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SUMMER 2009

As of May 15, there are 43 days until Summer 2009 begins at Camp Echo Lake!!!



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Kings and Queens and Bishops too...Wanna Wish the Best to...

Campers...

Zachary Schwartz	May 16	Sammy Fischer	June 2
Sophie Brett-Chin	May 17	Autumn Mahler	June 3
Jake Kessel	May 19	Robyn Epstein	June 4
Ryan Weir	May 19	David Peters	June 5
Harrison Okun	May 20	Roslyn Peters	June 5
Allison Silfen	May 20	Lily Shapiro	June 5
Scott Panasci	May 21	Ross Kempner	June 8
Danielle Rosenblum	May 21	Chelsea Golub	June 9
Noah Thaler	May 21	Alec Diamond	June 10
Jeffrey Visoky	May 21	Zachary Karetzky	June 11
Isabelle Getto	May 22	Brandon Kramer	June 11
Jack Doremus	May 23	Iila Mazie	June 11
Jordan Weinstock	May 23	Ben Kaplan	June 14
Phoebe Weinstock	May 23	Brandon Russo	June 14
Sammy Brett-Chin	May 27	Adam Freindlich	June 15
Paige Dubicki	May 27	Liam Geron	June 15
Maddie Erman	May 30	Alex Passe	June 15
Matthew Templeton	May 31	Rachel Neuburger	June 16
Alexa Derman	June 1	Zoe Pigott	June 17
Jared Geller	June 1	Lila Bortniker	June 19
Ethan Goldstein	June 1	Justin Caspar	June 21

Campers...

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Adam Margolis	June 21	Eric Rothfeld	June 26
Jordan Rosenberg	June 22	Ethan Salant	June 26
Zachary Schweitzer	June 22	Jordan Salant	June 26
Stefan Luiggi	June 25	Sydney Stewart	June 26
Eric Rothfeld	June 26	Nathaniel Shmushkin	June 27

Staff...

Yair Armenta	May 15	Derreck Boisvert	June 7
Matthew Rogers	May 18	Zach Baer	June 11
Nicholas Lucka	May 19	Joel Chapman	June 11
Jonathan Rodak	May 19	Jared Walfish	June 13
Matthew Walsh	May 19	Venetia Lambrick	June 16
Katherine Howe	May 21	Dana Wilson	June 16
Sharifa Vinson	May 21	Alexis Sabatier	June 17
Richard Wagstaff	May 21	Helen Sayers	June 17
Jeff Rondeau	May 22	Peter Lusk	June 19
Matthew Evans	May 23	Esme Thomas	June 20
Lauren Sale	May 24	Richard Burbidge	June 22
Cindy Mahler	May 25	Gary Cormier	June 22
Henry Weinberger	May 25	Barty Carson	June 24
John Barker	May 26	Matthew Martinez	June 25
Kim Vanderbeck	May 27		
Zoe Calderbank	May 30		
Tyler Bean	June 1		
Joanne Dutcher	June 2		
Matthew Stannett	June 2		
Max Bloom	June 4		
Laura Craddock	June 5		

Staff...

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, 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!

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2008 New Camper Picnic Highlights

On Thursday May 7th, nearly 70 new campers and their moms, dads and siblings came out to join us for the New Camper Picnic. Due to the crazy weather, we moved indoors to the Armonk Indoor Sports Center.

After a round of name games where everyone got to meet each other, we got into some fun camp games like the Mostest and Human Bingo and even some Wacky Relays. 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, Brenda, JP, Jacko and Amy L.** provide a fun time for all our rookies were a stellar band of this year's staff and LIT's. A big shout out to **Ruth Kleinman, Rachel Glickenstein, DJ Gross, Rachel Leopold, Molly Burke, Molly Leopold, Max Deutsch, Alana Deutsch, Matty Grossman, Hannah Lemkowitz, Talia Bloom and Jordan Thaler** for reaching out to all of our new campers and helping them feel warm and fuzzy! Great job, gang!

We can't wait to officially welcome all of our new campers to Echo Lake on June 27th!



From the Clipboard of Tony Stein...

I spent every summer outside at camp until I was 27 years old. When I was 27, I finally went out into the "real world," and I recall sitting at my desk one sunny May afternoon, when I happened to look out my window at the trees and greenery outside. All of a sudden, I was overcome with the feeling that I should be outside at Echo Lake, helping to get camp ready.

What amazes me to this day is that each year in May, when I am in my office, I start to get this tugging feeling that I should be outside at Echo Lake, helping to get camp ready. Of course, nowadays, I just get in my car every year in May, and I drive up to camp to help get things ready!

It is a most exciting time of year, as we are here at camp doing all the things we need to prepare for our campers arrival in June 27th. And each day that passes, and with it more and more staff start to arrive, you feel the anticipation grow stronger and stronger. Four weeks to go, then three weeks to go, then ten days to go, then five days to go ... I just can't stand it how incredible that feeling is!

Am I ready for Grateful Heads games? Is my fuzzy bag looking sharp? What kind of haircuts will I see on arrival day when the kids get off the bus? How much will I love watching the LIT's lead camp? Can Echo Lake once again win the tooth-losing contest? Will the Mohawk prevail in Tribal? Or will it be an Iroquois year? Can the Frosh Boys and Girls once again deliver a memorable Group Sing? Exactly how many campers will go on the new Aquaglide this summer? Will Evan Stein actually make 470 new friends this summer? Is there such a thing as too much fun???? NOOOOOOOO!!!!

You get the picture, right? See you soon ...

Tony, Emily and Evan



Two Echo Lake occasions made a big impression on me recently. They actually served as reinforcement but are gratifying enough for me to mention them.

