

## NABBY CELEBRATES IT'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

### GREETINGS FROM NABBY!

We are thrilled to welcome your family to Nabby. We had a terrific first week as we all embraced new health and safety protocols while making sure our campers could just be kids and have fun! We look forward to continuing what we do best and enriching the lives of your children through camp.

While this summer may be unique in many ways, one that makes us especially proud are milestones celebrating the 80th anniversary of Camp Nabby and 50th anniversary of our family as owner/directors. Wow!

There's a lot of pride and passion that has made Nabby what it is today. As a family run business, we have all grown up here and it truly is a labor of love. We were inspired by the dedication of our parents, came of age and met our spouses here (true story!), watched our kids grow up as campers and become counselors, mentored our children to take on leadership roles at the camp, enjoyed grandkids visits and continue to work together as a team. Nabby has meant so much to all of us and we want to make sure you feel as special as we do about this magical place. All Nabby campers, parents, staff and alumni are part of our extended family, and we thank and appreciate you every day.

Together, let's have a memorable summer and be sure to read all about it in the Nabby News!

The Bertino Family



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WEEK OF JULY 20TH-JULY 24TH

##### Wednesday, July 22nd

School Pride Day...wear your school shirt to camp!

##### Thursday, July 23rd

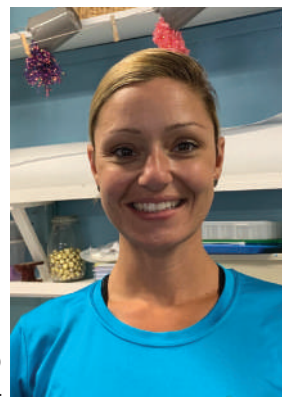
The Magic of Eric...junior camp  
Cookout Day...entire camp

##### Friday, July 24th

Pizza Day...entire camp

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE ART SHACK?

A lot!!! The Art Shack has a bright new look this year thanks to our new arts and crafts head counselor, Janice Tota. The colorful, fun and playful interior was created by Janice and is so very welcoming to our campers!



Janice attended Hofstra University for her bachelors and Pace University for her masters in Elementary Education. In addition to teaching, she's a personal trainer and spends her free time boxing (!) as well as creating anything "artsy". She and her husband have three boys attending Nabby this year.

Janice is assisted this year by Julianne Strauss and Nick Sirico. From the looks of the photo below, they had a great time with the Cubs!





## MEET OUR DIRECTORS

Most of you know our Directors, Joe and Rita Bertino, but now we'd like you to meet our Assistant Director, Matt Bertino, and our Program Director, Mike Vogt.



Mike, in his third year at Nabby, is pictured here with his two camper daughters, Ava and Olivia. Mike graduated from SUNY Cortland and received his masters from Western Connecticut State University in Elementary Education. He and his wife of 19 years live in Yorktown Heights. Mike teaches Physical Education at Brookside Elementary in Yorktown and has just completed his 25th year of teaching! Mike's favorite thing about Nabby is its family atmosphere. Mike's passions...his love of University of Miami football, his pet bulldog Bernie, who is the mascot at his school and coaching his daughters' soccer and basketball teams!



Assistant Director Matt Bertino is a graduate of the University of Kansas and has been at Nabby as a camper and counselor for 29 years! Matt works alongside Joe and Rita during the school year and can also be seen shooting T-shirts at NY Ranger hockey games as part of the "Blue Crew"! Matt's favorite memories of being a Nabby camper...passing the big pool test and winning the Apache relay! Matt is known around the Nabby campus for his infectious smile, his crazy socks and his dazzling array of hats!!!

## WHO YA GONNA CALL???

Have a question about camp? Have a child with an allergy? Need an early dismissal? These three ladies have all the answers!

Ruth Schlosberg was born in White Plains, NY and was raised in Hawthorne, NY with her sister Amy. She went to college at West Virginia University where she met her husband Matt. Together now for over 20 years, they have two sons, Adin and Ty, who are in the Yorktown schools and of course - Nabby!

Ruth joined our office staff summer of 2013 and stayed on as our year round office manager. She is now a part of our leadership team and works as an assistant director in charge of camper enrollment, billing, parent correspondence and so much more. Ruth is a huge Madonna fan and has seen her over 10 times! She also loves summer time, being outside with her boys and her guilty pleasures; reality TV and peanut butter! Ruth is a connector, someone that somehow, someway, knows/is connected to everybody!!! Try for yourself...play 6 degrees of Ruth when you come into the office next visit.



## OUR HEALTH OFFICE DREAM TEAM

This year, Nabby has two nurses to tend to any scrapes, cuts, tummy aches and allergy medications. Christine Cody (holding her unending supply of band-aids) is here for her 12th year at Nabby and has a son who is an LIT and a daughter who is a camper. Christine received her RN at SUNY Binghamton and is the school nurse at Buchanan Verplank Elementary School. Christine has been married to her husband Marc for 16 years and in her free time is an avid hockey and dance mom to her two children!

