



# The Centerland Chronicle

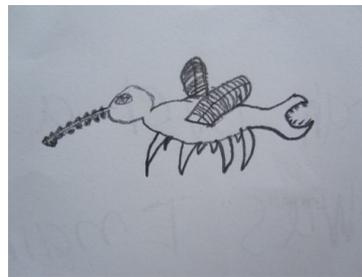
## MOSQUITICKS: FACT OR FICTION? BY MASON BOTWIN

There has been a rumor going around camp all summer. A new crossbreed of pest! The giant-sized hybrid of a mosquito and a tick: the dreaded mosquitick. Fabled to live in grassy fields between drama and nature, we've sent our investigative reporter, Mason Botwin, into the field to see if the mosquitick is real... or only a legend.

Mason spent three long mornings scrounging the fields for the mythical beast. While he did gain some valuable knowledge (such as not attempting to take close-up pictures of bees and that soapy water is indeed the best treatment for poison ivy) he found no evidence of the existence of mosquiticks.

Because of this, the Centerland Chronicle Staff has no choice but to deem the mosquitick:

### FICTION.



Right: Eliza Rosen looks to the beyond before crossing the bridge...

Further Right: Sarah, Aidan, and Cayden of Jr. Discovery doing what they do best... looking awesome at Ropes.

Left: Quentin uses colored string to show how he climbed the wall and rode the zip line for the first time!



## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have had so much joy this week with our Family Night Stay-Late that brought hundreds of community members, parents, campers, and Camp Centerland staff together to celebrate all that is here and all that is to come.

The theme this week is "lev tov" which translates to good heart. Scholars say that lev tov can really mean "broken heart". This "broken heart" is not meant to sound sad or depressing but rather joyful because it expresses that "as long as one is striving to improve that is definitely a "good" thing". Camp Cen-

terland has a lev tov and is working every day to be better at what we do. We want our staff to have lev tov and find new and exciting ways to engage with campers, create more creative activities, and help campers realize goals.

Lev tov also can mean trying to love or accept those that are different or that you don't typically associate with". We ask our Discovery campers and staff to try and open their hearts by helping out at the Heritage Center this Thursday. These campers were able to spend the entire day with kids and adults with special needs by working at the summer carnival.

Overall, lev tov "reminds us that our work is never complete, no matter how far we have come". We are taught to try and be happy with every improvement as opposed to being upset with how far there still is to go. This can especially be applied to our physical camp ground. So much has been fulfilled for this summer and provided our leadership team with an incredible backdrop to create this summer's program. We appreciate all the projects that are complete and strive to make the ones to come the best possible.

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## Camp Centerland

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### Some points of interest:

- ☺ Visit our website at [www.campcenterland.org](http://www.campcenterland.org)  
You can also "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!
- ☺ Label EVERYTHING!
- ☺ Campers must wear sneakers to camp.
- ☺ Put on Sunscreen before coming to camp



## Nurse's Tip of the Week

If your child has a fever or is sick, please keep them home from camp! Also, if your child has been sick, make sure they are symptom free for a full 24 hours before having them return to camp. Camp is no fun when you feel miserable!

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU...



Name: Lauren  
How many years have you been with camp: 5  
Job title: Camp Director  
Favorite hobby: Kayaking  
Favorite lunch: Mac & Cheese  
Where are you from: Parkside  
Favorite ice cream: Mint Chocolate Chip  
Favorite place to be besides camp: Maine  
Do you have a nickname: Laursie Paursie  
What is your spirit animal: Penguin



Name: Jeremy  
Years at camp: 5  
What group are you in: Light Purple  
Favorite Hobby: Video Games  
Favorite lunch: Pizza bagels  
Where are you from: Lockport  
Favorite ice cream: Birthday  
Favorite place to be besides camp: Mars  
Nickname: J-Ermy  
Spirit animal: Scar from Lion King



## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

It was a tough race. But someone had to win. What am I referring to? Why, lunch at camp, of course! There are so many good ones, it was sure hard for our campers to choose just one favorite in our "Favorite Lunch at Camp" poll. But they did... and the winner is... drum roll please... PIZZA BAGELS! With egg and cheese bagels coming in a very close second place. Apparently these campers like their bagels... Thank you to Ayelet for being in charge of the lunch poll!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR LOOKING AHEAD TO WEEK 8!

