

NABBY NEWS



WEEK 8 AUGUST 14TH - AUGUST 17TH

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

DEAR NABBY FAMILIES,

The end of camp is always bittersweet for all of us. Nabby, the place, is just not the same without all of the people (our campers, staff, families) that make it so meaningful.

We are especially proud of all our campers and all that they accomplished this summer, and will miss their smiles, laughter and enthusiasm. Our staff was also outstanding and we are incredibly thankful for all that they do to keep our campers safe and happy.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about camp and viewing our photo galleries that connect you to the joy that happens at Nabby each day. We plan to stay in touch with all of you throughout the year (look for information about our Halloween Celebration in the weeks ahead!) and hope to see you all back at Nabby in 2024.

From our family to yours, we wish you a wonderful school year! Thanks as always for your trust in us,

The Bertino Family



2023 NABBY BY THE NUMBERS

With so much happening at Nabby every summer, we thought we would share some interesting and crazy stats!

- 250,000 - Gallons of water in the big pool
- 50,000 - Tennis balls tossed to campers
- 21,279 - Photos posted on the mobile app
- 9,600 - Somersaults in gymnastics
- 5,250 - Hamburgers & hotdogs barbecued
- 2,197 - Lanyards handed out in arts & crafts
- 1,292 - Garbage bags used
- 1,100 - Band-aids applied
- 892 - Pizza pies ordered for Pizza Fridays
- 450 - Trophies collected at the top of the Rock Wall
- 255 - Beads picked up on the Art Shack floor
- 100 - Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches in Nature
- 76 - Holes-in-one by the Princeton Group
- 63 - Times the "Hello Song" was sung in Music
- 44 - Weeks until we start Camp Nabby in 2024!
- 27 - Counselors brave enough to participate in our Belly Flop Contest
- 12 - Campers named Max
- 10 - Turtles in Nature
- 7 - Instruments played by Music Mike
- 5 - Campers named Penelope
- 1 - New pool record (Matt Battaglia - 12 yrs old boys freestyle)



SUMMER 2024 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!!

Camp Dates: Thursday, June 27th through Thursday, August 22nd
No Camp Thursday, July 4th & Friday, July 5th

Enroll before October 1st to secure your spot & enjoy savings off tuition!

We can't imagine Nabby without you! Register online through the parent portal or visit campnabby.com for more information.

SUMMER IMAGES TO CHERISH

We love to tell stories about camp and share the special moments and people that make Nabby such a special place. We were incredibly fortunate this summer to have a talented photographer Allison and photographer/videographer Camila, that made this all possible with their memorable images each and every day!

Both women are locally based photographers who specialize in family photography.

Allison started her professional photography career about 10 years ago and has turned something she loves into something she gets to do for a living! Allison now has her own studio in Peekskill and particularly enjoys taking pictures of families and especially children. This is what has made her Nabby experience so meaningful. "Getting to know the campers has been an absolute joy and the counselors and staff are all so great to work with - they are a joy to be around every day!"

Allison has two children in camp and has also loved to see them grow, learn and enjoy all the fun Nabby has to offer. Allison noted, "I hope the families and children get to see through our pictures how much fun they are having each day - how much they are enjoying themselves".

Allison was joined by her friend and colleague Camila in the second half of the summer. Both live in Montrose and have had the good fortune to work together previously. Like Allison, Camila also had two children in camp and runs her own business called Living Notes Photography which focuses on family lifestyle photography.



Allison (left) and Camila captured our summer with a smile

"Camp Nabby was so much fun for both myself and my kids. The energy, the warm and inviting place, THE PEOPLE... it was all amazing. It was an honor to freeze time for each camper, counselor and staff and keep these memories alive for them for generations to come".

Camila adds, "Capturing the bond that's created and the camaraderie, the fun, the little quirks and personality is the best part of this job".

Not only talented, but prolific, our photographers posted over 500 photos of junior and senior campers combined each and every day! Camila also produced videos that can be found in our mobile app, on our Camp Nabby Youtube channel and on our social feeds. Both women approached each day with tremendous enthusiasm and had so much fun getting to know our staff and campers, which certainly is reflective in their work. We thank them for capturing and sharing a wonderful summer together!



EPIC FINALE...COLOR WAR!

The Nabby EPIC events for Senior Camp ended this week with a multi-sport, exciting Color War! The entire Senior Camp was divided into Red and White teams and each team was captained by three counselors. Red captains were Mark from Tulane, Jake from Columbia and Sam from Jackson. White was captained by Luke from Penn, Jack from Duke and Christina from Radcliffe. The two day event was separated by a day due to a rainy Tuesday, but the campers spirits weren't dampened as they always look forward to this summer ending competition. A variety of sports were featured including handball, archery, gaga, tennis, tennis racquet baseball, kickball, basketball, water polo, soccer, mini golf and touch football.

