

NABBY NEWS



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NABBY SENDS OUR LOVE

LETTER FROM JOE & RITA

It's hard to believe we are just over 4 months away from the start of camp, and like all of our Nabby families - we can hardly wait! While Nabby looks magical covered in snow, the excitement for camp is unlike anything we have ever seen at this time of year. We have been hosting personal tours throughout the winter and are thrilled to welcome many new families to Nabby this summer. With enrollment continuing to grow and current group size limited (as it was last summer due to covid restrictions) many groups are full or will be at capacity soon.

Along with other camps in NY, we are awaiting word from the Westchester Department of Health, hoping we can increase group size to allow more children the opportunity to attend camp, where they can prosper, grow, and have fun. We will keep you advised of these developments as well as all covid-related protocols as we get closer to the start of camp.

In the meantime, we hope your families remain safe and healthy and your children look forward to spending time with their Nabby family this summer. Enjoy this edition of the Nabby News, with many features inspired by Valentines Day and our life-long love for camp.

Best,

Joe + Rita



A NABBY LOVE STORY



Joe Macchi and Elyse Blueglass were both Nabby counselors in the summer of 2014. Elyse was going into her senior year of college and Joe was working as a full time teacher. While they may have met at staff orientation or smiled at each other at various senior camp activities, they truly made a connection when they were paired together to captain the red team in one of Nabby's greatest traditions -- the Apache Relays. Though they ended up losing the relay, they most certainly won as a couple and five years later Joe & Elyse got engaged and will be married this September!

Nabby will always be "that special place" for Joe & Elyse. One of their most memorable engagement gifts from a Nabby friend features their married name along with the map coordinates of Camp Nabby. They made wonderful friendships with a number of counselors who remain their closest friends, and keep in close contact with Joe & Rita throughout the year.

It is only fitting that this past Halloween, when Joe & Elyse decided to get a dog, they wanted to choose a name that was truly meaningful to them. There was simply just one choice -- Nabby!

Nabby, an adorable Aussie Doodle, visited Nabby (the camp!) soon after he joined their family and immediately felt at home during his first visit!

Perhaps Nabby could sense, as Elyse recently said, that "it was the place we met and will always be special to us".

We look forward to many more visits with Joe, Elyse & Nabby and the next generation of Macchi's to come!

GET TO KNOW JUNIOR CAMP PROGRAM DIRECTOR MIKE VOGT



We are so proud of our entire Nabby staff and want to introduce you to many of the dedicated educators your children will meet while at camp. First up is Mike Vogt, our Program Director for Junior Camp. Mike has been a physical education teacher for 25 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to his role at Nabby.

TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR HISTORY AT NABBY AND WHAT YOUR ROLE INVOLVES?

This summer will be my fourth at Nabby. In addition to overseeing the Junior Camp, I'm involved in staff training, development and evaluation, ensure safety protocols are followed, attend Nabby open houses, and contribute various ideas to improve the camp program.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT WORKING AT NABBY?

The family atmosphere at Nabby is wonderful. I really enjoy working with our dedicated staff to ensure a special camp experience that all camps strive for, but is often difficult to accomplish.

YOUR TWO CHILDREN ARE NABBY CAMPERS - IT MUST BE FUN TO SEE THEM THROUGHOUT THE DAY! WHAT'S BEEN YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT AS A NABBY DAD?

My daughters didn't know any campers before they attended, but after the first day, they had the biggest smiles on their faces, developed friendships and on the short drive home, said, "this was the most fun they have ever had at camp."

ONE OF OUR FAVORITE DAYS AT CAMP IS SUPERHERO DAY. IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPER POWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

I would love to have the power of flying because I would never have to wait in traffic, go on vacation easier, and get to Nabby in a matter of seconds!

WE HEAR YOUR DOG BERNIE IS QUITE SPECIAL - CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT BERNIE AND HOW HE BECAME THE MASCOT AT YOUR SCHOOL?

