

**THE**

# CAYUGA CHRONICLE

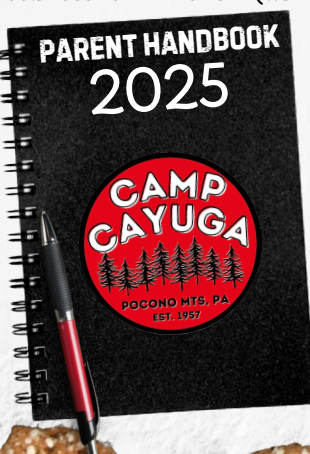
## ANY NEW UPDATES [AT] CAMP?

Each year after camp, it's essential for us to identify areas needing improvement. This could involve swapping out some Special Events/ Evening Activities, investing in new projects for Arts & Crafts, or even creating a brand-new activity site. Staying current with the activities our campers enjoy is crucial! Before camp last summer, we purchased a huge inflatable paddleboard that could hold several campers at once — and it was a big hit! Due to its popularity, we have decided to add a second inflatable paddleboard! Also, we're excited to introduce an entirely new 'hangout' inflatable for the lake! It's a super cool relaxing spot for a bunch of campers to chill-out on. We can't wait for everyone to experience the new paddleboard and lake inflatable!



## NOTICE TO CAMP PARENTS

As you eagerly anticipate the start of the camp season, it's essential to be well-prepared for the adventures that lie ahead. The Parent Handbook serves as a valuable resource to guide you through all the information you need to know. It will be posted on your dashboard in March (we'll email you when it's posted). The Handbook is updated annually, and answers FAQs; offers suggestions to make your child's switch from home to camp a positive one; explains camp policies; attendance at activities, describes programs, trips & clinics; prohibited items, and addresses behavioral standards. It also includes a clothing guide list, hotel & restaurant list. The Parent Handbook is designed to help support campers and parents every step of the way. If you have any questions, please contact our NJ Business Office. Our Directors are here to help!



## OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

**YOU'RE INVITED!** (RAIN, SHINE OR SNOW)  
CHECK-OUT WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT.

Open House is the best day of the year for touring camp. You'll have an opportunity to see the cabins, swimming pools, athletic fields, dining halls, gyms, creative arts pavilions, dance studio, tennis center, and a lot more. You will also meet several Cayuga staff members, who will gladly answer all of your questions. Open House is a great way to learn more about Cayuga, and familiarize yourself with the camp's facilities. We hope you'll be joining us!

Please plan your arrival after 12:30pm. Our first tour is scheduled at 1:00pm. Tours of Junior Campus & Teen Campus will be conducted about every 20 minutes. Each tour takes about 45-60 minutes. Our last tour of the day is scheduled at 3:15pm. Open House is scheduled to end at 4:00pm. Snacks and refreshments will be served throughout the day. (Sorry, no pets are permitted on the camp premises.)

If you plan to attend Open House and haven't yet enrolled your child, please contact us to confirm space availability. If you're unable to attend Open House, we will gladly arrange a tour when it is convenient for you. Our Open Door policy encourages all first-timers to tour Cayuga. We are very proud of our camp, and enjoy giving tours. Have a safe trip and see you at camp!

Interested in learning more about Open House & private family tours? Scan the QR code.





# COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

AFTER EACH SEASON, WE SELECT A SMALL NUMBER OF TEEN CAMPERS TO PARTICIPATE IN CAYUGA'S COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM. CANDIDATES ARE SELECTED BASED ON THEIR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL, WILLINGNESS TO VOLUNTEER & ABILITY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY. OUR CIT'S ASSIST OUR JUNIOR CAMPUS COUNSELORS WITH INSTRUCTION AT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; HELP OUT WITH OUR EVENING PROGRAM & ELECTIVE PROGRAM; ASSIST COUNSELORS WITH OUR JUNIOR DIVISION CAMPERS; AND OTHER TASKS. THIS SUMMER, WE ARE PROUD TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING CAMPERS ARE RETURNING IN SUMMER 2025 AS MEMBERS OF CAYUGA'S CIT PROGRAM.

