



Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls

Alumni Newsletter - Fall 2016

Hi From Camp!

After another great summer at Wayne, things are nice and quiet in Preston Park, PA. Believe it or not, you can now get a pizza at Villa Como in less than an hour! Unfortunately, an ice cream flurry at Alice's Cow Palace or Jerichos will have to wait until the summer months. The fall colors reflecting on the Upper and Lower Twin Lakes are always a site to see at this time of year. It's amazing how much camp changes soon after the summer.

Our off-season projects are well underway, including exciting additions and expansion to the high ropes course at CWG. The girls will love these challenging elements high up in the trees. At CWB, a brand new fitness center will get lots of use as campers are more focused than ever on fitness and exercise.

When alumni visit with friends or family during the summer months, they're always pleasantly surprised to see lots of familiar faces who still get to call Wayne home in the summer months. While we look forward to the energy and excitement that new staff bring to camp each summer, it's our veterans who really make the difference and help keep the important traditions alive. So here's a special shout-out to the CW staff from this past summer who have been part of the family for 10 summer or more:



Alumni campers Gavin Javorsky (left) (Stephanie Port), Jake Herman (second from right) (Mike Herman), and Ethan Leland (third from right) (David Leland) chillin' in Morty's Gazebo



Alumni camper Rachel Belmont (left) (Allyson Lainer) and Isabel Jaffe (Emily Bogdanoff)

David Nisenson, Matt Biesiada, Chris Burnett, Lisa Damesek, Joe Dondero, Monica Wolfe, Andrew Groothuis, Rudy Williams, Jack Axelrod, Zach Blitz, Stephen Kerstein, Jake Kurland, Erik Leff, Wendy Auslander, Sam Levy, Dmitriy Kane, Rona (Kopp) Machlin, Joe Giordano, Cindy Giordano, Joe LeRea, Nancy (Haut) Martin, Jeni (Cohen) Faller, Joey (Gaver) Weingard, Eric Moslow, Caleb Nisenson, Ethan Rousso, Matthew Sekuler, Crew Weingard, David Zuckerman, Mike Dunn, Cris Leric, Randy Ripple, Diane Ripple, Jaime (Dondero) Pace, Ilene Rosenbaum, Brittany Reichert, Chrissy Gasbarre, Janet (Feldman) Fishbein, Chris Handschuch, Bob Bailey, Austin Butler, Mel Checkla, Jocey (Green) Bernyk, Meri (Gibbons) Alexander, Julia Saltzman, Becca Cohen, Andie Goodman, Julienne Halperin, Emma Klein, Cori Breindell, Barrie Butler, Jane Silver, Gillian Horn, Alana Gross, Sabrina Oppenheim, Jordana Oppenheim, Carly Nisse, Sammy Greben and Hannah Friedman. What a list! Thank you again to all these veterans. You all are really the heart and soul of camp and we can't thank you enough for your years of support.

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Alumni campers Blake (left) and Drew Oppenheim (David Oppenheim)



Alumni campers Jeremy and Dani Hecht (Gary Hecht)

If you haven't visited us in a while, we hope you can make time to stop by during summer 2017. Please be sure to call or email in advance to give us a heads-up. We wish you and your family a great fall season!

The Corpuel and Brown Families



Alumni campers Rachel Martin (left) (Nancy Haut) Aliza Hackmyer (center) (Selma Kleinfeld-grandmother)

Alumni Buzz

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Arthur Litz

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I first went to Camp Wayne in 1929. Is there anyone still around that is an alumnus as old as me? I am 93!

Kelsey Ruggard

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Hello! I know I've been absent recently but I've been very busy! I moved just North of San Francisco and I am currently part of the design team that does the displays at an Anthropologie here. I remember telling my girls about wanting to do just that a few summer back and now I'm doing it! Hope they're all doing well. Send my love!



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UG's of 2012 take a trip to Israel together!!



L to R: Sydney Kleinrock, Lauren Rothberg, Julie Kesselhaut, Simone Seletsky, Nikki Snyder, Morgan Hamerman, Sophie Smolen, Kara Kupferberg and Maddie Michaeloff.

Markus Hahlin

Congrats to Markus and Lisa Hahlin on the birth of their daughter...future Swedish Inter!



Joanna (Belson) Hopenwasser

I hope you had a great 4th of July weekend! I wanted to give you a huge thank you for the amazing tour last week. I had an incredible time! Camp is exactly how I remember it, which is great. My kids came home and put their shirts on with all their excitement!!!



Seth Miller and Joanna (Hopenwasser) Belson reunited in California after 34ish years



Scott Zinovoy and Rachel Olicker
Congrats to CW alumni Scott and Rachel on their engagement



Don Reisfeld

Our grandson Drew will be going on 7 years old (the same age I started at Wayne in 1961) for Camp Wayne's 100th Anniversary. I'll plan on bringing our family to the reunion and Drew can see what camp life is like at Wayne. We're expecting our second grandchild in November for the girls side. Fran and I will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary this Sunday at the Paul McCartney concert at MetLife Stadium.

I'm still an avid skier (thanks to my early years at Elk Mountain) and ski twice year in the Rockies with my fraternity brothers. Planning to knock off heli-skiing from my bucket list next Feb when we ski Whistler/Blackcomb. Fishing is my other passion. My Dad and I have been going to Peregrine Lodge in the Queen Charlotte Island in BC for king salmon and halibut since 2002. I convinced my fraternity brothers to try fishing several years ago and next July will be our fourth consecutive Boyz fishing adventure.



