



# The Centerland Chronicle

## Camp Centerland

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## WEEK 1 IS A LOT OF FUN!

Shalom parents and campers! The staff at Camp Centerland are psyched that you are here to share our summer of fun! We have planned 8 weeks of excitement and adventure all for you!

Camp is booming this year, with even more registered campers than last year. To keep the fun going for everyone, we have created more groups, added new specialties, and the more counselors we have, the more fun it is!

Week 1 at camp was off to a great start, with campers participating in

new and improved specialties, such as Limmud (which is our Jewish Culture Specialty), and Teva 2.0 (our Nature/Adventure Specialty). Campers competed in "Minute to Win It" games on Tuesday, Discovery got started with a whole group field trip to the Epic Fun Center on Thursday, everyone is trying to earn the most Camp Centerland Chaverim stars.

This summer, we are pleased to welcome back Izon Pro-

ductions, who will be here every week taking group portraits and candid photographs of all of our campers. The 5x7 "Making Memories" Group Portraits are still available to order for \$10 each. Contact Camp Centerland to place your order today!



Sharon Campers go on a camouflage hunt during Teva 2.0.

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

We are off to a great start and appreciate your support and confidence in allowing us to look after your children for the summer. This week I'd like to address transportation, specifically afternoon pick-up at the Benderson Family Building.

Starting today, the bus counselors from each bus will be wearing neon yellow caps so they are easily recognizable. These are the staff that are

responsible for all bus, morning contact and check-in, and afternoon feedback and sign-out. Please park your cars in an actual parking space and not in fire lanes or unmarked areas that block access to our Centerland busses, public transportation, and emergency vehicles that need to get through. This will save time if the busses do not have to wait for cars that are parked illegally.

We want to ensure the safety of

all the children by making sure every child is SIGNED OUT by an authorized party. This process goes slower at the beginning because we are all getting to know each other, but it is necessary to follow this regulation correctly. We know no one wants to be the parent whose child cannot be located and due to the disorganized bus departure procedure. Thank you for your patience with our process. If your child needs to be released ahead of

### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Apply sunscreen to your child every morning.
- ☺ Label EVERYTHING!
- ☺ Campers must wear sneakers to camp.
- ☺ Please bring goggles.
- ☺ Please refrain from sending in snacks with traces of peanuts or nuts.

### Nurse Doug's Tip of the Week

While bug spray is recommended for walks in the woods, Nurse Doug recommends, "Don't spray the Bug Spray in your Eyes!"

other children because of busy schedules, we can honor that if you get in touch. We will call them to the front and let them off so you can be on your way. We had a fantastic first week of camp and look forward to seven more!

# COUNSELOR ENCOUNTERS WITH LIZ

## Meet Andrew

Hometown: Tonawanda, NY

Position: Ropes Specialist

Years at Centerland: 1st

Least Favorite Animal: Snakes

Dream Car: Lamborghini

Life Quest: Full time teaching job and to spend summer at Camp Centerland

Hidden Talent: Licensed Massage Therapist

Midnight Snack: Raw Hot Dogs



Andrew from Ropes

## Meet Laurelle

Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Position: Negev 1

Least Favorite Animal: Little Yippy Dogs

Dream Vacation: Australia

Hidden Talent: Trumpet

Favorite Celebrity: Jon Stewart

Favorite Activity at Camp: Amanut

Weekend Activity: Traveling Correspondent for Nat Geo.



Above: Laurelle

Below: Courtney

## Meet Courtney

Hometown: Clarence, NY

Position: Yehuda Girls

Dream Vacation: Australia

Least Favorite Animal: Snakes

Hidden Talent: Broadway Dancer/Rockette

Dream Car: Any expensive but free car

Midnight Snack: M&M's



# LATE INNING RALLY FUELS THUNDER'S VICTORY

Elma, NY- In a kickball match for the ages, the Elma Thunder willed their way to victory over a very strong Buffalo Lightening squad. The two teams, comprised of Discovery 2 campers and counselors, competed in a match filled with home runs, close calls, and miracle plays.

In the top of the third inning, with the bases loaded and nobody out, the Lightening were poised to add to their 3-2 lead. However, counselor Justin made a spectacular unassisted triple play on a

frozen rope to shortstop and got the Thunder out of an early jam. In the fourth inning, the Thunder was not as fortunate. Sport specialist and Lightening team captain Geoff kicked a pair of home runs, while camper Matt D. added an RBI double, giving the Lightening a commanding 9-2 lead. But a spirited Thunder squad would not go away quietly; Justin and camper Caroline F. each kicked two run home runs, to help cut the deficit to 1.

With the score 9-8 in the bottom

of the sixth and final inning and the Thunder down to their final out, camper and new kickball legend Torben A. steps up to the plate. Torben strikes a groundball to second base and just barely beats out an infield single, which allows the tying run to score, in what can only be described as a miracle play. To add to Torben's already heroic kick, he scores from second base later in the inning on a play at the plate. Immediately following his game winning run, Torben added "I am so tired right now."

