



# The Centerland Chronicle

## BLUE SKIES, SMILING AT ME

Camp Centerland

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### Special 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 every day.

The name of the game is Color War. The 2012 theme: Hunger Games. Campers were split into 4 districts (teams): Red, Yellow, Green, and Blue and competed for two and a half days to determine the ultimate champions of Hunger Games Color War.

Wednesday began with "the reaping", in which campers were divided, and learned who their leaders and captains would be. The team spirit was high as districts practiced

new team cheers and planned their strategies. They headed into battle on both land and water in water cup derby and cannonball/bellyflop contest.

On Thursday, our first full day of challenges, the skies opened up, but were not able to dampen the Color War spirit. Our players were busy earning points in the water balloon games, diving for pennies, home run derby, spelling bee and trivia competition, silent lunch and cheer, counselor competitions, and slip & kick.

Early on Friday, teams learned their standings, and it was a close race to the finish, with all teams starting within 150 points

of each other. Tributes tried to give their team the edge in the Chopped competition, pool relays, sock relay, pickle spitting, sing down. Judges also took into account team spirit, sportsmanship, responsibility, and were not above bribery.

Final standings were:

4th Place: Yellow 7,997

3rd Place: Red 8,153

2nd Place: Green 9,675

**1st Place: Blue 9,779**

Congratulations Blue Team, and a job well done to all our competitors and judges!



Blue Team Silent Cheer

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Jewish Community Center is working towards relocating Camp Centerland to land adjacent to the Benderson Family Building. While not located in Elma, Camp Centerland will continue to thrive under the same leadership and values for which you have become accustomed. Centerland will continue to transport campers

from the city, provide the highest quality in programming and staffing, and bring new developments to JCC Day Camping.

We would like to share more information and answer questions about what is being planned for next summer and beyond by inviting you to join us at an informational session

at one of our JCC locations. We will hold one session at each JCC building in early August. Dates, times, and formal invitations to these meetings will be sent out next week.

Please contact Stacey Block at 204-2079 or [sblock@jccbuffalo.org](mailto:sblock@jccbuffalo.org) to reserve a spot at one of these orientations. Childcare will be provided when requested in advance.

### Nurse Doug's Tip of the Week

Getting on the "Cutting edge" for cuts & abrasions:

- Clean with soap & water (the best soap is Hibiclens)
- For inflammation use Hydrocortisone
  - For possible infection use Neosporin
- Antibiotic Band-Aids are now available in stores.

# COUNSELOR ENCOUNTERS WITH LIZ

## Meet Tiffany

Group: Jr. Discovery  
 Fav. Movie: Dumb & Dumber  
 What would you buy if you won the lottery? Give it to Camp  
 Fav. Midnight Snack: Apples & Peanut Butter  
 Place you like to take a vacation: Italy  
 Fav. Disney Princess: Cinderella  
 Power Animal: Cheetah



Tiffany of Jr. Discovery



Eddie (and Nick) of Negev

## Meet Eddie

Group: Negev  
 Fav. TV Show: Sanford & Son  
 What would you buy if you won the lottery? 59 Caddy Conv.  
 Least Fav. Animal: Ferrets  
 Fav. Midnight Snack: Chocolate pudding  
 Fav. Movie: Planes, Trains & Automobiles  
 Power Animal: Screech Owl

(Below) Allie of Atid and Nathaniel of Discovery

## Meet Allie

Group: Atid  
 School: ECC  
 Fav. Food: Pizza  
 What would you buy if you won the lottery? Snowboard  
 Fav. Disney Princess: Pocahontas  
 Fav. Midnight Snack: Orange Creamsicle  
 Power Animal: Lion



## Meet Nathaniel

Group: Discovery  
 School: Nazareth  
 Fav. Food: Fried Raptor  
 What would you buy if you won the lottery? A plane to go to the Olympics  
 Fav. Movie: Jurassic Park  
 Least Fav. Animal: Kittens  
 Power Animal: African Freshwater Wildebeest

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

FIND OUT ABOUT ALL THE UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP CENTERLAND HERE!

### Week 6: Animal Week

Monday 7/30: Visit from the Buffalo Zoo (and critters!)

Tuesday 7/31: Sharon Stay Late (kids only!)

