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GETTING BACK INTO THE SCHOOL SPIRIT  
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# CAYUGA

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## CIT HIGHLIGHT

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR AMAZING COUNSELORS IN TRAINING. IN THE SUMMER OF 2024, WE WELCOMED 10 CITS TO OUR TEAM. OUR CITS EXCELLED IN EVERY ROLE THEY TOOK ON, SHOWCASING THEIR HARD WORK, ENERGY AND MOTIVATION. THEIR DEDICATION DID NOT GO UNNOTICED, AS THEY BROUGHT A UNIQUE SPARK TO THE CAMP ATMOSPHERE. FROM ENGAGING IN EVENING ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS TO INSTRUCTING VARIOUS CAMP ACTIVITIES, OUR CITS WERE ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HAND AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THE CITS FORMED STRONG BONDS WITH THE YOUNGER CAMPERS, SERVING AS ROLE MODELS AND MENTORS. THEY INSPIRED THE CAMPERS TO PUSH THEIR LIMITS, TRY NEW THINGS, AND EMBRACE THE CAMP SPIRIT. WE ARE PROUD OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND GROWTH, AND WE KNOW THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE BRIGHTLY IN ALL THEIR ENDEAVORS. THANK YOU, CITS, FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS AND FOR MAKING THE SUMMER OF 2024 TRULY UNFORGETTABLE! 😊

## SPORT CLINICS @ CAMP

WE BELIEVE THAT OFFERING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES ENSURES THAT EVERY CAMPER FINDS SOMETHING THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT AND CAN EXCEL IN. OUR ENTHUSIASTIC INSTRUCTORS ARE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A FUN AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE CAMPERS CAN DEVELOP NEW SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS & BUILD CONFIDENCE. ASIDE FROM THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WE OFFER DAILY IN OUR ELECTIVE & JUNIOR PROGRAM, WE ALSO OFFER UNIQUE & ENGAGING SPORT CLINICS FOR CAMPERS OF ALL AGES. TO NAME A FEW: BASKETBALL, GAGA, PICKLEBALL, VOLLEYBALL, TENNIS & SOCCER. OUR SPORTS CLINICS CONSIST OF 1 PERIOD DEDICATED TO DRILLS AND WARM-UPS, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER PERIOD FOCUSED ON GAMEPLAY. THESE EXCITING SPORT CLINICS ARE DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE CAMPERS IN NEW WAY.



## WINTER REUNION

**LET THE COUNTDOWN COMMENCE!**

**ATTENTION 2024 CAMPERS** - You and your siblings are warmly invited to Camp Cayuga's Annual Winter Reunion! This cherished tradition at Camp Cayuga is a highlight of the year, providing a fantastic chance to reconnect and revive camp friendships. The Winter Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th, 2025, from 10am to 1pm, at "SPACE" in Englewood, NJ, which is about 30 minutes from NYC. This exciting venue features over 100 high-tech video games, and some Pro-Shot basketball hoops. We will cover your admission to "SPACE" along with unlimited drinks and a delicious spread of bagels and doughnuts! Plus, expect ongoing raffles filled with amazing Cayuga giveaways and a slideshow showcasing over 1,500 photos from last summer. We anticipate having over 250 Cayuga campers in attendance, and we hope you'll be among them! Get ready for an awesome day filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie. Important notes: 1) Parents and drivers are not required to stay at the Reunion unless a non-camper sibling is attending. 2) Remember to bring cash or card, as we'll have a wide range of new and 'vintage' Camp Cayuga merchandise for sale, including sweatpants, hoodies, pillow pals, blankets, croc charms, and more. 3) If you plan to join us, please register directly on your camper dashboard. The registration deadline is Thursday, January 17th, 2025. Stay tuned for more details via email and in the upcoming edition of 'The Cayuga Chronicle'. ❤️





CAMP CAYUGA  
'24 Climbing Wall Mile High Winner

## LET'S GO CLIMBERS, LET'S GO!

THIS PAST SUMMER, OUR CLIMBING WALL & ZIPLINE DIRECTOR, TEDDY, ORGANIZED SOME AWESOME CHALLENGES. CAMPERS FACED THE EXCITING TASK OF CLIMBING A TOTAL OF "1 MILE" ON OUR CLIMBING WALL. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THEY NEEDED TO SUCCESSFULLY SCALE THE WALL 167 TIMES! BY THE WAY - THIS DISTANCE IS EQUIVALENT TO THE HEIGHT OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING. WE ANTICIPATED THIS WOULD BE A TOUGH CHALLENGE, BUT ONE OF OUR ADVENTUROUS CAMPERS ROSE TO THE OCCASION. A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT GOES TO WESLEY (PICTURED ABOVE WITH TEDDY): THIS CHALLENGE IS TRULY ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CAMPERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS AMAZING CHALLENGE! WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUMMER'S ADVENTURES AND THE NEW CHALLENGES THAT AWAIT.