The first was the New Parent Meeting and the second was the New Camper Picnic. At the first there was such a sense among our new camp families that they were entering into a great adventure with us. It was incredible for me to look out at the sea of enthusiasm and spot faces of former campers. All grown up and now parents themselves they wanted their children to have the same Echo Lake experience as they had had many years ago. I loved that.

There were moms and dads whose own camp experience elsewhere motivated them to select a special summer camp. They wanted their boys and girls to know the bonds that are created at camp and the spectacular and close friendships that come out of that home away from home that is Echo Lake. And then, of course, there were the faces - sometimes a tad uncertain - who had never been to camp themselves. They were really being brave. Many knew, I think, that through their children's time at Echo Lake they would be able, in a special way, to go to camp themselves.

I, who have been at Echo Lake, since 1946 was so excited I hardly slept that night. I'm not kidding. I really mean it. For me, Echo Lake is always and forever in my bones and my cells. To think that this summer everything I hold dear and madly love will now cause euphoria, unbridled enthusiasm and wild-eyed excitement in the hearts of our new boys and girls thrills me to bits. To think that their moms and dads will get to hold Echo Lake close and dear to their hearts as they watch their beloved children grow stronger and happier with great ATTITUDES makes me feel so blessed. Yes, I would love to be a movie star. Yes, I would love to be a great actress. BUT being an owner director of this amazing entity CAMP ECHO LAKE and being part of helping this happen is probably even better!

I invite all our campers to consider me their Grandma away from home! I LOVE MY JOB!!!
Needless to say, just like you, I'm counting the days! Much love, Amy



From the Desks of...

Laurie



Main Village Director

Imagine a brightly colored, festively wrapped, big, shiny, present waiting just for you. Can you feel the anticipation and excitement as you look at your gift? Do you know what is inside the wrapping? Do you shake the box a bit to get a clue about its contents? How do you open your gift? Slowly, one corner at a time, careful to save the paper or do you tear it open in a flash to reveal the contents? Think about the best, most amazing, incredible, life impacting present you ever received! What was it? Did you play with it a lot? Did you share it with family and friends? Was it a “thing” or “an experience”? Did it make you smile? How long was that gift important to you? Why did you want it so much and when you got it, were you grateful?

When I think back on the presents I was lucky enough to receive in my life, some of the highlights I remember include a Barbie Camper Bus, a bicycle, a necklace, a ring, a doll house, a stereo (one with a record player, then a double cassette player, and then a CD player), an iPod, a trip to Canyon Ranch, a painting, Yankees tickets, a Broadway show, a computer, a trip with friends, etc... What made these special were the person that gave them to me, the way they made me feel, the memories I created with them, and the fact that they had such a lasting impact on my life that I remember everything about them. I have to be honest, though, that yes, all of these gifts meant a lot to me but the best, most amazing, incredible, life impacting present I ever received was in 1986, the summer that my parents sent me to Camp Echo Lake for the first of 24 summers in a row!

I remember the brightly colored, festively wrapped, big, shiny, images I had of CEL before that first summer started. For me it was from pictures shown on my parents living room wall from Morry and Amy Stein’s slide projector and photos that a friend who had gone to CEL already had showed me. I remember the anticipation and excitement of that first summer (and every single summer since then actually!). There was so much I was looking forward to trying and I could not wait to meet new friends and get to know my awesome counselors (some of whom now send their kids to CEL). I was nervous too, of course. I wondered what camp would be like, would I have fun, and who would be there for me when I missed my family. For me, there were parts of my CEL present that I opened slowly and carefully being sure to not tear the paper off too fast and other parts that I couldn’t rip the paper off fast enough. What I did know from that very first summer I spent at CEL was that my parents finding Camp Echo Lake and choosing to give me this incredible summer experience was the best, most amazing, incredible, life impacting present I ever received and oh boy am I grateful!

You may not realize it yet but each of you are sitting in front of a brightly colored, festively wrapped, big, shiny gift that is Camp Echo Lake. It doesn’t matter if you chose to open the wrapping slowly or if you dive in and tear it off. Maybe you’ll do both. It doesn’t matter if you’ve shaken the box and taken a peek inside or not. What I can tell you is that your present is filled with amazing friendships, incredible counselor role models, outstanding activities, learning new skills, gaining some independence, seeking out leadership opportunities, facing your fears, overcoming challenges, laughter, tears, food, s’mores, growth, memories, Warm Inner Glows, and discovering the BEST you that you can be! I can also tell you that this gift that you have been given and are just about to open is going to touch your heart and impact who you are and stay with you for the rest of your life! That is a pretty cool present, huh?!

Now, here’s a little hidden secret about this gift you have been given...every summer that you return to CEL you get to open your present again. Every time, all year round, you think about camp and the impact it has had on you, you get the gift all over again. Can you see your present? It’s just around the corner. Can you feel the anticipation and excitement of your gift? It’s almost here for you to open. This will be my 24th time opening the gift of CEL. I can tell you that I’ve never been more excited, grateful, appreciative, even a little nervous, and beyond bursting at the seams to get started because not only do I get to reopen my gift of CEL but I get to share the gift of CEL with each of you! Trust me, you will see that this summer will be the best, most amazing, incredible, life impacting present you ever received...Camp Echo Lake!! Now, go thank the wonderful people that gave you this outstanding gift, fill yourself with Warm Inner Glows and get psyched because our gift is almost present!



Love and xoxo, Laurie

The Adirondack Almanac

J.P.



Operations Director

Hey everybody!

By the time you read this I’m going to be up at camp working on getting everything ready to go before the buses come rolling in on the 27th. It’s always fun watching camp slowly wake up from the winter months. There are a ton of pine needles everywhere, some branches down, and it’s freezing in the morning!

