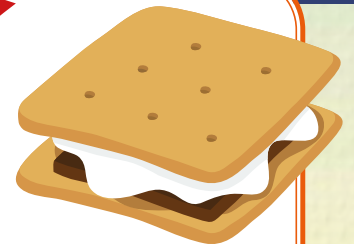
This past summer, we toured more than 100 prospective camp families and had close to 75 Rookie Day campers, who came to see, learn, and experience camp life at Iroquois Springs. These wonderful opportunities are a very special part of the camp season, and we are thankful that so many of our new camp families were able visit and interact with our exceptional staff and campers during the summer months. Follow up calls with both Rookie Day and tour families were consistently positive about not only the beautiful facilities, but more importantly how warm and welcoming everyone was at Iroquois Springs. Our camper's spirit and love of camp really stood out. We are so thankful that IS continues to attract families that appreciate our camp philosophy of developing lifelong friendships, building self-confidence and independence, and practicing kindness as campers find personal success. We have the nicest camp families and that is the special ingredient that defines our summer home! Enjoy your first camp Newsletter and get ready for an incredible Summer 2024!



## FAVORITE RECIPE FROM

### Kitchen Stadium

## S'mores Milkshake



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 Cups Vanilla Ice Cream
- 1/2 Cup Milk
- 2 Graham Crackers
- 2 Tablespoons Chocolate Syrup
- Mini marshmallows for Topping
- Crushed Graham Crackers for Garnish

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a blender, combine the ice cream, milk, graham crackers, and chocolate syrup.
2. Blend until smooth.
3. Pour the milkshake into glasses.
4. Top with mini marshmallows and crushed graham crackers.
5. Drizzle with more chocolate syrup



# HAPPY Birthday

## October

- 2 Tate Goldman
- 2 Drew Levy
- 3 Matthew Cohn
- 4 Jordyn Etzkin
- 5 Henrik Repp
- 6 Jordan Jemal
- 6 Thomas McNamara
- 6 Sloane Shapiro
- 7 Hailey Farber
- 7 Samuel Keltz
- 9 Noa Herman
- 10 Emmie Merriam
- 11 Annie Lewis
- 12 Eden Sharon
- 13 Dylan Davis
- 13 Jake Schorr
- 13 Brynn Troisi
- 16 Savannah Gittleman
- 17 Maya Horowitz
- 17 Brett Kaplan
- 18 Dylan Attman
- 18 Olivia Loe
- 20 Lily Keltz
- 20 Eden Weisel
- 21 Samantha Bell
- 21 Alexandra Lapiana
- 27 Sayres Brodlieb
- 27 Aiden Fischel
- 27 Sydney Greenberg
- 27 Dylan Neisner
- 27 Nina Tobias
- 29 Bliss Barnett
- 29 Elias Younger

## November

- 1 Ori Yoran
- 2 Evan Boxer
- 3 Jane Grossman
- 3 Reid Grossman
- 4 Lucas Weinfeld
- 4 Max Xu
- 5 Joey Guzman
- 5 Oliver Melnichok
- 6 Marley Chiu
- 6 Nikolas Tsoneva
- 7 Stella Ben-Canaan
- 8 Jordan Sanders
- 10 Madeline Crotty
- 10 Saige Hasson
- 11 Jake Nalitt
- 12 Guzman De Silva
- 13 Lillian Heard
- 13 Marlowe Margiotta
- 14 Benji Etzkin
- 14 Sophie Penner
- 14 Zoe Zaremski
- 15 Harlow Wiles
- 16 Annabelle Bernstein
- 17 Joshua Bijari
- 17 Hudson Oziel
- 19 Dylan Edgar
- 20 Kyle Cicco
- 20 Lainey Lebowitz
- 21 Blake Goldman
- 21 Alexis Handler
- 21 Griffin Taheri
- 24 Summer Principe
- 25 Eden Baer
- 26 Laika Bloom
- 28 Brandon Lapiana
- 30 Alivia Donaldson
- 30 Dylan Gorman

