



# The Centerland Chronicle

## WEEK FOUR: COLOR WAR!

The heat was intense this week. The only thing more intense: the Color War competition at Camp Centerland. Red, Yellow, Blue and Green had to prove their skills in a number of events.



The Blue Team finds out their team color during Popsicle

The event began with Popsicle Wednesday: campers learned the color of their teams based on the color popsicle they were given. Judges were appointed to watch over all of the areas of Color War, and rated the campers with a complicated scoring system. Contestants were judged

on their athletic abilities, problem-solving skills, team spirit, trivia knowledge, swimming, climbing, eating, camp pride, and other various and random skills. Discovery campers that participated in the at-home scavenger hunt were even able to earn extra points at home.

Other highlights of the week include the belly-flop contest, baby food eating, Water Carl-Says, diving for pennies, the Sock game, Cheer presentations, and many, many water sports. The grand finale of the week was the camp-wide Apache Relay.



One Wacky Event: finding bubble gum in a pan of flour then blowing a bubble

We gave points for hydration, passed out popsicles in all the Color War colors to the teams, conserved energy with a point driven "Silent Lunch" on Thursday, and brought around ice to keep core temperatures cool with the humidity.

It's hard to complain about the warm weather in a place like Bufalo. We are lucky that it is still safe to be outside (unlike other places in the country), enjoy spending time with friends, and have a good time.

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,  
With a lot of help from our maintenance crew, counselors, and leadership team, we were able to "Beat the Heat" this week and enjoy one of the most memorable weeks of Color War ever!

One team managed to "spike" water in the jugs with food dye, and since everyone needed water so badly, forced mem-

bers of the other teams to drink their colors' water. It was a clever prank indeed.

We also swam swam swam for much of the week. Because the sun has been so warm, the Goldman pool was actually registering 83-86 degrees but still kept the camp cool. Dave and his crew set up misting stations to drizzle water from holes in a hose hanging from tree branches.

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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!
- ☺ Order candid Camp photos at [izonproductions.com](http://izonproductions.com). Password: camp2011
- ☺ Label EVERYTHING!
- ☺ Campers must wear sneakers to camp.

### Nurse Doug's Tip of the Week

Research from the Mayo Clinic shows it is far healthier to be of high fitness than to have what might be considered the "ideal" body weight. So Keep on Camping!

# COUNSELOR ENCOUNTERS WITH LIZ

Below: Jill of Atid

## Meet Ryan

Hometown: West Falls, NY

Position: Atid

Years at Camp: 4th Year

Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Eating

Favorite Late Night Snack: Chicken Wings

Least Favorite Animal: Skunks

Favorite Camp Activity: Buddy Checks

Place You Like to Travel to: Spain

Hidden Talent: Blowing a Bubble Inside a Bubble



Above: Ryan of Atid  
Below: Eddie of Negev



Place You'd Like to Travel To: New Zealand

Hidden Talent: School Bus Rodeo

## Meet Eddie

Hometown: The Moon, Space

Position: Negev

Years at Camp: 1st Year

Favorite Movie: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

Favorite Late Night Snack: Pizza Bagels

Least Favorite Animal: Hippo

Favorite Camp Activity: Swim



## Meet Jill

Hometown: East Aurora, NY

Position: Atid

Years at Camp: 2nd

Favorite TV Show: Say Yes to the Dress

Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Mind Reading

Favorite Late Night Snack: Chocolate Covered Anything

Least Favorite Animal: Armadillo

Favorite Camp Activity: Amanut

Place You'd Like to Travel to: Brazil

Hidden Talent: Moose Calls

# COVER-UP BAFFLES CAMPERS, PRESIDENT

BY CENTERLAND CORRESPONSANT MIKE LOVERING

"It's going to be a long time until things are back to normal," President-elect J. Bloom stated after lunch on Wednesday. Bloom is of course referring to "the mess to be remembered", as he so eloquently put it.

To describe what was found underneath one of the Pavilion's picnic tables in prose would limit the scope of its madness. The haiku that follows will explain everything:

Spaghetti fell down

Neglected mess left on ground

Rock put on felled lunch

The image still haunts one Negev camper one day later. "It's etched into my soul, my being," explained young Gil Stintlin. Gil was one of the first responders to the

On right: The attempt to cover the spaghetti with a rock remains unexplained.

scene of the happening. Stintlin went on to say, "Gosh, my golly, who will cleanse this mysterious burden from my consciousness."

President Bloom has one theory as to how the entree wound up scattered, then hidden. "There has been a growing presence of wolverine at the camp. My guess is that it was one of them." Junior Discovery camper, Kieiyliee Jugster echoed Bloom's wisdom, "Wolverine. I believe in their guilt."

There have already been plans to commemorate the spot of the occurrence. A hole will be built on the site of the disaster that stretches through the center of the



Earth and out the other side to make sure that messes can no longer be left there. "The hole is built for solidarity. It's the circle of life," explained Gerdy Imples, Sharon CIT.

Camp Centerland has been rattled, but not broken. Spirits are still high despite the dark shroud that has covered the camp. "Go forth and behave," were Bloom's final words to a shaken group of campers. Truer words have never been said, or represented through interpretive dance.