It’s always great to see what’s new up at camp as well. The maintenance guys are busy all year round updating cabins, building new ones, and making sure camp makes it through the harsh winters. Let me tell you those guys work really hard!

It’s amazing how much camp has changed in the 12 years I’ve been around. I remember the old art shack in between the lower baseball field and the rec hall field, the little cabins in front of the main camp basketball courts, and of course the part of camp that the Lodge now sits. You never really know what to expect until you get up to camp each year. That’s the fun part of it all!

I want to let you know that I’m starting a mailbag so if you have any questions or comments about camp give me a shout. If you are lucky I’ll publish your question in my next trail article.

Now for a fun Adirondack fact! *Did you know that New York State is the third largest producer of maple syrup in the world and is the second largest in the United States? Currently Canada leads production with Vermont in second place. There is a high demand for maple syrup world wide, creating shortages and keeping the price of syrup high. Many believe that New York should reclaim its role as a leading maple syrup producer. This long regional tradition could be a way to improve the economy through producing and exporting a natural product.*

Stay Gold, JP

From the Desks of...

Brenda



Senior Village Director

Hey Senior Village- So by the time you read this, you'll probably be in the midst of studying & taking final exams. I thought in the spirit of testing, I'd throw one more quiz your direction just to make sure you're ready for the summer. I don't know about you, but for me there is nothing more exciting than a summer romance. I can't wait to get back to my love. What about you? How would you define your feelings for camp? Test yourself and see...

Is It True Love??

1. Do you find yourself thinking about camp during the off-season? a. Once a day or more b. 3-5 times a week c. 1-2 times a week d. less than once a week e. never (like that would ever happen)
2. Do you stare (longingly) at photos from summers past? a. Um, since they are hanging all over my room, on my screen saver & on my phone-YES! b. I definitely look at my photos all the time-at least once a week. c. Whenever I'm with camp friends! d. Every now & then e. Never (I don't believe it!)
3. Can you look at the colors green or gold without thinking of Tribal? a. Are you kidding? M & an O - H & an A - W - K ... Mohawk! IR - OQ - UOIS, Iroquois, Iroquois, we're the best! b. I usually think of Tribal. c. No, but I'm a little embarrassed to admit it. d. Sometimes. e. I never think of Tribal during the off-season (okay, you're a wise guy, right?)
4. Will your heart rate increase as the bus pulls into Warrensburg on June 27? a. OMG - I have to check my pulse & remember to breathe just getting on the bus b. It's pretty wild - I get so excited when I see the sign for Warrensburg. c. I'm OK until we pull into camp. d. I get excited once I'm off the bus. e. Nope - no big deal (I'm not taking you seriously anymore)
5. Do you shed a tear or two when you get back on the bus in August? a. A tear or two?? When I get on the bus?? How about sobbing on & off for the last 3 days of camp? b. Yup - I let the waterworks flow. c. I definitely cry - but I'm a bit more low key about it. d. I wait until I'm home and then I break down. e. I don't cry, but I'm as sad as the LjGs who've been crying for days.
6. When do you start counting down the days until the first day of camp? a. On the last day of the summer before. b. By December. c. Once hockey & ski season is over. d. Once I start packing my bags. e. When does camp start? (Such a comedian...)
7. How does your family feel about your relationship with CEL? a. They love camp just as much as I do & are always trying to find ways to get Tony to let them come to camp for the summer! b. They are so happy for me to have found such a great summer love! c. They are happy for me, but worried that I'm in love with a 64 year old. d. Shhh, they think I'm in summer classes!
8. When you are away from camp, do you feel something is missing? a. Definitely, a part of my mind & heart are always at CEL b. It's hard, but I manage until the following summer. c. It's takes awhile to adjust but then I'm okay. d. Once I say good-bye, I'm happy to get back to home & school. e. Why? Did I forget my tennis racket there?
9. If a friend begged you to come to another camp for the summer, your reaction would be? a. R U crazy?! Never, forget about it! b. Nope - don't even speak such blasphemy! c. Thx 4 thinking of me, but the answer is...NO! d. I'll miss you this summer, have fun!
10. When you unexpectedly hear "Friends, Friends, Friends" - "Sing Sister Sing" - "On the Line" you? a. Join in - at the top of your lungs...no matter where you are. b. Sing along, if there aren't too many people around. c. Hum the tune and smile happily. d. Think about camp, but hesitate to join in the show. e. Sing? I don't sing for anybody!

Ready? Let's add 'em up to find your total score: a =5 points b =4 points c =3 points d =2 points e =1 point

- 10-20 points: Okay, I think you accidentally stumbled onto the wrong quiz, right? You're not an Echo Laker - couldn't be...sorry for the confusion, but better luck next time!
- 21-30 points: Not bad, a score in this range would definitely indicate some clear signs of a strong & growing love. Your relationship with camp is at a key point - keep an eye on how things progress between the two of you in the near future. Don't be shy to express your feelings for camp - it will be reciprocated!
- 31-40 points: This is most definitely headed toward love. You're looking for a long-term relationship with camp & you love to share stories with others about your summers. You want to shout it out-"I love CEL!" but you're still a bit self-conscious. You carry your feelings with you throughout the year, but nothing compares to summertime.
- 1-50 points: Congratulations! All indicators point towards 100% true, pure, heartfelt love! Hold on tight, you're lucky! Looks like you may be headed for a 10 year jacket one day & a lifetime of memories. You should expect others to smile politely & back away slowly when you enter into the 5th round of "On the Line" while waiting to pay for your Big Mac, but it just won't matter to you because you're in love!

