



A brand new Stein is on the way!

We are ecstatic to share the happy news with our Echo Lake family that we are expecting our first little camper in mid-October!

We couldn't be more thrilled that – just like Dad – our little one will get to experience growing up amidst all the wonderful and loving campers and staff at Echo Lake! Could there be a better way to

spend your summers than soaking in all that "attitude, attitude, attitude!???"

Emily is going to be spending her first full summer at Echo Lake this summer so we are both very excited about that as well.

Now, for those of you asking if we know what it is going to be? We haven't asked and we don't know whether it will be a Mohawk or an Iroquois! :)

Much Love, Emily and Tony

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New Kids On The Block

Just like the flowers that bloom in the spring, we had two final lovely ladies

2008 New Kids On The Block!!!!!

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On Sunday, May 4th, we held our annual Leader In Training (LIT) Training Day in White Plains, NY. We use this day as a way to introduce our incoming LIT's to the most exciting summer that lay before them. Despite having spent summers upon summers at "The Lake," and having even gone out west on 4n4 in 2007, they are in for a truly unforgettable season at camp. And you know This is a group - 36 strong - that I know is going to leave its mark on camp this summer. They are mawhat? I think we all are, too ... ture and thoughtful, with a great spirit about them. They are 36 different personalities and will have 36 different approaches to what they bring to camp this summer. But make no mistake, to a person they are well-equipped to be role-models and leaders at camp! Among the things we discovered during our Training Day is that a title and a loud voice is not what makes you a leader. Among other things, it is the time you take to care for others, the way you involve others in the initiatives being worked on and the level of commitment you have to everyone's success, that makes one an effective leader. At one point during our training day, we were discussing the LIT Legacy Project, which are initiatives that the LIT's will be spending time working on that will allow them to literally leave something behind. This summer, for their Legacy Project, the LIT's will be creating the first-ever Echo Lake Library (you will read more about this later in the Trail) and will be taking a leadership role in our efforts to become more environmentally friendly. As we split up into groups to discuss these two efforts, the ideas that percolated in the room were amazing. What was so impressive was that, although we know the LIT's return to camp to be with their friends and enjoy camp, what was so evident in the room was a spirit of giving back and making Echo Lake an even better place! Laurie, JP (Begly) and I were so impressed This group of 16 year olds could be spending their summers anywhere ... and I am so appreciative by this. and thrilled that they will be spending their summer with all of us in Warrensburg. We have just a few short weeks for all of us - campers and staff - to be together at my favorite

place in the galaxy!

I can't wait to see those buses rolling in the front gate ...

. Wow! Can you hardly wait until Camp 2008???????? I can't!

We have extra terrific news coming down the pike! And that is that Emily and Tony are bringing a little Stein into the world (in October! A girl? A boy? We just don't know and it's going to be a big surprise. So as we watch Emily get bigger and bigger, we can spend a little time guessing the sex, the weight, the day and even the time that this precious package is going to come into the world.



These are the things that the Echo Lake Family can think about while we all enjoy the fabulous pieces of what makes our camp summer the most wonderful in the world. It's fun! It's surprises! And we get to share it with all of you.

Tony

I'm thinking that I'll for sure be the most excited 70 year old at camp - both to be 70, to be a grandma & as the 4th generation of our Echo Lake camp family gets ready to come into view!



Wowee and zowee! Whoop de doo, too! Love, Amy

From the Desks of...



What kind of Echo are you going to make? "Echo" is defined as: "the persistence of a sound after its source has stopped; to say again or imitate; resound; a reply that repeats what has just been said; call to mind." Go make your Echo!

During the year most of us spend an average of 6 hours a day in front of a screen...a TV screen, a computer screen, a video game screen, a text or cell phone screen, MP3 player screen, etc... That is ¹/₄ of our entire day and for many people, almost as much time as you spend sleeping or in school or at work. We spend so much time engaged by these glowing boxes of images and sounds that we are spending less and less time in actual, real time, face-to-face, physical, literal, interaction with people. As powerful as glowing screens may seem, they do not have the power to impact and cause an Echo like real people do when they are together.

Part of the beauty of camp is that we remove of the screens and truly challenge kids to spend the entire summer talking (not texting) to each other, giving hugs (with our arms not symbols on a key board), and laughing out loud (literally, not LOL). When we do this we realize that everything we do has an impact on others and on ourselves. When you sit in front of a screen you do not see a reaction when something is said that causes another person to laugh or cry. When you sit in front of a screen you deprive your senses of the joy of spending time in nature and the danger of neglecting it. When you sit in front of a screen you starve your body from moving down the court, to the music, through the water, or into the air. Everything you do and say has an impact on the people and the environment around you and it becomes easier to see that when you come out from behind the screens in your lives. You can hear, see, feel, experience, and understand the Echo.

(Insert trumpet flare...) Now hear this campers...this summer you will come out from behind your screens and actually, in real time, face-to-face, physically, literally, interact with people! Guess what? Each of these interactions will impact you, influence others, and affect the community and environment around you. YOU will make an Echo. Each of us this summer will play a part imprinting an impression on the people and world around us. The best part is that YOU get to decide how and what you imprint. I know what you are thinking, does all this really happen if I come out from behind my screens? The answer is YES and then some. Not only do you decide how and what your imprint on people and the world is, but you will quickly see that your imprint on people and the world will have an ongoing, lasting, growing affect that continues to Echo on.

