



Camp Lindenmere Connection



★ THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP LINDENMERE ★



Then. Now. Always.



MITCH'S CORNER

Dear parents & family,

I hope everyone is back in the swing of the "school thing" and I also hope that your kids are constantly bringing up "camp stuff" to you. Please feel great that camp is so important to them and encourage the conversations and stories. By doing so, you will get closer to your child(ren) and you will become a part of their camp life. Camp is an escape for them (a happy place) and they like to go back to it and feel free of the stress they have on them the rest of the year. Enjoy the memories with them. Be a part of "THEIR TEAM."

At this point, we are "debriefing" (putting together all the info of the past summer) what went well and what didn't go so well. The more we analyze the info the better we will become. Thank you for all your great comments, (both positive and negative) we take them very seriously. We are also planning all of the new improvements we will be making for the summer. As we know more we will tell you.

Attached please find some great articles. Please read as many of them as you can so you get a better feel for what camp is like.

278 days until a day in PARADISE!!

With Love,

Mitch



A NOTE FROM CHARLES

During orientation, a staff member said something that had a tremendous impact on me. He said something to the effect that Lindenmere is like a Dream World. Like an enormous backyard where all of your friends come to play every afternoon when school is done. A place where people come to hang out, but do not have to go home. It is like a Fantasy Land.

While it is certainly magical, Lindenmere is not a Dream World. It is not a Fantasy Land. It is a real place where real things happen, real emotions are present and real friendships that last a lifetime are formed. For more than 400 people this summer, Camp Lindenmere was a reality. And for more than 400 people, summer of 2009 will always be a reality.

For some, Lindenmere is a place where dreams come true. And for others, it is a place they dream about. It's a place where you can create a memory or have a memory created for you. It's a place where you can try new things or improve on things you already know something about. It's a place where you can embrace your old friends and meet new friends every summer. It's a place where the old teach the young and the young teach

the old. Lindenmere is a place where everybody wants to teach but also be taught. It's a place where sometimes you follow and other times you have the opportunity to lead.

While I enjoy leading, I also enjoy learning. Each summer I am in awe of how much I learn from our campers and staff. Watching the warmth and patience that the staff display while working 24 hours a day always makes me smile. Seeing the generosity and kindness of bunkmates towards each other never gets old. And being part of a community where people are able to be themselves and be accepted for being themselves is an incredible feeling. Camp continues to teach us great life lessons in an unintentional, subtle manner.

To the staff that worked so hard and to the campers who smiled, cheered, danced, sang and played, thank you for choosing to be at Lindenmere this past summer. It is hard to believe that so many wonderful people could be in the same place at one time. Thank you for making this summer so special to me...

Love,

Charles



New Campers

by Dani

We are so excited to have so many wonderful new children joining Camp Lindenmere next summer. Lindenmere's awesome reputation is spreading! It has brought us many great new families.

The beautiful state of Maryland brings us **Isabelle Present**. Isabelle can't wait to try everything in our arts and crafts building. Wait till you guys meet sister and brother **Lexi** and **Justin Marks**. **Lexi** loves to play hoops, while **Justin** is into theater and tennis. We think they will both be very busy! Another brother-sister team from that southern state sure to be popular are **Robert** and **Nathalie Speier**. These two are into everything! Sports, arts and crafts, music and adventure.

New Jersey always brings us lots of new friends and this upcoming summer is no exception. **Olivia Roclore** visited us last summer and knew Lindenmere's theater is where she wanted to be! Big sister **Rachel Korkodilos** knows how sweet life is at camp, so she is bringing her little sister **Alexa Korkodilos** with her. **Alexa** is a performer, look for her in our dance studio. Happy to have you both! Another smart big sister is **Elyssa Yabko**. She loved camp so much she is bringing her brother **Zach** with her. **Zach**, is psyched to become a magician. Look for him before he makes himself disappear! **Hailey** and **Melanie Nettlier** are major adventure seekers, look for them on our zip line or in circus. Let's not leave out our big brothers! **Zachary Neff** can no longer keep camp to himself. This summer little sister **Amanda** is joining him as well. Check out **Amanda** on the Lindenmere stage. **Erica Chammas** is going to have a hard time deciding between our art department and our sports fields. Good thing she has so much time during the day! **Jessie Rubin** knows she wants to be in our amazing arts and craft building. Watch out, future artist coming!

