

Camp White Meadow

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The Director's Chair

My name is Jonathan Roman, and this is my 7th year at Camp White Meadow, and my 2nd year as director. Camp White Meadow has always been a part of me, as I was a lifelong camper myself. I am a graduate of Muhlenberg College, and will be finishing a Masters degree at Montclair State University this upcoming year.

As I am sitting here tonight, writing up my weekly note for the newsletter, I have just returned from our annual "Meet The Staff" night. It was a pleasure to see all of you again, and meet the new parents who have children coming to our camp for the first time. The best part of the night however, for me, was the new energy around the A-Field. We truly have an amazing staff this summer (over 50 strong!), and the first week has run so smooth thanks to their tireless efforts. When you combine this dedication with our campers who are always ready to have fun, and parents that want to be involved, it creates nights like "Meet The Staff" night and weeks like we have just had. It is a pleasure for all involved.

Week 1 is finally in the books, a full 10 months after we have last all been together. It was about time the boxball courts, soccer field, and basketball hoops were put to their rightful uses again! We started off the week by getting to know each other, and we continued with "Favorite Sports Team"

day and the aforementioned family/staff night. The week ended with a joint celebration of July 4th, and our first theme day: "Up, up, and away! Superhero Day!". Everyone looked great, and we had fun hitting the villain, creating our own superheroes, playing superhero games, and painting group murals.

Of course, all good things must come to and end, and week 1 did in style. At least we have 6 more. With that in mind, I want to introduce our groups for the summer

- Pre-K/K: Crazy Caterpillars
- First/Second: Tootsie Rolls
- Third/Fourth: Daring Ducks
- Fifth/Sixth: Turbo Twinkies
- 2-Day Teen Travel: Rooty-Tuity, Fresh 'n 2-Day
- 4-Day Teen Travel: Sliced Bread

Please read on to see the biographies of our counselors, supervisors, and specialists, the ones that make our camp so special on a daily basis.

Until next week,
-Jonathan Roman



Counselors in Training

This summer we have four Counselors in Training enrolled at camp.

Two of these CIT's are returning to us from last summer, and already possess a great wealth of experience and understanding as counselors. As a result, Erica and Tom will be spending the entire summer with the 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th grade groups, respectively.

Our two new CIT's, Jesse and Perry, will be spending the summer rotating through the camp groups, while also working on Theme Days and other special camp activities. So far, Jesse spent the first week with Pre K & K, while Perry spent the week with 5th & 6th.

This program has been very successful, as seven of the eight CIT's from last summer have returned to The Meadow this summer, five of whom have become counselors. I know that these four individuals will become quality counselors in the coming years, and so far they are off to a great start!

~Alex

Hi, my name is Alex Meiseles, and this is my 6th summer working at CWM. I am excited to be spending this summer working with our CITs. This fall I will be a senior at the University of Maryland!

Hi, my name is Erica. I have been going to camp for 9 years. I am a junior at Morris Hills. I am looking to a great summer with 1st & 2nd grade!

Hello, my name is Tom. I have been going to camp for 8 years. I am a junior at Morris Hills. I am looking forward to having a fantabulous summer!

Hey my name is Perry! I've been going to CWM for 10 years. I am a junior at Morris Hills, and I am looking forward to an awesome summer!

Hi my name is Jesse. I've been going to camp for 4 years. I am a sophomore at Morris Hills High School. I am looking forward to a great summer!!!

From the Fields

Hello, my name is Rachel Zukerburg. I will be the sports coordinator for the camp this summer. I am going to be a senior at East Stroudsburg University. I am very excited for a great summer at CWM!!!

The 1st week of sports at camp went very well for Camp White Meadow. All campers were very enthusiastic about favorites like softball, soccer and basketball. The Crazy Caterpillars had a great time playing soccer and with the parachute. The Turbo Twinkies also enjoyed playing soccer, softball and kickball. And the Rooty Tooty Fresh and Two-Day did really well in an exciting game of ultimate Frisbee and capture the flag! I'm looking forward to another great week! Happy 4th of July everyone!

~Rachel

Band-Aid Alley

Shawn Curcio has been an Emergency Medical Technician since 2000. He has extensive experience in search and rescue, heavy rescue and rope rescue. Shawn is also trained as a

Tactical Medic and able to work with SWAT teams. He looks forward to working with everyone at Camp White Meadow this summer ensuring that everyone at camp stays safe!

Please make sure all medical forms have been turned in! Check with your child daily to see if they have any incident slips that need to be signed. The slips must be returned to us promptly to indicate that you know your child was injured and treated by us. Failure to return the slips will result in a phone call to discuss your child's injury.