So, my soon-to-depart-for-camp-friends, it's time. The sun is shining, the earth is waking up, each of you both campers and staff are getting all your i's dotted and your t's crossed so you can join our camp family at our summer home, Camp ECHO Lake. My final question that I leave echoing in your hearts and minds until June 28th is...What kind of Echo are you going to make? Go make your Echo!

Love and xoxo always, Laurie



The Village Voice

Hey Senior Village! Hope this little note finds you well. I'm up at camp now getting settled and preparing for a great summer ahead. I'm sure all of you guys are starting to look at the calendar counting down the days until you jump on the big buses.

The Village is a great place because every year is new and exciting. The Lower Village is coming over for the first time and they will be learning the new schedule, taking a great trip to Vermont, and picking out most of their activities. The Upper Village is back with a year's worth of experience and I look to them to show the Lower Village the way. The Upper

Village will be running secret hideaway and going out to Boston for a week! Last but

certainly not least the 4n4 comes and goes in a flurry. They get to experience a whole different array of experiences that make the trip so special.

It's all these great things that will make 2008 so wonderful. I know the staff will bring a level of energy and excitement that will help create the best summer yet in the Village! Keep working hard and counting down the days to June 28th! Stay Gold, JP

2008 New Camper Picnic Highlights

On Thursday May 1st, nearly 60 new campers and their moms, dads and siblings came out to join us for the New Camper Picnic. Despite the "wintery" conditions (it was 50 degrees with a light rain), we had an awesome time!

We had bocce and newcomb and name games and horshoes and baggo. We also had lots of laughs, fuzzies, a few May birthdays to celebrate and we even learned the tooth losing song! There was a tremendous spirit in the air! Helping Tony, Emily, Amy S., Laurie, JP, Jacko and Amy L. provide a fun time for all our rookies were a steller band of this year's LIT's. A big shout out to Mitch Uris, Ben Grayson, Natalie Karafiol, Casev Russo, Becca Zukowksy, Becca Weisz and Dana Greene for reaching out to all of our new campers

and helping them feel warm and fuzzy! Great job, guys!

We can't wait to officially welcome all of our new campers to Echo Lake on June 28!

Extra! Extra! READ All About it... Lakers Library Opens Summer 2008!

Baseball mitt? Check. Toothbrush? Check. Flashlight? Check. Harry Potter, Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe? Check, check, and check!

We know that an important item on your packing list for camp is a great book or books for you to read over the summer during flashlight time or rest hour when you want to relax and enter other worlds of imagination. We also know that many of you zip through the books at lightening speed. Obviously we feel that reading is extremely important and, as you've been hearing this year, we are constantly looking for ways for Echo Lake to "reduce, reuse, and recycle," so....

Opening in the Summer of 2008 at Camp Echo Lake... "**The Lakers Library!**" We wanted to promote camp as a "reading friendly" place with a sharing and recycling feel. While participation in this Lakers Library is 100% optional, we would LOVE it if every Echo Laker could donate (A.K.A. recycle!) used book(s) that are in good to great condition, that they enjoyed but no longer need to own. These books will be the start of our library. Over the summer, if you finish reading all the books that you brought with you to camp and / or you are just looking for a new and exciting book you have never heard of, the Laker Library will be available to you so you can always have books to chose from and read.

The **2008 LIT**s, as part of their Legacy Project for 2008, are going to be organizing all the donated books into the Lakers Library in the TP shack (bunk 24, right next door to the GHQ) in Main Village and in the Senior Village Center. The LITs will determine library hours, how the books are organized, and how and when campers can "check books out." This is not an easy task, but this is not just any group of LITs. The LITs have already talked about showcasing a "LIT Pick of the Week" book; Free Play book clubs, and even chances for groups to earn special surprises when they log the number of books they read as a group! LITs '08 know that reading is fundamental and they will bring the FUN to fun-damental!

So, what do you do now?

WHO: All Echo Lake Campers

WHAT: Find a book or books that you have read that you no longer wish to own and be ready to donate it / them to the Laker Library. All books must be in good to great condition and must be appropriate for readers in 1st to 10th grades.

WHEN: In the name of being as "green" as possible, if you wish to donate 1-4 books please pack your donated books in your duffle bags, bring them with you to camp and give them to us when you arrive on June 28. If you wish to donate 5 or more books please send them in the mail to our summer address (be sure to write "Laker Library" on the box):

The Laker Library Camp Echo Lake PO Box 188 Warrensburg, NY 12885

WHERE: At your favorite summer home...The brand new in 2008...Laker Library! WHY: To encourage reading and sharing, and because CEL is the summer home for the "best & brightest!"

Thank you in advance for your support and for donating books. We'll see you in the Laker Library in just a few months!

Alumni & Staff Happenings





Spanning The World...

Talia and Jamie Resin, Echo Lake alumni who met at camp in the 1980's got married, and are now the proud parents of three boys, Josh, Jackson, and Jordan. Jamie and Talia are so excited for Jordan to be starting as a camper at Echo Lake this summer as a Frosh. Prepping for Jordan to start camp brings back so many memories for them. Just wait until they come to visit Jordan and see camp on visiting day!

At a birthday celebration in NYC for **Michelle Rinke** and **Rachel Rosenberg**, who both turned 23 two days apart, a large number of fellow LITs 2001 turned up to celebrate and catch up. Other Echo Lakers in attendance included **Raina Krasnow**, **Michelle Alperin**, **Lea Ozeri**, **Sophie Porter**, **Keenan Steiner**, **Evan Levine**, **Matt "Jacko" Jackowitz**, and **Laurie Rinke**.