**BEN CHARLTON  
CENTERLAND SPORTS  
CORRESPONDANT**

# KRISTINA'S WEEKLY POLL RESULTS

**THIS WEEK'S POLL:**

**PIZZA BAGELS OR MAC-N-CHEESE?**

Kay B. (Atid) - Pizza Bagel

Nicole B. (Atid) - Mac-N-Cheese

Geoff H. (Sports) - Mac-N-Cheese

Ayelet F. (JRD) - Neither

Alex P. (Negev) - Mac-N-Cheese

Courtney S. (JRD) - Pizza Bagel

Rochelle F. (CIT) - Mac-N-Cheese

Abriana W. (Yehuda) - Mac-N-Cheese

Ariel K. (CIT) - Pizza Bagel

Lauren C (Director) - Mac-N-Cheese

Vincenzo P. ( Negev) - Pizza Bagel

Rachel H (Yehuda) - Mac-N-Cheese

Eva H. (Sharon) - Mac-N-Cheese

Rachel C. (Yehuda) - Mac-N-Cheese

Eric R. (Negev) - Pizza Bagel

Isaac B. (Negev) - Mac-N-Cheese

The Week 1 Winner Is:  
**MAC-N-CHEESE!!**

# HEAD GUARD BRYAN AND THE LIFEGUARDS PRESENT: THE SWIMMING CORNER

Wow!! It is great to be back at camp and seeing how all of our old friends have improved at swimming while meeting some new ones at the same time. It has been a tough first week, with all the campers having to brave the elements to swim, whether it was a chilly pool, a thunderstorm that shut down the pool, or colder temperatures outside that made the now warm pool the place to be.

Day 1 started off with everyone learning the basic pool rules, getting used to buddy checks, and getting tested to see what level everyone would start off their summer



Negev: The Buddy Check Winners of Week 1!

in. Speaking of buddy checks, the buddy check of the week has to go to Negev. Not only do they have the most campers, but the lifeguards admit that they messed up the numbering, and the campers still get it right in one of the fastest times.

On Wednesday, because of the colder weather and limited time, Discovery got to learn how to do some on-land lifeguard training, trying to save a lifeguard tube from life-threatening conditions using CPR, rescue breathing, and abdominal thrusts.

We have also been trying

to bring back an age-old tradition that I remember from when I was a camper 15 years ago of singing to be let in. We make the girls and boys both sing "We Love You Lifeguards," a modified rendition of the song from "Bye Bye Birdie." Whichever group is the loudest gets let into the pool area first, and it is starting to brew up some competition, with groups screaming it to get let into the pool.

We have many excited things planned for the weeks to come, and expect all of our campers to increase at least one level this summer, and we are dedicated to making that happen. We have been so impressed with the hard work of the campers and can't wait to see them improve as swimmers!

## OVERNIGHT EXCITEMENT

Our overnights are the most fun you can have in a tent! All campers in groups Negev and up can have an exclusive sleepover with their counselors from Thursday night—Friday morning. See the schedule on the right for the weeks each group will be staying. Each group's counselors are planning interesting themes and events.

We have some many groups this year, we have changed our schedule

## Overnight Schedule 2011

- Week 1: Negev
- Week 2: Yehuda
- Week 3: Discovery
- Week 4: Atid
- Week 5: Negev
- Week 6: Sharon Stay Late
- Week 6: Yehuda
- Week 7: Discovery
- Week 8: Atid

from previous years. During the Discovery week, Jr. & Sr. Campers will stay on Tuesday Nights, and Discovery



1 & 2 will stay on Thursday. Don't forget your sleeping bag!

## DID YOU KNOW...

Camp Centerland has gone digital! You can now follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and on our website. We are continuing to explore new ways to keep in touch with friends and families of Camp.

If you are on Facebook, search for us under the name "Camp Centerland: Project of the Jewish Com-

munity Center of Greater Buffalo." Once you find us, click the "Like" button on the top of our page to receive our updates and notifications. You can also read our tweets if you follow us on Twitter: @CampCenterland.

Don't forget to visit our website for camp pictures, a calendar of

events, and all the great information our campers need by checking us out: [www.campcenterland.org](http://www.campcenterland.org)



Camp Centerland is on Facebook & Twitter!

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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?)

Boys Blue Swim Trunks

## Lost

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

- Blue Towel
- Blue Dolphin Towel
- Boys Navy Surf Board Swim Trunks (L)
- Boys Red, Black & Grey Hawaiian Print Swim Trunks (M)
- Boys Red & Black Flame Swim Trunks (L)
- Girls Pair White & Purple Ankle Socks
- Pair White Ankle Socks
- Single White Ankle Sock w/ Gold Toe Stripe
- Girls Denim Inked & Faded Cut-Off Shorts (4)

- Purple Water Bottle
- Boys White Briefs (L)

## THE SPECIALIST SPOT

This Week's Report comes from Mike, the Shirah (Music) Specialist.

Just as night follows day and "Step by Step" used to follow "Family Matters", the Camp Centerland season follows a long, drawn out wintery one. This is my fifth year at this well-manicured camp facility and my first year as the music specialist.

In music this year the focus will be different for each age group. Junior campers, which includes Negev and Sharon, will be making instruments each week and using their creations to accompany songs and create ones of their own. This week, shakers were made using discarded plastic bottles and

material that was gathered from the Earth's crust.

Yehuda and Atid groups, which house the senior campers, will be involved in learning songs from a variety of artists and genres then writing songs in each music style. For example, next week these groups will be learning some top notch Beach Boys songs and writing a beach -flavored tune of their own.

Each of the four Discovery groups will be working on a mini-

musical over the next few weeks and presenting it to the camp towards the end of this year's camp session. Discovery groups were involved in brainstorming and outlining their musical this week. I am very excited to see what they come up with!



Mike L, in his fifth year at Camp Centerland and first year as Shirah Specialist.

I was very impressed with the level of enthusiasm the campers brought to music everyday during this first week. Everyone remembered to participate, appreciate and have-fun-iate!