

# the AGAZINE

February 2020



## SIDE NOTES:

Happy Valentines Day! Feel free to spend time with your loved ones completing your camp forms together. Forms are already 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 (to avoid duplication).
- Physicals must be within 12 months of your campers arrival at camp.
- A RECENT photo of your daughter is a required form!
- PRETTY PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY PAPER FORMS!!!

*Thank  
You*

Our Indiana, Ohio and Missouri reunions were lots of fun. A very warm thank you to our hospitable hosts; Maurer's in Indiana, Revell's in Ohio and Kerner's in Missouri. Campers got a chance to enjoy a sneak peak at the reunion video, get their yearbooks and talk up the amazing summer to come. It was really nice for Chris to meet the Indiana and Ohio families and Denise to meet the Missouri families face to face.



## Updating your CampMinder Info

We want to be sure that you are receiving all the important information being sent from our office. PLEASE double check your contact information in CampMinder. This includes mailing address, home/cell phone numbers, and EMAIL address. Email is **critical!** Most information is communicated through email. Another important piece will be to upload a recent photo of your daughter. We will be using a facial recognition program this summer and having an updated and clear photo will be key in helping to detect your camper in photos posted. Please please login to your account and double check all your information and upload your daughters photo (if you haven't already).



## Agawak Celebrity Corner

Iris Krasnow spent her first summer at Camp Agawak in 1963 bunking in cabin 3 at the age of eight. At Agawak, she developed her love of writing while contributing to the Analog. Forty years later, Iris-Blue Team Captain 1970, returned to resurrect Agalog, and has written her seventh book on her experiences and memories, reflecting on her more than a half-century connection to Agawak.

As Iris describes her book:



"*Camp Girls: Fireside Lessons on Friendship, Courage and Loyalty* chronicles how the character traits and lasting relationships formed during repeated summers in a camping community can lead to successful grown-up years. Separated from our parents at an early age, adapting to cabins filled with strangers, pushed to try every activity --we become adults who are independent, resilient, collaborative, adventurous. Interviews with many of my old camp friends, and with Mary, form the heart of the book. Our Agawak friends become family, sisters bound not of blood but of history, love and loyalty."

For Chicago area girls and parents, Iris will also be signing "Camp Girls" at the Book Stall in Winnetka, early evening, Thursday, April 16th. Tom Rosenberg's review will be on the back cover of Iris' book.

*Camp Girls* is one of the most compelling and thought-provoking camp memoirs I have ever read. Iris Krasnow encapsulates the transformative essence of immersive summer camp experiences and also serves as a timely call-to-action for all parents. Findings from decades of camp research suggest that summer camp is an optimal context for social-emotional learning experiences which help young people thrive in school, in 21st century workplaces and in life. Iris' masterful story-telling had me laughing and crying while powerfully illuminating the lasting impacts of positive mindsets and skills nurtured in undistracted, human-centered, and adventurous camp communities.

- Tom Rosenberg, President/CEO American Camp Association

The book comes out in early April but is available for pre-order now on Amazon. Iris will also be signing her book at the downtown Minocqua bookstore The Shade Tree on Visting Day, July 18th.



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Hailey Eiserman—1**  
**Morgan Kohn—2**  
**Julia Batt—3**  
**Sophia Holler—3**  
**Lucy Paull—5**  
**Raegan Sondag—5**  
**Alexia Margain—6**  
**Jaelyn Martin—6**  
**Lauren Rosenberg—6**  
**Anna Pedersen—6**  
**Grace Rieder—6**  
**Eva Weil—7**  
**Evelyn Meehan—7**  
**Hadyn Revell—8**  
**Jordan Schaefer—9**  
**Devyn Much—10**  
**Leslie Weinberg—10**  
**Elizabeth Rieder—10**  
**Danya Hirsch—12**  
**Reese Millstein—13**

