



CAMP ECHO LAKE TRAIL SUMMER 2011

As of May 15, there are 40 days until Summer 2011 begins at Camp Echo Lake!!!



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CEL PRIDE... WORLDWIDE!!!

In our first official edition of **CEL Pride... Worldwide** we have four terrific examples of campers and staff showing their camp spirit. From Australia, to Baltimore, to Mexico, to New York it is clear that love of the lake has clearly gone global! If you have any of your own submissions for this super section of the trail please email them to matt@campecholake.com.



While vacationing on the Surf Coast in Australia, SV Program Coordinator **Matt Hosking** takes time to show his CEL Pride. Younger sister **Ellie** and family friend **Jake** were happy to assist!



Surf's up for the **Getmans!** Check out new camper, **Thomas** (left,)and returning camper, **Jack** (right) wearing their Echo Lake shirts prior to surfing in Mexico.



Meryl Berman sure knows a work of art when she sees one. How could she not take a picture in from of this potentially CEL inspired masterpiece at the Met in NYC!?



Even future Lakers are getting in on the act! **Coby and Noah Rinke**, sons of alum and camp doctor **Michael** and former GL **Carol** wearing their green and gold with some CEL-looking tu-



From the Clipboard of Tony Stein...

The New Camper Picnic always revs me up for camp! Excited new campers, excited parents, excited staff, games, names and of course, fuzzies! It is almost like a little tease, because as much as I love it, after two hours everyone goes home. I love getting to practice leading line-up again. After ten months off, you don't just pick it up - you have to practice your "GOOD EVENING CAMPERS!"

What was so awesome was that it was so clear to me why all these kids are coming to Echo Lake - they have such amazing attitudes. Some were able to jump right in, while others took a little time to do so. But it doesn't matter - by the end, we had all of our campers at line-up singing the Tooth Losing song to Ivy Minkoff's dad Rob, who claimed he lost a tooth (not sure about that one), and the Birthday song to all of our May Birthday people!

The weather was so nice, and we all got to run around and meet some new people. What is even better is that there are so many other nice kids waiting to meet and welcome our new campers to Echo Lake - you just won't believe it when you arrive. And hey - if you are new camper and you were not able to make the picnic - no worries. At "The Lake," there is an emphasis on being nice to one another and especially being warm and welcoming to our new campers. But what is even cooler is that Laurie, Brenda, Jacko, JP, the Head Counselors don't even have to tell our kids that. We simply have nice kids at Echo Lake and they do it because that's how they were welcomed when they started camp - and they are excited to share their summer home with you ... so you can make it your summer home, too!

So that is how we roll at CEL. By the time you read this, we will be in Warrensburg overflowing with excitement and counting down the days, minutes, seconds ... I can just see those buses rumbling through the front gate!

We can't wait to see you soon,
Emily, Evan and Tony

Here is my note from Hartsdale as, what with signs of spring, I moved northward from Florida. I look out my windows and see forsythia, lilies, daffodils and I start to get really excited. Yes, they are lovely, but what spring means to me is that it is a great time for weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, babies being born, sports outside and an all-around celebration of life!

I popped in yesterday to see my grandson Evan Stein who started talking about going to camp - now there is one smart kid. I'm headed up to camp today, as a matter of fact, to orchestrate what I hope will be lovely plants, shrubs and flowers to enhance our spacious and beautiful campus. Wow! 66 summers and still going strong!

I stopped into DC in time to share in the wedding joy of Heather Babby - plenty of camp DNA in those bones. I was surrounded by alums and lapped up every minute of it as I greeted dear friends Laurence Glickman, Robin and Jay Varon, Ellen and Lon Babby, of course, Ken Babby, Jamie and Jeff Schouela, Heidi Cohen Chizzik and brother Adam Cohen. I greeted Rhoda Reisman Alexander, Tali Reisman Resin, Ken Reisman, Debbie Goodman and David Abbey. We are talking several generations here. Well, I said 66 summers, didn't I, and I've never lied to anyone yet.

Yup, gang, it's great to be alive on this particular planet! It is great to know that the best camp family in the world is going to converge on June 25 at the best camp in the world! I'm not being immodest! I'm just telling the truth!

Hey, campers, please finish up the academic parts of your lives in first class shape. Do excellent work. Put those smart shoulders to the wheel and make yourselves proud. Then we can put away the books and have fun, fun, fun all summer. It's all good, gang!

Much love, Amy



From the Desks of...

Laurie



Main Village Director

T-shirts...check! Sunscreen...check! Water bottle...check! Sneakers...check! Ah, the sweet sounds of packing your duffle bags for camp. It is at this time of year when parents, campers, staff, and even yours truly, are packing up every last important item for camp. Packing your duffle takes a lot of time and care. You don't want to forget anything, you want to make sure everything is labeled, and you want to use every nook and cranny of that duffle bag to fit in all your "stuff." While I understand, and can empathize, with the attention to detail that goes into packing your duffle bags for camp, what I can tell you is that the really important stuff is what you UNpack from your duffle bags at the end of the summer. Obviously when you reopen your duffle bags after camp you will find the t-shirts, water bottle, and sneakers that you originally packed. What I think is the most important stuff that you will "unpack" from your duffle bags is the magic of camp. While it's true that white

shirts may come home a little gray, some socks may have gone missing, a pair of shorts may have stains from a mud sliding adventure, that is not the magic of camp either. The true magic of camp comes from the often intangible, hard to put your finger on, but incredibly valuable growth that happens as a result of the camp experience.

