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★ A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA ★

Celebrating Another Unforgettable Summer at Iroquois Springs

As the leaves turn and fall arrives, we find ourselves reflecting on another magical summer at Iroquois Springs. After months of excitement, laughter, and connection, we feel so grateful to be part of this incredible community and to have shared such memorable experiences with our campers and staff.

This past summer was truly one of the best in recent memory. From the moment campers arrived, they settled in seamlessly, filling the camp with the sound of laughter, singing, and friends walking arm in arm. The summer was truly a GREAT one, filled with moments of confidence, kindness, boundless spirit, and joy.

Some standout highlights for us included amazing performances of SpongeBob The Musical and The Addams Family, our Paint Party, the new trip to the Kartrite waterpark, Party Hardy DJ and of course our unforgettable July 4th Fireworks show. The addition of our new pickleball courts, which were busy day and night, and full use of our new turf fieldhouse was buzzing with activity, creating countless opportunities and memories for our campers.

This year, as always, we were reminded of the “gift of camp” — an experience that teaches independence, resilience, and empathy. We hope you’ve seen the impact of camp on your children as they return home with stories, laughter, and growth that will last throughout the year.

Our dedicated staff truly embodied our credo, “I am a difference maker,” and showed remarkable dedication every day. Their hard work, maturity, and commitment have been deeply appreciated by our community, and we couldn’t be prouder of each one of them. This year’s staff was “one for the books” – they will go down as one of the best we had in the last 24 years!

Thanks to the support of our camp families and the belief you place in Iroquois Springs, enrollment for next summer is already almost full! Your feedback and enthusiasm help us continue to build on this wonderful experience, and we are beyond excited to start planning for next summer, which is our “**Silver Anniversary**” **25th summer!** We will have some special events planned around this celebration.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being part of the Iroquois Springs family. We can’t wait to create more memories and welcome everyone back for another unforgettable season.

We can’t wait to see everyone at our annual camp reunion on December 8th.



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. 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 Riley Cohen reflected on her 10 summers at Iroquois Springs:

Sitting in the front row. Yes, it may only be a place to sit, a perfect view, but really, it's the beginning of time. The front row holds so much value. I see it to be so much more than a seat. Experiencing the feeling of being able to say you have so much time remaining is so special. Throughout your summers at Iroquois Springs, slowly the time runs out. But it's not just about time. Time comes with change, and that change being your seat moving back. But never take time for granted. I'm sure you've heard it enough but take it from me. Since 2014, I have sat listening. Somehow, each year feels a little different. And why is that? My seat. As G1 becomes G3, G6 becomes G9 and so on, eventually a CIT standing before you on my final night.

While for many of you, camp is about creating bonds, trying new activities and experiencing a different type of adventure. My journey was shaped through my experiences.

Growing up, hearing stories of when my dad went to camp and knowing that he met his lifelong partner, and best friend allows me to live my dreams. He has guided me to my summer escape. Although my journey may seem a little different, I still long for those days to be back as a freshman girl. I'd tell her to always smile, I'd tell her to always have a positive attitude, I'd tell her to never shy away from a challenge, I'd tell her to remember the feeling of her hand locked with her best friends, I'd tell her to make the days count, I'd tell her to live without regrets, but overall, I'd preach the fact that a bad day at Iroquois Springs, is a thousand times better than a good day at home.

Each one of us has our little things. It's these little things that set the foundation for an unforgettable summer. Ok sure, maybe it's the people too. But rather it's those irreplaceable belly laughs until your stomach hurts, nights spent dancing, singing a little louder and living in the moment. How can strangers ten years ago turn into lifelong friends? It's crazy to think that the magic of camp is so real. There are so many times throughout the winter when these were the memories I wished for and now they're gone. As so many of you have just started to watch the clock tick, I hope you reach that unimaginable number. So yes, I could stand here and remind you of how precious time is. But my clock has ticked for 64,800 minutes. Time hasn't slowed down and it is not going to now. To CI24, you have made this summer unreal. Together we leave feeling 10 feet taller than June 29.



Sarah Bush, words cannot describe the summer we just had. Your dedication to camp is evident in everything you do. I love you forever Bushy. To Rosie, I hope you know that my smile from ear to ear is because of you and the girl's side. This place is run by incredible people. Mark and Bubba, my love for you is infinite. To all those who still have time, just remember that Iroquois Springs will be your home forever. 66 Bowers Road will remain but with one less camper. 420 days, 420 nights, 420 sunrises, 420 sunsets and 420 skies full of stars. Yet no amount of time will ever be enough. I blinked and time is up. This place has a way of looping you in and changing you for the better. I never thought I would have to say goodbye to the place I've grown up in since 2008. But now that we've cried and said our goodbyes. How's this the last time? Goodnight Iroquois Springs.

