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★ A NOTE FROM MARK AND LAURA ★

## *Looking Ahead to 2021*

It goes without saying, summer 2020 was as strange and difficult as it gets for us. 2020 was going to be our 20th anniversary summer, a celebration we had been incredibly excited to share with everyone – campers, staff, camp families and alumni. As we know, it was not meant to be.

Many people have asked us “what did you do all summer, and how was it?” We were fortunate enough to spend the summer in our “happy place”, our “home away from home” in Rock Hill. We spent each day at camp, but it was not nearly the same without all our amazing campers and staff. We missed the noise of camp, the laughter, giggles, sounds of budding new friendships, sounds of staff talking with their campers, the singing at the flagpole, and the deafening cheering in the dining hall. We missed the high fives, hugs and piggyback rides that happen all over camp every day. We yearned for the splashing in the pool, the sounds of the ski boat in the lake, the jubilee of scoring a goal on the soccer field, or the cheers of hitting a 3-point shot at the buzzer of an inter-camp game. We especially missed the sounds of the first time someone goes down the zip line or climbs to the top of the climbing wall. Every sound, every moment has its special significance to us, and walking around camp to each place at camp every day this summer brought so many special memories that were missed.

We loved connecting with each of you “virtually” this summer at some of our special camp tradition nights, like opening campfire, Order of the Blue and Gold, our first virtual SPARK ceremony, and of course at the burning of the year. We hope you enjoyed these moments, but we all know that nothing can compare to being together

in person for all these special moments.

We have been so proud of all our campers, who have endured more than anyone should throughout these last 7 months. Everyone has been affected in their own way, but we have heard countless stories of how everyone is adjusting to a new way to learn at school, and the many ways you spent passing the time this summer as we all countdown to summer 2021. We cannot help but think the “R” in SPARK which stands for resiliency, has helped everyone get through these times. We hope many of the things we speak about at camp, and the important character traits we live by each summer has helped us push through. We cannot be prouder to be a part of our amazing camp community.

Personally, these past 7 months have allowed us to reflect on so many things and appreciate so many of the small and little things we all take for granted. As the saying goes **“the sweet isn’t as sweet without the bitter”**. We think it’s safe to say that after 2020, next summer couldn’t look any sweeter. Every day that goes by is one day closer to us all being together **“back home”**.



*With Love, Mark & Laura*



# Burning of the Year 2020

Tonight is traditionally a special night and camp is full of so many traditions. We will try to share this night with all of you, and for our new families, give you some insight as to what tonight holds for all of us.

Tonight, is typically one of the saddest nights of the summer – in just a few hours, we will be all saying goodbye to each other, last hugs, high fives, and piggyback rides as we leave the dining room, and load the busses for the ride home. We gather here at the lake, say a few speeches, re-cap another amazing summer, have our CIT's speak about their historical experience at camp over the years, and share the color war almaters from a few days ago – it is truly special in every way. We don't want it to end and hold onto each last moment as the time ticks away.

I always ask our campers for 2 things to think about and do as camp ends. First, before they get on that bus tomorrow, I ask that they say a huge thank you to their counselors, they gave it their all every day, and made each camper a better person as a result. Boy do I wish they had that opportunity this year – we had an amazing staff lined up for camp this summer. Last, I ask as each camper gets home, to please say thank you to their parents – thank them for sending them to this magical place called Iroquois Springs.

This summer was so different in so many ways, and I wanted to thank our entire camp community for the overwhelming support we all got from May 18th, the day we announced camp was not opening this summer, until today – your kind wishes, emails, calls along the way have been so heartwarming and helpful. We have a special community, and I know it was the only way we all got through this summer, as a camp family!

Tonight, I could not be happier that we are putting 2020 behind us and the countdown to summer 2021 has officially begun. **324 days to go!**

## Dear Iroquois Springs,

There are no words I have to describe the love admiration and appreciation I have for you. This would have been our 20th summer together, and over those 20 years, you have taught me so much.

You have seen me grow and change in so many ways over these 20 years together - this summer, it was not

meant to be, and I missed you so much. Each day, while trying not to, I played the game of “what would we be doing now together”, and how much joy you would be bringing each camper and staff member right now.

Iroquois Springs, you have been there for me, and you have been there with me along this journey, and especially this summer. When we are together, very little else matters, it is like the whole world disappears. You have always demanded the best of me, and you have challenged me beyond my wildest dreams, and as a result, made me better. Iroquois Springs, you have given me the opportunity to live out my dream. You have helped to create a second family for me, helped raise my children, and provided endless opportunity for me.

You have been my teacher, my biggest fan, at times my harshest critic, and my best friend. With you, I have memories I will never forget, (including summer 2020), live milestones that I will always be proud of, and have experiences I will always remember, with those that I love and care about forever.

Thank you for allowing me to live out my best self and creating this place so many call “home”.

Iroquois Springs, we are not done, we have many years left together, many more memories to be made, and many more lives you will help change. Thank you, Iroquois Springs.







