

THE

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THIS YEAR'S FIRST EDITION

# Cayuga CHRONICLE

## NEW TRIP SCHEDULED FOR SENIOR CAMPERS

Every August, the town of Honesdale hosts a County Fair. The Wayne County Fair is among the largest fairs in PA, drawing families from across the east coast. With exciting events ranging from pig races and monster truck shows to thrilling Ferris wheel rides, there's a ton of entertainment to experience. We determined that the Wayne County Fair would be a cool trip opportunity for our older campers. So, last summer, we decided to offer this trip to our Teenside campers. The trip turned into a huge success! Even though attendance was optional, all Teenside campers chose to participate! Recognizing the trip's popularity, we decided to extend the opportunity to senior campers (age 12 + 13) on Junior Campus as well. Campers can also look forward to exploring the vibrant array of food stalls offering treats like cotton candy, corn dogs, ice cream, funnel cakes as well as trying their luck at various carnival games. We're super pumped our Senior Campers have a chance to check-out the Fair this summer! We anticipate it being a major hit, just like it was last summer.



## 2026 CAMPER UPDATE

One of the coolest things about attending sleepaway camp is meeting kids from all over the world! While most of our campers live in the tri-state area, we also welcome numerous campers from other states and countries. Currently, our enrolled campers are from 18 U.S. states/territories & 11 total countries. We expect those numbers to nearly double by the time camp rolls around this summer! Here's a glimpse of where our campers are travelling from: Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Texas, Delaware, Georgia, Florida, DC, Ohio, California, Utah, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Colorado, Virginia, Indiana & Puerto Rico. So far, our international campers, are travelling from Mexico, Germany, Peru, Israel, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Canada & the U.K.. It truly is wonderful to connect with kids from all over and create friendships that span across the globe!

## OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2026  
• • • • RAIN, SHINE, OR SNOW • • • •  
HONESDALE, PENNSYLVANIA  
LEARN MORE & TAKE A TOUR

We invite all prospective families and newly enrolled campers to Camp Cayuga's Annual Open House! It's an ideal time of the year for touring camp. You'll have an opportunity to check-out all of our facilities & activity sites with a bunch of other new kids, and meet our awesome Camp Cayuga staff. Our friendly staff is eager to answer any questions you might have and help you feel right at home. We are convinced that visiting the camp before your arrival is an excellent way to prepare for success. A tour of the camp can alleviate your concerns and help you feel more at ease before your first day. You'll get to explore the beautiful grounds, see where you'll be staying, and maybe even meet fellow campers who will be at camp for the same session. By familiarizing yourself with the camp environment, you'll feel confident and ready to dive into all the exciting adventures that await. We look forward to showcasing everything that makes Camp Cayuga so special. If you plan on attending, we kindly ask that you register, so please contact our office by phone or email. Attendees: arrive at camp after 12:30pm. Our first tour of the day is scheduled at 1:00pm. Tours of Junior Campus and Teen Campus will be conducted every 20 minutes and typically take 1 hour and the final tour of the day is set for 3:15pm. Food and drinks will be served throughout the day. If you're unable to attend Open House, but still want to check out Cayuga, we'll gladly arrange a tour for your family. Our 'Open Door' policy invites you to experience the magic of Cayuga whenever it fits into your schedule.



To schedule a private tour, visit our website and select 'Schedule a Tour' under the enrollment tab. Alternatively, you can reach out to our NJ Business office via phone/email. We eagerly anticipate your visit to Camp Cayuga and welcome you to the Camp family! (AKA KNOWN AS B.WEBB)

