

NABBY NEWS



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NABBY GIVES THANKS

LETTER FROM JOE & RITA

Dear Nabby Family,

As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday, we hope everyone is healthy and able to enjoy quality time with friends and families. Here at Nabby, we have had an extremely busy fall - hiring staff, hosting tours, and working on facility maintenance and enhancements to prepare camp for the summer. Camp enrollment is higher than it has ever been at this time of year. Some of our groups are already full and many will be in the weeks ahead. All of our families (both new and returning) are super excited about the upcoming summer. While the past two summers have had their challenges for all of us, they have also served as a powerful reminder of the benefits of camp and Nabby as a much needed place where children can prosper, grow, and have fun.

As we reflect and give thanks during this time of year, we are humbly grateful that so many families have once again put their faith in us and have enrolled for Summer 2022. We believe it will be a truly wonderful summer at Nabby.

From our entire family and leadership team, we wish you all a very healthy and happy Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Best,

Joe + Rita



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION WAS A TREAT!

Ninjas, Superheroes, Princesses, Disney Characters and colorful unicorns all returned to Nabby for our treat-filled Halloween Celebration in late October! Over 200 Junior Camp families joined the fun throughout the afternoon, along with about 30 members of our Nabby staff. Each camper received a trick or treating bag and scavenger hunt clue sheet to guide them throughout camp for Halloween themed games and treats. Joe & Rita made the perfect pair - Minnie and Mickey Mouse - as they greeted everyone for a magical day of trick or treating throughout camp. Highlights along the way included Tulane counselor "Eric the Cowboy" along with his horse, specially made "ghost" lollipops at our Tree House, Ranger Rick dressed as a Wizard, our Nabby pumpkin patch and amazing face painting by our Smith Head Counselor, Aimee. It was wonderful to see our campers reunited with friends as well as many of their counselors, with many happy hugs exchanged throughout the day. We especially enjoyed seeing our costumed Nabby families together at camp and loved capturing some memorable family portraits.

We hope everyone enjoyed the festive afternoon at Nabby and we look forward to hosting more events like this together!



MEET OUR NABBY ALL-STAR - AIMEE FREUNDLICH

Aimee Freundlich has earned Nabby “Hall of Fame” status as a proud Nabby alum, current Nabby parent and Nabby Group Head Counselor in our Junior Camp. Did we also mention she is a dedicated teacher and talented artist, who runs her own face painting business?

It all began for Aimee at Nabby when she was 10 years old. Aimee started as a camper in Barnard and remained throughout Senior Camp, on her way to becoming a CIT (Counselor in Training). Along with her younger brother who also came to Nabby, she remembers loving all the camp activities and has fond memories of her summers spent here.

Perhaps her years at Nabby inspired Aimee to become a Kindergarten teacher, which she has been doing for the past 8 years at PS 41 in the Bronx. A few years ago, when her son Cameron was old enough to start camp, Aimee knew just the right place and enrolled him right away. After having returned to Nabby as a parent, Aimee began to wonder what it would be like to work at the camp she was so fond of as a child. Fast forward to this past summer, when Aimee joined our staff and became the head counselor of our kindergarten girls group, Smith. As Aimee recalls, it was tremendously rewarding and fulfilling for her and her staff - Skyler, Annalisa and Emma.

“I found great joy coming to camp every day and our staff was so happy to provide a comfortable and positive experience for our campers. It was also so special to share Nabby with my son and see first-hand how much fun he was also having”.

Aimee loves the personal connections she has made at camp and is always excited to see campers throughout the year, in and around town. Aimee got to see many of her Smith girls (and all her assistant counselors) at Nabby’s recent Halloween Celebration where she hosted a face-painting booth. Aimee majored in art in college and began her own face-painting business a few years ago. She works mostly at birthday parties and local events, and really wowed all of us with her artistry. As a face painter, just like her role at Nabby, Aimee loves to bring joy to children and make their experience the very best it can be!

