

Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls Est. 1921 Alumni Newsletter Spring 2025



If You Build It....

With less than two months until opening day at camp, we are hitting the ground running, preparing for another amazing summer at Camp Wayne!

Despite some delays, our longtime plans for a solar array continue to move forward at CWB! When complete, the new system will generate enough electricity to power the entire camp. (Over 25 years, the power we will generate from the sun is equivalent to over 4,000,000 pounds of coal!) The new stone patio overlooking the Upper Twin Lake was such a hit with the campers and staff last summer, we plan to replicate it for our Upper Hill campers in time for this season!

At CWG, we are building another bunk so we can continue to accommodate 2 bunks of Inters and 3 bunks of Super Inters. Bunk 16 is being converted into a double bunk so the new bunk will now be known as Bunk 17. The Grad Pad (currently 17) will become Bunk 18, UGS – 19, and CITs – Bunk 20! The coolest part about the new bunk is that there is a space underneath that can be utilized by tennis on rainy days. We're hoping to put a few ping pong tables in there that can also be used during camper's free time. Also underway, is a flagpole and amphitheater makeover.

As always, the senior and key staff teams will be filled with faces and voices of years past, with some new alumni rejoining the ranks. At CWB, Jonah Cole will be returning as our Assistant Athletics Director, Kirra Sinberg will be back as Art Director, and Matty Morgan will return to take his place as Soccer Director! Andy "Groo" Groothuis will be moving back up to the Upper Hill to take over as the C Group Head Counselor...an exciting change for Groo! At CWG, Bridget Haber will be making her astonishing return, shifting from her position as our very first Dance and Cheer Director to Middle Camp Head Counselor. With Holly Barnard moving into the role of Assistant HC, Jess (Steinart) Ross as Lower Camp HC and Jocey (Green) Bernyk as Upper Camp HC, we're looking at an alumni dream team!



Alumni Reunion - RSVP Now!

Our 105th Alumni Reunion is set for September 6-7 2025. We're excited to announce that the Amish Outlaws will be back to rock the night away. Please RSVP here by July 15, 2025.



Alumni Day 2025

Alumni Day is set for Saturday, July 26 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Click here to RSVP by July 1.

Welcoming the Next Generation

Alumni campers joining the Camp Wayne family in 2025:

Hazel Alexander - Nicole (Sherman) & Josh Alexander Izzie & Shaina Arndt - Matthew Arndt Eli Baer - Stacey (Friedman) Baer Max Beekman - Paul Beekman Dylan Brine - Rachel (Cohen) Brine Max Ettinger - Nicki (Barrow) Ettinger Ellie Glasser - Lindsay (Nodelman) Glasser Justin Ginsberg - Daniel Ginsberg Jordan Goldstein - Spencer Goldstein Reid Gorman - Jeff Gorman Charlie Greenbaum - Allison (Krigsman) Greenbaum Jordan Jacobs - Elyse (Goldberg) Jacobs Alexander & Oliver Lieberman - Erica (Frost) Lieberman Lily Nelson - Julie (Gurland) Nelson Jake Newman - Laurie (Sherman) Newman Alex Ross - Jessica (Steinart) Ross Spencer Sandler - Randi (Chonowski) Sandler Maya Serebrennikov - Tracie (Rosenbaum) Serebrennikov Jack Schwartz - Amanda (Cooper) Schwartz Evie Sherman - Seth Sherman Blake Silverberg - Bonnie (Friedman) Silverberg Alex Sporer - Matthew Sporer Grey Stanhope - Casey (Heller) Stanhope Max Tillinger - Barrie (Rovenger) Tillinger



Left to right: Second generation campers Eli and Drew Sharett (Nicole Chonowski Sharett) and Marley Sandler (Randi Chonowski Sandler)

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We're also thrilled to welcome *all* of our amazing alumni back for a reunion at camp on September 6 and 7! Our alumni hold a special place in the heart of our community, and we're so grateful for the memories, traditions, and spirit you continue to share with us. This summer, we can't wait to reconnect, reminisce, and relive the magic of camp together-especially with **The Amish Outlaws** returning to the stage after their incredible show at the last reunion. There's nothing like being back in the place where it all started.

We recently held our New Camper Get-Together events for both CWB and CWG, and we couldn't believe how many alumni parents we had! (Many of whom were our campers back in the nineties!) Nothing makes us happier than welcoming a new generation of alumni campers to the Camp Wayne family.

