

CAMP ECHO LAKE

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MAY 2007

As of May 30, there are 24 days until Summer 2007 begins at Camp Echo Lake!!!



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Camp Echo Lake Labor Day Family Weekend

Fri. Aug 31st - Mon. Sept 3rd, 2007

Come join Tony, Laurie, JP and the whole Echo Lake gang for a fun-filled Labor Day weekend at Camp Echo Lake! Bring the entire family!

At Labor Day Family Weekend, moms, dads, current and future campers can all experience what camp is all about – great activities, campfires, the fresh air of the Adirondacks, fuzzies, beautiful days ... not to mention a few surprises!

You don't want to miss this opportunity for your entire family to enjoy camp together!

For more detailed information and to complete a registration form, go to: <http://www.campecholake.com/familyweekend.html>



SEE YOU AT CAMP!!

2007 New Camper Picnic Recap

Sometimes the weather gods have a way of turning lemons into lemonade. Our New Camper Picnic, which usually takes place at V.E. Macy Park in Ardsley, had to be switched due to flooded grounds. We had the good fortune to move to Ridge Road Park in Hartsdale for this spring's picnic – and we loved it.

Except for the afternoon's traffic frustrations, everything else about the New Camper Picnic was great! And we – Tony, Laurie, JP, Matt, Amy Stein, Amy Leopold, Kris, not to mention a few LIT's (Rachel, Sammy and Rikki) who came to help out – had such a blast meeting over 65 of our new campers ... not to mention their parents and younger siblings!

It was a sunny and beautiful day as we played some games, enjoyed a plentiful dinner of sandwiches and fried chicken (a warm-up for Visiting Day), made some new friends, and got a pre-season taste of an evening line-up! We learned the tooth-losing song, the birthday song and everyone got a fuzzy! You just can't beat that, now can you???

What was so special about that day was seeing how friendly all of our new campers were to each other! We always have had such nice kids at Echo Lake – and it was so awesome to see that our 2007 new campers are no different!



It only gets better from here!!!

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR CAMPER FAMILIES:

No Package Policy, Harry Potter, & iPods



Here are some Friendly Reminders about some IMPORTANT Camp Rules (please see the Parent Handbook, available online, for all our camp policies):

No Package Policy: Please remember that Echo Lake does not accept ANY packages during the summer at camp. The ONLY exception to that rule are birthday packages.

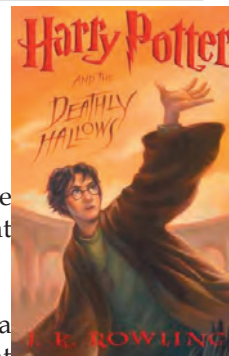
If your child has forgotten an important item at home, or needs a replacement water bottle, shampoo, etc., please alert the office that you need to send this to camp. The package must be addressed to Laurie Rinke, Main Village Director or John Pezzolla, Senior Village Director.

Any packages received will be held in the office until Visiting Day. If received after Visiting Day, it will be held until the end of camp and sent home with your child.

A special word about Harry Potter: We know the next installment of the Harry Potter books is available at the end of July. Our no package policy will also extend to JK Rowling and we cannot accept any shipments of the latest Harry Potter to camp. We are asking our campers – and our LIT's and staff – to wait until August 12th to dig into this masterpiece.

Personal Music Players: Only personal music players (IPods, MP3's, etc.) that have NO VIDEO CAPABILITY are allowed at camp. Any such items with video capability, WHETHER THEY HAVE VIDEOS LOADED ON THEM OR NOT, are not allowed at camp. The Ipod "Nano" or "Shuffle" are good options as they do not have video capabilities.

Thank you for your help with these policies!!



From the Clipboard of Tony Stein...



I simply cannot believe how time flies. Seems we were just putting all of the equipment away last August and here we are in Warrensburg, getting ready for summer #62.

You know, I used to not think quite as much as I do now about the number of summers my family has run Echo Lake. But as these years add up, and I truly take stock of the fact that my family has been here in Warrensburg and at Camp Echo Lake since 1946, I am ever so thankful and not just a bit amazed.

On the wall in my office here at camp is an enormous plaque entitled "Camp Echo Lake Honor Society," and lists some pretty outstanding campers from 1946 and 1947. Heck, Casey and Josh Landman's grandfather and uncle are on there. Herbert and David Landman must have shaken hands with my grandfather Bill Medine and gotten hugs from my grandmother Edith Medine when they received this tremendous honor!

On the other wall is a HUGE Camp Echo Lake sign in Green and Gold. It is the sign that hung on the front gate of camp from 1946 until 1996, when we built a new front gate to camp! I love this sign - I think I could stare at it all day and all it does is conjure up a lifetime of memories for me.

Many things in the world around us are so fleeting. Finding those things that are consistent, like the love of family and friends, really make the world a wonderful place. As I write this and look at this plaque and this sign, I feel so proud that as camping has changed so much around Echo Lake and around my family, we have been so fortunate to stay right here for 62 years doing what we love more than anything - being Camp Directors!

As I anticipate all of our campers' arrivals on June 23rd, I can just envision the mod new haircuts, the green and gold braces, the ginormous smiles, the yells and shouts of laughter, and the first evening line-up of the season! And I will get to reach into my bag of fuzzies and give the first fuzzy of the summer to a camper who did something great - perhaps just by putting their arm around a new camper and saying "it is great to meet you! Welcome to Echo Lake! You are going to have an AWESOME summer!!!"

And so summer #62 will start ... amazing!

See you SOON... Tony

Oh boy. I am tickled silly to be back home in NY. It's probably because NY gets me closer to my favorite all-time place - CAMP ECHO LAKE.

