

NABBY NEWS



JUNE 29TH - JULY 2ND

WELCOME TO SUMMER!

WELCOME TO OUR 86TH SUMMER AT NABBY!

The first week of camp brought plenty of sunshine and more than a little heat, but it also brought everything that makes summer at Nabby so special: laughter, friendship, learning, play, and smiles everywhere we looked.

There is nothing quite like seeing camp come back to life as familiar faces return, new campers find their place, and our wonderful staff help create the energy, encouragement, and sense of belonging that define a Nabby summer.

We are excited for all that lies ahead in the weeks to come and the memories we will create together along the way. Thank you for your trust in our family and our team, and for allowing us to be part of your children's summer.



RED, WHITE & BLUE SPIRIT ALL AROUND NABBY!

Our first theme day of the summer celebrated the 4th of July with colorful red, white, and blue spirit throughout camp!

Our counselors kicked off the fun during morning announcements with a spirited scavenger hunt for red, white, and blue items, while campers created festive fireworks and flag-inspired masterpieces in Arts & Crafts and enjoyed red, white, and blue Bomb Pops as a special dessert treat.

Despite the heat, everyone stayed cool with plenty of shade time, water play, and extra swim.

A fun and festive ending to a wonderful first week of camp!



THE WEEK AHEAD...

WEEK OF JULY 6TH - JULY 10TH

HELPING HANDS WEEK!

Clothing Drive & Camper good deeds celebrated throughout the week!



MONDAY, JULY 6TH

10-YEAR CAMPER CEREMONY
Just us in celebrating our wonderful 10-year campers!



TUESDAY, JULY 7TH

SCHOOL PRIDE DAY!

Show pride in your school and show us your school colors!



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

SENIOR CAMP EPIC: CAPTURE THE FLAG!
Red vs White in a Nabby classic competition!

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH

JESTER JIM SHOW!

A Nabby favorite juggling & beat box show!



FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

WESTERN DAY!

Time to circle the wagons for a rooting tooting time in your Western gear!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR FULL EVENT CALENDAR IN OUR MOBILE APP!

HELPING HANDS WEEK AHEAD!

As we begin Helping Hands Week at Nabby, we are proud to once again partner with Community Center of Northern Westchester to collect new and gently used clothing and shoes, helping ensure every child can enjoy the season with comfort, confidence, and dignity.

All donations will support local families who could use a helping hand during these warm summer months.

We're collecting:

- Shirts & T-shirts
- Light jackets & hoodies
- Jeans, pants, leggings & shorts
- Dresses & skirts
- Sneakers & closed-toe shoes

All sizes from toddler to teen are welcome.

Clean out your closets and help local children stay cool, comfortable, and carefree this summer!

Beginning WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th Please send donations in plastic bags clearly marked "DONATION" so we know they're for the drive.

Thank you for lending a helping hand to families in our community.



Collectively, campers spent more than **6,000** minutes in the pool this week!



The kitchen grilled **350** hamburgers and **320** hot dogs for our first cookout!



Junior Camp Program Director Alex logged an average of **20,000** steps each day!



As part of Turtle Week, Ranger Rick introduced our campers to **4** Nabby turtles - Flo, Layla, Otis and Bojangles!

2026 EPIC GAMES KICK OFF WITH RELAY RACES!

Each summer, our Senior Camp looks forward to one of Nabby's favorite traditions - the EPIC Games! Last Wednesday, campers and counselors were divided into Red and White teams as they kicked off the first EPIC event of the season: Relay Races.

The excitement began with the counselors, who faced off in a fun-filled water relay that had campers cheering from the sidelines and laughing every step of the way.

Then it was the campers' turn! Armed with sports equipment, hurdles, hula hoops, buckets, hippity hops, sponges, and plenty of water, each Senior Camp group tackled its own unique relay challenge. From start to finish, the fields were filled with teamwork, encouragement, friendly competition, and lots of laughter.

With victories going back and forth throughout the afternoon, the overall winner came down to three exciting Tug of War competitions featuring our four youngest Senior Camp groups, our four oldest groups, and finally, the counselors!

