

# the AGAWAK

March/April 2017



## Side Notes:

 Schedule required lice checks (refer to your pre-camp packet for more info) and Physical Exam Appointments!

 All forms are due **MAY 1st!**

- Forms are online in Camp-Minder.
- Make sure uploaded forms are easy to read!!
- Please don't mail forms in.



Our adventurous CIT's will head to the boundary waters..July 24-30



## Say Hello to our New Campers!



From Springfield: Aleena Govindaiah

From Chicago: Delilah Davis & Uma Malani

From Deerfield: Madison & Autumn Seward  
Parker Cross



# Director's Note:

Camp Agawak is located in some of the most beautiful surroundings in the country. Tucked away amongst towering pine trees, a lake rated top 5 in the state of Wisconsin and acres and acres of untouched forest, Agawak is the definition of natural beauty. When you're here you're able to connect with nature and leave the pressures of school and home life behind for awhile.

Being immersed in the beauty of Agawak is a welcome and unique experience. Spending part of your summer unplugged from technology, interacting with others and participating in fun events and games fosters creativity and friendships. Camp friendships are the family we make not the ones we inherit. Anyone who has been a camper knows that camp friends in time become family before you realize it.

Sure, Agawak has a lot of fun activities, yet when campers reminisce about their camp experience they don't specifically talk about sailing, skiing or Blue and White. No, they talk about that unmistakable mix of friendship, fun activities and lessons learned in a place where they roam freely in wide open spaces surrounded by nature. No matter their background campers will tell you that camp is a life-changing experience. Campers are introduced to life-long friends, given a chance to try all sorts of new things, taught the value of unplugging and being present in the moment. With all that camp has to offer, why wouldn't you count the days until you were able to return?

Like many of you, I too am counting down the days until we're back together again. See you soon.

Camp Hugs,  
Mary



**When are office hours?    What should I pack?    Can I bring an Ipad?    Should I pack snacks?  
When is visiting day?    What time do the buses leave?    What is the medication policy?**

Are these questions keeping you up at night? Ok probably not, but they can be answered with a quick look in your pre-camp packet. We highly recommend keeping the pre-camp packet (& inserts) throughout your campers time at Agawak. It can be a very helpful reference during the season. If you are an enrolled camper for 2017, Pre-camp packets should have arrived at your home by now. If not, please contact our emergency pre-camp packet center (aka "The Office") at 715-356-5383 or via email: [fun@agawak.com](mailto:fun@agawak.com).

Baggage information for those in the Chicago area will be sent out at a later date. Camp Agawak Baggage Service (CABS) will again be handling all bags. You will be happy to know that CABS will handle bags directly from and to your home!

Become familiar with your CampMinder log-in and account. You will need to use this during the summer to view invoices, required forms, your camper's SMA balance, and other important information.

## New Camper Orientation

Our new camper orientation on March 5 with first time Agawak girls and parents in the Chicago area was a big success! It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet other new campers and families and get to know a few of our great Agawak staff. We answered many questions and generated even more excitement for the summer of 2017! A BIG thank you to our counselors and CIT's that came to meet and greet our new families. Our new campers left feeling more comfortable and informed about their summer ahead. They even learned a few new songs and are ready for lodge singing and campfire!

Can't wait to see you all real soon!



## ONGOING LEARNING TO MAKE THE SUMMER BETTER!

MP and Suzi just spent a week soaking up knowledge in Atlantic City, New Jersey at the American Camp Association Tri-State Camp Conference. As you can see the learning never stops here. Michael Branwein, internationally recognized expert on leadership, communication and team building, will help train our counselors this summer. He is the author of "Training Terrific Staff", an Emmy award winner, and an expert in the field of camping. It is such a great experience for our staff to be surrounded by others in the camping industry and learning from the best of the best!



