



Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls

Alumni Newsletter - Spring 2014



SAVE THE DATE!! OUR 95TH ALUMNI REUNION IS
SET FOR SEPTEMBER 12th AND 13th, 2015 AT CAMP.



Hi From Camp!

With the piles of snow and ice all around us, it's hard to imagine that we have less than 100 days until the start of the 2014 camp season. While most of us in the Northeast have had a license to complain about the weather for the past several months, we were thankful for a snow-covered campus during our annual CIT Winter Retreat.

With CWG joining the fun this year, we had 30 campers experience camp in a very different way. From sledding to snowshoeing we took full advantage of Mother Nature's bounty. No trip to camp would be complete without pizza at V.C. Needless to say, the locals who were enjoying a quiet meal were thrown for a loop when 35 Wayners marched into the restaurant in boots and jackets. We'll consider it an early warm-up for June when rarely a day will go by without a bunch of pies in the oven tagged for Wayne.

With winter finally loosening its grip, now's the time of year when families start turning their attention to the warmer and fun-filled days of Camp. We realize of



course that most of our campers and staff someday have to leave camp behind but we want you to know that you are always welcome to visit and you always have a home at Camp Wayne. Nothing makes us happier than to share camp with the people who love and appreciate it the most, our alumni. So we hope to see as many of you as possible at our 95th Alumni Reunion next year being held at camp. The date is set for September 12th and 13th 2015.

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During the off-season at CWB, Joe and his maintenance crew have been hard at work on a new staff building, tennis pavilion, and new fields that now sit where the outdoor hockey rinks once stood. This spring, we're planning on adding two junior tennis courts for our youngest campers. A smaller playing surface combined with low-compression balls is a great way to introduce tennis to beginners.



Out with the old hockey rinks, in with new fields

Down at the waterfront we will not only have more paddleboards this summer but also a brand new Ski Nautique ski boat. In addition, we are installing a floor



in the Rec Hall and the Teepee as well as a brand new ceiling and lighting in the Dining Room. We are also renovating our old caretaker house to accommodate 10 more staff members.

As sure as the Indian Chief (Mashugana, Verklemt?) will grace us with his presence to kickoff Conference, summer will come and the rolling hills at Wayne will come alive once again. We're counting the days until we get to spend another summer with our camp family. There's nothing better than watching our campers reconnect with old friends, make new ones and play like kids are supposed to. We know you remember those days.

A great way for your family to check out camp is our Rookie Day and Dream Weekend programs. CWG Rookie Day is slated for July 12th, CWB's Dream Weekend is July 12th-13th and both have a Rookie Day on July 26th. They are great for those families who want



New Lake House for staff in the works



New Tennis Pavilion in the works



2nd generation camper, Rachel Belmont (daughter of Allyson Lainer), at the M & M move on carnival day.

While we realize it is difficult to predict a child's readiness for sleep-away camp, CWG has a limited amount of space and we tend to fill up in our youngest age groups at least one year in advance, and in some cases even earlier. We like to give priority to alumni who wish to enroll in camp, so **if your daughter is currently in kindergarten or older and you are considering sending her to Camp Wayne in 2015 or beyond**, please contact us as early as possible so we can reserve a spot for her.

Wishing all of our alumni a warm and beautiful spring and summer season.

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Alumni Buzz



To share your news for the Fall 2014 Alumni Newsletter go to www.campwayne.com and click on the alumni tab. You'll see a link on the left side where you submit your news.

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook to stay up to date on all things Wayne!
www.facebook.com/campwayneforboysandgirls

Sabriena Simon:

We welcomed our son Indie Phoenix Simon to the world on February 15th! Now we have one for each side of the lake!!

Bunkmates, Blake (Gellin) Solomon, Randi (Chonowski) Sandler and Lindsay (Byron) Maltz, all gave birth to baby girls this year. Spencer J Solomon, Marley Tate Sandler and Mikkel Hayden Maltz are all slated for Bunk 1 in 2020! Lindsay's mother, Marilyn, was the camp nurse for many years and is looking forward to returning when her granddaughter attends camp.

Josh Auslander

Josh and his wife Bree welcomed twins Max and Dylan to the world in February. It won't be long before the boys are stick handling in the Den.



