

# Camp White Meadow

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July 1, 2011

Hi everyone! My name is Paige Bank, and this is my tenth summer at Camp White Meadow, with this being my second year as director. Outside of camp, I am a high school English literature teacher and tutor. I am so excited to be able to spend another summer working in this community, because it is everyone coming together (parents, campers, and staff) that make Camp White Meadow such a special and enjoyable place to work. Please do not hesitate to find me at camp or call me during the camp day at our building (973-627-3151).

We're back! It has been ten long months, but Camp White Meadow 2011 is finally here. It is

that we are all here to grow as a community and a family. Every day at camp is so special, because everyone who attends camp is so special.

We have had a busy first week! All the campers got their swim tests and are spending a lot of time getting to know each other and getting back into the camp groove. I am pleased to announce the following group names that the children came up with for the summer:

Pre-K/K: Monkeys Jumping on the Bed  
First/Second: Super Starfish  
Third/Fourth: Ninjas  
Fifth/Sixth: Hi-5/6  
Teen Travel: Teenage Mutant

goes home each day with everything they brought to camp.

A big thank you to everyone who came out to our Meet the Staff Night! It was a pleasure to meet all of you, and I am looking forward to continuing to work together for the good of the campers.

Our week finished in style with Red, White & Blue Day! A great time was had by everyone. And I would like to say a special "thanks" to our Counselors In Training for planning the event.

Have a restful and rewarding long weekend, and see you next Tuesday. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Until Next Time,  
~Paige Bank

## Counselors In Training:

The CITs did a great job getting to know each other and taking on their roles as helpers to camp. They have all been working hard to give a helping hand and smile, and they are making me very proud!

~Lauren

Welcome! My name is Lauren and I am thrilled to be your assistant director this year! During the school year I am a third grade teacher in West Caldwell. For fun I enjoy going to the beach, taking walks, and spending time with family and friends. This is my

third year at camp and I'm expecting it to be the best year yet!

Hi my name is Emily Mico and I am a CIT at Camp White



a very special summer for many reasons, foremost being that we are open for eight weeks again this year and we have brought back a very cool program: Music & Drama! What that means is

## Ninja Travelers

As a reminder, please check out our "lost, but rarely found" located at the A-Field. We would like to make sure that everyone

Meadow. I am a sophomore at Morris Hills High School. I love working with children, and am ready for a fantastic summer.

Hi my name is Eric Sarrel, and this is my second year as a CIT. This is my fourth year at camp. I will be a junior at Morris Hills High School. I am looking forward to another great year at camp.

#### **Crayons and More:**

Wow, what an exciting first week at CWM! Pre-K/K had a lot of great projects this week including popsicle stick figures, decorating picture frames, and making awesome animal masks!

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> also had an awesome week. They made pirate hats, sun magnets, and animal masks!

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> made a really cool coral reef project that depicts the ocean! They also made animal masks.

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> also made the awesome coral reef project!

Teen Travel decorated and illustrated picture frames.

All in all it was a terrific first week, and I can't wait for week 2!

~Ben

Hi my name is Ben Heller, and I am the Arts and Crafts Director at camp this year. I live in Rockaway, and am currently an undergraduate student at SUNY Binghamton University. I look forward to an exciting summer here at CWM, and to making arts and crafts as fun and exciting as possible!

#### **Boating & Nature:**

Week 1 started out in exciting fashion. We caught seven turtles

in three days! The turtles were named Toni, Curly, Moe, Larry, Skippy, Tori, and Clementine. Some campers got a chance to taste honey suckle. We got a chance to see those wild brainiacs out on the water. The campers were introduced to boating safety and had a great first week on the lake.

On the trails, Pre-K/K, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> all had a chance to hike to the Tourne Morris County Park. The first week of camp was really fun, and I can't wait for what thrills are ahead in week 2.

