



# THE ALUMNI CHRONICLES

LAKE OF THE WOODS AND GREENWOODS CAMPS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Dear Alumni,

We are thrilled to have such a strong alumni network and want you to continue to feel part of our camp family.

We hope this newsletter helps you reconnect with camp friends, catch up on the latest news from your home away from home, and relive your camp memories.



Our 81st season was deeply rooted in our camp's traditions. Campers still enjoy trips to the Warren Sand Dunes, played Capture the Flag, cabin cookouts, burned the rope during Color Days and Olympic Days, and kept the Mess Hall rocking all summer long with spirited cheering.

We continue to add new programs and activities to stay current with children's interests. Here are just a few recent and future additions to our camp program:

- Camp to College trips for 10th grade campers to University of Michigan and Michigan State
- 7th Grade Bonding Trips
- Creating camp couture in our Fashion Design class
- Producing in our Twin Woods Recording studio – you can listen to the songs that were written, produced, and recorded by our campers here:  
<https://soundcloud.com/lwcgwc>

Keep us posted on the news in your life and help us stay connected! Submit any updates that you would like to see in our next issue to [alumni@lwcgwc.com](mailto:alumni@lwcgwc.com).

Warmly,

*Dayna & Dana*

## JOIN US AT FAMILY CAMP

Saturday, August 11 - Thursday, August 16

Experience the magic of camp with 6 days of fun-filled activities for you and your entire family. Spend quality time with your family while participating in your favorite traditions, programs, and activities -- waterskiing, Obstacle Relay, s'mores at the campfire, archery, and meals in the Mess Hall, to name just a few!

Bring your family or rent a cabin with your camp friends. Register now to secure a cabin! Please visit our website at [www.lwcgwc.com](http://www.lwcgwc.com) for more information.



## Get Your Camp Gear!

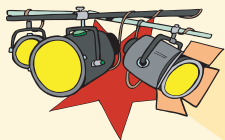
Our official camp clothing outfitter is The Camp Spot.

To order some camp gear visit:  
[www.thecampspot.com/lwcgwc.html](http://www.thecampspot.com/lwcgwc.html)

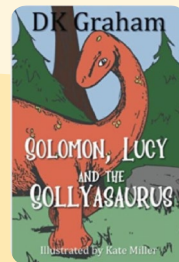
## STAY CONNECTED WITH CAMP FRIENDS

If you haven't already, be sure to register with our Alumni Network on our website to reconnect and keep in touch with your camp friends! Update your contact information, share your favorite camp memories, and add any information you want to share with others. You will also have access to our Alumni Message Board. To register, visit [www.lwcgwc.com/alumni](http://www.lwcgwc.com/alumni).





# Alumni Spotlight



**KATE MILLER**  
- Illustrator

## RORY ZACHER - Actor in Tony & Tina's Wedding

**Because of camp,** I became the person I am today. I met so many people from different countries and areas of the USA that it all helped shape my personality and encouraged me to be myself. I learned how to develop my confidence and communication skills and I took those tools and applied them to the world of performance.

**My favorite part of camp** was the friendships that I have made and that have lasted over the years. I am still friends with David Himmel and Doug and Dan Bates and I have known them since I was 12 years old. We have been through a lot together and it makes me so happy that when we get together, it feels like we are 15 year old Mohawk campers again. The years and the mileage are greater than when we were 15, but the spirit and feeling of being campers is something that still exists inside us and I'm forever grateful to have that in my life. Oh, and Lola's Apple crisp. Those of us older campers will know exactly what I mean.

I would love for current and past campers to come see my show. The website for tickets is [Tonylovestina.com](http://Tonylovestina.com) and we perform at the Chicago Theatre Works on 1113 W Belmont ave in Chicago. We have an open run and currently have dates through March 2018 but I fully expect that we will get extended again so hope to see you soon!

## LAKE OF THE WOODS CAMPER REBECCA MERKES AND HER GREAT UNCLE LARRY SCHWARTZ

Uncle Larry went to Greenwoods in the 50's.



## STEVEN HIMMEL - Multiple Award Winning Magician

**My favorite part of camp** was water skiing. It's literally my happy place. Thinking about that always puts a smile on my face! Oh, and of course EVERYTHING ELSE AT CAMP! Because camp was incredible! I wouldn't be who I am if it weren't for GWC.