## NOTES FROM BUBBA'S CLIPBOARD



How do you put the last 7 months into words, it's not easy to do? What is easy is to sit here and look at the way the world has unfolded and talk about what we could not do, what we missed out on, all the changes that have occurred and so much more. However, we need to look ahead, look towards our future. Let's be thankful for what we do have, be thankful for our families, our health and our ability to work through the last 7 months and build on the positive. **You can't change the past, but you certainly can affect the future!**

I trust that we have all found the time to figure out what works best for each of us when it comes time to school, work and play. Adjusting to the "new normal" has likely been a challenge at times, but it can and does work when planned correctly, maybe just not in the same manner it used to. I think this may be a bit of a theme moving forward, not just in camp, but in our everyday life for the time being. Finding a way to be productive, staying present, being social and keeping active have their challenges, but it can be done and done well when properly thought out.

As this past summer unfolded, and we go past the "how did we get here" stage, our focus shifted to the summer of 2021. How could we make our 20th Anniversary summer even more special, what can we do at camp given the current situation that will add to our already awesome facility, how will we affect change that brightens our future and looks towards a better tomorrow? While we don't have all the answers yet, we are hard at work learning about the best path forward. The chance to get back to what we do best... bringing campers and staff together for an impactful, meaningful, fun and rewarding and safe experience in a community that is second to none. So believe me when I tell you, we are working hard to lay the groundwork for the future, because along with all of you, we know we can't change the past, but we sure missed what could have been and can't wait to see what will be!

While our campers have returned to school in some form or another, whether it be in person learning, remote learning or a hybrid model and camp families figure out their "new normal" with work, childcare and alike, our focus should be on moving forward, preparing for the future and focusing on what we can control, rather than what we can't. If we all do our part, we are in for a bright future, one that we can all be proud of and look forward to.

So, I leave you with a reminder to wash your hands, wear a mask and practice proper social distancing, so that we can all be back together again in our happy place this summer. To say that we can't wait to greet you at our gates and welcome you with open arms in 12775 would be an understatement, the wait has already been too long, and the countdown is underway. **Until we are together again, stay positive, stay healthy and concentrate on the future, because we can't change the past.**

Can't wait to welcome you all back at our opening campfire in summer 2021 for an incredible and much awaited 42 days together.

Miss you all! **BUBBA**

Don't forget to check us out on...



REMEMBER -



Wear  
your  
mask





## GIRLS SIDE GAB With Rosie

Hello everyone and Happy fall! I hope everyone is having an easy transition into the school year. Not sure what that looks like for all of you; however, I am sending lots of positive school vibes your way. As the weather is changing, all I could think of is that we are slowly getting closer to the end of 2020. That makes us that much closer to the summer of 2021. Words cannot express how that makes me feel. As I sat down to write the first newsletter; I kept repeating things that I said at the virtual burning of the year. So, instead of reinventing the wheel - I decided to attach my speech to this newsletter. Please know that I am thinking about all of you and miss you terribly.

So here we are at the virtual burning of the year 2020 - Oh what a year you have been. Never in my wildest dreams did I think something this big could take away something that we all LOVE so much. This was my first summer home since 1983, I still can't believe it. A summer I will never forget. A summer you will never forget. We were definitely in this one together! We all felt the void together. We all missed camp more than ever! I missed seeing your smiling faces every day, I missed reminding you to wear sunscreen and drink water, I missed seeing you try new things, I missed hearing Girls Side songs, I missed all our evening activities, I missed playing jacks, I missed chicken patties and the salad bar, I missed my morning meetings, I missed meeting our new campers and watching them make new friends and fall in love with camp, I missed saying goodnight to everyone every night, I missed hanging out in your bunks, I missed your hugs, I missed all my returning campers and counselors, I missed the girls HC and LINE UP, I miss all the group leaders, I miss all our specialists and support staff, I missed visiting day and seeing all your families, I missed all Girls Side swim, I missed the birdie song, I missed hearing how kind you were, I miss seeing my own kids and their friends love camp as much as Josh and I do, I missed SPARK, I missed DJ Yahney, I miss talking to you about your year and all the things that you did, I missed Boys Side, I missed watching the counselors make a difference, I missed watching the counselors form bonds with you and the other staff, I missed the color run, 4th of July, Dorney Park and more!!! Oh, how I missed camp so much. The last 42 days were so hard! But, I know it will only make things so much better next year!

I still can't believe you are not sitting in front of me and we are doing this virtually. I did love some of our zoom calls, I loved hearing from so many of you throughout the summer, I loved seeing so many of you participate in virtual camp. I loved meeting some of the new campers on zoom and I can't wait to see you all in person!

I wish I could tell you this pandemic will be over soon, and life will return to some sense of normalcy. I wish I could tell you that you could play freely with your friends and go back to school the way you did last March. I wish I could tell you that I will be seeing you really soon and that this will all go away soon. But we are navigating uncharted waters - amid these challenges, I am reminding you that this shall pass.

There is so much I wish I could tell you! But the things that I can tell you are how proud I am of each and every one of you! You are facing this pandemic with bravery, style and grace! You are able to see the silver lining in all of this and continue to keep your heads up high! You continue to make me proud every day!!! I could tell you that we will be together again soon, and I could tell you I will do everything in my power to make sure it's the best summer ever!

So tonight, on this day and in this moment what I can tell you is **there is power in kindness** - it costs us absolutely nothing to be kind. Continue to be a **SPARK**. Continue to do the right thing.