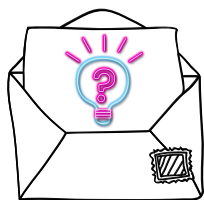
**SECOND YEAR CITs: DEEGAN VENTURA, MERRIN KENNEDY, ESTELA RAPHAEL, HAILEY ARNELL & SAMIZMAYLOV**

**FIRST YEAR CITs: JACE KAPLAN, SPENCER FOX, BILL MCCARTHY THEO NEWBERGER, CHLOE NANSCAWEN, EMMA WEINGARTEN & YAIR SHINHAR**

# TRI-STATE CONFERENCE



Earlier this month, the Cayuga crew travelled to Atlantic City for the American Camping Association Tri-State Conference. During this week-long conference in New Jersey, we attended a variety of courses and seminars to gain valuable information pertaining to the camping industry. The courses covered a wide spectrum of topics including: activity programs, food service, staff training, new state and federal regulations, and so many other trending topics. Speakers traveled from around the world to share their camp expertise and knowledge with us. We learned a lot of interesting information and we can't wait to share it with you this upcoming summer.



## NEWSLETTER CONTEST

**Campers, can you successfully answer these trivia questions?  
SUBMIT YOUR ANSWERS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN CAMP MERCH**

Camp Cayuga has a rich history of traditions that have been established over time. Much has changed, but a ton has remained the same! Test your knowledge of Camp Cayuga's history by answering these trivia questions. Hint for new campers: Most answers can be found on our website. So, do your research, and let's see who knows the most about Camp Cayuga. Submit your answers via email by April 1st. The campers who correctly answer the most # of questions, will win free Cayuga merch! Winners will be announced in The Cayuga Chronicle's May issue, and will receive notification via email.

- 1) What year was Camp Cayuga originally founded?
- 2) Is Cayuga's lake man-made or natural spring-fed?
- 3) What is name of the camp-wide event that takes place every evening?
- 4) What are the names of Cayuga's sister camps?
- 5) What mountain range is Cayuga located in?
- 6) How many acres does Cayuga encompass?
- 7) What is the name of Cayuga's theme song?
- 8) What Olympic Country Team won the 2024 Camp Cayuga Annual Olympics?
- 9) What year did Brian (BB) take over Cayuga?
- 10) What is the name of the camp-wide assembly that takes place daily after wake-up & dinner?

## CARE PACKAGES 4 CAMPERS

CAMPERS ARE PERMITTED TO RECEIVE CARE PACKAGES AS LONG AS ALL THE GOODIES INSIDE ABIDE BY THE CAMP'S GUIDELINES. CAMPERS ARE PERMITTED TO RECEIVE A SLEW OF DIFFERENT ITEMS, SUCH AS: MAGAZINES, BOOKS, GAMES, ETC. (LIKE THE ITEMS SHOWN IN THE PACKAGE TO THE LEFT). PARENTS CAN SEND THEIR CAMPERS CERTAIN SNACKS LIKE CRACKERS & PRETZELS AS LONG AS THEY'RE STORED IN A SEALED RUBBER-MAID TYPE CONTAINER. OTHER TYPES OF FOOD, LIKE CANDY, NUT PRODUCTS, & PERISHABLES ARE PROHIBITED. PARENTS, CHECK-OUT THE PARENT HANDBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT CAMPER CARE PACKAGES. REMINDER: THE CANTEEN (CAMP STORE) IS OPEN DAILY. IF CAMPERS ARE RUNNING LOW ON SUPPLIES (TOILETRIES, PERSONAL ITEMS AND SNACKS) THEY CAN HEAD TO THE CANTEEN TO PURCHASE WHAT THEY NEED.