Look who I found in Aruba! L to R: Jamie (Fedida) Saranik, Ann (Kramer) Fuchs, Cindy (Fedida) Ehyabou

Preston/Hancock Experience

This Summer will be the 5th Anniversary of the Preston/Hancock Experience, a one week camp for children who live near Camp Wayne, and do not have the resources to attend camp. Camp Wayne donates it's facilities each summer in late August to the Preston/Hancock Experience and the Directors provide administrative support.

In 2014 more than 50 children will attend the Preston/Hancock Experience, some for the 5th summer. Children are selected by their teachers and school administrators based on financial need, being good citizens, trying hard in school, making a commitment to attend camp for four summers and pledging to graduate high school.

Former Camp Wayne campers Michael Emmerich, Sara Jenis, Alyssa Marcus, Lucy Hazen, Joanna Finkelstein, Robbie Shapiro, Savannah Wolfson and Lauren Rothberg did Community Service for the P/H Experience when they completed the 11th Grade. Jess Marcus was a counselor for three years and Rebecca Corpuel for two. Their contributions have been invaluable.

Director Emeritus, Michael Corpuel and his wife Randy, founded the Camp in 2010 and donate hundreds of hours annually to make the P/H Program a success. Recently the Preston/Hancock Experience was awarded a Grant by the Wayne County Community Foundation for its new Leadership Training Program for 5th year campers. Grants are awarded by the Wayne County Foundation to organizations for preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Wayne County.

Alumni support has enabled the Preston/Hancock Experience to serve more children and is deeply appreciated.

For more information go to www.Preston/Hancock Experience.



Camp Erin NYC

This summer, COPE-Camp Erin NYC is hoping to offer a retreat for parents/guardians of the children who attend COPE-Camp Erin NYC at Camp Wayne. We are looking for a volunteer to supervise and help orient the parents to the boys' camp – show them the facilities and be there to answer any questions (the campers are across the lake on the girls' side). This position is very low key! If there is anyone who loves camp (we know there are a lot of you), is familiar with the boys' campus and wants to be a part of an amazing mission to help families and children in need (and of course enjoy a weekend at Wayne) please contact Ann (Kramer) Fuchs at Camp Director and CW Alumna at afuchs@copefoundation.org or 914-939-5338.



Camp Wayne for Girls Waterfront Hill Engagement!

In August 2010, a romance blossomed between UG '02 Allie Lerner and UG '03 Dayna Bieber. This past summer, as Camp Erin volunteers, they spent a weekend up at Camp Wayne, the place where they first met back in 1998. At the end of the weekend, Dayna had Allie paged over the loudspeaker and summoned her to waterfront hill. With Michael Franti's "Life is Better with You" playing over head, Dayna got down on one knee and proposed to the love of her life. The two exchanged rings and shared a toast as Camp Wayne alums looked on and cheered. It was the perfect celebration of a beautiful Girls Side romance. Allie and Dayna will wed this October in Brooklyn, NY.



We wanted to share this heartfelt letter that we received at the end of the summer from a parent who went to summer camp as a child. It's the reason that we love what we do.

First of all, I can't even begin to express how grateful I am for the amazing summer my girls had this year. I am overjoyed to have them home, but more over I am in awe of their smiles and the sparkle in their eyes as they describe the many, many, many things they did this summer.

From the activities, socials, evening programs, cheers and even down to the smallest detail of how they "stack the dishes" at the end of a meal has left an impact on each of them that will last for a lifetime.

I miss my own days at camp ... I know it was a lifetime ago, but a smile comes to my heart (not my face, but to that gripping feeling deep inside you when you remember the best times you've ever had, and the people you shared those times with) because I now know that they each feel in their own hearts what I have known for my entire adult life ... there is nothing like the time spent at overnight camp. Thank you for helping the most important people in my life to create their own amazing memories that will transcend their unexpected need for creating friendships and their own self awareness. They didn't know what they did ... they just went to camp, and in doing so, they have begun to prepare themselves for a life of connecting to people around them. Regardless of the many years they may spend at Wayne, they have grown immensely this year. It will only be many years from now (as it is for me now) that Arden and Camryn will realize just how spectacular these summer weeks are for them. You gals and guys at Wayne for Girls have facilitated this gift for my daughters, and for that, I simple want to say "Thank you!"

*Yours,
Michael W. Frebowitz*