Here is how Ryan Attman reflected on his 9 summers at Iroquois Springs:

As I stand here tonight after nine incredible summers, I've finally had to accept that my time at my summer home has run out. Looking into the front row tonight I can remember a clueless eight-year-old me who had zero clue what he was about to experience. During my time at camp, I have made countless new relationships between fellow campers and some staff as well. With these new friendships came so many memories too. From the Battle of Soccer Hill in 2019 to Rope Burn and the Super Basketball Game last year my fellow CITS and I have had experiences that will keep us connected for years to come. But yet, after all the memories that I have made at this very special place, It was a memory from home after my B1 year and only ever 3 week summer in 2016 that kept me coming back to camp.

A week after I'd arrived home from camp my mom and I were looking through the pictures and videos of my bunkmates during the first week of the second session. Still to this day I can vividly remember seeing my now camp brothers participate and have the time of their lives at mock rock. Meanwhile I was sitting alone on my couch, away from my camp family, wishing I could've stayed with them. Seeing and feeling this lit a fire inside of me and ultimately led to me returning to this special place for 6 weeks every summer until this dreaded day would finally arrive. Now that it's here and the few hours I have left with my camp family slip away I would like to give a massive thank you to Mark, Laura, Bubba, Josh, Rosie, and all of programming along with every counselor and GL I've had the pleasure of being with during throughout my Iroquois Springs journey. Although he can't hear me in person, I still would like to give a huge thank you to Manny Broadway for always being so incredibly supportive of me and always being a person, I could trust no matter what the situation was.

So as these final moments drift away and we become flooded with memories and emotions, I couldn't imagine spending my summers anywhere or with anyone else. So tonight, as I look into the crowd ahead, I'll say to keep your friends close and your camp family closer. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL?



As fall turns to winter and our summer home officially goes into hibernation, all that is left at camp are the fantastic memories we all made during the summer months at Iroquois Springs. While this time of year at camp is quiet, it's also so peaceful to just be able to take a stroll around our outstanding campus and stop to think about the memories and fun that were had over the course of the 6 weeks we were lucky enough to be together. Summer 2024 was another incredible season, there was so much to be proud about. Happy campers, an outstanding staff, new additions to our facility that everyone enjoyed and so much more! While the off-season is meant to catch up on some rest and start to plan for what's to come, it's also the time that we focus on facility improvements and ways to continue to improve on all that we have accomplished over the last 25 years, and this off-season will be no different.

While it's hard to imagine on a cold winter day, we can all remember that "heatwave" we experienced this past summer (and many others) and know that finding a way to cool down at any point was always a priority. With that said, we are thrilled to let you know, that for the coming summer, we are going to be installing a full **AIR-CONDITIONING** system into the dining room for a much more pleasurable dining experience this summer. We truly feel this is going to be a welcome addition for everyone at camp, as our dining hall can certainly get stuffy on a mid-summer day. This addition for the summer of 2025 is going to be a real difference maker!

Speaking of **DIFFERENCE MAKERS**, no one at camp works harder than our staff, and the value a quality staff brings to staff is immeasurable. Recruiting a team of over 250 talented folks from around the world is no easy feat, and once they arrive in 12775, it's our responsibility to welcome them and our overarching goal to make them happy. We have said it before, but being a counselor in camp, may be one of the hardest jobs you may ever have, but it's can also be the most rewarding. We continue to work hard each season to find new and better ways to find the most talented staff, train them in an efficient manner, look after them each day and foster a camp community that makes everyone comfortable. We are excited to let you know (and of course announce to all our staff), that construction is already underway on a new **STAFF LOUNGE for the summer of 2025!** It's important that staff have an outlet to step away from their cabins at the appropriate time, have a chance to unwind and just relax amongst their peers. We pride ourselves on providing an outstanding product for our campers and staff, and we hope this commitment once again reaffirms our desire to continue to be a premier camp facility for all those who have the chance to call Rock Hill home each summer.



Once again, thank you to our entire camp community for your unwavering support over the last 25 years and helping to make it possible for Iroquois Springs to continue to be an industry leader!



NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



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Wow, what an incredible summer we had, it's so hard to believe that it's almost the winter holiday season! As I sit here reminiscing about the laughter, the cheers, the campfires, and the unforgettable memories we created, I am filled with gratitude for each and every one of you who made this season one for the record books. From the moment you stepped off the bus to the bittersweet final hugs and tears on departure day, this summer was one for the ages, and it's all thanks to YOU — our amazing campers, dedicated staff, and supportive families.

This summer, Rock Hill was more than just a camp; it was a place where lifelong friendships were rekindled, and new ones were born. From the thrill of tackling the high ropes course to those epic DJ parties, it was clear that our camp community is something truly special. Nothing replaces the roar of excitement at Color War breakout or the sweet taste of s'mores around the campfire...truly these are the moments that make camp special!

To our amazing campers: You brought energy, laughter, and a sense of adventure that filled every corner of Iroquois Springs. Whether it was splashing in the pool, hitting a bullseye at archery, or just hanging out at your favorite spots with camp friends, you made this place come alive with your spirit. You showed us what it means to be brave, to be kind, and to embrace every moment with an open heart. We are so proud of each of you for trying new things, cheering each other on, and making Rock Hill your summer home.

