Alumni Newsletter

Camp Wayne for Boys and Girls

Fall 2007





SAVE THE DATE!!!

The next Alumni Reunion is tentatively scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2010!!



Marc Brandes with his two boys and two nephews at Wayne.

2007 @ Camp Wayne for Boys

The 2007 season at Camp Wayne for Boys was action packed from start to finish. Mother Nature provided us with lots of sunshine along with a few showers, keeping everything nice and green.

As always it was our incredible senior staff that provided the leadership to keep us moving throughout the summer. Our head counselor trio (Chris Burnett, Brennan Goman and Chris Lee) were in the trenches day in and day out, working closely with our campers and staff. Our instructional program was great, thanks to our area directors. (Some of the familiar faces included Julie Levine at basketball, Marty Gilbert at tennis, Jeff Caspi at baseball, Eric Schneider at golf

and Paul Rolnicki at the Waterfront.) The legendary Gil Fershtman was back in 07 for his 25th summer, this time as our Athletic Director. As AD, Gil played a big part in our conference program and intercamp competitions, while supporting the instructional program around camp. Andy "Groo" Groothuis worked closely with Steve during the off season, putting together a great special events and evening activity calendar. This was Groo's 30th summer at Wayne and we all felt fortunate to have him with us. Last, but certainly not least, we were fortunate to welcome back Joe Dondero as our Program Director. After a number of years away from camp, Joe fit



3rd generation camper Danny Helfman (left) and second generation camper Lucas Hazan (right).

in seamlessly and did a fantastic job organizing the daily schedule.

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2007 @ Camp Wayne for Girls

We are delighted to say that in 2007, Camp Wayne for Girls had more campers than ever before – 265! We had 32 alumni families on girl's side and toured several more who signed up for summer 2008. George's "Gorgeous" Health Center and Noel's ARC. (Activity Recreation Center) are the newest

buzz. Noel's ARC houses a beautiful new canteen with a magnificent stone fireplace, an indoor gymnastics facility, a self-defense room with a 3 sided climbing wall, a drama rehearsal room, a fitness studio, and a staff lounge. We are proud to say that all of our bunks have been completely rebuilt, with the exception of bunks 18 and 19, which both recently went through complete renovations. Since the last reunion in 2005, we have also built a new softball field with dugouts and bleachers, a new lower staff house, new landscaping and much, much more.

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We felt great about our counselor staff following the one-week staff orientation and our optimism proved to be right on. It was one of our best counselor staffs ever. A number of counselors requested contracts for summer '08 before '07 was in the books, so our staffing for next summer is off to a great start.

While there were too many highlights to cover here, we couldn't properly recap the past summer at Wayne without mentioning a great Steve Weingard Memorial Gitch and an unforgettable Color War. CIT, Adam Altus, nailed the Gitch on his first shot, to win Conference for Princeton. The honor of shooting the Gitch for your team is still as strong as ever. Our older campers practice all summer long to prepare for their chance to shoot the halfcourter on the big stage.

Titan Blue and Phoenix Buff went head to head in Color War 2007. Long time campers, counselor and friends Jason Slivka (Blue) and Greg Dreyfuss (Buff) took the reins as team generals. The battle was close throughout the four day competition. Despite Buff's strong showing on Sing Night, Blue's 20 point lead heading into the final event proved to be too much to overcome. The teams finished only eight points apart.



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Even though so much has changed and improvements have been made all over camp, the heart and soul of what makes Camp Wayne for Girls so special- the warmth, the energy, the spirithas not changed one bit. Singing in the dining room, holding hands across campus and sitting with a friend on "The Swing" are still familiar favorites. Comforting traditions like Creative Service, Tribal League and Color War are still as strong as ever. Amidst painted faces and spirited chants sung with hoarse voices, Color War 2007 was won by Broadway Blue, narrowly edging out Flashback Buff. Well-known evening activities like Wayno, Sounds of Wayne, and Night at the Races are still enjoyed by all along with many other new evening activities and special

events that keep our campers active and entertained all summer.

We'd love for you to come and see how beautiful the campus looks. But you don't have to wait until the alumni reunion to visit us! If you and your family would like to plan a visit to Camp Wayne, please contact us in advance so we can plan the best time to come.

If any of your friends or relatives are interested in attending Camp Wayne for Girls they should call us immediately. We tend to complete enrollment one year in advance. Even though we already have a completed registration for 2008, we do get cancellations from time to time; friends have nothing to lose by calling and asking if we have space or a short wait list in their child's age group. Also, if you know of any college students, coaches, teachers or parents interested in working at Camp Wayne for Girls, we would love to hear from them.



Morty Damesek's granddaughter, second from the right.

A Letter from Noel

Dear Alumni,

I am proud to tell you about my friend and "bunkmate" Robert "Rod" Rodvien who is doing amazing things for people with cancer. Rod went to camp from 1948 to 1962 as a camper, shack boy, counselor and eventually he was the Camp Doctor in 1973. As a hematologist and oncologist, Rod was nationally renown on a number of national committees, doing research in the Bay area, practicing medicine at California Pacific Medical Center where he was chief of Hematology and Oncology, and serving as an assistant clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF. He is now busy informing people with cancer about their illness and how to help themselves get the most from the medical care system through podcasts. All of these podcasts are available to everyone for free.

The broadcasts are designed to allay the anxiety of people with cancer, their friends and their family. Greene Creative Services has launched a podcast network...http:// www.smarterpodcasts.com, one of which is called "SMARTER CANCER CARE". Choose any episode to listen to; they're extremely informative.

Tell your friends about the website. It can help cancer patients, friends, family members, and anybody who wants to know more about Cancer.

Wishing You and Your Family Good Health and Happiness, Noel Corpuel



Alumni Newsletter: Spring 2008

The next edition of the Camp Wayne Alumni Newsletter is scheduled for Spring 2008. If you have any exciting news to share for this upcoming issue, please go to: http://campwayne.com/alumni and click on the "share your news" link

on the left. We look forward to sharing your exciting news with your Camp Wayne family.

Looking Ahead to '08 at the Boys' Camp

Our maintenance crew, led by long-time Wayner, Rusty Hubbard, is already hard at work on offseason projects. In addition to new staff housing, the team will be building a new solarium at the waterfront and a new soccer field on the upper fields. We'll also be adding new paths around camp while doing work in the dining room, on the baseball fields and hockey rinks. We know our maintenance staff will have camp looking great for our return next summer.

And speaking of improvements, be sure to check out our new website at www. campwayne.com. The site went live this past June. The interactive map is a great way for prospective families to see all the facilities in action!



Ga Ga at Wayne

Morry's Camp Swim-a-Thon 2007

Camp Wayne for Boys info@campwayne.com www.campwayne.com

Camp Wayne for Girls info@campwaynegirls.com www.campwaynegirls.com Campers at Camp Wayne for Boys and Girls were proud once again to participate in the Morry's Camp Swim-a-thon. Our campers swam over 20,000 laps during the summer to help raise money to send underprivileged children to camp. Through the generosity of our camp families, we hope to raise more than \$10,000 for this terrific organization. Giving children the



opportunity to experience the wonders of camping is something very close to our hearts. For more information on Morry's Camp, please go to www.morryscamp.org.

Ready for Camp?

Do you know someone who's ready for camp? If you have children or friends with children who are considering camp in the next year or two, please get in touch so we can send along information about Wayne. We have lots of second and third generation campers at Wayne!



Alumni at Visiting Day 2007