

the AGAZINE

February 2017



Chicago Reunion

Get ahead & start on your forms

Forms are available on your CampMinder dashboard!

- From our website under “Current Families” click CampMinder login
- Use your email address and password to login
- ONLY one parent from the primary household may complete the forms (avoids duplication)
- Additional instructions are available on our website as a BLOG.
- PLEASE **DO NOT** SEND IN PAPER FORMS!!!

New Camper Orientation

WHO: New Campers and Parents

WHEN: Sunday, March 5th at 1pm

WHERE: North Shore Renaissance Hotel
On Skokie Blvd

Our new camper orientation will be held at the North Shore Renaissance Hotel in Northbrook, Illinois. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in and pick up your packet and new camper goodie bag. This is a great opportunity for your daughter to meet other new campers, a few of our staff, and ask questions of our counselors. Mary Fried, owner and director, will host an in-depth meeting with new camper parents. This event will end at approximately 2:30pm. Snacks will be served. *(For those campers from out-of-state and others unable to attend, we will be happy to send you copies of the materials given out.)*

Please RSVP to the e-vite in your Email Inbox!

Director's Note:

According to the American Camp Association, there are about 8,400 overnight camps in the United States. With that many camps, there are obviously numerous differences between one camp and the next. Some camps have lakes while others have a pool; there are boys camps, and girls camps, there are sports camps and art camps. The list of differences could go on forever, but while all camps are different, there seems to be one thing that's similar. Camp brings people together.

I see the unity that is formed from learning a camp song while sitting around the campfire, or the bonds formed from late night bunk talks and working together with teammates in a Blue and White event. Many of the songs sung at Agawak have been around for decades, some for almost a century. Our songs and cheers are a great way to connect older campers to younger campers and current campers to alumnae. A special bond between generations is formed because they share something in common. The community that is nurtured and built at Agawak is unmatched

The amount of support, love and camaraderie I see each day at camp is unlike anywhere else in the world. Agawak would not be Agawak without the positive energy each person brings with them to camp. This unbri-dled spirit fills camp each morning as the silver bell rings and continues long after "lights out". Each camper is an important part of our camp community and has great potential to add to the camp environment in posi-tive ways.

I miss the liveliness of camp, the strength we generate and the feeling of unity when we are all together. Whether you're a new camper or a returning camper there will be many special moments we'll share together that can only be experienced at Agawak. I look forward to each day with you and can't wait for your energy to light up this place. See you in a few short months. - Camp Hugs, Mary

Our staff continues to shape up nicely for the summer. Take a peek...

Sylvie Siegel & Em K are taking over Final Four!



Kenzie Johnson will be back to lead our trips, along with the help of new tripper, Jenna Foster from Indiana.



"Sal" Yopez will be running our tennis program this summer. Sal comes all the way from CA and has extensive experience developing successful tennis programs. We are excited to have him.

We are also happy to announce that many of our support staff are returning; Azminda Sanchez, Karla Cabanas, Paola Ortega, Vanessa Ramirez, Evelin Morales, Bethsabe Bravo, Cindy Trejo, Karen Torres and Indiana Martinez. And introducing our new support staff: Ave Rodriguez, Fernanda Galan, Zyanya Vargas, Diana Millan and Carlos Leyva

Rachel Folk will be a new Sr. Counselor this summer. Fun Fact-She worked at Disney World!

Emily Gurner and Annie Kaminski will be back on the Admin Team and joining them will be Peggy Reichard. Peggy is an educator with loads of experience working with children and hails from OK.

Here are the wonderful Agawak girls that have made the big step moving from camper to staff, your 2017 JC1s are:

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| Jennifer Filler | Murphy Hughes | Taylor Warren | Ilana Spitz | Dylan Levine |
| Sophie Schwartz | Amanda Amiel | Marley Berk | Kristina Shi | Emily Kaplan |
| Olivia Glantz | Samantha Linn | Zoey Kohn | Tatum Oblonsky | Hannah Keller |
| Caroline Bercu | Morgan Paull | Chloe Levitz | | |

More of our outstanding returning counselors:

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| Allison Sawyer | Mollie Smetana | Carolyn Cohn | Hannah Felman |
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Welcome to the Camp Agawak Family!

Introducing more GREAT new campers!

Chloe Fuhrmann—Spring TX
Maya Karlov—Highland Park IL
Evie Hafner—Northbrook IL
Madden Lamb—Oak Park IL
Flora Kuehn—Chicago IL

Jackie Aguilar—Lake Bluff IL
Ashley Aguilar—Lake Bluff IL
Amelia Grayson—Boulder CO
Bess Auerbach—Chicago IL
Claudia Conklin—Chicago IL

Charlotte George—Beverly Hills CA
Maya George—Beverly Hills CA
Amelia Head—Highland Park IL
Ashley Rubens—Highland Park IL
Lily Laufenberg—Lk Forest IL
Raquel Tepper—Chicago IL

Reunion Recap!

At the end of January, Suzi and MP traveled to St. Louis to attend the MICDS Summer Opportunities Fair and get together with our St. Louis families. It was a great weekend and fun to catch up with Frannie McCormac, Ari Stern and Maddy Cowen. A big thanks to former Agawak Assistant Director, Jenn Toth McCormac (aka Frannie's Mom) for hosting our event and helping us out at the fair!