A Big Thank You to Our Superhero Staff: Of course, none of this would have been possible without our phenomenal team of counselors, activity leaders, support staff, and everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you for being the role models, the mentors, and the guides who made every single day extraordinary. Your hard work, creativity, and passion brought smiles to countless faces and made Iroquois Springs a community that feels safe and is truly focused on pure enjoyment. The late-night planning, the endless energy, and those impromptu dance parties — you made it all happen! You deserve a giant Fuzzy for your accomplishments!

The bonds you've made, the songs you've sung, and the adventures you've shared are what Iroquois Springs is all about. The best part, these memories aren't just confined to one summer — they stay with us forever. We can already hear the camp songs in our hearts and see the sunset over the lake in our minds. These are the memories that keep us coming back summer after summer.

But don't worry, Iroquois Springs family, this is not goodbye — just a "see you soon!" The countdown has officially begun to Opening Day on June 28, 2025, when we can all come back to our summer home in 12775. Mark your calendars, start your countdowns, and get ready for another summer of adventure, friendship, and unforgettable memories.

Until then, keep the spirit of Iroquois Springs alive in everything you do. Stay in touch with your camp friends, share those campfire stories, and remember that once your part of our camp family, you're always part of the Iroquois Springs family.

Sending you all our biggest camp hugs and wishing you a fantastic school year ahead. We'll be here, counting down the days until we're reunited again, can't wait to see you at one of our winter reunions!

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

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



Love from

Lindsay



As the days grow shorter and the vibrant fall colors come to life once again, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible summer we shared together at camp. Just like the crisp autumn air, there's a sense of excitement and change in the air, but also a deep sense of warmth—carried in the memories of campfires, laughter, and the bonds we formed this past summer.

Looking back just a few months, I can't help but feel an immense sense of pride for every single one of you. To our new campers, your first summer at camp was a huge success! You embraced the challenges, made new friends, and discovered your own strength and potential in ways we were thrilled to witness. Whether it was trying out an unfamiliar activity, stepping up in a leadership role, or simply learning how to be part of our camp family, you grew in ways that will stick with you throughout the year.

For our returning campers, we continue to be amazed at how you build on each summer, reaching new heights in both spirit and skill. Whether you improved in activities you've been mastering for years or tried something completely new, your willingness to step out of your comfort zone and grow is inspiring. It's incredible to see how you take the lessons from past summers and continue to evolve—showing everyone what it means to be a true Iroquois Springs camper at heart. And to our staff—our counselors, support staff, leadership staff, and everyone behind the scenes—I cannot thank you enough for your hard work and dedication. Your energy, creativity, and care made this summer truly special. From organizing activities to offering support and guidance to our campers, you were the foundation that allowed camp to thrive. You created a safe and fun environment where campers felt at home, and for that, I am forever grateful. I feel incredibly fortunate to spend the entire year hiring you amazing staff members and helping to organize and prepare you for the hard work ahead during the summer. Watching each of you in action and seeing you excel filled me with so much pride. Each one of you made a promise to become a difference maker, and you exceeded all expectations. A staff like last summer's reminds me of the passion behind what I

do, and I cannot thank you enough for your dedication and commitment.

Even though summer has ended, we are already hard at work preparing for next year, and we couldn't be more excited. We've officially started hiring for next summer, and we're thrilled to share that many of your favorite counselors will be returning! We are also meeting with some incredible new candidates who are eager to become part of our camp family. We have been planning trips around the world to find the most outstanding staff members to make next summer just as magical as last. It continues to amaze me to think that camp takes all year to prepare, but to make it the perfect home away from home, we work as hard as possible from the moment one summer ends until the next one begins!

While we may already be thinking about summer (aren't we always?!), Fall is a great time for reflection, to pause and appreciate how far we've come. However, it is also a reminder of how much growth can happen even as the world around us slows down. Just like the trees shedding their leaves, preparing for the winter ahead, each of you left camp with new experiences and growth, ready to take on the next season of life. The lessons you learned, the friendships you built, and the confidence you gained will carry you forward, whether you're back at school, at home, or even dreaming of next summer's adventures.

As you watch the leaves change, remember that just like those trees, you are constantly evolving, growing stronger, and reaching higher. The roots you planted at camp—whether it was your first summer or your tenth—will keep nourishing you, grounding you as you face new challenges and embrace new opportunities.

We hope that this fall brings you time to reflect on all that you've accomplished and the excitement of everything still to come. We can't wait to welcome you back next summer, to see how much you've grown, and to create even more memories together.

Until then, enjoy the beauty of the season, stay connected to the spirit of camp, and know how proud we are of each and every one of you!



CIT's & SENIORS
ARE HEADING TO...

MONTREAL

All Senior / CIT campers participating on the senior trip will be **REQUIRED** to provide a valid passport in order to go to Montreal this summer.