The great state of New York brings us tons of new friends as well. Brother and sister **Jackson** and **Violet Gautreau** loved their visit to camp this summer. **Jackson** was very into our theater program, while **Violet** thinks everything is awesome. **Violet** and **Jackson** brought with them their friend **Mikayla Diederich**. **Mikayla** is a major equestrian, so you can look for her in our stables. **Caroline Levy** also visited us this summer she loved our music program, tennis and arts and crafts. She is going to be busy! We had 3 good friends visit us together this summer and all 3 loved what they saw! **Lindsay Krieger** loved our horseback program and cooking program! **Gabrielle Cadwallader** thought those programs were great too, but she loved our arts and crafts as well. **Stephanie Neitlich** loved all those things as well our canteen. These girls are going to be busy! Speaking of three, how about triplets! **Eliana Lauren** and **Gianni Chiovetta** may share the same birthday, but they have very different interests. We have an athlete, artist and ice skater. Good thing they can do all those things at Lindenmere! Close friends **Sydni Pakula** and **Michelle Stark** visited us together this summer. They were both into cooking and circus.

We can't wait to see what they create! Speaking of creating, **Lena Blumberg** was blown away by our arts and crafts, where we know she will be this summer! **Rami Sigal** is more of an outdoors kind of guy so look for him on our lake doing some serious fishing, **George Koevary** is our future A-Rod. You will find **George** on our baseball fields and in the batting cage. New York also brings us some very smart big brothers and sisters. **Chiara** and **Timothy Zittel** want to share their camp with little sister **Krystn Zittel**. **Krysten** is excited to make new friends as she tries everything in arts and crafts

Happy to have all 3 of you! **Gillian Greenberg** has been with us for years and is sharing her special summers with her sister **Rori**. **Rori** is super excited for circus. **Alice Ma** enjoyed camp so much last summer she is bringing her sister **Emily** with her this summer. **Emily** is really looking forward to dancing, arts and crafts, and meeting the girls in her bunk. **Jarret** and **Marissa Yahney** have been with us for years. Little brother **Noah Yahney** can't wait to see what they have been talking about for all these years. Another Lindenmere family is the **Marrapodis**. **Darin**, **Marissa** and **Amanda** have been with us for years. Joining them this summer is little brother **Matt Marrapodi**. We are thrilled to have the whole family!

Our home state of Pennsylvania brings us great new kids as well. **Aliza Wolf** has been loving Lindenmere for years. She is bringing little brother **Sam Wolf**. **Sam** can't wait to try Rock Shop and cooking! **Jessica Levin** also loved camp last summer, so she is bringing sister **Sarah Levin** with her. **Sarah** can't wait to hit our stables, and do some riding. **Maxwell Comisky** can't wait to hit our giant heated pool! Look for him on our twisty slides. **Emily Hersh** liked our pool as well, but she is definitely into arts and crafts. We have a tie dye artist here. Brother and sister team **Jacob** and **Sydney Berger** visited us this summer. **Sydney** is ready to hit our soccer fields, while **Jake** is ready to take everything on! Their good friend **Amelia Brown** visited with them as well. **Amelia** is a thrill seeker. You will find her on our amazing adventure course. **Jacob Felger** will be a serious fisherman this summer- this boy has serious skills! **Emily Goldman** visited us this summer and already made friends- she is a natural born camper. Wait till you see her on the soccer field and ropes course **Andrew Dean** loved everything on his camp tour. Look for him mountain biking and playing basketball. **Anna Meyer** fell in love with our arts and crafts building on her tour this summer and we know she will create lots of fantastic projects.

Last summer the great state of Texas brought us **Zoe Barocas**. This summer brother **Eric Barocas** will be joining us as well. **Eric** is psyched to try the flying trapeze and cooking. (hopefully not in that order!) We are so happy to have them both!

We are happy to have all of our new campers, here is to an amazing 2010!



The Connection!

Look Who Is Already **ENROLLED** FOR 2010!