So, regardless of how you scored - whether this is a fairly new puppy love or a deep love that spans many years - come back to camp this summer ready for that love to grow. Brace yourself for the excitement and anticipation that the summer brings. Live in the moments that make up your incredible summer memories. Love sometimes needs you to be patient & forgiving - not every day will be perfect. Celebrate. Encourage. Enjoy being surrounded by an entire community that shares your same love of camp! Sing, dance, play, talk, laugh...the possibilities are endless. Give your all to camp & I promise your love of Echo Lake will be felt in return.

So, go finish your tests & get on the bus already!! Can't wait to get Summer 2009 started!

Love and Hugs, Brenda

The Great Echo Lake Debate

Jacko



Program Director

Welcome to the second edition of the "Great Echo Lake Debate." In this edition we are going to be debating whether Grilled Cheese or Chicken Patties are the best lunch at CEL. Our guest debater will be none other than Brett Hirschberg who is making his return to camp as a Group Leader this summer. Brett loves chicken patties so much that he introduces himself to all he meets as Patty Extraordinaire & CEO (Chief Eating Officer) of all things chicken patties.

Top 5 reasons why Grilled Cheese is the best lunch...

- 5) Think about how your day instantly gets better when word gets around camp in the morning that it's grilled cheese for lunch.

Top 5 reasons why Chicken Patties is the best lunch...

- 5) Without the thousands of patties CEL consumes on a typical CP lunch day, there is no possible way we would collectively lose enough teeth to win the annual Adirondack Tooth Losing Competition!
- 4) Head staff had to implement a Rest Hour after lunchtime in order to let all of the delicious chicken settle in our tummies before we resume all of the day's fun activities.
- 3)"Leprechauns and Rainbows,"... enough said.
- 2) We get to listen to Hilary Duff while singing the Chicken Patty Song! Duh, that was an easy one.
- 1) Camp Echo Lake, WHO'S YOUR DADDY?!?... THE CHICKEN PATTY!

- 4) How can something so simple taste so good?
- 3) Grilled Cheese lovers don't have time to write a song about it... they are too busy stuffing their faces with this delicious lunch
- 2) The gooey cheese that is melted just right.
- 1) The light toasted bread that gives you that perfect crunch.



So which side of the Great Echo Lake Debate do you choose? Is it Grilled Cheese... Is it Chicken Patties... Is it a different lunch altogether? Whichever it is the most important thing is that you let your voice be heard... because if there is one thing that isn't debatable it's that we all love Echo Lake!

Take care, Jacko



Spanning the World

Tilden Marbit let us know that he'll be attending the Mannes College of Music in the fall for his masters...the exciting part of the story is that 3 days before Tilden's grad school auditions, a music stand hit him in the face and he had to get 3 stitches above his upper lip, which was definitely not good for his bassoon playing but he was accepted anyway!

"I was a camper, waiter, and waterfront guy (53-55 and 59-63) at Echo Lake. My camp years were very successful ones for me, regarding the life lessons that camp is intended to teach you, and so I have never objected to playing right field if that's what my team needed, and I never hesitated to clean the bathroom if that's what needed to be done. I know the value of friendship and loyalty and trust, and I also know how to have fun with just a few implements. I know how to come into a new "bunk" each season and to get right to making relationships and starting the "summer". Nowadays, I am an international management consultant, and for the last decade I have gone from one new "bunk" (a new country) to another (Ukraine, Armenia, Kosovo, Jordan, Lesotho, Moldova) in order to help their governments get on their feet. The camp attitude/spirit is always there, so I don't hesitate to extend myself and to get to work each "summer" and to not really be afraid of the new "bunk" and the new "kids" in it. I am in touch with a few old campers from those years, thanks to the 55th and 60th reunions, and of course I share online jokes and experiences with them from wherever I happen to be in the world (I'm in Kosovo at the moment)." -**Steve Leeds**

Debbie Dorman Grishman, Ellen Tobin, Lindsey Cohen, Lindsay Rosen Gorin, Jeni Muskat Klein, Stephanie Shorr and myself, **Dana Eigner** gathered at my apartment for a Brunch to celebrate our 20 years of friendship still going strong!

Alan Nadel sent in a few old photos..."These were taken at a reunion of my old camp group. Five of us ended up being CIT's in '84 and the rest were in the group for younger years. A few were also in the kitchen staff in the late '80's, including Heimo, (a.k.a. **David Heim**)! We were joined by our legendary GL from LSA year (1980), **Al Barman**! We found him on Facebook. Everyone talked about heading to Warrensburg for the 65th next August."



Matt Jackowitz joined alumni **Andi Goodman, Dani Ackerman and Jeff Ackerman** For Bike NY again this year, 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 close to 60 riders used the day to raise funds for the Diabetes Research Institute. The group raised XXXX 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 at matt@campecholake.com.

Celebrations

"I still keep in touch with many CEL staff members so I would love to announce my engagement, which was on December 31, 2008 and I will be married on November 7, 2009 in Redondo Beach, CA to Mark Baranick." -**Kelly Duffy**



Campers 20??

"I was at home recently feeling sentimental and decided to jump on the camp website. How fun it is to see how everything at camp is going and to read all the fun news about people from camp! I wanted to report some happy news too. My husband Brad and I welcomed our first baby into the world, a girl, Tessa David Frank, on December 13, 2008. She's great, and I've been so lucky to enjoy time off from teaching high school English to spend with Tessa. We just moved into a new house in Minneapolis (where we've been now for 5 years) and are really enjoying settling in here. Tessa loves music, especially "Sing Sister Sing" which she took a liking to immediately! Also exciting, I recently learned that my cousin, Sydney Golub, will be joining the camp ranks this summer. Well, I look forward to reading more about camp life." -**Emily (Liz) Frank**

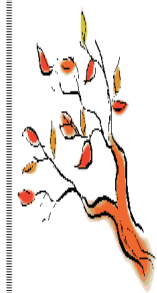


Passings

We are saddened to report the passing of **Brett Winson**, father of **Lucas Winson**. Our condolences and thoughts are with Lucas, his mom **Liz** and the entire Winson family.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to former campers **Allie and Evan Chaves** and their mom **Kim**, on the recent passing of **Mark**, Allie and Evan's father.