Continue to reach out to those that seem lonely. Continue to be nice, include others, make new friends and think about ways you can make a difference in this world. Write letters to those that are alone or to the amazing healthcare workers out there.

- **Be a positive role model**
- **Wear a mask**
- **Continue social distancing**
- **Focus on the positive**
- **Establish and maintain a daily routine**
- **Pay attention to how much time you spend on social media**
- **Reach out to your friends and family**
- **Stay in touch with your camp friends**
- **And continue to fight for what you believe in**

I wanted to take this time to congratulate all of you out there that celebrated milestones differently this year. Congrats to all the graduates out there - whether it was 5th grade, 8th grade, high school or college graduation - congrats to those that celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, communions and confirmations, and didn't have their party (or did), congrats to all those that trained hard for their sport teams but never got to play, congrats to all the dancers and gymnasts out there that never got to compete or put on a dance recital, congrats to everyone out there that missed out on school events they were looking forward to, science fairs, plays and more. Congrats to all of you out there that had plans to go away or had plans to do BIG things that never happened, congrats on getting through it all and still staying strong! Congrats on becoming more resilient!!! Resiliency is not something you are born with. I know you will bounce back from this difficult situation. You have learned to cope with staying home, not seeing loved ones, not seeing your friends, parents losing jobs or having financial troubles, not participating in extracurricular activities, not being able to participate in sports, not being able to follow your favorite teams on TV, not being able to go to concerts and Broadway shows, not understanding this virus, you have seen the world in chaos, but also have seen the world come together and stay strong for each other. Because of all of this you can say that you are brave and resilient! **Continue to be brave and resilient.** After all this stay humble, grateful, resourceful, resilient, a hard worker and of course be kind!

Remember continue to **BE NICE, BE KIND, BE BRAVE and BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE!**

Stay safe, stay healthy and keep smiling - Sending many virtual hugs your way!

**Love you and BE NICE!**

*Rosie :)*





# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK HILL

Typically, this is the quiet time of the year in Rock Hill. We are usually busy “putting camp to bed” for the upcoming winter. Turning off the water, closing up cabins, putting away our aqua-playground and taking our final inventory of supplies for the season. It's also the time of year that camp looks most beautiful, and this season is no exception. When you step foot onto Iroquois Springs right now, you will immediately be drawn to the lush green grass, the remaining leaves on the trees show the beautiful fall foliage that the Catskills are known for this time of year and the overall sentiment of camp is truly just peace and serenity. It's easy to get lost in the moment, putting aside all of the “outside noise” and just live in the moment, take in the natural beauty and just enjoy nature for what it was meant to be.

Of course, in true candor, we truly can't wait to wake up camp and have Iroquois Springs **“RISE AND SHINE”** again for the upcoming 2021 season, when we can **CELEBRATE OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY** which will be all the more special given the hiatus we all were forced to endure. While this past summer was nothing any of us could have imagined or even dreamed of, we still figured out a way to continue to enhance our state-of-the-art camp facility. As we walked through camp and thought about what our campers would enjoy for next summer and beyond, we tried to think outside the box. Something different, unique, a new challenge, maybe something that most other camps are yet to offer their campers....and then it hit us, a **NINJA WARRIOR** Course!

We spent a few weeks researching the idea, creating a plan, scoping out the perfect location and then got to work. Literally, we got to work! Wait until you see the new course, complete with 10' and 14' **WARPED WALLS, A JUMPING SPIDER, PEG BOARD, FLOATING STEPS, SALMON LADDER, CLIFF HANGER** and more! You may think, no way, not me, but this is going to be for everyone. Whether you have ever tried these elements before or this will be your first time, the opportunities are endless and what better place to give it a try than at camp! Even if you don't succeed on your first try, we will be there to support you, root you on and work towards accomplishing this new challenge, after-all, that is what camp is all about. We think you're going to love the new Ninja Warrior Course and can't wait to see our campers in action!

Now, don't forget, we had planned to unveil our brand-new **THEATER** for this past summer, however our process did not go according to plan, but that's ok. We are thrilled to show off our new construction and unveil the new centerpiece of camp for the upcoming camp season. Complete with 4 huge glass garage doors, all new sound and lighting, air-conditioning, gorgeous bathrooms and more, this building is going to come alive on a daily basis.

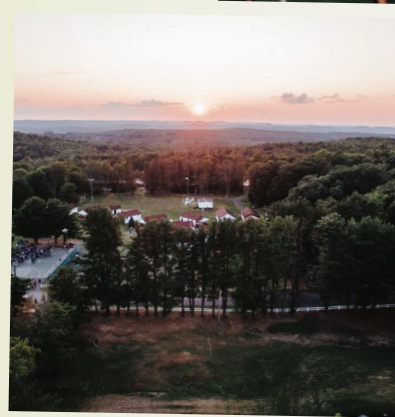
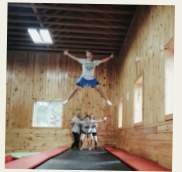
Whether it's an Iroquois Springs Playhouse performance, Girls Side Sing, an entertainer, Mock Rock or the many other activities that take place inside the Theater each summer, this will most certainly be the place to be! In addition, our **EXPANDED PATIO AND PICNIC AREA** that are now home to our 20th Anniversary **PERSONALIZED PAVERS IN THE LEGACY GARDEN** is something to simply marvel at. Campers and staff will gather each and every day before meals, snack time, ice cream sundae parties and more, we think you're going to love it. Believe us, the new building and patio are impressive, but we can't wait for you to see it with your own eyes!