## '25 CAMP DATES

PARENTS & CAMPERS: DON'T FORGET TO MARK THESE IMPORTANT 2025 CAMP DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR!

- 1-19: WINTER REUNION AT 'SPACE'
- 2-1: \$500 PAYMENT DUE
- 4-27: ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
- 5-1: TUITION BALANCE DUE
- 6-9: BUNK REQUEST FORMS DUE
- 6-9: HEALTH FORMS DUE (OR 3 WEEKS BEFORE ARRIVAL)
- 6-11: NJ BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSING FOR SUMMER
- 6-12: PA CAMP OFFICE OPENS FOR SUMMER
- 6-29: FIRST DAY OF CAMP
- 7-13: 2ND 2-WEEK, MIDDLE-HALF, LAST 6-WEEK SESSION CAMPERS ARRIVE
- 7-27: 3RD 2-WEEKERS & 2ND-HALF CAMPERS ARRIVE
- 8-10: LAST 2-WEEK CAMPERS ARRIVE
- 8-23: LAST DAY OF CAMP
- 8-30: PA CAMP OFFICE CLOSING FOR WINTER
- 9-8: NJ BUSINESS OFFICE REOPENS



# NEWSLETTER CONTEST ENTER 2 WIN

COMPLETE THE CAYUGA THEMED WORD SEARCH PUZZLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN CAMP MERCH! TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR COMPLETED PUZZLE AND DM OR EMAIL US YOUR PICTURE BY 11/10. WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED & NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL OR DM ON 11/13.

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### FIND THE WORDS BELOW

- CAMP CANTEN GAGA ART FRIENDS
- LAKE HORSE CAYUGA TRAPEZE
- KARAOKE POTTERY

## TEEN EXCLUSIVE CAMPUS

One of Cayuga's most unique features is its Teen Campus, which is reserved exclusively for teens! Teens entering 8th-11th grade who are 13 years of age or older (before camp) reside on Teen Campus, which houses roughly 85 girls & 75 boys. Teen Campus fosters a close-knit and friendly community where everyone knows one another. The Teen Camp Program affords you the best opportunity to learn & have fun with your peers. Note: Campers entering 8th grade who are 13 years old (before camp) also have the option to reside on Junior Campus.









# EVENING ACTIVITIES

The highlight of each day comes at night when we begin our Evening Activity. This engaging time features a variety of camp-wide games, sports events, performance acts, dance socials, and more. Some fan favorite highlights from Summer '24 include the Circus Show, Battle of the Quad, Campfire, Dancing with the All-Stars, Vacation Chase, Counselor Survivor, and Masked Singer. Evening Activities are a cherished tradition at camp, creating a unique experience that keeps the Cayuga spirit vibrant! Prior to camp, be sure to visit our 'Calendar of Events' webpage to explore all the Evening Activities scheduled for your camp session.



## Camper of the Week

'Camper of the Week' is a long-standing tradition at Camp Cayuga, where campers are recognized for their accomplishments. Every week, one camper from each bunk is honored with this prestigious title. Staff cast their votes based on criteria of a camper who embodies the qualities that make the Cayuga community better. Campers who are awarded this award receive a special t-shirt and Cayuga pennant at Evening Flagpole. The anticipation & excitement build throughout the week as campers strive to exhibit kindness, leadership & a positive attitude, qualities that are highly regarded at Camp Cayuga. The tradition not only celebrates individual achievements but also strengthens the sense of community and shared values that make Camp Cayuga a special place. ★

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# MINI ME DAY!

Mini-Me Day (Camper-Counselor Day) is an exciting Special Event at camp. Every 2-weeks, campers get the chance to shadow their favorite Senior Staff member or Counselor. To participate, campers must submit a ballot featuring three staff signatures (who agree to support the camper) and can optionally give a speech during lunch, explaining why they wish to be that staff member's mini-me. In the past, campers have shadowed Division Directors and helped-out with cabin inspections, or shadowed their favorite Activity Director or Instructor at the lake, barn, climbing wall, trapeze, and other activity sites. To wrap up the day, all mini-me's gather at the pool for a private pool party.

# SUMMER MEMORIES