Wed 8/1: Wacky Wednesday Mini Bows & Arrows

Thurs 8/2: Yehuda Overnight

Friday 8/3: Dream Team Production at Shabbat



# AQUATICS DIRECTOR DANIELLE PRESENTS: THE SWIMMING CORNER

This week was a wacky and wild week at both pools. With color war going we had crazy competitions including belly flops, relays and other events. Even in the rain the campers were ready to swim and represent their teams. Shout out to Discovery for supporting the younger campers throughout this crazy week. Next week we will continue with lessons and free swims hopefully in the shining, hot, sun.

## Swimming Levels Explained:

**BASIC SKILLS 1&2:** Children who swim with the assistance of a noodle or bubble.

**LEVEL 1:** Learn floating, gliding, early

stroke development, and treading with teacher assistance and a floatation device.

**LEVEL 2:** Front crawl, backstroke, and treading continue to develop, as well as jumping in. Children must submerge head fully before entering this level.

**LEVEL 3:** Advanced swim techniques needed for strokes learned in Level 4 & above.

**LEVEL 4:** Introduction & development of breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke, front crawl, sidestroke & elementary backstroke.



Negev catch a frog in the Jordan Pool

**LEVEL 5:** Display aptitude in butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, front crawl, sidestroke, and elementary backstroke.

## OVERNIGHT EXCITEMENT

The Negev group enjoyed their first-ever overnight at Camp Centerland last night. The theme of the night was Tribal. The two Negev groups became "tribes", complete with native war paint. Our tribes had a fierce water balloon battle. After getting out of the pool, the tribes took a walk to the Dairy Bar for a frozen treat. Don't worry, they didn't spoil their dinner! All the Color War excitement left them hungry for a dinner cooked on the campfire.

Next week Tuesday is the Sharon Stay Late, followed by the 2nd Yehuda overnight on Thursday.

### Overnight Schedule 2012

Week 5: Negev

Week 6: Sharon Stay Late

Week 6: Yehuda

Week 7: Sr. Discovery

Week 7: Atis

Week 8: Discovery



Above: Negev sitting by the fire

## THE PICTURE PLACE: COLOR WAR



(from left): Effie (Liz) introduces the Hunger Games Color War; The tributes learn their color district; water balloon races; and baby food tasting contest.

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# LOST AND FOUND

We don't like "Lost". Please label EVERYTHING with your child's name, so all missing items can be considered "Found"!

## Missing

(Items our campers are missing... have you seen it?)

No missing items reported this week. Please let us know if you notice anything has gone missing!

## Lost

(Items we have found at camp with no name on it...)  
Old Navy Fleece Sweatshirt Black with Red Skull & Crossbones (L 10-12)  
Dark Blue Hanes "Football" Zip-Front Hoodie Sweatshirt (S)  
Black Water Shoes (L)  
Red Basic Edition Plain T-shirt (L 10/12)  
Blue Metal Sigg Water Bottle with Tan Floral Design  
Purple Speedo Swim Goggles with Yellow Strap & Holographic Animal Eye Design  
Pair of Girl's Nike ankle socks with Pink, Green & Yel-

low Pastel Stripes  
Black & Red Element 8 Sunglasses  
Purple Girls Baby Gap underwear with "Thursday" and a purple Dog graphic (4-5 years)  
Blue Dolphin Towel with Wave pattern on edges  
Solid Blue Towel  
We have a number of other lost & found items, including water bottle, clothing, accessories, and towels. For a more complete list, please refer to previous editions of the Chronicle, available at our website  
www.campcenterland.org

## THE SPECIALIST SPOT

### THIS WEEK'S SPECIALIST REPORT COME FROM SONIA AT TEVA (NATURE)

Campers are given the opportunity to get out and learn about nature with two different specialists here at Camp Centerland. Teva is taught by Sonia Veiga, who is joining Camp Centerland for the first time this summer after spending three years at a camp in Oswego, NY.

So far this summer I have been impressed with the amount of enthusiasm for nature and science related themes by our campers. It

seems like each and everyday the campers are researching new nature. By the end of the summer a huge goal for nature is to get the campers



Sonia from Teva

to unplug their electronic devices and spend more time outside. So far they have done quite a bit of exploring around the Camp Centerland campus. Whether searching for Big Foot, capturing different bugs, or learning about the different plants in our area, the campers have been nothing but enthusiastic.

So far this summer we have gone on plenty of creek walks and hikes, crawled through a gigantic spider web, and played games like predator vs. prey and camouflage. We have also learned about different animals and con-

cepts like pollination through interactive games.

Though a lot has already been done I am excited to finish off the second half of the summer as strong as the start. There are always new things to learn about and experience in nature and I look forward to rest of the summer!



Atid Girls are challenged by the spider web at Teva