Julia Abrams
Michelle Abrams
Zach Abrams
Gavin Allen
Sarah Barnett
Eric Barocas
Zoe Barocas
Rebecca Barth
Isabelle Beers
John Benoit
Stephen Benoit
Jacob Berger
Sydney Berger
Erica Blanco
Caroline Bluestein
Hope Bluhm
Lena Blumberg
Adam Bolts
Ivan Booth
Jeremy Booth
Emma Booth
Jacob Booth
Amanda Bressner
Casey Breuer
Amelia Brown
Dylan Bruce
Tyler Bruce
Lauren Brumfield
Gabrielle Cadwallader
Erica Chammas
Sophie Chevalley
Eliana Chiovetta
Gianni Chiovetta
Lauren Chiovetta
Adam Cobrinik
Yasmina Cobrinik
Graeme Cohen
Zachary Cohen
Maxwell Comisky
Caroline Crimmins
David Crimmins
Lucas de Sarrau
Andrew Dean
Daniel Denino
Jordan Diamond
Mikayla Diederich

Arielle Farhi
Jacob Felger
Jonathan Ference
Alicia Fine
Jocelyn Fine
Benjamin Fleischer
Rebecca Fleischer
James Forster
Alyssa Freeberg
Avery Fromme
Adam Freudenstein
Alec Freudenstein
Jonathan Fuchs
Ezra Gans
Hayley Garfinkel
Kyle Garfinkel
Lynsey Garfinkel
Jackson Gautreau
Violet Gautreau
Max Gergits
Alexa Giovino
Natalie Giovino
Alec Goldberger
Sabrina Goldberger
Emily Goldman
Noah Graff
Olivia Graff
Sophia Graff
Alexa Graffeo
Nicholas Graffeo
Samantha Graffeo
Brandon Grant
Gillian Greenberg
Rori Greenberg
David Greenburg
James Greene
Naomi Greenspan
Bari Greenwald
Harrison Greenwald
Drew Hartmann
Kristin Heaney
Nicole Heligman
Emily Hersh
Jared Hescheles
Darien Hey
Evan Hirschman

Chelsea Hoofnagle
Sarah Jathas
Axel Jobic
Eli Jones
Seth Kahanov
Isabel Kalodner
Jacob Kalodner
Ariele Kaplan
Allison Karapcik
Michael Karapcik
Kira Kasselman
Cooper Katz
Georgia Katz
Samantha Klein
Sydney Klein
George Koevary
Mitchell Koganski
Alexa Korkodilos
Rachel Korkodilos
Chloe Kressel
Lindsay Krieger
Allison Kubit
Ilena Kubit
Faith Kurtzman
Bailey Kushinsky
Remy Laifer
Ally Lerman
Dani Lerman
Jamie Leventhal
Jessica Levin
Sarah Levin
Emily Levine
Jake Levinson
Melissa Levinson
Caroline Levy
Andrew Lieberman
Erica LoGiudice
Hedy Ludwig
Orly Ludwig
Alice Ma
Emily Ma
Justin Marks
Lexi Marks
Amanda Marrapodi
Darin Marrapodi
Marissa Marrapodi

Matt Marrapodi
Maggie Martoglio
Paige Masef
Grace McCambridge
Michael Mehta
Emily Meitner
Aime Blair Meller
Phoebe Menaker
Anna Meyer
Eric Miller
William Mitchell
Eve Morris
Jami Nebenzahl
Amanda Neff
Zachary Neff
Stephanie Neitlich
Hailey Nettler
Melanie Nettler
Rachel Nevett
Jordan Nosenchuk
Isabelle O'Connell
Sydni Pakula
Lindsay Palmaccio
Griffin Pendergast
Andrew Plotch
Ben Polsky
Max Popkin
Sydney Popkin
Dylan Porcino
Rebecca Poser
Isabelle Present
Jonathan Richer
Hannah Robertson
Jason Robins
Olivia Roclore
Hank Rosenblum
Jessie Rubin
Claire Rysavy
Elizabeth Rysavy
Alyssa Scheiner
Gabriella Schiz
Aaron Schnitzler
Lexi Schorr
Marlee Senderowitz
Rami Sigal
Sammie Silverstein

Sydney Silverstein
Rebecca Simon
Jacob Sirowitz
Kelly Smith
Paige Smith
Ryan Soong
Natalie Speier
Robert Speier
Danielle Spiegel
Jennifer Sporysz Gleason
Max Stapleton
Nicole Stapleton
Michelle Stark
Amanda Steinberg
Matthew Steinberg
Henry Steiner
Adam Targove
Ariana Tottenhoff
Jack Urbanek
Rachel Voeltzel
Melanie Waller
Mia Walton
Jared Weiss
Brian Wilkowski
Ellie Willkomm
Amanda Witwer
Aliza Wolf
Sam Wolf
David Wolfsohn
Elyssa Yabko
Zachary Yabko
Marissa Yahney
Noah Yahney
Stefanie Zassman
Alexa Zeliger
Jack Zeliger
Brandon Zelman
Kyle Zelman
Claudia Ziser
Chiara Zittel
Krystn Zittel
Timothy Zittel
Dylan Zucker
Jesse Zucker
Becky
Jason