# TROPHY CEREMONY

## A MEMORABLE NIGHT FOR ALL

At the end of both the first and last 4-week sessions, Cayuga hosts a Trophy Ceremony on the Junior Campus and Teen Campus. During these ceremonies, campers receive trophy awards for all daily activities, such as ceramics, soccer, flying trapeze, gaga, horseback, lake fishing, paintball, quads, and more. Instructors cast their trophy votes based on each camper's overall attitude, improvement, sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and performance at that specific activity. In addition to activity trophies, Camper of the Month awards are also presented. One camper from each division is selected for this honor, which recognizes outstanding attitude, participation, and personal growth. In total, about 100 trophies are awarded at each ceremony! This is a truly special evening where all campers are dressed to impress. The excitement in the air is intense as campers eagerly await the announcement of the winners! The Trophy Ceremonies are highly anticipated, and consistently one of the most enjoyed Evening Activities of the summer. Following each ceremony, campers come together for a big festive dance social. The oldest girls cabin on Teenside is tasked with coming up with the social theme. The Trophy Ceremony is not just about the awards; it's a celebration of the friendships formed, the challenges overcome, and the personal milestones achieved.



## 1-ON-1 TENNIS LESSONS

Camp Cayuga features a top-notch tennis program which features 10 tennis courts & qualified tennis instructors. A typical activity period of tennis includes a mix of instruction & recreation with a ratio of 2-5 campers with 1 tennis instructor. While this ratio is satisfactory, nothing beats 1-on-1 instruction!

For the serious tennis player, private lessons are available.

Each tennis lesson lasts 50 minutes and is tailored to the skill level of each camper. If you are a tennis competitor, you have the option to join one of Cayuga's Tennis Teams. Our teams compete in intercamp tennis matches against local camps, catering to various skill levels. All campers are welcome to participate, as there are no tryouts required. Last summer, our senior female campers made it to the Wayne County Intercamp semi finals.



"We always have so much fun at tennis. It's our favorite activity!"

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### MEET BRIAN WEBB!

Brian began his journey at Camp Cayuga in 2003 as our Maintenance Director. After completing one summer as a seasonal staff member, he joined the full-time team and served as Program Director for ten years. Afterward Brian took an eight-year break from camp, moved to the Midwest, & started a family, but the pull to return to Cayuga never went away. Once his kids were old enough, he returned to camp in 2025 with his two children. That same summer, Brian stepped into the role of Staff Director. This summer, he'll be back as our Junior Campus Evening Activity

Director, and we couldn't be more excited! Anyone who knows Brian knows he's a true camp guy! Our returning campers and staff adore him, and we can't wait for our newbies to get to know him and enjoy his exciting and engaging Evening Activities!



## HOW & WHY CAMP CAYUGA FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY. ❤️

At Camp Cayuga, something special happens every summer. Campers arrive as individuals, often not knowing anyone in their cabin, and leave feeling like they've gained a second family. These friendships don't happen by accident, they grow from the unique camp experience and the moments shared each day. From the very start, campers live life together around the clock. They wake up in the same cabin, share meals, walk to activities side by side, and end each day talking and laughing before lights out. This constant togetherness creates trust and comfort quickly, forming bonds that feel deeper than typical friendships. Camp is also a place where kids can truly be themselves. Without the pressures of school, social media, or expectations, campers are free to explore who they are and try new things. Whether it's stepping onto the flying trapeze, learning a new sport, or performing in an Evening Activity, campers support one another through challenges and celebrate successes together. These shared experiences build confidence and empathy and bring kids closer. Traditions play a big role as well. Olympics, camp fires, special events, cabin games, and closing ceremonies give campers a shared history filled with "remember when" moments. These traditions create a sense of belonging and pride in being part of the Cayuga community. As campers return year after year, these relationships deepen. They grow up together, pick up right where they left off, and carry their camp friendships far beyond the summer months.

**THAT'S WHY AT CAMP CAYUGA, CAMP FRIENDSHIPS DO NOT JUST FEEL LIKE FRIENDS, THEY BECOME FAMILY.**



# NEWSLETTER CONTEST

## 2026 FLAGPOLE PREVIEW EDITION

### CAN YOU SUCCESSFULLY GUESS BB'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY?

SMILE BECAUSE LIFE IS TOO \_\_\_\_\_ TO BE UNHAPPY.

LIFE IS 10% WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU AND \_\_% HOW TO REACT TO IT.

YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_.

LIFE BEGINS AT THE END OF YOUR COMFORT \_\_\_\_\_.

THE SMALLEST ACT OF KINDNESS IS WORTH \_\_\_\_\_ THAN THE GREATEST INTENTION.