So, as camp “goes to bed” for the winter, there is still much to do, but the anticipation for the summer of 2021 has never been more pronounced than it is currently. After a very quiet summer, we can't wait to wake-up camp with the sounds of our happy campers enjoying all that Iroquois Springs has to offer. While our facility is second to none and we continue to work hard each and every year to improve on what we have built over the last 20 years, we know that the **HEARTBEAT OF CAMP LIES IN THE PEOPLE THAT CALL 12775 HOME EACH SUMMER**. We can't wait to welcome you back to Rock Hill next season.

Nothing matters more than the campers, parents and staff who have become part of our camp community, without all of you, Iroquois Springs would not be where we are today, so thank you!







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# Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome the following new campers to the  
**Iroquois Springs Family**

- Wan Cahya Widad Binti Ahmad Rasfan -  
• **Kampung Baru, Malaysia**
- Samuel Attman - **Potomac, MD**
- Loghan Baeker - **Clinton Corners, NY**
- Sophia Bahiri - **Woodbury, NY**
- Reese Bassett - **Brooklyn, NY**
- Jake Bell - **Woodbury, NY**
- Aryana Berger - **Plainview, NY**
- Chloe Blom - **Westfield, NJ**
- Maren Breen - **Syosset, NY**
- Reid Buckley - **New York, NY**
- Samantha Buckley - **New York, NY**
- Chase Collazo - **Bethesda, MD**
- Chloe Collazo - **Bethesda, MD**
- Madeline Crotty - **Westfield, NJ**
- Luca Curcio - **Waxhaw, NC**
- Carlo Dolgetta - **Delray Beach, FL**
- Emery Elgart - **Brooklyn, NY**
- Hailey Farber - **N. Potomac, MD**
- Hanna Federman - **Ardsley, NY**
- Samantha Frank - **Westport, CT**
- Keira Frech - **Erie, CO**
- Kiva Frenkel - **West Hartford, CT**
- Sam Friedland - **New York, NY**
- Tyler Gallow - **Lake Worth, FL**
- Henry Gould - **Westfield, NJ**
- Lily Gould - **Westfield, NJ**
- Jordan Herzog - **Greenwich, CT**
- Jack Horowitz - **Larchmont, NY**
- Maya Horowitz - **Larchmont, NY**
- Lexi Horvath - **Westfield, NJ**
- Jenna Kaplan - **Armonk, NY**
- Evelyn Kelly - **Miami, FL**
- Vivien Kelly - **Miami, FL**
- Harper Kelsey - **Chappaqua, NY**
- Samuel Keltz - **New York, NY**
- Axel Krosney - **Forest Hills, NY**
- Madison Lange - **Merrick, NY**
- Hannah McMullan - **Mount Kisco, NY**
- Matthew Metula - **Delray Beach, FL**
- Ella Mirsky - **Westfield, NJ**
- Sam Noyes - **Bronxville, NY**
- Aiden Parker - **Briarcliff Manor, NY**
- Hayden Pick - **Plainview, NY**
- Nicolas Quemada Gaffier - **Madrid, Spanish**
- Pedro Quemada Gaffier - **Madrid, Spanish**
- Nicolás Rebollar - **Mexico City, Ciudad de Mexico**
- Louise (Loulou) Redmond - **South Portland, ME**
- Giancarlo Rinaldi - **Armonk, NY**
- Leonardo Rinaldi - **Armonk, NY**
- Guy Riskind - **Delray Beach, FL**
- Eli Rosenbluth - **New York, NY**
- Adelyn Rottler - **New York, NY**
- Brennyn Rottler - **New York, NY**
- Gabriella Ruziecki - **Old Bethpage, NY**
- Lexi Saltzman - **White Plains, NY**
- Zoe Schneidman - **Armonk, NY**
- Taylor Schubach - **Old Bethpage, NY**
- Noah Schulof - **Livingston, NJ**
- Alexandra Setton - **Plainview, NY**
- Lucia Shulman - **Dobbs Ferry, NY**
- Simon Solomon - **Plainview, NY**
- Matthew Spina - **Delray Beach, FL**
- Samantha Stimell - **Melville, NY**
- Isabella Tanelli - **North Caldwell, NJ**
- Leah Thomas - **Burlingham, NY**
- Lila Tolchinsky - **New York, NY**
- Carson Uris - **Melville, NY**
- Harris Wechsler - **Woodbury, NY**
- Lucas Weinfeld - **Rye Brook, NY**
- Ellie Weisbrod - **Scarsdale, NY**
- Matthew Weiser - **New York, NY**
- Cameryn Wyttenbach - **Cold Spring Harbor, NY**



## Camp History and Culture Corner

### PART I: TALES OF COLOR WEEK AND MARCHING SONGS

For many of us lucky enough to have gone to camp, when asked about the most cherished memories of our summer camp experience, Color Week is sure to make an appearance very early in the conversation. As the camp season draws near its conclusion, camp is divided into two teams for a four-day competition. The atmosphere is spirited and intense, yet friendly and cooperative, with a very wide, eclectic variety of contests. At the conclusion of the event, the camp family joins together with laughter and tears, as another legendary summer goes into the books. Several "traditional" events can be depended upon to be included each summer. Additionally, we at Iroquois Springs never stop innovating and introducing new activities and ideas, working to make our great event even better.