Craig's Column

With another camp season now over and Monica and I having returned to Florida for the winter, I am sitting at my desk thinking about all of the wonderful things that happened this summer. As I think more and more about it one thought really jumped out at me; What makes camp so special? There are not too many things in life that bring such strong, emotional and heart filling feelings for an entire year. Who would think that only being somewhere for 3 or 6 weeks, amazingly, can change your entire life?

So what makes camp so special? Is it the nights you spend hanging out in your bunk with your friends and counselors? We all know that this is when all of the truly hilarious stuff happens. It never fails that this is when so many "inside" jokes are born. Maybe it is all of the activities that make camp so special. This is when the kids get to choose how they want to spend their day. Where else in the world can you get out of bed and decide that you are going to swing on a trapeze, fly down a zip line and learn how to ride a horse all in the same day! Could it be the life lessons that you take away from camp? When you are forty (though many of our campers think they will always be young) and teaching your first born how to get on a horse, you will always remember that you learned that at camp thirty years ago. When you go fishing with your friends and you're the only one who knows how to take the fish off of the hook, you will remember the first bass you pulled out of Lake Highwood and swore that you were

not touching that thing. Maybe all of the nights hanging out outside of canteen are what makes camp so special. Having 6 kids sitting in a chair that is made to only have one person occupy it seems so logical to all of the campers during canteen. Is it painting the rock? Maybe it is wearing pajamas at 3 in the afternoon that makes camp special. How about all camp days with those amazing omelet's for breakfast! There are just so many things that you can take away from camp. I was lucky enough to meet the love of my life at camp and propose to her in front of everyone (not to say that I wasn't nervous).

The more you really think about it, you start to realize the endless amount of things, both obvious and obscure, that makes camp so special. Certainly each camper is going to take away different things from camp, but it is the accumulation of so many wonderful things that make camp great. So maybe I did answer my question of why camp is so special. There is just nothing in the world that has so many working components that compliment each other and deliver such an amazing experience. I can proudly say that I have one of the greatest jobs in the world and get to live and experience all of this 365 days a year. So thanks to all of the staff and campers for making this wonderful thing called Camp Lindenmere go round and round. See you all soon!

- Odie



ART-ICLE

The Art House was a hub of creativity this past summer. Campers had fun making super-cool stuff in all of the studios, every day. Some projects became fast faves of Summer '09, like the Scrabble inspired pillows our Heat Press artists made. Those letter pillows were so amazing. They looked just like Scrabble pieces, but they were big and cushy! The table-top bowling lanes our Woodworkers built were terrific, too. Campers bowled spares and strikes without ever having to change into two-tone bowling shoes! Our Knitters enjoyed knitting warm scarves for the upcoming winter while our Rocket Makers constructed spectacular rockets that were launched very high into the summer sky. It was exciting to watch them take-off at missile speed and then leisurely parachute back down. In Candlemaking, the sushi candles made everyone hungry for sushi and in Stained Glass the "pet goldfish" looked like they were swimming across the glass tiles. The mini-mummies made in the Crafts room, tie-dyed beach towels dyed in the Tie-Dye room, and gravity paintings created in our Drawing and Painting studio

were all huge hits. And of course, all of the projects that campers made in our Ceramics Suite, like the bowls and boxes and plaques and pendants, were very special. Finally, rounding out our Summer '09 list of favorite projects are the mood-bead necklaces made in our Jewelry room. Of course it was no surprise that those mood beads confirmed what everyone already knew. HAPPY was always the mood at camp! Fun projects are already being planned for next summer. Can't wait to see you there!