We love having Aimee and Cameron here with us at Nabby and we know that Aimee feels the same. “I didn’t realize how much I would enjoy working at Nabby. I feel so at home here and my son and I always talk about how we miss it and we want to keep coming back.”



Aimee and her Smith girls this past summer



Aimee as a CIT (bottom row, second from left)



Aimee with her son Cameron



Beautiful face painting by Aimee

#CAMPTSHIRTDAY

We think every day is the perfect day to wear your Nabby gear, and joined the rest of the international camp community on November 9th for #camptshirtday. On this annual social media “holiday”, we encouraged our Nabby family to join the fun and show their camp pride.

We were thrilled to see so many families, counselors and alumni wear their Nabby gear and share their photos with us, so we could celebrate together! [#ThankYou](#)

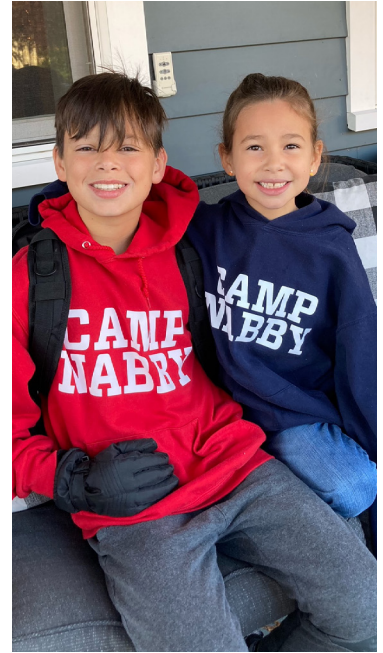


SHOW YOUR NABBY STYLE YEAR-ROUND

If you are looking for holiday gift ideas, how about some Nabby merchandise? We have a variety of tee shirts, hooded sweatshirts, a baseball cap and new ¾ sleeve tee available in youth (and some adult) sizes.

Check out “[Gear](#)” in the Parents section on [CampNabby.com](#) and place your orders online. We will then contact you to arrange pick up or in some cases, we can drop off at your home.

Many of our campers are already enjoying their year-round Nabby gear as seen in the photos below!



REMINDER: Stay in touch with Nabby on
 Instagram and Facebook @campnabby

NABBY FUN FACTS

With so many new families enrolling in Nabby, we wanted to share some fun facts about camp to help you get to know us better! Returning families, test your Nabby knowledge....did you know the following?



CAMP NABBY HAS A UNIQUE AND SPECIAL NAME.

We are named after our original owner Abraham Nabatoff (nicknamed "Nabby") and honored to have our address (1 Nabby Hill) also celebrate "Nabby".



SCOOTER IS THE NAME OF OUR CAMP MASCOT.

You may see pictures of a cute, little red deer in some of our camp materials. "Scooter" was named years ago from a poll of our campers and has had a special place in our hearts ever since.

Why a deer? Throughout the years, we have seen generations of deer prance around Nabby and we know they love Nabby as we much as we do!



ALL NABBY GROUPS ARE NAMED AFTER COLLEGES.

Frank Bertino (patriarch of the Bertino Family who bought the camp in 1970, and still own and operate the camp today) was an Athletic Director, coach and teacher at Riverdale Country School in the Bronx. He believed in the importance of education and the scholar-athlete and wanted to highlight those values at camp by renaming all our groups after places of higher learning.

You will see group pennants and banners throughout camp, in addition to the outside of each bunk, as a way to celebrate our group names.



OUR DINING HALL IS AFFECTIONATELY CALLED "THE CASINO" AND IS A YORKTOWN HISTORIC BUILDING

Our charming Dining Hall is an original camp building, dating back to 1940, and celebrated by the town of Yorktown with an "Historic Building" designation in 2018. We often refer to it as the "Casino" from its origins as the gathering place for local families who spent their summers in the "Mohegan Gardens" neighborhood.