

# Camp Wayne for Boys and Girls



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

**The next Alumni Reunion is scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2010 at camp!!**



*Chief Mashugana at the Conference Opening*

## 2008 in the Books!

What a summer! Even though it feels far away now, we're getting to relive all the excitement as we prepare the highlight DVD for our campers and staff. Going through hours and hours of footage puts us right back in beautiful Preston Park.

Our campers and counselor loved the new additions and improvements we made to the facility. With the blue and green color scheme matching the US Open Tennis Center at Flushing Meadows, our new tennis complex was a huge hit for our tennis enthusiasts. A new solarium at the waterfront was a welcome addition to the busiest place in camp. We also added a new soccer field, new paths around

camp, a new main road through camp and a great new multi-station exercise unit to the weight room.

The new daily program at camp was greeted with lots of enthusiasm by our campers. Our goal was to create a more personalized camp experience in order to promote the varied interests of our campers. We added selective periods and scheduled them in a way that allowed for more individualized instruction.

The traditional Conference period (Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton and Yale) is still going strong. For 2008 we incorporated a playoff format in each sport to create even more excitement. Special trips out of camp have become an



*2nd generation campers Jensen Weingard (left) and Cooper Schneider*

important part of the program. Our H and I campers took our maiden voyage to Cleveland in the early part of the summer. With stops at the Football Hall of Fame, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and an Indian's game at

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## Attention on Camp...

Even though the leaves have changed and winter will soon be upon us, Camp is never far from our minds. We are busy filling our calendar with some new activities as well as some favorites like WAYNO, Tribal and Creative Service. We are happy to report 2008 was another banner year for Camp Wayne for Girls. We were fortunate to host the highest number of campers in

our history this past summer. And we're seeing more familiar faces touring than ever before. There's nothing more gratifying than seeing alumni faces light up as they walk around campus feeling the same warmth and comfort that they felt years ago.

Our campers and staff enjoyed their first full summer with our fabulous new facility Noel's ARC

(Activities and Recreation Center). A beautiful stone and log lodge which houses a new canteen, indoor gymnastics, climbing wall, self-defense area, fitness studio and staff lounge. It really came in handy during Color War when we were faced with 2 days of rain!

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In 2008, campers at Camp Wayne for Boys and Girls continued the important tradition of swimming for Project Morry. (Formerly Morry's Camp) This annual event started six years ago and continues to be a great way to promote the importance of community service. Because our campers appreciate the camp experience they have at Wayne, they are well aware of the importance of raising money to help give underprivileged children the same opportunities.

Our campers swam over 20,000 laps during the summer to help raise money for Project Morry. Through the generosity of our current camp families and alumni, we hope to raise lots of money for this terrific organization. Giving children the opportunity to experience the wonders of camping is something very close to our hearts. For more information on Project Morry, please go to [www.projectmorry.org](http://www.projectmorry.org). Thanks to all of our alumni who contribute to this very worthy cause.

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Progressive field, the trip was a huge hit!

As our alumni know well, its camp friends and a great counselor staff that keeps everyone coming back for more. We had an incredible group of new and returning counselors and we're working hard to get many back for 2009.

Our veteran senior staff provided solid leadership throughout the summer. The three Head Counselors, Chris Burnett, Chris Lee and Brennan Goman were back in 08, and kept us moving all summer long. Gil Fershtman continued as our Athletic Director, overseeing the competitive and instructional programs. Other veteran senior staff included Marty Gilbert (tennis), Jeff Caspi (baseball), Asher Levin (soccer) Paul Rolnicki (waterfront), Joe Dondero (Program Director), Monica Wolfe (climbing/ropes) and Andy "Groo" Groothuis (evening activities and special events). We have two very special shout-outs from this past summer: Steve Nisen-son marked his 30th year at camp and Julie Levine was back on the basketball courts for his 20th summer...Congrats to Steve and Julie!

Of course, a recap of the summer wouldn't be complete without mentioning Color War 2008. It was an

incredible four days that started with what was probably the fastest rope burn on record. With tried and true techniques being passed down by CIT's summer after summer, we may just have to raise the rope! Nightmare Buff and Viking Blue battled hard for every point and like all great Color Wars of the past, it came down to Sing Night. In the end, it was an outstanding banner and a few memorable songs that gave Viking Blue the win.

We're already counting the days until summer 2009. A number of exciting facility additions/improvements will greet our campers on Day 1: a new soccer field, new baseball field, new Arts & Crafts facility, and the new Wayne Café and Game Room complete with flat screen televisions.

If you are thinking about Camp Wayne for your son, we encourage you to consider our Dream Weekend program (July 11-12) or our Rookie Day program (July 25). Both programs offer prospective campers a great introduction to life at camp.

We hope you had a great summer and we wish you a terrific year ahead.



*Counselors celebrate a rope burn victory.*



*Andy Groo holds court at morning line up.*

## Alumni Buzz

Since posting our Spring '08 Newsletter we've heard some great news along with some sad news from our beloved alumni...see below. To share your news for our Spring '09 Newsletter, go to

[www.campwayne.com](http://www.campwayne.com) and click on the Alumni tab. You'll see a link on the left side where you can submit your news.