No sooner did I get my bags unpacked from Florida when I found myself in the middle of a wildly enthusiastic and energetic group of new camp families and their kids at a picnic in their honor. Once again, it was easy to figure out that more of the Best and the Brightest were going to grace our lovely campus this summer. It was fun to run across some alums whose offspring are joining us. I mean Roger Gross, Vicki Weinstein Wenger and Alan Nadel. Those alums may be as excited as I am at the prospect.

And then, of course, I attended the Morry's Camp Cinco de Mayo party in Greenwich, Ct. It was another perfect evening. Again Echo Lake was well represented. My heart was going pitty-pat. I loved it.

So as nearly as I can count it will be about 30 or so days until the start of camp - 2007 when you receive this.

Can't wait to see you all! We're going to have a rip roaring summer!! Whoop de do!

*Much love.
Amy*



From the Desks of...

Laurie



Main Village Director

Your first love. Think about it. How did you feel? You were excited, but also a little bit nervous. It made you laugh and sometimes made you cry. You wanted to be the best you could be. You wanted to make the most of every moment you had. If you could have bottled it up you certainly would have tried to. Years later you may have forgotten your teacher's name or your best friend's phone number or the combination to your school locker, but you never forget your first love. Sitting in my bunk at Camp Echo Lake, looking out at the trees and the lake and the cabins, remembering 22 summers worth of memories, I've realized that Camp Echo Lake is my first love. Every morning I wake up and go for a morning workout around camp. Every step I take brings me back to a moment that feels as real as if it is happening right now. Sometimes I think about a camper who grew ten feet tall in front of my eyes because they tried something new at camp. Sometimes I think of a staff person who gave so much of themselves to a child that I can see the impact that adult had on that child unfolding for years to come. Sometimes I remember playing or laughing or running or singing with so much heart and soul you would have thought my life depended on it. Sometimes I am a camper again and I see myself at moments when camp touched my life that I still feel today as a 32 year old adult. Camp is filled with the spirits of 62 years worth of life impacting fun. I am still in love. I have been on staff for the past 15 years (longer than many of the campers have been alive) and I am more excited for camp to start this summer than any summer since I was a camper myself! I don't know what it is but there is something in the air this summer. All the planets are aligned. I can't wait to pack this place with staff and campers who will fall in love for the first time with Camp Echo Lake.

Roots and Wings. I've heard an expression that the greatest gifts parents can give their children are roots and wings. I like that a lot. From my own experience my parents certainly did that. They grounded me with the roots of strong values, a sense of who I was, and an unconditionally loving and supportive family. They sent me off into the world with the wings to try new things, cultivate friendships, and go out into the world knowing that whether I succeeded or stumbled, the journey was more important than the destination. I think that roots and wings are the greatest gifts parents can give their children and I think they are the greatest gifts that camp can give children as well. Each summer campers reaffirm their place in the camp community, as a valuable member of the Echo Lake family. Campers find their roots in their group, in their village, in being part of Echo Lake. They know what is valued, they know that they can be who ever they want to be, and that they will be unconditionally loved and supported. It is with those roots that they can spread their wings. Campers will try new things, cultivate friendships, and know that whether they succeed or stumble, that the journey is more important than the destination. After two months they take their roots and wings and go back to the "real world" a little stronger, a little happier, and little more ready to take on life. While the roots and wings campers and staff learn from their summer home can not inoculate them from the world, like your first love, they stay in your heart and are something you carry with you and never forget.

Blessed. I feel truly blessed that the month of June will end with Camp Echo Lake deliciously ripe with campers and staff who will gain roots, grow wings, and fall in love with Camp Echo Lake. Get ready everyone your life is about to change. Love, roots, and wings are waiting for you.

Love and XOXO, Laurie

JP



Senior Village Director

The Village Voice

Hello Senior Village!

As I type this I bet all of you are getting so excited for June 23rd! I've got that spring in my step and a smile on my face. The familiar sights and sounds are filling up camp and it's starting to look like the place we all know and love. The nets on the hoops are up, the trees are starting to bloom, and pollen is everywhere! Soon the docks will be in the water, the bleachers will be out, and the green equipment boxes will appear overnight like wild mushrooms. It never gets old watching camp wake up from a long winter. We have a whole bunch of staff here already and they are helping Darren and the fellas get this place ready to go. It's nothing short of a miracle all the work they do to get camp looking great for you guys. Jamie and I have been working as well on some fun things for camp so get ready for the greatest Senior Village of all time! I can't wait to see you all in a few short weeks!

Stay Gold,
JP



The All of 12885...



What's Happening in Warrensburg?

It has been a late winter in Warrensburg this year. So much so that the last bits of snow were not fully evaporated until May 9th!!! Can you believe that???

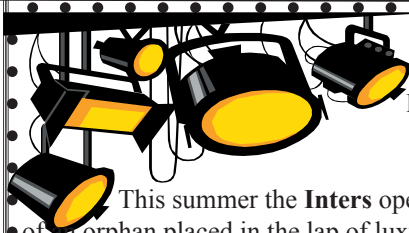
But it is spring now and here are just a few things Darren and his crew have been working on - and will continue to work on. Unlocking every building on camp, turning on all the campus water (it takes about a week, if you can imagine that), raking and cleaning all that winter has left behind (that's 135 acres of raking and cleaning, by the way), touch up and new painting all over camp, putting the docks back in the water, setting up the grove picnic areas, building our new Gaga court ... whew!

AND this doesn't even include finishing the work on the major project of the year, our New and HUGELY Improved Health Center. Wait till you see it!!!

This time of year, it is almost 24/7 at camp with Darren, Kevin, Ryan, Andy, Billsy, Jason, Ken and Marvin!

CEL Theatre '07

It's time to announce the summer's theatre line-up.
So, with no further ado...