- Sue





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

1	Drew Hartmann	19	Amanda Berusch
1	Michael Karapcik	19	Carlos Martinez
2	James Greene	19	Jami Nebenzahl
2	Joshua Smethers	19	Sydney Popkin
3	Julia Romon Lopez-Herce	22	Alyssa Freeberg
4	Brandon Grant	22	Byron Fernandez
4	Emily Borrello	23	Sara Nichols
7	Julia Dorfman	24	Alex Mendelson
9	Kyla Rosenberg	26	Brandon Neimark
10	Brandon Frank	26	Brooke Zelig
10	Daniel Ulmaniec	26	Beata Motykova
10	Sydney Berger	26	Dominic O'Hanlon
14	Elizabeth Bauer	27	Carly Stirberg
14	Evan Clark	27	Rami Sigal
14	Madison Bauer	29	Alexa Korkodilos
14	Dominika Stará	29	Jocelyn Fine
17	Daniel Denino	29	Seth Kahanov
17	Jacob Sirowitz	30	Eric Barocas
17	Ekaterina Alenchenkova	30	Hayley Garfinkel
18	Robert Proner	30	Zach Abrams
18	Sean Hamilton	30	Stephen Nevison

October

3	Casey Breuer	22	Bari Greenwald
3	Maura Dunlop	22	Jonathan Fuchs
6	Perrine Crassier	22	Juan Jose Fernandez Tenreiro
6	Robert Speier	26	Melissa Levinson
10	Dasha Ovsianikova	29	Max Popkin
11	Charlie Hennessy	31	Jack Urbanek
12	Polina Bolkhavitinova	6	Valerie Mounter
13	Sarah Levin	7	Niall Caheny
14	Gavin Allen	9	Lindsey Ragsdale
14	Jason Robins	10	Amy Burgin
15	Sarah Barnett	11	Kathleen Sweeney
16	Patricio Perez Rea Vilches	14	Guy Mannerings
17	Andrew Plotch	17	Monica Pierrard
19	Aime Blair Meller	25	Simbarshe Happy
19	Gabi Schiz	27	Caroline Goulet-Auger
19	Kami Richter	27	Sarah Flynn
19	Nicolas Nunez	27	Sarah Fornaby
19	Stephen Benoit	31	Claudia Menzel
20	Aliza Wolf		
21	Cameron Vetrano		
22	Amber Moore		



the INTERNET & CAMP

facebook

Social networking sites, such as Facebook, can be a positive way to stay in touch with camp friends; however, if used incorrectly, it can be harmful to others.

Please think carefully if you write/post anything online when it comes to your experiences about camp, as anything you post can be read by the camp community and the general public and may impact us and our camp's reputation. Remember that anything you put on the Internet is there forever.

Please be sure to check your child's Facebook profile regularly for any inappropriate information, pictures, language, etc. (this includes things others may have written on his or her wall, as well as photos that have been posted).

We appreciate your efforts to help make the off-season communication between our campers as positive as possible.

Early Enrollment

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our families who took advantage of our Early Enrollment Discount!

We are so proud that it took until February 16th 2009 (Session I) and March 20th, 2009 (Session II) to meet the enrollment number which we are at right now. If you have not enrolled yet, please do so as we will likely close out in many of our age groups in the near future.

2009 COLOR WAR

Before I sat down to write this article, I thought the best way to help remind me of those three days and four August nights would be listening to both Alma Maters. Once the songs started playing and I began listening to the heart felt lyrics, it was as if my world froze and I pictured myself standing in the Rec-Hall at sing. All the campers and staff were all in costumes, singing with all your heart, standing arm in arm with your friends, new and old, that you had just spent the best three or six weeks of your life with. It is in that moment at sing that it is no longer about the spirited competition and winning and losing. It becomes about all of the friends you have made, all the new activities you have tried and the memories created that will forever be kept in a special place in your heart.

This summer was the closest final score that I have ever seen on the final night of Color War. One of my favorite moments of sing is right before the scores are read no one in camp is talking or making a sound. In anticipation of the scores to be announced, everyone sits nervously on a bench gripping the hand of the person next to them. It's the one time all summer we know we won't have any problem getting your attention. However, I know that most of you won't make that one of your best moments. Some of you might think the new activity on the first night Bucket Brigade was amazing, an activity where every single member contributed at one time. The General and Lieutenant eat offs are always very exciting. I think everyone was blown away at the effort their leaders put forth over the three days. While playing and watching the events this year there were new cheers that were created to personalize each team "Blue eggs and Ham at every Meal and We're going to Disneyland" became common terms across the teams. Who can forget the Leap Frog sensation that took over color war this summer? Water Boil and Rope Burn are always quite the sight; whose structure will boil the water or burn the rope first? The Apache Relay is another opportunity for each

camper to make their mark for their team. By the end of the relay almost every activity, location, or piece of equipment on camp has been used. This year the teams finished the relay within seconds of each other giving us a preview of what would happen at sing.