Robin Varon, former CEL summer office superstar checked in to update us on her fantastic kids. **Lisa** is in Philadelphia working at the advocacy program for the Hispanic community, and **Josh** is working at the non-profit Education Law Center. The entire Varon family truly knows how to give back!

While taking a break to rest and recharge at Canyon Ranch in Lenox, MA, alumni **Ellen Babby** and her 2nd generation alumni daughter **Heather** ran into **Cindy Butensky**, mother of fellow alum, **Julie Butensky**, and both Heather and Julie's former Group Leader, **Laurie Rinke**. It was wonderful to catch up and reminisce in such a lovely setting. Ellen also shared the happy news that her son Ken and his wife Jill are expecting a baby boy very soon.

Proud Papa, **Herb Reichenbach** emailed us to say: **Sam** just finished a great freshman year at Kenyon College in Ohio. She played basketball for a great senior dominated team that won their league title and had a ball. **Jenna** is also doing great at Schreiber HS finishing up her sophomore year. Ever adventurous, Jenna, on her own, is going to Italy for a month in July to study.

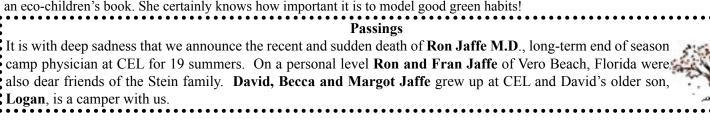


Matt Jackowitz joined alumni **Andi Goodman and Jeff Ackerman** on a 45-mile bicycle ride through all five boroughs. The ride attracts 30,000 riders to enjoy the streets, bridges and highways of NYC. These four peddlers and their group of 50 riders used the day to raise funds for the Diabetes Research Institute. The group raised \$12,000 this year and would welcome all interested Echo Lakers to join us next year for this incredible experience. If interested in riding with our group next year please contact matt@campecholake.com.

When CEL is in your heart it is easy to find your heart is happy with another CEL alum. **Stacey Becker and Jon Wanicur** have been dating in between their busy careers. Becker is a talented lawyer and Wanicur, an aspiring actor, is the new voice of the Subway \$5 foot long commercials and will be seen in a new Motorola commercial coming out soon. Talk about power couple!

Former Group Leader, **Brett "Shade" Shepherd** tells us, "My 'memories of Echo' have become an important piece of my life and I will always be grateful for the summer of 2002. Life has been interesting here in Ontario, and in fact, I have re-entered the camping world as a camp director at Circle R Ranch (the camp where I grew up). Taking on this challenge has made me all the more appreciative of how truly amazing Echo Lake is! CEL changes lives, and accomplishes all that camp should."

In addition to being a big fan of our online "Green Friendly" paperless Trail newsletter, **Lauren Wechsler Horn** just finished writing an eco-children's book. She certainly knows how important it is to model good green habits!



Alumni & Staff Happenings



Celebrations

Former staff member, **Jenny Pole** sent us an email to say, "I've just been in New York actually recounting my endless fond memories of Echo Lake! I'm busy getting the last few arrangements done for my wedding to my fiancé **Gareth** in August which is all very exciting." Best of luck to the happy couple.

Echo Lakers 20??

It's peace, love, & CEL for Ellie Lehman Buchanan & her "friend" Jerry Garcia. Mom, alum Wendy, could not be more proud.

Alissa Michelin Nierenberg sent us a picture of her son Josh (21 months) who may just be the next piano man! Alissa's daughter, **Dani**, just turned 5 and she is amazing too. Alissa looks forward to her kids enjoying camp as much as she did.

Jess Gruner Studness has some news to report ... on Jan. 2, 2008, she and her husband Roy welcomed their son, Nash Zachary, into the world. Jess is currently on maternity leave from Hughes Hubbard & Reed where she is an associate. Congrats Jess!

Catherine (Clemmy Earhert) & Scott Lamie were thrilled to bring **Gavin Thomas Lamie** into the world. Born on March 7, 2008, Gavin weighed in at 8.09 lbs and was 20 inches long. Scott and Catherine hope to be able to bring Gavin to visit camp.

Former Group Leader and Senior Village Girls Head Counselor, **Emily Neff Haseltine** and her husband, **Jon**, are happy to announce that their daughter, **Chloe Madeline** was born on April 22, 2008. She weighed 7lbs, 13oz and was 20 inches long. They couldn't be happier and so are we!

On Saturday April 26, 2008 at 7:00pm, **Caroline Partridge Horner** gave birth 3 weeks early to **Gillian McClellan Horner** at 20 inches long and nearly 7 lbs on arrival. Dad, **Greg**, and big sister, **Zoë**, were proud of mom and very excited to meet Gillian. Zoë loves to hold, touch, hug, kiss, etc the baby. She calls her "baby ghiwiyan." Congratulations.

Amy Elpern Low and her husband, David, are happy to announce that they are having baby #2. Amy is due in early August, so another Echo Laker is on the way! Their son, Seth, is 2 and can't wait to meet his new brother or sister! By 2015 Seth will be at CEL! Amy has outfitted Seth in his "Echo Laker 20??" t-shirt and reports how funny it is when people see him wearing it and will come up to them and share that their child or someone they know went to CEL!









Spring Blast 2008 at X2O

The 2008 "Spring Blast" held at X2O on April 16th in Yonkers, NY was a rousing success. X2O, "Xaviars on the Hudson" is Peter X Kelly's latest addition to the Xaviars Restaurant Group. The event was sponsored by Kaplow of NYC.

