

NABBY NEWS



JULY 6TH - JULY 10TH

HELPING HANDS, JESTER JIM & WILD WEST FUN!

HELPING HANDS WEEK: A COMMUNITY OF KINDNESS

Our Nabby community came together in a big way during Helping Hands Week, and we couldn't be prouder of our campers or more grateful for the incredible generosity of our families.

Throughout the week, campers and staff recognized acts of kindness by sharing stories and good deeds on our Helping Hands Wall. It was heartwarming to watch the wall fill with handwritten notes celebrating everyday moments of kindness, friendship, and compassion.

We also united around a meaningful cause: a children's clothing drive benefiting the Community Center of Northern Westchester. What began with one table full of bags on Wednesday morning quickly grew into three overflowing tables by Thursday, and again on Friday! Campers were proud to contribute and loved watching the collection grow each day.

Helping Hands Week was a wonderful reminder that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference. Thank you to our Nabby families for helping us teach our campers the importance of generosity, compassion, and giving back to our community.



THE WEEK AHEAD...

WEEK OF MONDAY, JULY 13TH - FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

GRIT NINJA WEEK!!!

Our campers will enjoy classes throughout the week from the coaches at Grit Ninja!



MONDAY, JULY 13TH

5-YEAR CAMPER CEREMONY!

Our first of two 5-year ceremonies! Campers who have attended Nabby for 5 years are recognized on stage!



TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

PHOTO DAY!

Say Cheese! Campers should wear their official Nabby t-shirt for group and individual photos!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

HOLLYROCK GAME SHOW!

Junior & Senior Campers will participate in this fun-filled game show!

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

DISNEY DAY!

The most magical place on earth - Nabby's Disney Day!



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

SWIM PROGRAM MAKES A SPLASH!

Swimming has always been one of Camp Nabby's signature programs. Every camper enjoys two swim periods each day, morning instructional swim and afternoon free swim, giving children the opportunity to build skills, gain confidence, and simply have fun in the water.

Our goal is simple: help every camper become a stronger, more confident swimmer, whether they're putting their face in the water for the very first time or refining advanced skills.

Leading this year's swim program is **Pool Director Adam Shavitz**, now in his sixth summer at Nabby. During the school year, Adam is a Special Education teacher at Clarkstown North High School, where he also coaches track and the Unified Basketball Team. With more than 30 years of teaching children to swim, Adam brings both experience and enthusiasm to the pool each day.

"Creating a safe environment is the foundation of every great day at the pool. I'm incredibly proud of our lifeguard team, whose energy and commitment help every camper, from our newest swimmers to our most experienced, build confidence in the water. Teaching children to swim is a gift they'll carry with them for a lifetime, and watching that confidence grow each day brings me so much joy."

-ADAM

Camp Nabby's three pools allow campers to learn and progress at their own pace. Our two heated teaching pools are designed for beginning and intermediate swimmers, while our state-of-the-art large pool, with its diving board, slide, and spacious swim area, is home to our more advanced swimmers.

To ensure every child swims safely and in the appropriate pool, campers complete a swim evaluation at the start of camp. As their skills improve, they have opportunities throughout the summer to earn new swim bands by demonstrating increasingly advanced swimming and water safety skills.

Whether it's earning a new swim band, swimming across the pool for the first time, or simply feeling more comfortable in the water, every accomplishment is celebrated. By the end of the summer, we hope every camper leaves Nabby with stronger swimming skills, greater confidence, and a lifelong love of the water.



HELPING FAMILIES FEEL RIGHT AT HOME

As Camp Nabby's **Director of Family Support, Nicole Lembo** has spent the past four summers helping our Junior Camp families, especially those with younger or first-time campers, feel comfortable, informed, and connected throughout the summer. Whether she's welcoming

families at orientation, answering questions before camp begins, helping track down a lost water bottle, checking in with a counselor, or simply providing reassurance during the day, Nicole is always ready to lend a helping hand.

During the school year, Nicole is a Social Studies teacher at Walter Panas High School. She also brings another important perspective to her role at Nabby since she is a camp parent herself. Her daughters, Olivia and Evelyn, have both grown up at Nabby, giving Nicole a firsthand understanding of what families are experiencing as they send their children off to camp each morning.

"I love working at Nabby and being outside. The grounds are beautiful, and I love seeing the campers and their excitement for being here," Nicole says. "Most of all, I love connecting with families and making sure I'm here to help however I can."

-NICOLE

Nicole believes the relationships built at Nabby are what make camp so special.

"What makes Nabby unique is the connection with our families and campers," she says. "We have parents who came here as children and are now sending their own kids to camp. It truly feels like one big family, and that's something really special to be part of."