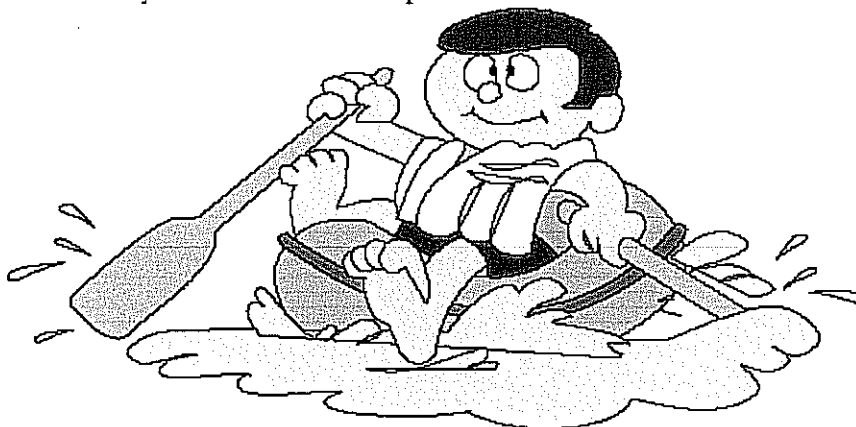
~Bruce

Hello, my name is Bruce Rhinesmith. I'm excited to begin my 12<sup>th</sup> summer at Camp White

everyone passing successfully and feeling comfortable in the water! The lessons also went well, with some campers who were afraid to even get in the water in the past now swimming all the way across the pool! In addition to swim lessons at the Circus Pool, we now also have lessons in the lanes at Beach 1. The campers are getting the opportunity to swim in a new and fun environment that they may not have had the chance to swim in before! If the rest of the summer continues the way the first week has gone we are in for an incredible summer!

~Aly & Carly

My name is Aly Slezak and I am the head swim instructor here at



Meadow. My position is Boating and Nature specialist. During the rest of the year I teach physical education at the Wilson School and coach high school softball at Kent Place School. My education includes a BA and MA from William Paterson University. I am looking forward to a fun summer at the Meadow and on the hiking trails in 2011.

#### **From the Water:**

The first week went off with a splash! The first days' swim tests went great, with

Camp White Meadow. This is my second year at camp, and I'm looking forward to another great summer. I have been on various swim teams for 14 years including White Meadow Lake Swim Team, Lakeland Hills YMCA Swim Team, and Morris Hills High School Swim Team. In past summers I gave swim lessons for the lake and lifeguarded. During the winter I coach at Morris County Swim Club. I plan on attending Springfield College in the fall and I can't wait!

My name is Carly Farrell and I am going to be a senior at Morris Hills High School. I have been a part of the White Meadow Lake Swim Team for 13 years and the high school team for 3 years. On top of swim instructing I am also a lifeguard. Another activity I take part in is the theater and music department. I am in 4 choirs and take part in many productions and performances. I hope to one day become an elementary teacher and am excited for this summer to help prepare me for that!

#### And All That Jazz:

We are off to a great start in Music and Drama! Meeting all of your children has been so much fun. This week we are focusing on the basics of music and drama. With the groups of younger campers, I taught them the camp songs and played freeze dance. With the older campers, I taught them a game called "Giants, Wizards, and Elves" as well as some fun improvisation games from the TV show "Whose Lines Is it Anyway?" I have a lot more exciting things planned and I can't wait to start them!

~Scott

Hello everyone! My name is Scott Baird and I am the Music and Drama Director. I am very excited about this position and this summer at Camp White Meadow. When I'm not at camp, I attend Montclair State University where I study theater and minor in musical theater. I look forward to teaching all your children some fun and awesome games and songs!

#### Sports, Sports, Sports:

Week 1 was a great week in Athletics. The campers had a lot of fun and really tried hard to improve on some skills. The Pre-K/K group played basketball and soccer. The 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade group played soccer, wiffleball, and basketball. Grades 3 and 4 played ultimate football and wiffleball. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade group played ultimate football, Nukem, basketball, lacrosse, and kickball. The Teen Travel group played soccer, ultimate football, and volleyball. The groups all learned



basic skills needed for the games and after about 10-15 minutes of practicing the skills they got to play a 25-30 minute game. The campers seem really excited for athletics this year.

~Joe

Hello, my name is Joe Cowan. I am the new Athletics Coordinator. I teach health and physical education in Wharton. I also coach basketball for the middle school. I attended and graduated from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. I am looking forward to a very fun summer teaching athletics to the campers.

#### Keepin' It Clean:

The first week of Camp White Meadow went extremely well. There were no major messes or problems that needed to be taken care of. I look forward to maintaining a clean environment for the campers and staff alike.

~Brett

Hey my name is Brett Mitchell. I am the new Utility supervisor at Camp White Meadow. In the fall I will be a senior at Morris Hills High School. I run cross country and track, and run under five minutes in the mile. I am very excited to be working at camp this year.