Over 250 guests joined us for an evening that featured wine tasting from the Martha Clara vineyeard, a silent auction, incredible food & drink, great music & mingling with both old tion to getting a chance to spend time with their CEL friends & new friends at this spectacular venue. Together with worldclass Chef Peter X Kelly, Town of Greenburgh Supervisor, Paul Feiner & Mayor Phil Amicone of Yonkers, attendees enjoyed a short program & the showing of a very powerful video. Project Morry also honored the camps who supported Project Morry through their Camps that Give efforts last summer.

This, our 12th annual spring fund-raiser, was hosted by Chairpersons Hilary & Billy Cooper & their amazing committee: Marci & Rick Caplan, Lori Chamberlain, Michelle



Coleman, Dr. Jeffrey & Karen Cousin, Stephanie & Andrew Falk, Renee Azima-Heller, Liz Kaplow & Evan Jacobs, Amy & Jonathan Leopold, Ellen & Jonathan Litt, Karen Miller, Pam If you are interested in getting involved with this event in the & Lee Miner, Cindy & Scott Musoff, Laurie Rinke, Valerie future, contact the Project Morry office. Thanks to all those Schmaier, Ellen Schwartz Wylie & Gordon Wylie.

We thank all who made it such a wonderful success.

Other Opportunities to Get Involved...

Gifts In-Kind: PM is always in need of items that are used both during the school year & the summer. Create a wish list of items for people to donate during times of celebration.

Coaches: PM campers entering 11th grade are assigned a mentor known as a Coach. Coaches are adults who understand the PM mission, meet the Coach criteria & are interested in assisting young adults successfully navigate entering adulthood.

: If you are interested in contributing to events and / or if you are looking for more information, to make a donation, or get involved, please contact the Project Morry office by phone: (914) 592-3055, email: dream@projectmorry.org, or go online: www.projectmorry.org. Thanks to all of you who continue to support Project Morry!

Young Professional Event 2008 at The Forum

Over 200 Young Professionals joined us on May 8, 2008 at our annual Project Morry Young Professional event. Held at Forum, just steps away from New York City's Union Square, it was an evening of celebration, seeing old friends, meeting new ones and all to benefit Project Morry.

In attendance at the YP event were many CEL alums. In addithey also were able to catch up on all the exciting changes that have occurred at Project Morry over the past couple years. Whether you've attended Echo Lake or not, this event is a great way to show young professionals all the ways that they can learn about and get involved with Project Morry.

The evening was hosted by chair Stefan Miller and his committee that includes Dani Ackerman, Heather Babby, Drew Bitterman, Denise Carberry, Deb Dorman Grishman, Dana Eigner, Lauren Feiner, Matt Jackowitz, Sarah Katz, Josh Male, Lisa Oshinsky, Michelle Nacht, Perri Newman, Britton Redbord. Scott Schwartz and Josh Stein.

who helped us make this amazing night possible.

Kids That Give – Spreading the Warm Inner Glow

It's like they can't stop themselves. Every time we turn around more Echo Lakers are spreading the W.I.G. to Project Morry! Ben Grayson & Rachel Leopold have been helping out at the PM office. Ben has practically moved into the PM office & Rachel has prioritized PM in her busy schedule.

"Clean socks feel good!" proclaims, Amanda Saperstone. Wanting to give back to the PM during her Bat Mitzvah celebration, Amanda has asked her guests to donate clean socks for PM campers. Giving back is the true mitzvah.

Three cheers for **Ben**, **Rachel**, & **Amanda**! Know that you are making a difference and it does not get better then that!

CEL campers if you are feeling the excitement to give back to PM, get ready because the '08 LITs are gearing up for the 2008 Project Morry Swimathon & Marathon at camp this summer! These eager givers have set the goal of raising over \$20,000 for PM! So dust off your sneakers, clean off your bathing suit and get ready to give back this summer!



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What's Happening in Warrensburg?

Spring has sprung and that means Darren and his crew are starting in on their last big project of the year – our Senior Village Athletic Pavilion. Believe it or not, we had snow on the ground at camp until the end of April. But now the earthwork has started, and we are excited to get to building the structure itself. Once completed, it will be lit for nighttime use, have a couple of basketball hoops and some portable hockey walls for indoor hockey. It will be a great addition to "The Village!"

The guys will also be getting the docks in the water, the ballfields cut and watered, the buildings painted, among other things.

As she does every spring, Amy Stein will be up in June to make sure all the beautiful flowers get planted so camp is nice and colorful once our staff and campers arrive in June!

Camp Echo Lake Players Present... Theatre 2008

It's that time again! Time to announce the shows for this summer. This may be the best line-up of shows in a long time. So watch the movies, listen to the CD'S, read the books and get familiar with your show. I look forward to seeing you in June, when we start auditions!

Love, Your friendly neighborhood Theatre Head Specialist,

Kristofer Kauff

The **Inters** are the first group to hit the stage with **Bye Bye Birdie**. One of the most fun, captivating Broadway shows of all time, Birdie tells the story of a famous rock and roll singer, Conrad Birdie, who has been drafted into the army. His manager, Albert, writes a song for Conrad, to be sung to one lucky teenage girl (Kim) before he goes off to war. Meanwhile, the town that Kim is from is turned upside down with the arrival of the superstar. Everyone from Conrad, Kim's family, her new boyfriend, Albert, his girlfriend, and even his mother contribute to a wild week of swooning, dancing, love, crushes, comedy, and a whole lot of fun for the cast and the audience.

