

# THE NABBY WEEKLY • July 4th, 2019

# **NABBY OPENS FOR IT'S 79TH YEAR!**

### **WELCOME TO NABBY!**

Wow!!! It's hard to believe Camp Nabby is in its 79th year with our family at its helm for the last 49 of those years. Next year will be a huge year for us...Nabby's 80th birthday and our 50th year here! And still, each year we're excited to welcome back familiar faces and eager to get to know our new campers and counselors. That part just never gets old!

Nabby is a family run business (there are 9 family members on staff on campus!) and we treat our campers as we would our own children. We've watched them grow from year to year and love seeing not only the physical changes, but also the changes in their maturity level. And, over the years, our staff has truly become part of our extended family! We follow them as they go off to college, start work at a new job and even attend their weddings.

We look forward to another amazing summer with your children and will always be available for any questions or concerns you might have. For all of us, summer begins when camp starts!!!

### The Bertino Family

# NABBY NOSTALGIA

As we count down to Nabby's 80th Anniversary next season, each week we will feature a slice of Nabby tradition celebrating the special people, places and things from 79 years of summer at Nabby.

This week we feature Dana Weil, a camper for 4 years, who has returned to Nabby as a counselor for Wells. Dana saved her very first Nabby bag from the year 2002 when she was just 6 years old and brought it to opening day to share with her group. Still holding strong after all these years, Dana will be carrying her original Nabby bag to camp every day as she passes down her love for Nabby to all her junior campers.



# **COMING EVENTS**

July 8th - 12th

Camp Closed July 4th & 5th

Tuesday, July 9th

School Pride Day

# Wednesday, July 10th

Capture the Flag (Senior Camp)

# Friday, July 12th

Photo Day! (Please wear Nabby shirts!) Jester Jim @3PM

# WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Questions about camp? We've got answers! Our office staff, led by office manager Ruth Schlosberg, is always ready to help both parents and campers. A lot of you have already spoken with Ruth who is at Nabby all year long and works alongside Joe and Rita. If you have any question about anything relating to Nabby, Ruth will almost surely have an answer for you! Ruth's two sons Ty, a Duke camper and Adin, in Penn, are lifelong Nabby campers and will probably be outstanding counselors one day.

Christine Cody is our camp nurse and the purveyor of band-aids, ice packs and hugs for any minor scrapes or scratches our active campers might get during the day. Christine works during the school year as a nurse in the Hendrick Hudson school district and has 2 children at Nabby... Colin, who is an LIT and Avery, in Radcliffe.

Susan McCarthy is a K-2 reading specialist in the Bronx during the school year and you can see her smiling face not only in the office, but also greeting campers at morning drop off. Susan also writes the Group Scoop for the Nabby News and commutes with her daughter, Maggie, who is the assistant counselor for Jackson.

Teresa Storey is pretty much everywhere on campus...from taking attendance and delivering messages to helping in the kitchen during lunch time, she is always available to help anywhere she can. Teresa has 2 children in camp, Raymond in Columbia and Emily in Radcliffe.



# SMILE!

Our camp photographer, Kelly Vasami, commutes to Nabby every day from Eastchester and we're so glad she does! She comes to Nabby with a 13 year background in wedding and portrait photography. Kelly is busy every day going from group to group, court to court, field to field, and pool to pool taking photos of our campers. She and her children, Jake in Penn and Ally in Radcliffe, love the smiles of our Nabby campers as evidenced by her many photos taken each day. If you want to book Kelly for any photo session you may have, her email is kelly@kellyvasami.com.

Parents can check out her photos by going to the parent dashboard and clicking on "Camp Today". You'll be glad you did!!



# NABBY GEAR!!!

We now have an online Nabby Store that is open NOW through July 14th! There's lots of great merchandise for both adults and children - some of which is worn by our campers below! Please check out the link below for details. (You must allow 2 weeks for the order to be processed and your gear will be sent home with your camper or you can pick it up after July 29th.) LINK: https://campnabby2019-3.itemorder.com





# **COLOR WAR BEGINS!**

What do hula hoops, Connect 4, rubber horses, foam rockets and Dunkin' Donuts have in common? All were part of the relay races that were held this week for the first Epic Wednesday event of Camp Nabby's senior camp Color War. The entire senior camp is divided into two teams...RED and WHITE...and will compete against each other throughout the summer to earn points towards the coveted Color War trophy!

