

NABBY NEWS



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GRATEFUL FOR OUR NABBY FAMILY!

DEAR NABBY FAMILY,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we hope the season finds you well and gives you time with the people who matter most. It's been a busy fall at Nabby welcoming new families, reconnecting with returning ones, and diving into plans for another memorable summer.

Enrollment for next season is moving quickly, and your enthusiasm, early registration, and thoughtful feedback mean the world to us. Every returning camper and every new family reminds us why Nabby is such a special place. We're working hard to strengthen favorite traditions, shape new programs, and build an energized staff for Summer 2026.

We're already excited for all that's ahead.

From our family to yours, we wish you a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the holiday season.

Joe + Rita

A SPOOKTACULAR DAY AT NABBY!

What a treat it was to welcome more than 200 Junior Camp families back to Nabby for our annual Halloween Celebration! One of our favorite off-season traditions, this spirited event brought together campers, families, and staff for an afternoon of trick-or-treating, games, and plenty of laughter.

With 16 candy stations and a lineup of spooky (and silly!) activities, there was fun around every corner. Our campers showed off some truly fang-tastic costumes from KPop Demon Hunters and Disney classics to Marvel heroes, athletes, and pop stars!

It was a special kind of magic to see our camp community together again - smiling, laughing, and celebrating the joy of Halloween, Nabby-style.



HOME AGAIN AT NABBY!

Some stories at Camp Nabby don't end, they just find new chapters. We always like to celebrate alumni who grew up at camp, built lifelong memories here, and are now returning as Nabby parents, counselors, or both. Their journeys remind us how powerful camp traditions can be across generations.

ALEX KURITZKY

Some stories just have a way of coming full circle, and for Alex Kuritzky, that circle leads right back to Nabby.

Alex first came to camp in the early '90s, a sporty 8-year-old who loved every game that came his way, especially tetherball and TRB (Tennis Racquet Baseball). He still remembers Ranger Rick, bunks named after colleges, and the friendly competition that filled each day. "It always felt homey and family-run," Alex said. "There was something about Nabby that just felt right, like everyone belonged."

His mom worked as a swim instructor while he and his brother and sister spent their summers at camp, proudly calling themselves Team Nabby. "It was such a fun, active place to grow up," he recalled.

Today, Alex is a math teacher at Fox Lane High School and is returning to Nabby this summer as both a parent and a counselor. He and his wife, who also attended Nabby the same years, though they didn't meet until much later in New York City, are excited to share the tradition with their daughters, ages 5 and 3.

"When we came for a tour, we knew right away this was the kind of place where they'd have incredible experiences and feel part of something special."

As for joining the staff, Alex laughs that it just makes sense. "My students always ask why I'm not a gym teacher. I love being active, running around, and staying young. So the idea of being a Nabby counselor again felt perfect."

What struck him most about returning was how genuine it still feels. "Being in Joe and Rita's office, you can tell right away that their hearts are in the right place. They hire great people and truly care about their campers."

For Alex, Nabby has always represented family, fun, and growth. Now, with his daughters beginning their own Nabby journeys, the legacy continues from one generation to the next.



Alex & his wife Kate with their future Nabby campers Lena & Ruby



Alex (bottom row, third from right) and his Columbia camp mates



Marisa & her happy camper Anthony

MARISA DAVANZO

For Marisa, Camp Nabby has always been a place filled with joy, friendship, and unforgettable summers. Now she gets to experience it again through the eyes of her son.

Marisa arrived at Camp Nabby at age nine and went on to spend 19 summers here, working her way from camper to CIT, assistant counselor, and eventually head counselor for Radcliffe. Her siblings followed similar paths, making Nabby a true family thread woven through her childhood. She has countless fond memories and she loved it all — the amazing counselors, the friendships, the interest periods, the morning-announcement shows, and of course, the Apache Relay. One of her favorite memories is building the winning fire in her final Jackson summer.