- This summer the **Inters** open the season with one of the most loved shows of all time, **Annie**. Annie is the story of an orphan placed in the lap of luxury for a week as a part of a publicity campaign for the very rich, Oliver Warbucks. However, Annie's stay turns out to be much more than anyone had bargained for as she works her way into everyone's hearts and learns a few things for herself.
- The **Frosh and Lower Juniors** will bring to life Lewis Carroll's classic story, **Alice In Wonderland**. Alice becomes bored and her mind starts to wander. She sees a white rabbit who appears to be in a hurry. She chases it into its burrow and then a most bizarre series of adventures begins. Memorable songs and whimsical escapades highlight Alice's journey, which culminates in a madcap encounter with the Queen of Hearts.
- The **Upper Juniors** will begin their adventure in the London nursery of Wendy, John, and Michael Darling, where the three children are visited by **Peter Pan**. With the help of his tiny friend, the fairy Tinkerbell, Peter takes the three children on a magical flight to Never Land. This enchanted island is home to Peter, Tink, the Lost Boys, Tiger Lily and her Native American nation, and the scheming Captain Hook who is as intent on defeating Peter Pan as he is from escaping the tick-tocking crocodile that once ate a hand of his that Peter Pan cut off--and loved the taste of so much.
- This summer's **Benefit Show** is one of the greatest musicals of all time, **Guys And Dolls!** All the hot gamblers are in town, and they're all depending on Nathan Detroit to set up this week's incarnation of "The Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game in New York"; the only problem is, he needs \$1000 to get the place. Throw in Sarah Brown, who's short on sinners at the mission she runs; Sky Masterson, who accepts Nathan's \$1000 bet that he can't get Sarah to go with him to Havana; Miss Adelaide, who wants Nathan to marry her; and Police Lieutenant Brannigan, who always seems to appear at the wrong time. This huge musical will be the biggest in years!
- For the second year in a row, the amazingly talented **Echo Lake Staff** will take the stage Visiting Day Eve in **Chicago**. Roxie Hart is a married chorus girl with hopes of being a headliner in Vaudeville. Velma Kelly is a former headliner. What do these two have in common? They both are murderesses. Chicago's newspapers love the nitty-gritty and Velma is at the top of the headlines. Until Roxie comes along and Velma is old news. They find themselves competing for not only the presses attention, but also the focus of their shared lawyer, the suave Billy Flynn. Add to the mix a sob sister, Roxie's hapless husband Amos, and a warm prison matron who watches out for her girls (if there's something in it for her), and you have one of the most popular shows ever!
- I am also beyond thrilled to introduce a BRAND NEW PROGRAM at CEL!! Tony, Laurie, and JP heard your cries for, "More theatre activity opportunities!" and "More ways to work on theatre and drama for Friday Night Live!" This year CEL will introduce a new activity area called "**Drama.**" At drama campers will have the opportunity to play theatre games, learn theatrical skills and technique, practice improv, improve their stage presence, and generally have a fantastic time! Drama Head Specialist **Paul Caccamise** can't wait to get started!! Paul is an actor who has experience in everything from acting and directing to improv and Shakespeare. He is also a performing comedian. This is going to be an incredible opportunity for all of you to get more drama in your summer!!

• So, get excited to do drama with Paul and musical theatre with me and the amazing theatre staff of 2007, **Lucy, Alexandra, and Sarah!**
• Not long now before the curtain goes up on the Echo Lake Stage!!! Lights, Camera, Action.....

Break a leg...**Kris Kauff**, Theatre Head Specialist

Alumni & Staff Happenings



Spanning the World...



Suzanne Sealey (formerly **Suzanne Hall**) informed us that she met **Paul Sealey** at camp in 1999. Paul went to Texas A&M the next fall to complete his graduate work; Suzanne joined him there a year later. The rest was history. They were married in May 2004 and are expecting their first child this July. Paul currently works as a Strength and Conditioning Coach for Texas A&M and Suzanne is a Scholarship Program Coordinator for Texas A&M. At Echo Lake, he was a lifeguard and she was a dance instructor!

My name is **Peter Spaeth**. I was lucky enough to be a sailing instructor at your camp some years ago. I wanted to say thanks for a great and life changing time at camp. I've since been working as a Tour Guide in Australia. I drive the bus, cook, and tell them history and great stories about the land. If it weren't for the self-growth and self-confidence I got from working at camp I truly would not be where I am today.

Abby Epstein has been back in touch with some really special friends. Abby, **Lisa Sacks** and **George Slade** have been emailing back and forth and have caught up on each other's lives. They all attended CEL in the late 70's and all agree it was the BEST time of their lives!

My name's **Hilary Macklin** and I attended CEL from 89-95 (back then I was **Hilary Poris**). I always check the CEL website and see what's going on at camp and reminisce about my amazing summers there. On March 24, 2007 I married **Andrew Macklin** in Livingston, New Jersey. Andrew and I met while studying abroad at Oxford University during college (we both went to Emory) and got engaged while we were visiting Oxford last year. **Sarah Rosenbaum Kranson**, another Echo Laker (then **Sarah Rosenbaum**) was one of my bridesmaids and Echo Laker, **Jessica Grabarz**, was also at the wedding. I'm currently an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, New York and my husband and I live on the Upper West Side in Manhattan.



Marla Greenspoon, her son **Eli** (now 3...Frosh 201?) and her husband, **Russell** enjoy playing in the snow but still thinking about their favorite summer home (check out the snowman's hat)!

Michael Yermus is doing lawyerly things in Toronto while his sister, **Jackie**, travels between NY and Italy working for Marc Jacobs.

Lisa Lavin Gershenfeld had a wonderful day visiting with alumni **Karen Pressman Ferleger** and current camper **Samantha Ferleger** and **Daisy and Kenny Ferleger** at their home in Connecticut. Lisa is looking forward to her son Max's bar mitzvah in June when alums **Debbie Kamerling Stern** and **Lorraine (Lori) Naimer Bloom** will be joining her family to celebrate. Mazel tov!