The Red team took the lead on the first day, highlighted by their victories in both exciting water polo events to end the day. The second day, however, saw a turn of events as the White team was able to capture very close wins in every sport except for one. The final event of the competition, the water polo game featuring the Penn and Jackson campers, sealed their overall victory with an 11 to 6 score.

The campers showed exemplary teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the competition and ended their summer with many treasured memories.



SEEN AROUND CAMP....



Nabby staff honored the memory of our late owner, director and beloved dad, Frank Bertino, in the annual Frank J Bertino Memorial Softball Game. After Joe addressed the counselors about his father's legacy, our counselors played a fun-filled game with the Senior Camp staff edging out the Junior Camp by the score of 21-20! Frank would have been proud!



Nabby 5-year staff were celebrated with commemorative t-shirts in a special presentation on the Nabby stage. Honorees included from left to right: Ryan, Claire, Sam B, Greg, Sydnee & Emma! Thank you for being part of our team!



We gathered the "graduating" 8th grade campers from our oldest groups Penn & Jackson, for a special photo in front of their bunks. Most of these campers have been at Nabby for many years and we have loved watching them grow up here!



Not only did we see Nabby gear worn on Spirit Day, but we also marveled at Sam with his Nabby pennant design haircut and Elianna with her face painted!



Our final day at camp was filled with laughs, hugs and sharing thanks

JUNIOR GIANT SCAVENGER HUNT

The last of four Junior Giant events, the Scavenger Hunt, took place on Wednesday to the delight of our four groups entering 3rd grade - Bates, Bryn Mawr, Dartmouth and Williams.

The groups participated in a scavenger hunt with clever clues that led the campers to different locations across camp where they had to then collect items. Points were awarded for finishing time and collecting items. Groups worked together to figure out clues such as "Get to the top if you want the prize, or maybe the low course is more your size!"

Dartmouth was the first team to finish and ultimately won the scavenger hunt with the most points. All the groups celebrated with cheers and watermelon of course!



LIP SYNC CHAMPION CROWNED!

The finals of the Nabby Lip Sync Contest definitely lived up to the campers' expectations!

Vinny, from Columbia, assisted by two camper back up dancers, came out in a shaggy black wig and rocked "Gangnam Style" by PSY. The audience was caught up in their tremendous dance moves and were delighted when Vinny tossed his wig into the crowd!

Sammy, from Douglass, followed with a hilarious routine consisting of 10 mash-up songs, numerous costume changes and a large supporting cast of counselors. The Lip Sync songs ranged from "Let's Get Loud" by JLo to "New York, New York" by Sinatra. We saw tutus, confetti, Jake in a dress, Obi in a tie (!) and a rousing dance party finale.

After the camper vote...Nabby's 2023 Lip Sync winner was Sammy!!! Sammy was thrilled with her award and gushed, "my proudest moment at Camp Nabby" Great job Sammy!



LET'S HEAR MORE ABOUT MUSIC!

Mike Soprano led our music program for his second summer at Nabby. He was joined by his enthusiastic assistant, Caitlin. Here is what Mike had to say about music at Nabby!

What were some favorite activities for campers this summer?

The campers' favorite activities included playing percussion instruments (Boom Whackers, djembes, and rhythm sticks), learning about the families of instruments, and playing freeze dance. But if you asked which activity was their favorite, I believe you would hear a resounding, "Four Corners!"

What were our Campers' Favorite songs this summer?

This summer's favorite songs included "Peaches" from the Super Mario Brothers movie, "Party In The USA," and any song by Taylor Swift. However, no music class could begin without the "Hello Song!"

Tell us more about Senior Camp Interest...

The music interest period was a time that the campers could show off their talents and choose whatever they wanted to learn about music. Their favorite choice was to lip sync to their favorite songs. There were costumes, group dances, and audience participation. We have so much talent amongst our campers!

What do you wish for the campers after experiencing music at Nabby?

My goal for every music class is to combine music education with fun! Whether it's rhythm, dynamics, melody, or performance practice, there is a music lesson in every activity that the campers take part in. My hope is that each camper returns to school with a greater love and appreciation for music.

My favorite part of teaching music at Camp Nabby is to see the enthusiasm in every camper's face when they come to the stage!



**PUPS**

When we were asked what we had the most fun doing this week, we shouted everything! Ending camp with Jester Jim is always so much fun. He makes us laugh and does amazing tricks. We made so many special memories at camp this summer!