Next up will be the **Frosh & Lower Juniors**. This summer we will be re-visiting a camp favorite, *Free To Be You And Me*. Using poetry, songs, and sketches, the show salutes values such as individuality, tolerance, and happiness with one's identity. And the message that anyone, whether a boy or a girl, can achieve anything one wants. Not to mention it is a ton of fun to perform and to watch!

The **Upper Juniors** will be performing a huge Disney hit, *The Little Mermaid*. A beautiful mermaid, Ariel, is fascinated by the human world much to the dismay of her father King Triton, ruler of the Mer-people. Ariel spies handsome Prince Eric and falls in love. Sebastian, the crab, is sent by Triton to keep an eye on Ariel, but he cannot stop her from saving Eric's life during a storm at sea. Ursula, the sea witch, plots to grant Ariel's wish to be human, and marry her prince, but only as part of a larger scheme to gain control of Triton's undersea kingdom. It's going to be an adventurous production, as the stage transforms to the underwater world that Ariel is from.

Finally, **Senior Village and LITs** will close this summer's season with **the 2008 Benefit show**, and the most popular show currently on Broadway, *Wicked*. This is the story of Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch Of The West and her relationship with Glinda, the Good Witch Of The North. Their friendship struggles through their opposing personalities and viewpoints, rivalry over the same love-interest, their reactions to the Wizard's corrupt government, and, ultimately, Elphaba's public fall from grace. With amazing music, powerful scenes, lots of laughs, and a story of true friendship and love, Wicked will have all of camp, and Warrensburg at the edge of their seat!

Staff Bulletin Board

Shout Outs from Our Outstanding Staff!!

In addition to being interviewed for her local paper about her excitement for camp this summer, 2008 Cabin Specialist, Beth Mandeville says, "Camp is pretty much always on my mind. I am getting so excited, everyone is tired of hearing about it I think. I have exciting news to put in the staff bulletin The semester is finally over and I am on the Dean's list this semester with a 3.8 GPA. I also passed the NYS Language Arts and Sciences Test which is the first test to get certified to teach in NYS. I am getting very excited for camp and can't wait to meet the staff and all the campers. June 21st cannot get here soon enough."

Major Congratulations to our Junior Girls Head Counselor, **Chole Barrett** on her acceptance to the MA program in Humanities Interdisciplinary, Concentration Film Studies, at the University at Buffalo. You are a super star, Chole!

Jason Gionet, Leslie Riddal, and Kat de Ocampo getting together and getting excited for camp.



A few months ago former counselor CraigMac and I organized the largest New



Years Eve party in Halifax with just under 1,500 guests. A portion of the proceeds from the party were used to send a terminally ill child and his family on a Disney cruise for New Years Eve. Other than that I've been working and counting down the days until I get to see my campers and friends again. (Like literally counting the days, I've had a countdown timer going on my iPod for months now.) – **Drew Vinson**

I want to give a shout out to **Tara & Jackie Feldman** who I got to see for Shabbat Dinner at their house recently! I want to also give a shout out to my friend **Rachel Glickenstein** who is on the media team this year & is very excited to be at CEL for the first time this summer! ~**Ruth Kleinman**

I have exciting news. I am coming to the end of my 4 years of university (a BA Honors Primary Education degree) and I got a job! It is a reception class which is the first year of school so I will be 30 children's first teacher ever, I'm so excited! –**Verity Hunt**

The Magic of Camp begins with AMAZING Staff!! Here's a Sneak Peak at the 2008 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 2008 Echo Lake staff hails from 14 countries around the world, 20 states across the USA, and 5 Canadian provinces. Staff are from the USA, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, France, Hungary, South Africa, Haiti, Mexico, The Netherlands, and Russia.

This summer 47% of our staff are new to Camp Echo Lake and a whopping **53% 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 24.5 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 BIG-GER Warm Inner Glow then you could possibly imagine!! We hope you are psyched, because we sure are!!! Bring on Summer 2008!!

Campers Corner

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

I invited Rachel Weiss and Lauren Whitman to come and meet 1st year campers. I also met my camp little sister. Rachel, Lauren and I met Alexa Kamberg, Andie Bodian, and Jordan Miller (Justin's Miller's sister). We met at Baskin Robbins. 50 something more days till camp! See you soon! – Phoebe Weinstock, LIG



Samantha Gold had the lead as Willy Wonka in her 5th grade musical production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.



Camp friends, Brooke Kleinfeld, Rachel Weiss, Phoebe Weinstock and Sammy Gold, came to see Casey Landman as Frenchy in "Grease."



Hey LITs 2008! LIT Orientation day was awesome. I can't wait for this summer! -Zach Porges



Upper Inter Girls East 2008, I love you guys so much. Can't wait until camp! -**Danielle Grossman**

Emmy and Katie Hirsch, & their family, go snow tubing and take a trip to Russia.

