



# The MONTHLY MEGAPHONE

January 2015



SPECIAL EDITION FOR 2 WEEK FAMILIES AT THE GLEN AND THE GROVE!!!

## CAMP HAPPENINGS!

Dear Campers,

Happy New Year! Here's to wishing all our camp families the happiest and healthiest in 2015! With camp only 5 months away, we can't wait for summer 2015. Thank you to everyone who has spread the word about camp to their friends. Many age groups are full and we already have campers enrolled from **23 states and 11 countries!** If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact us ASAP!



**Stay warm and  
think SUMMER!**

*Dayna & Dana*

## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GLOBAL APPAREL DAY!

Friday, **MARCH 6, 2015** is the date for our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Apparel Day!** The past 3 years have been such a huge success. We want to see our campers, staff and alumni showing off their camp apparel all around the world! Make sure to wear your camp apparel and show off your camp spirit.

Take a photo in your favorite camp gear, email it to [Tom@Lwcgwc.com](mailto:Tom@Lwcgwc.com), and we will post it on our Facebook and Instagram page to show our camp pride!

**Post for fun or enter one of these contests:**

- 1) Most creative photo in camp gear
- 2) Largest group together wearing camp gear
- 3) Photo taken farthest away from Decatur in camp gear



Tom and Shana modeling our new early bird gifts!

## CAMP TO COLLEGE!



**1st SESSION SENIOR MOHAWKS AND SENIOR BRYN MAWRS** (10th grade campers) begin the college

journey with your camp friends! University of Michigan will host our senior campers during first session for a trip of a lifetime. Explore campus on a guided tour, enjoy free time in town, and stay overnight in the Residence Halls for an amazing college experience. On day two, we visit the Big House - yes, tour U of M football stadium, locker rooms, press box and stand on the Block M at mid field.



**2nd SESSION SENIOR MOHAWKS AND SENIOR BRYN MAWRS** (10th grade campers), Notre Dame Fighting Irish await us! We will be trekking to South

Bend, Indiana for a two-day adventure. Tour campus, stroll down Notre Dame Avenue, enjoy the night in the Residence Halls and.... wake to a tour of Notre Dame's legendary football stadium! Senior campers, it's time for some epic memories!

**More details will be sent to our senior campers in February.**



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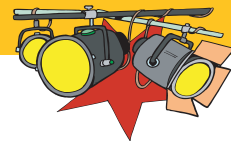


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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

## Welcome our Division Leaders and Program Coordinators to our Leadership Team



We are so excited to welcome our Division Leaders and Program Coordinators to our Leadership Team this summer. All of our **Division Leaders** will work closely with the campus director and directors to oversee the day-to-day operations of their division, assisting with staff management, and guidance issues when necessary. Our division leaders will also assist with parent communication regarding camper guidance issues and assist with counselor communication with parents in their division. Our **Program Coordinators** will work closely with their campus director and division leaders to plan and implement all of our evening programs, special days and events at their campus. **\*\*\*As we continue to hire our leadership team, we will highlight our staff in upcoming newsletters.\*\*\***

### Lake Of The Woods Camp For Girls- 4 Week Campus



#### LAUREN VIDAK

*Younger Division Leader (3rd-5th grade)*

We are thrilled to welcome back twenty-five year old **LAUREN VIDAK** for her fourth summer at camp as our younger division leader at Lake of the Woods. Lauren is originally from Louisville, Colorado and is currently a competition director of a dance studio in Longmont, CO. She graduated from Fort Lewis College with degrees in theatre and English. When asked why she keeps coming back to camp, Lauren said: *"I keep coming back because every year at camp is a new adventure. Helping kids leave the stress of the real world and giving them the chance to be silly, fun, camp-cool kiddos; it's just a great thing to be part of!"*

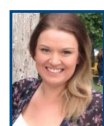
years away from camp to be in the "real world" Laura decided to return in 2011 and has returned every summer since then! When she wasn't at camp, Laura was a social worker at the Salford Foundation, a not-for-profit organization in Manchester that specializes in working with underprivileged youth with emotional, social and behavior difficulties. In addition to her degree in communication and marketing, Laura has her Higher National Diploma in Youth Justice & Cognitive Behavior Therapy. In January 2015, Laura will be packing her bags and moving to Chicago to join our year-round team as our Female Staffing Coordinator in the winter office! During the year she will be interviewing and hiring our amazing staff, and over the summer she serves as the Campus Director and Older Division Leader at our girls 4 & 8 week program. In her spare time Laura is an avid runner & traveler. She enjoys paddle boarding at camp when she has some free time!