When the summer is over campers and staff stand a little taller with faces that glow a little more. Some of this is due to the wonderful time spent outdoors, tons of active fun, and warmth from the sun, but the growth and development is so much more substantial than that, if you know where to look. Camp allows campers and staff the safe, encouraging, empowering opportunities to develop a greater sense of self and to figure out a little bit more about who you are. By trying new things, not being successful right off the bat, and then trying again, campers and staff build self confidence. Being given the opportunity to choose an elective activity, decide what you want to eat during a meal, and figure out how to organize your stuff, campers and staff learn decision making and problem solving. Through meeting new people, living together for seven weeks, and negotiating the ups and downs of friendships, campers and staff build social skills that help them get along better with others. When campers and staff have a cleanup job in the bunk, make their beds, sort their laundry, and practice table manners at meals there is a sense of independence and self assuredness that helps them believe that they are capable of taking care of their own needs. Camp centers around the existence of our camp community which forces campers and staff to think outside of themselves and take into account the group, the team, the family they have at camp. Camp gives campers and staff the self confidence, identity, social skills, and sense of community that allows them to come home a little taller and with more of a glow than when they came to camp. That is the magic of camp.

Now sometimes people may say, "how can parents send their child away for seven weeks?" What those people clearly don't know but our camp parents and staff are smart enough to understand is that "sending a child away" to camp is giving them one of the greatest gifts they could ever receive in terms of their growth and development. It is the confidence that parents have in the gift of the camp experience that campers borrow in order for them to believe that they CAN leave the comfort and familiarity of home to have the amazing experience of camp. Camp is so much more than a duffle bag full of stuff, a game of kick ball, or a string bracelet. Camp is a gift, an education in life skills, a course in independence, an opportunity for development, a class in discovering who you are and maybe even who you want to be, and the ability to live in a supportive community where the central point of who we are revolves around a Fuzzy with a Warm Inner Glow. Camp is a gift for the campers and staff, but parents will not be left empty handed either. Weeks from now when the summer is over, camp songs linger in the air, stories of friendships trickle about, and you are unpacking duffle bags, your gift is that your child has experienced the magic of camp. xoxo, Laurie

JP



Operations Director

As I type this I bet all of you are getting so excited for June 25th! I've got that spring in my step and a smile on my face. The familiar sights and sounds are filling up camp and it's starting to look like the place we all know and love. The nets on the hoops are up, the trees are starting to bloom, and pollen is everywhere! Soon the docks will be in the water, the bleachers will be out, and the green equipment boxes will appear overnight like wild mushrooms. It never gets old seeing camp wake up from a long winter. We have a great crew of people up here already working hard to make sure camp is looking great by the time the buses roll through the front gates.

ADIRONDACK FUN FACT: Did you know that the beaver was nearly hunted to extinction in the Adirondacks? The great loss of the species was attributed to trappers, both Native American and European, who supplied European markets for almost 200 years (1620s to 1820s). Successful reintroduction in the mid 1800's has resulted in a current population that estimated at about 50,000-75,000! In 1975 the beaver was declared the official mammal of New York State!

From the Desks of...

Brenda



Senior Village Director

Have you ever arrived at school, only to realize that you don't remember anything about the drive? At the end of a shower, have you ever noticed that you're not sure whether you washed your hair? Or more important, think back to your last conversation with someone you love: Do you remember the details of what you talked about? For many of us, these examples highlight the fact that we often live on auto-pilot. We have our routines at home & at school & we go through the motions, not truly paying attention to what we're doing. Our minds wander elsewhere & we end up eating without tasting, looking without seeing & talking without knowing what we're saying.

Human beings are blessed with the ability to think about the past, present & future. We spend time reflecting on the past: yesterday's test at school, last week's argument with a friend, or even a happy memory from years ago. We also spend time considering the future: worrying about tomorrow's playoff game, making a mental list of what homework is due or, more happily, thinking about the upcoming summer at camp! Yet, many of us don't spend much time being in the present.

Stop for a moment and reflect on the following questions: Have you been paying attention to the room you are in? What's the temperature? How does it smell? What are you sitting on? Is it comfortable? And yourself: Do you have any aches or pains? Is your stomach full or is it empty? There are many things going on right now in your immediate environment as well as thoughts & feelings of which you probably were not consciously aware. The great news is that you can begin to pay attention to those things in the present moment that you never noticed before through mindfulness, which is "the awareness that emerges through paying attention on purpose, in the present moment, and non-judgmentally to the unfolding of experiences moment by moment"

Why would you want to do this? Well, because who doesn't get stressed, anxious or sad about something? Stop to breathe, be in this moment and recognize that a troubled thought or feeling is temporary and it can pass on like a cloud floating by. If you can be in the moment and appreciate what you are experiencing and feeling you won't have the resources to worry about the past or future. John Lennon had it right when he said. "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."

When you come to camp next month be ready to be in the moment as much as you possibly can. There are so many magical and amazing moments to capture throughout the summer. I know there are countless things to look forward to...tribal break, Thursday trip days, big trips, special days, the list goes on and on....make sure that you enjoy each of these as they are happening, but don't forget about all of the ordinary moments, too. Stop - take it all in - be present. The next great moment will arrive even if you aren't busy planning it or worrying about it. Time to go pack my bags - I can't wait to see all of you soon!

Hugs, Brenda

Jacko



Program Director

What an exciting time of the year with camp just around the corner. One of the rites of passage for any camper or staff is the making of s'mores! And we all know that a key component of any s'more is the shmallow. The question up for debate is burnt to a crisp or golden brown?!? Soooo... Our guest debater will be none other than Ruthie K, 4n4 Trip Leader, who has 18 summers of shmallow experience.

Some of the best things in life happen by accident and my discovery of the burnt shmallow is no exception. When it comes to roasting shmallows, I know a thing or two. I have started many campfires out west on 4n4 over the last few years and made endless amounts of s'mores. My shmallow of choice: ya gotta go GOLDEN BROWN! Lightly toast the shmallow over the flame, or better yet, the hot embers down below. You have full control over how golden your shmallow becomes! When it's nice and toasted, put it on your chocolate and graham, and dig in! Enjoy your roasting everyone!



As a camper, I remember the day I left my marshmallow in the flame just a little too long. As I blew it out I was tempted to start over but decided to give it a taste. At that moment I realized two things. First, the only way to make a shmallow is burnt to an absolute crisp and second, it is the key ingredient to the ultimate s'more.

