



# The Centerland Chronicle

## I'M ALL SHOOK UP

What a week to close another great summer at Camp Centerland. We had plenty of excitement during week 8. On Thursday, Praxair visited Camp Centerland to give the camp-



Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream from Praxair

ers a tasty science demonstration. Campers saw how liquid nitrogen looks, and what it does to milk, cream, and sugar... it creates some really delicious ice cream for us all to try!

The Discovery campers saved some of their best trips for the end too. Jr. Discovery went to an evening Bison's game, and Discovery headed out to Darien Lake.

And let's not forget that we kept "The King" in mind while we ate "peanut butter" (soynut butter) and banana sandwiches.

We also had some emotional and fond farewells as many of us said goodbye to our summer friends. I think we all know it's not really a "goodbye" though, it's more of a "See you next



The whole camp helped raise the flag on Friday

accomplishment and fond memories of hot summer days.

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the school year at Kids Place After School, Vacation Camp, Centerland reunions, and/or other children's programs. Please enjoy the last issue of the 2012 Centerland Chronicle and appreciate how much dedication and energy the staff has put into making this a summer to remember.

We look forward to what the future holds for Camp Centerland and hope you all make the journey with us.

### 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!
- ☺ Keep in touch during the school year by attending Kids Place Afterschool, Children's Vacation Camps, and S.N.O. at both JCC locations!

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

After all the interviewing, recruiting, planning, meeting and greeting and more, another summer has come and gone. On behalf of Christine, Stacey, the supervisors, and staff of Camp Centerland 2012, I want to thank you for trusting us with the care of your children and for sending them to our camp. Those campers kept us constantly amused.

There is no better way to start the day than with a chant of "Boom, Boom, let me

hear you say Waaaay Oh, Waaaay Ohhhh" and jumping into the Good Morning camp song that makes everyone dance and smile.

Your children are a source of constant amusement, with their larger than life personalities, quirks, and joy about being at Camp Centerland. They experienced so many things for the first time or returned to conquer challenges not yet fulfilled. We hope all of them are leaving summer 2012 with a sense of

## Nurse Doug's Tip of the Week

Just because you're not at Camp doesn't mean not to be smart.

- Wear your sunscreen
- Wash out your cuts
- Get plenty of exercise
- Eat right
- Listen to your parents

### Meet Liz

Program Director

Fav. Midnight Snack: Almonds

Least Fav. Animal: Dolphin

What would you do if you won the lottery? Go to Egypt

Fav. Disney Character: Stitch

Power Animal: Black Mamba

### Meet Justin

CIT/Specialist Supervisor

Fav. Midnight Snack: Leftovers

Least Fav. Animal: Owl

What would you do if you won the lottery? Rebuild a studio

Fav. Disney Character: Mufasa

Power Animal: Dog

# COUNSELOR ENCOUNTERS WITH LIZ

### Meet Ben

Discovery Supervisor

Fav. Midnight Snack: Deep Fried Oreos

Least Fav. Animal: Horses

What would you do if you won the lottery? Spend it in 1 place

Fav. Disney Character: Jafar

Power Animal: Hamster

### Meet Laurelle

Jr. Camp Supervisor

Fav. Midnight Snack: Frozen Yogurt

Least Fav. Animal: Mosquito

What would you do if you won the lottery? Take mom on vacation

Fav. Disney Princess: Belle

Power Animal: Turtle



Liz, Laurelle, Justin and Ben, Camp Centerland Supervisors

## THE PICTURE PLACE

Clockwise from Top Left: Negev make "edible" Israel maps; JRS & SRD having some group time together; Sharon giggling in the pool; Yehuda are ready for an overnight; Atid plays newcomb; Discovery at Music; Mr. Cool Visits Camp; Slip & Slide Kickball





## THE LIFEGUARDS PRESENT: THE SWIMMING CORNER

At the Goldman Pool, Breast Stroke was the stroke of choice, and campers worked real hard to improve while continuing to perfect their front crawl. A special shout out to Sharon for their awesome work. Finally we ended the summer with a splash, with races and giant cannon balls!



Shout out to Sharon in the Pool!

At the Jordan Pool they continued more work on their swim strokes. They swam, they laughed, they got all of their counselors wet. Overall, they just

Learn floating, gliding, early stroke development, and treading with teacher assistance and a floatation device.

### Swimming Levels Explained:

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

#### LEVEL 1:

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.

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

## OVERNIGHT EXCITEMENT

The final week of Summer Camp saw the Jr. Discovery and Discovery groups spending the night at Camp Centerland. Both groups had awesome late night field trips before they came back to the tents. Jr. Discovery took in a Bison's game on Tuesday night, and Discovery tested their nerves on the wild rides at Darien Lake on Thursday night.

