

Camp White Meadow

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The Director's Chair AND WE'RE BACK!!!

-And better than ever!

I am thrilled to be back for a fourth season at Camp White Meadow!!

Camp is off to a great start after our first full week.

On Monday we met for the first time this season and said "hello" to all of our old friends and a great big "welcome" to all of our new ones.

We had to sing a few rounds of "Let It Rain" as the buckets fell from the sky, trying to damper out first day, but we didn't let them!! We may have been wet, but we were spirited.

All of our groups had meetings to introduce themselves and map out the fun to be had. Then the groups created their own original names. It is my pleasure to introduce you to:

- The Little Surfers (Pre K and K)
- The Beach Bums (1st & 2nd)
- Aqua Ninjas (3rd & 4th)
- Devastating Dessert (5th & 6th)
- The Cookie-Sitter-Onners (7th)
- And
- White Castle (Teen Travel)

The day ended with another little visit from our old friend, THE RAIN. No Problem, it was a great 1st day!

Tuesday and Wednesday we battled the elements to enjoy full days of activity. Although each of them brought back the wet stuff, we managed to keep half a day outside. The campers and counselors really settled into our routine and enjoyed hiking (which Liz did twice), boating, Arts & Crafts, softball, swimming, basketball, soccer, snack making, kickball, singing, and Club. We got it all in. At this point, all of our campers have had their swim tests and we are ready to go!

Teen Travel were off and running as they ventured to the movies, Aspen Ice, FunPlex and Mountain Creek.

The campers also showed their team spirit as they came dressed

for Sports Team Day! A little too much Yankees gear for my liking...but what can you do? The Mets are in 1st place.

Thursday brought us to our most beautiful weather to date. We all couldn't wait to get into the pool or lake. Everything had finally dried off and we utilized every inch of the camp. The Delicious Dessert enjoyed a beautiful hike that didn't bring them back until lunchtime. Teen Travel enjoyed the sun and surf at Mountain Creek. Our new 7th grade group made their maiden voyage to Rockaway Lanes for bowling. And bowl they did!

It was a bird! It was a plane! It was our first THEME DAY!!! Superhero Day! The day started off with the passing of the torch for our new Pie Woman!! In the afternoon campers enjoyed an adventure of heroism and fun. SuperTodd mapped out a whole Justice League of fun. Franna showed all oif the HITs (Heroes-in-Training) how to make their own capes. Alex led the Hero Training course on the A field. Everyone enjoyed a dip in Aqua Man's backyard. Finally, Bruce helped the groups create their own king sized comic book. It was SUPER!!

I hope everyone had as much fun as I did this week. Remember, NO CAMP ON Tuesday for the 4th of July holiday. We'll see you on Monday for Red, White and Blue Day.

Until then, have a safe, enjoyable weekend.

Take Care
-Mark

The Assistant Director

Hi! I am Todd Toriello, the Assistant Camp Director. This is my sixth year at Camp White Meadow and I am thrilled to start another summer at "The Meadow". I just finished my fifth year of teaching English at West Morris Central High School in Chester, NJ. I am also the head varsity softball coach at West

Morris.

-Todd

From the Fields

Hi, my name is Alex Meiseles, and this is my 4th summer working at Camp. I am excited to be here this year as the camp Athletic Coordinator. I just finished my freshman year at the University of Maryland, where I am majoring in Government & Politics and Economics. I can't wait to get to know all of the campers over the next 8 weeks!

-Alex



For Art's Sake

Hi! My name is Franna Patrucker and I am the Arts & Crafts Coordinator. This is my first year at Camp White Meadow. I am an artist and I am pursuing a job as an Art Teacher. I just received my certification to teach Art (K-12) this past January and have been a substitute teacher since then.

This week in Arts & Crafts we made watercolor butterflies, yarn octopi, paper weavings, friendship bracelets, lanyard bracelets and more. At the end of the week we began the first part of some ongoing projects for the Fourth of July. Some of the campers made red, white and blue windsocks, paper weavings and "firecracker" barrels (don't worry, they're only made of paper and paint).

I would like to request some supplies from parents that can be sent with campers to camp if possible. They are: paper towel rolls (cardboard), toilet paper rolls

(cardboard), plastic bottles (such as water bottles) and baby food jars.

