

# THE

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"THE CHILLED EDITION"

# CAYUGA CHRONICLE

## CAYUGA CARNIVAL

STEP RIGHT UP TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH! THE CAMP CARNIVAL IS ONE OF CAYUGA'S MOST POPULAR SPECIAL EVENTS! TWICE A SUMMER, OUR JUNIOR CAMPUS CAMPERS PARTICIPATE IN A WILD & WACKY CARNIVAL. WE SPEND THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON PARTICIPATING IN A TON OF SUPER FUN EVENTS & ACTIVITIES. EACH CABIN OPERATES 1 CARNIVAL BOOTH - FROM THE FACE PAINT & HAIRDO BOOTH, TO THE DUNK TANK & PIE YOUR FAVORITE COUNSELOR BOOTH, THERE ARE SO MANY AWESOME CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES TO TRY! EVERY CAMPER HELPS RUN THEIR CABIN BOOTH WITH THEIR COUNSELORS & ALSO HAS A FEW HOURS TO ENJOY ALL THE OTHER CARNIVAL BOOTHS. THE GOAL OF THE CARNIVAL IS FOR EACH CABIN TO EARN AS MUCH CAYUGA FUNNY MONEY AS POSSIBLE (FUNNY \$ = CAYUGA'S VERY OWN CURRENCY). CARNIVAL DAY IS A TOTAL BLAST & SO MANY OF OUR CAMPERS LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SPECIAL EVENT. THIS SUMMER, WE PLAN ON ADDING A BUNCH OF NEW BOOTHS. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE!



## Camp Tours & Zoom Calls

Thinking about joining us this summer for some fun in the sun? Speak with one of our Directors to learn more about Camp Cayuga! Personal tours are available at your convenience 7 days a week. If you'd prefer to tour camp with other prospective Cayuga families and meet other Cayuga staff members, join us for our Annual Open House in April (4/28/24). This is an ideal time to visit camp! We suggest all new families take a tour of camp to get a greater feel for our grounds. Zoom Calls with our Directors can be arranged during normal business hours. Contact our Business Office to set-up a Tour or Zoom Call appointment. We hope to hear from you soon!

# WINTER Reunion

Reunited & it feels oh so good!



ATTENTION 2023 CAYUGA CAMPERS - you & your siblings are invited to Camp Cayuga's Annual Winter Reunion! The Winter Reunion will be held on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 from 10am to 1pm. It will take place at "SPACE" - a super cool indoor arcade which features over 100 high-tech amusing games & attractions in Englewood, New Jersey. We'll provide your admission ticket to "SPACE", along with some bagels, doughnuts + drinks for the first hour. When you want to take a break from the arcade attractions, make sure to stop-by the theater area to view the Summer '23 Photo Show, which includes 1,000's of Cayuga spectacular pictures from last summer! This slideshow is guaranteed to bring a smile to your face. If you & your siblings plan on attending, you can register directly on your camper dashboard. Be sure to register before the deadline, which is Thursday, January 18th. We anticipate hosting over 250 Cayuga campers & we hope you're one of them! The Winter Reunion is a tradition at Camp Cayuga and a special event we all look forward to each year. It's a great opportunity to get together and renew summer camp friendships. The Cayuga Reunion is always a fun time for everyone, so let the countdown to the Reunion commence! Important notes: 1) Cayuga staff will be in attendance and will supervise all campers while inside "SPACE" (reserved exclusively for Cayuga). Parents & drivers are not required to remain at the Reunion, however if the camper's sibling (non-camper) plans to attend, we kindly ask the parent to remain at "SPACE"; 2) Don't forget to bring some \$\$\$\$. We'll be selling tons of Camp Cayuga merch - new & vintage (ie. croc charms, pillow pals, t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts + hats); 3) Head to our website for more details regarding the Winter Reunion.



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER CONTEST

True \_\_\_\_\_ are never apart... maybe in distance, but never in heart.

You must be the change you wish to see in the \_\_\_\_\_.

If you tell the \_\_\_\_\_, you don't have to remember anything.

Why fit in when you were born to \_\_\_\_\_ out?

The best way to be understood is to be \_\_\_\_\_.

## HEY THERE CAMPERS, CAN YA GUESS BB'S THOUGHT OF THE DAY?

COMPLETE ALL FILL-INS. EMAIL US YOUR ANSWERS BY 1/15/24. WINNERS WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED & NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL.

## Theater Trip

Are you a performing arts fan? Do you want to experience a magical afternoon at the theater? Trips to the Forestburgh Playhouse are scheduled every 2-weeks. The Playhouse has earned a fine reputation for its youth theater productions. Their plays include 'the classics', which have proven to be very popular with our campers. Forestburgh Playhouse was founded in 1947 and is the oldest continuously operating summer theatre in New York. It's located about an hour from camp. This summer, we will be attending the Willy Wonka performance & we are pumped! Campers of all ages are eligible to attend. Listen up for announcements at flagpole and join the fun by signing-up during Elective Signups or with your Division Director (if your a junior camper). Advance registration is not necessary. For Playhouse trip dates, check-out our Calendar of Events webpage.