~Shawn & Erin

Crayon Corner

Hi, I'm Pete and I'm the Art Director at CWM for this summer. Art has always been a big part of my life, and having the opportunity to share my creative energy with the whole camp is a



dream come true. I started working at CWM two years ago as a 3rd & 4th grade counselor, and then last year I was a Teen Travel counselor. When I heard that they were looking for an Arts & Crafts Director, I was immediately on board, and thanks to the support of the rest of the staff I was hired for the summer. It's only been a couple of days, but I'm confident that this summer will be the best yet!

~Pete



Boating & Nature

Hello, my name is Bruce Rhinesmith. I'm starting my 9th summer at the Meadow. I'm the Boating and Nature Specialist. During the rest of the year, I am a physical education teacher at the Wilson School.

We started out in exciting fashion on the hiking trails. The 1st & 2nd grade group took a nice hike to Mt. Hope Iron Mines and Teabou Mine 2.

On the lake, Gena Blewett, Brianna Katz, Simone Narciso, Dominique Benson, and Christina Rafanelli helped to catch Bubbles, our first turtle of the new camp season. With the Pre-K/ K groups we caught a large turtle and Mia Lopez got to name him Mini Mia. It was a thrilling start to week one

and we are looking forward to many adventures to come on the lake and trails of Morris County.

~Bruce Rhinesmith

Swim Lanes

Hello! My name is Ally Golkin. I attend James Madison University in Virginia. This is my first summer working at camp and I am going to be a swim instructor. I was on the WML swim team for 8 years and have life guarded for 4.

Hello. My name is Bevin Fletcher. I will be a sophomore at West Virginia University in the fall. I am excited for my first year at Camp White Meadow as a swim instructor. I was a WML lifeguard for 4 years and was on the WML Swim Team for 6 years.

This week all of the groups took their swim tests and were split into groups for swim lessons. First and Second grade are the Piranhas, Pythons, Alligators and Barracudas. Third and Forth grades are called the Stingrays and Seahorses. The fifth and sixth grades are called the Sharks and Dolphins. For the rest of the week we focused on learning of to swim freestyle, focusing on the breathing. All of the groups are doing great and having fun playing in the swim lanes and at Beach 3.

~Ally & Bevin

Crazy Caterpillars (Pre-K/ K)

Wow! We can't believe that week one is already done! Our crazy caterpillars had such a great time! We've been busy climbing on the playground, playing soccer with Rachel, making cool art projects with Pete, and much

more! Even though the pool was closed, we still kept our cool running through the sprinklers and splashing around at the beach. Superhero day was soo much fun! And we all showed our sports team pride with our favorite team's shirts! We've had oh so much fun in our first week of camp, and we can't wait to see what week two will bring! Until then,

~Lisa, Donna, Eliza, Jackie,
Sara, Jamie & Liz

Hello, my name is Lisa Salant and I am thrilled to be a Pre-K/ K supervisor this summer. This is my 5th year working at camp and I just graduated from the University of Hartford with my Elementary/ Special Education degree. I can't wait for a great summer!

I'm back!! Hi, I'm Donna Bank, and I'm so excited to be here. I will be co-supervising Pre-K/ K in the mornings and doing Beach Art in the afternoons. During the school year, I work at DBO part time. I am looking forward to an awesome summer!

Hi, my name is Jacki. I am a senior at Morris Hills and this is my first year working at camp.

My name is Sara. I am a junior at Morris Hills High School. It is my 1st year working as a counselor.

My name is Jamie, and I am a senior at Morris Hills High School! I am looking forward to an awesome summer!

My name is Eliza. This is my first summer as a counselor,

but I was a CIT last summer. I am going to be a junior at Morris Hills High School in the fall. I am looking forward to a fun summer here at the meadow!

My name is Liz Snyder. I am a sophomore at East Stroudsburg University. This is my second summer working at camp!

Tootsie Rolls (1st & 2nd)

Hi my name is Barb Katz. Welcome to the 2008 camp season! This is my 8th year at Camp White Meadow. I have lived in White Meadow Lake for twenty-two years with my family. During the school year, I am a first grade teacher at the Wilson School in Mountain Lakes.

It will be my joy to be the 1st and 2nd grade supervisor. Our group name is the "Tootsie Rolls" and I look forward to an awesome summer filled with exploration, adventure and lots of good times.

Week one went very well. Our counselors were able to get the children involved in activities and helped them to feel at ease. We were able to get swim tested and now we will be able to begin instructional swim. Everyone had a chance to go boating with Bruce and we even saw some turtles! It was fun to hike with Bruce as we walked up on the white trail found on Mt. Hope. We had a "rockin" game of kickball, and make room in your houses to display all of the art projects that the campers will be making with Donna & Pete. We had a blast at the Rockaway movies with the 3rd and 4th grade campers!