Summer camping in the northeastern United States began in the late 19th century. One of the earliest references to a Color Week type event at camp was "Red and Gray Week" in 1916 at Schroon Lake Camp, a boys' camp in the Adirondacks. By the 1930s, "Color Wars" had evolved into a staple of the summer camp experience, consisting of a series of events that ranged from checkers competitions to swim meets. From there the competitions grew larger and larger, evolving into complex four to five-day events with established and sacred traditions. By the time the 1970s rolled around, many camps had changed the name of the event from "Color War" to "Color Week" as a way of changing the impression of no holds barred competitiveness to one of friendly competition. Generation upon generation of campers have added their songs, artwork, athletic achievements and memories to the tradition.

Here at Iroquois Springs, we are very proud of our annual Color Week competition. Intense yet friendly, supportive and cooperative, Color Week at I.S. has something for every camper, with opportunities in athletics (*Track Meets, Swim Meets, a wide variety of sports*), creativity (*our Rocketry Competition, creation of Plaques and Standards, and song writing for Sing: The Alma Mater and March*), detective work (*Scavenger Hunt, Jigsaw Puzzle and the Hidden Arrow*), the academic (*Color Bowl*), the zany (*The Juice Break Olympics and "Marble Call"*) and teamwork (*the ultimate example being the legendary Iroquois Springs Apache Relay*).

Color Week begins with... "The Break". This is a surprise event that announces who is on which team and who the leaders are. The Break is intended to be fun for our campers. The exact timing and nature of each summer's Break is top secret, known by only a very few. Many people in the Leadership Staff have no idea of when the fun starts until just before the Break. The days leading up to the Break are a time of heightened excitement and anticipation at camp. Old Color Week Alma Maters are sung. The Plaques from years past that are displayed in the Theater are analyzed

and discussed enthusiastically. One particular chant has been heard at camp at this time of the summer for over sixty years...

**"One-Two-Three-Four we want Color War"  
"Five-Six-Seven-Eight too bad you gotta wait"**

Watching Color Week unfold at camp during the subsequent four days is a wonderful thing. We select staff members and campers who have shown excellence during the summer as team leaders. During the early stages of Color Week, team leaders are hard at work selecting their team name/theme and organizing team members for the many tasks and events that lie ahead. We have found that in most instances, the team with the better organization is the one that prevails in the end.

**"Preparation is the key to success"**  
**Alexander Graham Bell and Brian "Bubba" Cohen (2001)**

It is wonderful to see how much energy, commitment, and love our campers and staff put into the event. The magic is theirs!

At the conclusion of Color Week.... The Sing! The Sing is the capstone event of Color Week. It is an emotional event that in the end brings us all closer as a camp family. During the previous four days, campers had been at work on a variety of creative projects, and our oldest campers have been writing new Marches and Alma Maters that in turn they taught to their teams. The Sing consists of several events, including the artistic (*Standards by our 11-12 year old groups and Plaques by the oldest campers and CITS*), creative (*The Team Video, Entrance into the Theater accompanied by a Camper Rock Band*), a humorous look at the events of the past summer in verse (*Comic Songs*) and the Marches and Alma Maters. We are constantly amazed by the beautiful Alma Maters our campers compose year in, year out. The most memorable Alma Maters will be sung at the Order of the Blue and Gold for many years to come. The Plaques and Standards proudly adorn the walls of the Theatre for posterity.

Beginning in 2010 and continuing to this day, the Iroquois Springs Sing has been streamed live on the web. The most recent of these can be viewed on the I.S. website.

Let's focus on one event in The Sing that is often overlooked when glancing back: The March.

Marches (*originally known as Marching Songs*) were once THE main event of the Color Week Sing. Until sometime in the 1960s, it would be commonplace to hear Marches in the Dining Hall, on the buses on trip days, and while walking between activities. As time went by, the Alma Mater surpassed the March in significance to campers and staff, and gradually in point value as well. Still, to this day, hearing a well written March sung with passion and power at the Sing is.... well..... awesome!



## Camp History and Culture Corner

Here is a March that received one of the highest scores from our panel of esteemed Sing Judges in recent years – Hawaiian Blue 2017. If you know it, please sing along!