So which side of the Great Echo Lake Debate do you choose? Is it the roasted shmallow... Is it burnt to a crisp!!!... 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! -Jacko



SPANNING THE WORLD



Rachel Glickenstein recently spent an amazing spring break/Passover "Down Under" in Australia! She was able to see fellow former staff members **Nick Wolf, Matt Cotty, Adam Haynes and Kari Chambers!** Here is a picture of Adam, Matt, Nick and Rachel on top of the Sydney Harbor Bridge overlooking the Sydney Opera House. Unbelievable!



Audrey Rosenberg recently produced a movie called HIS WAY, about Legendary Hollywood Producer Jerry Weintraub, which premiered Monday, April 4th on HBO. Check it out. The film was Directed by Douglas McGrath and includes interviews with George Clooney, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts.

Well done to **Austin Young** who was elected as President of the Student Governemnt at Northwestern!!



CELEBRATIONS

Lee Brodsky and Rebecca Lada were married on April 30th at the Pierre in New York City. It was a tremendous celebration that included many Echo Lakers past, present and future. Current camper **Drew Brodsky** made for a beautiful bridesmaid.



Heather Babby married long time swain **Eric Rimsky** in our nation's capital. Since Heather's parents met at Echo Lake there were, to paraphrase Gilbert and Sullivan, sisters, brothers, cousins and aunts in attendance.

Congratulations to **Lauren Bogner** who married **Matt Wallerstein** in New York this April. Lauren is the Head of Investor Relations at a Hedge Fund.

Ezra Charlie Kahn, son of **Jeff "Nous" Kahn** (CEL 1972-1979, Iroquois Chieftain), became a Bar Mitzvah on April 30th, 2011. Mazel Tov to Ezra and his entire family!

Lauren Turnowski and Chris Comparetto were married on April 15th 2011 at Studio 450 in New York City. **Rachel Turnowski** was her maid of honor and **Alison Paige** was a bridesmaid.



CAMPERS 20??

We received this spirited note from **Amanda "Veruca" Hodge**, GL circa 2003.... All is wonderful here in Oz!! My husband and I have welcomed our first child!! Olivia Grace, our miracle baby!! So thankful!! Hope you are all well over there and excitingly looking ahead to summer 2011!! Much love to you all!

On December 30, 2010 alum **Hilary Poris Macklin** gave birth to her first children, twins **Evan and Ryan Macklin** with husband **Andrew** by her side. The boys are almost 5 months old and are doing wonderfully! She thinks they'll probably be ready to start CEL around 2020 :-)





Party with a Purpose 2011 at Life

On Sunday, April 3, 2011, Project Morry held its 1st Annual "Party With a Purpose" event at LIFE – The Place To Be, in Ardsley, NY. Over 350 moms, dads and kids enjoyed an afternoon of games, rock climbing, laser tag, bowling, face painting and a raffle, all to benefit Project Morry. Project Morry is a non-profit, year-round youth development organization dedicated to giving inner-city children from New York and Connecticut a year-round adventure in learning through school meetings and support and an intensive summer camp program. "Sunday's event was truly a "party" with a fantastic "purpose." There were so many families at the event that were having fun and making friends while generously supporting the incredible Project Morry cause!



The family friendly event was co-chaired by **Hilary and Billy Cooper and Laurie Rinke** and supported by their committee that included **Michelle Coleman, Emily Neff Haseltine, Carolyn Dorfman, Jamie Sirkin, Josh Male, Karen Nadel, Michelle Kroin, Rebecca Berman, Zachary Zelikovic, Becky Genauer, Danit Schreibe, Debbie Abrams, Karen Miller, Marci Caplan, Pam Kerlan, Sara Hess, and Susan Flaxman.** There was also a Junior Committee which included CEL Campers **Evan Aaron, Sami Berenbaum,, Max Bibicoff, Ali Chalfin, Lizzie Coleman, Emily Dugoff, George Frankle, and Cooper Grayson.** The event also celebrated the Camps who have contributed so significantly through their participation in Project Morry's Camps that Give. Additional support for the event was provided by HINT Water, SONU Beverages, Travesties Entertainment Inc., Mark Weinstein, Bolduc's Apparel, FUNDEX games and Send in the Clowns.

Kids That Give – Spreading the Warm Inner Glow

Whether over the summer or during the rest of the year, our amazing Echo Lake campers keep finding ways to give their time, energy, money, and stuff to Project Morry!! Many fuzzies and a big round of applause to the following campers who are either in the process or have completed projects that have helped Project Morry: **Evan Aaron, Sami Berenbaum, Lauren Berlinger, Max Bibicoff, Jacob Bortniker, Lindsay Eller, George Frankle, George Goldstein, Josh Nadel and Emily Saperstone.**

Outstanding work everyone. Your gifts of generosity will certainly continue to give more then you know.

For more information please contact the
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 email: **dream@projectmorry.org,**
 or go online: **www.projectmorry.org.**

Young Professional Event 2011

COMING SOON TO A VENUE NEAR YOU!

A heads up to ALL our favorite Echo Lake Alumni that our annual Young (and not so young) Professional event will be happening this FALL on **September 22, 2011.**

The evening will hosted by CEL Alums and Co-chairs **Matt Jackowitz and Stefan Miller** and their GROWING committee that includes all kinds of wonderful Echo Lake folks.



Call for Coaches

Do you want to make a difference in a young person's life? Are you based out of the greater CT area? Eager to carry on Morry Stein's dream of helping youth from underserved community's reach their dreams? Then read on!

My name is Lorilee Chien and I work for Project Morry. I oversee the Coach program component for high school juniors and seniors that have grown up through the program. The Coach program is a highly successful mentoring program where adult volunteer mentors make a two-year, one-on-one, personal commitment to a Project Morry participant. Coaches connect monthly with their coachee to work on a variety of things: academics with regard to high school, building a strong post high school plan and or spending time doing social activities that build a strong meaningful relationship. Coaches encourage their coachee to set short and long-term goals. The relationship between coaches and coachees is based on consistency, positive reinforcement, accountability, commitment, respect and caring.

