

# Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls

Alumni Newsletter - Spring 2012

## News from CWB

Talk about a tale of two seasons. At this time last year we were wondering if all the snow would melt in time for the start of camp...not to mention the ice on the lake. Mother nature was much gentler this winter and the 70 plus degree days in March had everyone feeling that camp was just around the corner.

Unfortunately for our campers, a warm winter and spring won't move the start date of camp up any earlier...that's the bad news. The good news is that we've got an amazing camp season ahead of us, anchored by the best Head Counselor team in camping and an incredible group of area directors and counselors.

Speaking of the Head Counselor team (Chris Burnett, Eric Schneider and Andy Groothuis), we're thrilled to welcome Sherri Candel and Joe LeRea to the squad. Sherri was a great addition to our group leader team last summer and Joe, a Wayner for eight years, will be making his triumphant return with his wife and two children who are finally ready for camp!

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*2012 CITs visiting camp in February!*

## News from CWG

Summer is fast approaching and that can mean only one thing to this audience...CAMP is on our minds! It won't be long until the buses are rolling into Preston Park and our campus is filled with the sights and sounds of 275 girls screaming and tackling each other.

There is a beautiful simplicity to summer camp. Time marches on, people come and go, technology gradually creeps more and more into our daily life, everything about our society has become faster, faster, faster. It feels as if we are living in a microwavable society.

But there is something pure, something timeless about summer camp. People often say that the minute they step onto campus it feels as if they never left. When alumni return to their second home to tour or visit they are reminded of a time when life was simpler and would do anything to be a camper again.

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## Alumni Buzz

To share your news for the Fall 2012 edition of the Alumni 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 submit your news.

### Emily Cleaver Lott:

CW Alumni Emily & David Lott welcomed their first child, Joey Hannah Lott, on 6/28/11.

### Murray Weil Jr

I believe that the first year that I attended camp was in 1940 and attended for many happy years through 1945. I have many happy memories of the camp. I would like to hear from my old bunkmates of that era: Ivan Hamburg, Steven King, David Blaisband, and Milton Hamburg. Twenty years ago I went back to visit the camp and it looked great and brought back many pleasant memories. During my camp years I lived in NYC. I now live in Sufside, FL, just a few blocks north of Miami Beach.

### Abby Schafran Cofksy

I can't wait to send my twins (Adam and Rachel) the summer after next! My youngest (Danielle) is only 2, but she's probably ready now :). Hope everyone is doing well!

### Michael Levy

My wife and I welcomed our daughter, Yael Delilah Kohn Levy, last January. This past August, I also began my own law practice in Manhattan.

### Jocey Green Bernyk

Boys side just got their newest camper for summer 2018: Ryan Harrison Bernyk. Can I request NOW that Danny Helfman be his counselor? Baby and his parents are doing great – can't wait for him to meet his camp family.

Much love, Jocey, Nick and Baby Ryan

### Greer Julien Slovin:

Congrats to Greer, Billy and Maya on the birth of their son, Brady Slovin.



*Maya Slovin and her new little brother*

### Jodi Erdman

Big news in the Erdman house...I'm going to be a GRANDMA!!! So exciting! No, not Jen, Sarah is due on July 4th. Sarah & Jonathan are SO excited. So happy to share this news with my CW family!

### Stefi Gold Cohen

On October 19, 2011, jordana brooke, daughter of Neal and Tracee Cohen, made her arrival. Her grandparents, Ron and Stefi Gold Cohen, are hoping that she will follow the family tradition and be at Camp Wayne one day.



Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook to stay up to date on all things Wayne!

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*Alumni Campers from Left to Right: Jared Hackmyer, Leo Finkelstein, Sam Martin, Scott Goldband, Benny Frost and Ty Nisenson*

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Of course, the camp experience is much bigger than learning to hit a golf ball, skiing around the lake or climbing to the top of the wall. Camp's place in the overall growth and development of our children is more important than ever. With most school's focused on the 3 Rs, many important skills are being sacrificed in the name of standardized testing. The Partnership for 21st Century Skills ([p21.org](http://p21.org)) is the place to go to see what kinds of skills our children need as they enter the "real world." In addition to the 3 Rs, the P21 organization stresses the importance of the 4 Cs: critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, and creativity and innovation. We don't think there's a better place than camp to learn and develop the 4 Cs and we're sure our esteemed alum would second that motion.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer season!

Josh, Steve, Kathy E and Kathy C

It reminds us of the famous speech about baseball by James Earl Jones' character in the movie 'Field of Dreams' (adapted and para-phrased here for Summer Camp)...