A memorable moment as a Nabby counselor

As a counselor, the magic only deepened. "The counselors were a family unit," she says. "I am still close with so many of them." Her final season in 2017 remains legendary. She won every Epic Wednesday Games as captain and capped her Nabby career with an Apache Relay victory.

Her years at camp also shaped her future. Now a fifth-grade teacher, Marisa says her time at Nabby made it clear that working with kids was exactly where she belonged.

When she and her husband bought their home in 2021, they already knew their future children would be Nabby campers. That dream became real this past summer when their son Anthony joined the Cubs. He took to camp instantly, diving into activities, meeting new friends, and climbing into the car each afternoon with a huge smile before falling asleep almost immediately. "That is a successful day at camp," Marisa laughs. "This year, he is most excited for the pool, the sandbox, Superhero Day and all the popsicles he can get!"

Now seeing camp through a parent's eyes, Marisa says Nabby has only reaffirmed everything she believed as a counselor. "Nabby exceeded all expectations," she says. "We couldn't feel more sure about sending Anthony."

To Marisa and her family, Nabby isn't just a camp — it's a place that radiates warmth the moment you step onto the grounds. It's tradition. It's a community. It's the Bertino family welcoming them through every chapter of life. And it's the kind of place where, year after year, the magic somehow stays the same.



Marisa in her Nabby camper days!



NABBY INSPIRED TREATS FOR A SWEET THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING RECIPES FROM NABBY COOKING!

One of the best parts of the holidays is spending time together in the kitchen! Our campers loved making these no-bake treats during Nabby's cooking program this summer, and we thought they'd be perfect to share as Thanksgiving approaches. Simple, sweet, and fun for the whole family! Enjoy creating (and tasting!) a little Nabby magic at home.

WISHING YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY AND DELICIOUS THANKSGIVING SEASON!

MINI PUMPKIN PIE*

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- ½ box instant vanilla pudding
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 4 ounces Cool Whip
- 3 graham crackers, crushed
- 2 tbsp melted butter

EQUIPMENT:

- 1 tsp measuring Spoons
- ½ measuring cup
- Spoons
- Mixing Bowl
- Rolling Pin



DIRECTIONS:

1. Crush graham crackers with rolling pin.
2. Add graham crackers to melted butter and mix well. The mixture should look like wet sand.
3. Spoon mixture into the bottom of your cup and set cup aside.
4. Stir together pumpkin puree, pudding mix, and pumpkin pie spice. Stir until no lumps remain.
5. Carefully fold in Cool Whip.
6. Spread pumpkin mixture onto crust.
7. Top with extra whipped cream and pumpkin pie spice.



*Single Serving

APPLE PIE IN A JAR*

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 graham crackers
- 2 TBSP butter, melted
- 1/2 cup apple pie filling
- Whipped Cream
- Cinnamon Sugar Mix

EQUIPMENT:

- Small bowl
- ½ cup measuring cup
- Mixing spoons
- Rolling Pin



DIRECTIONS:

1. Crush graham crackers with rolling pin.
2. Add graham crackers to melted butter and mix well. The mixture should look like wet sand.
3. Spoon mixture into the bottom of your cup and set cup aside.
4. Spread a layer of whipped cream on top crust.
5. Spoon ½ cup of apple pie filling into cup.
6. Top with a cinnamon sugar mixture!



*Single Serving

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

We love keeping the Nabby spirit going all year long, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Join us on Instagram and Facebook for photos, updates, and moments that bring camp right back to life. You can also relive favorite highlights on our YouTube channel — it's packed with summer videos and special features!

Follow along @campnabby and stay close to the Nabby community.

And great news for spring... our Camp Nabby mobile app will be back! It's exclusive to NABBY families and packed with helpful updates, calendars, and photo galleries you won't want to miss.

ENJOY 20% OFF NABBY GEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

If you're looking to share a little Nabby magic this season, our online store has you covered. It's filled with comfy gear and fun favorites — perfect for campers and parents alike. Enjoy **20% off** your holiday order with code **NABBY20** at checkout. Happy shopping!