### THE HAWAIIAN BLUE MARCH 2017

TO THE TUNE OF  
“SO WHAT” BY PINK

#### VERSE 1:

We Hawaiian Blue Team  
Our spirit will never stop  
Four days to claim our victory  
Blue's gonna end on top  
Gold you can almost see it  
We're gonna win it all  
You'll never see us coming  
Blue team will never fall

#### PRE-CHORUS:

Na na na na na na na  
Who's gonna win tonight  
Na na na na na na na  
Blue's gonna win this fight

#### CHORUS:

So Gold Team we're gonna beat you  
We will defeat you  
You know that it's true  
Blue Team is gonna stay strong  
All color week long  
And we will show you tonight  
Is our night  
We will fight  
With all of our might  
So guess what Hawaiian Blue's here  
And we have no fear  
We're gonna win this tonight

#### VERSE 2:

Ready for any marble call  
And conquering at the track  
Blue team is gonna win it all  
Gold better watch their back  
Even at Apache  
Color bowl and swim  
Nothing can ever stop us  
Blue will always win

#### CHORUS:

Na na na na na na na  
Ready to win this fight  
Na na na na na na na  
We'll conquer it all tonight

#### CHORUS:

So Gold Team we're gonna beat you  
We will defeat you  
You know that it's true  
Blue Team is gonna stay strong  
All color week long  
And we will show you tonight  
Is our night  
We will fight  
With all of our might  
So guess what Hawaiian Blue's here  
And we have no fear  
We're gonna win this tonight

**GO BLUE!**

### FAVORITE RECIPE FROM

#### Kitchen Stadium

#### Cookie Dough Covered Oreo Stuffed Pull-Apart Challah

#### INGREDIENTS

- One batch challah dough
- Store-bought cookie dough
- Oreo cookies (around 12-14) plus extra for topping
- 1 egg, beaten lightly

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare your preferred challah dough and allow to rise per directions.
2. Cut challah into 2.5-3oz pieces. Depending on the size of your challah dough, you may be able to make two pull-apart challahs.
3. Grease a round 8-inch or 9-inch pan (or two pans, again, depending on size of your dough batch).
4. Roll each section into a ball and then flatten. Cover an Oreo in small-ish amount of cookie dough. Place inside flattened ball of challah dough and pinch close. Repeat with remaining challah and place in greased pan.
5. Allow to rise another 20-30 minutes.
6. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
7. Brush challah with egg wash and sprinkle with crushed Oreo cookies if desired.
8. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until golden on top. Indulge.





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## Weekend Re-Cap

Wow, we were so overwhelmed with emotion to welcome so many of you to camp the first weekend of October. The sight of families walking up the hill to the office, the expressions on their faces to be back home and the simple glow in their eyes made it all worthwhile. We spent a few hours together enjoying the beautiful fall foliage, carving pumpkins, tie-dyeing masks, enjoying smore's at the campfire (how about those peppermint pattie s'mores), touring camp for new families, having a classic camp BBQ and just reminiscing, it could not have been a more perfect weekend!

Thank you to all those that made the trip to Rock Hill, if not for anything else, it made camp come to life for the day. A combination of a traditional day at camp, visiting day, weekend tours and more, nothing replaces happy kids and parents getting to enjoy all that Iroquois Springs has to offer. For so many of you, we know that just having the chance to be together, regaining the feeling of being a camp family and the ability to just safely gather together meant to the world to you, as it did to us! We have spent years building our camp community, at the core, it's truly what we are all about. Even if our time was limited, the time we did have together will be cherished, and it will help bridge the gap until next summer.

For those of you who may have missed the weekend, make sure to keep an eye out over the winter for other opportunities to gather, whether in person or virtually, our goal is to continue to be together safely and keep our camp family connected as best as we can until the start of next summer. It's quite certain to say, nothing replaces a great smile, a good laugh or even a virtual hug, it truly warmed our heart to see all of you enjoying camp for a few hours, reuniting with friends and staff and simply living in the moment, we hope you enjoyed your time in Rock Hill as much as we enjoyed having you home.





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## Weekend Re-Cap







# HAPPY Birthday

## October

- 1 Michael Berman Annunziata
- 3 Veronica Kaplan
- 3 Lila Meehan
- 4 Ekaterina Zoloeva
- 6 Carmelo Cambareri
- 6 Hayley Lederman
- 6 Madison Maher
- 6 Sloane Shapiro
- 7 Hailey Farber
- 7 Samuel Keltz
- 8 Sadie Fink
- 9 Noa Herman
- 9 Lauren Kastler
- 10 Patrick Tyrone Clarke
- 10 Jason Cook
- 10 Jorin Krupitsky
- 10 Ethan Lewis
- 11 Mateo Aguado
- 11 Emily Heller
- 11 Annie Lewis
- 12 Abigail Cohen
- 12 Rylie Levine
- 12 Zack Schteingart
- 12 Daniel Silver
- 13 Lauren Rayner
- 13 Alexa Silverstein
- 15 Lexi Bernstein
- 16 Olivia Cutri
- 17 Ian Cohen
- 17 Brett Kaplan
- 18 Theo Berson
- 18 Olivia Loe
- 18 David Loew
- 18 Matthew Loew
- 19 Eduardo Arturo De Los Santos
- 20 Lily Keltz
- 20 Eden Weisel
- 21 Samantha Bell
- 23 Hope Esposito
- 23 Lyla Schuman
- 23 Fallon Shapiro
- 25 Molly Weiss
- 26 Andrew Gaspar
- 27 Sydney Greenberg
- 27 Jonah Kleinman
- 28 Evan Thomas
- 31 Jackson Kajiware

