

WEEK #3 IS SPIRIT WEEK!!!

NABBY CAMPER ON "CHOPPED JUNIOR"!

At just 10 years old, Camp Nabby's Callum McGeory from Tulane is already eyeing a culinary career - and his skills have garnered him television attention.

Either tune in or set your DVR to the Tuesday, July 16th "Slime the Competition" episode of "Chopped Junior" at 8PM on the Food Network. Callum and three other young chefs will be creating dishes from the mystery ingredients given to them in the junior cooking competition

Callum began cooking with his grandfather who was a chef and has been in the kitchen for "6 or 7 years". He also enjoys recreating his grandmothers meatball recipe and even makes his own pasta from scratch! He especially likes bow tie pasta. His favorite celebrity chefs are Gordon Ramsay and Bobby Flay and he hopes to one day have his own restaurant.

As far as the ingredients that Callum had to use...think of opening the mystery box and finding alligator, edible slime, steak, cauliflower and mac & cheese spring rolls! What would you create??? Well, catch "Chopped Junior" next Tuesday night and you can see what Callum cooked up!

By the way, Callum rated our Hemlock Hills hamburgers we BBQ at camp an 8 out of 10!!! Maybe we can persuade him to create a "special sauce" for them using that edible slime...



Camper Callum



Chef Callum and the mystery ingredient box!

CHRISTINA, THE FROG WHISPERER

What exactly was Yale counselor Christina Gallo doing hopping from rock to rock in the Nabby stream while her group looked on? She saw a frog that she wanted to catch that she thought her Yale boys would love to see up close and personal! Thanks for going the extra mile Christina!!!



COMING EVENTS

July 15th - 19th

Monday - Friday
SPIRIT WEEK!!!

Wednesday, July 17th
Hollyrock Games
3PM

Thursday, July 18th
Jr. Camp Super Fun Day!

NABBY NOSTALGIA

When the Bertino family bought Camp Nabby in 1970, only three buildings that are currently part of the Nabby campus were in existence - the boys bunks, the Nabby stage and the "casino" with the Art Shack below it.

The "casino" is actually our lunch and dining area, but it was much more than that on weekends years ago. It was a part of a bungalow community and was utilized as a place for plays (it originally had a stage), dances and various parties for the summer residents of the bungalows. Although the stage is gone, the stage door remains!

The original kitchen counter with its bar stools and decorative tile still stands as does something our campers know absolutely nothing about... a telephone booth with a rotary dial phone!

In March of 2018, the town of Yorktown presented Joe and Rita with the plaque affixed outside the "casino" door designating it an Historical Landmark.



LET'S RAISE A "RACKET" AT NABBY TENNIS!

With the tennis world watching Wimbledon all this week, we thought we'd showcase Nabby's tennis program and perhaps spot a future champion!

From the success of the "under 10" tennis program using age appropriate size nets and racquets to the fun and energetic junior and senior camp interest periods, tennis has always been a popular sport here at Nabby.

Head counselor Dave Graham and his three assistants, Luke Baumgartner, Chris Cahan, and Jack Fields are shown with one of their senior camp interest classes on the Nabby courts.

Dave is a former collegiate player for Boise State and a USPTA pro and during the school year is a high school tennis coach in California. Luke and Jack have each been at Nabby as campers, LITs and CITs for 14 years and Chris has been here as a camper, LIT and CIT for 13 years! This experienced staff is hard at work promoting tennis - a lifetime sport!



The Wells girls raising a "racket" at under 10 tennis!

MEET MATT AND MIKE!

Our Jr. and Sr. Camp head counselors this year are Mike Vogt and Matt Bertino.

Mike is a SUNY Cortlandt graduate and he and his wife of 18 years live in Yorktown Heights.

Their two daughters love Nabby...Ava is in Wells and Olivia is in Douglas. Mike is currently a Physical Education teacher at Brookside Elementary School in Yorktown and this Fall will be entering his 25th year of coaching! Mike's English Bulldog, Bernie, is the school mascot and is a favorite subject for photographers at school assemblies! Mike is a die-hard University of Miami football fan and travels to a game every year!

Mike's favorite thing about Nabby? It's family atmosphere!

Matt has been at Nabby ever since he was in the Cubs group! He works alongside Joe and Rita during the year and is also Nabby's assistant director. Matt graduated from the University of Kansas (Rock Chalk Jayhawks!) and is a member of the NY Rangers Blue Crew. He can be seen shooting T shirts out of a cannon at many home games at the Garden!

Matt also gets the campers ready for a fun day at Nabby by running our morning announcements. During the day, you can see him corralling counselors into appearing on stage each morning doing something that they never thought they'd do in order to get laughs from the campers. Matt also hosts the Wednesday Sr. Camp Epic Events.

What's Matt best known for??? His ever present smile, his ridiculous socks and his incomparable hat collection displayed every year at the counselor belly flop competition!

LIP SYNC CONTEST CONTINUES!