BELIEVE YOU CAN AND YOU ARE \_\_\_\_\_ THERE.

FOR A CHANCE TO WIN CAMP MERCH OF YOUR CHOICE: COMPLETE ALL FILL-INS. SEND US YOUR ANSWERS VIA EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 20TH. WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER AND ALSO NOTIFY THE WINNERS VIA EMAIL. HAPPY GUESSING!

SHOUTOUT TO CHARLIZE LOZANO AND PENELOPE SORBARA FOR WINNING OUR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER CONTEST!

## CAYUGA CARNIVAL

THE CAMP CARNIVAL: A CAYUGA HIGHLIGHT! THE CARNIVAL IS ONE OF CAYUGA'S MOST BELOVED SPECIAL EVENTS! TWICE EACH SUMMER. OUR JUNIOR CAMPUS CAMPERS DIVE INTO A WILD AND WACKY CARNIVAL EXPERIENCE. WE DEDICATE AN ENTIRE AFTERNOON TO PARTICIPATING IN A VARIETY OF SUPER FUN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. EACH CABIN OPERATES ONE CARNIVAL BOOTH. FEATURING: THE FACE PAINT BOOTH. HAIRDO BOOTH. COOKIE DECORATING BOOTH. PIE YOUR FAVORITE COUNSELOR BOOTH AND THE WATER BALLOON BOOTH (JUST TO NAME A FEW). THERE ARE SO MANY EXCITING CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES TO TRY! EVERY CAMPER CONTRIBUTES TO RUNNING THEIR CABIN BOOTH ALONGSIDE THEIR COUNSELORS AND ALSO ENJOYS HOURS OF FUN AT ALL THE OTHER CARNIVAL BOOTS. THE GOAL OF THE CARNIVAL IS FOR EACH CABIN TO EARN AS MUCH CAYUGA FUNNY MONEY AS POSSIBLE (FUNNY \$ = CAYUGA'S VERY OWN CAMP CURRENCY). CARNIVAL DAY IS AN ABSOLUTE BLAST. AND MANY OF OUR CAMPERS EAGERLY ANTICIPATE THIS SPECIAL EVENT! IN ADDITION TO THE TRADITIONAL FAVORITES, THIS SUMMER'S CARNIVAL WILL SEE THE DEBUT OF SEVERAL NEW BOOTS AND ACTIVITIES BASED ON CAMPER SUGGESTIONS. THESE MIGHT INCLUDE A DIY (DO IT YOURSELF) TIE-DYE STATION WHERE CREATIVITY CAN RUN WILD. A SCAVENGER HUNT THAT WILL TEST CAMPERS' PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS. OR EVEN A KARAOKE BOOTH FOR OUR BUDDING PERFORMERS. IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW BOOTS. DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT. SO. GET READY TO SPIN. TOSS. PAINT. AND PLAY YOUR WAY THROUGH AN AFTERNOON FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT AND FUN. WE'RE COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS UNTIL WE CAN SEE ALL YOUR SMILING FACES ENJOYING ANOTHER UNFORGETTABLE CAYUGA CARNIVAL!

## ENROLL TODAY

We're very dedicated to creating an environment where campers can have fun, explore and grow. We also aim to make our camp program accessible to as many families as possible. Enrolling in the winter season not only secures your child's spot, but also offers pretty big discounts. To benefit from these tuition savings, register your child before the deadline date (end of Feb.). Doing so will qualify you for a reduced tuition rate, with options to pay in full or in monthly installments. In addition to our tuition savings, we also offer 'Sibling Discounts'. If you enroll more than one camper, you'll also receive the 'Sib' discount (the longer your stay is, the larger the 'Sib' discount). FYI: Both discounts will be applied automatically (no discount code necessary). Securing early registration also guarantees your child a spot in their preferred session. Certain sessions tend to fill up quickly, typically in the spring, so registering ahead of time provides peace of mind that your camper will not miss out on their summer adventure. Parents, if you have questions about the registration process, don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help!

## 2025 SUMMER MEMORIES



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