#### Band-aids, Bumps, and Bruises:

It's been a great first week for me as the camp EMT. So far we've had some bumps and bruises, but thankfully nothing serious. I've got a stock of special band-aids and a freezer full of ice for the rest of the summer, so we're good to go! Let's keep this summer safe.

~Courtney

Hey guys! My name is Courtney and I'm the EMT at camp. This is my first year here and I'm looking forward to all that camp is going to bring. I've been an EMT since 2008 and I volunteer with Roxbury Company 2 EMS. I'm going to be a junior at Boston University in the fall, studying neuroscience, and I hope to become a neurosurgeon. Hopefully we have a safe, fun summer without any injuries. If you have any concerns, feel free to come talk to me!

**Monkeys Jumping on the Bed (Pre-K/K):**

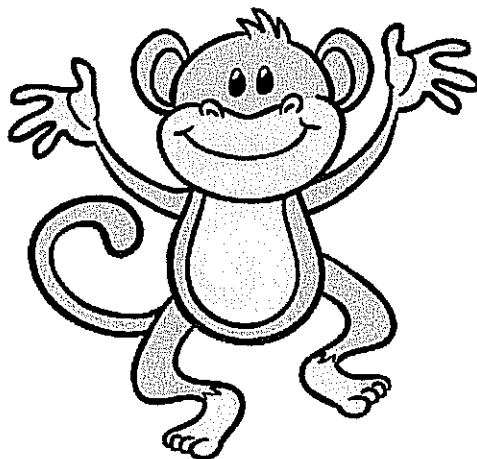
The Monkeys Jumping on the Bed had a great first week of camp. Our 16 monkeys jumped into some new and exciting activities while at the Meadow. This week our monkeys visited all of our specialists and learned a bunch of new things. We learned how to dribble soccer and basketballs, went swimming at the Circus Pool, and went boating with Bruce at Beach 3. Some of the monkeys even caught a baby turtle! At art we colored some beautiful pictures and created some scary masks! We had a super fun first week making new friends, trying new activities, and reading new stories. The second week will bring even more fun for our Monkeys Jumping on the Bed!

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July! Enjoy some time in the sun! We can't wait to see you next week!

~Liz, Jamie, Sara, Lauren, Gina, Sarah, and CIT Emily

Hi everyone! I'm Liz Snyder and this is my first year as the Pre-K/K supervisor. Before this summer, I was a Pre-K/K counselor for four years. In the fall, I will be in my last semester at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania graduating with a degree in history and secondary education. I am looking forward to a fun and safe summer with the Monkeys Jumping on the Bed!

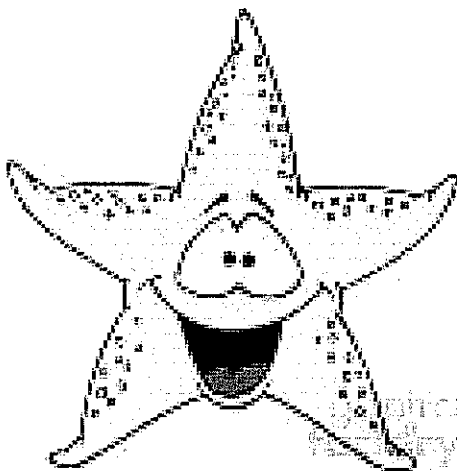
Hi everyone! I'm Gina and I am a counselor for Pre-K/K. This is my fourth summer working at camp and I am so excited to meet and get to know all of the kids. I just finished my



first year at William Patterson and am excited to start up again in the fall semester. I am going to school for early childhood education and am aspiring to be a pre-school teacher. I am so excited to meet all of you.

Hi everyone! My name is Jamie Bachar and I am a Pre-K/K counselor. This is my fourth summer at camp. I currently am a junior at Ramapo College and I'm studying communications. I'm really looking forward to a great summer of fun with the kids!

I'm Lauren Pagona and this is my third summer back with Pre-K/K. I am a super senior at



Montclair State University. I am studying English education and film. I am looking forward to a

fun and safe summer with the Monkeys Jumping on the Bed!

Hi, I'm Sara Krsulic and this is my eleventh summer at camp. It is my fourth summer with Pre-K/K. I am a sophomore at Misericordia University. I am studying early childhood/special education. I am looking forward to a very fun and exciting summer with the Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.

Hello! My name is Sarah O'Neill and this is my first year as a counselor at camp. I am a Pre-K/K counselor. I am going to be a junior at Morris Hills High School and I am looking into being either a music or history teacher. I am very excited for another great summer at Camp White Meadow!

