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GREENWOODS CAMP FOR BOYS LAKE OF THE WOODS FOR GIRLS

Monthly



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WHAT'S NEWS!

From, Dayna, Dana, Emily & Rob



Campers please remember to show this newsletter to your family, there is a lot of important information in this issue for them to read.

All of us in the winter office are preparing for the summer and spending most of our day hiring counselors for camp this summer. We have so many wonderful people returning to camp and also joining us for the first time, so make sure to read all about them in the staff news section.

These next few months are going to fly by and soon we'll be back at camp! You can keep up with the countdown to camp at our website www.lwgcwc.com, just click on the "current camper page".

We look forward to meeting many of our new campers next month at our Chicago area new camper parties, and we will see the rest of you soon in Decatur!



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PARENT REMINDERS:

By now you should have received our **Medical Packet**. Please, please please read all off the information very carefully. This packet should contain the following:

- General Health & Medical Information Sheet
- Green Health History & Exam Form
- Credit Card & Insurance Card Form
- Camp Meds, Inc. Information
- Duplicate Medication Form for Camper's Medications
- Cloz Catalogue

Please remember that the Health History Form is due back to us **WITH** a Doctor's signature **NO LATER** than **JUNE 1st**.

Also, please keep remember that if your child takes medication, be sure to either order through Camp Meds OR to mail your medication to arrive one week prior to the start of your child' session. There will not be a nurse at the bus this year. All medication must be mailed to camp in advance.

If you have any questions or if you did not receive something in this packet please call us at the winter office.

In the next few weeks we will be sending out another packet, our Final Mailing Packet, which will contain lots of other forms for you and your camper to fill out.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARCH CAMPERS !



CAMP
QUIZ
&
ESSAY
CONTEST

Thank you to everyone that entered the February camp quiz! Congratulations to our winners EMMA and HANNAH who have each won a CD of their choice!

This month we are having a camp essay contest. Have you ever written something about camp that you want us to publish in our camp newsletter? Submit anything you have written about camp to dana@Lwcgwc.com and you might see it published in next month's newsletter.

The camper whose story/essays published will win a DVD of their choice! Please enter **NO LATER** than April 10th.



STAFF NEWS

Tennis superstar **JAY DEBERNARDI** returns to Greenwoods for his 3rd summer as our Tennis Director. Tennis has been a major part of his life for many years. Jay has been president of a tennis club back home in Victoria, Australia and is currently a tennis coach full time. At the age of 17 he received a qualification for the TCAV (Tennis Coaches Australia Victoria) and has held it for the past 3 years. Jay is one of the best tennis coaches we have ever seen and we are so lucky to have him running our tennis program for another summer!

Twenty-three year old **TAL ZOHAR** returns to LWC for her 2nd summer all the way from Israel! Tal volunteered for a year at a boarding school where she worked with children who have special needs. In addition to working with children she has been riding horses since she was 9 years old and had taught children both English and western riding. Tal is quite the animal lover and when she was in the Israeli Army she worked on a farm with all kinds of barn animals. Tal hopes to get into social work when she finishes her studies back home and is looking forward to spending her summer at our stables teaching riding!

We are very excited to welcome **BLAKE DEXTER** to GWC for his 1st summer. Blake is from Rye, Australia and will be joining our swim staff. He absolutely loves the water and is qualified in many water activities. Blake holds a boating license, a scuba diving license, and a powered watercraft license. In addition, Blake has his Bronze Medallion qualification in surf life saving and spent two summers as a volunteer lifeguard. He has been an avid swimmer since a young boy and is looking forward to teaching swimming this summer.

MARIJE OVERWATER joins Lake of the Woods for her 1st summer from The Netherlands. Marije is studying law back home and is looking forward to spending her school holiday with us at camp. She has been sailing since a young age and is a national champion for sailing traditional Dutch boats. Marije worked as a sailing instructor back home teaching children the fundamentals of sailing and we are thrilled to have her join us as one of our sailing instructors this summer.

Also joining Greenwoods for his 1st summer is 23 year old **DAVID DOWNS** from the UK. David is currently earning a degree in crime studies and psychology and hopes to join the police force after university. He has been accepted into a volunteer police officer program, where he works closely with other officers in his local community. He started rollerblading at the age of 11 and even joined a local street hockey team! David looks forward to teaching roller hockey at camp this summer. In addition to teaching roller hockey, he will also teach riflery, another hobby of his since childhood.

Twenty-one year old **MELISSA BUSSE** joins LWC for her 1st summer from Crestwood, Illinois. Currently Melissa is a senior at Northern Illinois University and will be graduating this spring with a degree in Elementary Education. Melissa spent three years as a volunteer tennis coach during the summer where she taught children of all ages the fundamentals of tennis and she was a state qualifier when in high school. She continues to play recreationally and is looking forward to seeing many of our campers at the tennis courts this summer.