As you know Echo Lake and Project Morry have a special bond and partnership as it was Morry Stein's vision and dream to share the camp experience with children of all socio-economic backgrounds and specifically those from underserved communities. We have young people from 5 different communities and every year we have a particularly difficult time finding coaches for our Bridgeport, CT youth. If you have time, are in the CT area and have interest in becoming a Project Morry coach please e-mail me at lorilee@projectmorry.org and feel free to visit our website for additional information: www.projectmorry.org. We would be honored to have you a part of our camp.



Project Morry is now on Facebook! Simply search "Project Morry" to join our Fan Page. This is yet another great way to get updates on all that is going on in the world of PM!

A Reminder About Electronics at Camp

As the calendar turns to June we wanted to remind you about our electronics policy at camp. The policy below can also be found in the 2011 Parent Handbook. We believe that a valuable part of the camp experience is a child's ability to "unplug" for the summer. We appreciate your cooperation in making this possible.

Electronics/Communications devices: Cell phones, smartphones, digital video players, video games, e-readers (Kindle, Nook, etc), tablets (iPad, Galaxy Tab, iPod Touch, etc), laptops and video cameras are not allowed at camp.

Only specific kinds of iPods are allowed at camp. As of Spring 2011, those are: iPod Shuffle, iPod Nano and iPod Classic (all videos must be removed from the iPod Classic via iTunes before your child arrives at camp). Staff will be checking devices for videos – any that contain videos will be confiscated. To minimize inconvenience to your child, we recommend the iPod Nano. We remind you that camp is not responsible for any damage to these devices.

Any device that is equipped with a Wi-Fi connection or 3g data connection is NOT permitted at camp. All tablets, smartphones, the iPod Touch and e-readers fall into this category.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us in the camp office.



The CEL Garden... In Full Bloom for 2011



Not since the 80's has CEL had a garden to call our own. We are excited to announce that, under the green thumb of Emily Stein, we will be bringing this very cool tradition back to "The Lake." Campers and staff will have a chance to help with the growth of the CEL Garden, located down at our Trek area. And that help begins now!

Do you have any ideas for names for the CEL Garden? Can you think of different veggies, herbs, plants or flowers you would like to see planted in our garden?

Please send all your suggestions to garden@campecholake.com



Camp Webinar Now Available Online

On Tuesday, April 26th we participated in a webinar titled "Helping Your Child Have a Successful Camp Experience," as part of the Camp Network. The webinar was hosted by Jay Frankel, Founder and President of True to Life Training, and Laurie Oestreich, a New York City based family therapist whose clients include many families whose children attend summer camp. In order to access the video of the webinar simply use the link below. We plan for this to be the first in a series of webinars that we participate in as part of our continuous effort to provide valuable resources for our camp families.

<http://www.campecholake.com/website/campnetwork042611.html>

2011 LIT Training Day

Bring on summer...On Sunday May 1, Tony, Laurie, and LIT director, Lauren Weissbrod, spent the day with the 2011 Leaders In Training! This summer we will have 42 amazing LITs who will be lead by Lauren Weissbrod, Tara Stoulig, Molly Burke, and Mark Kronenberger. The day was spent talking about the LIT program, inspiring the LITs to be fantastic leaders and role models for camp, and getting them psyched up for an amazing summer.

Our LIT program is a multi-faceted program with many leadership opportunities, including:

- * Working with campers in their groups and activity areas
- * Running our Visiting Day Food and Clothing Drive
- * Facilitating our Swimathon and Marathon to benefit Project Morry,
- * Going on a two day Wilderness Trip,
- * Making a visit to Project Morry,
- * Taking part in leadership training workshops,
- * Organizing our camp library and recycling programs,
- * Leading the Mohawk and Iroquois teams in our Tribal competition.



We, as a camp, are beyond lucky to have 42 terrific LITs to give back to camp and to lead us!

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE HEALTH CENTER

We are thrilled to welcome our new Head Nurse, Lois Clark, to Echo Lake this summer! Lois is a terrific lady and she is super-enthused to taking on this new role at camp. Lois currently plays the role of health and wellness “troubleshooter” for the Hudson Falls School District – operating at all their schools as she assists students and families dealing with challenging medical and wellness issues. Lois, who is an RN, has also been a camp Head Nurse before, as she worked at Camp Chingachgook on Lake George for a number of summers. Lois has been so excited to get started, that she actually joined us for our MV Winter Weekend so she could meet some campers and staff! Lois’ daughter Victoria will also be joining us at camp this summer and we are happy to have her, too!



If you have any particular medical issue you wish to discuss with Lois prior to the start of camp, she will be available starting June 6th to discuss those with you either by e-mail or by phone (just call the camp office and Lois will return your call).



2nd Annual Post-Visiting Day Echo Lake Parent Get Together

July 16th from 4-5:30 pm

King Neptune's Pub, 1 Kurosaka Lane, Lake George.

Doug Present, CEL parent and member of the Project Morry board will briefly speak and at least one PM graduate will be in attendance. Light snacks provided, cash bar. Children welcome. Our door prize "Camp Photographer will follow your child(children) around camp for a day!" Raffle tickets are \$10 each YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN, drawing will be at 5pm. All proceeds will be donated to Project Morry.

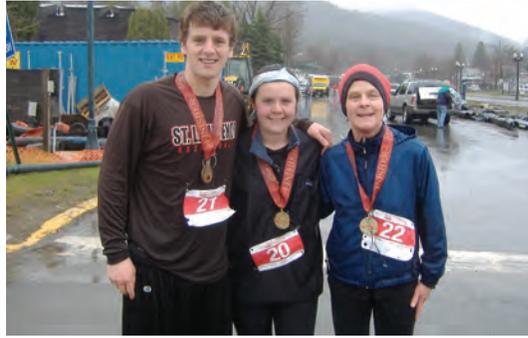
RSVP to Alan Nadel at: celforprojectmorry@gmail.com

Staff Bulletin Board

Shout Outs from Our Outstanding Staff!!