All of these exciting times are shared with our super counselors. We are lucky to have ten counselors, let me introduce them to you, they are; Sabrina Orchard, Danielle Idler, Chrisina Padilla, Molly Lasicka, Gina DeNaples, Kellie Miller, Jason Pattis, Ryan Weinberg, Scott Wordsman, Sarah Goldberg and our CIT Eric Krouse.

We wish you and your family a fun and safe 4th of July!

~Barb & Staff

Hi, I'm Gina! I am going to be a junior at Morris Hills. I am working with 1st & 2nd this summer and I am so excited! In the future I would like to pursue a job in education.

Hi, I am Danielle! I am going to be a senior at Morris Hills in the fall. I am working with the 1st and 2nd grade campers this summer, and I am super excited to get to know all of them!

Hi, I'm Scott and I am going to be a senior at Morris Hills in the fall. I'm excited to work with all of the 1st and 2nd graders this year!

Hey! My name is Sabrina and I'm very excited for this summer. I am a junior at Bloomsburg University majoring in Elementary and Early Childhood education. I look forward to getting to know all of the kids and their wonderful parents this summer!

Hi, I'm Ryan and I cannot wait for this summer. I am going to be a junior at Morris Knolls High School. I am

very excited to meet all the children and their families!

Hi, I am Jason and I'm really excited to be working at camp for my third summer. I will be attending Quinnipiac University in the fall. I am looking forward to another amazing summer.

Hi, I'm Kellie, and I am excited about working at camp for my 2nd summer. I am going to be a senior at Vo-Tech in Denville, and I am studying health care. I can't wait for a great summer!

Hi, my name is Christina. This is my fourth year as a counselor for 1st & 2nd. I will be a sophomore at Johns Hopkins University in the fall, but look forward to a great summer at camp!

Hello, my name is Molly and this is my third summer working at CWM. I will be a freshman at California State University in Monterrey Bay in the fall. I'm looking forward to a fun summer at the meadow!





Daring Ducks (3rd and 4th)

What a great week! We got to know each other by doing a few ice breakers; the human knot and the toilet paper twist, where we had to figure out what non-truth the camper told us... What id your camper say? - We voted on a name for our group, we are the Daring Ducks!

Each camper was swim tested and then we hit the beach to boat, swim and play beach volleyball! We played kickball, box ball, and basketball knockout!

We went to "movie day" at AMC and saw - Waterhorse - the Legend of the Lochness Monster - an awesome movie!!

Happy 4th of July, looking forward to week 2!

~Miss Nancy, Jackie, Dillon, Rachel, Bobby, Rebecca, Conner and our CIT Tom!

Welcome to summer 2008 at CWM. I have worked at CWM for 8 years in a variety of positions. I live in WML and have resided here for 24 years! Always feel free to call me if you have any questions. I am looking forward to meeting all of you! -Miss Nancy

Hi! My name is Jackie Meiseles, and I am excited to be back at CWM for my forth year as a counselor. During the year I attend Marist College and I am going to be a sophomore in the fall. I am super happy to be spending another summer with the third & forth grade!

Hi! My name is Rebecca. I am a junior at Morris Hills. This is my first year working at camp, and I am so excited to be here!

My name is Ray Hogrelius. This is my 2nd year working at the camp. I am a junior at Morris Hills, and I am looking forward to getting to know all of your children.

My name is Connor. I am a junior at Morris Hills and this is my first year working at CWM! I am looking forward to playing lots of sports with 3rd & 4th!

My name is Bobby Santoro. I am a junior at Morris Knolls and this is my first year working at camp. I am looking forward to playing many different games with the 3rd and 4th graders this summer!

I'm Rachel Baum. I'm a junior at SUNY New Paltz. It's my first year at Camp White Meadow and I'm very excited!

My name is Dillon McConnell. I am a sophomore at the University of Maryland. It's my 3rd year with the 3rd and 4th grade group, and I can't wait for a great summer!



Turbo Twinkies (5th & 6th)

We are so excited to be back for another summer at camp! This week has been packed with activity as we've

been trying to get back into the swing of things. Between ultimate Frisbee, soccer, basketball, box ball, softball and kickball, we've been keeping busy.

Also, the Circus Pool being closed didn't keep us out of the water! We had instructional swim, free swim and playing a riveting game of sharks and minnows at the beach! We let our creative juices flow at arts and crafts and had a great time at meet the staff night on Wednesday. Finally, we kicked off the 4th of July weekend with red, white and blue/ superhero day on Thursday. We're looking forward to 6 more great weeks!

~ Stacy & Co.

Hello! I'm Stacy and I will be supervising the 5th and 6th grade group this summer. I'm currently working towards my Master's degree in school counseling at Montclair State University. This is my 8th year at Camp White Meadow and I'm super excited for another fantastic summer!