#### FRAN GOWAR

*Middle Division Leader (6th-8th grade)*

Thirty-one year old **FRAN GOWAR** from Cambridge, UK returns to camp for her second summer as our Middle Division Leader at Lake of the Woods. Last summer, Fran did a fantastic job as our drama instructor, caught the "camp bug," and can't wait to return. Fran just finished teaching drama in Singapore and recently moved to Manchester to work until she heads back to the States. Her dream job would be to teach drama in the United States. When asked why Fran is coming back to camp, she said: *"I am looking forward to the challenge of this new position and the experience I will gain from it. I can't wait to see my campers again; they made 2014 unforgettable! 49045 is the only place I'd want to spend my summers."*



#### OLIVIA "LIV" RUMBLE

*Program Coordinator at Lake of the Woods Camp*

Twenty-four year old **OLIVIA "LIV" RUMBLE** joins us from Leeds, England for her 3rd summer at Lake of the Woods. Liv spent her last 2 summers teaching cooking in Lola's Kitchen and is looking forward to her new role and helping to make sure our evening programs are the best! Liv graduated in 2013 from Leeds Metropolitan University with a degree in sports and exercise science. When asked why she keeps coming back to camp, Liv said: *"I keep coming back to camp for one main reason - the people! Because of camp I have formed bonds and shared amazing experiences with my campers that will remain with me and I will look back on forever. Because of camp I have had the opportunity to work with and form friendships with an incredible bunch of people from all over the world, some of whom I could not imagine my life without now and I believe I will remain friends with forever! 49045 is my second home and I can't wait to get back to the camp bubble!"*

### Greenwoods Camp For Boys - 4 Week Campus



#### CONNOR "CJ" JOHNSTON

*Younger Division Leader (3rd-6th grade)*

Twenty-nine year old **CONNOR (CJ) JOHNSTON** joins us for his 3rd year at camp as our younger division leader at Greenwoods Camp. After taking a few summers away from camp, CJ is looking forward to returning to Decatur. He graduated in 2008 from Texas A & M with a degree in mathematics. Currently, he is a 7th grade math teacher and football coach in Dallas, Texas. When asked why CJ is returning to camp, he said: *"Camp is an amazing place with amazing people. It's hard to stay away once you have experienced it."*



#### LAURA SALTER

*Older Division Leader and Campus Director (9th-10th grade) and Female Staffing Coordinator*

Our Lake of the Woods Campus Director, **LAURA SALTER**, will be back with us for her 6th summer at camp! Laura spent her first summer with us in 2008 as a cabin counselor and camp photographer. After taking a few

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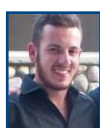
# STAFF SPOTLIGHT *Continued*



## TOM DANIEL

*Older Division Leader and Campus Director (9th-10th grade)*

Our Assistant Director, **TOM DANIEL**, started working with us in 2006 as a counselor and swim instructor and has since held a number of leadership positions at camp. He was the Assistant Program Director for Greenwoods and spent the past four summers as The Grove Campus Director. He graduated in 2007 with an honors degree in sport and exercise science from Cardiff Metropolitan University in England. In his 30 years, Tom has visited 29 countries, 22 states and currently resides in Nashville, TN with his wife Jenny and stepchildren Kelemet and Mattox. In his spare time he enjoys playing rugby and hopes to run his first full marathon later this year.



## ANDREW "NAZ" NASTASZCZUK

*Program Coordinator at Greenwoods Camp*

Coming back from Bonnie, Scotland for his 3rd summer is twenty-three year old **ANDREW "NAZ"**

**NASTASZCZUK**. Naz is looking forward to continuing in his role from last summer as our program coordinator at Greenwoods and is looking forward to continuing to improve our evening programs. Naz graduated in 2013 from Edinburgh's Napier University with a degree in sports and exercise science and is currently working in Edinburgh saving money so he can return to the USA to continue his adventures around the world. When asked why he keeps coming back to camp, Naz said: "I keep returning to camp purely and simply because working at camp is the greatest job ever; running the programs at Greenwoods is the most rewarding job in the world. Getting to see first hand how much the boys love every program each night from campfires to capture the flag is very humbling. The best part of my job is running the Carnival/ International days, Olympic Days & Color Days as I'm sure you all know how much the boys love them as well!"

### The Glen For Girls - 2 Week Campus



## LISA BENJAMIN

*Younger Division Leader (1st-5th grade)*

We couldn't be more excited to welcome back twenty-one year old **LISA BENJAMIN** to The Glen and The Grove as our younger division leader. Lisa is no stranger to Decatur as this will be her 11th summer at camp and she couldn't think of a more amazing place to spend her summers. Currently, she is studying Special Education at Illinois State University which hopes to become a high school learning and behavior specialist. When asked why Lisa keeps coming back to camp, she said: "I keep coming back every summer because I love watching the campers grow and learn more about themselves each summer. It is so fun to see everyone enjoying the same amazing experience I had while growing up at camp, as well as making such amazing friends like I did! I'm so excited to be in a new position and have the opportunity to work with so many more campers and families!"