MAURIZIO NIENTIEDT joins us this summer from Germany as one of our camp photographers. Maurizio started digital photography 4 years ago and is experienced with Adobe photoshop, Adobe light room and digital manipulation. Photography is such a passion of his and he is looking forward to taking photos for our website and other camp marketing materials. Make sure when you see Maurizio walking around camp this summer you "SAY CHEESE"!

We are excited to welcome **KIM EHLKE** to Lake of the Woods for her 1st summer from Wixom, Michigan. Kim is studying business and dance at Central Michigan University and will be joining our staff this summer as a Pom Pon and dance instructor. She has had extensive training in dance for about 16 years and has trained in ballet, hip-hop, jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary, musical theater and modern...WOW! She has been a member of several dance companies and has won awards at both local and national levels. In addition, Kim was a member of her high school's Varsity Pom team and was captain her senior year and her team was ranked among the top 30 in the nation. Currently, Kim choreographs and coaches two youth cheer teams back home. We are so lucky to have Kim and her many talents at camp this summer.



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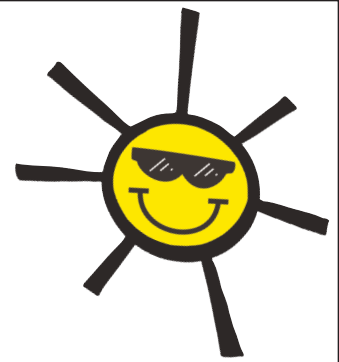
Former camper **MARI BLISS** returns to camp after several summers away. Mari is from Wilmette, Illinois and is finishing her freshman year at the University of Michigan. Mari spent 4 summers as a camper and her mom and grandmother are both former LWC campers too! This summer she will be teaching Outdoor Living Skills or “OLS” at camp and remembers how much she loved taking this activity at camp years ago! Mari has been going on camping trips for years and recently participated in an adventure program in Colorado, where she spent 3 weeks backpacking and surviving the great outdoors. Making puppy chow is one of her favorite LWC memories and she looks forward to returning to camp and teaching OLS.

We are so excited to welcome **JUSTIN AYLETT** back to Greenwoods for another summer. This will be Justin’s 2nd summer at camp as our football instructor. Justin is at school in Arkansas and is looking forward to returning to Decatur for round two! Justin plans on going to occupational therapy school next year and hopes to one day work on the sidelines as a doctor for a professional sports team. We are excited to have Justin and that crazy southern accent back!

Twenty-four year old **RAMONA ROMAN** joins Lake of the Woods this summer all the way from Romania! Ramona has spent time in the states before living and working with Dayna and her family, and is looking forward to spending a summer at camp. Currently, Ramona is earning a health sciences degree back home and will be spending her summer break as one of our sports instructors. She has played professional volleyball for 4 years and was on a basketball teams for several years. We are so excited to have Ramona back in the states again and joining us at camp!

A big welcome to 22 year old **KARA TOMLINSON** from Wellington, New Zealand to LWC for her 1st summer. Currently Kara is working for an economic development company back home and is excited to take a break from her “real” job to come work at our camps for the summer. Her mother was a swim teacher so while growing up Kara spent a lot of time swimming and assisting her mother with her swim classes. Kara was a New Zealand national age group finalist in swimming for five years while she was a member of two swimming clubs. We are very excited to have Kara joining our swim staff down at the docks this summer!

We are excited to welcome 21 year old **THOMAS BARBOUR** to GWC this summer. Tom is a junior at Indiana University and is looking forward to spending his summer holiday at camp. He is an avid sports player and has a love for football, baseball, and basketball. Tom has participated, coached and umpired in all three sports and is looking forward to teaching our campers all he knows! He is very active in extra-curricular activities at school and runs all of the intramural games for members of his fraternity. We know he’ll be a great asset to our sports program!



Our LWC ladies will be happy to know that **SHANA DORN** returns to Lake of the Woods for another summer as the Assistant Program Director! Shana has been working closely with Dana Cohn and the other Directors for the past 4 summers to help run the daily program, evening programs and special events at camp. She is so important to our camp community and we know that camp just would not be the same without her. She will be available for all of our campers and staff and hopes that everyone has another incredible summer at camp!

We are also excited to announce that this summer **LAUREN “TINK” PATINKIN** will be taking on a special role at camp as the Camp RA (Resident Assistant). Lauren has been spending time in the winter office helping with many administrative projects and speaking with many of our parents to help them prepare for camp. Lauren is earning a Masters in Elementary Education and Child Development and is going to put her knowledge of camp and children to use this summer! She will be working closely with our campers to make sure they have the best possible experience! When not spending time with our campers, Lauren will be helping with the program at Lake of the Woods.

“Each year we receive over 2,500 applications and hire less than 10% of the people that apply”



S.C.O.P.E. Midwest

We are very excited to share with all of our camp families that since launching SCOPE Midwest this winter, we have had some wonderful developments. We have already raised over \$25,000 for SCOPE Midwest this summer and know that we will continue to fundraise and send many many children to summer camp! Below is a little information about SCOPE Midwest. You can visit the website at www.scope-midwest.org or email Dana Cohn with any questions at dana@Lwgcgwc.com. We would love to get all of our camp families involved!