Lauren Goldberg lives in Park Slope and is a middle school English teacher and the curriculum coordinator at the Berkeley Carroll School. This summer, she'll be a teacher at the Go Project, an academic assistance and social service organization dedicated to serving underprivileged, at-risk, elementary age public school students in Lower Manhattan. Current Echo Laker, **Hannah Lemkowitz** is an 8th grader at Lauren's school. They were so excited to find each other and talked camp nonstop.

Chris Congedo teaches in Boulder, CO and bought a Ferris wheel to operate for the summer. It's the smaller version, which he can drive to fairs and carnivals. It can handle about 12 kids at one time. Chris will be bringing it to Dream Big Day Camp 3 times this summer!

Chris Woody Burton just finished his MFA in Furniture Design at Savannah College of Art and Design. He will be exhibiting his work at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in NYC. His website is www.chrisburtondesign.com!



Chris Brown from Australia and his wife **Robyn** worked as counselors at Echo Lake in 1977, 30 years ago! 1977 was the first year of the "Senior Village" in the area, which we now call our Alumni Village. If you look closely you can see Tony Stein in the photo!

Passings

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Spencer and Natalie Bruck** and their father, **Stuart**, on the recent passing of their mother, **Eva**. Our thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time.



Alumni & Staff Happenings



Celebrations



Julie Rappaport is engaged to her boyfriend, **Matt Marcus**. Julie's fiancé proposed during Passover Seder. Before the Four questions he told the families (both sides were there) that he had an important question to ask. **David Landa** is engaged to his girlfriend, **Lisa Kim**. **Alyson Landa Margulies** is pregnant with her 2nd child. Her daughter, **Natalie**, just turned 2.

Julie Taubes, former camper, 4N4 staff, and SV Head Counselor, is engaged!! Her fiancé, **Guy Hillel** proposed in front of both of their families at the end of Julie's nephew's 1st birthday party! They toasted their happy news with Elmo party cups. Mazel tov to Julie and Guy!



CEL Campers 20???

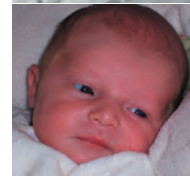
Margaret and Noah Cooper had a baby girl on February 6. **Cora May Cooper** was 6 and ½ lbs and is doing well.

Ryan Asher Baxter was born on February 27 to **Emily Rosenblum Baxter**. Ryan weighed in at 8lb 8oz.

Randall Sanders & his wife Suzanne gave birth to their daughter, **Kathryn Faye** on March 12. Congrats!

Carli Blische Surak and her husband **Chris** had a baby boy on March 14. His name is **Reed Anderson Surak**. He was born at 8lbs 6oz. and 21 1/4 inches long. How cute is he!

Ed Matz and his wife **Whitney** had a baby, **Jackson Gabriel**, on March 30. They live in York, PA and Ed writes for ESPN the magazine.



It was a dream for Morry...It is a dream come true for children

Young Professional Event a HUGE Success

Over 180 young professionals (with a huge Echo Lake presence) joined together at Strata in NYC on April 19, 2007 to raise money and awareness for Morry's Camp. Led by a committee FILLED with CEL Alums (**Stefan Miller, Josh Male, Matt Jackowitz, Michele Nacht, Lisa Oshinsky, Perri Newman, Deb Doorman, Lee Brodsky, Heather Babby and Dana Eigner**) the night featured an informational slide show, a display of quotes and thoughts from current Morry's Camp campers and words from Morry's Camp alumni Saul Arvelo. The Young Professional event raised over \$15,000 AND promises to be even BIGGER next year!

Spring Blast – Cinco De Mayo!

Cinco De Mayo 2007 was filled with dancing, music, food and information. Folks from all over the tri-state area showed up to join the Spring Blast committee (headed up by CEL staff alum **Billy Cooper and his wife Hilary** and joined by CEL alums **Renee Azima Heller, Laurie Rinke and Amy Leopold**) in celebrating and learning more about Morry's Camp. Words from Billy as well as Dawn Ewing capped off a night that introduced new and refreshed veterans on the mission of Morry's Camp. Watch the Trail for information on Spring Blast 2008!

Spreading the Warm Inner Glows...

Jarett Bienenstock has been working on a project to help Morry's Camp get in-kind donations from corporations such as Modells and Nike. Unbelievable stuff Jarett.

Shayna Ehrlich wrote letters to friends and family, "just because" asking everyone to donate sports equipment to Morry's Camp. Shayna collected quite a large stash of great stuff!

Emily Lester donated money to Morry's Camp from her recent Bat Mitzvah.

Brian Giles finished up his incredible sports equipment collection that is going to make lots of kids very happy this summer. Brian Giles collected sports equipment for Morry's Camp at his temple. Brian said, "This is something I feel I want and I need to do for the kids who go to camp. One way or another I'm going to make it happen but I would love to give everyone in our temple the opportunity to get involved."

Staff Bulletin Board

Shout Outs from Our Outstanding Staff!!

I look forward to meeting all the staff & campers this summer. This is my first year at CEL and I look forward to all the artists I'll meet and teach at camp. So excited!! Camp can't come any quicker! -**Renee Sawyer**, CS

Cindy Baruzzi, returning staff for transportation this summer, wanted to let us know that she will be getting married on 5/19 to Ricky Varney. Congrats to the happy couple! -**Cindy Varney**, Transportation Staff

I'm new to CEL & looking forward to making close friends among the staff & campers. As an actress/singer I'm most excited to take part in FNL & see the campers discover their talents. I'm excited to try new sports & hike. It's going to be a marvelous summer! -**Rachel Solomon**, CS

I am looking forward to going out west with my girls from last year & experiencing all the sights & sounds of the Wild West! I heard about a horseback ride & I'm a little nervous, but so excited. I can't wait to be reunited with the awesome staff & get to know the new staff! -**Meredith Pugh** 4n4 Staff