## November

- 1 Zachary Goldenberg
- 1 Zachary Hirsch
- 1 Damien Jung
- 1 Peter Shaknes
- 2 Jared Marcus
- 2 Matthew Weiser
- 2 Olivia Zodda
- 3 Jane Grossman
- 3 Reid Grossman
- 7 Alex Gaillas
- 8 Henry Eickmeyer
- 9 Eva Jalosky
- 9 Lyster Judah Miller
- 10 Madeline Crotty
- 10 Saige Hasson
- 10 Josh Martin
- 11 Jake Nalitt
- 11 Mateo Schachner
- 12 Justin Wachen
- 12 Charlie Zirlin
- 13 Lillian Heard
- 13 Ava Leykikh
- 14 Jonathan Dobstaff
- 15 Joshua Hook
- 15 Brandon Linchuck
- 17 Hudson Oziel
- 18 Abigail Wechsler
- 20 Kyle Cicco
- 20 Jake Levy
- 21 Alexis Handler
- 22 Lucy Beldner
- 24 Ethan Taylor
- 25 Eden Baer
- 25 Joanna Chertoff
- 26 Laika Bloom
- 27 Jared Schwartz
- 28 Samuel Winitch
- 28 Alivia Donaldson

## December

- 1 Keira Gaillas
- 1 Tyler Gallow
- 1 Nicola Grimaldi
- 1 Julia Leykikh
- 4 Melanie Genzano
- 4 Beckett VanWyk
- 5 Sydney Fraley
- 5 Eva Spiegeland
- 6 Charlie Kaminsky
- 6 Madeline Projansky
- 7 Alexandra Garcia
- 7 Rosie Potash
- 8 Mason Herman
- 8 Maggie Lipps
- 8 Zoe Lipps
- 8 Hollyn Loftin
- 8 Daniel Zirlin
- 9 Ryan Attman
- 9 Wyatt Jung
- 9 Danielle Lazear
- 10 Joshua Joseb
- 10 Alexa Wessner
- 11 Amanda Bialek
- 12 Hudson Crotty
- 13 Grady Putek
- 14 Elizabeth Cohn
- 15 Alex Lewis
- 15 Guy Riskind
- 18 Leo Blank
- 18 Chloe Shapiro
- 19 Elina Kamensky
- 20 Daniel Mirsky
- 21 Avery Cohen
- 22 Lila Kokalas
- 22 Jack Sisco
- 22 Jason Stransky
- 26 Laura Bialek
- 27 Remy Alperstein
- 27 Mason Schimmel
- 30 Aiden Parker
- 30 Emmi Ross
- 30 Emily Tepp



# The Amazing Power of Camp & Project Morry



Community service has always been at the core of values for Iroquois Springs, something we stress at camp, understanding the importance of community service and giving to others not as fortunate as us. Typically, each summer, our Counselors in Training (CIT's) spend a day at Project Morry, getting to know their campers, understanding their values and participating in camp activities with both of our camp communities working as one. There is nothing better than seeing Project Morry in action...it gives our CIT's a better understanding of why we raise money to support such a wonderful cause and most of all, put into perspective the unique opportunity that summer camp offers to campers from all social and economic backgrounds. Listening to CIT's talk about their experience after they return from a day at Project Morry is truly heart-warming. It becomes evident that the opportunities that have been afforded to each of them and reminds them what it means to give back, what it means to help others and what it means to help raise awareness for those not afforded the same opportunities we may enjoy.

During a traditional summer at camp, we host our annual **Project Morry Swim-A-Thon**, something we had to obviously do virtually this past summer. Our CIT's ordinarily bring so much energy and excitement to this most special day at camp as our entire CIT group works together to facilitate an incredible full camp event. Each camper participates throughout the day, and amazingly, we continue to swim more laps and raise more money each and every summer for this truly special organization. Although we were not together this summer, many of you still chose to swim your laps, or even walk them with family and friend, we can't thank you enough for keeping the spirit of Iroquois Springs and Project Morry alive, even under difficult circumstances.

This summer as you know, was set to mark our 20th Anniversary at Iroquois Spring and 25th Anniversary at Project Morry. With the celebration of both milestones and the construction of our brand-new theater, our Brick Paver Campaign took place this winter and to no surprise, it was a huge success! The opportunity to leave your mark forever with a personalized paving stone on our newly expended patio was well received, and we were thrilled with the outpouring of support for both camps. Check-out some of the pictures below, we know this is going to be something that we can all feel very proud of for so many years to come.

We are thrilled to announce that once again our camp community **raised over \$10,000 for Project Morry, between our "Virtual Swim-a-Thon and Brick Paver Campaign.** Thank you to the entire Iroquois Springs family of campers, parents, staff and alumni who donated in any form, even during a time that was less than ideal for some, it truly shows the deep connection that our camp families have to the essence of camp for all and the power that a summer at sleepaway camp has on those fortunate enough to experience it.

To find out more about Project Morry, please check out their website at: [www.projectmorry.org](http://www.projectmorry.org).



## THE WINTER ARROW CLUE

As the days grow shorter and the leaves turn beautiful shades of red and gold before making their annual descent to the ground, soon to be covered by winters' snow... there is a hidden arrow waiting to be found....well, figuratively!