Herb Waldman

I recently hosted a mini-reunion steeped in Wayne history.

Dave Schept was at Wayne from 1955 thru 1963. His parents met at Wayne in the 1930's when they were campers. His aunts, uncles, cousins and sister also were campers at Wayne, as were his 2 sons. One was also a counselor.

Jay Rudolph's parents were friends with Julie & Belma. His older brother started at Winadu & moved to Wayne with Julie. Jay was a camper & counselor from 1953 to 1966.

I'm next. I was at Wayne from 1957 to 1963. My sister & cousins also attended as well as 3 of my sons (a 4th went to Winadu). My father & Belma were cousins.

Marty Laufer was at Wayne from 1958 to 1965. His daughter was at Wayne for 8 years. Marty brought a trove of material from the 1960's that was given to him by Cathy Sparrow. Mark was apparently a real hoarder--WayneNews, color war teams & songs, Apache Relay lineup, etc.

Cori Moyer

Hi Camp Wayne! It's been an exciting year. In March, I got to officially adopt Olivia and become her Momma! She just turned 2 this fall. She's keeping things hopping for me and the dogs. She loves dancing, swimming, and gymnastics. As you can tell, she's ready for camp and crime fighting.



L to R: Dave Schept, Jay Rudolph, Herb Waldman, Marty Laufer



Camp Erin NYC

Hi from Camp Erin NYC,

Summer 2016 was nothing short of magical. There were 51 brave children willing to share their stories and open their hearts to healing. Supporting them every step of the way were 64 compassionate, engaged and dedicated volunteers. OF THOSE 64 VOLUNTEERS, 30 WERE CAMP WAYNE ALUMNI!!!!!!

Thanks to the generosity of various establishments in local communities who donated white plastic buckets and a patient art staff, campers created beautiful drums they played in their drum circle and took home to use as a tool to express themselves through their grief journey.

Campers came together as strangers and worked together as a team to navigate our low ropes course.

With keen eyes, expert supervision and instruction, our swim staff guided swimmers and non-swimmers alike across the lake, into life jackets, on to tubes, down slides and on trampolines! Screams of joy were heard everywhere.

The real magic came when our grief chiefs (our professional clinicians) once again provided a safe environment in which children could share their stories, express their grief, sadness, anger or frustration knowing they would be heard, not judged, and those around them would understand. That's the magic of the weekend. Our campers learn they are not alone and learn it is ok to grieve and remember their loved ones. They even learn it's OK to have fun.

Our luminary ceremony, placing a candle out on the lake in honor of a loved one, is a powerful moment for our campers. For some, it is an opportunity to say a good bye or to release the pent up emotions that have been bottled up inside. For others, to see a light in an otherwise dark journey is comforting.



L to R: Amanda Badean, Allie Lerner, Carrie Groothuis Muhlstein, George Corpuel, Ashley Gabelman, Julie Eckstein Laing

This weekend would not be possible without the generosity and support of our Camp Wayne family, Camp Erin family, the COPE Foundation, friends and our local community. It has been an amazing team effort and we are forever grateful. Looking forward to the next five years!

I would like to share a letter from a parent who beautifully expressed all that we hoped for when we set out to create Camp Erin NYC five years ago:

I'm not sure how to thank you all for the amazing weekend that you created. I feel so grateful that Louie and I were able to be part of it.

Louie had the most incredible time at Camp Erin. She cannot stop talking about it: waking up to Justin Timberlake, pulling tape off of a tall boy's head during some ice breaker game that you played, the fun girls in her bunk (and how one lost a tooth!), the tubing on the lake, the ropes course, bucket brigade, and on and on. She fell asleep 10 minutes into our car ride home - exhausted from a jam-packed weekend of activity. She is begging me to return, wishes it had been longer, and named the Gund bear that she was gifted there "Erin."

More, I thank you for giving her the opportunity to make meaningful connections -- with other children who have experienced loss, counselors who gave her a great time, and the grief chiefs who helped facilitate healthier healing for her. Even if we do not stay connected with the other families or your staff, I know that collectively and individually everyone made a lasting impression. She keeps pulling out her t-shirt to re-read the signatures on the back.



Louie seems more in touch with the memory of her dad and her feelings about the loss of him that she did before this camp. She is already talking to me more openly and understands better that this loss is a shared experience for our family. I'm so grateful for all the healing tools that you gave her.

All this in 48 hours. I am in awe.

There are similarly strong sentiments from me on the impact of the parent retreat. I'm still processing and digesting the weekend, but I know I feel different and more hopeful about my path of healing and how I can help guide that process.

*Best wishes, and thank you - again.
Emily C*

The following CW alumni volunteered during Camp Erin 2016: Ann Fuchs, Spencer Julien, Dayna Bieber, Amanda Badean, Susan Hirschfeld Eckstein, Melanie Checkla, Ali Olson, Mike Dunn, Rachel Weiss, Sarah Weissman, Michael Fuchs, Danny Fuchs, Jaimee Fischer, Julie Schechter, Dayna Carpay, Debra Rosenbaum, Laura Kahn, Robyn Yaker, Stefi Cohen, Chrissy Gasbarre, Rona Machlin, Debbie Martin, Roni Perlzweig, Ilene Rosenbaum, Greer Julien Slovin, Carrie Groothuis Muhlstein, Allie Lerner, Julie Eckstein Laing, Lillian Julien, and Ashley Gabelman.

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