



Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls

Alumni Newsletter - Fall 2011

News from CWB



Second generation campers Sam Martin, Jesse and Cole Faller

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer. The 2011 camp season at Wayne was amazing from start to finish. Of course, it all starts with a great senior staff and we were absolutely thrilled with the team we had in place on day one. In addition to the usual suspects, there were several new faces and one very familiar face...none other than Alex "Cricket" Groothuis. As we expected, Alex brought a tremendous amount of energy and excitement to the basketball program. To say that the kids loved Alex would certainly be an understatement. Our spirited counselor staff did a fabulous job in and out of the bunks.

We loved seeing so much enthusiasm at the different program areas around camp. Creating a well-rounded experience for the boys is very important to us. Our sports program is as strong as ever with great instruction and an extensive inter-camp and intra-camp league schedule. We hosted our inaugural Camp Wayne Classic Lacrosse Tournament, which featured eight camps from around Wayne County.

The tournament was a huge hit for our older campers.

We continued to build on an already outstanding Outdoor Adventure program. On top of all the action in camp, campers loved the day and overnight hiking, biking, climbing and kayaking trips.

The Creative Arts program continues to flourish with a variety of activities. A number of boys completed some very impressive woodworking projects. The interest in our music program was outstanding. Campers had the chance to learn the guitar, drums and piano and had lots of opportunities to perform for the camp.

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News from CWG

Greetings from beautiful Preston Park, PA where we are presently enjoying a gorgeous Indian Summer. Camp looks fantastic as Bill and his crew are busy getting camp prepped for the winter months at the same time starting projects for summer 2012.

One of the biggest changes to our campus in 2012 will be the addition of a new bunk. This is the first bunk we have added to Camp Wayne Girls in almost twenty years. The new bunk, officially Bunk 16, will be located where the ping-pong tables used to be and will house super seniors. In reality, the new bunk 16 will allow us to move each age group up one bunk and therefore accommodate another bunk of girls finishing third grade. In addition to the new bunk, we have been busy building new dock sections for our waterfront, putting a new roof on our Dance and Cheer Dome as well as our Key Staff House, adding ceiling fans to the Rec Hall and planning for a new camp office in the old canteen. In addition to our new vegetable and herb garden, we're also happy to say we've implemented a yearly tree planting program.

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Alumni campers Sierra Brown, Casey Goodman, Molly Alexander & Rachel Kaufman with their bunkmates

Alumni Letters

I was a camper in the early 80s and was one of the few kids who came from PA (camp was mostly from LI) and I remember everyone thought we were so strange not living in Long Island....and the irony that you now are in Newtown PA....the next town over. I LOVE that you are now in PA over the winter. Camp Wayne will always hold a special place in my heart! My experience as a young camper has had a huge impact on my life....Madd Workshop, Creative Service, Color War, Apache Relay, Bucket Brigade, Night at the Races and of course Wayno! I even have my original Camp Wayne T-shirt "Camp Wayne a nice people place!" I have reconnected with Camp Wayners throughout my life...even when I studied abroad in Italy. I also love Facebook because it has re-connected me with so many Camp Wayners.

Camp Wayne was the best thing I ever did in my life. I will always have a special place in my heart for Camp Wayners..... and hope to send my 4 and 2 year olds there one day.

Joanna Hopenwasser



Chris Burnett and Andrew Groothuis

Dear Noel, Georgeann, Adena and Matt,

I found your e-mail address on Facebook. It is nice to see that all of you are in good health and look very happy. Congratulations on your lovely granddaughters, it seems like Camp Wayne for Girls is still a very nice place. I wish I could go back once again. I have lovely memories of camp, the most important is Kingsley Smith, who worked for Peter on boys' side. Finally, after a 7 year break I went to London where we met again and got married in 2007. We are very happy with a 4-year-old little angel named Annabelle. At the moment we live in Budapest, Hungary and operate a small English language school. I know it might sound unbelievable but Kingsley has matured into a great husband and a very loving father. :)

We will always keep Camp Wayne for Girls/Boys in our heart because our love started there. Really nice memories :) Thank you for being very kind to me. I always thought that you treated me very nicely therefore I did have a great time working there for three summers. Maybe one day we will be able to go back to visit you and show our daughter the place where we met and fell in love with each other.

Best regards and best wishes,

Orsi Smith (Orsi Takács - 1996-98 salad girl)



Alumni Photo - Visiting Day 2012



Second generation camper Ty Nisenon (front right)

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There were simply too many highlights this past summer to mention them all. We do need to share an incredible finish to the Steve Weingard Memorial Gitch. Yale's shooter clinched the event for his team after several attempts. As Princeton, Dartmouth and Harvard got their batons to center court, their shooters made the shot on their first try...what a performance by the CIT's who were honored with the final shot!

As all Wayne alum know well, there's no better finish to a great summer than Color War. The 2011 battle between Cyclone Buff and Notorious Blue was incredibly close throughout the four days. Congrats to Blue on a great comeback during the Apache Relay, which proved to be the difference at the end of the night!

