



Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls
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The Countdown is On!

With the first day of spring a few weeks behind us, the march to summer 2018 is on. Campers and staff have had their eyes on the countdown clock since the end of last summer and we'll all be together in Preston Park before we know it.

Thanks to our annual CIT winter retreat in January, 45 campers from CWB and CWG (our largest group ever) didn't have to wait very long to get back to camp. While everyone likes to see what camp looks like in the winter, it's the simple hang-out time at camp, Villa Como and Fox Bowling that make this a special weekend for everyone.

Our off-season projects at CWB are just about wrapped up. We know the boys will love all the changes to the Field House (new floor, backboards, and wall-padding). There are two new bunks on the upper hill, a new deck around the pool and a new smart-snap belay system at the ropes course. At CWG we are building another staff house this summer next to the 'white house' to accommodate our ever-expanding staff. We are also planning on adding a deck to the back of the newly renovated Nature Nook so we can take advantage of the fresh mountain air and beautiful outdoors. And since sewing and fashion design was so popular last summer, we will be adding a loft in the nook to expand that program and create a dedicated indoor space for nature and gardening. We're also still working our way around the bunks building new bathrooms. This year Bunks 10-15 (and the Support Staff bunk!) will have new bathrooms and new on-demand hot water systems. The Health Center is also undergoing a little makeover and the Rec Hall was the recipient of some new LED lighting to help brighten things up.

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Second generation camper, Jack Marcus, second from right



Second generation camper, Reese Tolchin (left) and fourth generation camper Sarah (Alison Corpuel) Pastiu (center)



Second generation camper, Jake Prince, right

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Second generation camper, Josh Chernick, left

Can you imagine a “technology-free” summer...no Facebook or Instagram page to update, or text to send? While camp continues to be a place where children learn valuable life skills, it has also become an experience where kids get a much-needed break from their screens. Coming from a generation that spent much of our free-time at the local school yard and riding bikes around the neighborhood, it’s hard to fully grasp the impact that technology has on children today. Regardless of how much technology continues to charge our lives, there’s no replacement for the kind of good old fashioned face to face communication skills that camp teaches our campers and staff. We consider ourselves lucky to play such an important role in the development of hundreds of children every summer.

We wish you and your family a happy and healthy summer.

The Corpuel and Brown Families



Alumni top row from R to L Quincy Elyahou (Cindy Fedida), Maya Slovin (Greer Julien), Ava Ruderman (Lauren Schissler) and Izzy Honigstock (Jeff)

Focus for a Future

Camp Wayne was honored to be recognized by Focus for a Future for our continued support of the organization, which places scholarship campers at a number of different camps. We have partnered with Focus for a Future for 10 years now and have welcomed lots of amazing kids to our camp family.

In 2017, 448 campers were placed at 121 different camps. The value of those scholarships surpassed \$3,000,000. Since 2003, over \$15,000,000 in scholarships have been provided by a number of great camps.

For more information on Focus for a Future, please check them out online at focusforafuture.org





Alumni Day Save the Date:

Alumni Day 2018 is July 28 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Click here to [RSVP](#).



COPE/Camp Erin

So great to see CW Boys and Girls alumni out at the Annual Camp Erin NYC Bowl-a-thon supporting grieving children in need. My heartfelt thanks for your support in enabling us to serve more campers and offer children a weekend of hope and healing! Gearing up for our 7th summer. If you know anyone who could benefit from this experience, please have them contact me at afuchs@copefoundation.org. It is a FREE weekend for any child 6-17 grieving the loss of a parent, sibling or loved one which takes place at the most special place on the planet thanks to CW! - Ann Fuchs

Spring Spotlight

Camp Wayne alum and former basketball director Alex Groothuis has had great success coaching the Panthers of Coral Springs Charter High School, FL. After coaching at the division 1 college level at Wagner College and Fordham University, Alex and family relocated to south Florida where he coached division 1 junior college Palm Beach State for two seasons before becoming a high school dean of students and high school coach. In the 11 years of the schools existence prior to his arrival, Coral Springs Charter had never won a district playoff game and Alex was inheriting a team that had won a combined 4 games in the previous two seasons. In 8 years at the Charter School, the program has won over 110 games, they have won 3 district championships in the last 5 years, they have advanced to 4 regional playoffs, and one trip to the Florida State Final 4. In 2018, with a team of two former reserves as senior co-captains and five sophomores, the team was one of the pleasant surprises of Florida high school basketball finishing with a record of 20-7, a district championship and in February they were ranked 2nd in the state for class 5A only behind national championship runner up University School of Fort Lauderdale. Alex's basketball program has seen 100% of their student athletes graduate and go on to college and 5 former players have received either full or partial scholarships to play basketball collegiality. At Wagner and Fordham, Alex served as an assistant coach for former NCAA tournament MVP Dereck Whittenburg from NC State. Alex also served as an assistant coach to former Camp Wayne staffer and former NBA coach Herb Brown. Coach Brown led the USA to a gold medal in the 2001 Maccabi Games. Alex also served as assistant coach for the training camp for the 2005 Maccabi team in Knoxville, TN. Alex was an assistant for former University of Tennessee and current Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl. Alex's children (Eli and Zoe) are returning for their 8th summer at CW.



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Bernard Schoengold, grandfather of Michael Frost and great grandfather of current campers Natey, Emily and Benny Frost.