

# NABBY NEWS



WEEK 8 AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>

## THANK YOU FOR A MEMORABLE SUMMER!

### DEAR NABBY FAMILIES,

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

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

We hope you enjoyed reading about camp and viewing our photo & video galleries, which connected you to the joy that happens at Nabby each day. We plan to stay in touch with you throughout the year (look for information about our Halloween Celebration in the weeks ahead!) and hope to see you all back for Summer 2025.

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

- The Bertino Family

### NABBY SPIRIT ON OUR LAST DAY!

It was wonderful to see so many Nabby t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats on our last day of camp! Many campers and even staff had their clothing autographed by their friends to remember a memorable summer.



## ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR SUMMER 2025

Camp Dates:  
Monday, June 30 through Thursday, August 21st  
No Camp Friday, July 4

We hope you join us for Nabby's 85th summer! Enroll before October 1st for Early Enrollment Savings!

## LETTERS FROM GRADUATING CAMPERS - JASON AND ELLA

We asked two of our graduating Nabby campers, Jason and Ella, to share their thoughts about Nabby. Here's what they had to say!



The Penn group's graduating campers and their counselors



Jason and his sister Sam (Jackson Counselor) celebrate the Apache Relay

Nabby was such a great experience. I have been a camper for 10 years and I have loved it all! My favorite memories have been meeting so many new friends. I have met so many people that I still stay in touch with and will miss being a camper a lot. Thank you Camp Nabby!

-Jason



The Jackson group's graduating campers and their counselors

Camp Nabby is the most surreal place in the world. Campers from all over come for the time of their lives. The memories I have here are the greatest.

The excellent staff and campers make this place extraordinary. I have been here at Nabby for four summers. It is always the highlight of my year. I am just finishing up my second year of Jackson and I plan on returning as an LIT next year to make sure my campers have the same wonderful experience.



Ella (left) with her friend Sophia

For the entire year, I look forward to coming back to this fantasy place known as Camp Nabby. I always, always have the best time here and Nabby will forever be such a special place to me. I love it so much here, and I'm so grateful for the opportunities that Nabby has given me. I already can't wait for next summer!

-Ella

## A SUMMER SEND-OFF TO REMEMBER!

We ended our summer the way we began every morning - together! In a summer send-off show highlighting performances from counselors and campers (and Scooter!) we cheered, we laughed, we sang, we danced and had the time of our life! A special thank you to all our campers who dazzled us with their gymnastics skills, dance moves and singing voices - as well as our lip sync all-stars who brought us all to our feet with their rousing encore performances!



## LIP SYNC WINNER CROWNED!!

The summer long Counselor Lip Sync Competition came to an exciting end this week on the famed Nabby stage.

The two finalists, Luke from Penn and Bobby from Aerial Adventure, both performed Lip Syncs on Tuesday that were truly epic!

Luke took the stage first with a mashup of songs that that crossed many genres. His energetic "YMCA" was a definite crowd pleaser and had the audience singing along with the iconic arm movements. Luke's closing song was "See You Again" by Charlie Puth and was a sentimental tribute to his years at Nabby. Counselors that have been at Nabby with Luke since they were Cubs appeared on stage and current campers held up photos of them when they were young. It was definitely a moving moment.

Bobby then took the stage and also performed a mashup of different genre songs. His "Cranked That" by Soldier Boy included the girls from Jackson with some pretty swift, coordinated dance moves! His final song, "Party Rock Anthem" was a total show stopper with a campers filling the stage and tossing out beach balls to the delight of the audience.

The final camper vote was tallied on Thursday and the 2024 Lip Sync winner was Luke from Penn! Quite a week for lifelong camper/counselor Luke as he also captained the winning Color War team!