Also, we will be doing projects with T-shirt designing this summer so please provide a white T-shirt for your child. We will need at least two white T-shirts per child. I will send another reminder a week before the actual projects we need them for.

Thank you very much and have a great July 4th!

-Franna

Boating and Nature

Hello, my name is Bruce Rhinesmith. I am the Boating and Nature Specialist. I am very excited to begin my seventh summer at Camp White Meadow. During the rest of the year I'm a Physical Education teacher at the Wilson School in Mt. Lakes and a softball coach at Kent Place School in Summit.

The first week of camp started out with some fun boating adventures as well as basic boating safety tips.

On the hiking front, the 5th and 6th graders hiked to the top of the Tourne on Thursday and the 3rd and 4th grade took that same trip on Friday.

I'm looking forward to leading the Pre-K & K, 1st & 2nd and 7th graders on hiking trips during week two.

-Bruce Rhinesmith

From the Pool

Hi! My name is Kat. I teach swim lessons. I have worked as a lifeguard for three years and taught swim lessons at White Meadow Lake. I will be a sophomore at West Virginia University this coming fall. I'm really excited about this job and I think it will be a lot of fun!

Hi! I'm Teigan. I was a counselor at Camp White Meadow last summer. This summer I am teaching swim lessons. I have been a lifeguard at White Meadow for several years. I'm very happy about my job this year. I think it will be a great opportunity!

This week we did our swim tests! Everyone did a GREAT job! We are working on our backstroke now. Everyone is doing a wonderful job in the pool!

-Kat & Teigan

Utility

Hi, my name is Mike aka Brady. This is my first year working at Camp White Meadow, however I have been a camper here since second grade. In the fall I will be a senior at Morris Hills High School.

-Brady

Pre-K / K

(AKA "The Little Surfers")

Hi, my name is Barb Katz. Welcome to the 2006 camp season! I am very happy and excited to return as the Pre-K/K supervisor. This will be my 6th year working with our youngest campers. Our group's name is the "Little Surfers". During the year I am a first grade teacher at the Wilson School in Mountain Lakes. I live in the Kale with my three children.

We look forward to an awesome summer filled with exploration, adventure and lots of good times!

Happy early 4th of July! Let the good times roll!

Hi! My name is Molly Lasicka. It's my first year as a counselor, but I was a camper for 12 years and a CIT for one summer here at Camp White Meadow. I am 16 years old and in the fall I will be a junior at Granada Hills Charter High School in California where I live during the school year. I am very excited to spend the summer working with the Pre-K and K!

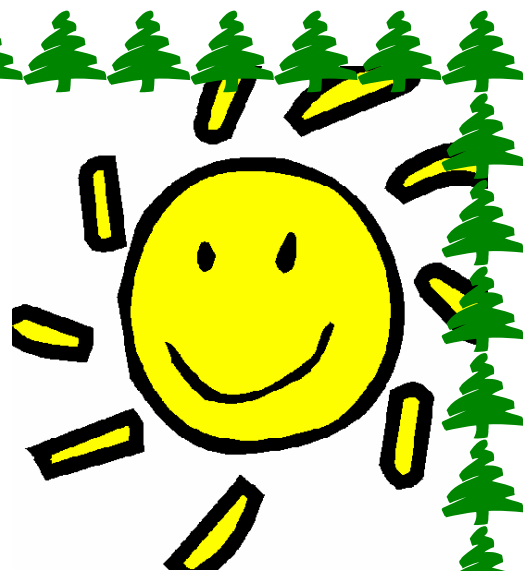
Hey! My name is Amy Chulyakov and this is my 3rd summer working with the Pre-K group. I am 18 and will be attending my first year at Montclair State University. I am so excited for this summer and all the fun activities we will be doing.

-Barb, Lisa, Amy & Molly

1st & 2nd

(AKA "The Beach Bums")

Hi! My name is Miss Nancy and this is my 6th year at Camp White Meadow. I have lived in White Meadow Lake for 22 years. During the school year I am an early childhood educator at Temple B'nai Abraham in Livingston. I also teach Religious Education for grades 5-12 there as well. I enjoy camp as the 1st and 2nd supervisor and my goal



is to provide your children with a safe, fun summer filled with a variety of activities.