My name is Eric, this is my second year at camp. I go to the Art Institute of Philadelphia for Digital Film and Video Production.

Hi, my name's Tom Scott. I am 18-years old, and I will be attending CCM in the fall. This is my second year working at CWM!

I'm Andrew and I'm a sophomore at Rutgers. This will be my first summer working at Camp White Meadow!



Hi, my name is Joe Paolino. I go to Morris Hills. This is my first year as a counselor at CWM. I am 16-years old, and I am excited to be working here this summer!

Hi, my name is Jessica. This is my third year working at camp. I will be a junior in college in September.

Hi, my name is Jason Wooster. I go to Morris Hills High School and it's my first year as a counselor. I plan on having a very fun time this summer working at camp!

Hi, my name is Ryan Pattis. I am 16, and this is my 1st year working at CWM. I am going to be a junior at Morris Knolls next year. I am looking forward to a fun summer.

Jess Kirch will be here for her second summer at Camp White Meadow. She recently graduated Morris Hills High School and will be attending Rutgers University in the fall. She is looking forward to working with 5th and 6th again this summer!

Rooty-Tuity, Fresh 'n 2-Day (2-Day Teen Travel)

What a great group! We are big in numbers and even bigger in spirit! Our awesome counselors are Caity, Chris, Josh, Andrea and Jess.

This week, we've played soccer, ultimate Frisbee and capture the flag for our team games. Great teamwork and sportsmanship! Also we had a great time at Beach 1 this week!

Our first two trips included glow-in-the-dark mini-golf, and roller-skating,

plus lunch out eating pizza together. Next week, we visit Funplex and we're going down the shore! Happy Birthday USA!!!

~James

My name is James R. Whitney, and I am a physical education and health teacher during the school year. I am also a varsity coach in both soccer and lacrosse. In addition, I am a soccer trainer. This is my 15th year of working summer camps, and my 3rd at Camp White Meadow. Looking forward to a fun summer!

Hi, I am Josh, and I just graduated from Morris Hills High School. I am attending CCM in the fall. I am hoping to have a great summer with the 2-Day Teen Travel Group.

Hi! I am Chris Roman, and I am currently attending Ramapo College. This is my 4th year at camp and I am very excited to be in 2-Day Teen Travel.

My name is Jessica, and I am currently attending West Chester University in Pennsylvania. I am majoring in secondary education for English and hope to teach in a middle school. This is my first year at camp and I am looking forward to this summer!

Hi, I'm Andrea and I just graduated from Morris Hills and will be attending the University of Maryland in the fall. I will be majoring in Math and hope to become a high school teacher. This is my first year working at camp and I can't wait to



spend my summer with the 2-Day Teen Travel.

My name is Caity Maleck and I am currently attending the University of Rhode Island. My major is mechanical engineering and Spanish. As my second year as a counselor for the 2-Day Teen Travel, I am extremely excited for 7 weeks of fun!

Sliced Bread (4-Day Teen Travel)

Welcome to Summer 2008! This week was jam-packed with a trip every day! We started the week off at Wawayanda State Park on Monday, Point Pleasant Beach and Boardwalk on Tuesday, The Bronx Zoo on Wednesday, and Mountain Creek on Thursday! All of our campers are having such a great time, and they are excited for the weeks to come!

Next week we have four early/ late trips planned! Please make sure that your camper is on time in the mornings so that we can leave and get our traveling on!!! Have a great 4th of July weekend! See you all next week!

~Paige, Conor & Hailey

Howdy All! My name is Paige Bank and this is my 7th summer working at Camp White Meadow. I just graduated from the University of Hartford with a

BA in Secondary English Education, and I am currently in the process of job searching! I am looking forward to spending my summer weeks with the 4-Day Teen Travel campers as their supervisor. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to call!

Hi, my name is Conor and I couldn't be more excited for my first season at Camp White Meadow. I just completed my first year at TCNJ where I am studying to become a high school English teacher. I love the Beatles, Nick Hornby novels, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, and LOST!

Hey! I'm Hailey and this is my second summer as a Teen Travel Counselor. I couldn't think of a better way to spend my summers than at CWM. I will be returning to East Stroudsburg University in the fall as a sophomore athletic training major.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 9 –
Crazy Hat & Hair Day

2-Day Teen Travel

Tuesday, July 8 – Funplex
Thursday, July 10 – Springwood Lake

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 9 –
PARENT
FEEDBACK
NIGHT!!!

Friday, July 11 –
COLLEGE DAY
!!!!!!

4-Day Teen Travel

Monday, July 7 – Keansburg
8:30am - 5pm

Tuesday, July 8 - Kittatinny Canoes
9am-5pm

Wednesday, July 9 - Great Adventure
8am-7pm

Thursday, July 10 - Seaside
8am-6pm

