



Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls

Alumni Newsletter - Fall 2013

News from CWB



Coming off an amazing camp season, it's no surprise to hear that everyone is already looking forward to summer 2014 even though the snow hasn't started falling yet. We've received tons of emails from families letting us know that the school year is off to a great start, and the countdown to camp is underway.

While we all look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces each summer, we love adding new staff to the team. First timers always come prepared with fresh ideas and lots of energy. In addition to a great group of first time counselors we were thrilled to welcome a couple of new senior staff members this past summer. College golf coach and former PGA tour pro, Mike Bahnzoff, did a fantastic job on the range working with kids of all levels. Former major league pitcher, John Frascatore, ran the show on the baseball diamonds. In addition to getting great instruction from John, our campers relished the opportunity to learn from a major leaguer!

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4th generation camper Leo Finkelstein (yellow jacket) and 2nd generation camper Benny Frost (behind Leo) ready to rock the banana boat with friends

News from CWG

With New Year's fast approaching, the start of another year always turns our thoughts to the beginning of a new camp season. We're happy to say that last summer was another great summer at Wayne. We're even happier to report that 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. Along the same lines we've seen a significant increase the last few years of former campers returning to be counselors. The past few summers we've had upwards of 15 counselors returning from the same age group after their freshman years at college. This is such great news because as Noel always says, 'A camp is only as good as its counselors'.

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2nd generation camper and now counselor and Group Leader Caren Hoffman (Jeff Hoffman) with 2nd generation camper Emily Alexander (Meri Gibbons) on far left as well as 2nd generation camper Jillian Levin (Allison Robbins) 2nd from right

Alumni Buzz



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Malcolm Leitman:

Flew over camp in 1976. My grandson will fly me over in 2013. Spent 14 wonderful summers there starting in 1935. Hope to celebrate my 85th in 2015 with you all!!!

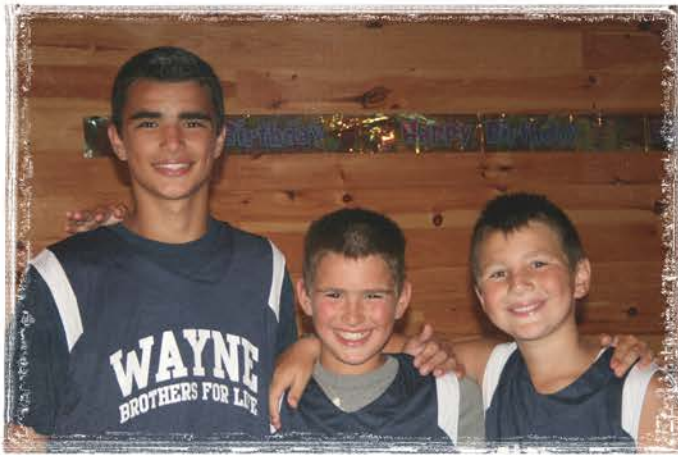
Julia Shapiro

Hi Everyone! I am so thrilled to announce that I have officially (re)launched my business venture Julia Shapiro Design. I am so excited and hope that you spread the word for me! Check out an editorial piece on the business below through a great Brooklyn based company A Child Grows: <http://www.achildgrows.com/making-murals-with-julia-shapiro/>

Jessica Shafran Roppa

Had her 3rd child...Boy - Carter Gray. Family will be touring this summer for her older daughter who plans to go to camp in 2015.

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The Schneider Boys

Teamwork is one of many life skills that come to mind when we think about the camp experience. The gridlock in our nation's capital makes us wonder how many members of congress went to camp? Perhaps we should only vote for candidates who were former campers or staff. At the very least, we know they'll be able to work together. Dare to dream!

We wish you and your family a fantastic holiday season. Stay in touch!

Josh, Steve, Kathy C, Kathy E



The Oppenheim Boys



Mike Herman and Marc Brandes back at Wayne for Color War

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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 almost two years in advance. A great way for your family to check out camp is one of our Rookie Days, this summer slated for July 12th and 26th. 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 what else...s'mores!



We always love hearing from Alumni. Whether it be for Rookie Day, a tour, the next Alumni Reunion in 2015 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, lay in the grass or join us for lunch; whatever it may be our alumni are always welcome at Camp. If you and your family would like to plan a visit to Camp Wayne, please contact us in advance so we can plan the best time to come. And if any of your relatives are interested in attending Camp Wayne for Girls please have them contact us as soon as possible.

Preston/Hancock Experience

The fourth annual Preston Hancock Experience at Wayne was a huge success. The program continues to grow by leaps and bounds under the leadership of Michael and Randy Corpuel. We're thrilled that so many children in our camp community have been able to experience the wonders of camping. Through participation in sports, arts and aquatics, campers are learning import life skills like teamwork, communication and respect. For more information on the Preston Hancock Experience, go to www.prestonhancockexperience.com



Camp Erin NYC - 2013

What do you get when you add Camp Wayne's beautiful facility, three days of great weather, 41 happy campers and 58 dedicated volunteers? An inspiring weekend helping children in distress who got to laugh, cry and have fun all while in a safe, supportive environment. Our second year was a huge success! We were able to serve more campers thanks to the support of family, friends and alumni who have all contributed in some way so that we may continue to serve children in need.

Here are just a few of the camper's thoughts after their weekend that reminds us how important camp is: "COPE Camp Erin helped me find the part of me that was missing. It made me realize my dad is there and he will always be a part of me." "COPE- Camp Erin helped me so much. It helped me learn that I am never alone. I love camp." "Not only did camp help me heal and cope, it helped me understand my feelings. Camp was so great for me and I really enjoyed it." And from a parent of three children: "I am ever so grateful and I wanted to express my gratitude. Thank you all sooo much for having such a wonderful program and giving Ashlee, Ayanna, and Shawn, AKA Scooby , a chance to embark on such a great opportunity. This was so beneficial for them, so therapeutic, they really felt connected. Most importantly they felt as though they belonged. They were able to share and learn from the sharing of their peers. They each walked away with their own individual "something" yet at the same time, they each have comparable experiences.

Camp Erin serves as a great platform for children who have lost a loved one. Again, I just want to say THANK YOU to all of the staff that makes this possible year after year, we appreciate you. Thank you all so so so much for giving the kids a fun, eventful, compassionate weekend." In between the sharing and circle times- there are plenty of activities. Any surprise BUCKET BRIGADE is a favorite? Join our team and enable COPE-Camp Erin NYC to serve more children in more ways each year. The bigger our team, the bigger our difference. You CAN make a difference. To donate go to www.copefoundation.org and click on Camp Erin. To volunteer contact me at [914-939-5338](tel:914-939-5338) or email Afuchs@copefoundation.org Check out this summer's slide show- I am sure you will recognize some faces: <http://vimeo.com/74661293>

Warmest regards,
Ann Kramer Fuchs

