

NABBY NEWS



WEEK 8 AUGUST 18TH - AUGUST 22ND

AN EPIC SUMMER AT NABBY!

DEAR NABBY FAMILIES,

The end of camp is always bittersweet for all of us. This summer was truly remarkable - filled with growth, accomplishments, and the kind of joyful moments that only happen here. We are so proud of our campers for everything they achieved and will dearly miss their smiles, laughter, and endless enthusiasm that brought camp to life each day.

While the summer has come to a close, the Nabby spirit carries on. We'll be in touch throughout the year (*be on the lookout for details about our Halloween Celebration soon!*) and are already looking forward to welcoming our campers back for another unforgettable season in 2026.

From our family to yours, we wish you a wonderful school year ahead. Thank you, as always, for your trust in us—it's a privilege to share these summers with your children.

With warmest regards,

Your Nabby Team



!!2026 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!!



Exclusive window for Nabby Families. Enroll by Sept 12 to lock-in your spot and save!

We are already counting down and preparing for next summer... Camp Dates: Monday, June 29th through Thursday, August 20th
We hope to see you then!

A SUMMER SEND-OFF TO REMEMBER!

We closed out the summer just the way we began every morning at Nabby - together, with laughter, energy, and plenty of camp spirit!

Our Summer Send-Off Show had it all: hilarious counselor skits, camper & counselor game shows, a lip sync all-star medley, Scooter sharing his favorite summer moments, and a moving graduation ceremony for our oldest campers with our youngest Cubs & Pups by their side. From start to finish, we laughed, sang, danced, and celebrated the unforgettable summer we shared.

Scooter's highlight reel brought cheers from the crowd (he was especially proud of earning his green band!), and then our lifeguards stole the spotlight with their unforgettable "synchronized swim team." Marching out to Olympic music in Nabby swim gear and brightly colored bathing caps, they wowed the audience with their water ballet. The act ended perfectly when two familiar phrases rang out - "Buddy Check!" and "Towel Time!" bringing every camper right back to their favorite pool memories.

The afternoon also featured entertaining games (Speak Out), game shows (Nabby Feud), entertainment (a Lip Sync All-Star medley) and our very first camper graduation ceremony! Head Counselors Dani (Jackson) and Luke (Penn) shared heartfelt words about each graduate, while our Cubs & Pups delivered diplomas with a sweet "congratulations." It was a meaningful milestone and one we hope will become a treasured Nabby tradition for years to come.

As the show drew to a close, the entire camp community joined voices for the Camp Nabby song - a tradition that perfectly wrapped up a summer filled with laughter, learning, and lasting connections.

It truly was a send-off to remember, and one more reminder of why Nabby summers stay with us forever.



A SUMMER SEND-OFF TO REMEMBER... continued



A special thank you to all our campers who joined our counselors on stage for game shows, lip sync performances and graduation ceremonies and the Amherst group for leading the Nabby song as our finale!

A THRILLING FINISH TO NABBY'S COLOR WAR EPICS

The 2025 Color War Epics wrapped up this week with two days of spirited competition and teamwork across camp. After a strong start, Team Red captured the trophy with a 2600–2300 victory over Team White.

On Day 1, Red built a commanding 1700–800 lead, fueled by steady performances in a variety of events, including close contests in Archery and Tennis. But Team White showed resilience on Day 2, narrowing the gap with tight one-goal soccer games and a dramatic last-second touchdown in Boys Flag Football that ended in a tie.

The Water Polo finale capped off the competition, highlighted by Nella in Jackson scoring 7 of White's 8 goals. While it wasn't enough to close the gap completely, her effort energized the crowd and showed the determination of the White team to keep fighting until the very end.

Across camp, campers competed in Water Polo, Tennis, Racquet Baseball, Baseball, Soccer, Archery, Golf, Tennis, Football, Gaga Ball, and Dodgeball. Every match demonstrated the value of teamwork, effort, and camp spirit.

In the end, Red's captains—Luke, Sydnee, Allie, and Jake—celebrated the trophy with their campers, while the White captains—Emma, Dani, Vinny, and Max—were proud of their team's comeback and the way they competed together. The Color War Epics once again reminded us that win or lose, Nabby campers shine brightest when they play hard, support one another, and have fun as a team.



LIP SYNC CHAMPION IS CROWNED

Camp Nabby's Counselor Lip Sync Competition came to a show-stopping finale this week as Emilio from Columbia and Paul from Brown went head-to-head in the ultimate battle for the 2025 Lip Sync Trophy!

Emilio hit the stage first, stepping through the curtain in full Michael Jackson style—black hat, white glove, and a crisp white shirt. From the very first beat of “You Rock My World”, Emilio had the crowd hooked. His smooth moves and spot-on dance breaks kept our campers cheering and clapping with every step and spin.

But Paul wasn't about to let Emilio steal the show. Bursting onto the stage in a bright pink tutu, he instantly had the audience laughing and singing along as he transformed into a full-on Swiftie, belting out “Shake It Off” with the backup of his female head counselor crew. Just when campers thought it couldn't get any better, Paul cranked it up again—bringing out the guys for a boy-band-style performance of “Bye, Bye, Bye” by *N'SYNC. With jumps, waves, and a chorus of “bye-byes,” the energy skyrocketed. Paul ended his routine with a sentimental favorite - the Camp Nabby song!