# THE LIFEGUARDS PRESENT: THE SWIMMING CORNER

When it's this hot out, you know all the action is going to be at the pools. This week, the lifeguards geared up to have some serious water games and races happening at the pool. Wednesday afternoon the competitions began with cannonball, wacky jump-style, and belly-flop contests. Campers and counselors both flung themselves into the pool, and points were awarded for style, with bonuses given after the



The counselors compete in extreme belly-flopping to earn points for their Color War team.

judges checked for redness.

Thursday, the pool challenges continued. One entertaining event was diving for pennies, in which pen-

nies were scattered all over the bottom of the pool and teammates had to collect as many as possible for their team.

The bead-passing relay race to campers

back and forth across the pool, and the wacky swim stroke races had everyone twisting and turning as they swam laps.

Friday, groups were able to take a break from the competition and just relax with friends during free swim. We turned the music up loud and enjoyed some fun and games together!



Pool relays had campers racing to the finish line.

## OVERNIGHT EXCITEMENT

The Atid group came together for an overnight this week—right at the heart of Color War and on the hottest night of the year so far. The theme was "Centerland's Got Talent". The remarkable Talent Show portion of the evening had many memorable moments, and some highlights include Zack G. soloist exhibition, the Atid Girls "Dynamite" dancing, and Mike L. performing a moving monologue. We cooled off with ex-

## Overnight Schedule 2011

Week 4: Atid

Week 5: Negev

Week 6: Sharon Stay Late

Week 6: Yehuda

Week 7: Discovery

Week 8: Atid

tended swimming sessions, a remarkable talent show, and, of course, no overnight is complete without s'mores. Campers showcased their jumping and catching talents as we tried to complete football passes while jumping into the pool.

Next week, the Negev group get their second overnight of the summer. Want to know the theme? Well I guess you'll just have to be there...

## DID YOU KNOW...

Family Day at Camp Centerland is quickly approaching! Wednesday of Week 5 (or July 27 for those of you not thinking in terms of "camp time"), we are inviting the families of all Centerland campers to join us for an afternoon at camp. Come experience camp like a true Cen-



terlander!

All are invited to join us, even if the campers are not enrolled for week 5. Please RSVP by Monday, July 25th if you would like to attend. The fun begins just after lunch. Families will enjoy a mod of swimming, groups activities, and don't

Left: Centerlanders sure know how to scale the Rock Wall!

### You're Invited!

What: Family Day

When: Wednesday, July 27, 12:30-4:00

Where: Camp Centerland

2280 Bullis Rd, Elma

RSVP 652-4250 or [campcenterland@jccbuffalo.org](mailto:campcenterland@jccbuffalo.org)

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

### Lost

(Items we have found at camp with no name on it...)

Men's "Old Navy" Pale Blue Swim Trunks with Hawaiian Print (M)

Boy's "Children's Place" Navy Blue Swim Trunks with Palm Tree Print (S 5-6)

Men's "Burton" Navy Blue Swim Trunks with White Trim (M 33-36")

Boy's "Cherokee" short-sleeve Blue Pajama Shirt with Athletic Department graphic (S)

"Sonoma" Denim Cargo Pocket Shorts (L 7)

Boy's "Lands End" White USA Soccer Logo T Shirt (L 7)

White "Continental" Towel

Black "Royal Velvet" Towel

Black "California Innovations" zipper lunchbox

Blue, Green & Purple flower zipper lunch box

Dark Blue "Artic Zone" zipper lunch box with blue freezer pack

Pink Speedo Swim Goggles

Pink Sparkle "Montego Bay" Flip Flops (10/11)

Blue "Ride for Roswell" Waterbottle with white top

Girls "Zero Xposure" Blue, Pink & White Jacket (M)

Junior Girls "Inked & Faded" Cut-off Denim shorts (4)

Boys "Lands End" Blue Shorts with Red Leg Stripe (L)

## LOST AND FOUND

Boys "Old Navy" Khaki Shorts with Blue Piping (7)

Gymboree" Navy Blue Cotton Cargo Pants(10)

"New Legends" Black Hooded Zipper Sweatshirt with "Power Sports" Logo (S 7-8)

Boys "Cherokee" Red Swim Trunks with Black, Grey & White Stripe (M 8-10)

Boys "Jumping Beans" Navy Blue Swim Trunks with Surf Boards (L 7)

### Missing

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

A Pillow

## THE SPECIALIST SPOT

### THIS WEEK'S REPORT COMES FROM MARY, OUR TEVA 2.0 (NATURE) SPECIALIST

Greetings from Teva 2.0! Campers and counselors have appropriately nicknamed me "Nature Mary," because I spend most of my time at camp on the nature trails, wading through the creek, and with mud up to my knees. This is my first year at Camp Centerland, but my fifth year working at a day camp and my second year working as a nature specialist. I recently completed my master's degree in elementary education from the University of Pennsylvania and am currently in the process of looking for a teaching job.

Teva 2.0 is the nature adventure and games speciality. So far

this summer we have learned about camouflage and practiced our observation skills while hunting for plastic camouflaged animals on the Ridge trail; raced around camp to complete a scavenger hunt; and learned about making natural trail signs before creating paths for our friends to follow. This week we are taking creek walks to visit our animal friends in the water. Next week all four Discovery groups will learn about fire building safety in nature and participate in a Survivor style competition. Younger groups will take a trip to the much anticipated "Witch's House" and focus on keeping our beautiful campgrounds clean.

Still to come are a camp mascot building contest, map scavenger hunt, and a second creek walk. Every day is an adventure in Teva 2.0!



Mary of Teva 2.0