Week 8 Theme is "Monheegoot" - Leadership  
Tuesday, August 13th—Jr. Discovery Field Trip to Buffalo Zoo  
Tuesday, August 13th through Thursday, August 15th—Discovery Camp Trip to Letchworth State Park  
Thursday, August 15th—Jr. Discovery "Staycation"  
Thursday, August 15th—Sr. Camp Overnight (Blue, Light Purple, Purple)  
Friday, August 16th—Decade Day!



# YELLOW GROUP TRIP TO WEINBERG CAMPUS



Yellow group had a chance on Friday to visit the residents of Weinberg Campus and sing to them along with Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein. They had a great time singing and meeting some of the residents!



## EVER WONDERED... WHAT EXACTLY IS GAGA, ANYWAY?

Rules of Gaga:

1. Only hit the ball with your hand
2. If you get hit on the knee or below you're out
3. No double taps (unless final 3)
4. If it bounces off the wall, you can hit it again
5. If you hit it over the wall, you're out
6. Jailbreaks mean everyone "out" can join back in the game
7. When 2 people are left in the game, there are unlimited taps on the ball
8. At the beginning of each game, the ball has to bounce 3 times before anyone can hit it

Campers love to play Gaga! The pit is always full and the campers beg their counselors to play there. This is especially true at lunchtime! We interviewed a few people playing and watching a real gaga game and this is what they had to say:

Name: Alison (Allie) Balawender

Group: Brown

Who got you out: Reese

Will you go back in next round: Yes

Have you ever won Gaga: Yes

Who do you want to win this game: Grant Taylor



Name: Lucas Weiss

Group: Light Green

Who got you out: I don't know

Will you go back in next round: Yes

Have you ever won Gaga: Yes

Who do you want to win this game: Evan

## COUNTDOWN WITH LAURA AND KAREN



This week at Countdown with Miss Laura and Miss Karen we did activities based on the book Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. The campers made their own Chicka Chicka Boom Boom tree with their own names as the coconuts in the trees. We also got to use shaving cream, clay and rice to spell words!



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## SWIM STROKES FROM THE SWIM FOLKS

Mazel tov Week 7 Campers on a spectacular week! This week our Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> graders worked on treading water and jumping in independently. For our 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade campers, our focus has been on the body dolphin motion...the first step toward learning the butterfly. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders put body dolphin and the arm motions together for the full butterfly stroke...way to go! Junior Discovery and Discovery joined in the Water Polo fever and learned the basics of the game for some great scrimmages.

This week was also the week that was bookmarked to re-swim test many of the campers that have been with us for several weeks throughout the summer. A special congratulation goes out to the following campers that earned their Yellow Bracelet this week:

Shai Markajani

Wulfgar Weber

Elliana Millman

Also, a much-deserved Mazel Tov to our campers that earned their Green Bracelets this week:

Ozzy Enis

Michael Hershberger

Julianna Verni

We would also like to make a special shout out to the McCarter sisters who all made great strides in swimming independently this week...stellar job girls!

This is a new NYS Department of Health requirement for campers. **Counselors will be holding on to their camper's bracelets from day to day, but if your child accidentally comes home with it, please make sure that they wear it the following camp day!**

These bracelets display their swim level as it is laid out by DOH standards and must be worn any time they enter the water:

**To wear a YELLOW Bracelet, a swimmer must:**

Jump into chest deep water

Swim 25 yards (1 length) front crawl independently without stopping

Swim Elementary Backstroke 15 yards

Float on the back for 1 minute

**To wear a GREEN Bracelet, a swimmer must:**

Complete all of the skills above

Swim 25 yards (1 length) backstroke independently without stopping

Swim 15 yards Breaststroke

Tread water for 1 minute

Swimmers who do not complete either requirement are given a RED Bracelet. Only GREEN Bracelet swimmers have passed the DOH's deep water test.

Everyone is looking forward to Week 9's Swim Team Chug with our very own former Olympian, Inna Goldfarb! Check your camper's back-packs for this week's progress cards and we'll catch everyone for what is bound to be a fabulous Week 8!



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Week 7's  
Newsletter  
Chug!

## A PASSIONATE PLEA FROM SOFIA BAKER

I've been seeing a lot of kids all over camp breaking branches on the trees, picking off leaves, and littering. Please be alert! Please don't litter, and respect the earth. We will have children that will live in this world and if we don't take care of it, it won't be a happy, healthy place for them to live. Please, the earth needs our help.