Last Monday brought round two of Nabby's Counselor Lip Sync Contest with Master of Ceremonies Stefan introducing the acts. First up was Ty Brooks, the assistant counselor from Tulane. Well, we think it was Ty...he was totally enveloped in a SHARK costume! And, of course, what followed was his rendition of "Baby Shark, Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo". I can't help it...the "Dooos" HAVE to be included in the title! The "shark" definitely had the crowd singing along!

Second up was Maggie McCarthy, the counselor from Jackson. Before Maggie even got on stage in her lei and grass skirt, the music for "How Far I'll Go" from Moana started playing and all the girls were singing! Maggie went into the audience among the campers who were waving their arms to the song.

A difficult vote for the campers as to who would move on, but the winner of week two was Ty!



Ty out of his shark costume!



NABBY NATURE

Campers arriving at Ranger Rick's nature area are always in for an amazing adventure! For 23 years Rick Lee has been instilling a love of nature in our campers. Assisted for the second year at camp and also during the school year by nature enthusiast Doug McCarthy, Ranger Rick creates a weekly theme for our campers to enjoy. The kids will study mammals, reptiles and insects and will learn about their behavior, diet and characteristics. After studying these animals the campers will experience them up close and personal as the Nature Hut is home to chickens, bunnies, turtles, snakes, lizards and a variety of insects. Two of the "stars" of Ranger Rick's nature program are Bo Jangles, a huge but very docile snapping turtle and Willow, a 2 year old giant Chinchilla rabbit! Rick received Bo Jangles at birth, when he was the size of a quarter, and, as you can see below, he's grown quite a bit since then! He's tame and doesn't "snap" as he was raised by Rick. However, should he be released into a natural habitat, his fear factor would kick in and he might regain his snapping turtle image!

As much as the campers love interacting with the animals, another special activity is exploring our nature trail. A project started by Rick and his two sons back in 2002, the trail has been expanded each year and now includes a rest area, bridges, a mud bath and lots of walking paths.

Another nature activity that is looked forward to each summer is the campfire marshmallow roast. Campers love to gather around the fire and who doesn't love those gooey S'mores???

Rick devotes the summer months to Nabby but in the off-season Rick Lee's Nature Awareness School is in full throttle as well as his Wilderness Survival and Primitive Tools and Craft classes. Rick and his summer assistant Doug, visit many schools and organizations throughout the year with the audience ranging from tiny tots to high school seniors. And, of course, Rick is available for birthday parties as well. Look for him at various fairs and farmer's markets around Westchester... You might even get to meet and greet Bo Jangles!



RED TEAM STORMS BACK!!

After having a losing effort in last weeks Color War Epic Event, the Red team showed its speed and agility and came away with a victory in this week's Capture the Flag. Taking an early lead, the Red team kept up the pace and their three legged teams (who could only be tagged by the White three legged teams), were instrumental in their victory.

With extra points awarded both teams for spirit, the Red team earned 3,000 points to the White teams 2,000 points. The Color War totals now stand at 3,800 for the Red team and 3,100 for the White team. Even though it was a hot day for all the running required, both teams were rewarded with the traditional Epic Event watermelon afterwards!

WHITE TEAM - 3100

RED TEAM - 3800



CUBS

We rode our bikes for the first time and had lots of fun. All we want to do is ride our bikes now!

SMITH

The Smith Girls are becoming super swimmers!

CORNELL

Cornell is climbing to the top of the Rock Wall and catching speed going down the Zip Line.

SKIDMORE

The Skidmore Girls are working hard getting ready for Spirit Week!

WELLS

The counselors set up various relay races for the girls and the campers had great fun!

BRYN MAWR

The Bryn Mawr Mermaids are improving their swimming skills.

BARNARD

The Barnard Beach Babes have been practicing their Spirit Week song all week.

RADCLIFFE

Radcliffe took their art skills to a new level with water color pastels.

DOUGLASS

The Douglass Girls do not let the heat stop them from competing!

JACKSON

The Jackson Girls are in tournament mode! Tuesday they played volleyball against the Rock Wall and Gymnastic Staff. Then they played Capture the Flag against Penn. These friendly weekly competitions will continue until the end of camp.

YALE

The Yale boys enjoyed being in the mud at Nature.

PRINCETON

The Princeton campers are well on their way to reaching 100 holes-in-one in golf and 100 runs in baseball. So far, their totals are 68 holes-in-one and 54 runs. We also have a foul shooting competition going on and so far the record is 9 baskets. Go Princeton!

BROWN

The Brown boys are working on our banner, plaque and song for Spirit Week. We cannot wait to impress the camp next week!

DARTMOUTH

The Dartmouth boys were jumping in the mud at Nature this week. Oh what fun they had!

WILLIAMS

Williams loved playing Zombie Dodgeball! Don't let the zombies get you!

COLUMBIA

Columbia Comedians prepare for Spirit Week. We are fighting off the Sun by dunking ourselves in the pool.

DUKE

A group of few but powerful words. Full Week!!!! Fun Times!!!!

TULANE

Tulane was moving and grooving and couldn't get tagged while we were playing Capture the Flag.

PENN

Penn is keeping the Color War alive by having the red and white teams play Capture the Flag. So far the score is White Team 2 and Red Team 2. We cannot wait to see if the tie continues.