Newcastle friends **Sam Krarup, Emma Vaughan, and Lexi Forth** showed **Ruth Kleinman** the sights around town on her recent travels! Here they are getting ready for an Italian feast.



Ally, Corey and Terry Begly each participated in the Lake George Half Marathon last month. While the weather did not cooperate, 33 degrees in the rain, they survived it and in true Echo Lake fashion they loved it just the same.



Ruth doesn't just travel during 4n4! She toured downtown Manchester with **Andy Brides, Matt "Princess" Evans, and Jon O'Brien** on her visit.

The Magic of Camp begins with AMAZING Staff!! Here's a Sneak Peak at the 2011 Echo Lake Staff..

One of the key elements to a successful summer are our out of this world, energetic, compassionate, AMAZING STAFF. These staff are getting ready to arrive at camp in early June and go through staff training that lasts a minimum of 7 days, if not longer for certain positions. After going through extensive applications, interviews, references and background checks, the stats are in on the amazing bunch of staff for 2011.

2011 Echo Lake Staff Stats

- *Our staff hail from 12 countries around the world, 25 states across the USA, and 4 Canadian provinces.
- *Our staff come from the following home countries: USA, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, France, Poland, Hungary, The Netherlands, and Slovakia.
- *56% of our staff are RETURNING to CEL for their 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc... summer on staff!
- *44% of our staff are brand new to CEL to offer their fresh perspectives to camp.
- *The average age of our entire camp staff this summer is 25 years old. The average age of our staff that lives with the campers is 22 years old.
- *The average age of our Group Leaders and Trip Leaders is 23 years old.
- *Collectively this group of 30 GLs have spent a total of 151 summers at camp; Averaging out at more than 5 summers per person.
- * Of our 30 Group Leaders and Trip Leaders, 23 are returnees to camp!

Campers Corner

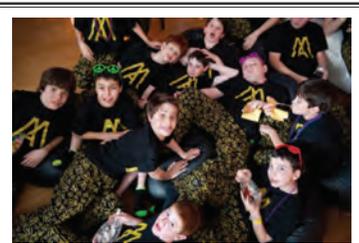
Exciting News from CEL's Best and Brightest!!!



Margo Spector and **Samantha Barbara** co-starred in the Woodcliff Lake Middle School production of *Willy Wonka the Musical* in April. Margo (left as Veruca Salt) and Samantha (right as Augustus Gloop) got big laughs!



New campers **Ryan Weitzner** and **Molly Shultz** are seen here after completing a ski race at Campgaw Mountain in Mahwah, NJ. They are both very excited to start at CEL this summer!



Check out this a photo **Max Keiser** surrounded by many of his CEL friends at his Bar Mitzvah. Looks like a great time had by all.



Strike, Spare, Turkey... **Lucas Schiffman** **Jeremy Goldstein**, **Jacob Rose** and **Ellis Paull**, UJB's for 2011, got together recently for some bowling.

Ethan Bookstein wants to send a "shout-out" to the Upper Village crew for 2011. **Bennett Bookstein** wants to give a "shout-out" to the 2011 LIB's. "Don't forget to keep your cereal spoons **shiny!**"

Congratulations to **Zach Saperstone** on being named valedictorian of his school! Boy are we impressed.

Zach Gold became a Bar Mitzvah last month and many Echo Lakers were in attendance to help him celebrate. Joining the Gold family was **Ronna Gold**, **Jason** and **Linda Quitoni**, **Marshal**, **Zach**, and **Matt Salomon**, **Brandon Finney**, **Emily Nadal** and **Nickola Brown**. Mazel Tov Zach!!



Theo Feldman has been working hard with his friend from school **Christina Tulier**, who has been signed to a record label, since December 2010 to record and produce her debut single "Falling". He represents TBF Productions. It was a great experience and turned out to be a HUGE success. He would like to thank his fellow campers for all of their support along the way looks forward to spending yet another fantastic summer with everyone next month. Check out the song at: tinyurl.com/christina-falling



Imagine the elation, when **Jacob 'Cubby' Levine** and **Coach Jay 'Jaybird' Levine** went to pick up their uniforms for this season of inter city baseball and they were handed GREEN & GOLD. Is it a sign? All we know is countdown to MLB Day starts now!



Hannah Coleman, **Julia Schwartz**, **Jess Greene** and **Sofia Girvin** all enjoyed a tasty CEL cupcake at a recent sleepover. Go Green and Gold!!



Cole Butchen helped create the Ridgefield BandJam which is an event to support the Ridgefield Playhouse. His band "Soap Candy" played in the event as well. **Emily** and **Avery Jerris** were there to support him and sister **Zoe** was there too!

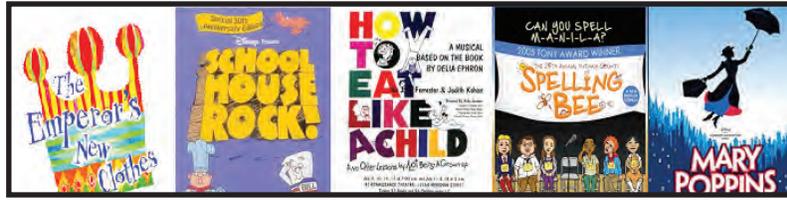
Meet Your Summer 2011 Group Leaders...