Bernie is almost 5 years old, was born on Long Island, and is the typical English Bulldog who loves to sleep. His favorite foods are apples and peanut butter, but will drool everywhere if not given to him fast enough. As mascot for the Brookside School, Bernie participates in many school activities (picture day at school, last day of school, etc) and LOVES coming into school with me. There is not a day that goes by when a student asks, "When is Bernie coming in next?" So, the feeling is mutual.

NEW MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE

Many families have asked us for more Nabby gear and we are happy to offer a few special items for campers (and parents) who want to show their love for Nabby!

If you are interested in ordering any item(s), please send an email to info@campnabby.com with the item name and size. We will get back to you right away to secure payment and confirm shipping or pick up options. Look for more items to come and an online store as we get closer to camp!



NABBY SWEATSHIRT - \$40



NABBY LOVE SHIRT
Tee shirt - -\$18
Long sleeved tee - \$20



LOVE CAMP NABBY SHIRT
Tee shirt - -\$18
Long sleeved tee - \$20



NABBY SOCCER OR BASKETBALL
Tee shirt - -\$18
Long sleeved tee - \$20

FOR ALL PRODUCTS SIZES RANGE FROM YOUTH EXTRA SMALL TO ADULT EXTRA LARGE:

YXS: 4-5 / YS: 6-8 / YM: 8-10 / YL: 10-12 / YXL: 14-16

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT NABBY?

We asked some of our staff and families what makes Nabby so special and here's what they had to say!



MELISSA, NABBY PARENT

Seeing anything from Nabby makes me smile! It is so hard to name one thing that we love most. My kids have gone for several years now, it's like returning to family every summer. There is something for every kid there. I have seen such a boost of confidence in my kids every summer as they learn to do new things, activities. Ok, so it's a few things...I couldn't narrow it down to 1! We can't wait for summer 2021!

PAIGE, GYMNASTICS COUNSELOR FOR 7 YEARS

If I had to choose one favorite thing amongst all of my favorite things about Camp Nabby, I'd say it's the family feel. Once you're in the Camp Nabby family, you're in it for good. My coworkers have become some of my best friends, even my roommate. The friendships we form as coworkers come from the atmosphere that Joe and Rita create. The family feel extends to the campers as well. In my 7 summers at camp, I've had the chance to watch so many campers grow from Cubs up to senior camp. I love seeing how much they've grown each summer. It's the best when they come back on day one looking for you to tell you about their year. I wouldn't pick any other summer family to be a part of! Can't wait until June!

KRISTEN, NABBY PARENT

While my daughter has only spent one summer at Nabby so far, the attention to detail and care that each counselor and staff member puts forth is wonderful. As a new family we felt accepted and included right away and everyone we passed on our walk into the camp in the mornings knew my daughters name. It is a very welcoming place. The grounds are beautifully kept and the diverse activities and camp experiences can't be beat! My daughter always came home happy and excited about her day... we are all excited for the upcoming summer season!

SAM L, NABBY COUNSELOR FOR 6 YEARS

My favorite thing about Camp Nabby is that it is truly all about the kids! It's so great to be able to see the campers each summer and to see how much they have grown!

SHAUNA, NABBY PARENT

We love knowing that when we send our children to Camp Nabby that Joe & Rita, along with the rest of the staff, are caring for them the way they would their own children and one of our favorite memories will always be sweaty, tired, joyful children coming off that camp bus at the end of another great summer day!

DAVE, HEAD TENNIS COUNSELOR FOR 10 YEARS

Seeing our campers learn a new skill that they continue to perfect and will give them confidence. Having been at Nabby for many years, I love teaching tennis and then watching campers return every summer and improve upon those skills. I especially enjoy it when those campers are old enough to become counselors and I observe them passing on what they have learned to new campers.

SAM S, HEAD COUNSELOR FOR 10 YEARS

What do I love most about Nabby? I don't think I can pick just one thing. I love EVERYTHING! Playing games with campers, being able to be goofy and have fun on Spirit Days, making new friends!! Nabby is my favorite way to spend a summer!

DANA, NABBY COUNSELOR FOR 3 YEARS

I love that Camp Nabby makes everyone feel like family and gives us a place to look forward to going back to!