# BASEBALL TRIP UPDATE

Every summer, we organize optional baseball trips to the local AAA Stadium to watch the RailRiders in action. This year, the RailRiders will be taking a mid-season break. Normally, we would visit the stadium during this time, so we decided to explore another AAA Baseball team instead. Drum roll, please... we will be attending two games featuring the Iron Pigs from Allentown, PA this summer (this team represents the Philadelphia Phillies). We are super excited for these games! Whether you're a seasoned baseball fan or experiencing the magic of a live game for the first time, this thrilling trip is a fantastic opportunity for campers to bond over America's favorite pastime. Just a few quick reminders: 1) This stadium operates on a CASHLESS system, so if you plan to make any purchases, be sure to bring a Visa gift card. 2) Campers will have the opportunity to sign-up for these games at elective sign-ups 1-day before the game.

## PETTING ZOO *update*

Exciting news for our animals lovers - our furry friends at the barn will be returning to their summer home at Cayuga in 2025! From taking our mini horse and donkey on walks or trying "goat yoga" for the very first time, we shared countless laughs and memorable moments at the petting zoo last summer. Returning campers: let us know what animal you're looking forward to reunite with! For our new campers who may not be familiar with our petting zoo - each summer a local farmer drops-off his super cute animals at Cayuga, knowing they'll get spoiled from the attention & care they'll receive. Campers enjoy



having the opportunity to care & learn more about them. This summer, we'll be housing 12 baby ducks, a mini horse, a few pygmy goats & sheep, a donkey, and a bunch of bunnies. When you visit the petting zoo, you have the option to sit and chill-out with the animals; take them on walks around the area; give the animals a bath; or assist with tidying-up their pen. Get ready for a summer full of animal-loving adventures!

## ATTN: NEW & RETURNING CAMPERS JOIN THE PEN PAL CLUB

As we look forward to another fun-filled summer, we want to remind all campers about Cayuga's Pen Pal Club! Cayuga's Pen Pal Club offers an opportunity to interact with new & returning campers before camp begins. It's a great way to discuss camp topics & personal hobbies, share experiences, and create new friendships. It's an opportunity for returning campers to share their camp experiences & answer questions our new kids may have. Being a new camper can sometimes feel overwhelming, but by joining the Pen Pal Club, our returning campers can help ease these nerves. Consider signing-up for the Pen Pal Club if you haven't done so already - simply complete the online form on your dashboard, or if preferred, telephone us at (908)470-1224 to provide us with your email address and/or cell phone number. After signing up, you'll be included in the Pen Pal Directory. The Directory includes camper names, grades, sessions, cell phone numbers, and/or email addresses of all pen pals. You can reach out to as many campers as you wish. An updated Directory is emailed monthly to you & your parents.

**CAMP FRIENDS MAKE THE BEST FRIENDS!**

## Staff Spotlight

MEET BROOKE! BROOKE EMBARKED ON HER CAYUGA JOURNEY IN 2019 AS A FEMALE TEEN CAMPUS DIVISION DIRECTOR. SINCE THEN, BROOKE HAS TAKEN ON NUMEROUS ROLES, EXCELLING IN EACH ONE! SHE HAS SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED BOTH THE JUNIOR AND TEEN CAMPUS CANTEENS, SERVED AS THE CREATIVE ARTS DIRECTOR, ASSISTED IN THE OFFICE AS AN ADMINISTRATOR, AND THIS SUMMER, SHE WILL RETURN AS FEMALE DIVISION DIRECTOR. BROOKE



2024 4th of July  
RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY!

HAS 4 CHILDREN (ALL OF WHOM HAVE ATTENDED CAMP CAYUGA AS CAMPERS) & CURRENTLY RESIDES IN SOUTH FLORIDA. DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, BROOKE WORKS AS A HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR. SHE EXEMPLIFIES LOYALTY, PASSION, DEDICATION, AND CARE, MAKING US VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER ON OUR TEAM! WE ARE SUPER EXCITED TO WELCOME HER BACK TO CAYUGA WHERE HER VIBRANT ENERGY

& COMPASSIONATE NATURE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR CAMP COMMUNITY.

## Camp Cayuga



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