

January 2017



Important Reminders:

- Evites for the Chicago reunion have gone out.
 Contact office if you did not get one.
- Make sure to RSVP if you will be coming and update your t-shirt size in CampMinder.

A side note (literally)!



Don't forget that all campers will need a physical that is within 12 months of camp. Schedule now and avoid the rush! Also, all campers will need proof of a lice check 8-10 days prior to camp.

HAPPY NEW YEARI "The Hippest Scene in 2017!"

ONLINE FORMS via CampMinder

Don't panic, forms are NOT due yet! But like last year, all 2017 Camp Agawak forms will be available online via CampMinder. Forms are in the process of being updated and an email will be sent when the forms have been "turned on". You will login to your Camp-Minder account and on your dashboard you will see the Forms & Documents section.

(www.agawak.com —>current families —> campminder login)

Enter the username and password used when registering your daughter for camp. When "form time" rolls around feel free to contact the office with questions or ask for help with completing any of the forms online. fun@agawak.com or 715-356-5383.

Camp Forms will be due MAY 1st

Director's Corner

Camp Agawak is located in some of the most beautiful surroundings in the country; nestled away amongst tall pines, a gorgeous blue lake and acres upon acres of woods. Agawak is the definition of natural beauty. When you're here you can connect with nature and breathe in fresh Wisconsin air. Waking up to a view of tall pines and fresh north woods air is a nice change for kids who are used to the hustle and bustle of the big city. The beauty of Agawak and all that surrounds it is so good for the heart, mind and soul.

Agawak exposes campers to things they normally wouldn't see and experience back home in the city. They learn to find excitement and joy in nature and doing things outside. I truly believe it awakens something in them that they just can't find in an urban setting.

Let's not forget about the beauty of camp friends as well. Agawak friends are unlike any other friends that help shape who you become as a person. Over time, their significance is immense and immeasurable.

Agawak friends tend to tell it to you straight. Whether in moments of happiness or moments of frustration, your camp friends will be honest with you. They will point out your weaknesses not as an attempt to hurt your feelings instead they're trying to help you to grow as a person. Agawak friends are with you through it all.....the ups and the downs. Your camp friends will see you at your best and at your worst. Agawak friends have a way of making you forget about the bad and help you to move forward with the good. With camp friends in your corner nothing can keep you down for long.

The friendships you develop at Agawak will develop one moment and one experience at a time. The longer you're together at camp the more significant and impactful the friendship becomes. Possibly the best thing about camp friends is that they don't just make an impact and leave. They're with you throughout your life, even after your time at camp has ended, to help you better yourself as a person. After you leave camp, whether you talk once a day, once a month or even once a year their loyalty is unmatched. No matter what each of you become down the road, you will always be camp friends first.

Although it's only January, summer you will be here before we know it and the gates of Agawak will be wide open for all of you to enjoy the beauty and special friendships that surrounds you.

Camp Hugs to all - Mary



STAFF UPDATE

Mary has been hard at work choosing some amazing staff for the summer and just returned from the land down under. She will be heading to Mexico next! Agawak really has the best staff around. Staff are chosen for their love of kids, skills and desire to make a difference in our campers lives. Below are our 2017 international staff to date:

New Zealand: Cassidy Chivell



United Kingdom:

Holly Bellamy Georgia Feldman Zara Kirkwood Emma Laidlaw



Australia:

Courtney Bainbridge Emma Dove Hayley Galla Megan Goonan Emma Hall Isabelle Luc



Madeline Muir Shanae Perrv Madeleine Stubbs Lara Sybaczynskyj Sophie Tainton **Kimberly Tuff** Jacqui Venteman **Bethany Williams**

Counselors:

Kaitlin Fisher Jamie Granick Dani Hammer Abigail Moeckler Samantha Boorstein Tori Boorstein Taylor Cohen Nicki Kleifield Jacqui Levitan

Sarah Mossler **Emily Saturno** Julia Turner

International Counselors:

Mel Murray Erana Parker Lucy Bonfield Georgia L'Estrange **Activity Specialists:** Daniel Wohlleber-Archery Jessica Jung-Riflery Karla Lorgus-Cooking Brenna Gabert-Tower Kim Wasserburger-Tower

Nurses: Kali Miller Becky Doman Heather Adolph

Some of our veteran staff who will be heading up programs this summer:

Olympic Day Commissioners: Taylor Cohen & Julia Turner Blue & White: Julia Spathis, Sarah Mossler & Jacqui Levitan

What's all the noise about?

Cabins 1, 2, 3, X and OW have received a complete inside face lift. Walls have been re-done and look clean

and beautiful. Putting wall boards in our cabins is a very labor intensive project. Campers and staff remember, these new beautiful walls MUST stay graffiti free! The new look brightens the cabin and makes the inside feel more homey. Your cabin legacy will live on each year with the plaques you create. 2017 The cabin plaques, dating back to 1921, will always be preserved.





Reunions!!

St. Louis Reunion Sunday, January 29 The McCormac Home California Reunion Saturday, February 4 The Mass Home

Chicago Reunion Sunday, February 19 2-4pm Renaissance Hotel, Northbrook

Suzi will be at the St. Louis (with MP!) and CA reunions. Mary and gang will be in Chicago. If you have any questions about the reunions, please contact the office.

Welcome to the Camp Agawak Family!

Hip Hip Hooray!

Announcing our newest Agawak campers.....

Mercedes Madrazo—Mexico Bridget Lesch—Evanston, IL Natalie Lesch—Evanston, IL Jordyn Kohn—Chicago, IL Gigi Silber—Highland Park, IL

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Paula Reuther-Neuss, Germany Eva Weil—Northbrook, IL Noa Levin—Northbrook, IL Brooklynn Levin—Northbrook, IL

Noa C.- 4 Anya L.- 4 Jemma H.- 5 Devon S.- 5 Annabelle M.- 6 Dylan L.-7 Grace K.- 9 Nicole S.- 9 Alexandra W.- 9 Dayla R.- 10 Madison R.- 10 Ashley S.- 11 Mirabelle H.-12 Shae A.- 15 Ashley N.-15 Emma R.- 17 Jillian G.-18 Jada M.- 18 Natalie N.-18 Elana C.-18 Lyla A.-21 Lindsey B.-21 Stella K.- 23 Kayla M.-23 Casey L- 25 Jessica Z.- 25

Aliza Z.– 27 Samantha K.-29 Riley J.-29

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STAFF BIRTHDAYS: Julia T.- 6 Alana B.- 8 Emily K.- 9 Daniel W.-10 Paola R.- 15 Clifton S.-21 Sam S.- 23