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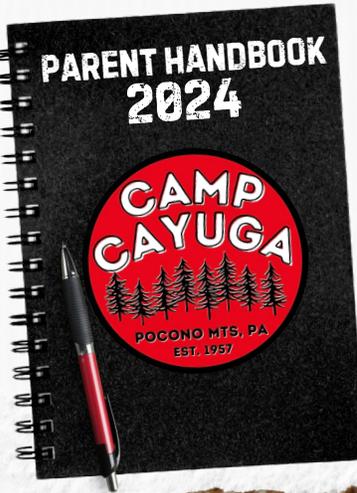
# Cayuga CHRONICLE

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING UP [AT] CAMP?

**SPRING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS-** Our maintenance guys (Dick, Steve, Justin) are continuously renovating & building, and this Fall & winter was no different. Over the past few months, they've been building bathrooms for our senior boys. The bathrooms are much larger, and now include all brand-new stuff like 6 windows, 3 toilet stalls, 3 large private showers, countertop with 5 sinks, plus more lights, mirrors, electrical outlets, and a lot more shelves for storage! The bathrooms look awesome, and we know our returning campers will appreciate the upgrade. Our next project for the Spring is renovating the main kitchen. This project will take 6-8 weeks to complete. Our returning kitchen crew will appreciate this new update. By the way kids, if you have any suggestions where you'd like to see other improvements or renovations, let us know. Your feedback is most important to us.

## 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, & 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 28, 2024

**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.



# COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) NEWS

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 6 CAMPERS ARE RETURNING IN SUMMER 2024 AS MEMBERS OF CAYUGA'S CIT PROGRAM. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEM IN ACTION AT CAMP!

**CIT'S: MERRIN KENNEDY, SIMON NIMMO, HENDY KLEIN, SAMUEL IZMAYLOV, DEAGAN VENTURA, JONAH WISNER**

# TRI-STATE CONFERENCE



Earlier this month, the Cayuga crew traveled 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 + 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. Shout-out to our most recent Newsletter Contest Winners: Jaya Mathur & Yana Mehta

- 1) What year was Camp Cayuga originally founded?
- 2) Is Cayuga's lake man-made or natural spring-fed?
- 3) What year did Cayuga's uniform colors change from red & white to red & black?
- 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 2023 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 (SNACKS, TOILETRIES, PERSONAL ITEMS) THEY CAN HEAD TO THE CANTEEN TO PURCHASE WHAT THEY NEED.





# VISITOR INFORMATION

There is no "official" visiting day, but parents are still welcome to visit their child. This option is open to parents of 4-week, 6-week, and 8-week campers (visitation is not available for 2-week campers). Parents can choose any day to visit their camper; just call the camp office to inform us of the date & time of your arrival. Visitors can arrive anytime after 11am. To maintain a positive environment for all campers, parents are requested to keep a low profile during their visit. While exploring camp is not allowed, parents can take their camper off the grounds for the day. Upon arrival at camp, report to the office and we will sign-out your child. Campers must return by 4pm, and upon their return, visit the office to sign-in your child.

# PETTING ZOO UPDATE

Exciting news for our animal lovers - our furry friends at the barn will be returning to their summer home at Cayuga in 2024! From taking our mini horse 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 10 baby ducks, a mini horse, a few pygmy goats and sheep, a baby cow, 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. So campers, 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 AND YOUR PARENTS.

# Staff Spotlight

MEET LAINIE! LAINIE IS CAYUGA'S SENIOR GIRLS' DIVISION DIRECTOR ON JUNIOR CAMPUS. LAINIE HAS BEEN PART OF THE CAYUGA TEAM FOR A TOTAL OF SIX SUMMERS, SERVING AS THE SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR FOR ONE SUMMER, FEMALE DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR FOUR SUMMERS, AND A CAMP COUNSELOR DURING HER COLLEGE YEARS. LAINIE IS TRULY REMARKABLE! SHE FORMS STRONG BONDS WITH EACH CAMPER AND IS ADORED BY THE ENTIRE CAMP STAFF.



23' Halloween Social  
Lainie & Shayna  
a night to remember! ❤️

ALWAYS EAGER TO CONTRIBUTE, SHE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN EVENTS LIKE OPEN HOUSE AND THE WINTER REUNION. WE ARE INCREDIBLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER ON OUR TEAM! LAINIE'S CHILDREN HAVE ALSO BEEN PART OF THE CAMP EXPERIENCE - HER DAUGHTER AS BOTH A CAMPER AND COUNSELOR, AND THIS SUMMER, HER SON WILL BE JOINING OUR COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM. LAINIE IS COMMITTED, HARD WORKING, AND DEPENDABLE. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE LAINIE ON OUR TEAM AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME HER BACK THIS UPCOMING SUMMER!

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