## THE AMAZING AERIAL ADVENTURE!

When you ask our campers what they like best about aerial adventure, they will tell you how much they love each and every activity! From the high ropes course for senior campers, to the thrilling zipline, challenging rock walls and tree climb to the ever popular treehouse and obstacle course, our aerial adventure program has something for every camper! The program is led by the one and only, Bobby, a camper favorite! The rest of the wonderful team, includes veterans Jack M and Robbie and newcomers TJ, Bobby, Jack G and Christiana.

Collectively they ensure safety, fun and of course adventure, each and every day! They nurture and support campers who need encouragement and always bring a smile to our campers faces. The staff truly enjoys seeing campers challenge themselves and do things they thought they could never do!



TJ, Christiana, Jack G, Bobby, Robbie, Jack M and Head counselor Bobby



## SENIOR CAMP COLOR WAR

Last week may have given us cool temperatures, but the Senior Camp heated up the Nabby campus with the year ending Color War. The two day event had the entire Senior Camp divided into Red and White teams with the campers competing in almost every sport offered at Nabby. Baseball, kickball, archery, tennis, dodgeball, team handball and soccer were among the many events that earned valuable team points towards the coveted Color War trophy.

At the end of the first day, the Red team, captained by Marc from Tulane, Jake from Columbia and Sammy from Jackson had a 1500-1300 point lead over the White team, led by Luke from Penn, Sammy from Douglass and Emma from Barnard.

Starting the second day behind in points, Layton from Penn, thought his White team “went into the day feeling great and definitely had a good chance to win”. At the conclusion of the morning events, the two teams ended up in a tie with the final water polo match to decide the Color War champions.

Excitement built as both teams gathered around the large pool, awaiting the tie breaking game. After a close start, the White team, behind the play of Ariana from Jackson, and Billy, Michael and Jacob from Penn, took a commanding lead.

Luna, from Jackson, said “water polo was challenging for a lot of people and the treading was definitely a lot of work on the legs, but it was also really fun because we got to pass the ball back and forth and use a lot of teamwork”. The White team ended up victorious in the water polo match with an 9-1 win and therefore, won the Color War championship to the cheers of the White team campers!



Color War captains from left to right Emma, Luke and Sammy



## NATURE AT NABBY: EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Nature at Nabby is one of our most popular activities, offering a variety of special experiences for campers of all ages. This summer marks the 28th year (wow!) the program has been led by Rick Lee, affectionately known throughout camp as “Ranger Rick.” Rick is joined by an experienced and enthusiastic staff led by Cristina, a seasoned nature teacher herself, along with LITs Sophia and Jason.

The nature program is based in two central locations: the Nature Center, featuring our own animals and reptiles, and the Nature Trail, where campers can explore the natural world. In our enclosure at the Nature Center, campers can sit alongside rabbits, turtles, guinea pigs, chickens, and lizards, allowing them to see how these animals and reptiles behave and communicate. The variety of animals and reptiles at Nabby are all beloved, and this summer, we have even more to love! Cocoa the bunny was brought to us by Smith Counselor Aimee, who rescued the soft brown bunny, and we welcomed many chicks at the start of summer to greet our campers. Rick and his staff have themed weeks throughout the summer, highlighting mammals, reptiles, and turtles, just to name a few. During these themed weeks, campers meet the Nabby representative animals and reptiles and often play educational games like Predator & Prey and Bat & Moth to learn how these various animals have developed.

In addition to interacting with animals and reptiles, our campers truly enjoy heading to the Nature Trail. On the shaded trail, our staff leads animal tracking, campfires, and walks through a shallow, muddy stream. While animal tracking, campers love (and have been quite successful) spotting and catching frogs, newts, and snails. Senior campers particularly enjoy taking longer hikes and making new discoveries along the way.

With so many years spent at Nabby, what does Rick hope to share and pass on to our campers? “My goal is to develop and inspire a genuine respect for the natural world. If our campers learn to enjoy and understand more about the environment, they will do their best to protect it.”

We believe that connecting with nature is essential for every child’s growth and development and are thankful to have our nature team lead the way in fostering a love for the outdoors!



Ranger Rick with Cristina (left) and Sophia (right).