WHAT IS SCOPE MIDWEST

SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Provide an Edge) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children in need by funding not-for-profit resident camps with camperships that offer the benefits of a safe, well-supervised and enriching summer camp experience.

HISTORY OF SCOPE

SCOPE was founded in 1991 by a group of camp directors in New York who recognized the need to provide camping opportunities for all children, regardless of the social or economic background. That first summer SCOPE provided 26 "camperships" and since then have provided over 10,000 underserved children with the summer camp experience.

In 2007 we partnered with SCOPE in New York with the hope to expand their efforts here in our Midwest communities, and hopefully one day throughout the country!

WHO BENEFITS FROM SCOPE MIDWEST

SCOPE Midwest was created not only to benefit children, but also as a response to the increased need for funding and support for not-for-profit camps. Due to lack of funding many summer camps are left with empty beds each summer and many camps have been forced to close.

SCOPE MIDWEST CAMPS

This year we are excited to be working with the following not-for-profit camps in the Midwest. These camps will be providing camperships to children through SCOPE Midwest this summer!

- *Holiday Home Camp Williams Bay, Wisconsin*
- *Chicago Youth Centers Camp Rosenthal, Dowagiac, MI*
- *Camp Jorn YMCA, Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin*
- *House in the Wood, Delavan, Wisconsin*

OUR CAMPERS CARE

Two of our campers have asked to work with SCOPE Midwest for their Mitzvah projects this year. We are so excited that **SARA GLICKMAN** and **SARA LICHTENBERG** will be helping SCOPE Midwest as part of their Mitzvah projects!

We will continue to update all of our camp families on news and events for SCOPE Midwest and hope that you are as excited as we are.



Lauren Patinkin, Emily Ferdman, Rob Burns, Dana Cohn and Dayna Hardin were taken at the Annual Winter Benefit for SCOPE New York in Atlantic City, New Jersey. At the benefit they announced the launch of SCOPE Midwest and raised over \$400,000 to provide camperships. We plan on holding a benefit for Scope Midwest in April 2009!

CELL PHONE POLICY



We want to remind all of our campers and parents that we have a **NO CELL PHONE POLICY** at camp! The Directors are always available to speak with our parents throughout the summer regarding your campers experience and ask that all of our parents speak with their child before camp to make sure that they understand this policy. Please know that there are consequences for bringing or allowing your child to bring a cell phone to camp.

ATTENTION ALL COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CITS)

**CIT Training will take place on
Sunday, May 4th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Hackney's Restaurant in Glenview.

**This training is REQUIRED for all CITS
living within 2 hours of Chicago.**

**Please RSVP to Dana Cohn at
dana@Lwcgwc.com by April 15th.**

Save the Date!!



**The Lake of the Woods
Chicago Area New Camper Party
Tuesday, April 29th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Lou Malnati's in Buffalo Grove.**

**The Greenwoods Chicago Area
New Camper Party
Thursday, May 1st
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Lou Malnati's in Buffalo Grove.**

Please rsvp to emily@Lwcgwc.com by April 18th.



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CAMP DATES FOR 2008

Full Session:
June 16 - August 9

1st Session:
June 16 - July 12

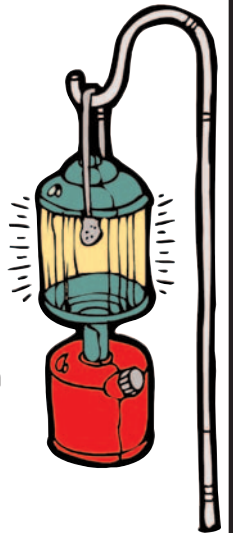
2nd Session:
July 14 - August 9

Family Camp
August 10-August 16

NEW CAMPER CORNER

Who will my cabin counselors be?

That's a good question, because your counselors and cabinmates will be a big part of your summer! It is important that you feel comfortable with your counselors and know that you can go to them with anything at anytime. We spend lots of time in the winter interviewing and finding the best people to be counselors at camp. Before you come to camp, our counselors spend a week with us getting to learn more about camp and our program, as well as you so they can get to know you before you even arrive! We spend a lot of time making sure we are matching the right counselors with the right campers. As a result, we don't even know who your counselors will be until almost the end of our training week! Once you get to camp, your program director will tell you the name of your cabin, and it is then that you will meet your counselors...who have been waiting all week to meet you!



I know you can request cabinmates, but once at camp, can you switch who you will bunk with if both people want?

Another great question! Just as we carefully consider which counselors will fit best with which girls, we spend a ton of time before camp making sure that each group of girls and boys will enjoy living together. On your guidance form (blue for girls and green for boys), you have the option of writing up to two names of friends that you want to live with in a cabin. Most of the time, we are able to honor mutual requests. Because we take such care before camp starts working on cabin placements, it is very rare that campers ask to switch cabins.