| Group Leader | Group Leader | Group Leader | Group Leader | Group Leader |
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|  <p>Name: Corey Begly Hometown: Geneva, NY Age: 21 Years at Camp: 14 Currently: I am a student at Saint Lawrence U. I am a history major & education minor. I will be student teaching next semester. Leadership: In order to be effective, leaders must first know how to serve. A great camp leader is an individual who puts the campers and other staff first.</p> |  <p>Name: Harrison Ehrlich Hometown: Bellmore, NY Age: 20 Years at Camp: 10 Currently: A Junior at Michigan State U. I am a Kinesiology major studying to be a Physical Therapist. Leadership: A good leader communicates well with his/her co-workers & kids in the group. I want the kids to learn how to work together & cherish every minute & hour they spend at camp</p> |  <p>Name: Lisa Friedman Hometown: Clifton Park, NY Age: 27 Years at Camp: 1 Currently: Program Director at U at Albany Hillel and Youth group advisor Leadership: Someone who facilitates an open, welcoming, inclusive environment while encouraging personal growth. As a GL, I hope the campers & staff see me as a resource, a team player, and someone to be silly with!</p> |  <p>Name: DJ Gross Hometown: Fort Lee, NJ Age: 20 Years at Camp: 6 Currently: Washington U as a Political Science major. I intern at the American Civil Liberties Union. Leadership: Encouraging everyone to try new things, being someone that others feel comfortable talking to, communicating effectively, & teaching campers to take responsibility for themselves & respect others.</p> |  <p>Name: Mathew Haskell Hometown: Salisbury, UK Age: 21 Years at Camp: 2 Currently: Preparing for my first year at U in Michigan as an international student. Divided my time between traveling & working for a UK ski trip company in Italy. Leadership: Inspire people to learn more for themselves. Learn from my campers & staff, & strive to help others reach their personal goals.</p> |
|  <p>Name: Nate Jordan Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska Age: 23 Years at Camp: 2 Currently: Graduated from U of Nebraska with BS in Exercise Science. Ready for Recess Intern - modifying recess to increase kid's activity. Leadership: Leaders help people reach their full potential, but also live up to their own potential through the lessons they learn from everyone and everything around them.</p> |  <p>Name: Kaityn Jorgensen Hometown: Ridgefield, CT Age: 21 Years at Camp: 2 Currently: Cabrini College in Philly. I am an elementary & special education major. Leadership: Someone who is looked upon as a role model who others seek when in need to feel comforted & trust to talk to. I hope the campers will feel that camp is their home away from home and be themselves!</p> |  <p>Name: Brittany Kleefisch Hometown: Rutland, Vermont Age: 21 Years at Camp: 1 Currently: Purdue majoring in Health & Human Sciences with a minor in bio & psych. Dedicate time to the Red Cross & am a basketball official. Leadership: Communication is key to success in any team setting; Allowing for the pursuit of better ideas, more comfortable members & a synergy that creates a great experience.</p> |  <p>Name: Kate Kloss Hometown: Syracuse, NY Age: 21 Years at Camp: 1 Currently: Fredonia as a senior this fall. A childhood inclusive major, with a minor in history. Leadership: A leader listens to all opinions & takes others feelings into account when making decisions. I hope to build a strong relationship with all that the campers & staff this summer, building trust and respect with each and everyone.</p> |  <p>Name: Danielle Labrovic Hometown: Highland Mills, NY Age: 22 Years at Camp: 3 Currently: Student at the University of Vermont. Leadership: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." -John Quincy Adams</p> |
|  <p>Name: Matt LeMoine Hometown: Nova Scotia, Canada Age: 20 Years at Camp: 2 Currently: Junior, doing my Honors degree in Political Science with thesis research on voter apathy among youth. Leadership: Face adversity with a smile, see the positives in difficult situations, & trust people you are working with. I hope my group has a lot of fun & realizes how important it is to support each other.</p> |  <p>Name: Nicholas Lucka Hometown: Binghamton, NY Age: 22 Years at Camp: 4 Currently: Grad School for my MAT in Social Studies. Leadership: A Haiku: A Leader Works Hard, One Should Lead by Example, A Leader Inspires. I'm So Excited, Ten Months Has Been Far Too Long, To Not Be At Camp. Can't Wait for Group Sing, How Will They Break Tribal War?, Camp Will Be A Blast</p> |  <p>Name: Jillian Matheson Hometown: Halifax, Nova Scotia Age: 22 Years at Camp: 1 Currently: Graduated from the U of New Brunswick with a political sci. & French major. Education program this Sept. Leadership: Adaptable to unexpected situations, friendly, personable & takes everyone's opinions into account. Show campers & staff the more you let loose & be yourself, the more fun you will have!</p> |  <p>Name: Chelsea Maulden Hometown: Baton Rouge LA. Age: 21 Years at Camp: 1 Currently: Southeastern Louisiana U. I will be a senior & am a Social Work major. I am a volunteer at Child Advocacy Services. Leadership: Know how to listen as well as lead. In order to be a good leader you must first be a good follower. Help campers learn the importance of being themselves & being comfortable in their own skin.</p> |  <p>Name: Amanda McMaster Hometown: Des Moines, IA Age: 23 Years at Camp: 1 Currently: I substitute teach in grade pre-K through 8th. Every day is an adventure and I love it! Leadership: I think great leaders are compassionate, patient, and hardworking. I hope that this summer everyone that I meet walks away from me with my positive attitude and love for life!</p> |