Welcome to our new campers and welcome back to our returning campers. Week 1 started off with our activities taking place in the clubhouse. We held relay races, got to know each other through various circle games and watched Aladdin. On Wednesday the sun came out and camp truly began! All of our campers have been swim tested and now we will begin instructional swim. Everybody had a chance to go boating with Bruce. 5 turtles were seen hanging out at "Turtle Cove". Alex worked with us on learning the game of soccer. We had a "rockin" game of kickball. Make room in your house to display the craft projects that the children are making with Franna.

Hello, my name is Lisa Salant. I am 19 years old and will be starting my junior year at the University of Hartford in the fall. I absolutely adore these children and I'm very excited to be back at camp for my fourth year. Looking forward to a wonderful summer!

Hi! My name is Christina Padilla and this will be my second year as a counselor for the first and second graders. I am going to be a senior at Morris Hills High School in the fall but I am very excited for camp this summer.

Hi! My name is Ali Koot and this is my third year as a first and second counselor. I will be a freshman at Coastal Carolina University this fall and I will be moving to Charlestown, South

Carolina. I look forward to working with this great group of kids this summer.

Hello, my name is Jackie Meiseles and this is my second year as a first and second grade counselor. In the fall I'll be a senior at Parsippany Hills High School and I'm super psyched for this sizzling summer at the meadow.

Hi, I am Jason. I was a camper here from preschool until 7th grade and now I am a 1st & 2nd grade counselor. Next year I will be a junior at Morris Knolls High School. I am looking forward to having a great summer here at Camp White Meadow!

Wishing everyone all happy 4th of July.

-Miss Nancy, Ali, Lisa, Jason, Christina & Jackie

Kung Fu News...

(3rd & 4th grade AKA "Aqua Ninjas")

Hi, my name is Lori Bruce, formerly Lori Clegg. This is my eighth year working at Camp White Meadow. I have been the 3rd & 4th supervisor for 7 of the 8 years. During the school year, I teach third grade at Stonybrook School in Kinnelon.

This camp year started off on a wet note. But we ninja's didn't let that dampen our spirits. We got to know each other by playing different games together. At the end of the week we were able to cool off aqua style by getting wet in the pool for swim lessons. We look forward to SUNSHINE for the next 7 weeks.

Hello, my name is Dillon McConnell and I will be a senior at Morris Hills High School in the fall. I was a camper at White Meadow for 7 years. This is my first year as a counselor and I am very excited to be working with the 3rd and 4th graders! Go Aqua Ninjas!

Hi! My name is Sarah Schwarz. This is my 2nd year as a 3rd & 4th grade counselor. I am going to be a senior at Morris Hills High School. I am very excited to be back for this summer! Go Aqua Ninjas!

Hi my name is Glenn Terry and I will be a junior at Mountain Lakes High School in the fall. This is my

first year at camp and my first time being a counselor. I hope to have a lot of fun this summer.

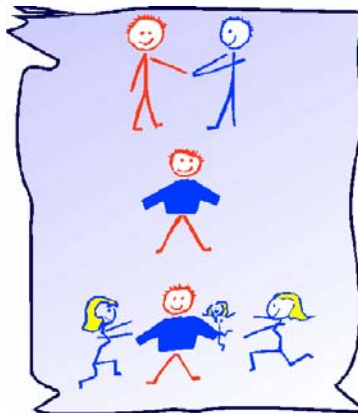
Hi! My name is Pete. I just moved here from New York City and I am currently a junior at Purchase College in White Plains, NY. I attended Cathedral Prep. Seminary, an all boy Catholic high school in Queens, NY. I am currently studying Philosophy and Medieval European History. I am interested in photography, film, camping and visual arts.

-Lori, Dillon, Sarah, Glenn & Pete

Weekly Dessert Specials (5th and 6th AKA "Devastating Dessert")

Hi, I am Liz Toriello, the 5th and 6th grade supervisor. This is my fourth year at Camp White Meadow and I am thrilled to start another summer. I just finished my fifth year teaching high school mathematics. This fall I will be starting a new job as a district math/science supervisor.