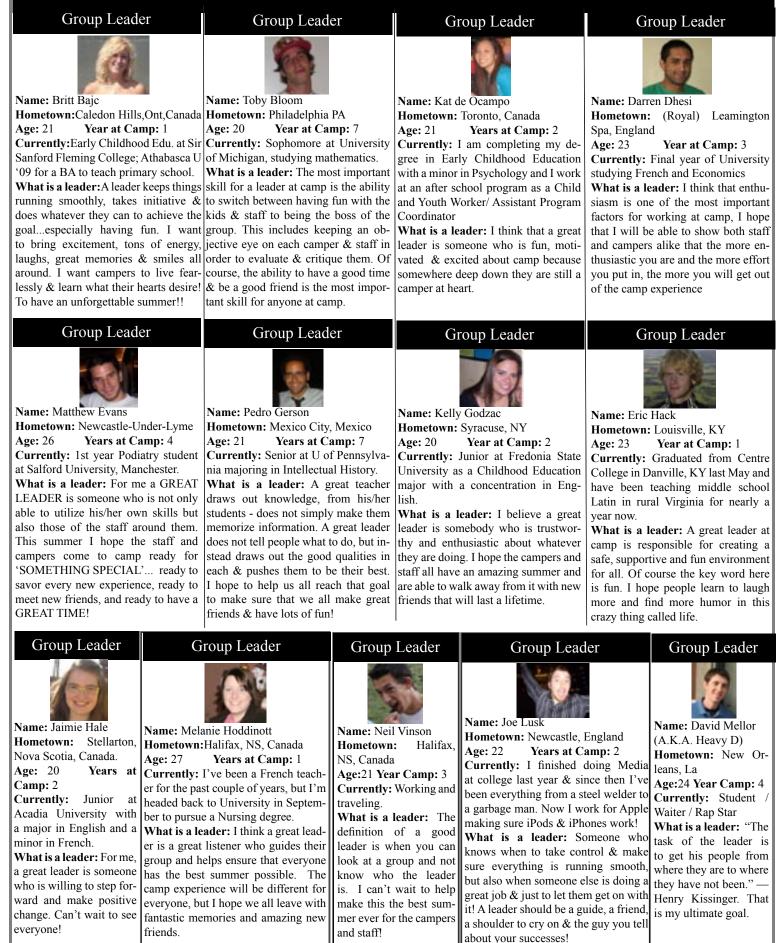




I just got back from The Atlantis in the Bahamas with my family. It was really fun. They had amazing water slides! One slide was really high and you landed in a shark tank. Lily and I did it and so did my mom and dad. We also swam with the dolphins. I kissed our dolphin. Andrew loved the dolphin. He misses him and has a picture by his bed. I wrote the letter to Julia and put it in the mail today. Thank you for picking me as a big sister. I had a great time at great wolf lodge! -Sophia Shapiro, UJG It was a big South Florida "get ready for camp weekend" - Brandon Kramer slept at Brett Scherr's house (his camp "little brother"), along with Brett's big brother Aaron, who will also be at CEL this summer. Hunter and Austin Fields joined the fun and it was a BLAST!!

Over vacation Jen Leighton went to a homeless shelter in White Plains and helped children decorate backpacks, played bingo, cards, and had snacks. I think the kids really enjoyed it and so did I. I am also working on a fundraiser for Pediatric cancer foundation. I will bike the Bronx River Parkway in May to raise money for the foundation. I love doing charity work. It makes me feel so happy. See also can't wait to for the new camper picnic.

Hey it's **Margo Spector**. I had sooooo much fun at Camp Echo Lake. You can make friends for life there!!!!! My favorite memory is when I stepped on a jack and started cracking up instead of crying!!! I want to give a shout out to the LIGs '08. I love you guys soooo much. Miss you too. Keep on rocking!!!



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Meet Your Summer 2008 Group Leaders								
Group Leader	Group Leader	Group Leader	Group Leader					
Name: Leslie Riddall Hometown: Georgetown, Ontario, Canada Age: 23 Years at Camp: 2 Currently: Supply (substitute) Educational Assistant What is a leader: A leader is some- one who is committed: to each and every individual camper, to their team members, to making each day fun and successful, to CEL's beliefs and goals, to teaching and learning everyday, to being open, honest & friendly, and to making this summer rock!!!	Name: Cory Rothbort Hometown: Millburn, N.J. (Born in Tokyo, Japan) Age: 20 Year at Camp: 9 Currently:Sophomore at Rutgers in NJ. Double major in Poli Sci & Sports Mgmt. I hope to attend Law School. What is a leader: What makes me a great leader is my willingness to be flexible & adaptable. I listen to what others have to say & take their con- cerns/suggestions into consideration. I hope the campers & staff learn from me to give your all no matter what. I try to give 110% in everything I do.	Name: Brenton Sellati Hometown: Cheshire, CT Age: 23 Years at Camp: 1 Currently: In Sept a graduate stu- dent at U of Mass Amherst pursuing an M.S. in Resource-Economics & Econometrics What is a leader: Someone who in- spires the people around them to be their best & command respect without having to demand it. A leader's role is not to outwork everyone, but to bring out the best in everyone. Show them that the only limits in life are those you artificially create yourself.	Name: Stephani Smolucha Hometown: Austin, Texas Age: 21 Year at Camp: 2 Currently: Just graduated from St. Edward's University with a BA in Le- gal Studies and Journalism. What is a leader: A great group leader is someone who can take ad- vantage of every opportunity to have fun while still being attentive to each camper's needs. This summer is going to be amazing and I hope the staff and campers leave in August knowing that they tried something new, challenged themselves, and made new friends!					
Group Leader Wame: Sari Turner Hometown: Chappaqua, NY Age: 21 Year at Camp: 12 Currently: Senior, U of Vermont What is a leader: A great leader re- ally knows how to make a group, both campers and staff, work together as a team. A great leader understands the goals of CEL and goes through each day keeping those goals in mind. I hope by the end of the summer my campers and staff will have the same amazing experiences, friendships, and fond memories that I have had the op- portunity to experience!		Group Leader Wame: Jenny Wilson Hometown: From Belfast, now Shrewsbury, England. Age: 25 Years at Camp: 4 Currently: A teacher What is a leader: A leader needs to be able to listen, be objective, be hon-	AN4 Trip Leader Name: Brian Babauta Hometown: Guam. San Diego, CA Age: 32 Years at Camp: 5 Currently:Outdoor Educator at Pali Institute, CA. I teach Environ. Sci, outdoor skills, & leadership training. What is a leader: Great leaders are in touch with the group. Have an active role in the group but are able to stand back & not always lead. Campers will learn to be self reliant & confident. They will be comfortable traveling to new places, meeting new friends, & have a sense of pride knowing they can do anything they put their minds to.					
4N4 Trip Leader Name: Laura Hutchison Hometown: Edinburgh, Scotland Age: 25 Years at camp: 5 Currently: Doing postgraduate cer- tificate in Education-becoming a teacher. What is a leader: A great leader at camp is someone who leads by ex- ample and is an inspiring role model to both campers and staff.	School in the fall What is a leader: I can't wait to watch the LITs develop and practice	LIT Group Leader Name: Meredith Pugh Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina Age: 22 Year at Camp: 3 Currently: Senior, Meredith College in Raleigh, NC majoring in Sociology with a Psychology minor. I plan to go to grad school for School Counseling. What is a leader: Willing to go out on a limb & try something new to get everyone involved. A great leader listens to the needs of her campers. I	Name: Mark Kenny Hometown: Newfoundland, Canada Age: 26 Year at Camp: 4 Currently: Double majored in phys- ical education & kinesiology with a concentration in mathematics What is a leader: A great leader has the ability to promote a child's cre- ativity, self confidence, & self reli- ance, all while helping them with their social skills & other life skills.					