I am eager to backpack and see C.E.L. campers develop a fun and compelling Friday Night Live this summer! - **Paul Cacamise**, Drama HS

I'm really excited about the nutritional changes that have been made at camp. I think it's great that CEL is taking steps to keep both the kids and staff healthy through the busy summer months, not to mention teaching them healthy eating habits to take home. I'd like to give a shout out to Samantha Ferleger. When I read in The Trail that she was asking her friends to donate to Morry's Camp instead of giving her birthday gifts, I got a HUGE Warm Inner Glow!! What a wonderful idea, Sam! I am so proud of you! -**Allison Duthie**, Program

Since learning that I was off to CEL I've hardly been able to contain myself. It's a great feeling to know that there's something awesome just around the corner, & it has inspired me with tons of ideas & enthusiasm. Bring on the Fuzzies! I look forward to meeting you all. -**Nick Blackhall**, CS

Big shout out to 4n4 07! So excited to reunite with you from 2001. Shout out to 4n4 06 who will be LITs & I can't wait to see you! Final shout out to the LITs 05 who will be counselors! -**Ruth Kleinman**, 4N4 Staff

Michelle Rinke & Jessica Harris met up with **Jenny Wilson** in London for an amazing spring break! They were up all night talking about camp. Congrats to **Michelle & Sharifa Vinson** for directing, choreographing & dancing in Fusion Dance Co's Spring Show at Northwestern. **Laurie Rinke & Jessica Harris** were in the audience for the incredible hip hop!

The Magic of Camp begins with AMAZING Staff!! Here's a Sneak Peak at the 2007 Echo Lake Staff...

What are the MAGIC ingredients that make camp so special...amazing programs, beautiful location, incredible campers, and of course fantastic, out of this world, energetic, compassionate **AMAZING STAFF**. After going through extensive applications, interviews, references, and background checks, the stats are in on this amazing bunch of staff. **The 2007 Echo Lake staff** hails from **15 countries** around the world, **21 states across the USA**, and **5 Canadian provinces**. Staff are from the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, France, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Slovakia, Poland, and Russia. This summer 46% of our staff are new to Camp Echo Lake and a whopping **54% of our staff are RETURNING to Camp Echo Lake** for their 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc... summer on staff!!! They just can't get enough of CEL and we love it!! The **average age of our staff this summer is 25.2 years old!** That's a lot of maturity and experience...not to mention love of camp! The staff begin arriving at camp in early June and go through **staff training** that (depending on their position) lasts a minimum of 7 days, if not longer. Get ready campers because the lineup of amazing role models, outstanding coaches, compassionate listeners, super fun comedians, insightful leaders, and all around spectacular staff we have for you this summer are going to give you a **BIGGER Warm Inner Glow** then you could possibly imagine!! We hope you are psyched, because we sure are!!! **Bring on Summer 2007!!**

Wonderful Weekend, Fantastic Experience!!

Rachel Simmons Mother - Daughter Empowerment Weekend at Camp Echo Lake
Friday May 18 - Sunday May 20, 2007...

A HUGE SUCCESS!!

Rachel Simmons and Simone Marean, experts on girls and their relationships, treated some of Echo Lake's Mothers and Daughters to a fantastic weekend! There was laughter, tears, communication, deeper understanding, wooshing, and lots of fun! Not to mention that it all took place at Camp Echo Lake!! The girls had the opportunity to share their summer home with their moms and moms got a chance to see their daughters find their voices and shine! Everyone bonded and had a blast! Tony and Laurie took the group on a tour of camp and Tony hosted the 1st Annual Mother - Daughter Super Trivia Flashlight Sing Event! Everyone left the weekend counting the days until next years 2nd Annual Rachel Simmons Mother Daughter Empowerment Weekend! A huge thank you to Joy and Ali Chalfin, Lisa and Alexa Derman, Randi and Jessica Goldberg, Paula and Sami Gould, Dee and Kendall Gross, Abi and Danielle Grossman, Haryn and Katie Intner, Lisa Beth and Jordan Meisel, Karen and Michelle Neuberger, Abby and Peri Mendelsohn, and Tracy and Taylor Wallach, for your courage, participation, and all around amazing selves! A gigantic thank you to Rachel and Simone for helping us all have a life impacting weekend! So get ready Echo Lake Mothers and Daughters, for the 2nd Annual Rachel Simmons Mother Daughter Empowerment Weekend 2008!!



Campers Corner

Exciting News from CEL's Best and Brightest!!!

Over the course of the year, along with the Community Service Committee at my school, I have raised north of \$4,500 to go to a non-profit organization called Free the Children. It's the largest children helping children through education initiative in the world. My group has done bake sales, sold candy, gum, and other things as well to both raise awareness and raise money for the cause. Our efforts will allow for the building of a school as well as a water system in Kenya. It is also the major cause of an annual charity event at my school called Edgemont Aid, which is on May 11th. You can access Free the Children at www.freethechildren.com to either make a donation or just learn more about it. -**Alex Haber**

I just went to the LIT orientation today, and it was so good seeing everyone and it got me so excited for the summer I cant wait! I love my LITs '07!! It's gonna be an awesome summer!!! Love to everyone!!! -**Shelby Jackowitz**



To my Leaders In Training 2007: I cannot wait to have an outstanding tribal war and overall summer with all 40 of you. The bigger the better... so, "LITS 007" will be the best there ever were! -**Rikki Gothelf**

Hi LIGs 06! Can't wait to be Upper Inters!!! Is anyone else going to the mother daughter weekend at camp? I am! I know I will see you soon. Shout out to Ali, Lily, Caroline, Marisa, Dani, Amanda, Ashley, Sarah, Sarah, LP, Sophie, Jolie, Hallie, and Jessica!! Love you guys and miss u too much! -**Jordan Meisel**

Julia Deutsch, Daniel Jacobs, Max Klafter and Lizzie Coleman all performed in their school show, "Suessical Jr." They sang and danced to sold out audiences and were amazing!