Sympathies to alums **Larry and Danny Kagan** whose dad, **Len**, passed away very recently. Danny, now the owner of Lake BrynMawr Girls Camp tells us that camp is the very best thing that his parents gave him.





Summer 2009

Our 14th Season begins on Sunday, June 28th! Over 350 kids will be making their way to Morry's Camp this summer FILLED with the same nervousness and excitement that all of YOU have! A continued thank you to ALL of our amazing Camp Echo Lake families, staff, alumni and friends who support us in so many ways.

Don't forget to check out our website www.projectmorry.org this summer to learn what we are up to!

Young Professional Event 2009 in NYC

Nearly 200 Young Professionals joined us on May 7, 2009 at our annual Project Morry YP event. Held at Strata, it was an evening of celebration, seeing old friends, meeting new ones & it all benefited PM. The evening was hosted by chair Stefan Miller & his committee that includes Dani Ackerman, Heather Babby, Britton & Drew Bitterman, Deb Dorman Grishman, Dana Eigner, Lauren Feiner, Matt Jackowitz, Erica Lazerow, Josh Male, Lauren Mirsky, Lisa Oshinsky, Michelle Nacht, Perri Newman, Michele Rinke, Scott Schwartz, Josh Stein & Allison Wittenberg. Many Echo Lake alumni came out to enjoy the event and/or sent in donations to support it! Many thanks to all who made the event such a success!!

Kids that Give

Lizzie Coleman had a luncheon at her home asking friends to come with something from the our wish list. She showed the video, told her friends about Project Morry and raised all kinds of awareness! Really impressive!

Derek Sigler sent a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to Project Morry so "that the campers will enjoy camp, as much as I do at Echo Lake." Amazing!

If you are interested in contributing to events 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.

Thank you for your continued support of Project Morry!

Camp Echo Lake Players Present... Theatre 2009



- Greetings, from this years Theatre Department. Firstly I would like to introduce myself as this years new Theatre Head Specialist. Some of you may know me as Mark Kaye from last summer as 'Drama Guy'. This year I am so excited to step up to the challenging role of theatre. A couple of changes to this year will be: separate shows for the Frosh and the Juniors whilst Lower and Upper Inters will have their own performances. Exciting!!! But more importantly here are the shows for summer 2009...
- **Upper Inter Show:** The Upper Inters will kick off the summer with their version of *Grease*. It has to be one of the most popular shows of all time. The story is based in California in the 50's and follows two teenagers who fall in love one summer. After the summer has ended, 'good girl' Sandy and greaser Danny, never expect to see each other again. However, when they both discover that they're now attending the same high school, social differences challenge their romance.
- **Frosh Show:** Next will be the Frosh who will be presenting a *Disney Song Review*. This all singing extravaganza will feature some of your favourite Disney moments from old and new.
- **Lower Inters:** Following the Frosh, will be the Lower Inters who will bring us *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This colourful Andrew Lloyd-Webber show tells the tale of Joseph and his 11 brothers and his journey to fulfill his dreams.
- **Juniors:** Next will be the Juniors and their presentation of *High School Musical*. This is the story of two high school students who are worlds apart; the school's hoops star and the president of the science club. Secretly they both decide to audition for their school's musical. This becomes a decision that turns both their worlds and their school upside down.
- **Senior Village & LIT's:** Finally we have the **2009 Benefit Show** which will close this summer's season with Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*. In this hugely entertaining show we see popular fairy tale characters, like Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Cinderella and Jack (and the beanstalk) along with many more, set off 'Into the Woods' in pursuit of their greatest desires. Witches, Giants, beanstalks and a friendly pet cow named milky white add to the magic of this incredible show.
- So there we have it. Get to know your show, listen to the CD, etc...! We look forward to seeing you all at the theatre very soon!
- **Mark Kaye**, Theatre Head Specialist
- **Alicia Roberts and Lauren Sale**, Theatre Activity Specialists; **Tricia Gerrard**, Theatre Music Activity Specialist

Staff Bulletin Board

Shout Outs from Our Outstanding Staff!!

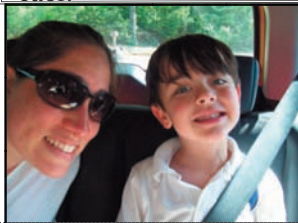


Here is a picture of **Rachel Glickenstein** and **Ruth Kleinman** from "Israeli IndependANCE Day" at SUNY Purchase. They had a great time celebrating Israel with food, a film, and an all night concert. Happy Birthright Israel!



Jay Boisevert went with his family including fellow CEL food service staff **Jeff and Robin Mahler**, camper **Autumn Mahler**, and nephew **Hunter**, to Myrtle Beach, FL for spring break.

Ruth Kleinman was honored at the SAJES Annual Tribute called 20/20: A Clear Look At Our Jewish Future on May 12 at the South Huntington Jewish Center in Melville, NY. Along with her peers, she is being honored for her commitment to the Jewish People. SAJES is recognized nationally and internationally as a leader for dynamic, innovative and accessible Jewish education. They are a central agency for Jewish education for this region and beyond, and a proud beneficiary agency of UJA-Federation of NY. For more information on what SAJES is and does, please visit their website: <http://sajes.org/about.php>



Rachel Glickenstein would like to give a shout-out to Nick, Tara and Ethan Stoulig and Heavy D! She spent her spring break in New Orleans helping rebuild a house damaged by Hurricane Katrina and got to see and hang out with them after the trip ended! They know the true meaning of "southern hospitality!" I had a great time and can't wait to see everyone back at camp for summer 2009!