a unique and valuable leadership pro-

gram.

Every person is very much an indi-

vidual, & must be treated as an in-

dividual. The campers welfare is AL-

WAYS the priority. I believe it will be the best summer of the LITs lives.

hope that the campers will learn more

about themselves as leaders & how to

work together to accomplish goals. I hope that they make the most of this

summer!!

We are very excited to welcome all of our prospective campers to camp this summer once again!

For younger siblings of our current campers, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual <u>Sibling Day</u> on Sunday, July 20th, the day after Visiting Day. An "official" invite will be going out in June, so there is still plenty of time to sign your "sibs" up for that very special day!

<u>Fantasy Camp</u>, for prospective campers who are not younger siblings of current campers, takes place on Saturday and Sunday, July 26th and 27th. Spots are already filling up for this great opportunity so if you have friends who have mentioned wanting to be a part of Fantasy Camp, please remind them to act quickly! For more information or to download and complete a Fantasy Camp registration form, please go to <u>www.campecholake.com</u> and look in the "Prospective Family" section of our website. We look forward to seeing the happy faces of all of our prospective campers!



2nd Annual Labor Day Family Camp Weekend for Current Camp Families August 29 – September 1, 2008

Come join Tony, Laurie, JP & 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 & future campers can all experience what camp is all about – great activities, campfires, the fresh air of the Adirondacks, fuzzies, sunshine...not to mention a few surprises!

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

Who: Current Camp Families What: Enjoy the magic of Camp Echo Lake as an entire family!! When: August 29 to September 1, 2008 Where: Camp Echo Lake in Warrensburg, NY Why: Lots and lots of camp memories, fuzzies, and Warm Inner Glows!!

For more detailed information and to complete a registration form go to: <u>www.campecholake.com</u>!!!

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Jake Kessel 5.19	Jared Geller 6.1	Adam Freindlich 6.15	Colleen Mullaney 5.16	Maarten Peelen 5.30			
Rya <mark>n Weir</mark> 5.19	Ethan Goldstein 6.1	Liam Geron 6.15	Richard Martin 5.17	Tyle <mark>r Bean</mark> 6.1			
Ha <mark>rrison Okun</mark> 5.20	Sammy Fischer 6.2	Alex Passe 6.15	Kirbe Llabra 5.18	Joanne Dutcher 6.2			
Bennett Rosenbach 5.20	Autumn Mahler 6.3	Rachel Neuburger 6.16	Chris Taylor 5.18	MatthewStannett 6.2			
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Scott Panasci 5.21	David Peters 6.5	Laur <mark>en Tha</mark> u 6.19	Jonathan Mattock5.20	Max Bloom 6.4			
Noah Thaler 5.21	Roslyn Peters 6.5	Morg <mark>an Th</mark> au 6.19	Yewande Odetunde5.21	Jason Gionet 6.4			
Jeffrey Visoky 5.21	Ross Kempner 6.8	Justin Caspar 6.21	Sharifa Vinson 5.21	Derreck Boisvert 6.7			
Isabelle Getto 5.22	Chelsea Golub 6.9	Caroline Marin 6.21	Jeff Rondeau5.22	Tom Hollingworth 6.15			
Jack Doremus 5.23	Chloe Seltzer 6.10	Zachary Schweitzer 6.22	MatthewEvans 5.23	Ryan Buckley 6.18			
Jordan Weinstock 5.23	Zachary Karetsky 6.11	Rebecca Weisz 6.24	Cindy Mahler 5.25	Esme Thomas 6.20			
Phoebe Weinstock 5.23	Brandon Kramer 6.11	Stefan Luiggi 6.25	Kara Munsey 5.26	Heather Smith 6.23			
Jay Spector 5.25	Jake Prell 6.12		Esther Clark 5.27	Barty Carson 6.24			
Paige Dubicki 5.27	Ben Kaplan 6.14	Ethan Salant 6.26	Gary Thompson 5.27	Brynn Treloar 6.24			
Maddie Erman 5.30	Brandon Russo 6.14						
Alexa Derman 6.1		Nate Shmushkin 6.27					
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YA SAY? BIRTHDAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! THERE'S LAUGHTER IN THE AIR, PEOPLE SMILING EVERY-WHERE.HAPPY BIRTHDAY. UH! HAPPY BIRTHDAY. UH! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! UH! UH! H AND AN A AND A P, P, Y B AND AN I AND A R, T, H! D AND AN A AND A FINAL YHAAAAAPPY BIRTHDAY. THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY SONG, IT ISN'T VERY LONG. MY NAME ALIX SCHIFF, HEY!