**CUBS**

Who would have thought that the Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches in Nature could race each other? Sometimes they moved quickly and sometimes they slowed up a bit, but no matter what, we had fun cheering them all on! We also cheered and supported our friends in Cubs all summer.

**SMITH**

Playing Four Corners in music was so much fun. When the music played we moved from one corner to the other and when the music stopped we had to freeze. We also enjoyed singing and learning new songs. We are so excited about going to Kindergarten!

**VASSAR**

Morning entertainment kept us cheering all summer and we really loved the Lip Sync Battle. Both counselors did a great job and it was so hard to pick one winner. Jester Jim was so much fun. What a great way to end camp!

**CORNELL**

We walked and played in the mud in Nature for the very first time. We wished we could have stayed there all day. This was just one of the many memories we made this summer!

**WELLS**

To end the camp season we decided to have a dance party - which was so fun! We also played a dodgeball game featuring the counselors vs. the campers and we played against Harvard. It was fun playing against the boys. Our group was so special - we will miss everyone at Nabby!

**AMHERST**

We became really good at playing baseball. It was a lot of fun and challenging at the same time. We enjoyed playing tennis and volleying the ball back and forth over the net. We played with the other second grade group, Skidmore, and we made new friends. What a great summer we all had!

**SKIDMORE**

We had a memorable summer at camp and made many new friends. We will miss Scooter and all our Nabby friends!

**BATES**

We liked so many activities this week but our absolute favorite was the Scavenger Hunt. We had to run all over camp and find clues on index cards. We were challenged to come up with the answers to the clues and that was lots of fun. We will miss all of our camp friends this school year!

**BRYN MAWR**

The Scavenger Hunt was a huge success in our group. Some of our favorite activities we had to do included eating mystery food in the kitchen and trying forward rolls in Gymnastics. Thanks for a great summer Bryn Mawr BFF's!

**YALE**

We enjoyed playing wiffle ball! Riding the trikes and jumping on the pillow jumper was a lot of fun. We played against Vassar in dodgeball and we had a competitive match.

**COLGATE**

Feeding the lizards in Nature was scary for some of us, but really cool for the rest of us. We enjoyed playing hockey and learning how to play as a team. We can honestly say that we improved in all our skills this summer.

**PRINCETON**

We learned two new activities this week. We learned how to play lacrosse and we learned how to play balloon volleyball. In our home run competition we scored 65 runs. We are so proud of ourselves. We also had 70 holes in one in miniature golf.

**STANFORD**

We made new friendships, we learned how to appreciate differences and we learned a lot of sports skills.

**BROWN**

We learned a new game in Nature called "Deer and Cougar". In gymnastics we climbed the rope for the first time. We were so excited that we were able to do this!

**HARVARD**

On the basketball court we played a new game called "Ships and Sailors" with our neighbors from Brown. We had to respond to different commands and we really enjoyed playing together.

**DARTMOUTH**

This week we just loved the pillow jumper. We jumped from color to color. The Junior Scavenger Hunt was also lots of fun. We had to run here and there, following clues and finding special items.

**WILLIAMS**

We had the summer of our lives! We made new friends, we met old friends, we learned new skills and new sports. We cannot wait to return next summer and make new memories together!

**BARNARD**

We had so much fun playing floor hockey with Joe this week. He taught us new skills and was a great coach. We had a fun-filled summer - thank you Nabby!

**RADCLIFFE**

All of the senior girl camp groups had a dodgeball tournament. We were competitive and showed good sportsmanship. We had a wonderful summer and are going to miss each other so much!

**DOUGLASS**

We hosted a "paper plates" award ceremony to honor our campers. Most of the awards were funny. One award was for the camper who was likely to be in a body cast because she had so many minor injuries. Another award was for who was likely to put a hole in the dodgeball wall for throwing the ball so hard!

**JACKSON**

We were so excited to participate in Color War. We even had the opportunity to play water polo which was something new and exciting. Congrats to all our girls for a great competition!

**COLUMBIA**

We had a terrific week. We loved watching the Lip Sync Finals and cheering on both contestants. Color War was also a lot of fun - we have so much fun during the Epics!

**DUKE**

We learned how to play "blitzball". Blitzball is like wiffleball but the ball curves more and the ball goes faster.

**TULANE**

We started off in last place in Color War and we never gave up and we came in first place. Go Tulane!

**PENN**

Color War ruled the week! We enjoyed playing basketball and football the most. Waterpolo was the sport that we all enjoyed. Great job Penn boys in all the competitions!!