If you are considering Camp Wayne for your daughter in the next few years, please contact us as soon as possible so we can keep her on our radar! We have limited space for new campers and therefore give Camp Wayne siblings, cousins, and alumni the opportunity to enroll prior to new families. Priority registration for alumni begins on May 25 for Summer 2026.

Please continue to keep us informed of any alumni news! If you have any news or photos to share, please send them our way. We hope to see you all in September!

Warmest Regards,

The Corpuel and Brown Families



Second generation campers Kayla Feinberg (left) (Samara Goldman Feinberg) and Gemma Maizel (Nikki Weinstein Maizel)

Alumni Buzz



For the past few years 12-14 of us get together at a steakhouse in the city. This picture is from Smith & Wollensky in December: Jason Slivka, Zach Jenis, Matt Biesiada, Scott Zinovoy, Greg Dreyfuss, Dan Meiselman, Matt Meiselman, PJ Lepper, Clayton Slivka, Robbie Fink, Matt Checkla, Max Scheinder (not pictured)

Ed Angulo

Thanks for including us in your updates. The Camp Wayne experience is always on our minds. The people, location, and memories with the kids are awesome. Wishing you all the best.

David Gomez

Hi Camp Wayne!!

I'd like to share that I miss camp so much; I had two amazing seasons that I will never forget. I met fantastic people. Real good memories. I have dreamed of being at camp a couple of times, which I find funny; it's like being at camp for a short time while the dream lasts.

I just want to say hello and wish you all the best.

David Blasband

Having recently celebrated my 90th birthday, I can share with you that among my fondest memories are those of the eight summers I spent at Wayne, beginning in 1938 at the age of four. I assume I set a record for my 3-year tenure in Bunk 1. My brother Dick, two years my senior, accompanied me each year. The directors were Uncles Oscar, Hank, and Mike. We were especially fond of Oscar. The camp rewarded my family for its loyalty by naming me All Around Camper in my last year there. Dick and I were no strangers to the Corpuel family having sent our daughters Becky and Katherine to the Girls Camp. The Alma mater began something like: "Camp Wayne, we love you We'll always be true To the colors buff and blue that always wave on high."

I may have forgotten some of those lyrics, but I'll always remember their message and, with gratitude, those wonderful summers.

Mike Frost

My grandmother Zelda passed away on Sunday and we laid her to rest today. Camp Wayne was mentioned so many times in her service today and has been such a meaningful part of my family's life for almost 100 years. We are forever grateful to you and your parents and grandparents for making it the place it is. My mother found this picture when going through my grandmother's personal effects this week. We guess she must have been around 12-13 years old and is from the early 1930s.



New name, Same Place, Same Mission, Same Heart.

We will be returning to beautiful Camp Wayne for our 14th summer as we host Camp COPE (Formerly Camp Erin NYC) on August 22-24, 2025.

Camp COPE is a free, weekend bereavement camp for youth 7 to 17, who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. The weekend combines grief education and emotional support with fun, traditional camp activities. Led by bereavement professionals and trained, compassionate volunteers, campers are provided a safe environment to explore their grief, learn essential coping skills, and make friends with peers who are grieving.

It is only because of your continued generosity and the combined support of Camp Wayne staff, families, alumni and dedicated Camp COPE volunteers, that we are able to offer this amazing weekend of hope, healing and community. By creating a healing space through meaningful activities campers find support, connection, and resilience.

If you know of any family who could benefit from this experience please forward my contact information (see below.) We are stronger together!

With gratitude, Ann

Ann Fuchs, Director Camp COPE, A bereavement camp for children 7-17 Where Children Learn to Grieve and Heal afuchs@copefoundation.org; 914-552-6919



Camp COPE Bowl-a-thon is back!

When: Tuesday, May 20th 7-9 PM

Where: Frames Bowling Lounge 550 9th Ave

NYC

Together we have been providing hope and healing for grieving children for 14 summers!

It takes a village - Camp Wayne has a relentless spirit and is overflowing with compassionate hearts, Make it a reunion- come, bowl and support in person- just let me know you are coming (afuchs@copefoundation.org)! Can't come? Challenge your age group and create a team to fundraise online.

CAMP COPE Bowlathon 2025

OR donate directly to my page if you choose.

Ann's Bowling fundraiser: Ann's Crazy Not Lazy Rollers



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