Gina Fitzsimons is a Nabby newcomer this year who received her RN at Westchester Community College and is the school nurse at Peekskill Elementary School. She's a yoga enthusiast and is presently taking a yoga teacher training course. She also volunteered her husband, Chris, to be one of our grill masters for Thursday cookout! When not at camp, Gina is a very busy mom to 4 Nabby campers, a guinea pig, a parakeet and 3 fish!



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# NABBY NOSTALGIA

As Camp Nabby celebrates our 80th Anniversary this summer, we'll be digging up some old photos and memories to share with you. We combed through the archives to find some of these classic photos from the early years of camp next to what Nabby looks like today.

Our property was a lot smaller back then and simply featured the Dining Room/Arts & Crafts building (affectionately known as the Casino), Big Pool, Nabby stage and a few boys bunks. Through great care and maintenance, all these years later, these special places still sit at the center of Nabby. Just last year the Casino was honored as a landmark building in Yorktown, we have completely renovated the pool, built an awning in front of the Nabby stage and added many more bunks modeled after our originals.

We wondered what else was going on back in 1940...80 years ago:

- FDR was president.
- Celebrities Ringo Starr, John Lennon, Rod Stewart, Debbie Harry, Bruce Lee and Alex Trebek were born.
- The first ever McDonalds opened in San Bernardino, CA.
- The NY Rangers won the Stanley Cup!
- Stamps were 3 cents.
- A movie ticket was 24 cents.
- A gallon of gas was 11 cents.
- The average price of a new home was \$3,900.
- "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby was the #1 song of the year.

While so much has changed around us, the lasting experience of attending summer camp still remains the same:

***Friendships. Fun. Play. Memories for a lifetime!***

## KUDOS KORNER

Kudos this week go to counselor Kassie Marino who took the time to decorate her two group bunks before the start of camp. The Skidmore/Wells girls were definitely greeted in style!!



The original pool (with walls manufactured from steel battleships) was replaced by our new, state of the art pool in 2017.



The original Art Shack still remains! A little brighter and more colorful, but still a favorite Nabby activity!



The view from the stage looking up to the "casino". The entire camp from the 40's could fit in the area that our two smaller pools now occupy.

## **CUBS**

The Cubs were so excited to walk through the tree house at Aerial Adventure. They went around the course many times - quickly and adeptly. The Cubs also loved the small rock wall and they are looking forward to going back next week!!

## **SMITH**

The Smith group played basketball for the first time. They learned to dribble and shoot the ball in the hoop.

## **CORNELL**

Cornell had a blast playing "Duck, Duck, Splash" this week and making new friends.

## **VASSAR**

The Vassar girls loved the pillow jumper. They are SO EXCITED to bounce their way into week two!

## **SKIDMORE**

The girls learned their mermaid names this week!

## **WELLS**

The Wells girls were very brave going down the zip line.

## **BATES**

The Bates girls worked on their bow and arrow skills at archery.

## **BRYN MAWR**

The Bryn Mawr girls rocked the music stage this week with their lip syncing.

## **YALE**

The Yale boys are having a blast! Dodgeball, swimming and hockey are fan favorites this week. There's lots of good teamwork and sharing going on!

## **COLGATE**

Colgate loves the snare drums at music and especially loves the snake at nature!

## **PRINCETON/STANFORD**

In just four days, both the Princeton and Stanford boys have improved their baseball skills tremendously! They can now throw accurately, catch high-pops, run the bases quickly, and hit line drives off a T. They're ready for real baseball games starting next week!

## **HARVARD**

The boys have been getting along so well...playing together with no one ever sitting out.

## **BROWN**

The Brown boys are going for a camp record of 140 holes-in-one. So far, they have 19.

*Ed. Note: I think they may have a challenge brewing with the boys of Princeton!*

## **DARTMOUTH**

The boys loved taking aim at the targets with their bows and arrows in archery.

## **BARNARD**

ALL the Barnard girls earned their blue band in swimming. They also were able to play tennis on the big courts as it's their first year in senior camp.

## **RADCLIFFE**

This week Radcliffe showed some serious athletic abilities in constant games of dodgeball everyday and in their very impressive tennis skills where the queens of the court were constantly changing!! Each girl was a part of every sport and showed their true competitiveness, making the athlete inside of them really come out!

## **DOUGLASS**

Douglass kicked off the summer by all of the campers getting a blue band in the pool, mastering their dives off the diving board and playing a lot of tennis racket baseball!

## **JACKSON**

The Jackson girls have showed great enthusiasm in every activity and have blown their counselors away with their swimming skills and the speed at which they can throw a dodgeball!

## **COLUMBIA**

The Columbia boys have really enjoyed being active and athletic. The two activities that seem to generate the most excitement are baseball and tennis.

## **DUKE**

Everyone in Duke passed the big pool test at the same time and the campers are trying to teach assistant counselor Grant how to properly belly flop!

## **TULANE**

Our group has been spectacular at dodgeball this week! Each new team we've made has worked really well together and the kids have really improved at creating new types of games.

## **PENN**

The Penn boys were handily defeated 38-2 by their counselors in a game of basketball for the title, "Kings of Camp Nabby".



**GROUP SCOOP**