

# NABBY NEWS



WEEK 8 AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>

**WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE FOR SUMMER 2023!**

## DEAR NABBY FAMILIES,

The end of camp is always bittersweet for all of us at Nabby. We are so proud of all our campers and all that they accomplished this summer, and will miss their smiles, laughter and enthusiasm.

We plan to stay in touch with all of you throughout the year (look for information about our Halloween Celebration in the weeks ahead!) and hope to see you all back at Nabby in 2023.

From our family to yours, we wish you a wonderful school year! Thanks as always for your trust in us,

- The Bertino Family



## MEMORABLE MOMENTS FROM OUR LAST DAY OF CAMP...



Nabby counselors and their families gathered together for a summer ending photo!



Jester Jim wowed us and kept our campers laughing!



Saying "see you next summer" to our Nabby friends and family

## ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR SUMMER 2023!

We are already counting down and preparing for next summer...  
Camp Will Open On Monday, June 26<sup>TH</sup>  
And Close On Thursday, August 17<sup>TH</sup>

**We hope to see you then!**

## EXTRA MILE COUNSELORS AND STAFF



Congratulations to our counselors who celebrated 5 years at Nabby this summer...way to go the "extra mile" Mike, Luke, Vinny, Jack & Theresa!



A special thank you on the last day of camp for our maintenance, dining room and office staff - we couldn't have made camp without you!

## COLOR WAR COMPLETES NABBY EPICS

Another EPIC Nabby summer drew to a close this week with the final two day Sr Camp EPIC event - COLOR WAR!

The entire Sr Camp showed their red and white colors this week as they competed for the coveted Color War trophy. The older four groups - Penn, Jackson, Tulane and Douglass competed against each other as did the younger four groups - Duke, Radcliffe, Columbia and Barnard.

All events were coed and the campers showed their skills in gaga, archery, tennis, basketball, dodgeball, miniature golf and football among others. The most exciting event, however, was the final event of the Color War - the coed water polo game. Teamwork for this competition was crucial as three passes were required by each team before a goal could be scored. As the entire Senior Camp lined the big pool cheering for their teammates, the game began and the Red team went ahead with a big 9-2 lead. The White team showed their never give up spirit, however, and tied the game at 9 all! The excitement was building as the Red team scored for a 10-9 lead, only to once again have the White team tie up the score to end regulation time. This set up the dramatic tie breaker...the first team to score would be declared the winner. The polo ball was tossed...the teams swam to get there first...both teams shot and missed...and then...Hailey from Jackson shot and scored the winning goal for the White team!!!!

Final score for the two-day EPIC was White 3,200 over Red's 1,800.



## A SUMMER OF ACHIEVEMENT AT AERIAL ADVENTURE

Our wonderful team from Aerial Adventure (from left to right top - Kyra, Jack and Donna and bottom - Paul, Bobby, Bridget and Erin).



Aerial Adventure is always one of our campers' favorite activities and where we see tremendous growth in confidence and personal development. The physical and mental challenge of climbing a rock wall or "letting go" on the zipline - can often be one of the more challenging activities for our campers. Therefore it is most exciting when we see our campers reach a milestone that they once thought was too difficult. Led by Erin and her team of trained and skilled counselors - the Aerial Adventure staff recounted some of their favorite stories of success this summer:



James in Harvard had been wanting to climb the rock wall from his first time at Aerial Adventure and kept trying and trying. On one of his final days in class, he tried yet again. Half way up, it looked like he might be ready to come down. Bridget his instructor, kept encouraging him to use the skills that he had learned - and he kept on going till he reached the very top!! "When he came down from reaching the top, I gave him a double high five and James said, "thank you for giving me the confidence to do that! That just made my day!!" What a wonderful memory for both Bridget and James!

Gwen in the Wells group tried multiple times to climb the "tall tree" which is quite a challenge for someone going into 2nd grade! On the last day of class, she told Erin, she would do it, and sure enough, she did!! "It was her remarkable determination and confidence gained in her abilities, that made all the difference", recalled Erin. "We are so very proud of her!!"



Aaron in Tufts was determined to climb to the top of the rock wall from his first day of camp. Each class he would try his best and get closer and closer to the very top. During the final week of camp after weeks of hard work and focused effort, he reached his goal. "Everybody in my group was trying to help me get to the top", Aaron recalled. "I screamed when I touched the top!"

As a memento, Aaron asked to take home his helmet hairnet and of course he was thrilled to show us his trophy for reaching the top! Way to go Aaron!!

## LIP SYNC BATTLE CHAMPION IS CROWNED!

Our Nabby campers had a double dose of Counselor entertainment this week as two lip sync battles took place. This year's contest was run by Nico from Dartmouth and he was a terrific MC!

On Monday, the last semifinal had Jake from Tufts go against Marc from Duke as they lip synced for a place in the finale. Marc took the stage first with the heralding of trumpets and was accompanied by music counselor Mike. Marc rocked the stage in his red suit and 80's wig as he sang along to "Sweet Victory" by SpongeBob. Up next, and not to be outdone, Jake had the T-Bird greasers, pink ladies and Sam from Bryn Mawr as Sandy as he brought us back to the movie Grease with their rendition of "You're the One That I Want". The campers loved the dancing and catchy Grease song as they voted Jake through to the finals.

On Wednesday, Jake faced off in the finals against Julia from Swim for the coveted Golden Microphone Trophy!

Julia had a rousing introduction from camper Ty from Penn and was joined by Alex from Jackson as they energized the camper audience with the song "Dynamite". For his final performance, Jake wore a full length faux fur coat (!) and chose a mash up of three songs: "Beauty and the Beat", "Fergalicious", and "Boom Boom Pow". He was accompanied once again by Sam and a bevy of back up dancers from a variety of camp groups.