## AMY LATULIPPE

*Middle Division Leader and Resident Life Director (6th-7th grade)*

Our Resident Life Director, **AMY LATULIPPE**, was a counselor and water-ski instructor with us in 1993 and 1994. She re-joined Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods as our Resident Life Director and Parent Liaison at The Glen and The Grove in the summer of 2007 and has been a part of our full-time team since 2008! During her years away from camp, Amy graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Psychology and Human Development and Family Studies, completed her masters in Elementary Education at National Louis University, and began her career in elementary education. She taught both kindergarten and 3rd grade for 8 years. She has 3 beautiful children and 3 very happy campers! Gabi, Brady, and Keegan join Amy at camp every summer.



## MEGAN CLANCY

*Older Division Leader and Campus Director (8th-10th grade)*

Twenty-two year old **MEGAN CLANCY** from Deerfield, IL will be heading back to Decatur for her 13th summer as our older division leader and campus director at The Glen. Megan graduated from Miami University in 2014 with a degree in kinesiology and health. Currently, she is working as a classroom assistant at North Shore Elementary School in Highland Park and plans to begin her master's degree in mental health counseling this fall. When asked why Megan keeps coming back to camp, she said: "I'm looking forward to watching another group of campers create the same amazing memories that I have from my summers at camp!"



## SHELBY COREN

*Program Coordinator at The Glen for Girls*

Twenty-two year old, **SHELBY COREN**, from Highland Park, IL will be joining us for her 13th summer!! Shelby is so excited to take on a new position this summer as our Program Coordinator at The Glen. She is a student at Indiana University, and will be graduating this May with a degree in speech and hearing science with hopes of becoming a speech-language pathologist. When asked why she keeps coming back to camp, Shelby said: "Camp is where I learned to be myself, and I want to make it a place where current campers can learn to be themselves too!"

### The Grove For Boys - 2 Week Campus



## LISA BENJAMIN

*Younger Division Leader (1st-5th grade)*

Please see her bio at left.



## ANNUAL SCOPE BENEFIT

SCOPE stands for Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education. SCOPE is a non-profit organization that raises money to send less fortunate children to not-for-profit camps throughout the Midwest. In 2007, **DAYNA HARDIN** and **DANA KITE** along with other camp directors in the Midwest partnered with SCOPE New York to launch SCOPE-MIDWEST in an effort to provide a summer camp experience for children in our communities.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**ANNUAL SCOPE BENEFIT**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015**

**"All You Need Is Camp!"**

**7:00 pm at VIPER ALLEY, Lincolnshire**



## ROOKIE CAMP AT GREENWOODS

**JULY 10-12, 2015**

Rookie Camp is a unique opportunity for **boys ages 7-10** to get a taste of overnight camp and see what camp is all about. Boys spend 3 days and 2 nights living like real Greenwood campers!

Rookie campers are placed in their own cabins with other Rookies around their age and our experienced counselors. The boys participate in a wide sampling of our regular camp activities, and have the opportunity to participate in great evening programs - all while making new friends!

*Air-conditioned coach transportation is provided to and from Greenwood from the Chicago area at no additional charge. Tuition: \$425, all inclusive.*



## CATCHING UP WITH FAMILIES NEAR & FAR - DIRECTORS ON TOUR!

The directors will be on tour at camp fairs and reunions around the country. If there is a camp fair near you, please stop by and say hello. We are looking forward to visiting with our camp families and meeting new families at our different events over the next few months.

**Wednesday, January 28:** Summer Recreation Open House, 6:00-8:00 p.m., York Community High School, 335 W. St. Charles, Elmhurst, IL

**Friday, January 30:** St. Louis Area Get Together, 5:30-6:30, Cold Stone Creamery, 2418 Olive Boulevard, Creve Coeur, MO

**Saturday, January 31:** Summer Opportunities Fair, 10:00-3:00 Whitfield School, 175 South Mason Road, St. Louis, MO

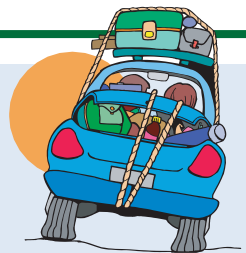
**Sunday, February 8:** Camp & Summer Adventure Fair, 11:00-3:00, Daniel Wright Junior High, Lincolnshire, IL