Before you know it, we'll be back at Wayne, ready for summer 2012! We wish everyone a great fall season.

Josh, Steve, Kathy E and Kathy C

In the last year alone we have planted over 10 new trees on campus. This will help ensure that generations to come will be able to enjoy the same beautiful, leafy campus we've all grown to love.

Noel has already begun preparations for his 40th tour of the U.S in search of the best counselors and Key Staff for the summer of 2012. As most of you know, a great summer camp is only as great as its counselors. As he has for the past 40 years, Noel will spend 3 months this winter traveling to over 30 colleges to personally interview the people who will take care of our campers. Speaking of staff, many of our favorite alumni were back in action this past summer- Stefi (Gold) Cohen, Janet (Felman) Fishbein, Rona (Kopp) Machlin and Jen (Seitles) Nussbaum. Some exciting news to share is that we have another alumnus that will be joining the ranks of CWG Staff in 2012. Jocey (Green) Bernyk, a third generation Wayner, will be coming to 56 NPP as our new Assistant Head Counselor. Jocey has such an incredible passion for camp and we couldn't be happier that she is coming back to the place where that passion was born. Other familiar faces in 2011 were Ann (Kramer) Fuchs, Howie Cohen, Mike Dunn, Brittany Reichert and Brooke (Taylor) Cornwell.

Last summer we added a wildly successful rock band to our program, which culminated with a 'Waynestock Festival' where 13 camper bands and one key staff band performed. Another highlight was our co-ed Color War break, which we haven't done in almost 20 years! There's a reason why our girls are always saying they 'Live 10 for 2' (i.e Live 10 months of the year just to make it to the 2 months of camp). Summer camp is such an amazing, enriching experience for young people and in no place are those ideals and opportunities more evident than Camp Wayne. So as summer 2011 becomes more and more distant, we hope this newsletter brings you back to your time at Camp Wayne and hopefully encourages you to come back and visit the place where you used to live '10 for 2'.

Wishing all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Noel, Goerge, Adena and Matt

Preston/Hancock Experience

On August 13th nearly 550 campers left Camp Wayne for the summer. Two days later 28 local children, who have completed the fourth and fifth grades arrived and began a week of day camp as part of the Preston/Hancock Experience. This was the second year that Camp Wayne donated its facilities and meals to local children, who otherwise would be unable to attend camp. There were over 20 activities offered throughout the week.

Michael Corpuel who conceived the idea and has directed the program from the onset recruited seventeen Camp Wayne Alumni to volunteer for the program. The 2011 Alumni Volunteers included Michael Dunn who directed the swimming program and within a week had 26 of the 28 campers passing their deep water test. Adam Sadek directed outdoor adventure activities for the second year and was assisted by Didi Gonzales. Ann Fuchs injected lots of spirit and energy into the sports and games programs. Joanne Maloney taught pottery. Michael Fuchs, who edited the P/H Video in 2010, continued his video work and directed 5 campers in a film that was shown to the families of the campers the last day of camp. Danny Fuchs taught guitar, drums, golf and swimming. Rebecca Corpuel and Andy Pepiot capably directed the tennis program. Andi Wandt was a valuable group coordinator along with Jess Marcus who assisted in a variety of activities. Andre Lamont taught art, while Michael Emmerich taught band.

Four camper alumni who are now high school seniors made a big difference in the atmosphere at the Preston/Hancock Experience. Lucy Hazan, Alyssa Marcus, Sara Jenis and Joanna Finkelstein all completed a Community Service Project and were excellent role models, helping to build lots of spirit throughout the camp day. All of the campers loved them and indicated that they would like to become counselors one day as well. We could not have wished for anything more.

The mission of the Preston/Hancock Experience is for the campers to be good citizens, try their best in school, pledge to attend camp for four years and graduate from high school. A leadership-training program is currently in the works for campers who have completed their four years of camp. The directors anticipate having funds to award scholarships in 2018 when the fourth graders who started in 2010 are eligible to begin college.

The donations made by Camp Wayne Alumni and local businesses are greatly appreciated and have made a tremendous difference in the program. One hundred percent of donations are tax deductible and are used for programming, clothing and insurance. Any funds raised in excess of expenses will be allocated to college scholarships for children who complete four years of the Preston/Hancock Experience and the Leadership Training Program.

Donations can be made on-line to Hancock Community Education Foundation – Camp Wayne Summer Program. Checks may be made out to HCEF – Camp Wayne Summer Program and sent to HCEF, PO Box 817, Hancock, NY 13783. HCEF is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) charitable organization.



Third generation campers Margo Wagner & Ruby Fishbein on Visiting Day with Howard Fishbein (Janet Felman's husband) and alumnus Margo (Felman) Wagner



Second generation campers Mikey (top) and Stevie Port



Third generation camper Eli Groothuis and second generation camper Cole Faller