# Big / Little Sister Program



We are committed to making our newest campers feel like Agawak is their "home away from home" even before they step foot on Agawak soil. Stephanie "Becker" Tasman, a long time camper and former Asst Director, has been organizing our Big/Little Sister program that pairs returning 8th and 9th graders with our new campers. Our goal is help first time campers with their transition into camp and help them to feel more comfortable. This program helps to bring our camp community together. We are expecting both Big and Little sisters to do their best to reach out to one another a few times before camp begins.

*"The Hippest Scene in Twenty-Seventeen!"*



## March/April Birthdays

Cora Powers- 3/1  
Amelia Head-3/1  
Lila Siegel-3/2  
Elly Siegel-3/3  
Maya Rosenberg- 3/4  
Bree Luckman- 3/5  
Daniela Fonseca-3/5  
Katey Goldman- 3/6  
Sophia Franklin- 3/7  
Chloe Strauss- 3/9  
Keagan Anderson- 3/11  
Emma Herzog- 3/12  
Lily Voracek-3/13  
Frannie McCormac- 3/15  
Madeline Rubenstein- 3/16  
Rhys Yeager-3/16  
Brooklynn Levin-3/18  
Olivia Vigran- 3/18  
Jenna Berk- 3/19  
Erin Lerner-3/20  
Delilah Davis-3/21  
Lola Geary- 3/22  
Hannah Heil- 3/22  
Summer L.- 3/24  
Kennedy Cannon-3/24  
Ashley Aragon-3/27  
Parker Cross-3/27

Alexis Abrams- 3/29  
Sophie Draluck- 3/29  
Abigail Horwitz- 3/29  
Catherine Smithson- 3/29  
Nicole Ofer- 3/30  
Simi Bever-3/30  
Sadie Benjamin- 4/1  
Sophia Goldsmith- 4/2  
Tasha Netzky-4/2  
Lily Laufenberg-4/3  
Lily Hammer-4/4  
Cori Dyer- 4/7  
Mia Chachko-4/8  
Sophia Elkin- 4/9  
Lily Emalfarb- 4/9  
Hailey Shaw- 4/9  
Addison Draper-4/9  
Lindsey Fink- 4/11  
Casey Sschwab- 4/11  
Morgan Gurtz- 4/12  
Amelia Horwitz- 4/12  
Abby Rudman- 4/12  
Sami Engel-4/12  
Katie Morgan- 4/13  
Aleena Govindaiah-4/13  
Sunmer Silver-4/14  
Hannah Karlin- 4/17

Mia Gottfried-4/17  
Shayley Polikov- 4/19  
Emma Plattner- 4/20  
Emma Santiccioli-4/20  
Lucy Winter- 4/20  
Allison Reed- 4/21  
Charlotte Winter- 4/21  
Evie Hafner-4/21  
Jordan Berger-4/21  
Danielle Carter- 4/22  
Julia Goller- 4/22  
Macy Shutan- 4/22  
Caroline Routh- 4/23  
Riley Sauer- 4/23  
Aliza Greenberg- 4/24  
Rebecca Klawans- 4/24  
Maddy Cowen-4/24  
Sylvia Fenster-4/24  
Charli DeGraff- 4/26  
Mia Elkin- 4/26  
Maya Rudman- 4/26  
Annabel Alberts- 4/27  
Yvonne Dillard- 4/30  
Shayna Itkin-4/30

**STAFF BIRTHDAYS:**  
Emily Gurner- 3/2  
Kali Miller- 3/2  
Mollie Smetana- 3/7  
Madeleine Stubbs-3/8  
Indiana Martinez-3/14  
Kristina Shi- 3/16  
Heather Adolph- 3/17  
Azmindia Sanchez-3/18  
Courtney Bainbridge-3/23  
Kendall Michaels- 3/26  
Nikki Kleifield- 3/27  
Shanae Perry-3/28  
Diana Millan-3/28  
Murphy Hughes- 3/30  
Kim Wasserburger- 4/5  
Cindy Trejo-4/5  
Hannah Keller-4/7  
Morgan Paull- 4/13  
Bethany Williams-4/21  
Blair Morris- 4/23  
Daniela Maruri-4/24  
Hayley Galla-4/24  
Morgan Goonan- 4/30