

NABBY NEWS



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

DEAR NABBY FAMILY,

As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday, we hope everyone is healthy and able to enjoy quality time with friends and family. Here at Nabby, we have had an extremely busy fall meeting new families & reconnecting with returning families, interviewing staff and working on facility maintenance and improvements as we prepare camp for the upcoming summer.

Camp is just about full, with many groups at capacity or with limited weeks available. Based on our post-camp surveys and early enrollment, our families (both new and returning) are super excited about the upcoming summer and so are we! We truly believe in the benefits of Camp Nabby as a much needed place where children can prosper, grow, and have fun.

As we reflect and give thanks during this time of year, we are humbly grateful that so many families have once again put their faith in us and have enrolled for Summer 2024. We are planning for a wonderful summer together at Nabby!

From our entire family and leadership team, we wish you all a very healthy and happy Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Best;

Joe + Rita



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION WAS A TREAT!

Barbie, Super Mario, Disney Princesses, Spiderman and space astronauts were just a few of the colorful characters that brightened the day at our annual Halloween Celebration in October.

On a crisp, fall afternoon over 200 Junior Camp families joined the Halloween fun, along with members of our Nabby staff. Each camper received a trick or treating bag and scavenger hunt clues to guide them throughout camp to enjoy a variety of games and treats.

Joe & Rita made the perfect pair as Jessie & Woody from Toy Story, as they welcomed new families and reconnected with returning families and staff. Highlights for campers included the Super Mario Gazebo featuring Mario and Princess Peach, meeting friendly ghosts as campers made their way through the Tree House, a Nabby pumpkin patch and family photos with Scooter! It was wonderful to see campers reunited with friends and counselors, with many happy hugs exchanged throughout the day. We especially enjoyed seeing campers enthusiastically sharing camp with their families and loved capturing their portraits on the famed Nabby stage!

Seeing the smiles on our campers' faces was the best treat of all and thanks to all our families and staff for celebrating Halloween at Nabby with us!



NABBY CAMPER SPREADS JOY

When Stella Fosgate was just four years old, she suddenly lost strength in her legs impacting her ability to walk. She faced several months in and out of hospitals during the week of Christmas in 2018. After leaving the hospital, Stella made it her mission to deliver as many toys as possible to the children at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. She remembered how much support she received and wanted to make sure as many kids as possible received the same support. The first year, she emptied her piggy bank and went shopping, filling up a cart to deliver. Each year after, the donations increased with the support of the greater community. Today, Stella's family is grateful for her good health and strong legs and are proud to have donated thousands of toys and almost \$25,000 to Maria Fareri Hospital.

This past September, Stella and her family continued her fundraising efforts and hosted a second annual Color Run and toy drive at St Augustine's School in Ossining. The event featured 103 runners (many of whom are Nabby friends and fellow campers) who participated in three different races.

"I was so excited and happy that so many of my friends came out again!", Stella noted. I was also excited to see so many people I didn't know! The amount of money and toys we raised were great and should help soooooo many kids!"

Stella's proud mom Jill added, "we are so very thankful for Stella's good health and the support we receive each year to continue Stella's mission of delivering as many toys as possible to the kids at Maria Fareri Hospital. The generosity of our friends, family and community is truly amazing!"

"Thank you to Camp Nabby and the entire Nabby family for supporting this year's color run and helping us collect \$6k to kick off this year's holiday toy drive! We couldn't have done without you!"

What an amazing day filled with lots of smiles, tons of color and most of all, a generous spirit!



Stella enjoying her summers at Nabby!



Stella with her family & Nabby friends at the Color Run!

YEAR ROUND CO-WORKERS & FRIENDS

It's a special kind of friendship when you can teach together, share family experiences together and work at summer camp together! This is the bond that Nicole Lembo, Nabby's Director of Family Outreach and Ryanne LoPresti, Head Counselor of our Pups Group, have with one another.

Nicole and Ryanne met and became friends while working as teachers at Walter Panas High School. They both teach 9th grade and their classrooms are right next to one another. As they taught alongside each other, they became close friends and as fate would have it, became pregnant around the same time with their second children. As Nicole now recollects, their daughters met before they were born, and had no choice than to become dear friends too! Fast forward to today, and their daughters (Evie and Anna) are the very best of friends who cherish spending their summers together at Nabby. In addition to their daughters, Ryanne's son Tommy and Nicole's daughter Olivia, are also close friends and Nabby campers.

It was through their time together as teachers and their children sharing summers together at Nabby, that their families became extremely close and have since enjoyed vacations (Disney!) and many activities together over the years.

We were fortunate to have Nicole join the Nabby team two summers ago after seeing the impact camp had on her two girls and just as thrilled when Ryanne came aboard last summer after hearing about Nicole's experience. Both women knew first hand as Nabby parents, that working at camp would be special, and indeed, it has been.

As Nicole noted, "I loved getting a chance to work with Ryanne in a new environment! It was nice to be outdoors and active, focused on making sure campers had a great summer!"

Both teachers, now Nabby co-workers and forever friends, we look forward to welcoming back Nicole and Ryanne this summer!



Ryanne (left) and Nicole enjoying the time together at camp!



Anna & Evie with Scooter



Ryanne and her children Anna & Tommy



Nicole and her children Evie & Olivia

A NABBY LOVE STORY

Camp Nabby is a special place for all of us, but for our Junior Camp Program Director, Paige Mangione and former counselor, Nick Maddalena, this is particularly true. When Paige and Nick met each other at Nabby 10 years ago, it changed their lives forever. "I don't even know where I would begin to put into words how important camp is to us," says Paige.

Paige remembers meeting Nick for the first time at a new staff meeting and camp became the place where they could be the best versions of themselves. "Our first and best memories are from Nabby", she noted. Not only did Paige & Nick meet at Nabby, but Nick also chose to propose to Paige at Nabby, in our Aerial Adventure/Gymnastics area, where they first worked together!

Their Nabby love story was celebrated on November 3 when Paige and Nick were married in front of many of their camp friends and co-workers. "I think the most special part of our wedding were the people that we shared so many of our Nabby memories with. Our Nabby friends are people we know we will have in our life for the long run because of the relationships we built at camp. It's a place that you can't wait to go back to, because you know you will be loved and appreciated for who you are".

Just as Paige and Nick keep Nabby close to their hearts, so do we keep this special young couple close to ours. Our Nabby family wish Paige and Nick tremendous happiness and good fortune in their many years ahead!



#CAMPTSHIRT DAY SPREADS NABBY PRIDE!

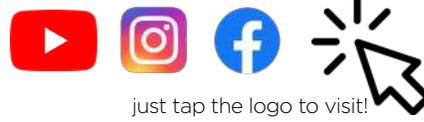
The camp community celebrated #camptshirtday in November and campers and staff joined the fun by sharing photos in their favorite Nabby gear. Thanks to everyone who showed their Nabby spirit!



STAY CONNECTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

We love to stay connected throughout the year and hope you do too! Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for fun photos and updates... and don't forget our YouTube channel featuring videos from the summer along with special features. Be sure to check us out @campnabby!

In the Spring, we will relaunch our Camp Nabby mobile app (exclusive for Nabby families, as your source for timely news, calendars and photo galleries!



T-SHIRTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Wear Your Camp Spirit All Year Long!

Enjoy a special offer on Nabby t-shirts - **just \$5** on select styles while supplies last!

Visit <https://campnabby.com/parents/merchandise/> to order online and gift a tee for the holidays.



2024 CAMP DATES

Thursday, June 27th through Thursday, August 22nd
No Camp on Thursday July 3th & Friday, July 4th