KINGS AND QUEENS AND BISHOPS TOO...WANNA WISH THE BEST TO... Let's get this party started...That's right, we've got a bunch a happy birthdays that occur over the summer and we celebrate these lucky individuals with the birthday hat, birthday fuzzies, birthday cakes, & lots and lots of singing!

CAMPERS	CAMPERS	CAMPERS	STAFF	STAFF
Samantha Statfeld 6.29	Jonah Mars 7.24	Allyson Schiller 8.11	Michael Shires 6.29	Rachel Guyett 7.27
Danielle Grossman 6.30	Callie Migden 7.24	Adam Keisman 8.12	Lucy Coulson 7.4	Mary Ann Mackrodt7.27
Zachary Berger 7.2	Brandon Friedman 7.26	Jennifer Leighton 8.12	Tiffany MacInnis 7.6	Hilary Samuelson 8.2
Carly Rosenberg 7.5	Andrew Silver 7.28	Addison Migden 8.12	Danielle Parkes 7.9	Felicity Kirkham 8.3
Bari Zuckerman 7.5	Jeremy Laskin 7.29	Josh Landman 8.13	Michael Patterson 7.9	Pedro Gerson 8.5
Jesse Ruhe 7.7	Jessica Rosenblum 7.29	Samantha Tompkins 8.13	Victoria Chaundy 7.10	Kimberley Dews 8.6
Samuel Goldberg 7.8	Jordan Serlin 7.29	Justin Weissbrod 8.13	Amy Friedman 7.12	Dean Hunt 8.6
Sam 🔨 Kessler 7.11	Georgia Minkoff 7.30	Andie Bodian 8.14	Kelly Godzac 7.12	Leah /Thomas 8.7
Margo Spector 7.11	Bailey Schweitzer 7.30	Lizzie Coleman 8.14	Alison Kirkpatrick 7.13	Janna Fraser 8.10
Adam Rosenberg 7.12	Carly Epstein 7.31	Hannah Frydman 8.14	Emilie Picklesimer 7.14	Beth Mandeville 8.12
Chelsea Rosenberg 7.12	Daisy Ferleger 8.3	Jacob Berk 8.15	Kevin Chamberlin 7.15	
Cole Butchen 7.13	Davis Haupt 8.3	Rachel Catanese 8.15	Amanda Hemingway7.17	
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Bro <mark>oke Kleinfel</mark> d 7.14	JonathanNoe 8.4	Jacob Steinberg 8.17	Sadie Done 7.18	Darren Dhesi 8.21
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Adam Goldberg 7.15	Alyssa Berger 8.7	Matthew Steinberg 8.21	Kyle Kruk 7. <mark>2</mark> 0	Thomas Fulk 8.23
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Joshua Rosenberg 7.18	Scott Roslin 8.8	Hallie Whitman 8.23	Philip Carroll 7. <mark>2</mark> 3	Jaimie Hale 8.25
Max Rumizen 7.18	Casey Russo 8.8	Michael Greenwald 8.24	Glenn Begly 7. <mark>2</mark> 4	Daniel O'Connell 8.28
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*** DON'T FORGET CAMPER FORMS WERE DUE MAY 1 AND STAFF FORMS ARE DUE JUNE 1!! *** HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY REGISTERED FOR THE LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP FRIDAY AUGUST 29 TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1? YOUR DON"T WANT TO MISS IT! SEE PAGE 15 FOR MORE INFO....

<u>CAMP ECHO LAKE 2007</u> – 2008 DATES California Reunion Thursday November 15th, 2007 Montreal Reunion SUNDAY DECEMBER 2RD, 2007 NEW YORK AREA REUNION SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 2007 Friday January 25 – Sunday January 27, 2008 Senior Village Winter Weekend MAIN VILLAGE WINTER WEEKEND SATURDAY MARCH 1 – SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2008 NEW PARENT NIGHT 2008 WEDNESDAY APRIL 9. NEW CAMPER PICNIC 2008 THURSDAY MAY 1. MOTHER-DAUGHTER WEEKEND W/ RACHEL SIMMONS FRIDAY MAY 30 - SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2008 CAMP ECHO LAKE 2008 SEASON BEGINS Saturday June 28, 2008 PARENT VISITATION SATURDAY JULY 19, 2008 Camp Echo Lake 2008 Season Ends SUNDAY AUGUST 17. 2008 Echo Lake Idea TUESDAY AUGUST 19 - SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2008 LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND Friday August 29 - Monday Sept 1, 2008