*If you do not currently have a passport, we strongly urge you to start the process now.
Specific Details and Registration Details to Follow.*



MEMO FROM

MoMo

Hi everyone! It's me MoMo! I hope everyone is having an incredible start to their school year and you're all making the most of your time away from camp. I myself have just begun to settle back into "real life" and I've been able to spend some time reflecting on what an amazing summer we had in 2024. If you're anything like me, you're constantly looking for ways to keep the joy of camp lasting all year long. Well, have I got some great news for you! I've come up with a list of some fun and exciting ways to bring to life my favorite part of the summer, Color War! Now you can enjoy all the fun that we pack into just four days of the summer all year long!



1 Backyard Team Challenges

Divide your family or friends into two or more teams and create your own challenges. These could be scavenger hunts around your neighborhood, backyard obstacle courses, or even relay races! Use bandanas or T-shirts in your team colors and come up with team names and chants to get everyone fired up.

2 Family Friendly Evening Activities

Host a Color War-inspired game night with classic games like charades, trivia, or even board games. Award points for each game and keep a scoreboard to see which team comes out on top. You could also play your favorite camp games, like capture the flag or tug-of-war, if you have enough people.

With the help of an adult, make your own color powder with corn starch and food coloring, then use it for a mini-Color Run! Set up in your backyard, wear old clothes, and let the colors fly! (Just make sure you check with your parents before starting a colorful mess.)

DIY Color Powder Explosion 3

4 Hobbyville at Home

Decorate your space with your favorite camp colors! Create team banners, paint rocks in team colors, or make friendship bracelets that represent your Color War team. You could even design a mini flag for each family member's "team." Hang them around the house to keep the camp spirit alive.

Host a Color War-themed dinner. Pick foods in your team's color (blue smoothies, gold pasta) and dress in your team's color. Play some camp songs in the background and share your favorite camp memories. This is a fun way to involve everyone—even parents—who may not have experienced camp first-hand.

5 Themed Family Dinner Night

Color War isn't just about competition; it's about teamwork and kindness! Keep the good vibes going by earning "SPARK Points" for doing nice things for others. Help around the house, give compliments, or surprise a family member with a sweet note. Keep track of points and celebrate at the end of the month with a mini trophy or reward!

SPARK Points 6

7 Photo & Memory Wall

Hang up photos, team pennants, or any mementos from Color War on a wall in your room. Add any new "Color War" photos you take with friends or family as you recreate the fun at home. This will help keep the spirit of camp alive until you're back next summer!

Camp might only be a few weeks out of the year, but the fun, friendship, and spirit of Color War can stick with you forever. Try these ideas to keep the camp vibes going strong, and remember—whether your team won or not, the real victory is in all the memories you've made. Keep the Color War fun alive, and we can't wait to see you all back again in 2025!

GIRLS SIDE GAB *With Rosie*

Instead of sending out a typical newsletter, I wanted to share a version of my burning speech with all of you. As we reflect on the summer we just had, I'm filled with so much gratitude and pride for the time we spent together at camp. It was an unforgettable six weeks—full of laughter, growth, and memories that will stay with us long after the summer ends.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion! I hope that school is off to a great start and you're all settling into new routines and doing great things. Whether it's in the classroom, on the field, or pursuing your passions, I hope you're continuing to make a positive impact on the world, just like you did here at camp.

Thank you all for being a part of such an incredible summer. I'm so proud of everything we accomplished together, and I can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you'll do in the year ahead.



Rosie :) ♡

As we gather here on this final night of camp, I'm filled with so many emotions as I reflect on the incredible six weeks we've spent together. This summer has been one of the best—full of unforgettable memories, new experiences, and life lessons that I know will stay with you forever. It's hard to believe this moment has come. We say this every year, but this summer really did fly by—mostly because it was simply that great. I couldn't wait to get back into the camp bubble, especially with everything going on in the world right now. Coming here, spending the summer in my second home, and being surrounded by all of you—there's nothing else like it.

When people ask me why I return to camp year after year, I often struggle to explain the feeling I get when I'm here. Whether we're at lineup, in the dining hall, on a trip, in the pool, or just hanging out in the bunks, every moment with you all is special. Ladies, you amaze me. I am so incredibly proud to be your girls' head counselor. When I look around and see what we've built on girls' side, I feel lucky beyond words. We've created something truly special here at IS—something that doesn't exist anywhere else. This morning's lineup had me in tears because I was so moved by everything you've accomplished.

When people ask me what makes Iroquois Springs stand out from other camps, I always tell them the same thing: Every camp has pools, tennis courts, bunks, and more. But what really makes this place different is the people who fill it. It's about the friendships you form, the family you build, and the memories you create. Every year, I make a promise to myself that I will do whatever it takes to ensure that my campers and counselors have the same incredible experience I had growing up here. Yes, I want everyone to improve in something, whether it's soccer or swimming or creating a fantastic arts and crafts project—but more than anything, I want everyone to leave camp happy, confident, and craving more.

My goal has always been to create an environment where everyone feels safe, supported, and loved. I just want to see nice, kind people here at camp—and this summer, I can confidently say that girls' side has exactly what I dreamed of. From G1 to the CITS, YOU GET IT. Each one of you understands the importance of kindness, and I am so proud of you for that. I know you'll continue to make me proud even when you're back in school because now you really get it.