The Magic of Camp begins with AMAZING Staff!! Here's a Sneak Peak at the 2009 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 2009 Echo Lake staff hails from **12 countries** around the world, **23 states across the USA**, and **5 Canadian provinces**. Staff are from the USA, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, France, Mexico, Poland, Algeria, and Russia.

This summer 41% of our staff are new to Camp Echo Lake and a whopping **59% 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 entire camp staff this summer is 25.5 years old** and the **average age of our staff who live with the campers is 22.9 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** than you could possibly imagine!! We hope you are psyched, because we sure are!!! **Bring on Summer 2009!!**



Campers Corner

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



Here is a picture of **Sam Rubin** with **Matthew Steinberg**. They played intercity Pee wee hockey together this past season and made it to the finals.



The **Shapiros** and the **Whitmans** had a great time together in NYC over spring break. We can't wait for camp!!

I just wanted to say I'm siked to see all the UJGEs. I cant wait for June 27th, 2009!!!

-**Jackie Feldman**



Jessica Rosenblum had her first travel softball tournament the end of March. While they did not win the tournament, they won the first game of the regular season 13-5, with Jessica pitching 2 innings.



Autmun Mahler went on a spring break trip with her family. Myrtle Beach was awesome. It was a nice break from Warrensburg. Autumn would like to tell all her LJG that she misses them and that she can't wait till June 27 to see them all.

Hey UJGW!!!!

I miss you all sooooo much! I cant wait until camp! I am looking forward to being an LIG with you all. Bye!

Xoxo **Tilly Pecker**



Jordan Resin along with his family went on a family adventure to Japan over Spring Break! Jordan and his brothers learned to fight like a Samurai, ate fresh sushi at the famous fish market at 6:30am, and saw old Buddhist temples. They also played lots of Sega, Mario Brothers and Pokemon!!

Brandon Kramer and **Jake Mazie** got together for a sleepover in Florida during spring break.



Danielle Rosenblum and **Lila Bortniker** had a marathon playdate. Lila came at 12:30 pm and didn't want to leave at 8:30 pm when Lori came to get her. They got along fabulously!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Upper Junior Girls East is BEAST!!!! I MISS YOU ALL SO MUCH!!! Our memories from 08 will last a lifetime! Can you believe we're going to be Inters? Now that we have memories from 08, let's add to the memory book with a summer 09 at Echo!

-**Tess Greenberg**

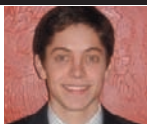


Here is a picture of **Adam Tollin** carrying **Jonathan Noe** on a playdate that we had over spring break!



Meet Your Summer 2009 Group Leaders...

Group Leader



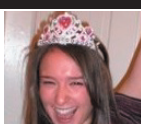
Name: Eric Berschback
Hometown: Grosse Pointe Park, MI
Age: 22 **Years at Camp:** 2
Currently: U of Michigan grad; BA in Secondary Education. Spent the past year student teaching at Greenhills in Ann Arbor: pre-calculus to Srs in HS. I have accepted a job at Greenhills for the fall.
Leadership: Someone who never asks anyone to do something to do that they aren't willing to do themselves. Someone who carries themselves with dignity & integrity. I hope that my positive energy, respect for others, & love for the Detroit Tigers will manifest itself into the culture of the CEL campers & staff.

Group Leader



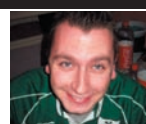
Name: Flip Biddelman
Hometown: NYC
Age: 22 **Years at Camp:** 13
Currently: Vanderbilt U grad; majored in Human & Organizational Development. After camp I will be moving to South Africa to work at a NPO.
Leadership: Someone who has lots of charisma which should match their brains. Someone who knows how not to micromanage their peers, while being able to earn their respect & trust. A leader should be able to make a decision which people can trust & feel comfortable following. I hope I can serve as a quality role model for the campers & I look forward to learning from my peers

Group Leader



Name: Liz Brot
Hometown: Port Wash., NY
Age: 20 **Years at Camp:** 7
Currently: Sr at U of Colorado, Boulder. Major: comparative lit & art history
Leadership: Someone that can help campers & staff, work as a team. Having an understanding of everyone's strengths & weaknesses helps the group move towards accomplishing goals. By the end of the summer my campers & staff will have the same amazing friendships & memories that I have been so lucky to experience.

Group Leader



Name: Gareth Stitt
Hometown: Belfast, Ireland
Age: 25 years old
Years at Camp: #2
Currently: High School Music Teacher
Leadership: "As a leader, you set the tone for your entire team. If you have a positive attitude, your team will achieve much more" - Coiln Powell

Group Leader



Name: Danielle Parkes
Hometown: Fairfield, CT
Age: 19
Years at Camp: 10
Currently: Sophomore at the University of Rochester Studying Religion, Business and Psychology
Leadership: As a camper and cabin specialist at Echo Lake, I always knew how to have the time of my life summer after summer and I hope that this summer I will be able to show that to my campers and staff. I'm counting down the days!

Group Leader



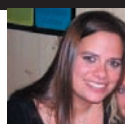
Name: Sarah Giacomini
Hometown: Cohoes/Albany, NY
Age: 22 **Years at Camp:** 1
Currently: Grad. student at SUNY Albany's School of Public Health working on an MPH in Health Policy
Leadership: Someone who encourages those around them to give as much of themselves as they can. It's not about telling people what to do; it's about being open to working with others & seeing things with a new point of view. Camp is one of those experiences that never leaves you & I can't wait to share that with everyone!