-NICOLE



Whether she's answering a quick question, calming a nervous first-time parent, or celebrating a camper's first successful day, Nicole helps make every family feel welcome from the very beginning.

CAPTURE THE FLAG RETURNS!

On Wednesday, the Senior Camp took part in a Nabby EPIC tradition - Capture the Flag! The **Red** Team was captained by Elsa, Max, Jake, and Emma, while the **White** Team was led by Luke, Sydney, Grace, and Abd.

Before the competition began, both teams reviewed the rules and were given 10 minutes to develop their game plans. During this strategy session, campers formed their three-legged racing teams and decided who would take on offensive and defensive roles.

The contest was divided into four periods, with the younger campers competing in the first and third periods and the older campers taking the field in the second and fourth.

The Red Team came out firing, jumping on the scoreboard early and often in the opening period. Their well-coordinated three-legged teams consistently earned 50-point scores, giving them an early advantage. The **White** Team battled back in the second period and managed to trim the deficit, but the **Red** Team responded with a late surge of points before halftime. At the break, the **Red** Team held a commanding **490-285** lead.

Determined to mount a comeback, the **White** Team played with tremendous energy and heart throughout the second half. Despite their relentless effort, the **Red** Team maintained its lead and secured the victory with a final score of **725-580**.

Congratulations to all of our campers for their outstanding teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. We can't wait to see what the next EPIC Game has in store!



A NABBY FAVORITE RETURNS: WELCOME BACK, JESTER JIM!

There are some Camp Nabby traditions that campers look forward to every summer, and welcoming Jester Jim is certainly one of them!

With his incredible juggling, beat-boxing, and one-of-a-kind tricks, Jester Jim had campers laughing, cheering, and completely entertained from beginning to end. One of the highlights of the show came when Program Director Alex stepped into the spotlight and successfully caught five juggling balls, an impressive feat that had the entire camp shouting "Oh Alex, that was amazing!!" Campers also enjoyed a special surprise when camper Evan from Brown joined Jester Jim on stage for an impromptu dance performance to Michael Jackson's "Beat It," earning plenty of cheers and smiles from the audience.

After another unforgettable performance, Jester Jim shared why Camp Nabby continues to hold a special place in his heart:

"It is my absolute favorite place to perform! No matter where else I go to perform, people always say, 'I saw you at Camp Nabby!' There are about 500 kids here every summer, and they find me everywhere else in New York, and it's amazing! Thank you so much for having me!"

-JESTER JIM

It's always a joy to welcome Jester Jim back to Nabby, and we can't wait to see what surprises he'll bring next summer!



YEEHAW! WESTERN DAY COMES TO NABBY!

Campers and staff saddled up for another fun-filled Western Day, showing off their cowboy hats, boots, bandanas, and plenty of camp spirit. We'd say the Wild West came to Nabby and it was a rootin' tootin' good time!



Last summer, the Nabby community donated more than **340 pounds** of children's clothing during our **Helping Hands Week Clothing Drive**. We can't wait to see how much kindness we collected this year!



Pizza Fridays are always a camp favorite! Did you know it takes **125 pizzas** to feed our hungry campers and staff each Friday? Mamma mia!



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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: CAN YOU SHARE AN ACT OF KINDNESS?

Be sure to check out more Voices from Nabby on our Camp Nabby YouTube channel!



Isaac - Colgate

"I helped them score another goal and then the blue team won!"



Amelia - Bates

"I like being kind to my counselors because they're always so nice to me!"



Ben - Princeton

"I fell down today at dodgeball and Trey lent a hand for me!"



Leah - Skidmore

"When my friend Megan was testing for her blue bands I cheered her on!"



Elliot - Brown

"When they didn't pick up their water bottle I helped them do it and I gave it to them"



Lucas - Brown

"The art teacher helped me with beading the American flag"



Tommy - Brown

"You can help the world to be good. If you're good to the world, the world will be good to you!"



Adam - Penn

"The other day my friend fell and I helped him off the ground and he thanked me and that made me feel really well about myself!"



Caroline - Bates

"If someone's new in camp I'll help them if they don't understand things!"



Emi and Brooklyn - Jackson

"We both helped a younger camper who was crying because he missed his mom, so we brought him to see the animals and he calmed down and then we brought him to his bunk! It made me feel happy to know that the little kid felt now calmer"



Savvy and Charis - Skidmore

"We shared umbrellas today!"



Counselor Aimee about Riley in Smith

"She helped Lena find her sunscreen!"



Counselor Julia about Luciana in Jackson

"She gave a good sportsmanship speech before Capture the Flag!"



Counselor Jackson about Aaron in Tulane

"He always lights up the room and makes everyone feel included"



Counselor Abd about Michael in Tulane

"Michael always helps out with the equipment and cleaning up after activities!"