MADDIE, SWIM COUNSELOR FOR 10 YEARS

For me it's seeing our youngest campers with big smiles on their faces as they become comfortable in the water and learn to swim. I love teaching our new swimmers the skills they need to get their "blue band" and progress to swim in the big pool!





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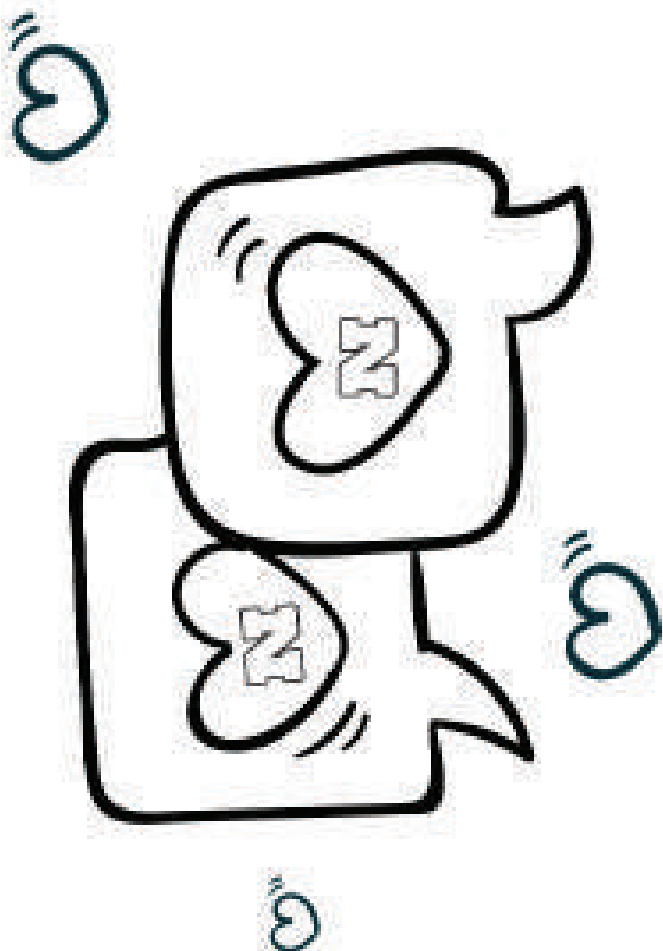
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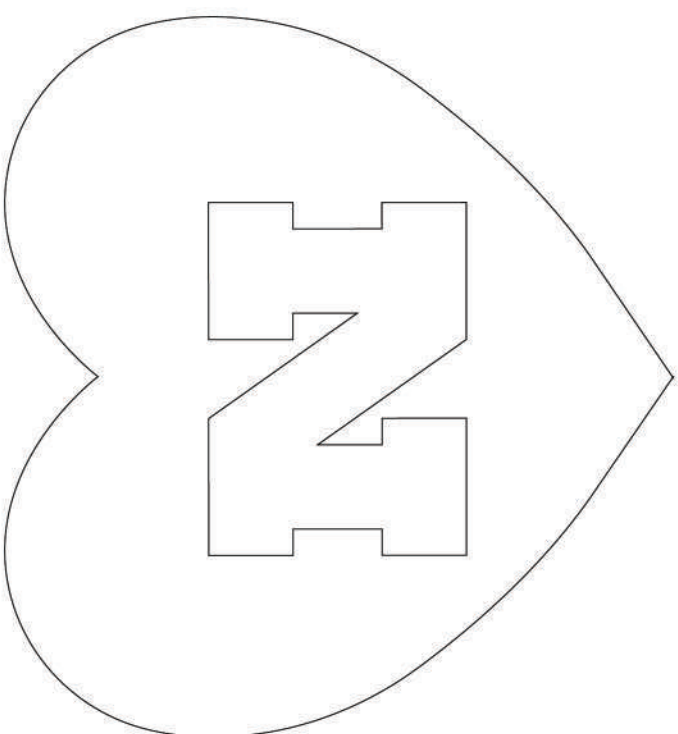
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