Devastating Dessert (aka 5th and



6th) has had a delicious first week at camp. We enjoyed a sweet hike with Bruce at the Tourne, got a taste of the water at the Circus Pool with Kat and Teigan, and enjoyed a savory time at Beach 3. The week culminated with our campers showing off their superhero abilities on Superhero Day. We are going to have to play extra hard next week to cram five days of fun into four.

Hi! I am Shira Kirsch and this is my 3rd year working at Camp White Meadow. I am with the 5th and 6th graders and I couldn't be happier! I am currently attending Rutgers

University where I am studying History. I plan on pursuing a master's degree in secondary education once I graduate. I am looking forward to a fun filled summer!

Hi my name is Matthew Everett. I am a counselor for the 5th and 6th grades. I am going into my junior year of college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). I am majoring in electrical engineering and love to tinker with electronics and computers. I hope everyone has a great time at camp!

Hi, I am Chris Roman and I will be a 5th & 6th grade counselor this year. I am going into my senior year of high school at Morris Hills. I am excited to be back for my second year at camp and look forward to a fun year.

-Liz, Shira, Matthew & Chris

7th grade

(AKA "The Cookie-Sitter Onners")

My name is James R. Whitney and I am the Supervisor of the 7th Grade Teen Travel Program. This is my 13th year of camping experience, but my first at Camp White Meadow.

I am a teacher of physical education and health in North Caldwell and I am also a varsity coach at the high school level in two sports-soccer and lacrosse. As well as teaching and coaching, I am a soccer trainer for both club teams and individual players. One of my most entertaining and unique jobs that I have ever had was that I worked for the United States Olympic games in 1996 in Atlanta.

After being lucky enough to spend some time with my group this week and learning more from them in a week then they will probably learn from me all summer, it would be an injustice to simply hope for a good summer with them. It is more appropriately noted that it is my sincere pleasure to have an outstanding group for the "Cookie-Sitter Onners" and they have quickly earned my respect and admiration.

Hi! My name is Taryn Kimel and I am the counselor for the 7th

graders (The Cookie-Sitter Onners). I am a newcomer to both White Meadow and New Jersey, having just moved here last August. I am a rising sophomore at the University of Rochester, where I am an English major. I am a big fan of both watching and participating in theater and do about as much as I can. I hope to have a wonderful, fun summer at Camp White Meadow!

-James & Taryn

**Hot off the Grill
(Teen Travel AKA "White Castle")**

Greetings from the Teen Travel counselors and welcome to the summer of '06. Our first week started off rainy, but we stayed dry on Monday at the movies seeing Cars, Tuesday at the FunPlex, and Wednesday ice-skating at Aspen Ice. Mark and Todd were even nice enough to treat us to Dairy Queen after our ice-skating exploits. On Thursday, the glorious sun came back to us, and we spent the day on the rides and slides at Mountain Creek. Friday came and the superheroes came out for our first theme day. From here on out, you can call our group White Castle, and parents remember to send your kids to camp with smiles and in their orange shirts.

Hi, my name is Jonathon Roman, and I am the new Teen Travel Supervisor this summer. This is my sixth summer at the Meadow, but my first with Teen Travel. I am a recent graduate of Molenberg College with an honors degree in sociology. In the fall, I hope to begin the process of becoming a certified teacher. We have a great summer planned, and I can't wait!

Hello! My name is Stacy Wahlstrom. This will be my 4th year with Teen Travel and my 6th year at camp. I am going into my senior year at Marist College, pursuing a degree in psychology. I am looking forward to another awesome summer with this year's great group!

Howdy All! My name is Paige Bank and this will be my 5th summer working at Camp White Meadow. I have been attending this camp since I was a "little surfer" making

this year my 17th consecutive summer at the meadow. This summer I am working with the Teen Travel group, working as a morning care counselor and I am also taking care of the newsletter. In the fall I will be a junior at the University of Hartford where I am studying secondary English education and minoring in music. I am extremely excited for this summer and I can't wait to take the teens all over in the big yellow bus!

-Until Next Week-Jon, Paige & Stacy



Happy July Fourth



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Teen Travel Trips:

- Monday 7/3- Wawayanda State Park
- Wednesday 7/5- Tomahawk Lake
- Thursday 7/6- Seaside Heights
8AM-6PM

**Tuesday, July 4th
No Camp**

**Monday, July 3-
Red, White & Blue Day**

Friday, July 7-
College Day