There is truly no place I would rather be during the summer than right here with all of you. I love my job, and I love all of you. It's been incredible to watch you all grow throughout this summer. I'll never forget the girls' side swim this week—watching the older campers swimming with the younger ones, the CITS leading their groups, and everyone just coming together in such joy. It brought tears to my eyes. That's what camp is all about: embracing our differences, supporting each other, and working through any challenges with love and kindness. The power of that community can change the world. And now that you know how to do it here, you can take that same love and unity with you wherever you go.

This summer has been filled with so many amazing memories, but one of my

favorites will always be the hoe down—I'm still smiling just thinking about it! I hope when you get home, you'll look back on all the photos and relive those moments. I loved the Girls' Side Color Run, Girls' Side Sing, Big and Little Night, Breakout, Knockout, and so many more moments that made this summer feel amazing. The music on girls' side kept me smiling all day long. And on Visiting Day, so many parents asked, "Rosie, how do you do it all?" My answer is always the same: The campers make it easy.

To all the first-time campers — WOW, YOU DID IT! I am so proud of each of you. You made new friends, stepped out of your comfort zones, and did an amazing job being away from home.

To all the returners — thank you for making girls' side feel like home and for creating such a warm, welcoming vibe. You made my job easier by ensuring that every new camper felt included and supported. That's what it's all about.

Upper camp—you were fantastic big sisters and role models. Watching you spend time with your little sisters, supporting them and making them feel loved, truly warmed my heart. I'm so proud of you.

CITS — thank you for everything you've done this summer. I remember when you first started at camp, and to see you grow into the incredible young women you are today has been one of the greatest joys of my life. You are all agents of change, and I can't wait to see what you do next. I'll miss you all next summer, but I'm so excited to hear about all your future accomplishments. Please know that I will always be cheering you on, and I'm so proud of the young women you've become.

Finally, to my incredible staff on girls' side—what would I do without you? I'll miss our Sunday meetings, writing letters to you, and all the laughter we shared. I asked you to join my mission this summer—to leave with no regrets—and you did it. I've watched you form bonds with each other that will last a lifetime. You've taken care of each other, supported each other, and made me so proud. You've set the tone for girls' side, and I will be forever grateful. Your campers were lucky to have you, and I know you'll continue to make a difference wherever you go.

To all the counselors — whether this was your first summer or your tenth, you made this summer unforgettable. Thank you for your love and dedication. You truly made a difference, and I know you'll continue to do so in everything you pursue.

As we head into the next chapter of our lives, remember this: You've changed lives here. Even if it was just one, that's enough to make a lasting impact on the world. I'm so proud of each and every one of you, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

Mark, Laura, Bubba, and Josh—we did it. Another summer in the books, and what a summer it's been. Look at how much we've accomplished in 24 years. I wouldn't change a thing.

Thank you all for an unforgettable summer. See you next year!





REUNION - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Girls Side Song

To the Tune of: "Paper Rings" by Taylor Swift

Step off the bus
And we're back with all of our best friends
Been inseparable since the day we met
Now our parents see our pics on the Instagram

They see us on
The ropes course and in Hobbyville
And us shooting our shot on soccer hill
Cooking too, always reppin gold and blue

Be kind, be brave, and be you
Be the best that you can be too
Having fun in everything we do

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Summer 24
Keep coming back for more and more
Rosie says wear
Sunscreen and drink water
We live for these 6 weeks
From G1 to CIT's
Uh huh
That's right
Girls side
The place to be
Just you and me
Making memories
At Iroquois Springs
Ohhh
Summer '24



We are so excited to share that our much-anticipated **Camp Reunions** are just around the corner, and we can't wait to reconnect with you all at these upcoming events! There's truly nothing like catching up with your camp friends during the off-season. We understand how special it is to come together, reminisce about the amazing summer we had, and soak in that warm feeling of being part of our camp family once again.

**Be sure to save the date
- you won't want to miss it!**

NY Area Reunion

Sunday - December 8, 2024

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Life, The Place to Be

Ardsley, 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 8, 2025

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Dave & Busters, Gaithersburg, MD

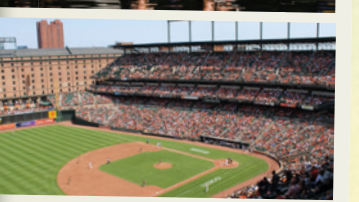
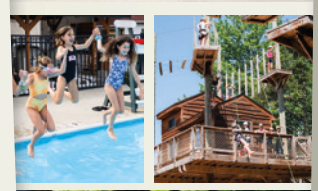
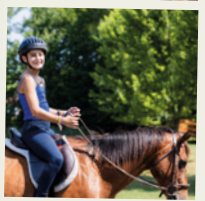
Florida

Sunday - March 9, 2025

Boca Raton, FL

(Specific details on all the above events coming soon)

We can't wait to see you there!