Group Leader



Name: Lauren Weissbrod
Hometown: Scotch Plains, NJ
Age: 20 **Years at Camp:** TEN!
Currently: Sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania (A major is in the works)
Leadership: Ms. Arnao, my second-grade teacher, once told me, "A great leader has done her job when the group no longer needs her to lead." As a Group Leader this summer, I plan to lead my campers in discovering their potentials, expanding their comfort zones and creating friendships that will last a lifetime. I will know my job as a Group Leader has been fulfilled when my campers return home, no longer needing me to lead because they can do it all on their own.

Group Leader



Name: Kelly Godzac
Hometown: Syracuse, NY
Age: 21 **Years at Camp:** 3
Currently: I am graduating from SUNY Fredonia in May with a Bachelors in Childhood Education
Leadership: I think a great leader is somebody who is reliable, trustworthy and enthusiastic. They are able to bring out the best in those around them and create a sense of community. They reflect on their strengths and weaknesses in order to better themselves. This summer i hope to create an atmosphere for my campers and counselors where they are able to better themselves, achieve all of their goals, and make friendships that last a lifetime.

Group Leader



Name: Jared Walfish
Hometown: North Miami Beach
Age: 26 **Years at Camp:** 1
Currently: I was Director of Marketing & Sales for a Real Estate Firm in Costa Rica. After almost two years living abroad, I am going to Graduate School in the Fall at the University of Delaware for my MBA.
Leadership: Being a great team leader takes communication. I personally do not knowing everything so communicating with the staff and campers to know more about them is the way to be an effective leader. For all of us, I want to have a safe, fun summer. I want both the staff and campers to walk away saying what a great summer we all had.

Group Leader



Name: Ally Begly
Hometown: Geneva, NY
Age: 21 **Years at Camp:** 14
Currently: A junior at Dartmouth studying ancient history & training to be a teacher. Right now I'm on a program traveling around Greece.
Leadership: Treats everyone with respect & listens to ideas from the entire group. Always ready to laugh & have a great time! I hope this summer the staff & campers in my group have their best summer- I know we'll be doing exciting activities, taking amazing trips, & most importantly, having fun as a group. Can't wait for June!

Group Leader



Name: Matthew Martinez
Hometown: Boulder, Colorado
Age: I will be 21 the first week of camp.
Years at Camp: 2 - I cannot wait.
Currently: Right now I go to school at Ole Miss, I am majoring in international studies.
Leadership: A great leader at camp is all about being someone who can relate to the kids. If you can relate to the kids and lead by example then you have something positive going. I hope I can have an impact on my group this summer by influencing them to try to new things, to break out of their 'norms' and experience as much as possible.

Group Leader



Name: Bari Hirschberg
Hometown: Tenafly, NJ
Age: 19
Years at Camp: 11th
Currently: During the year I attend The George Washington University, with a major in International Development
Leadership: I think optimism makes a great leader at camp. I hope this summer my campers and staff learn to see the best in everything and everyone.

Group Leader



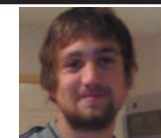
Name: Paul Winterton
Hometown: London On, Canada
Age: 22 **Years at Camp:** 1
Currently: I am in school at the U of Western Ontario; Double major in computer science & physics. I work part-time at both Tim Hortons as a Supervisor & Collins Formal Wear as a sales representative.
Leadership: Someone with great dedication, a positive attitude, & an abundance of patience. This summer my goal for all campers & staff is to make sure everyone has as much fun as they can & are participating in as many new & exciting things as possible every single day. So much so that they will always remember this summer as one of the best summers of their lives.

Group Leader



Name: Johnny Murphy
Hometown: Belfast, Ireland
Age: 22
Years at Camp: 2

Group Leader

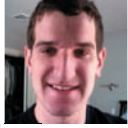


Name: Andy Brides
Hometown: Manchester, England
Age: 25
Years at Camp: 2



Meet Your Summer 2009 Group Leaders...

Group Leader



Name: Jason Sherry
Hometown: Tenafly, NJ
Age: 20 **Years at Camp:** 11
Currently: Rising Junior at Bucknell U. Double major in Management & Spanish
Leadership: A great leader, especially at a place like Echo Lake, is the ability to motivate people to work hard, have fun and be themselves. I am hoping that this is the message my staff and my campers learn from me this summer. Overall, I am looking forward to having another amazing summer at Camp Echo Lake, and can only hope that this one is as fun and memorable as all the others I have been a part of. I just got finished with finals, and am already counting down the days until camp!

Group Leader



Name: Brett Hirschberg
Hometown: Tenafly, New Jersey
Age: 21 **Years at Camp:** Summer #12
Currently: University of Miami - Senior, Film & Studio Art Major
Leadership: Surprise! A great leader knows how to bring out the absolute best qualities in everybody around them. They know where they have been, where they are going, & everything that it takes to get there. They know how to learn from their mistakes as well as from others. They know how to inspire, maintain a strong sense of integrity, & never settle for anything less than the best. Ultimately, a great leader knows how to show every single camper the most incredible summer of their lives!

Group Leader



Name: Julie Flegm
Hometown: Armada, Michigan
Age: 21 **Years at Camp:** 2
Currently: Senior at Michigan State U, studying Elementary Education/Language Arts. I row for the Crew Team at MSU & work at Wet Seal! This past year I have traveled to San Francisco, Boston, France, & Poland. I can't get enough of traveling!
Leadership: It means more responsibility but also the chance to demonstrate strong leadership for the campers & staff! Camp is all about making memories and as a leader, I hope I can help my campers grow in their own developing identity, leadership & creativity! I hope everyone is ready for one amazing summer, I know, I sure am!