Jake with the coveted Lip Sync Trophy

The campers couldn't resist Jake's charisma and dance moves and voted for him as the overall Lip Sync Champion!



Scenes from the outstanding performances in our final week

## 5 QUESTIONS WITH HEAD GYMNASTICS INSTRUCTOR PAIGE



Paige and assistant Audrey

Paige has been our head gymnastics instructor for 9 summers and she brightens camp every day with her always friendly welcome! An elementary special education teacher during the school year in Harrison, Paige always makes us smile with her homemade Nabby tank tops and enthusiasm for everything camp. We sat down with Paige to share more about her experiences at Nabby...

### Favorite Nabby memory

*That's an easy one! Being proposed to at Nabby at the Aerial Adventure course where I first met my fiancé Nick, seven summers ago!*

### Favorite thing about working at Nabby

*Watching children grow up here. I see kids today who are in Jackson and Penn who I remember meeting as Cubs, and it's truly amazing to see their development!*

### What do you enjoy the most each day?

*Seeing the campers faces when they accomplish a skill that they have been working on for a while. It's amazing.*

### What can you tell people about the staff at Nabby?

*The staff feels like family and everyone is always welcoming to one another and nurturing to our campers*

### When away from Nabby, what do you miss most?

*The way everyone is loved for who they are and what they bring to the table. Every child feels welcomed.*



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**CUBS**

The sandbox, nature and the pool were our absolute favorite things this summer. We enjoyed playing with toys in the sandbox and building many creations together. Even though some of the animals at camp were new to us, like the big bullfrog and turtles, we were brave enough to touch them.

**COLBY**

We had so many favorites this year but if we were to choose a few we would choose gymnastics, dodgeball, art and the pool. Dodgeball was all about throwing the balls really well and getting the counselors out. We improved so much as swimmers!

**SMITH**

We loved making new friends and we learned the skills to get us ready for kindergarten. We learned how to socialize and share, especially when we were playing with one another. We want to say "Thank You to Camp Nabby" for a wonderful summer.

**CORNELL**

We thoroughly enjoyed all the activities but our most favorite thing was making friends. We hope to be friends forever!

**VASSAR**

Nature, nature, and nature was our favorite activity! We loved getting our feet full of mud by walking in the stream. What a nice surprise it was for us when we would find an animal in the stream like a frog or toad. We were so in awe.

**SKIDMORE**

We loved all the activities and we just cannot pick one or two. Our most favorite thing to do was spend time with friends and our counselors. We had a great group!

**WELLS**

Gaga, Imagination Station (creating a spa), Aerial Adventure, and the Junior Obstacle Course were our favorite activities. The highlight was not actually receiving a blue band in swim, but encouraging those who were still trying to get one!

**BATES**

We had the best summer playing dodgeball, swimming and singing with our new friends. We sounded the best when we all sang together.

**BRYN MAWR**

We enjoyed learning new sports but what we enjoyed the most was the connection we formed with our counselors. We were like the little sisters and our counselors were like our big sisters. In swim class we encouraged band move ups by always clapping and encouraging our friends. We all moved up a level this year in camp at swim.

**BARNARD**

Wow did we have a fantastic summer! We loved the Epic Games because we were able to meet and work with different campers. We were so happy to have different interests every week including archery, cooking and nature.

**RADCLIFFE**

We had a lot of dance parties. We had a great time dancing to all different types of music. We loved our counselors and they loved us.

**DOUGLASS**

We loved getting ready for the Epics with our face and body paint! We also loved swimming because it cooled us off on the hot days.

**JACKSON**

We loved playing Capture the Flag against Penn and Tulane. We ran around a lot and had many laughs. We are so proud of ourselves because we came in third place in the Scavenger Hunt and never gave up.

**YALE**

As one of our campers put it "this was the best summer ever!" We made some great friends that we are going to keep in contact with. The junior obstacle course was fun but challenging at the same time. We all wanted to succeed in it and we all did.

**COLGATE**

Gaga was our number one choice for the summer. We wanted to play it all the time. We were proud of ourselves for learning teamwork and having good sportsmanship.

**PRINCETON**

Hurray for us! We set a goal in June to make 100 "holes in one" and we just met our goal this past Monday. This summer we also learned how to play football. We can now catch, pass and kick.

**STANFORD**

We all feel that every year camp gets better and better. Our absolute favorite thing that happened this year was roasting the marshmallows on the nature trail. They were so yummy and gooey!

**BROWN**

We are ending our summer with friendship and brotherhood that will last a lifetime. Thanks Joe and Rita for giving us our Happy Place!

**HARVARD**

Goals dodgeball, running bases and making new friends is what we enjoyed most about Camp Nabby this summer.

**TUFTS**

Playing gaga, tennis, cooling off in the pool and making then eating S'mores were our favorite part of camp this summer.

**DARTMOUTH**

The absolute best of the best activity that we enjoyed was dodgeball (especially beating Bryn Mawr and Bates).

**WILLIAMS**

We wanted to play wiffle ball every day and we DID play wiffle ball every chance we had. It was a whole lot of fun. We also enjoyed the Lip Sync contest every week.

**COLUMBIA**

We loved our first year being a part of senior camp. We got to choose two new interests every week. By doing this we made new friends. HollyRock was also lots of fun. We cannot wait until next year.

**DUKE**

We loved dodgeball, Interest Periods, Lip Sync, and all the Epics. Go Camp Nabby!

**TULANE**

When we heard our counselors say that we were going to play running bases or baseball, we would jump up in the air and pump our hands. We played these two activities every day and loved it!

**PENN**

We loved all of the sports at Camp Nabby. Our absolute favorites were Newcombe, 3 Ball, soccer, tennis, and basketball.