**Allyson Shapiro—13**  
**Sutton Feurer—13**  
**Advika Rangan—14**  
**Olivia Izenstark—14**  
**Indiana Dowling—14**  
**Uma Malani—15**  
**Lily Rue—15**  
**Miriam Eynon—16**  
**Peyton Woodson—18**  
**Mia Latinik—18**  
**Nyah Watson—20**  
**Madeline Gallinson—21**  
**Grace Ferguson—22**  
**Sydney Jarol—22**  
**Marlo Matalka—23**  
**Madelyn Moss—24**  
**Sophie Flather—24**  
**Stella Figenholtz—124**  
**Charley Teitelbaum—26**  
**McKenzie O'Neil—27**

**Kate Strand—27**  
**Grace Cruise—27**  
**Lilly Adelstein—28**  
**Brooke Olsen—28**  
**Madison Olsen—28**  
**Guiliana Tansky—28**

**STAFF BIRTHDAYS:**  
**Claire Finlay—8**  
**Devyn Much—10**  
**Gavin Robinson—18**  
**Jennifer Buthbert—22**  
**Sophie Plattnre—23**  
**Ava Silverglade—25**





## VISITORS WEEKEND

A couple of things to remember

First session campers taking the bus will depart on Friday, July 17th. First session campers being picked up leave on Visiting Day, Saturday, July 18th 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Full season campers will spend Saturday night out of camp with family and must return by 11:00am Sunday, July 19th.

Full season campers who MUST go home over visiting weekend, need to have a parent email us the reason for leaving and get approval. Campers are only allowed to ride the bus home & back during changeover, **NO FLIGHTS**. The standard bus fee will be added to your SMA.

Staff members are required to work visiting weekend and not allowed to travel home.

### Valentines' Day fun facts

- ♥ During the Middle Ages, documents were often signed with an "X" and then the writer would kiss the mark as a sign of their oath. It was a common gesture to certify books, letters and paperwork leading to the term sealed with a kiss. Also how "X" came to mean kiss.
- ♥ Teachers receive the most cards, followed by Moms.
- ♥ Cupid is the son of Venus, the goddess of love. His bow and arrow are used to pierce hearts and cast a love spell.
- ♥ Also during the Middle Ages, young men and women would draw names to see who their Valentine would be and then wear that name pinned to their sleeve. Ah ha, wearing your heart on your sleeve.

## CHICAGO REUNION

Northbrook Renaissance Hotel

**Sunday, February 9**

**1:30-3:30**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**New Camper Orientation  
April 19th  
Northbrook Renaissance Hotel**



To the Agawak Family!  
Introducing more amazing new campers!

*Palm Beach*

**Rosie Goldberg**

*Ellia Hamilton*

*Creve Coeue, MO*

**Cadyn & Kyle Price**

*Wilmette*

**Leila Heitner**

*Palos Heights*

**Ellie Germany**

*Deerfield*

**Talia Johnson**

**Jaclyn Sacks**

*Glencoe*

**Olivia Klein**

*Glenview*

**Beatrice Valenzuela**

*Plainfield*

*Highland Park*

### IMPORTANT—READ BELOW!



#### 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 dated after August 7th, 2019 are valid. Due to ACA requirements, please use the form we provide in CampMinder.



#### 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 email an official note/form denoting a 'clear' check to [fun@agawak.com](mailto:fun@agawak.com)



#### Sundays we wear WHITE and NAVY!

Campers will need a WHITE Agawak shirt and NAVY blue bottoms. They are required on for lunch and dinner. You may order your white Agawak V-neck by emailing [fun@agawak.com](mailto:fun@agawak.com). Indicate the number of shirts (we suggest 2) and SIZE. Shirts will be given out upon arrival at camp. Cost of \$15 will be added to SMA.

**The  
Yearbooks are  
coming!!**

For First, Second & Full season campers who ordered a yearbook will pick them up at the Chicago reunion. If you are not at the reunion we will be mailing them out in February.

Those who contributed to the Agalog may pick up their copy at the reunion as well.