I want to give a shout out to all the girls in LJGE 06!!-**Katie Inntner**

In Calgary, Richie Beaudoin & Cory Dawson came to watch **Tim Hickson's** championship soccer games. Tim's team won the gold medal in the final game! After a back & forth battle the game was tied and went to penalty kicks. Tim had the last shot and scored to win the game!! Tim's team won the Futsal (a type of indoor soccer) Provincial championships as well, so they are off to the Nationals in April.

Can't wait until Echo Lake!! LIG's 07 here we come!!! -**Danielle Grossman**

For my bat mitzvah, I had a few camp friends at my house and sleep over. We also invited alumni that live in Woodcliff Lake to come up and light a candle. They were very excited. I just wanted to say, I love LVGs 07 and I can't wait until camp!!!! -**Jessica Tucker**

I'm getting my second degree black belt in karate in the beginning of June, but I have to take a 2 week break because I fractured my toe. Also in my last karate tournament, I got second place in forms, third place in weapons, & third place in sparring, !! -**Jordan Kaye**

Zachary Hurwitz's team won the Pele Cup Championship...the trophy is as big as his sister Lauren! Also, Zachary is now a Red - soon to be a high Red - belt (two away from the goal of being a black belt) in Tae Kwon Do!

Shout out to all the former UJBs 06 houses I went to in the camp "off season." PS Max, I hope your spinny, roly chairs don't break from us! -**Matthew Goldstein**

I am really looking forward to seeing all of you this summer. I have been playing lots of basketball and I can't wait to play in the tournaments next year. -**Caroline Katz**

I love all of LJGW 06 and can't wait for 2007 - **Sammi Gold**

Hi LJGW 06, what's up? I miss you cannot wait until camp. See you then. - **Sarah Weill**

I went to Jordan & Ethan Salant's house for a sleepover. We had so much fun! We saw "Blades of Glory." I'm so excited for camp. Only 46 days left as I am writing this. I also would like to "shout-out" to **Andrew Steinberg**, my camp little brother. See everyone soon!! -**Jake Sussman**

Hey guys! I can't wait to see you all real soon!! Have a good rest of the school year!! My foot fell asleep! -**Amanda Saperstone**

Andie and Callie Migden can't wait to get back to CEL! They want everyone to know that they are so excited to welcome their cousin, **Addison Migden**, to CEL!

Hey LIGE 07! I love you and miss you guys so much! I CAN'T WAIT for this summer! -**Shayna Ehrlich**

Big shout out to UIG 07. I miss you guys so much and can't wait to see you all again this summer. -**Casey Stein**

4N4 07: YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN YET. It's coming... Love, Fo'n'Fo F'sho -**Natalie Bruck**

Hello UIB's of 2K7! Just wanted to say Hi and announce that I did really well in the New York State Geography Bee on March 30th (no, I didn't win) and that even as I'm on the web I'm counting the 45 days, 15 hours, 27 minutes, and 26 seconds until camp. -**George Frankle**

The NBA All-Star game has long since past, however Bar Mitzvah boy **Zach Scheinfeld** is organizing a different kind of All-Star game. As his Bar Mitzvah project Zach is hosting an All-Star basketball game as a fundraising event for Peace Players International, an organization that uses basketball to promote peace around the world including the Middle East. In recognition of Zach's hard work Peace Players International is making him an Honorary Peace Player.

- **ATTENTION CAMPERS...The CEL Fine Arts Staff NEED YOUR HELP!** Please bring
- any of the following items to camp so we can make more incredible art projects this summer!
- Old game pieces, old playing cards, trinkets, small toy pieces, old torn maps, copies of old pictures (great grand parents, etc...), ticket stubs, stamps, old Playbills, stickers, costume jewelry,
- you know junk stuff...Thanks so much! Get ready to create fabulous art this summer!!



Meet Your Summer 2007 Group Leaders...

Group Leader



Name: Hugh Brody
Hometown: Sydney, Australia
Age: 27
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: What makes a good leader is the ability to retain a sense of humor regardless of the situation, & to have the strength to keep picking yourself off the metaphorical floor when you're feeling down & out. I would love every camper & staff to fully understand just how lucky they are to be going to CEL this year!

Group Leader



Name: Emily Tinawi
Hometown: Arlington, VA
Age: 21
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: It is important to make campers & staff feel comfortable so that they feel that they can talk to you & come to you. You can lead them by example but make sure that you are open to ideas & create a team. I hope that both my staff & I will learn from each other & that we can all take away something new from the summer.

Group Leader



Name: Ronnie Williams
Hometown: Houston, TX
Age: 23
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: I am looking forward to leading my group in a way that creates growth over the summer. I look towards a new summer and can't wait for more amazing memories.

Group Leader



Name: Laura Hutchison
Hometown: Edinburgh, Scotland
Age: 24
Years at Camp: 4
Leadership: I hope to lead my group to great places this summer, where they will achieve both personal and group success. I will ensure that my group has the most super-fantastic-incredible-unbelievably fun packed summer!

Group Leader



Name: Brett Hirschberg
Hometown: Tenafly, NJ
Age: 19
Years at Camp: 11
Leadership: A great leader knows how to bring out the absolute best qualities in everyone around them. They know where they've been, where they are going, & what it takes to get there. They know how to learn from their mistakes, learn from others, & inspire. A great leader does not settle for anything less than the best. Most importantly, a great leader knows how to show every camper the most incredible summer of their life!

Group Leader



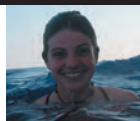
Name: Sari Turner
Hometown: Chappaqua, NY
Age: 20
Years at Camp: 11
Leadership: Someone who knows how to lead a group to success, & how to keep the respect & admiration of the group. A great leader understands the goals of CEL & goes through each day with those goals in mind. I hope by the end of the summer my campers & staff will have the same amazing experiences, friendships, & fond memories that I have experienced every summer!