In this issue of the Iroquois Springs Times we will present a new clue to the "Winter Arrow's" location. Unlike in Color Week, the "Winter Arrow" can be ANYWHERE in Camp – indoors or outdoors, areas both in bounds and off limits. Use your creativity and imagination...you can even search without a counselor!!!

**The first camper to correctly name the exact location of the "Winter Arrow" will win a prize for their bunk this summer.** Remember to give a detailed description of why you think the "Winter Arrow" is there when you respond.

Send your answers to: [summers@iroquoissprings.com](mailto:summers@iroquoissprings.com) and make sure to include your first and last name in the email.

### Here is Clue #1:

....and it was written that the expansion of the Camp Lake in the early 1950's to its current size was quite the undertaking. A crew consisting of a baker's dozen rotated through several months of hard labor in shifts. The work was arduous and repetitive...cut through rock...dig deep...cross from side to side...dump all that soil.... But the work crew killed it, and their handiwork remains to this day to serve as an integral part of our camp experience....





# COUNSELOR'S CORNER



If you have experienced a summer at camp or will be joining our camp family for the first-time in 2021, you will quickly understand that the heart of Iroquois Springs lies in the people who call camp home each summer. When anyone asks what separates Iroquois Springs from others, the answer is simple. It's the 250+ talented staff from around the globe who are chosen to work with our campers that are the true "difference makers." As you can probably imagine, when the news of postponing camp last summer was made public, our staff were equally, if not more, as devastated as our campers and families. These folks choose to give up their summers and put aside other opportunities to spend a summer with us all in Rock Hill. While working at camp is not easy (some would say it may be the hardest, yet most rewarding job they have every had), they would not trade it for anything in the world.

As we start to recruit staff for the coming summer and invite back those who missed out last summer, these are just a few of the comments we received:

**I can't wait to see you all and be back in Rock Hill next summer, the countdown is on!**

**Thanks, and I can't wait to get back to 12775!**

***I am excited to have received this and can't wait to come home to the blue and gold!***

***Best e-mail I have gotten in months!***

**Can't wait!! – Summer 2021**

***Can't wait to be back home!!!***

**Bring it on!**

***I'll gladly see you all in Rock Hill the first week of May if you'll take me!***

***I look forward to returning to camp this summer, it's been far too long!***

***Missed everyone so much. This summer was not the same without camp. I am so excited to be back at my favorite place ever! I missed it so much and I know that summer 2021 is going to be bigger and better than 2020 would've been. 20 years of IS and I couldn't be prouder to be a part of the family! Counting down the days to seeing everyone! Stay well and safe!***

***I really hope to be at camp for summer 2021, this summer just wasn't the same!!***

**#it'sthepeopleandtheplace | #wherewebelongs12775**





## BOYS SIDE STUFF WITH JOSH

It is autumn in Rock Hill, and we had the best time with our families during our recent fall fest. So many returning and new campers came to enjoy a day together in 12775. We had s'mores, tours, we even carved pumpkins and got to tie-dye. It felt rejuvenating to have campers and families running around camp again. When I turned the corner by the theater and smelled hamburger and hotdogs being barbecued, the sounds of DJ Wes pumping tunes and the bouncing of basketballs in the background all reminded me that we are getting closer to camp each and every day.

I also want to let you know that the new theater looks AH-MAY-ZING! I had the chance to take a quiet walk around camp and it was so nice to smell the smells and hear some familiar sounds as well. I got to stop and imagine that it was the middle of the July and picture what scene I would be seeing. Kids jumping in the pool, the sound of the zip-line zipping, the fire crackling at outdoor cooking and the engine of the Jet Ski whirling campers around on the tube. I was hoping that on the early side of 4:00 we would hear the famous PA Announcement for snack, but the cool breeze and the

falling leaves reminded me that it was October.

Hearing all of your stories from the past year and connecting with many of your families made our fall weekend that much more special. You did not just get taller; it sounds like many of you got wiser as well. It is at this part of the season when we look to improve our program and look to create new events and activities. I look forward to working with the group leaders and supervisory staff to create some new and exciting moments in the summer of 2021. These will all be shared with you in future newsletters.

One final thought, I know that this school year is not what you expected. Some of you are in school full time, part time or not at all. Although at times it seems that this is going to go on forever, it won't! We have to stay true to who we are as individuals. Keep reminding yourself about the lessons learned in camp from your counselors and bunkmates. Remember that in a few short months we will all be the ones running around camp living our best life. Until then, stay strong, be nice and make a difference.

**Missing you all! - Josh**

## Dates to Remember

- Spring Mailing - Monday, February 1st**
- Camper Forms Due - Thursday, April 15th**
- New Family Orientation - Sunday, May 23th**
- Area Pick-Up for IS Baggage Service - Sunday, June 20th**
- Opening Day - Saturday, June 26th**
- Visiting Day - Saturday, July 10th**
- Rookie Day - Sunday, July 11th**
- Session #1 Ends - Friday, July 16th**
- Session #2 Begins - Saturday, July 17th**
- Explorers Camp - Saturday, July 24th – Sunday, July 25th**
- Senior Trip - Sunday, July 25th – Wednesday, July 28th**
- Campers Return Home - Friday, August 6th**