## December

- 1 Tyler Gallow
  - 3 Sebastian Broadbent
  - 4 Parker Davis
  - 4 Lucas Male
  - 4 Phoebe Male
  - 6 Madeline Projansky
  - 7 Jenna Reed
  - 8 Maggie Lipps
  - 8 Zoe Lipps
  - 8 Ella Mirsky
  - 8 Daniel Zirlin
  - 9 Ryan Attman
  - 9 Danielle Lazear
  - 10 Lexi Wessner
  - 12 Hudson Crotty
  - 13 Ethan Ast
  - 13 Ciara Campbell
  - 15 Alex Lewis
  - 15 Guy Riskind
  - 16 Sydney Strugatz
  - 20 Daniel Mirsky
  - 22 Via Johr-Rappaport
  - 22 Justin Lotke
  - 22 Jack Sisco
  - 22 Jason Stransky
  - 23 Miles Krivicka
  - 23 Jack Moscow
  - 28 Vivienne LaMarca
  - 30 Aiden Parker
  - 30 Emmi Ross
  - 30 Emily Tepp
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# The Amazing Power of Camp & Project Morry



Iroquois Springs has always placed a strong emphasis on the value of community service, a principle we instill in our campers, understanding the significance of giving back to those less fortunate. Each summer, our Counselors in Training (CIT's) spend a day with Project Morry, where they get to know their campers, gain insight into their values, and participate in camp activities that unite both of our camp communities. Recognizing what makes Project Morry special provides our CIT's with a deeper understanding of why we raise funds to support this wonderful cause and, most importantly, raises awareness about the opportunities that summer camp offers to campers from diverse social and economic backgrounds. Hearing CIT's discuss Project Morry is genuinely heartwarming, as it underscores the privileges they've enjoyed and reminds them of the importance of giving back, assisting others, and promoting awareness for those who may not have the same opportunities.

A highlight of our annual summer activities at Iroquois Springs is our Project Morry Swim-A-Thon! Our CIT's brought an abundance of energy and enthusiasm to this special day at camp. Our entire CIT group worked together to organize

a fantastic camp-wide event. Throughout the day, each camper participates, and remarkably, we swam more laps and raised more funds for this outstanding organization than in any previous Swim-a-Thon. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Iroquois Springs campers, parents, and staff who always step up and contribute to making a difference in the lives of less fortunate children. Your ongoing support and dedication to this program will provide the gift of a summer camp experience to youth for years to come.

We are delighted to report that once again, our camp community has raised over \$10,000 for Project Morry – an amazing achievement! Acts of kindness, as exemplified above, truly underscore the strong connection that our camp families have to the essence of camp for all and the transformative impact 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](http://www.projectmorry.org)

## A Message From the Camp Office

### Dear Iroquois Springs Community,

As the days grow shorter and the leaves begin to change colors, it's with a bittersweet feeling that we bid farewell to another incredible summer at Iroquois Springs. There were many firsts for me this summer at Iroquois Springs; as we had an in-person visiting day, a multitude of intercamp games, and more, I felt a part of something magical.

With the campfires, laughter, and cherished memories of Summer 2023 fresh in our minds, I want to reflect on the magic we experienced together. The dedication of our staff was remarkable in creating a safe, nurturing, and vibrant camp environment, and their hard work was nothing short of inspiring.

Summer 2023 was a season of growth, both for our campers and our camp as a whole. We watched as our campers tackled new challenges, built lasting friendships, and discovered hidden talents. Whether it was conquering the high ropes course, mastering archery, or showcasing their creativity in Hobbyville, our campers embraced each opportunity for personal growth with open hearts.

One of my favorite highlights of this summer was "Camp Kindness Day," where campers and staff came together to give back to campers at other camps, hang inspiring messages throughout camp, and learn different ways that we can give back not just at camp, but at home as well.

We were lucky enough to welcome Molly, the Executive Director of Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education (S.C.O.P.E.), to Iroquois Springs for the first time! This organization helps send campers who would otherwise not have the opportunity,



to camp. While her presentation struck home with many of our campers, I am proud to already hear about all the work many of our campers are continuing to do outside of camp. Many have introduced S.C.O.P.E. as a club in their schools, decided to promote this organization in their "Coming of age" projects, joined the teen Junior Leadership Council, and some have even volunteered as an in-person intern at their New York City office!