The campers had a tough decision—both acts brought the house down—but after a nail-biting vote, Paul was crowned the 2025 Lip Sync Champion. It was an entertaining season of competition and congratulations to all our talented counselors for taking the stage!



A SUMMER TRADITION: THE FRANK BERTINO MEMORIAL SOFTBALL GAME

Last week, our counselors took part in the annual Frank J. Bertino Memorial Softball Game. Played since 1998, the game honors Frank Bertino, legendary football coach and beloved patriarch of the Bertino family.

As the former Director of Athletics at Riverdale Country School, Frank encouraged and nurtured student-athletes. When he and his wife, Flo, bought Camp Nabby in 1970, he named all the bunks after colleges and expanded Nabby's athletic program to complement Arts & Crafts, Music, and Nature.

Each year, the Senior Camp counselors face off against the Junior Camp and specialty counselors in a friendly, fun-filled game—complete with plenty of good-natured banter, of course!



The Junior Camp staff hadn't won since 2015, but this summer they returned to the winner's circle with a hard-fought 22-19 victory over the Seniors. The evening wrapped up the best way possible—with post game pizza and time together, celebrating the friendships and teamwork that make Nabby so special.



THROUGH THEIR LENS: CAPTURING THE SPIRIT OF NABBY

This summer, Camp Nabby was lucky to be seen through the eyes — and the lenses — of three talented photographers, Allison, Shanti and Molly. Their work gave families and staff a chance to relive special camp moments, and their unique perspectives brought Nabby spirit to life in every frame.

Allison has been a professional photographer for over 10+ years and has her own studio in Downtown Peekskill www.allisonhoobanphotography.com

She is also a child and family therapist currently working with young children through Early Intervention. This is her third summer at Camp Nabby and it brings her so much joy being at camp and working with kids every day!

For Shanti, photography has always been about storytelling. A family and kids photographer based in Westchester, she specializes in capturing life's natural, candid moments — families, newborns, milestones, and everyday joy. Her love of photography started young, when her dad first handed her a film camera. That early spark grew into a passion, shaped further by her art school studies in graphic design and advertising. After moving to the area and welcoming her daughter, Shanti launched her own business, blending her love for art and storytelling.

At Nabby, Shanti found joy in photographing the little moments that truly define summer: campers laughing with friends, running across the fields, savoring popsicles, or diving into silly games. “Those candid shots really capture the true spirit of camp and the happiness that makes Nabby so special,” she said. What stood out most to her wasn't just the images, but the sense of community — the warmth and welcoming nature that made camp feel like one big family.

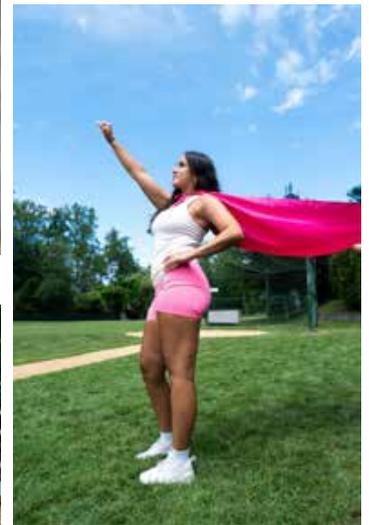
Molly's path into photography took shape during high school, where she first discovered the camera as her favorite art form. That early interest grew into years of study, including formal training in art and photography at SUNY Purchase, where she recently graduated. Now working for a magazine in Katonah, Molly continues to build her career as a professional photographer.

For Molly, Nabby offered a unique challenge and opportunity. “Camp Nabby is a great place for a photographer to master their craft and be challenged by the unpredictability of weather,” she reflected. She loved being surrounded by the camp community — a welcoming mix of ages and personalities — and found inspiration not only in the campers and activities but also in the camaraderie of working alongside other photographers. “It was wonderful meeting two talented photographers who shared their experiences with one another. I enjoyed the company of my fellow photographers the most at Camp Nabby.”

Together, Allison, Shanti and Molly's photos captured the laughter, energy, and heart that make summers at Nabby unforgettable. We hope you enjoyed the images as much as we have sharing them with you!



ALLISON



A colorful portrait of Jackson counselor Melina

A few of Allison's favorites:



Our fierce and determined campers!

SHANTI



A few of Shanti's favorites:



Capturing the fun of being active at camp!



Campers full of joy & friendship



MOLLY

A few of Molly's favorites:

Showcasing action & excitement; competitive athletes who enjoy the game!



SEEN AROUND CAMP!



Our open stage morning dance parties started our day with so much fun!



Our graduating campers from Penn & Jackson

All campers received a special memento on our final day to get signed and keep as a keepsake for an epic summer!



Signing our 2025 Nabby Banner!

A beautiful message in arts & crafts



The "So Fun" Game show lived up to it's name!!