

the AGAWAK

December 2016



A very warm HELLO to the newest members of the Agawak Family!

- Madison Glazer, Arlington Heights, IL
- Advika Rangan-Lake Forest, IL
- Samantha Smith, Houston, TX



And a warm Welcome Back to our returning staff!

Counselors: Julia Spathis, Melissa Kramer, Kendall Michaels, Sophie Plattner, Kiley Isaacson, Lindsay Schwartz and Blair Morris.

Ski Staff: Adam Flasch, Kyle Foster and Jack Joyce

And everyone's favorite Head Cook
Chris "DUCKY" Domack

Reminders:

- California Reunion-Feb. 4th
Chicago Reunion-Feb. 19th
- If any of your contact information changes please update your CampMinder account
- 2nd Session Post/Family Camp spots are available from August 19th-26th, 2017. Registration forms are on www.agawak.com "About Us -Family Camp"

Once again, the amazing Dr. Chris Thurber will be at staff training this summer to work with our staff. Dr. Thurber has an extensive list of accomplishments: Harvard & UCLA grad, clinical psychologist, author, founder of Expert Online Training and father, to mention just a few. He is captivating, stimulating and motivating for everyone. His real-life camp experience helps him relate so well to staff. Chris is one of the most beneficial training tools we offer our staff.



FUN FACTS ABOUT WINTER:

What replaces campers in Happy Camper Hall in the winter?...6 boats, 30 Bikes, 2 sets of bleachers, the Blob, & MORE!



There CAN be 2 identical snowflakes. They found them in 1988 from a storm in WISCONSIN! How did they do that?

All 441 acres of Blue Lake freezes. Ice can reach up to 18". Thick enough to drive a truck on it!

Where in the world was Suzi?

OHIO!



The most powerful leadership tool you have is your own personal example.

-John Wooden

Learning to Lead at Agawak

From the moment you wake up at camp until the very moment you fall asleep, you have countless opportunities to encourage, support, inspire and empower people around you. At camp, we all have the chance to be a leader by serving others. Whether you lend an ear, an extra helping hand, a shoulder to cry on or you go out of your way to help others that is being a leader.

You don't have to be a camp counselor to be a leader. Campers can lead by actively participating, being kind to others, showing good sportsmanship and acting with dignity and respect. You never know who is watching and there are always other campers watching you who may be younger, even older and new to camp. It's important to do the right thing, even when no one is watching, this is another characteristic of a leader.

Whether you're a camper or a counselor you'll get a unique opportunity to strengthen your leadership skills at Agawak. Remember how you talk, think and act is being watched by hundreds of eyes every day. So, lead by example, show kindness to those around you. Empower others by encouraging them to do things they might be afraid to do. Stand by them when they fall down and offer your hand to help them back up.

Agawak counselors and campers who return home summer after summer put their leadership skills they learned at camp to good use. They have an easier time standing up to peer pressure, they are more likely to stand up to bullies, they show better sportsmanship on the field and are better leaders because of what they have learned at camp.

Remember all of us have within us the potential to be leaders. I can't wait until summer rolls around for you to "spread your wings and fly". Wishing you a wonderful holiday season. Hope your light always shines brightly.

-Mary



Thank you to the Miller Family for hosting our Ohio reunion! Everyone looks groovy in their tie dye shirts. Suzi had a great time catching up and showing everyone the reunion DVD. We certainly missed Ashley, Anna B, Carmen, Joanna, Hadyn, Ally and Anna W. Great way to start the summer excitement for the ...



Hippest Scene in 2017!



December Birthdays

Aliza C.- 12/2
 Grace M.- 12/2
 Alexandra T.-12/2
 Ally L.- 12/3
 Milla A.-12/4
 Jenna M.-12/4
 Emma F.- 12/4
 Emma J.- 12/6
 Sophie S.- 12/6
 Gwendolyn T.-12/6
 Dylan H.- 12/7
 Sloane H.- 12/7
 Sydney K.- 12/7
 Ava S.- 12/7
 Julia P.- 12/9

Erika K.- 12/10
 Sydney G.- 12/11
 Drew Z.- 12/11
 Dylan Z.- 12/11
 Penny I.-12/13
 Ava N.- 12/14
 Elle S.- 12/15
 Lexi R.- 12/19
 Emma S.- 12/21
 Caroline z.-12/21
 Rowan G.- 12/22
 Amanda G.- 12/22
 Evelyn M.- 12/22
 Julia S.- 12/22
 Una M.-12/22

Emma M.- 12/23
 Tori Y.- 12/24
 Hailey K.- 12/25
 Elly A.-12/25
 Emma F.- 12/28
 Kate W.- 12/31
STAFF BIRTHDAYS:
 Charlotte P.- 12/1
 Sophie C.- 12/3
 Mirelle H.- 12/4
 Nancy S.- 12/7
 Emily S.- 12/8
 Caroline Z.- 12/8
 Meredith L.- 12/13

Taylor C.- 12/17
 Erana P.-12/17
 Spencer W.- 12/17
 Anna R.-12/19
 Angela G.- 12/22
 Callie D.-12/23
 Melissa K.- 12/24
 Abraham R.-12/26
 Ducky- 12/29
 Lucy B.-12/31
 MP- 12/31