*"They'll arrive at your door as innocent as children, longing for the past. 'Of course, we won't mind if you have a look around,' you'll say. And they'll walk out on campus and sit in short-sleeves on a perfect afternoon. They'll find they have reserved seats on the swing, where they sat when they were children and looked over the lake. And they'll sit and talk with their friends, and it'll be as if they'd dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick, they'll have to brush them away from their faces. . This camp, this experience, is a part of our past. It reminds us of all that once was good, and it could be again. People will come. People will most definitely come.*

Works even better if you can imagine it being said by James Earl Jones.

We would love for you to 'dip yourselves in the magic waters' of Camp Wayne this summer! If you are interested in touring, please call us to schedule a visit. If you are want to come to get a breath of the fresh mountain air or a charleston chew from the canteen please call us to find out the best day/time to visit. Because of our Rookie Days scheduled on July 7th and 21st **we would prefer if our alumni could visit us on the weekend of July 28th.**

As timeless as we think camp to be of course there is a certain amount of change year to year. Probably the biggest change on Girls side this year is the retirement of our long-time caretaker Bill Ripple. After 26 successful years, Bill has decided to hang up the hammer to ride off into the sunset. Bill is responsible as much as anyone for the beautiful campus and continued success we've had at camp the last quarter century and we can not thank him enough for his contributions, his loyalty and his unique wit. Anyone who has worked with Bill is aware of his many "Bill-ism's"...his daily dose of quips, insights and commentary on the world around him. One of our favorites that Bill would say about the ever changing cast of characters who work at camp each summer, "Everyone here makes Camp Wayne better. Some by coming and some by going;" Well, Bill certainly made Camp Wayne better by coming and we're a lot worse for his going.

Warmest regards from our family to yours,

Noel, George, Adena and Matt

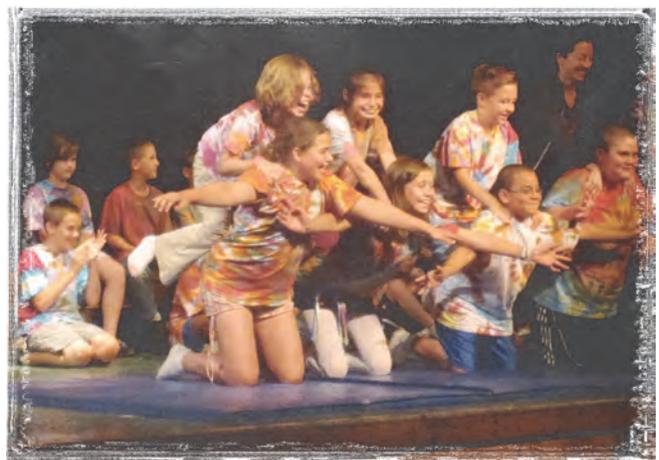
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## Preston/Hancock Experience

On August 12, 2012, the day after more than 500 Camp Wayne for Boys and Girls campers leave camp for the summer, the Preston/Hancock Experience begins its third summer at Wayne. More than 40 children from the local community will experience an exciting five-day, day camp experience at no cost. Principals and teachers in the local elementary schools select campers based on their effort in the classroom, being good citizens, committing to attend camp for four successive summers and pledging to graduate high school.

The program has seen some incredible results after just two years, thanks in no small part to the efforts of directors, Michael and Randy Corpuel. The energy and dedication that they've put into the program is a real inspiration. Almost 100% of the campers have returned following their first summer! The camp experience has become the highlight of the year for many of the campers. School administrators have reported improved grades and effort from program participants.

Camp Wayne Alumni have stepped up to the plate as both volunteers and donors. Alumni staff, comprised of high school seniors, college students and adults have been a prime reason for the success of the camp. Donations from alumni, have helped pay for camper tee shirts, backpacks, and art supplies and have also allowed for the creation of an endowment fund for college scholarships for Preston/Hancock Experience campers.





Celebrating Noel's 70th in Delray Beach FL.  
Top: Carolyn (Ace) Spragg, Karen (Keenholtz) Newton, Ilene Rosenbaum, Rona (Kopp) Machlin, Ann (Kramer) Fuchs, Lillian (Michelson) Julien, photo of Janet (Felman) Fishbein, & Stefi (Gold) Cohen



Jessie Klein, Lucy Fink, Lisa Fischer, Ali Fink, Emma Klein.  
Meeting up at Johns Hopkins Univ.

Alumni pictures courtesy of Barbara Strum



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