**Super Starfish (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>):**

Get ready! Get set! Here we go! We are off on a cool and exciting summer adventure! Our group's name is "Super Starfish," and we seem to be making new friends already. It's always also wonderful to see the campers reconnect with campers that they met at the Meadow last summer.

We were able to go over some safety rules about the pool and the playground. We had a lot of smiles as we played Nukem, boxball, and soccer. Bruce took us on our first hike of the season to the Tourne in Mountain Lakes.

Our Super Starfish are lucky to have an amazing staff this summer. Our counselors are Erica Krouse, MJ Krsulic, Jacki Smith, Mike Bianci, Joe Bianci, Rachel Dickler, Austin Cowan, Brian Sonnenberg, Rachel Sonnenberg, Marisa Posten, and Aly Berkowitz.

We are looking forward to a fun and safe summer!

~Barb & Company

Welcome to the Meadow! My name is Barb Katz and I am thrilled to be back as the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade supervisor. This will be my 9<sup>th</sup> summer in this awesome camp! I have been living in this friendly community for the last 25 years. It has been a wonderful place to raise my family. During the school year I teach 1<sup>st</sup> grade at the Wilson School in Mountain Lakes. We look forward to an exciting, fun-packed, and safe summer! Let the fun begin!

Hi everyone! My name is Jacki and this is my fourth summer working at CWM. I am currently in the third year of the teaching program at Centenary College. In addition to teaching, I am also studying English. I am thrilled that the campers are having a great time and can't wait for the upcoming theme days this summer.

Hi, my name is Erica Krouse and I am working with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for my third year now. I am going to spend my sophomore year at William Patterson studying special education and minoring in communications disorders. I am excited to spend another summer with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

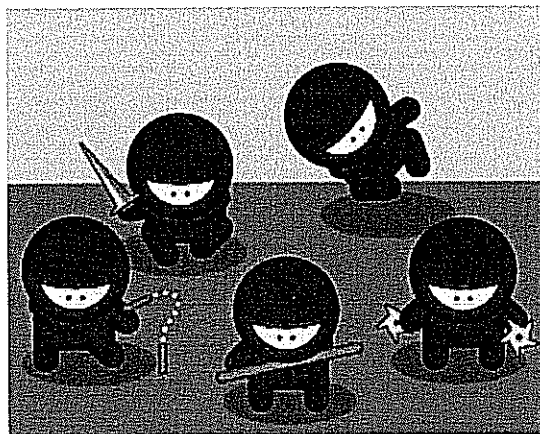
Hi, my name is Mike Bianci and it's my third year as a counselor. I hope to have another great year in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Hi, my name is Joe Bianci and this is my first year as a counselor. I have been going to CWM since I was in first grade. I'm excited to have fun with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> kids.

Hi, my name is Rachel Dickler and this is my second year with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is also my second year running morning care. I'm really looking forward to having a great summer!

Hi, I'm Austin Cowan and I go to Morris Hills High School. I attended camp as a camper and was a CIT for two years. This is my first year as a counselor, and I am very excited to have a fun and safe summer at camp.

My name is Brian



Sonnenberg and this is my first year on the CWM staff, but my third year as a day camp counselor. During the school year I enjoy playing soccer and baseball for Morris Hills and enjoy snowboarding during the winter with my friends and family. I'm looking forward to a fun and safe summer.

My name is Rachel Sonnenberg and this is my first year at CWM, but my third year as a camp counselor. Throughout the year I play field hockey for Morris Hills and sing for the Knights Templar and Madrigals.

I am looking forward to an amazing summer and great memories.

Hello, my name is Marisa Posten. I'm 16 years old and I got to Morris Hills High School. This is my first summer working here at CWM and I am super excited for a great summer with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

Hi, my name is Aly Berkowitz and this is my second year working at camp, but my first year with this age group. I play soccer at Morris Hills and I'm looking forward to an awesome summer with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders!

Hello, my name is MJ Krsulic and this is my second summer as a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> counselor. During the school year I attend Morris Hills, where I am a member of the track and field team. I am looking forward to a good summer.

### Ninjas (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>):

Welcome back for another fun and exciting summer at the Meadow! It's wonderful having the 4<sup>th</sup> graders back for a second time and it's been great getting to know the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. This first week has been an introduction to what we do here all summer: arts and crafts with Ben, music and drama with Scott, sports with Joe, swimming with Aly and Carly, and many other fun activities with our counselors! Our group name this year is the Ninjas – ask your children all about their new favorite game! Here's to another safe and fun summer at Camp White Meadow!