Group Leader



Name: Drew Vinson
Hometown: Halifax, NS
Age: 24
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: A great leader is always ready to learn & accept that no one can know everything. A great leader won't tell you the answer but rather put you in a position to answer the question. Just because someone gets older doesn't mean that they have to be "grown up" all the time; there's simply a time & place for everything. Someone can be goofy & funny and that same person can also be professional & efficient.

Group Leader



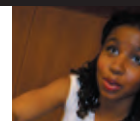
Name: Jess Uze
Hometown: Arlington, VA
Age: 22
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: If a group has a good leader then someone on the outside will look at the group & see a well functioning organized team, but not be able to tell who is leading it. I hope I can empower all my campers & staff to be leaders in some way or another, & of course, have as much fun as possible in the process!

Group Leader



Name: John Finnigan
Hometown: Loch Lomond, Scotland
Age: 23
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: A great leader ensures that every single person gets that infectious Echo Lake Buzz that I've experienced the last two summers. There really is no feeling like it in the world. It's time.... lets make it a cracker!

Group Leader



Name: Sharifa Vinson
Hometown: Detroit, MI
Age: 22
Years at Camp: 2
Leadership: The best leaders understand their campers'. They exhibit empathy & really relate to them no matter what age they are. It's also important to let go of your inhibitions, letting yourself be a kid and be silly. You also have to know how to strike the perfect balance between friend & authority; you want your campers to love you but at the same time they need to feel safe with you & respect you.

Group Leader



Name: Eric Diehl
Hometown: Lancaster, PA
Age: 22
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: I think a great leader leads through example, his or her actions being blameless and void of hypocrisy. You have to believe in what you are doing 100 percent to succeed.

Group Leader



Name: Sarah Messer
Hometown: Arlington Hts, IL
Age: 24
Years at Camp: 2
Leadership: I hope that both the campers and staff walk away from summer 07 knowing that every day at camp they gave the best that they could on that given day. Maybe that means they tried something new, or reached out to a camper they didn't really know, whatever the case may be, I hope that everyone can leave knowing they put maximum effort into each camp day, because that's the way to get the most out of camp!

Group Leader



Name: John Borley
Hometown: Leicester, UK
Age: 22
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: A great leader is someone who can get a group really working together as a team. I hope that this summer I can help both staff & campers develop on a personal level. This is something that has happened to me over my time at CEL & I hope to help my fellow staff & campers achieve this over the summer.

Group Leader



Name: Heidi Draskoci-Johnson
Hometown: Delaware, OH
Age: 23
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: A great leader is someone who gives and receives: who gives help AND has no problem asking for / receiving help when they need it.

Group Leader



Name: Patrick McNeece
Hometown: Long Island, NY
Age: 27
Years at Camp: 2
Leadership: A leader is a person who has something to offer others. A person who can teach others to become better. They are also man/women enough to take advice from others & learn themselves. They are people who have traveled along in life & learned to make the world a better place. They are willing to help others with what they have learned in their travels.



Meet Your Summer 2007 Group Leaders...

Group Leader



Name: Marissa Hicken
Hometown: Boca Raton, FL
Age: 19
Years at Camp: 10
Leadership: I hope that the campers make memories this summer that they will remember forever and I hope that staff can escape real life for a little while and act like kids again.

Group Leader



Name: Landon Miller
Hometown: Portland, OR
Age: 23
Years at Camp: 4
Leadership: A good leader sets a tone for a team & creates an atmosphere where everyone can succeed. I would like all campers & staff to never take anything for granted, try new things, & keep an open mind.

Group Leader



Name: Jess Harris
Hometown: Houston, TX
Age: 23
Years at Camp: 2
Leadership: I am most looking forward to seeing the smiles of my campers and staff, ready to experience a new summer. Can't wait to see how they grow and I look forward to encouraging a lot of growth and a lot of fun!

Group Leader



Name: Anthony Vincer
Hometown: Halifax, NS
Age: 25
Years at Camp: 4
Leadership: It is important for a leader at camp to use the abilities of the people around them and allow everyone to feel that they are a valuable member of the team that we are creating.

Group Leader



Name: Allison Zucker
Hometown: Montclair, NJ
Age: 21
Years at Camp: 11
Leadership: Each summer I've spent at camp has helped me grow and learn about myself. I hope that my campers and staff will have the opportunity to challenge themselves and achieve things they never thought possible, while having the best summer ever!

Group Leader



Name: Dana Jackowitz
Hometown: Livingston, NJ
Age: 20
Years at Camp: 11
Leadership: A good leader is someone who accepts responsibility and works well with others.

4N4 Trip Leader



Name: Richard Saunders
Hometown: Wanganui, NZ
Age: 28
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: Loads of outdoor experience, loads of travel experience (& all that it brings with it), loads of affection for the group we're taking out west & the fact that there's a piece of my heart that resides permanently at The Lake.

4N4 Trip Leader



Name: Annie Tanasichuk
Hometown: Vancouver, BC
Age: 25
Years at Camp: 3
Leadership: Leadership components that are important: patience, listening, role modeling, flexibility, enthusiasm & organization. I hope that staff & campers learn that every leader has a different personality & that makes each leader unique & makes the summer creative and fun!

LIT Group Leader



Name: JP Begly
Hometown: Geneva, NY
Age: 21
Years at Camp: 16
Leadership: The LIT program is unique in that it provides the LITs with an opportunity to actively develop lifelong leadership skills in a the best environment possible--camp, where you can be yourself, let loose, and have the best summer of your life. That's what LITs 2007 is going to be all about.

