

NABBY NEWS



EARLY SUMMER EDITION - JUNE 2021

CAMP IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Dear Nabby Families,

We are getting closer and closer to opening day and are so excited to welcome our campers to Nabby! The months of May and June are very busy here at camp, as we prepare all our facilities, open our pools, finalize staffing and transportation and tend to all the little details that make summers at Nabby so memorable.

You should be receiving your Nabby Welcome Kit in the mail shortly with important details for the summer and we look forward to seeing many of you at camp in the coming weeks when you come to pick up your complimentary Nabby gear. We invite you to bring the family and walk the grounds to help familiarize your children.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy reading this issue of the Nabby News, our last edition before camp begins. Throughout the summer we send a weekly edition every Friday to keep you up to date and in the know about everything Nabby.

Stay well and please let us know if you have any questions as we countdown to Nabby!

Best,

Joe + Rita

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

👉 NABBY BAGS & SHIRT PICK UP

All campers get a Nabby backpack, shirt and towel for the summer. Please plan to stop by during the month of June to pick up your gear and say hello!

You can pick up on any Saturday or Sunday in June (except June 12) from 10 am to 2 pm or by appointment during the week. If your child hasn't had the chance to see the camp, it's a great opportunity to take a walk and explore the grounds.

👉 DIGITAL HEALTH SCREENING WITH 📱 FeverFree

New this summer, we will be using the Fever Free App to track daily health screening (no more paper forms!).

You will be receiving an email from us in the next few weeks, with instructions to download the app and guidelines for daily submissions. We thank everyone in advance for your participation.

COOKING UP WHAT'S GOOD IN THE NABBY KITCHEN!

We are thrilled to be introducing a baking & cooking program at Nabby this summer under the guidance of Renee Falk, owner of Lily Berries Bake Shop in Yorktown. Renee began her business in 2019, deciding to live out her lifelong passion for baking after a 22-year corporate career.

Starting at an early age in her mom's kitchen, Renee learned the secret ingredient that separates a good dessert from a great dessert -- which is love! That spirit and family tradition guides Renee and her Lily Berries menu featuring seasonal and artisanal desserts - all delivered directly to your home.



At Nabby, Renee will be teaching two afternoon interest period classes for our senior campers and will be building lesson plans and recipes featuring both sweet and savory dishes. "I will be teaching campers fun and delicious recipes to cultivate their love of cooking!"

Her two children Lyla and Jack (whose nicknames inspired the name "Lily Berries") will also be attending Nabby this summer with their mom -- making the summer extra sweet for the whole family.

"Food is a common language and I am excited to introduce Nabby campers to something new that perhaps they haven't tried before". And we are so excited to have Renee join our team this summer!





INTRODUCING PENNANT PRIDE AT NABBY!

Nabby is unique for many reasons - and one of the many things that sets our camp apart are our group names. Many camps choose children's ages, colors or perhaps elements in nature. When Nabby first opened 81 years ago, all the groups were named after Native Americans. The Bertino family has a long tradition of teaching and when Frank Bertino purchased the camp in 1970, he wanted the group names at Nabby to reflect the theme of education and higher learning. That's how Yale, Skidmore, Duke and Cornell were born, just to name a few!

What better symbol of a university and the spirit that surrounds their club and sports programs than a classic pennant? This summer not only will you see the Nabby "N" pennant throughout camp and on all your Nabby gear, but each group will have their own custom pennant to reinforce that special pride within their bunk.

You'll see these signs, banners and pennants throughout camp and we hope all our campers feel the Nabby spirit!



"RANGER RICK" CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT NABBY

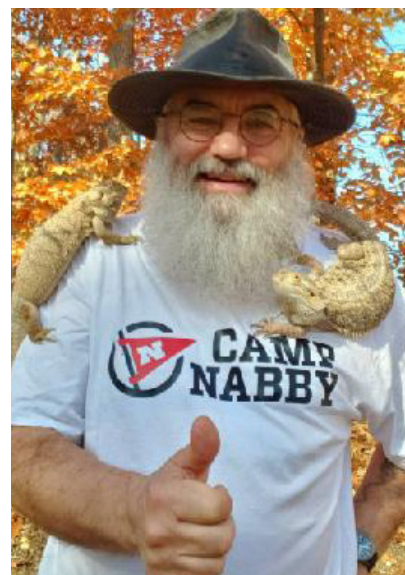
There are many activities and people that make summer at Nabby truly special, but one has remained constant for 25 years - the Nabby Nature program led by Rick Lee. Affectionately known throughout camp as "Ranger Rick", Lee began working at Nabby in 1992 and after taking a few years off in those early years, is about to celebrate an amazing 25 years at Nabby this summer!

Nature study at Nabby is one of our most popular activities, with campers of all ages excited to explore our nature trail and learn more about the animals and reptiles in our nature center. Ranger Rick built the Nabby Nature Trail in 1999 with the help of his two sons. He discovered an old marked trail in the woods with a natural stream and had a vision to develop an outdoor classroom for our campers. Today, the walking loop trail allows campers to enjoy raspberry harvesting and insect safaris; features a bridge, a campsite for gathering around a firepit and making s'mores, as well as a muddy stream that the kids love most of all. Rick will tell you that once a camper takes their sneakers and socks off and walks in the mud, everything outdoors becomes less intimidating and the fun truly begins.

Not only is the trail one of Rick's legacies, but so is the animal program that offers our campers hands on learning. When Rick first started at Nabby, Camp Owner and Director Frank Bertino was incredibly impressed with his knowledge and passion for animals and wildlife. One of Rick's first reptiles he introduced to Nabby is still with us today. "Flo" is a box turtle named after Frank's wife and mother of Joe, Maddie, Gemma and Jeanie and is 50 years young! In addition to Flo, Rick has added a variety of animals and reptiles every year to expand our Nabby family of turtles, rabbits, snakes, chickens and lizards, amongst other furry and scaly creatures.

It's heartwarming to see the joy in Rick's face when he speaks of Nabby and how much he loves being here after all these years. "I love the various activities the camp offers (not just nature), the people I work with and the sweet environment that is Nabby". As much as he has given to camp, camp has also given back to Ranger Rick. "If I can teach a child to love the natural world and commit themselves to protecting it... I have had a successful life".

He is leading a successful life, indeed.



NEW NABBY GEAR - SAME NABBY SPIRIT!

Show your Nabby pride with all new Nabby gear this summer! If you like what you see, simply go to campnabby.com/parents/merchandise to place your order online.

All merchandise will be delivered to camp in June and ready for pick-up. We will be rolling out a variety of new designs throughout the summer, so look for more Nabby styles coming your way!

