



Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls
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Alumni Newsletter
Fall 2023



Summer 2023

It was a wet one at Camp Wayne this summer! With what felt like record-breaking rain and thunderstorms throughout the northeast, we certainly had to think on our feet quite a bit to keep the campers happy, busy, and, of course, *dry*. While the rain may have slowed us down, it certainly didn't stop us, as 2023 was yet another fantastic summer in Preston Park. And, with over 150 alumni campers at CWB and CWG, the Camp Wayne connection through the generations is stronger than ever.

There is nothing more rewarding than when our campers come back to be staff and continue to pass on the legacy of Camp Wayne. This summer, Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls had 31 former campers on our counselor staff, while 27 senior and key staff members were also once campers or former counselors at Wayne.

This summer, CWB broke ground on a new basketball pavilion dedicated in honor of Michael Corpuel and aptly named the Michael Corpuel Pavilion. Surrounded by family and loved ones from both CWB and CWG, we held an intimate ceremony to honor Michael's years and innumerable contributions to Camp Wayne. Please visit our Instagram and Facebook pages for photos and a video of the ceremony. Over at CWG, we have started construction on phase 2 of our dining room expansion project, with the dining room porch, second floor of MADD, and salad bar all being improved and expanded.

As always, we love to welcome our alumni back to camp to visit, and this summer was no exception! Thankfully, it did *not* rain on Alumni Day, and our former campers and staff had a great time reliving old memories, playing Kong Pong and basketball, and enjoying the lake.

Now more than ever, we are grateful for our camp community and the connections we have all maintained throughout the years. While our alumni may no longer be campers at Wayne, you will always be a part of our camp family.



Left to right: Brayden Schneider (Eric Schneider) and Charlie Lieberman (Erica Frost Lieberman)



Brooklyn Starr (Gena Schuster Starr) and Grace Schuster (Jessica Aronesty Schuster and Paul Schuster)

Alumni Buzz

Jaime (Neiss) Wattie

Hi Camp Wayne,

Every morning when I get ready to start the day, I think about camp. I miss morning trivia, and breakfast being cooked for me! It's been nearly twenty years since I was a camper, but the lessons, role models, and joy I experienced were perfect! Camp shaped so much of who I am, and I am forever grateful for the experience!

Sending love to the Corpuel crew!

Katie (Zodikoff) Armbruster

Congrats to Katie on the birth of her daughter Evy Marie.



Alumni Day 2023





Left to Right: Janet (Felman) Fishbein, Rona (Kopp) Machlin, Ilene Rosenbaum, Jaime (Dondero) Pace, Stefi (Gold) Cohen, Jocey (Green) Bernyk



Left to Right: Simon and Owen Arker (Josh Arker), Ari Raber (Sara Arker), Eli Raddock (Brian Raddock), Leo Raber (Sara Arker) and Emily Arker (Alex Arker)



Left to Right: Jesse Faller (Jeni Cohen Faller) and Nash Marcus (Chris Marcus)



Left to Right: Spencer Solomon (Blake Gellin) and Sky Julien (Spencer Julien)

Camp Erin

Happy Fall!

“Camp Erin provided me with the opportunity to not feel so alone with my journey of picking myself up after losing my mom. All the staff and campers made me feel less alone in immense ways. I will never regret coming here- words cannot express how much Camp Erin has helped me by providing me with advice, kindness and help. Thank you Camp Erin.” 2023 Camp Erin camper.

This summer, Camp Erin NYC 2023 was home to both laughter and tears. The campers worked through some difficult emotions, but there was also a lot of camp joy sprinkled throughout our weekend of hope and healing. The amazing group of 55 children and teens navigated through their grief with the support of their new friends, bunk buddies and grief guides. What we learn at Camp Erin every summer is that magic is possible in a very short amount of time. Although we see progress in just a few days, Camp Erin is also just a jumping off point for our campers. Our goal is for them to go back home with renewed possibility of hope and healing, the recognition that they are not alone, and the realization that ALL of their feelings are valid. Many of the camper comments reflect those thoughts and it is a privilege to be by their side on their journey.



Not only is their grief journey impacted, but many campers conquered some of their biggest fears and felt so empowered and proud- climbing the rock wall, swimming in the lake and talking in front of people -to name just a few. Those are the feelings they put in their tool box of strategies gathered over the weekend, to help them when they are struggling.

Offering Camp Erin is only possible because of the overwhelming support of COPE, friends, family and the amazing **Camp Wayne community**. There are truly no words that can ever express our gratitude and appreciation for EVERYONE who makes this happen in front and behind the scenes.

If you know of a family who is navigating the loss of someone close to them, please forward my information:

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Camp Erin NYC
August 23-25, 2024
Children and Teens 7-17 (high school seniors)

Warmest regards,
Ann Fuchs





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