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|  <p>Name: Richard Beaudoin Hometown: Ontario, Canada Age: 29 Years at Camp: 6 (2002-06) Currently: Master of Science in Edu from Niagara U. A certified teacher & would love to teach 9 & 11 grade geography! Leadership: Visionaries, reliable, positive & motivating; Inspire & empower; it takes "guts" to lead. Bring out the strengths in people, allowing them to see that there are leadership qualities in all of us!</p> |  <p>Name: Chelsey Scheidemann Hometown: Olympia, WA Age: 23 Years at Camp: 2 Currently: BS in Psychology at Washington State U. Will attend NYU Master's program in Education. Leadership: To lead is to unite one another in a common vision. My vision is to foster the strengths of campers & staff alike, to transform mediocre into extraordinary, and create a community synonymous with family.</p> |  <p>Name: Dan Scheinfeld Hometown: New Rochelle, NY Age: 19 Years at Camp: 9 Currently: A rising junior at the U of Rochester with a Political Science Major and a Psychology Minor. Leadership: Create an environment that brings out the best qualities in staff & campers, allowing all to thrive in what they excel at & what they need to improve in. They must learn from those around them who often give the best advice.</p> |  <p>Name: Sarah Scheinfeld Hometown: New Rochelle, NY Age: 21 Years at Camp: 7 Currently: A rising senior at the University of Vermont with a major in environmental science and a concentration in human health. I just spent the semester abroad in Costa Rica and it was amazing! Leadership: A great leader facilitates teamwork so that everyone is working together side by side.</p> |  <p>Name: Malorie Stockwell Hometown: Syracuse, NY Age: 24 (25 at camp!) Years at Camp: 1 Currently: Graduating from Elmira College with a major in Liberal Arts & Coaching. I hope to become a Collegiate Lacrosse coach! Leadership: Being an active listener, communicating with others, & having a positive attitude! A positive attitude changes everything & there is a way to make anything fun!</p> |
| Group Leader | Group Leader | Group Leader | Group Leader | 4n4 Trip Leader |
|  <p>Name: Alex Wilson Hometown: Bedford, NY Age: 20 Years at camp: 10!!! Currently: Rising senior year at Northwestern U, studying Electrical Engineering! Leadership: Someone who motivates, inspires, & challenges people to be excellent. I hope to motivate, inspire, & challenge campers & staff to try something new, make friends, & enjoy the opportunity we all have to be at camp!</p> |  <p>Name: Marc Woodgate Hometown: Brisbane, Australia Age: 26 Years at Camp: 2 Currently: Substitute HS teacher in PE & History. Leadership: Inspires others to see greatness in themselves, persevere in situations that seem impossible to comprehend, & is dedicated to instilling & upholding values that help others believe in their own abilities & develop as unique individuals.</p> |  <p>Name: Daniel Zezulinski Hometown: Philadelphia, PA Age: 23 Years at Camp: 9 Currently: Senior, Molecular & Cell Biology major. Vice president of the Club Lacrosse team at Cornell University Leadership: Inspire enthusiasm which is contagious. If you can inspire one, you can inspire many. Some of my best experiences were at camp & I want my campers & staff to have similar experiences.</p> |  <p>Name: Jess Williams Hometown: Toronto, Ontario Age: 22 Years at Camp: 4 Currently: Doing research with a First Nations firm in Toronto. In Sept. I'll be working on my Masters in Adult Education & Community Development. Leadership: A person who represents themselves genuinely, leads by example, & accepts others for who they are, recognizing that each person has gifts & amazing things about them!</p> |  <p>Name: Ruth Kleinman Hometown: Port Wash., NY Age: 27 Years at Camp: 18 Currently: 5 months in Jerusalem volunteering, taking classes, & sightseeing. Traveled through France, Monaco, Italy, Switzerland, & the UK. Leadership: Be in tune with the needs of the group! Open communication helps achieve everyone's goals. Inspire kindness, consideration & putting others before yourself.</p> |
| LIT Director | LIT Group Leader | LIT Group Leader | LIT Group Leader | 4n4 Trip Leader |
|  <p>Name: Lauren Weissbrod Hometown: Philadelphia, PA Age: 22 Years at camp: 11 Currently: I am graduating from University of Pennsylvania with majors in Hispanic Studies and Urban Policy. Leadership: A leader is someone who knows when to step up and when to take a step back. The sign of a good leader is how well the group functions when he or she is not around to lead.</p> |  <p>Name: Molly Burke Hometown: Brooklyn, NY Age: 23 Years at Camp: 5 Currently: I am a 4th grade special education teacher in The Bronx. Leadership: I hope I can teach the LITs not to sweat the small stuff, we can stress over the little things but they really don't matter. It's something I definitely learned through my first year teaching!</p> |  <p>Name: Mark Kronenberger Hometown: Ardsley, NY Age: 21 Years at Camp: 12 Currently: Studying PE and Health at Indiana U Leadership: Someone who shares their skills, brings the potential out of everyone, & leads by example. I hope that everyone has a chance to learn how great CEL is and create a strong connection to our summer home as I and many other staff and former campers have.</p> |  <p>Name: Tara Turley Stoulig Hometown: New Orleans, LA Age: 34 Years at Camp: 11 Currently: I'm wife to my husband (Nick), mommy to my 7-year-old son (Ethan) & 4-month-old daughter (Sophia). I teach biology and genetics at Southeastern Louisiana U. Leadership: A great leader is one who connects well with those being led. I hope campers and staff learn something new about themselves this summer.</p> |  <p>Name: Robin Smith Hometown: Auckland, New Zealand Age: 25 Years at Camp: 3 Currently: An Outdoor Instructor at The Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre with children. Leadership: Help a group to achieve a goal whilst keeping them safe and having a whole lot fun. Help campers have the summer of their life outdoors enjoying the environment and outdoor activities.</p> |

The Echo Lake Players Present... Theatre 2011



Your 2011 Echo Lake Theatre Staff is pleased to announce the five very awesome and entertaining musicals that we can't wait to produce with you! So please, Netflix the movies, read the books, and YouTube the music to get familiar with your musical.

The **Lower Inters** are first to hit the stage with **The Emperor's New Clothes**. This contemporary "fractured fairytale" features a castle full of characters to Hans Christian Andersen's delightful tale. At 14 years old, Emperor Marcus the Third wonders how he can possibly run an empire. He accepts the credo that "clothes make the man," but soon finds himself the center of a hoax.

Next up to the stage will be the **Frosh**, the pop culture phenomenon coming to the musical stage, **School House Rock Live!** The cartoon series that taught your favorite school subjects through clever, tuneful songs is instructing a whole new generation to "Unpack Your Adjectives" and "Do The Circulations," lighting up stages everywhere!

Then we have the **Juniors** producing the classic, **How to Eat Like a Child**. This musical romp through the joys and sorrows of being a child is hilarious! Children give 23 lessons in subjects such as how to beg for a dog, how to torture your sister, and how to laugh hysterically. The pace is fast, the tone subversive, and the recognition instant.

The **Upper Inters** will be performing the huge Broadway hit, **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**. The competition is intense, the words are hilarious; let the spelling begin! The judges are: a nostalgic former spelling bee winner, a mildly insane Vice Principal, and The Official Comfort Counselor completing his community service to the state of New York!