So now that camp is over and you all can wear your color war shirts with pride, I hope you think of all your favorite memories not only from color war, but of all the great memories you made at camp this summer. Let those memories be enough to hold you over until you get to see your camp friends and family again. Remember: "Whenever you remember Lindenmere, remember all the friends we hold so dear...This summer will be in your hearts forever, and though it ends you'll always have your friends."

With Love, *Brenna*





Boys' SIDE



SENIOR BOYS

A Message from Niall...



I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their time since camp ended. I would like to thank all campers and staff, especially my senior boys for making this summer a wonderful summer for me. I have made friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

For the past few summers, I was a ropes counselor living in a bunk. Having close relationships with my boys and co-counselors was always great. This summer as a division leader allowed me to get to know and spend time with more campers. I felt lucky to have had such an enthusiastic staff this year who were always willing to lend a helping hand. Whether it was getting involved in evening activities and special events, cheers in the dining room or being there for your campers, without all of you, the summer wouldn't have ran so smoothly.

I have some favorite memories from the summer that are still vivid in my mind. Ben Polsky made us all proud every line up representing the senior boys with his tremendous trumpet skills which brought the entire camp together as the flag came down. Color War was fantastic. It was great to see it from a different prospective being a judge this year. Every camper and staff member gave their best effort for three great days. Congratulations to both teams for showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. My other favorite memory was the overall positive energy and spirit you could feel around camp throughout the summer. Even though the sun wasn't always out, everyone still walked around with there head up high and got involved in activities like table tennis tournaments, bingo, dodgeball in the Rec-Hall and art along with all of the other wonderful activities that where offered during the rainy days.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the senior boys. You are the reason I come back to camp each summer. I cannot say the number three without thinking of you! Camp to me has always felt like my home away from home. Every year when I leave camp at the end of the summer, I just want to go straight back. The campers and counselors at Lindenmere are amazing and it is like one big happy family. The friends you make at camp Lindenmere are your friends for life. The main reason I come back every year is because Lindenmere is a small camp and everyone knows everyone. You are not just a "number" at Lindenmere. I hope everybody has a great winter and I hope to rejoin old friends in 2010.

Love,

Niall

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JUNIOR BOYS

A Message from Dom...

“Whether in clear or in dark stormy weather Camp Lindenmere will keep us together...” These are the words I remember as I sit at home, surrounded by the

dark stormy weather of London, remembering what was one of the best summers of my life. I know you all know how difficult it is to really ‘de-camp’ yourself after an amazing experience away from the ‘real’ world and slowly adjust to life without s’mores, Friday camp fires, Pocono sweatshirts and canteen. It is particularly difficult for us international staff who have to travel back to our homeland and try and explain to friends and family how exciting Color War really is, or why Thursday breakfasts are such a luxury.

By now I imagine you are all settling back into school and summer 2010 seems like a long way away. That’s the best thing about memories – no matter how far away camp seems all it takes is something silly to remind you of all the good times you had and suddenly it doesn’t feel so far away. Yesterday I was out shopping and I heard a street performer playing the White Disney Alma Mater (rather badly) on her saxophone. It didn’t matter how out of tune it was, I still stood there and sang along (with the camp words, of course!) and thought of Peeps falling from the dining hall roof.

It is very different not waking up each morning to get Junior Boys out of bed and ready for another great day. I bet you all miss our Thursday ritual – Where are we going? CAMEL BEACH! What am I wearing? SWIM SUIT AND LINDENMERE SHIRT! What do I need? LOTS OF SUNSCREEN! – I guess you have to be a junior boy to find that one funny. And remember our giant water balloon fight against we won against the junior girls?!? I bet Bex and the girls would say otherwise...

One of the big questions I always have to face as soon as I get home is ‘why do you travel thousands of miles every summer to work at a *summer camp*’. The answer is always easy – because of the amazing people! I have made some of the best friendships I have ever had at Lindenmere and there is nothing more amazing than watching you all do the same with your bunkmates. I loved seeing such a united division as nothing is as special as a brand new friend. Although I miss camp, not a day goes by without some kind of contact with my friends, so I never really feel like I am over 3000 miles away from the glorious world of 18332. It just goes to show that the words of our favorite Friday song are most certainly true – Camp Lindenmere WILL keep us together- no matter where we all live.