Hi-ya!

~Rachel, Barry, Alex, Connor, Bobby, John, Rachel, Sam, Lindsay, and Ryan

Hello, my name is Rachel Baum and I'm back from my year in Israel just in time to join the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade group for my second year as supervisor. I'm currently an unemployed elementary school teacher, but interviewing, so fingers crossed for the fall! If you have any questions or concerns, please always feel free to contact me as it is my goal to make this summer not only safe, but as fun as possible for both my counselors and my campers!

Hi, I'm Bobby Santoro and this is my fourth year at camp. I go to Florida Atlantic University and I am a criminal justice major. I look forward to a fun summer!

Hi everybody, I'm Connor Schrack and this is my fourth year at camp as a counselor. I go to West Chester University and study athletic training. I am looking forward to teaching your kids new games and enjoying the summer with the campers.

Hi! My name is Ryan Weinberg and this is my fourth summer here at camp. However, this is my third summer in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. I am going to be a sophomore at CCM and I'm studying business. I can't wait to spend another great summer with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Hi! My name is Sam Ortiz. This is my third summer at camp as a counselor and third summer working with 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. I will be starting my second year at Manhattan College in the fall but in the meantime I look forward

to a fun, happy summer at Camp White Meadow!

Hello! My name is Lindsay Bank and this is my second year



as a counselor, and my first year with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>! I'm going to be a senior at Morris Hills in the fall. I'm looking forward to a safe and fun summer!

Hi my name is Barry Rogalsky and this is my first year as a counselor. Last year I was the utility specialist. I just graduated from Morris Hills High School and am going to NJIT in the fall. I'm looking forward to having fun at camp this year.

Hi, my name is Rachel Paz and I am a counselor for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This is my first year as a counselor. I'm a sophomore at Champlain College and I am really looking forward to having a fun and exciting summer.

Hi, my name is Alex Fayerman. This is going to be my second year as a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade counselor. I am going to be a senior at Morris Hill High School this fall. I am looking forward to playing sports and having fun all summer long.

Hi! My name is John Santoro and this is my second year as a counselor here at Camp White

Meadow. I'm 17 years old and am going to be a senior at Morris Knolls this fall. I can't wait to have a great summer here at camp.

#### Hi-5/6 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>):

'Cause baby I'm a firework! Red, white, and blue day turned out to be firecrackin' fun! Hi-5/6 had a great start to the week, getting to know each other with ice breakers and great games galore! We got to see our creative sides on Wacky Wednesday with crazy hat/hair day! Our imaginations soared at arts and crafts with Ben and music and drama with Scott! Joe at Athletics had us sweating up a storm playing soccer, volleyball, football, and gatorball! We had a great start to week 1 and cannot wait to see what the rest of the summer brings!

~Chris, Jess, Joey, Jason,  
Josh, Tessie,  
and Tyler (from Israel)

Hi! My name is Chris Roman and this year is my 7<sup>th</sup> at camp and 1<sup>st</sup> as the supervisor of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> group. I just graduated from Ramapo College and now attend Montclair State's graduate school. We have a great group of counselors this year and we are all excited to get to know your kids!

~Chris

Hi everyone, my name is Jess Kirsch! I cannot believe it is already my 5<sup>th</sup> year working at camp with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade group! I am going to be a senior at Rutgers University in the fall. I am currently studying psychology and public health. In addition, I will be applying to graduate school for occupational therapy

in the fall. I play club field hockey at Rutgers, which keeps me active when I'm not at camp! I absolutely love working and playing with your children! They never cease to keep me entertained! I cannot wait to have a fun and safe summer with your children!

Hi, my name is Joey Paolino and this is my fourth year at camp. I will be a sophomore at County College of Morris in the fall. I am excited for a fun filled summer with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>!

My name is Josh Budzinski and this is my first year as a Camp White Meadow counselors. In June I graduated from DePaul Catholic High School and in the fall I will be attending Castleton State College in Vermont, studying exercise science.

Hi! My name is Jason Pattis and this is my 6<sup>th</sup> summer at camp. In the fall I will be a senior at Quinnipiac University. I am very excited to be in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade group this summer.