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WELCOME



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



Quentin Ahern
Maxwell Almassian
Blanca Amendola
Joaquin Amendola
Reese Appelbaum
Estie Attman
Mollie Attman
Emily Baltch
Chase Ben-Canaan
Tyler Ben-Canaan
Casey Bender
Alaia Bilbao
Jordan Block
Hannah Boxer
Jake Bronstein
Juliette Brummer
Amira Carragher
Callan Carway
Sydney Correia
Eliza Costanzo
Josie Costanzo
Matthew Costello
Colin Crotty
Camilla Diaz
Isabel Diaz
Bowie Evans
Rylan Evans
Ethan Fahrney
Noah Fajga
Benjamin Frank
Amelia Friedman
Brianna Gamburg
Sasha Gendler
Caroline Gittleman
Jonas Gordon
Lennox Gordon

New York, NY
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Miami Beach, FL
Miami Beach, FL
Boca Raton, FL
Owings Mills, MD
Lutherville, MD
Tampa, FL
Weston, CT
Weston, CT
Roslyn Heights, NY
Bilbao, Spain
Port Washington, NY
Fairfield, CT
Port Washington, NY
New York, NY
Chevy Chase, MD
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West Palm Beach, FL
Armonk, NY
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Montville, NJ
Melville, NY
Potomac, MD
Syosset, NY
Livingston, NJ
Pleasantville, NY
Roslyn, NY
Miami, FL
Miami, FL

Hailey Gross
Stella Gross
Grant Guzman
Avery Hodge
Boston Hodge
Camille Horowitz
Lexie Hurwitz
Jacqueline Jemal
Jordan Josephs
Arielle Klein
Hadlie Kowal
Norah Krivickova
Skylar LaMarca
Una Lee-Oakey
Parker Levitt
Bianka LiBuono
Charlotte Lubin
Dante Mazzara
Chase McCarthy
Kyle Meytes
Jillian Mittler
Lars Piccola
Molly Ratzan
Zachary Reiner
Ella Rosenfeld
Hazel Schapiro
Zachary Snizek
Keira Tsoneva
Eliza Turetsky
Ethan Waiser
Ella Weber
Clementine Yasgur
Georgette Yasgur

Delray Beach, FL
Delray Beach, FL
Irvington, NY
Coral Springs, FL
Coral Springs, FL
Larchmont, NY
Delray Beach, FL
New Canaan, CT
Westfield, NJ
Wyckoff, NJ
Parkland, FL
Pelham Manor, NY
Larchmont, NY
Mt. Kisco, NY
Washington, DC
Port Washington, NY
Roslyn Heights, NY
White Plains, NY
Lake Worth, FL
Tenafly, NJ
Briarcliff Manor, NY
South Orange, NJ
Pinecrest, FL
Mount Kisco, NY
Rye Brook, NY
Jersey City, NJ
Metuchen, NJ
Staten Island, NY
New York, NY
New York, NY
Syosset, NY
Dobbs Ferry, NY
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A Warm Welcome from Everyone at Iroquois Springs!

The Fall Newsletter is here and the anticipation of Summer 2025 is already in the air. It won't be long before campers and staff start gearing up for another incredible camp season of valued traditions, exciting events and activities, and lifelong friendships. The IS team is working around the clock on new programming, facility renovations, and recruitment of staff to join our already exceptional team of "difference makers" for a very special 25th anniversary at Iroquois Springs!



But before we move ahead, let's reflect on Summer 2024 and all of the wonderful prospective families that visited camp and experienced first-hand what Iroquois Springs is all about. Between our tours and two amazing Rookie Days, we were able to share the spirit of camp with over 150 new families. Prospective families stepped onto our tour carts with Lindsay and Gabby for an incredible view of the beautiful grounds, outstanding program areas, and welcoming culture that encompasses camp life. Feedback about our facilities and program areas was (as usual) extremely positive, but the most outstanding and heartwarming response after a visit to Iroquois Springs was about the people that make up our camp family! Visiting families were consistently impressed by how friendly, kind and welcoming our campers and staff made them feel. The positive reaction to the people who make up our camp community speaks volumes about who we are.

When a tour family comes by an activity area, it's remarkable to see campers engage with them and share what makes IS so special. Campers take a moment to connect with tour families to show off an art project they are working on, an athletic skill they are learning, or most importantly the friendships they have developed. With camp friendships at the foundation of the IS experience, it's not hard to understand why families choose Iroquois Springs as their summer home. We are so happy to have over half of our tour families and Rookie Day campers decide to join our camp family for Summer 2025. We welcome them with open arms just like everyone at camp did this past summer.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns as you prepare for what will be a meaningful and unforgettable summer!



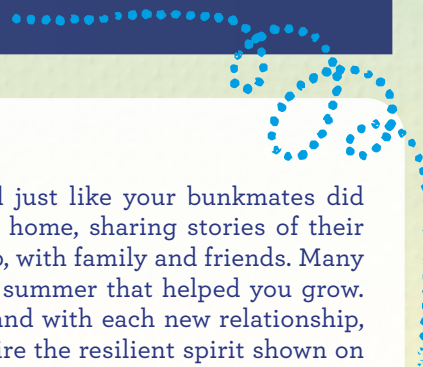
BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

As the weather cools, I crave the simplicity of summer camp. The friendships and connections we've formed help guide us through these chilly winter days and nights. As winter winds begin to howl, I wanted to share the latest updates from Boys Side. Our huge flag from the Fourth of July has been taken down, and our lovely lawn is about to be blanketed in snow. The Boys' basketball court sits quietly, waiting for campers to return and take their first half-court shots. The pickleball courts are calling your name and the HC speaker is waiting to blast tunes all day. We had a fantastic summer in 2024 and that is greatly due to the hard work of our counselors and group leaders. Thank you again for your tireless efforts and for continuously preparing for the summer 2025.