After a series of closely contested battles, the White Team pulled off the final victory to secure the overall EPIC Games victory.

It was the perfect way to kick off another summer of EPIC Games, and if this first event is any indication, campers are in for a memorable season of teamwork, spirited competition, and plenty of Nabby fun!



MEET THE EDUCATORS BEHIND THE FUN

While summer camp is all about laughter, friendships, and adventure, many of the people helping make the magic happen at Camp Nabby spend the rest of the year doing something very familiar - teaching.

Our three **Program Directors, Alex Kuritzky, Sam Stern, and Joe Constantinides**, are all educators who bring their passion for working with children from the classroom to camp each summer. Together, they oversee camp programming, support counselors, lead activities and special events, and help ensure every camper has a positive, engaging, and memorable summer.



Alex playing with the Yale boys

Alex Kuritzky | Program Director, Pre-K through 1st Grade

Although this is Alex's first summer on staff, Camp Nabby has been part of his life for much longer. A former Nabby camper and now a Nabby parent, Alex teaches at Fox Lane High School during the school year and brings endless energy to our youngest campers.

One of the things Alex appreciates most about Nabby is the opportunity campers have to discover new interests.

"Even if a child isn't necessarily interested in sports, they're exposed to so many different activities. Sometimes that exposure helps them realize they actually love something they never would have tried during the school year." - Alex



Sam greeting his campers with a smile

Sam Stern | Program Director, 2nd & 3rd Grade

Sam has been part of the Nabby family for 17 years. During the school year, he teaches in the Mount Vernon School District, and each summer he returns to lead our 2nd and 3rd Grade program with enthusiasm, humor, and heart.

What keeps Sam coming back year after year is seeing campers grow into counselors and continue the traditions that make Nabby so special.

"My kids came here, both of my kids have aged out, but I keep coming back because it's so much fun! I love coming and playing with the kids, laughing, and having a good time." - Sam



Joe planning Senior Interest Periods

Joe Constantinides | Program Director, Senior Camp

Joe is also a teacher in the Mount Vernon School District and serves as Head Coach of both the boys football and girls flag football teams at Byram Hills High School. A longtime Nabby counselor before becoming Senior Camp Program Director, Joe loves creating an environment where campers are encouraged to challenge themselves, support one another, and enjoy every moment of summer. For Joe, it's the people who make Nabby unlike anywhere else.

"What I love most about Nabby is that it's such a family-oriented place. Everyone genuinely cares about one another, and that makes coming back every summer so special." - Joe

Whether they're leading an EPIC game, supporting counselors, organizing special events, or simply encouraging a camper to try something new, Alex, Sam, and Joe bring the same patience, enthusiasm, and dedication to camp that they bring to their classrooms every day. Their experience as educators and mentors helps create an environment where every camper is encouraged to learn, grow, and make lasting summer memories.



Each week, we'll ask our campers a question about their summer at Nabby and share some of their answers.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT NABBY?



Amelia - Wells
"Making new friends!"



Ben - Cubs
"I love swimming the most at Nabby!"



Megan - Skidmore
"My favorite thing about Camp Nabby is Ranger Rick, and when we go on the nature trail"



Layla & Isabella - Radcliffe
"Our favorite part of Camp Nabby is interest for the older kids. You can do a lot of different things, like tennis, cooking, and science"



Noah - Princeton
"My favorite thing at Camp Nabby is the pool!"



Olivia - Amherst
"My favorite thing about Nabby is getting a blue band"



Jack - Harvard
"My favorite thing about Camp Nabby is going on the pillow jumper!"



Zoe - Cubs
"Playground, playing with my friends!"



Lucas - Penn
"My favorite thing at Nabby is seeing my friends here and playing sports!."



Peter - Princeton
"My favorite part of Camp Nabby is the pool!"



Sophia - Amherst
"My favorite thing about Nabby is being with my teachers and having a lot of fun at Nabby!."



Logan - Stanford
"I like to play at the water park. I am the fastest because I use two hands!"



Anthony - Stanford
"My favorite thing at Camp Nabby is sports!"



Be sure to check out more Voices from Nabby in our mobile app! We will be posting a new video every week!