Love, Dom



MIDDLE BOYS

A Message from Luke...

This past summer at Camp Lindenmere will go down in my book as one of the most memorable experiences of my life. I can’t thank everyone enough for being

part of such an outstanding experience. I am finding

it difficult to organize the entire summer into one coherent thought. Looking back, all I see are fun times, smiles, laughter, ridiculous jokes and people having a fantastic time.

To the Camp Lindenmere campers- thank you so much. It may sound cliché, but camp would be nothing without all of you. The positive attitudes and bold personalities you bring to camp really add to the summer making it colorful and vibrant. I remember laughing so hard at some of our jokes I could hardly stand up. Being middle boys division leader was such a positive experience for me because it allowed me to spend my day hanging out with my boys. I found that the variation in ages and grades made middle boys the most unique and interesting group of campers because of their diverse personalities.

One of my favorite memories was going into middle camp and waking up the campers and counselors every morning. Sometimes the boys were already awake and ready for a great day and other days I literally had to drag the boys out of bed to get them moving! Either way, I miss having so

many cool kids to spend time with. Another favorite memory for middle camp was an evening activity called wet-head jeopardy. Campers had to answer questions and had a water balloon popped on their heads if their answer was incorrect. Darea, the middle girls division leader, was a little eager and accidentally popped some balloons before I asked the question. For a matter of fairness, we let a camper pop the balloon on Darea when she got a question right! Everyone ended up soaked. Another good night activity was “float or sink” where kids made boats out of cardboard, tape and various other objects. Lightning kept us out of the pool, but the next day the voyage of the boats commenced! Although none of the boats made it very far, there were many smiles and lots of laughter.

I would like to thank the middle boys’ counselors for all of your endless hard work. I hope your memories are as fond as mine and always remember that your patience, smiles, stories and high fives made the middle boys’ summer that much better! It was so great to be able to see first hand how much Lindenmere means to my campers. Thank you for coming to camp and making my summer extra special. The constant energy and often brutal honesty is refreshing to be around all summer. I’m sure I could find many people who agree when I say that Camp Lindenmere is just as much a home as the house that we all grew up in. We all love it there and look forward to coming back soon! Remember, don’t be sad because it’s over, be happy that it happened.

Endless Love, Luke



Girls' SIDE



SENIOR GIRLS

A Message from Monica...



It is crazy to think how fast time passes. Its been almost two months since camp ended, but it feels like I was just laughing and telling stories with the senior girls a couple of days ago; and I really miss those days.

This past three summers have really been the best summers of my life. I can definitely say that Camp Lindenmere is a very special place for me because it is where I met my husband, my best "buddy", a great group of friends, a team that is always there when the other one needs a hand and all the wonderful campers that make every summer different, special and memorable.

This summer was really a great summer. As a division leader, I had the opportunity to really get to know the senior girls and find out how great they are! I loved going from activity to activity seeing all the brilliant things that the girls were accomplishing. It was great to see those big smiles on their faces when they were able to make that flip in circus, when they overcame the fear of going on the zip line or flying trapeze, when they performed with their rock band, when they learned those hard steps for the dance show or the play, when they made a delicious dish in cooking, when they were able to make it to the top of the climbing wall, when they finished their knitting or art project, or when they were just able to relax and sit on their porch or on the lawn with their friends to talk about their day.

It is so amazing the emotions and feelings that you experience and share at camp and most important the MEMORIES. I will never forget waking everyone up every morning and seeing all those cute faces, having a late night bunk talk, sitting on the porch getting our nails done, having a dance party in the bunk, sitting on the LT porch having a conversation while watching the rain fall, running, dancing and puddle jumping in the rain and all those little moments that make me smile when I remember them and make me want to do it all over again. Oh! And what about all the nicknames I got during the summer (by the way girls I love every single one of them) like Moni, Odica, Buddy and MonMon.

I definitely had a wonderful summer with all of my girls, who I call "my babies". I think that is the magic of camp, being able to feel that we have this big family in this huge house and we call it HOME. It really feels that is a home away from home.

And this goes to all of "my babies", THANK YOU FOR SHARING WITH ME AN AMAZING SUMMER! You made it special for me. I hope you have a great school year! Study hard, have fun and be safe!

I miss you and see you back next year to do it all over again!!