I was so impressed by our new campers who successfully navigated their first summer at Iroquois Springs. You are now officially veteran campers and finally understand how much fun it is to spend the summer in 12775. Get ready to

show the newcomers around just like your bunkmates did for you. Your counselors are home, sharing stories of their amazing experiences at camp, with family and friends. Many of you faced challenges this summer that helped you grow. You welcomed new friends, and with each new relationship, your hearts expanded. I admire the resilient spirit shown on Boys Side. You embraced new experiences, met new people, and tackled obstacles head-on. You are all stronger and more capable than before. Remember this summer as a turning point—the summer you discovered that you could achieve anything you set your mind to. I can't wait to continue the fun and games in the summer of 2025. Remember everything that we always speak about at the flagpole at line-up. Be the SPARK every day and do the little things that go a long way to make a difference in someone's life. Do a few things every day that would earn you a fuzzy at camp. We are Iroquois Springs, that is what we do.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion!
Be well and stay safe, Josh



HAPPY Birthday

October

- 2 Tate Goldman
- 2 Hadlie Kowal
- 3 Matthew Cohn
- 4 Jordyn Etzkin
- 6 Jordan Jemal
- 6 Thomas McNamara
- 6 Sloane Shapiro
- 7 Daisy Bieler
- 7 Blake Eisenberg
- 7 Hailey Farber
- 7 Madeline Kelly
- 7 Samuel Keltz
- 9 Noa Herman
- 10 Emmie Merriam
- 11 Annie Lewis
- 13 Dylan Davis
- 13 Jake Schorr
- 13 Brynn Troisi
- 14 Camille Horowitz
- 16 Savannah Gittleman
- 16 Jacqueline Jemal
- 17 Maya Horowitz
- 17 Brett Kaplan
- 17 Shane Roffman
- 18 Dylan Attman
- 20 Lily Keltz
- 21 Samantha Bell
- 21 Alexandra Lapiana
- 24 Caroline Gittleman
- 25 Elise Block
- 27 Aiden Fischel
- 27 Oliver Huml
- 27 Dylan Neisner
- 27 Nina Tobias
- 29 Bliss Barnett
- 29 Una Lee-Oakey

November

- 1 Ori Yoran
- 2 Evan Boxer
- 3 Jane Grossman
- 3 Reid Grossman
- 4 Lucas Weinfeld
- 5 Joey Guzman
- 6 Marley Chiu
- 6 Charlotte Lubin
- 6 Nikolas Tsonev
- 7 Stella Ben-Canaan
- 8 Brianna Gamburg
- 8 Jordan Sanders
- 10 Madeline Crotty
- 11 Jake Nalitt
- 12 Guzman De Silva
- 13 Marlowe Margiotta
- 14 Benji Etzkin
- 14 Sophie Penner
- 14 Zoe Zaremski
- 15 Harlow Wiles
- 15 Annabelle Bernstein
- 17 Aroosha Bashi
- 19 Joaquin Amendola
- 20 Lainey Lebowitz
- 21 Griffin Taheri
- 26 Laika Bloom
- 28 Brandon Lapiana
- 30 Dylan Gorman

December

- 1 Tyler Gallow
- 1 Ethan Waiser
- 2 Milo Kovac
- 4 Parker Davis
- 4 Lucas Male
- 4 Phoebe Male
- 5 Sebastian Mantell
- 5 Molly Ratzan
- 8 Maggie Lipps
- 8 Zoe Lipps
- 8 Ella Mirsky
- 8 Daniel Zirlin
- 9 Danielle Lazear
- 12 Hudson Crotty
- 13 Ethan Ast
- 13 Ciara Campbell
- 16 Sydney Strugatz
- 22 Avery Hodge
- 22 Justin Lotke
- 22 Jack Sisco
- 23 Miles Krivicka
- 23 Jack Moscow
- 28 Vivienne LaMarca
- 30 Aiden Parker
- 30 Emmi Ross



The Amazing Power of Camp & Project Morry



At Iroquois Springs, we believe deeply in the power of community service. It's a value we are proud to instill in our campers, emphasizing the importance of giving back to those who may not have the same opportunities. Each summer, our Counselors in Training (CIT's) spend a meaningful day with Project Morry campers, forming connections, engaging in activities, and discovering the shared spirit that unites both our camp communities. This experience gives our CIT's a profound appreciation for why we support Project Morry and the life-changing impact summer camp can have on children from diverse backgrounds. Hearing our CIT's speak about their time with Project Morry is truly inspiring, reminding them of their own camp privileges and the importance of giving back to others.