LIT Group Leader



Name: Michelle Rinke
Hometown: Port Wash, NY
Age: 22
Years at Camp: 12
Leadership: I'm looking forward to seeing my LITs' faces when they step off the buses, ready for the best summer of their lives. A great leader is someone who teaches, directs, guides & puts other's needs before their own. I can't wait to see all of my LITs become wonderful individual leaders!

KINGS AND QUEENS AND BISHOPS TOO...WANNA WISH THE BEST TO...

CAMPERS...

Adam	Parker	May 2
Daniel	Parker	May 2
Jake	Glickman	May 3
Julia	Haber	May 3
Zachary	Scheinfield	May 3
George	Frankle	May 4
Dana	Greene	May 4
Rachel	Levy	May 6
Sophia	Shapiro	May 7
Jesse	Moskowitz	May 8
Ally	Stern	May 8
Matt	Bloomgarden	May 10
Shayna	Ehrlich	May 10
Sam	Leopold	May 10
Rebecca	Silberfein	May 11
Zachary	Salomon	May 12
Casey	Stein	May 12
Michael	Chavkin	May 13
Jarett	Gross	May 14
Rayna	Gittleman	May 15
Joshua	Spector	May 15
Samantha	Weiss	May 18

CAMPERS...

Jake	Kessel	May 19
Jonah	Stanley	May 19
Ryan	Weir	May 19
Harrison	Okun	May 20
Bennett	Rosenbach	May 20
Allison	Silfen	May 20
Scott	Panasci	May 21
Noah	Thaler	May 21
Jeffrey	Visoky	May 21
Isabelle	Getto	May 22
Andrew	Kass	May 23
Jordan	Weinstock	May 23
Phoebe	Weinstock	May 23
Jay	Spector	May 25
Chelsey	Travin	May 25
Paige	Dubicki	May 27
Jared	Sichel	May 29
Alexa	Derman	June 1
Jared	Geller	June 1
Ethan	Goldstein	June 1
Sammy	Fischer	June 2
Sarah	Morris	June 2

CAMPERS...

Robyn	Epstein	June 4
David	Peters	June 5
Roslyn	Peters	June 5
Chelsea	Golub	June 9
Chloe	Seltzer	June 10
Zachary	Karetsky	June 11
Brandon	Kramer	June 11
Robert	Sternberg	June 11
Jake	Prell	June 12
Ben	Kaplan	June 14
Jon	Mackey	June 14
Brandon	Russo	June 14
Adam	Freindlich	June 15
Liam	Geron	June 15
Alex	Passe	June 15
Rachel	Neuburger	June 16
Zachary	Porges	June 19
Lauren	Thau	June 19
Morgan	Thau	June 19
Justin	Caspar	June 21
Allison	Chaves	June 21
Caroline	Marin	June 21

STAFF...

Sarah	Messer	May 1
Andrew	Smith	May 2
Robert	Booth	May 4
Danielle	Smith	May 9
Eddie	Owen	May 12
Joshua	Berman	May 14
James	Delaney	May 15
Richard	Martin	May 17
Erica	Morehouse	May 21
Sharifa	Vinson	May 21
Michael	Lamb	May 22
Jeff	Rondeau	May 22
Matthew	Evans	May 23

STAFF...

Cindy	Mahler	May 25
Rafal	Nowak	May 26
Nicole	Hebert	May 28
Jason	Gionet	June 4
Gena	Wolfson	June 4
Alun	Young	June 6
Derreck	Boisvert	June 7
Natalia	Sutyagina	June 8
Sarah	Baldwin	June 10
Haley	Toll	June 11
Kenneth	Hall	June 16
Estera	Csankova	June 19
Chris	Kemp	June 19
Renee	Sawyer	June 19

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU,
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR _____, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

KINGS, AND QUEENS, AND BISHOPS TOO. WANNA WISH THE BEST TO YOU. SO WISH DAY, WASH DAY, WHAT DO YA SAY? BIRTHDAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! THERE'S LAUGHTER IN THE AIR, PEOPLE SMILING EVERYWHERE. HAPPY BIRTHDAY. UH! HAPPY BIRTHDAY. UH! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! UH! UH!

H AND AN A AND A P, Y B AND AN I AND A R, T, H D AND AN A AND A FINAL Y HAAAAAPPY BIRTHDAY. THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY SON, IT ISN'T VERY LONG, MY NAME ALIX SCHIFF, HEY!

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*** DON'T FORGET CAMPER FORMS WERE DUE MAY 1 AND STAFF FORMS WERE DUE JUNE 1!!
 *** HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY REGISTERED FOR THE LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP FRIDAY AUGUST 31 TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3? SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION....

CAMP ECHO LAKE 2006 – 2007 DATES

NEW YORK AREA REUNION	SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH, 2006
SENIOR VILLAGE WINTER WEEKEND	FRIDAY JAN 26 – SUNDAY JAN 28, 2007
MAIN VILLAGE WINTER ESCAPE	SATURDAY MAR 3 – SUNDAY MAR 4, 2007
NEW PARENT NIGHT	WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2007
NEW CAMPER PICNIC	THURSDAY MAY 3, 2007
MOTHER-DAUGHTER WEEKEND W/ RACHEL SIMMONS	FRI MAY 18-SUN MAY 20, 2007
CAMP ECHO LAKE 2007 SEASON BEGINS	SATURDAY JUNE 23, 2007
PARENT VISITING DAY	SATURDAY JULY 14, 2007
SIBLING DAY	SUNDAY JULY 15, 2007
FANTASY CAMP	SAT JULY 21 - SUN JULY 22, 2007
CAMP ECHO LAKE 2007 SEASON ENDS	SUNDAY AUGUST 12, 2007
ECHO LAKE IDEA	TUESDAY AUGUST 14 – SUNDAY AUGUST 19, 2007
LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND	FRIDAY AUG 31-MONDAY SEPT 3, 2007