Love, **Monica**

A.K.A: Moni, Odica, Buddy, MonMon

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JUNIOR GIRLS

A Message from Bex...

I eagerly landed in Newark airport for the third summer in a row. Awaiting the familiar faces of six of the people I had worked with the year before, excitement and joy rushed through me as I realized I was actually back for another incredible summer. Traveling from the opposite side of the world (Australia) was never going to prevent me from coming back to Lindenmere. The memories, the laughter and the endless fun made returning as the Junior Girls division leader a complete delight!

As the campers arrived and settled in, the real excitement began. From overseeing the campers in their majors and minors each day, to helping them settle to sleep at night and sometimes even keeping them awake (with special late night treats), made being a part of junior girls a pleasure! Running some of the evening activities with Dom was fantastic, as we had the chance to watch campers sing, dance, laugh and have fun. One of my favorite evening activities was wet head jeopardy where we challenged the kids on their trivia knowledge which resulted in some damp clothing. The all camp activities were incredible – such as Wanted, where the bunks traveled through camp

in search of the special ‘wanted’ counselors to claim “money” for their bunk. These events make camp fun and exciting, but the real memories that come from Lindenmere come from the relationships made.

It’s a true gift to see counselors doing all they can to oversee the happiness of their bunk and the kids they work with throughout each day. The joy in memories such as putting together campfire, cheers at meals and the water fight between junior boys and girls. Dom and I spent almost two hours filling three hundred water balloons for what was a five minute fight – but completely worth it for the laughter and satisfaction the kids had picking on their counselors and each other.

Lindenmere creates amazing relationships - brought back to life each summer. These friendships do not end as each child steps onto the bus to head home. Lindenmere is for life (L4L)! It is an unbelievable place and cherished by those who have the privilege to experience it.

With Love, Bex



MIDDLE GIRLS

A Message from Darea...

I cannot believe how fast time has gone by since camp ended. It seems only yesterday that we were all dressed in our best clothes for banquet walking arm in arm to the dining hall!. Ever since camp has ended I take the precious memories that I made with me everywhere. I would love to thank all the campers and staff who made summer '09 a summer of a lifetime.

Being the Middle Girls Division Leader was a true privilege. ‘My’ middle girls were fun, kind, thoughtful and positive in everything they did. I must admit that I bragged all summer to the other DL’s that middle girls was undoubtedly the best division on camp and I still believe it!

Now that everyone is home, I think about all the great times that we had this summer. I miss watching my girls walk arm in arm to breakfast, climbing up and down stairs in the morning to wake each bunk up, being blown away by how tidy most of the bunks were and seeing so many campers conquer their fears or just try something new. Other great memories include; trying to learn the Hoedown-Throw down (thank you G6); running in the rain to the social so that hours of hair straightening was not wasted; playing Pursuit as a special event; hearing campers singing the ‘Beaver Crawl’; all the fantastic off camp trips; watching thousands of ‘peeps’ fall from the sky; girls painting their nails with their ‘bunk colors’; late night oreo parties; late night chats

with the LT’s; and feeling immensely proud of my middle girls when they did a fantastic job with the very first campfire of the summer.

The unique thing about Lindenmere is that it allows us all to create such amazing memories as I cannot watch the rain fall, or sing the boring version of Happy Birthday, or see fireworks or hear certain songs on the radio without thinking about camp and the people who made it such a special place. Even normal meals are boring in comparison to Lindenmere – there is no cheering!

Most importantly Lindenmere teaches us all that camp friendships are friendships that last a lifetime. I loved watching middle girls form friendships during the summer that grew and strengthened, knowing that these would be friendships for life. As one bunk said during the middle girls campfire “life may be imperfect, but true friends make it as perfect as it can be”. I think that most of us found a true friend at Lindenmere. It is so hard to explain to people who have not been to Lindenmere how special it is. How do you explain Pudding Wrestling? Why is singing about hand sanitizer so funny? How can burning a rope be so exciting? You can’t explain all those little things that made you laugh or why you cried during your Alma Mata but knowing that friends all around the world share these same feelings and memories keeps a smile on my face. I feel so lucky to have been part of such an amazing summer and I wish everyone a fun school year until summer 2010!

Love, Darea

IMPORTANT DATES - 2010

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June 27 – August 8

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SESSION: June 27 – July 18

VISITING DAY: TBA

SESSION TWO

SESSION: July 18 – August 8

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