### Shelly Weil:

Hi Peter and Noel. Do not know who puts the newsletter together but it is very well done. I see me in a number of pictures...Bunk 12 with my campers, Ham radio set up on the front porch and refing a basketball game. The Call sign of the Camp by the way was K3FWZ. That was over 50 years ago. Wow! I do recognize many of those little faces. Morty Fink and I and about 80

other of us who went to Scout Camp in the 40's have a reunion every year at Ten Mile River Scout Camp just above Port Jervis NY. This will be our 45th reunion. Have a great summer. Shelly

### Morris "Moon" Mondschein:

Thanks for the heads up! Hope to get a chance to see you all this summer.

A bit of news update:

1. I believe you know that Warren is married to Juli (1/20/2007) who gave birth to a baby girl, Rio Rose, on January 31, 2008. All are doing well.

2. Daniel has just recently become engaged to a young lady named Silvia (with an "i") Lee. Further details to follow when available.

Moon

### Jason Port:

It's with great sadness that I send this email- one of my oldest friends that I met while at Camp Wayne passed away yesterday- Glenn Taubman, Hollywood FL- Glenn will always be remembered for his great tennis game and sense of humor. So many fun times- Rest In Peace

### David Fischler:

What's up everyone? Its Fish- got into this website when my nieces visited Camp Wayne for girls last summer. Living in Marlboro, NJ with my wife Elise and my two boys, Alex and Owen (future Camp Wayne campers). Be well

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Noel has already begun preparations for his 37<sup>th</sup> tour of the U.S and Canada in search of counselors and Key Staff for the summer of '09. As most of you know, in the end a great summer camp is only as great as its counselors. Noel will spend 3 months criss-crossing the country traveling to over 30 colleges to personally interview the people who will take care of our campers.

Speaking of staff, our venerable Key Staff was back in action this summer. Stefi (Gold) Cohen still holds her title as Shack Mama and does a phenomenal job running our special events and evening activities. Janet (Felman) Fishbein helped to supervise the ARC this summer in addition to her role as Camp Mom and Canteen Manager. Rona (Kopp) Machlin did a tremendous job taking pictures for our parent's website on top of everything that she does to help with new

enrollment. Howie Cohen, Mike Dunn and Jaime (Dondero) Pace kept our waterfront cool as ever. We are really excited about our new addition to waterfront in '09...baby Pace, who will be 4 months old when camp begins! Brittany Reichert and Jen Erdman teamed up again as our fearless Assistant Head Counselors helping Adena run another season of endless fun. Other outstanding Key Staff included Patti (Kirkpatrick) as Athletic Director, Lindsay Burningham - Program Dir., Chrissy Gasbarre - MADD Dir., Laura Schilling - Gymnastics Dir. with the help of Cris Leric as part-time Gymnastics Advisor, Bob Bailey - Golf Dir., Chris Handschuch - Drama Dir., Joey Ricken, T.J. & Yuk Yenilmez - Tennis Dirs., and Danny Kevitch - Dance & Cheerleading Dir.

Director Ilene Rosenbaum continues to be a great resource for our new families helping to navigate their first summers at Wayne. Matt



and Adena continue to grow in their roles as Directors and are looking forward to seeing their older daughter, Sierra (8 yrs. old), graduate from Bunk 1 after 3 years. Their younger daughter, Riley (4 yrs. old), will continue to reign as the adorable camp mascot for a few more years. Noel of course is working as hard as ever and still enjoys throwing

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### *Alumni Gathering In NYC*

For the past few years, a group of Camp Wayne Alumni have been organizing a reunion in New York City. Last spring, they decided to take donations at the door to raise money for S.C.O.P.E., an organization that raises money to send underprivileged children to overnight camp. More than one hundred alumni from all different generations raised over \$500.00 dollars. Their next reunion/fundraiser is coming up soon - December 12, 2008 @ 10:00 pm. For more information e-mail [cwpartyplanners@gmail.com](mailto:cwpartyplanners@gmail.com).

This is also a great opportunity for friends to connect prior to the reunion. A bunch of campers from the '80s met for dinner and had the chance to catch up with old friends, some of whom they hadn't seen in two decades! Attendees included Amy (Bobrow) Gross, Joceyln Green, Jaime (Dondero) Pace, Adena (Corpuel) Brown, Barbara Solomon-Balcourt, Jeff Honigstock, David Moses, Kenny Rosenberg, and Adam Groothuis. The evening was a blast and we hope more alumni will join us each year.

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### *Ready for Camp?*

Do you know someone who's ready for camp? If you have children or friends with children who are considering camp in the next year or two, please get in touch so we can send along information about Wayne. We have lots of second and third generation campers at Wayne!



*Jocey Green and Jamie (Dondero) Pace*



*From left to right: Kenny Rosenberg, Adam Groothuis and Jeff Honigstock*

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pies in camper's faces while George has taken a little step back to enjoy more time with her grandchildren and more time in Florida! She continues to spend her summers at Wayne over-seeing our Health Center which she proudly refers to as George's gorgeous new Health Center!

If you are considering Camp Wayne for your daughter please try and contact us as early as possible so we can reserve a spot for your daughter. We tend to fill up in most age groups at least one year in advance. A great way for your family to check out camp is our Rookie Day slated for July 5<sup>th</sup>. What better way for your daughter to see what Camp Wayne is all about than spending a fun-filled day at Camp with other potential campers swimming, playing sports, meeting new people and to top it all off? What else...s'mores!

We love hearing from

Alumni. Whether it be for Rookie Day, a tour, the next Alumni Reunion in 2010 or just a visit, we hope you can find the time to come back to Preston Park and reconnect with camp. Sit on the swing, play some kong-pong or join us for lunch and enjoy our delicious salad bar while listening to Color War songs.

Our warmest regards to you and your families.