The Relay Races gave the White team the first Epic event victory of the summer. The final score, after the races and the always exciting Tug of War finale was White, 1100 and Red, 800.

#### WHITE TEAM

#### **RED TEAM**

The next Epic event will be Capture the Flag next Wednesday where the Red team will be looking to stage a comeback!















# Red, White and Blue Day!











# NABBY'S LIT PROGRAM

Transitioning from the fun and carefree summer of a Nabby camper to the responsibility required for a Nabby counselor is the goal of our Leadership in Training (LIT) program. This program is available to teens who are 14 years old... too old for a camper and too young for a CIT or counselor.

This year, our LITs (who represent a combined total of 77 years at Nabby!) went through a two day training program under the leadership of Dan DeBeer and will be mentored by both Dan and our Jr. Camp head counselor, Mike Vogt, throughout the summer. Some of the LITs came away with the following thoughts:

"A good counselor is fair, friendly, encouraging and fun."

"Good counselors are excited to be at camp!"

"As an LIT, you must make camp fun and a place like home for the campers."

"Some qualities of a good counselor are being enthusiastic and energetic, but not crazy!"



# IT'S LIP SYNC MONDAY!

Each Monday at morning announcements, the Nabby counselors entertain the campers with a Lip Sync Battle. The competition is bracketed and the end of the summer semi-finals and finals showcase the best lip sync performances of July and August. Our in-house rapper, Stefan, the head counselor from Tulane, is the master of ceremonies each week and gets the campers READY!!!

First up this year was a lip sync novice, Isaac, from the pool staff. Showing his artistic range, he sang AND danced to Cotton Eye Joe and had the crowd clapping along!

His competition was a lip sync veteran, Samantha, the head counselor from Barnard. Complete in western gear and riding a "horse", Sam had the campers singing along to "Old Town Road". (This editor must really be out of the current musical loop, as I was probably the only one who didn't know this song word for word.)

The campers then went back to their bunks and voted to see who moved on in the competition. And...the winner of the first lip sync battle of 2019 was Samantha!!!









The Jackson girls breaking in our new volleyball court surface!

# **POOL NEWS**

Our 2019 pool staff, headed by Mitch Cohen, is an enthusiastic and energetic crew! Our goal this summer is to get non-swimmers comfortable in the water and swimming, and to improve the skills of our beginner through advanced swimmers. Our large pool is state of the art and certainly one of the best pools in Westchester County. Our small and middle pools are both heated to enable our younger swimmers to feel comfortable in the water.

Every morning our pool staff offers instructional swim for all campers and will teach the boys and girls the skills required to progress from our small pool up to our two larger pools.