### Overnight Schedule 2012

Week 8: Discovery



Jr. Discovery at the Bison's game.



Discovery at Darien Lake

## DID YOU KNOW...

Both JCC locations offer year-round child care for school-age children. We have the Kids Place After School Program, serving the Williamsville and Buffalo area schools, for children in grades K-6. Children can reach Kids Place using transportation provided by the school district, or for those that attend school that do not provide transpor-

tation, we offer a charter bus service at each building.

We also offer full day care for many of the days that schools are closed at our Vacation Camp programs. Each day of Vacation Camp includes a field trip or special guest, swimming, games, projects, and fun.

There are other special chil-

dren's events at the JCC available, including aquatics and recreation classes, music lessons and extracurricular clubs, and the very popular Saturday Night Out, where kids have the run of the JCC for an evening. Contact Lauren Cohen at the Benderson Building (lcohen@jccbuffalo.org) or Christine Dusher at the Holland Building (cdusher@jccbuffalo.org) for more information about children's programming.

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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"!

## Lost

All Lost & Found will be on Display in Kids Place at the Holland Building for the next 2 weeks. Please stop by to take a look if you think anything might be yours!

- Buzz Lightyear/Woody Toy Story Towel
- Blue Great Whale Towel
- Blue & White Wave Pattern Towel
- Red Cherokee Swim Trunks with Blue Side Stripes (S 6/7)

- Blue Cherokee Swim Trunks with Orange, Yellow, Green Stripe Pattern (S)
- Red Cherokee Swim Trunks With Black, Grey, & White Stripe (M 8/10)
- Turquoise Cherokee Swim Trunks with Black Fin Pattern (L)
- Navy Blue Cherokee Cargo Shorts (8)
- Khaki H&M Boys Shorts (7/8Y)
- Dark Grey H&M Boys Shorts (7/8 Y)
- Olive Green Crocs (6)
- Navy Blue "Watts" Water Bottle with Green Lid

## THE SPECIALIST SPOT THIS WEEK'S SPECIALIST REPORT COME FROM JACKIE S. OF TEVA 2.0

I can't believe it! The very last week of summer! I can personally say that it is very true: time flies when you're having FUN! My name is Jackie Szymanski and I am grateful to say that it was my first summer working at Camp Centerland as Nature Specialist! It has been such a pleasure and a true honor to have the opportunity to work with each child and to see their curiosity and knowledge of the natural world grow with each visit up the hill or down the creek in Teva 2.0.

Each week the kids had given me feedback about what kind of activities they would like to participate in. From our very first week together, Stars, Sun and Moon week, we had an AWESOME time learning about the Moon's phases with Oreos! We had a great time playing one of the most popular games, Camouflage in the wooded trails, where "Mr. or Mrs. Foxy Loxey" found the other campers that were the hidden prey! We had lots of fun finding insects that camouflage into the grass and onto the trees in the beautiful field and trails of camp, and coloring butterflies when we needed a break from the intense sun's heat. Animal week was just as exciting as we played Animal Tag and had the opportunity to

share our favorite animal and why we loved it and were thankful for it! One group even had the opportunity to examine a baby fawn, which jumped about 50 feet in front of us into the woods. What an amazing experience to have the great outdoors be your classroom! We later followed into the woods to check out their home! The naturally brilliant and inquisitive minds of the children kept leading them to their acquisition of more knowledge! We started People week with the question about Mars' space probe Curiosity and our accomplishments as humans, and remembering our responsibility



Jackie talks nature with Sharon

in this world, making posters to show they want to respect the Earth! This week we had the opportunity to learn some Hebrew words as we discussed all our levels of responsibility and how to live up to each responsibility in *achraiut*. We played super hero charades, finished building the kid's AMAZING Yehuda

village and caught more insects.

Every few weeks I was given the opportunity to lead a Senior Choice or Chugim (hobby) where I was excited to teach the campers yoga and share my favorite, "Be Joyous" aromatherapy oil and yogi teas with them! They all did a great job and enjoyed the meditative happy quote of the day!



Jackie S of Teva 2.0

It was a real pleasure of mine to help further develop the already beautifully natural curious minds of your children in the right direction, to respect and love nature in a way I feel everyone should! We have been

truly blessed to have had such incredible learning experiences at the beautiful space at Camp Centerland. I would like to thank all the parents for sending your wonderful children to camp this summer! I would also like to thank all my INCREDIBLE campers for the great energy and positive attitude they brought with them!

Thanks again for the amazing summer! It wouldn't have been as special without each and every one of you, my first year campers!