Furthermore, this emphasizes the impact our community can have beyond our time at camp. Throughout the new school year, I encourage you to keep S.P.A.R.K. at the forefront of our minds. This way, we can keep the Iroquois Springs spirit alive by embodying the characteristics we emphasize at camp and applying them to the way we live and think year-round.

As I express my most profound appreciation for being a part of this incredible camp community, I could not have done it without my fantastic office team this summer. Robin, Heather, Jenny, Tiffany, and Vivien helped make it all possible. Together, we've made Summer 2023 a season to remember, and I have no doubt that the memories we've created will continue to inspire us for years to come.

I wish you all a joyful autumn, with pumpkin-spiced everything, and all the fun that comes along with it. As we look forward to reuniting next summer for more adventures, laughter, and growth, please keep up the great work, and let me know if you would like to learn more about giving back throughout the year.

Campfully, Jared Brown



## BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

**“The best memories are made at summer camp, where days are long, friends are close, and the fun never ends.”**

It is times like these that the simplicities of camp make us hungry for summer to begin. The friends and relationships that we made carry us through these shorter days and cold winter nights. As the cold winds of winter begin, I wanted to share the latest news from Boys Side. Our giant flag that we created on the Fourth of July has been taken down and our beautiful lawn is about to be covered in a blanket of snow. The Boys' basketball court is once again lonely waiting for the rush of campers to take their first half-court shot. Our counselors and group leaders are hard at work preparing for the upcoming season.

I am so impressed by all our new campers who made it successfully through their first summer at Iroquois Springs. You now get to come back to camp next summer as veteran campers who can show the new campers in your bunk around just as your bunkmates did for you. All your counselors are home and have told their families and friends about their awesome experience they had at Iroquois Springs. Our counselors were top notch this summer and I want to take this opportunity, along with the GL's, to thank the male counselors for all their hard work and efforts. Your campers are all better people because of all of you. The time spent with your campers at activities or the conversations that you had while hanging are moments that they will never forget.

So many of you faced challenges this past summer that made you become better people. You opened your arms to new friends and with each new relationship; you allowed your heart to grow bigger. I love the never give up attitude shown on Boys Side. You tried new things, met new people, and faced new obstacles. You are all better and stronger than before. Use this summer as a reference point and look back at the summer of 2023 as the summer that you realized that you could do anything that you put your mind to. I am excited to be able to have all the fun and games we had together continue during the summer of 2024. I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

### Boys Side Summer 2023 Highlights:

- Campfire at Deer Hill
- Boys Side Open Gym on Soccer Hill
- July 4th Magen Boys
- Super Senior Paint Ball
- We have a new Knock Out Champion---Justin Tibaldi
- The Tough Mudder
- Late night ice cream parties
- Dozens of golf cart rides
- Tons of morning half court shots
- Boys Side breakfast at the lake
- All our new S.P.A.R.K.S. and the hundreds of fuzzy nominations

Be well and stay safe, **Josh**

## Dates to Remember

- NY Reunion - Sunday, December 3rd
- Spring Mailing - Thursday, February 1st
- Maryland Reunion - Saturday, March 9th
- Florida Reunion - Sunday, March 10th
- Tri-State Camp Conference (Office Closed) - Tuesday, March 12th to Thursday, March 14th
- Camper Forms Due - Monday, April 15th
- New Family Orientation - Sunday, May 19th
- Area Pick-Up for IS Baggage Service - Sunday, June 16th
- Opening Day - Saturday, June 29th
- Visiting Day - Saturday, July 13th
- Rookie Day # 1 - Sunday, July 14th
- Session # 1 Ends - Friday, July 19th
- Session # 2 Begins - Saturday, July 20th
- Rookie Day # 2 - Sunday, July 28th
- Senior Trip - Sunday, July 28th to Wednesday, July 31st
- Campers Return Home - Friday, August 9th