Group Leader



Name: Adam Heidebrink
Hometown: Rushmore, Minnesota
Age: 22 **Years at Camp:** 3rd
Currently: Just finished my 4th year at school as an English major. I consume myself in my studies...Reading literature & writing short stories & poetry.
Leadership: A great leader has the dedication & determination to plan & enact amazing ideas. Plus the adaptability & understanding to cancel all those hard-earned ideas at the turn of fate & blink of an eye. What to learn/get out of the summer: The ability to remember your own towels from the pool, your own water bottles from soccer, & sunscreen everyday. Oh, and all those important life lessons.

Group Leader



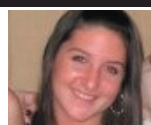
Name: Molly Burke
Hometown: Albany, NY
Age: 21
Years at Camp: 3
Currently: I am entering my senior year at Manhattan College and my major is elementary education.
Leadership: I just hope that I can make this summer as wonderful for the campers and staff as my last two summers have been.

Group Leader



Name: Lucie Holtermann
Hometown: London, UK (born Oslo, Norway)
Age: 23 **Years at Camp:** 1
Currently: I am in the middle of my final exams at university, I finish on the 18th May. In September I start my new job as a teacher at a girl's primary school in London.
Leadership: As group leader I hope to inspire campers and staff to always look on the bright side, and to never be afraid or too shy to laugh! Friendliness and respect for others are the some of the most important traits a person can have, and I will try my hardest to lead by example and to help others do the same. Can't wait!!!

Group Leader



Name: Amy Friedman
Hometown: Scarsdale, NY
Age: 19 (20 on July 12!)
Years at camp: #9
Currently: I go to Colgate University and I'm majoring in History and Political Science.
Leadership: I think a great leader at camp is a person who can inspire others and acts as a role model for the campers. I hope that I can give the campers as great of a summer as I always had when I was a camper!

Group Leader



Name: Jessica Williams
Hometown: Ottawa, Canada
Age: 20 **Years at Camp:** 3rd
Currently: Studied International Development at Trent U in Peterborough, Canada. This year I studied, worked & wrote a thesis on community development in Ecuador. I worked with two human rights organizations on peace & Indigenous education, with children & youth.
Leadership: The ability to relate to their campers and staff. Listening & validating. Sees the "bigger picture" but is aware of the small stuff. I hope that every camper & staff tries something new that pushes them in a new direction. I hope every camper and staff becomes just a bit more comfortable in the skin they're in, aka who they are!

Group Leader



Name: Gary S. Cormier II
Hometown: Haverhill MA
Age: 29 will be 30, at the start of camp
Years at Camp: 2
Currently: I am a teacher during the year, I graduated from Johnson State College with a masters degree in Middle Level Education.
Leadership: I enjoy being an advocate and role model to the youth of America. I hope to bring a safe learning experience to the campers in all the activities that they participate in.

4N4 Trip Leader



Name: Ruth Kleinman
Hometown: Port Washington, NY /now NYC
Age: 25 **Years at Camp:** 16th
Currently: Full time for Hillels of Westchester serving Jewish college students in Purchase, Manhattanville, & Sarah Lawrence Colleges. Part time at Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont & Emanu-El as the Youth Group Director for 4th-12th graders. Graduated U at Buffalo in 05; BA in Psychology & Sociology.
Leadership: A great leader has to be in tune with the needs of the folks you're leading! Keeping open communication with your group helps to achieve everyone's goals! I hope to inspire the 4n4 campers & staff of 2009 to treat each other well, be considerate to the needs of others, & put others before themselves.

LIT Director



Name: Zach Zelikovic
Hometown: NYC
Age: 21
Years at Camp: 12
Currently: Junior at Cornell University majoring in Hotel Development
Leadership: What makes a great leader is being able to guide by example, navigate with confidence through the tough times, and always offer encouragement and praise to the ones you are leading. I know my Leaders in Training will all be able to do this summer!

LIT Group Leader



Name: Janna Fraser
Hometown: Pictou, Nova Scotia
Age: 20 **Years at Camp:** 3
Currently: Majoring in Sociology at University of New Brunswick
Leadership: A great leader is someone who can encourage & inspire the staff & campers around them to be the best person they can be. I think a great leader at camp can bring out the inner child in themselves & also in the staff/campers. A great leader should remember that sometimes laughter is the best medicine! I hope to be able to help the LITs shine and grow to be strong leaders. I hope I can motivate the LITs to take their unique qualities and really put them to use at camp while having a blast!

LIT Group Leader



Name: Mark Kenny
Hometown: Newfoundland, Canada
Age: 27 **Years at Camp:** 5
Currently: I studied PE, Kinesiology & math. This year I have seen the world, traveling in Australia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, & South Korea. I am now teaching English in South Korea.
Leadership: Helping each child feel special, reach their potential, & most importantly find their smile. Seeing every moment as an opportunity to make someone happy. Camp is a great place to learn leadership skills needed for life & put the needs of the people he/she is leading ahead of themselves. I know that each & every LIT will be wonderful leaders. My job is simply to help them achieve this goal

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*** IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR CEL BAGGAGE IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO
ALREADY...CALL OUR OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

CAMP ECHO LAKE 2008 – 2009 DATES

MONTREAL REUNION	SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2008
NEW YORK AREA REUNION	SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH, 2008
SENIOR VILLAGE WINTER WEEKEND	SATURDAY JANUARY 24 – SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2009
MAIN VILLAGE WINTER WEEKEND	SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28 – SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2009
NEW PARENT NIGHT	WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2009
NEW CAMPER PICNIC	THURSDAY MAY 7, 2009
CAMP ECHO LAKE 2009 SEASON BEGINS	SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2009
PARENT VISITATION	SATURDAY JULY 18, 2009
CAMP ECHO LAKE 2008 SEASON ENDS	SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2009
ECHO LAKE IDEA	TUESDAY AUGUST 18 – SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2009