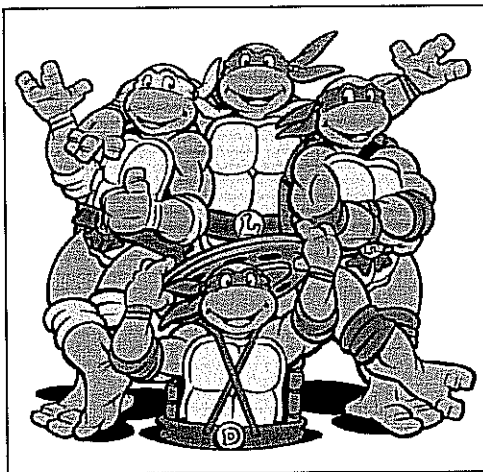
Hey! My name is Tessie DeCroce and this is my first summer as a counselor. I will be a senior in the fall at Morris Hills High School. I am very excited to work with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders this summer.

Hey, my name is Tyler and this will be my second year in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. I will be a sophomore at

Penn State in the fall. I'm missing week 1 of camp to visit Israel, but I can't wait to return to camp!

### Teenage Mutant Ninja Travelers (Teen Travel):

This was a great start to camp! We all got to know one another and enjoyed the beginning of the beautiful weather! We decided that our group's name is the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Travelers," and we are working towards gaining stars. We had our first trip to Wawayanda State Park on Tuesday and enjoyed playing boating, swimming, and hiking. On Thursday we went to the Rockaway Mall and went to the movies! It was a great beginning to the summer and we are looking forward to what comes



next at camp!

~Billy, Nicole, Ryan, Jason, Keith, Danielle, Scott

My name is Billy Crispino and I am thrilled to be the new Teen Travel supervisor here at camp. This is my first year at camp and I can't wait to meet new people and make new memories. During the school year I am a high school special education teach at Glen Rock High School in Bergen County. Along with teaching I also coach varsity football and varsity baseball. I look forward to this summer and having a great time with everyone.

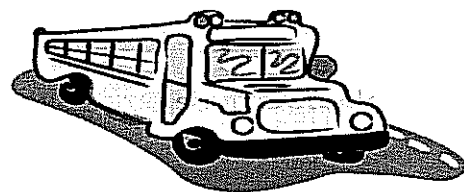
Hi my name is Danielle Idler. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> summer at camp and my 3<sup>rd</sup> summer as a counselor with teen travel. I will be attending Johnson and Wales University in the fall as a junior.

Hello, my name is Nicole Celli and this is my third year at camp and as a teen travel counselor. It is also my second year as a bus counselor. I just graduated from Quinnipiac University with a degree in English. I'm really excited for a great summer!

Hey! My name is Scott Wordsman, and this is my first summer with the teen travel program. I will be a junior at Rowan University in the fall pursuing a degree in film. I'm very excited to be at camp this summer!

Hi, my name is Jason Wooster. I'm going to be a sophomore at Rutgers University. This is my first year as a teen travel counselor but my fourth year working at camp. I'm looking forward to having a fun time this summer.

Hello, my name is Keith Orchard. I am going to be a junior at East Stroudsburg University. This is my third year as a teen travel counselor, and I'm looking forward to a fun summer.



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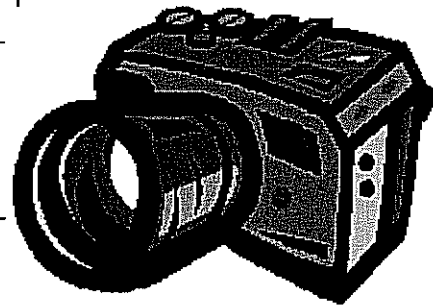
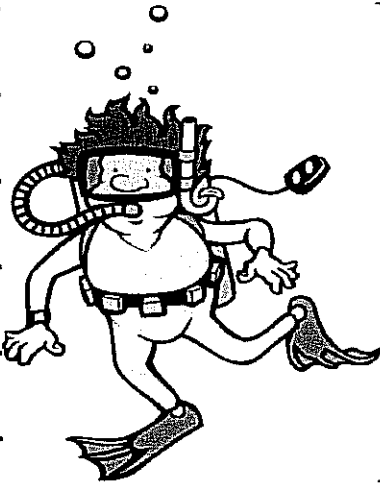
# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
\*All camper T-shirts will be distributed today

## Teen Travel

Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> -  
Point Pleasant

Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> -  
Medieval Times



**Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** - Picture Day

**Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** - Halloween Day

**Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** - College Day!



# **REMINDER!**

**There will be NO CAMP**

**On**

**Monday, July 4, 2011!!**

**Camp will resume on**

**Tuesday, July 5, 2011**

**Happy Independence Day!!**