**Saturday, February 21:** Camp Expo, 9 am- 1pm; Michael's Red Hots, 1879 2nd St., Highland Park, IL

**Saturday, February 28:** Michigan Get Together, 1-2:30, Star Lanes, Royal Oak, MI

**Sunday, March 1st:** Metro Parent Camp Expo, 11-3, Detroit Country Day Lower School, Bloomfield Hills

**March, 2015:** (details TBD) Los Angeles Area Camper Party



## Welcome to our year round team!! Carly Karmel & Laura Salter



**CARLY KARMEL:** We want to welcome CARLY KARMEL to our year round team! Carly is a former camper and counselor, and this will be her 10th summer at camp. Last summer, she was our younger division leader at Greenwood Camp. Carly graduated from The University of Wisconsin-Madison with degrees in political science and communications. Before joining us full-time this January, Carly spent the last few years in the "real world" working for the hospitality union in Chicago doing public relations. In the winter office, she will be coordinating all of our visas for CampGroup to ensure our international staff receive their visas for working at camp. When asked why she keeps coming back to camp, Carly said: *"Camp is magic. It's where I've made some of my best friends and learned to be a leader. I want to help campers gain similar, amazing experiences that I did as a camper at camp!"*



**LAURA SALTER**  
Older Division  
Leader and  
Campus Director  
(9th-10th grade)  
and Female  
Staffing Coordinator  
See Laura's bio on page 2.

# Important Notes... For Our 2 Week Families

## THE GLEN & THE GROVE

### NEW CAMPER PARTIES AND PARENT ORIENTATION

## Save the Dates

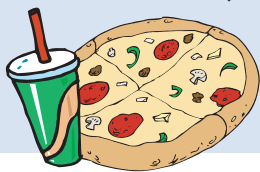
### The Glen for Girls The Grove for Boys

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

**Both parties will be held at:**

Glencoe Park District

999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, IL 60022



*Details will be  
mailed in the spring.*

## Camp Dates for Summer 2015

### The Glen for Girls:

#### 1st Session

Monday, June 22 - **Friday**, July 3

#### 2nd Session

Monday, July 20 - Saturday, August 1

### The Grove for Boys:

#### 1st Session

Monday, July 6 - Saturday, July 18

#### 2nd Session

Monday, August 3 - Saturday, August 15

### Family Camp:

Sunday, August 16 - Friday, August 21



# Happy Birthday!

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - THE GLEN

Nikki B., Allison B., Loren C., Maria C., Sabrina D., Jordan D., Caleigh F., Gia F., Kate G., Eleanor G., Sydney G., Madeline G., Lucy H., Caylie J., Caroline K., Nicole K., Sasha L., Allison M., Annabel M., Elle M., Bryn M., Madeleine N., Melissa P., Claire P., Ally R., Rachel R., Rebecca S., Savi S., Brooke T., Serena W.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - THE GROVE

Chase D., Dan D., Eli F., Joey G., Ben G., Jack K., Harrison K., Leo K., Asher M., Ryan M., Robert M., Alexander M., Colin O., Jake P., Daniel R., Emilio R., Max S., Nick T., Jackson W., Benny W., Alec W.



## Please Welcome...

### our fabulous Counselors-in-Training (CITs) for 2015!

**FEMALE CITs:** Morgan A., Ally B., Sarah B., Taylor B., Jacqueline C., Ariel F., Jaclyn G., Danielle G., Mia G., Hannah H., Renee H., Melanie I., Emma I., Caroline J., Eden J., Leah J., Lexi K., Jessica K., Ryder K., Lindsay K., Chloe K., Morgan K., Grace K., Stephanie L., Abbie L., Emily L., Sophie M., Ashley M., Bryn M., Lauren M., Emma P., Claire P., Jenna R., Isabel R., Dani S., Mara S., Danielle S., Sarina S., Eden S., Kelemet T., Chiara T., Haley T., Sonja V., Olivia Z., Jordyn Z.

**MALE CITs:** Brady A., Judd B., Nick B., Dan D., Zachary E., Casey E., Noah F., Noah G., Dylan H., Dylan H., Parker K., Daniel K., Alex K., Nicholas K., Nicolas M., Charlie O., Jack P., Neema R., Noah R., Bryson S., William S., Brett Z.

# CAMP QUIZ

In each newsletter we have a camp quiz contest. If you wish to enter, answer as many questions below as possible and email your answers to Amy@LWCGWC.com. Everyone who guesses correctly will be put in a lottery to win an iTunes gift card. Good luck! The November/December winners are **MARIANA N.** and **RYAN K.** CONGRATULATIONS! They will both receive iTunes gift cards.

## THE JANUARY QUESTIONS ARE...

1. What does SCOPE stand for, and when is the annual SCOPE benefit?
2. Name 3 places the directors will be visiting on their "Directors on Tour."
3. Name 3 division leaders.



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## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS...?



"Where in the World" — If you took a photo on winter vacation in your camp gear (or on any vacation you take), be sure send it to us at Tom@Lwcgwc.com so we can share your photo in the next newsletter!



Above, is **MADI R.** is showing her camp spirit in Florida! At left, is **CJ D.** showing his camp pride in Los Cabos, Mexico!



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