One of the most anticipated events of the summer is our annual Project Morry Swim-A-Thon! This year, our CIT's brought incredible energy and dedication, organizing a fun-filled day that united the entire camp. From the youngest campers to the oldest, everyone hit the pool to swim laps and raise funds for this wonderful cause. We're thrilled to share that this year's Swim-A-Thon was our most successful yet, with our campers swimming more laps and raising more money than ever before.

A huge thank you goes out to our Iroquois Springs campers, parents, and staff who continuously go above and beyond in their support. Your generosity and commitment make a real difference, allowing Project Morry to provide the gift of summer camp experiences to deserving youth. Because of you, we are proud to announce that once again, our camp community has raised over \$10,000 for Project Morry! This incredible achievement highlights the deep bond our camp families share and the lasting impact a summer at sleepaway camp can have.

We are so grateful for everyone who played a part in this amazing effort. Your kindness and dedication help spread the magic of camp to children who might not otherwise have the chance to experience it.

For more information about the incredible work Project Morry does, please visit their website at www.projectmorry.org. Let's keep the spirit of giving alive and continue to make a positive difference together!

INTERS BOYS GLOW

The tradition continued this summer and did not disappoint! The Inter division always look forward to this night and it certainly did not disappoint, another huge success! The scene was set yet again; Ciaran and Emma assembled the Inters for the 11th annual "Late Night Glow Launch." Campers and staff launched 28 balloons covered in glow sticks into the night sky, each with an ID code to verify who launched the 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 a large set of balloons were found!

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

- Balloons # 2, 10, 11, 21, 25, 26 and 29
- Brian Greenspan, Simon Solomon, Harris Wechsler, Lucas Weinfeld, Noah Zuniga, Leah Shwartz, Bexley Wiegand, Maya Horowitz, Lexi Horvath, Jenna Kaplan, Emma Kulish
- **Location Recovered:** Caught on a jetty at Odiorne State Park in Rye, New Hampshire
- **Distance Traveled:** 297 Miles

Now, we are not sure how all the balloons were found together, but truly an outstanding accomplishment.

This is a new record for distance traveled over the last 11 years, NICE WORK! What an awesome job by our Inter division, truly amazing! A big thank you to the group leaders and staff, 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 DIVISION GLOW LAUNCH" IN 2025!



FAVORITE RECIPE FROM Kitchen Stadium



Campfire S'mores Pops

Missing those gooey campfire s'mores from this past summer? Now you can make a fun twist on the classic treat right at home! These Campfire S'mores Pops are easy to make, nut-free, and perfect to whip up with minimal help. Get ready to bring a taste of camp to your home!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 10 large marshmallows
- 10 pretzel sticks (or cake pop sticks)
- 1 cup of chocolate chips (milk or dark chocolate)
- 1 tablespoon of oil (optional, for smoother chocolate)
- 1 cup of graham cracker crumbs
- Optional toppings: mini marshmallows, sprinkles, or crushed cookies

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare Your Sticks:

Insert a pretzel stick into each marshmallow to create your "s'mores pops." Be careful not to poke it all the way through!

2. Melt the Chocolate:

Place the chocolate chips and oil (if using) in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave in 20-second bursts, stirring after each round, until the chocolate is smooth and melted.

3. Dip each marshmallow:

Pop into the melted chocolate, using a spoon to help cover it completely. Let the excess chocolate drip off.

4. Roll in Graham Crackers:

Immediately roll your chocolate-covered marshmallow in graham cracker crumbs until it's fully coated. For extra fun, add sprinkles, crushed cookies, or mini marshmallows.

5. Let Them Set:

Place your s'mores pops on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Pop them in the fridge for about 10-15 minutes to let the chocolate set.

6. Time to Enjoy!

Take your s'mores pops out of the fridge and get ready to dig in!

CAMPFIRE VIBES WITHOUT THE CAMPFIRE!

Now you've got a delicious treat that brings back all those campfire memories—no fire required.

Perfect for a weekend snack, after-school treat, or even a camp-themed sleepover!

Happy snacking, and remember: everything tastes better when it's made with a bit of camp spirit!

Dates to Remember



NY Reunion - Sunday, December 8th

Spring Mailing - Monday, February 3rd

Maryland Reunion - Saturday, March 8th

Florida Reunion - Sunday, March 9th

Tri-State Camp Conference (Office Closed) - Tuesday, March 11th to Thursday, March 13th

Camper Forms Due - Tuesday, April 15th

New Family Orientation - Sunday, May 18th

Area Pick-Up for IS Baggage Service - Sunday, June 22nd

Opening Day - Saturday, June 28th

Visiting Day - Saturday, July 12th

Rookie Day # 1 - Sunday, July 13th

Session # 1 Ends - Friday, July 18th

Session # 2 Begins - Saturday, July 19th

Rookie Day # 2 - Sunday, July 27th

Senior Trip - Sunday, July 27th to Wednesday, July 30th

Campers Return Home - Friday, August 8th