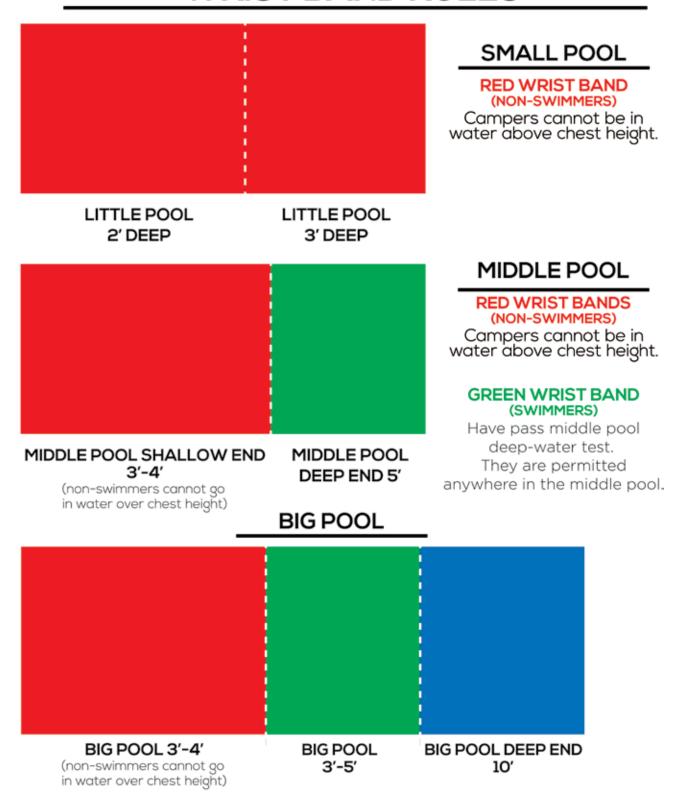
We sometimes hear that your child can swim everywhere in your own pool, but please keep in mind that when we have multiple children swimming and playing in our three pools we need to be diligent in our testing to ensure everyone's safety. All beginning swimmers who are working towards the middle pool test receive a green band when they are able to swim the length of the middle pool doing a front crawl with proper breathing, tread water for a minute and retrieve an object at the bottom of the pool at the 5 foot depth. To receive a blue band for the large pool they need to swim the length of that pool (90 feet), tread water for a minute and retrieve an object on the bottom of the pool at the 7 to 9 foot depth. We are constantly testing the campers who want to be tested and are working towards building the confidence in those who are improving their skills so that they can earn the band of their choice.

We hope you will see a big improvement in your child's swimming ability by the end of the summer...we will do our very best to make that happen!



See page 4 for wrsitband and pool rules.

# WRIST BAND RULES



RED WRIST BANDS (NON-SWIMMERS) - Campers cannot be in water above chest height.

GREEN WRIST BANDS - 'Swimmers' can go up to 5' but NOT in 10' area with slide and diving board.

**BLUE WRIST BANDS** - 'Swimmers' have passed the big pool deep-water test and can swim in any section of the pool.

NOTE: SWIM BUDDIES MUST STAY IN THE SAME SECTION OF THE LESS EXPERIENCED SWIMMER

#### **CUBS**

The Cubs are enjoying touching the animals at Nature. They are so cool!

#### **SMITH**

Smith is climbing like crazy at Rock Wall.

#### CORNELL

Cornell caught a toad on the nature trail!

#### **SKIDMORE**

The Skidmore girls kicked off the summer with fun in the sun, playing Gaga, going swimming and Aerial Adventure.

#### **WELLS**

The Wells Campers competed against the Wells Counselors in Hockey this week. The winners are.....everyone! It was a tie of 3 to 3.

#### **BRYN MAWR**

Bright Bryn Mawr is ready to soar into summer.

#### **BARNARD**

Barnard had a great time this week practicing their Relay Race for their first ever EPIC Event.

#### **RADCLIFFE**

Rambling Radcliffe is ready to Rock this Summer!

# **DOUGLASS**

Douglass dives into the summer with lots of spirit and excitement for summer activities.

#### **JACKSON**

We made new friends, rekindled old friendships and worked together on our Relay Races.

#### **YAIF**

The Yale Boys had fun zip lining and climbing up the Rock Wall. So many campers are earning trophies for climbing up the Rock Wall and doing various other activities. They are amazing!!!

#### **PRINCETON**

Our goal this year is to achieve 100 runs in baseball and 100 holes-in-one. So far we have 13 runs and 10 holes-in-one. We can do this!!!

#### **BROWN**

The Brown Boys have had a wonderful week bonding with counselors, getting to know each other and creating our summer family.

#### **DARTMOUTH**

All the Dartmouth Boys are swimming strong in the BIG pool. Awesome!

#### WILLIAMS

We love playing Around the Wall at Junior Baseball.

#### **COLUMBIA**

Columbia is ready to go to the Old Town Road.

#### **DUKE**

The duke boys are gaga for GAGA.

#### **TULANE**

Hey, Hey we are Tulane! We are ready for our relay!

#### **PENN**

Penn split up into two teams for baseball. So far the counselors are winning 13 to 10. Tomorrow's game will determine the winner!