Instagram: [@stevenhimmelmagic](https://www.instagram.com/stevenhimmelmagic). Web: [www.stevenhimmelmagic.com](http://www.stevenhimmelmagic.com)

# Alumni Weddings



## LAUREN PATINKIN AND DION LOWRY

"We met when we taught waterskiing together. **Dana Kite** and **Lauren Turkisher** played matchmaker after pressuring **Dion** to confess who he had a crush on." - Lauren Patinkin

Bottom: Logan Heaney, Carole Barbieri, Dion Lowry, Lauren Patinkin, Shana Dorn, Amy Bauer, Mandy Baruch. Middle Row: Bethany Franklin, Mandi Miller Baker, Mel Kopin, Katie Gertler, Dana Kite, Sarah Comito Long, Lauren Giacalone Ballard. Back Row: Aidan Baker, Levi Bell, Lucas Copeland, Matt Long, Brett Thomas, Tom Daniel



## DAVID BELL AND SAMANTHA RUNDBAKEN

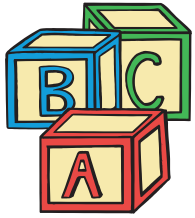
(From left to right) Blake Adams, Michael Baruch, Jacob Berkelhamer, Samantha Rundbaken, David Bell, Quaid Rosenberg, Mason Rosenberg



## ROB BURNS AND ASHLEY ZORRILLA

(From left to right) Alex Palgrave, Jack Dent, Justin Levin, Peter McShane, Jason Kopin, Rob Schrimshaw





# Meet our Future Campers



We'd like to introduce you to future Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods campers below. Please email [alumni@lwcgwc.com](mailto:alumni@lwcgwc.com) with YOUR good news, so that you can be featured in a future issue of the Alumni Chronicles.

## KEELY FINNEGAN AND BRENDEN GIFFEL

**Matilda "Tilly" (Finnegan) Giffel**

**DOB: 9/27/17**

**Hometown: Morton Grove, IL**

Keely's favorite camp memory is being lucky enough to continue making new ones every summer! I know it sounds cliché, but I love nothing more than when the whole camp is gathered by a campfire, singing songs and just being together. Seeing kids and young adults being able to be present in the moment without cell phones, social media, or any pressure is so refreshing.

Tilly is looking forward to her camp debut this summer. I think she'll love swimming in the pool and hitting up the Cooking Studio for some mess making and samples.



## MANDI (MILLER) BAKER AND AIDAN BAKER

**Arley Baker**

**DOB: 7/23/17**

**Hometown: Buffalo Grove, IL**

Mandi's favorite memories of camp, both as a camper and counselor are the evening programs: counselor hunt, decades night, pow wow, camper/counselor challenge.

Arley cannot wait to waterski and try all the activities that she is not able to do at home!



## LAUREN PATINKIN AND DION LOWRY

**Levi Judah Lowry**

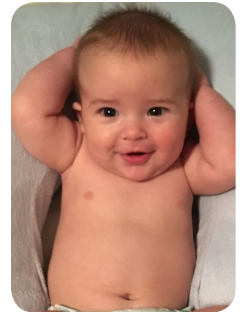
**DOB: 9/17/17**

**Hometown: Deerfield, IL**

Lauren's favorite camp memories are making lifelong friends around the world (as a camper and counselor), helping many campers learn how to waterski over the years, camp dances, singing songs around the campfire, songfest during Color Days, and much more!

Dion's favorite camp memories are cabin cookouts, early morning waterskis, and the M40.

Levi's favorite activity will be waterskiing and wakeboarding, just like his parents and sailing



## Alumni & Staff Engagements



### **LAURA SALTER AND DEREK HONN**

Our very own LWC Campus director Laura Salter and her fiancé Derek Honn



### **BENJI HEADLEE AND SOLIMAR VAZQUEZ**

Former Magic and OLS instructor Benji Headlee and former LWC Support Staff employee Solimar Vazquez - not only did they meet at camp but they also got engaged at camp.

# STAY CONNECTED...

## Follow us on Instagram

Follow us on Instagram and tag your camp photos #49045! \*\*Submit your old camp photos to zach@Lwcgwc.com, and they can be featured as a #tbt on our Instagram pages!



@LakeoftheWoodsCamp

@GreenwoodsCamp

## "Like" us on Facebook

Stay connected with Lake of the Woods Family of Camps on Facebook. We add photos and post exciting news throughout the year.



[www.facebook.com/LWCGWC](https://www.facebook.com/LWCGWC)

Also, join the Official Group for Lake of the Woods (LWC) and Greenwoods Camp (GWC) Alumni at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/101518820654/>

# 2018 CAMP DATES

## Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods (4 weeks)

1st Session..... Monday, June 18 - Friday, July 13

2nd Session..... Monday, July 16 - Friday, August 10

Full Session..... Monday, June 18 - Friday, August 10

## The Glen for Girls (2 weeks)

1st Session..... Monday, June 18 - Saturday, June 30

2nd Session..... Monday, July 16 - Saturday, July 28

## The Grove for Boys (2 weeks)

1st Session..... Sunday, July 1 - Friday, July 13

2nd Session..... Sunday, July 29 - Friday, August 10

## Rookie Camp

Friday, July 6 - Sunday, July 8

## Family Camp

Saturday, August 11 - Thursday, August 16



# 85 Summers and Counting...

Interested in helping plan our next big alumni event taking place in Summer 2019?

We are looking for ambassadors to represent all 85 summers!

Email: [alumni@Lwcgwc.com](mailto:alumni@Lwcgwc.com)