The following week Suzi traveled to California to meet new families, visit with current families and attend the Tips on Trips Summer Camp Fair in LA. First stop was the Bellowe's in San Diego, then onto LA to meet up with some new families and of course our annual California Reunion! We had nice turnout this year. So fun to see Annabelle and Lila Mass (the amazing hosts), Lola Geary, Lindsey and Lily Bellowe, Cori Dyer, Cami Fishman, Zoe and Lila Siegel, Ava Schulman and new camper Mickie Zuckerman! We missed Ginger and Ruby Rosenheck and Sasha and Lily Barnow, who were unable to attend. A special thanks to Dia Chaimovitz for helping out, great to see you. Suzi had the opportunity to visit with Gabrielle Pascal and Meredith Leon who are enjoying their sophomore year at USC. Our California group just keeps growing and we LOVE it!

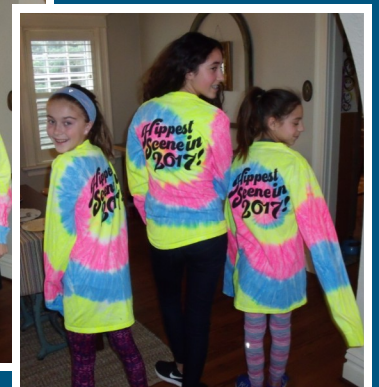
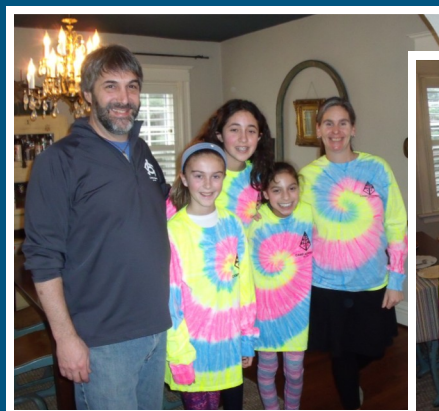


The two hours spent together at the Chicago reunion went faster than we liked. It was wonderful to see campers hugging one another and reminiscing about the summer gone by. Thank you to our amazing 2017 CITs for leading us in a few songs and Blue & White cheers. For a moment you made us feel like we were at camp. Yearbooks and t-shirts were handed out and together we enjoyed watching funny video clips from last summer. It was impressive to see so many out of state campers in attendance. The long distance traveler awards go to... Daisy & Sadie Handmaker from FL and Lola Geary from CA. A big thank you to veteran staff Melissa, Kiley, Mollie, Gurner, Kali, Becker and Beth Grosky for taking time out of their busy day to make an appearance at the reunion. We missed all of you who were unable to attend. Yearbooks will be mailed out in the next week. Hope you enjoy flipping through the many pages of happy memories.

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St. Louis Girls

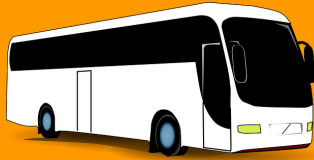


Visitor's Weekend

Can your camper come home over changeover?

First session campers will depart on Friday, July 14th and Visiting Day will be held on Saturday, July 15th 9:00am to 1:00pm. We understand there are certain circumstances where parents may not be able to attend visiting day.

Therefore, your daughter will be allowed to ride the bus home & back during changeover. The standard bus fee will be added to your bill. This option is **ONLY AVAILABLE FOR CAMPERS**. Staff members are required to work visiting weekend and will not be allowed to travel home. Staff will be busy with evaluations, mid-summer trainings, and preparing camp for the start of second session.



Pre-camp Packets

Precamp packets will be getting mailed out soon. Forms are available online via your **CAMP-MINDER** account now. And please, please do **NOT** mail in any forms!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Wartell—4
Lucy Paull—5
Raegan Sondag—5
Addyson Goldblatt—6
Jaelyn Martin—6
Jasmine Fried—7
Shriya Kilaru—7
Eva Weil—7
Hadyn Revell—8
Jordan Schaefer—9
Devyn Much—10
Leslie Weinberg—10

Drew Bernstein—13
Reese Millstein—13
Allyson Shapiro—13
Advika Rangan—14
Natalie Korach—15
Lily Rue—15
Ellie Jordan—16
Madeline Gallinson—21
Sydney Jarol—22
Madelyn Moss—24
Ava Silverglade—25
Lilly Adelstein—28

Brooke Olsen—28
Madison Olsen—28

STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

Kyle Foster—4
Marley Berk—11
Jamie Granick—11
Julia Spathis—13
Sarah Mossler—20
Sophie Plattner—23
Annika Stensland—27



A few things to prepare for or schedule now...

★ Schedule a physical exam for your child

One of the required forms is a "Physical Form" that must be filled out by your child's doctor. Exams after August 10th, 2016 to present are valid. You may use our on-line form OR scan & upload the exam form provided by your practitioner.

★ LICE CHECKS w/in 10 days of arrival to camp

Your daughter must get a lice check from a reputable lice company no earlier than 10 days before her arrival to camp. You will need to fax or email an official note/form denoting a 'clear' check. fun@agawak.com or (fax) 715-356-1683

★ Sundays we wear WHITE and NAVY!

Remember to purchase and pack your white Agawak tops (either polos or the v-neck) and NAVY blue bottoms. They are required every Sunday for lunch and dinner. *Not needed for Rookie 1 camp.