Finally, the **LITs and Senior Village** will close this summer's season with the 2011 Benefit Show, **Mary Poppins**. This musical, based on the children's books and Disney film, fuses an irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers, and astonishing stagecraft. We'll make this musical touch the hearts of everyone in Warrensburg!

We look forward to seeing you in June, when we start our auditions!

Jason A. Coombs - Theatre Head Specialist

Brian Tucker and Kyleigh Vince - Theatre Activity Specialist; **Brendan Mcinerney** - Theatre Music Activity Specialist



We are looking for books to fill our Laker Library for the Summer 2011! All books should be in good to great condition and be appropriate for readers in 1st to 10th grades. Through the years the Laker Library, masterfully ran by our LIT's, has given campers a tremendous selection of books for them to read during rest hour and flashlight time.

Please feel free to pack your donated books in your camp trunks or carry-on. You can also mail them to camp at the address below prior to arrival day.

Camp Echo Lake - Laker Library
177 Hudson Street
Warrensburg, NY 12885



New Camper Picnic 2011

On Wednesday, May 11th many new campers and their moms, dads and siblings came out to join us for the New Camper Picnic. With the benefit of some truly terrific weather we had an awesome time!

We had relay races, human bingo, name games, and the mostest. 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, Amy, Laurie** and **Jacko** provide a fun time for all our new campers were a stellar band of staff and 2011 LIT's. A big shout out to **Drew Berger, Talia Bloom, Ali Chalfin, Alana Deutsch, Ruth Kleinman, Casey Stein, Sarah Stettin, Brian Tucker, Hallie Whitman and Julie Zucker** for reaching out to 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 25th!



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

Campers...

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| Andrew Schenck | May 15 |
| Carly Kessler | May 16 |
| Zachary Schwartz | May 16 |
| Sophie Brett-Chin | May 17 |
| Jake Kessel | May 19 |
| Harrison Okun | May 20 |
| Avery Rothstein | May 20 |
| Scott Panasci | May 21 |
| Danielle Rosenblum | May 21 |
| Jeff Visoky | May 21 |
| Isabelle Getto | May 22 |
| Cooper Levine | May 22 |
| Jack Doremus | May 23 |
| Daniel Shirvan | May 23 |
| Jordan Weinstock | May 23 |
| Jonas Intner | May 24 |
| Sammy Brett-Chin | May 27 |
| Paige Dubicki | May 27 |
| Rachel Roberts | May 28 |
| Ali Zarr | May 29 |
| Maddie Erman | May 30 |
| Matthew Templeton | May 31 |
| Jared Geller | June 1 |

Campers...

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| Ethan Goldstein | June 1 |
| Autumn Mahler | June 3 |
| Robyn Epstein | June 4 |
| Lily Shapiro | June 5 |
| Elizabeth Wagman | June 6 |
| Rachel Meiselman | June 8 |
| Emma Goldstein | June 9 |
| Alec Diamond | June 10 |
| Iila Mazie | June 11 |
| Ben Kaplan | June 14 |
| Brandon Russo | June 14 |
| Adam Freindlich | June 15 |
| Emma Satin | June 15 |
| Zoe Pigott | June 17 |
| Lila Bortniker | June 19 |
| Justin Caspar | June 21 |
| Lauren Grauer | June 21 |
| Adam Margolis | June 21 |
| Jordan Rosenberg | June 22 |
| Zachary Schweitzer | June 22 |
| Stefan Luiggi | June 25 |
| Zoe Schwartz | June 25 |

Staff...

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| Rosie Caunt | May 17 |
| Sammy Weiss | May 18 |
| Nicholas Lucka | May 19 |
| Matthew Walsh | May 19 |
| Bennett Rosenbach | May 20 |
| Kayla Timmermans | May 21 |
| Sharifa Vinson | May 21 |
| Megan Green | May 22 |
| Jason Bird | May 23 |
| Cindy Mahler | May 25 |
| Elysse Gorney | May 28 |
| Chelsey Wilson | May 30 |
| Tyler Bean | June 1 |
| Daniel D'adamo | June 1 |
| Elizabeth Breaux | June 5 |
| Daniel Tyler | June 5 |
| Stuart Wilcox | June 6 |
| Derreck Boisvert | June 7 |
| Dale Kaufman | June 7 |

Staff...

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| Lewis Redfern | June 9 |
| Agata Ganicz | June 10 |
| Zach Baer | June 11 |
| Jennie Olson | June 14 |
| Thomas Jones | June 15 |
| Justin De Santis | June 16 |
| Alexis Sabatier | June 17 |
| Paul Burnett | June 18 |
| Elyssa Sham | June 18 |
| Malorie Stockwell | June 18 |
| Lisa Friedman | June 19 |
| Zachary Porges | June 19 |
| Troy Brandon | June 22 |
| Zoltan Kaprinay | June 22 |
| Catherine Seeley | June 22 |
| Gabrielle Berkman | June 23 |
| Katherine Maher | June 23 |
| Fiach McHugh-Hill | June 24 |



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 Y Haaaaappy Birthday.

This is your birthday song, It isn't very long, My name Alex Schiff, hey!



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*** DON'T FORGET CAMPER FORMS WERE DUE MAY 1 AND STAFF FORMS ARE DUE JUNE 1!! ***

CAMP ECHO LAKE 2010 – 2011 DATES

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| MONTREAL REUNION | SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH, 2010 |
| NEW YORK AREA REUNION | SATURDAY DECEMBER 11TH, 2010 |
| MAIN VILLAGE WINTER WEEKEND | SATURDAY MAR 5– SUNDAY MAR 6 2011 |
| NEW PARENT NIGHT | WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2011 |
| NEW CAMPER PICNIC | WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2011 |
| CAMP ECHO LAKE 2011 SEASON BEGINS | SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2011 |
| PARENT VISITATION | SATURDAY JULY 16, 2011 |
| CAMP ECHO LAKE 2011 SEASON ENDS | SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2011 |
| ECHO LAKE IDEA | TUESDAY AUGUST 16– SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 2011 |