## CAMP ON YOUR MIND? IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SPECIAL EVENTS!

DURING THE SUMMER, WE HAVE A TON OF SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED! THEY TAKE PLACE EVERY WEEK & INCLUDE SOME OF THE WACKIEST ACTIVITIES OF THE SUMMER. SOME SPECIAL EVENTS ARE FULL-DAY EVENTS, WHILE OTHERS MAY LAST FOR JUST A FEW HOURS. MOST SPECIAL EVENTS ARE VOLUNTARY, BUT WITH THE INCENTIVE TO EARN 'CABIN POINTS', PRACTICALLY EVERYONE PARTICIPATES. CABIN POINTS ARE EARNED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, AND ARE AWARDED TO CABIN GROUPS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION, ENTHUSIASM & SPIRIT. CABIN POINTS HELP MOTIVATE OUR CAMPERS! THE CABINS WITH THE MOST POINTS AT THE END OF EVERY SESSION ARE AWARDED A LATE-NIGHT ICE CREAM PARTY OR POOL PARTY! CHECK-OUT BELOW WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR SUMMER '24 (JUST TO NAME A FEW)... OLYMPICS, CARNIVAL, BEACH BASH, APACHE RELAY, CAMPER-COUNSELOR (MINI ME) DAY, COLOR RUN, KARAOKE LUNCH, POLAR BEAR CLUB, MUSTACHE MADNESS, ROOKIE DAY & MORE!

## Pen Pal Club

It's not too late to join Cayuga's Pen Pal Club! The Pen Pal Club makes it easy for campers to correspond via email with new & returning campers. Every 2 months, we'll email your parents an updated Camper Directory List. The List includes the camper's name, email address, grade & camp session. Your parents can register you for the Pen Pal Club directly on your camper dashboard or on your Enrollment Application.



## CAYUGA STAFF FROM ACROSS THE WORLD!

WE'RE EXCITED TO REPORT THAT NEXT SUMMER'S STAFF IS LOOKING PRETTY AWESOME! MOLLY, OUR STAFF DIRECTOR, HAS ALREADY RE-HIRED A TON OF RETURNING COUNSELORS, SENIOR STAFF, & SUPPORT STAFF FROM LAST SUMMER & WE'RE TOTALLY PSYCHED THEY'RE JOINING US AGAIN!

- WE CURRENTLY HAVE STAFF HIRED FROM 11 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES:
- ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES, IRELAND, HUNGARY, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, MEXICO, COLUMBIA, CANADA, AND THE U.S. WE'RE PROUD
- & EXCITED TO HAVE THIS GROUP ON BOARD. SUMMER 2024 IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER - THANKS TO OUR AWESOME, ENTHUSIASTIC & HARD WORKING STAFF! MAKE SURE TO CHECK-OUT THE APRIL EDITION OF 'THE CAYUGA CHRONICLE' TO MEET ALL OF OUR RETURNING CAYUGA STAFF WHO SIGNED ON FOR SUMMER '24!







POSTCARD

Hey there happy camper! Can you believe it? Winter is here! It doesn't seem too long ago that we were dancing the night away at the Socials, laughing until we cried at the Camp Carnival, & singing our hearts out at the campfires. Just thinking about all this stuff gets me totally psyched for camp! We can't wait to show you what we have in store for next summer. Get pumped for a fantastic summer full of laughter, incredible memories & a whole lot of fun in the sun!

-Your Camp Director, Brian



Cayuga Camper

JC & TC cabins

Honesdale, PA

# FEBRUARY PAYMENT TUITION REMINDER

Heads up to our enrolled 2024 families: Your next payment of \$500 is due on or before February 1st. To make a payment online, login to your camper dashboard to access the financial page. If you choose to mail us your payment, send it directly to our NJ Business Office. Questions about payment? We are available via telephone and email. 😊

# WELCOME NEW CAYUGA CAMPERS!

Our hearts are eager to welcome you to Camp Cayuga! It's a magical place & we're excited to share the experience with you. We pride ourselves on creating a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment where all campers can express themselves and make lifelong friends. With over 60 activities to choose from, there's something for everyone. Whether you're interested in sports, arts and crafts, or outdoor adventures, our experienced staff will help you discover new passions and push yourself to try new things! We can't wait to meet you this summer and create an unforgettable experience together!



# CAYUGA MERCH ALERT

IF YOUR PLAN ON PURCHASING CAYUGA MERCH & EXTRA GOODIES IN THE CANTEEN THIS SUMMER, MAKE SURE TO DEPOSIT \$ INTO YOUR CAMP BANK! YOUR PARENTS CAN DEPOSIT \$ ONLINE VIA YOUR DASHBOARD OR ON ARRIVAL DAY USING CASH, CARD, OR CHECK. WHATEVER CAMP BANK \$ YOU DON'T SPEND, WILL BE REFUNDED & SENT TO YOUR FOLKS AFTER YOU DEPART. CLOTHING ITEMS IN THE CANTEEN TYPICALLY RANGE FROM \$10 TO \$40. WE CARRY T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, RAIN JACKETS, SWEATPANTS, BLANKETS, HATS, & SO MANY OTHER COOL ITEMS. CHECK-OUT SOME OF THE NEW & VINATAGE ITEMS BELOW & LET US KNOW YOUR FAVORITE STYLE!



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MEET MATTY G! MATTY G IS ONE OF CAYUGA'S FINEST! MATTY G'S FIRST SUMMER AT CAYUGA WAS IN 2023. HE TOOK ON THE TOUGH ROLE OF BEING OUR SENIOR BOYS' DIVISION DIRECTOR. HE'S UNDERSTANDING, KIND, EXPERIENCED, HAS AN AWESOME WAY OF CONNECTING WITH ALL OF CAYUGA'S CAMPERS & HAS A SUPER COOL ACCENT - HE'S COMES FROM ALL THE WAY DOWN UNDER



(AUSSIE AUSSIE). MATTY G DID AN EXCELLENT JOB & WE ARE SO STOKED THAT HE IS JOINING US AGAIN FOR ANOTHER AWESOME SUMMER AT CAMP CAYUGA! FYI: FEATURED TO THE LEFT IS MATTY G'S MINI ME - THOMAS!

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