



# DEAR ISLAND LAKERS

Happy New Year! Now that 2012 is here, let's reminisce about what made your 2011 summer so special. Was it all of your exciting, extraordinary, spectacular activities? Was it bringing home trophies to share with our camp? Performing on stage? Bonding with your bunk during evening activities? Was it everybody's favorite saying, "Everybody up, up, up! Rise and shine, it's a beautiful day in Starrucca, PA,..."? Or was summer 2011 special because of all of the people and the everlasting friendships you made? We want to thank you all for making Island Lake Camp such a special place to spend our summers.

We now look forward to what Summer 2012 will bring... more good times, great friends, thrilling experiences, and tons of fun. We want to welcome all of our new members of the Island Lake Family, campers and staff alike. We're sure that you'll love the time you spend at camp as much as we do! Next year at this time you, too, will have the opportunity to reminisce over your incredible first time camp experience with us.

As always, we have lots of important information in this month's newsletter for both parents and campers. So kids, make sure that your parents read this newsletter carefully. Parents, make sure your kids read the newsletter carefully. If need be, bring your newsletter in the car with your folks to read out loud to them or place it on the dinner table as a topic of conversation. We just want to make sure that all of our campers and parents read their "Island Laker" from cover to cover.

## Staff Stuff

Later in this newsletter you'll find our travel schedule for the season. If you are a previous staff member interested in returning to camp but you have not yet contacted our winter office, please be sure to do so, even if you cannot yet make a definite commitment. We just need to know that you're at least considering returning so we can keep that in mind while interviewing prospective counselors. Please don't wait any longer and risk getting closed out. We love having a large returning staff and we're excited that so many of you have already committed your upcoming summer to us. But you know who's even more excited to see you than us? YOUR CAMPERS!!! So again, please be sure to get in touch with Trip if you're considering returning to ILC this summer. We're kicking off our staff recruitment later this month, so if you've got camp on the brain, please email [trip@islandlake.com](mailto:trip@islandlake.com) right away.

Well, that's about it for now. Enjoy your Island Laker newsletter and until next month, we wish you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year!

*Bev, Mike, Matt, Wendy,  
Trip, Dustin, & Craig*

# TEEN TRIP

Hey teenagers, are you ready for another exciting 3rd session trip?  
This summer our adventure takes us to Montreal!

There are only 3 requirements for you to join us on this 4 day/ 3 night trip:

1. You must be entering 9th grade or up (CIT's included).
2. You must be registered for session 3.
3. You must be prepared to have tons of fun!

Details and prices are just about finalized and we're happy to let you know that we'll be sending out this mailing to all applicable families shortly. That mailing will include a trip enrollment form as well as a tentative itinerary.

If you have not yet registered for camp but would like to go on the trip, be sure to have your parents send us your camper registration form all filled out with their signature on the back in order to get you enrolled for camp. Make sure 3rd session is included when they check off the sessions you'd like to attend. Once we send out the Montreal trip mailing, they can then fill out and return the trip enrollment form that will be enclosed. For those of you who are already enrolled for Summer 2012 and would like to go on the trip but are not yet registered for the 3rd session, please have your parents contact us to add the session. Remember, there's limited space on this teen trip so don't toss the mailing aside when you receive it. Again, this mailing will be sent as soon as the plans and prices are finalized.

The following are some Montreal highlights:

Montreal Science Center

Old Montreal

Parc Olympic including the Biodome, Insectarium,  
The Botanical Gardens, and Montreal Tower

A jet boat ride on Lachine Rapids

And lots of other fun stuff....

# WE JUST SIGNED UPI

Alexandra Diagonale  
Brooke Vogel  
Jaime Bowen  
Jonathan Diagonale  
Madison Ware  
Liam Marothy  
Maya Recanati

Wesley Finger  
Almasa Talovic  
Mehmed Talovic  
Alex Slusarev  
Samantha Bourne  
Zachary Transport  
Ciara O'toole

Michael Fruhling  
Cole Passaretti  
Andrew Olinger  
Jason Kaufman  
Gabriel Mosse  
Marisa Kole  
Nathaniel Mosse  
Stacey Stiner

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Open House – Saturday, June 9

All new campers and their families are invited to camp for a day of tours, games, meeting other first timers, and a buffet lunch. The day runs from 11 am until approximately 3 pm. Any family with a new camper attending next summer (even if they have a sibling who has previously been to camp) will receive an invitation in the spring.

### Visiting Day – Saturday, July 21

Visiting Day runs from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Families are invited to join us at camp for an enjoyable day of activities, performances, exhibits, and an extravagant buffet lunch. Should you prefer, you may take your children out of camp for the day. No prior notice is necessary for this visit, but we recommend that you make your reservations now if you plan to stay overnight in the area.

# STAFF STUFF

We have been very busy here in the winter office getting our staffing needs ready for the upcoming summer. A lot of returning staff in a variety of departments have already committed to returning. We've also hired some great new people and we're about to begin traveling around the globe to hire more outstanding counselors. We also hope to catch up with former staff members during our travels. Below you will find our travel itinerary for 2012.

Staff members should note when we'll be in your area so you can come visit us. Even better, call us in advance to make plans to get together while we're in your neck of the woods. We usually spend the night before each camp fair in the host town, so it's better if you call us in advance to make plans. Did somebody say, "free dinner"???

January 21	Manchester	Trip
January 25	Tulsa	Dustin
January 26	Oklahoma State	Trip & Dustin
January 27	Oklahoma	Dustin
February 1	Kitchener, ON	Dustin
February 4	Melbourne	Trip
February 5	Sydney	Trip
February 7	UT San Antonio	Trip
February 8	Texas State	Trip
February 9	Utah	Trip
February 10	Utah State	Trip
February 14	Texas A&M	Amanda Mikeska
February 14	Evansville	Dustin
February 15	Indiana	Dustin
February 16	Purdue	Dustin
February 17	Wroclaw	Trip
February 19	Prague	Trip
February 21/22	Budapest	Trip
February 22	Oklahoma	Kenny
February 27	Lockhaven Univ.	Dustin
February 28	Penn State	Dustin

# CLOZ COMPANY

Cloz Company will once again handle our clothing outfitting this summer. Remember that there are NO required uniforms at Island Lake. Anything that you wish to order is completely optional and each camper will receive an Island Lake t-shirt upon arrival at camp.

Starting next month, the Cloz Company will be displaying merchandise at various locations throughout the country for "trying on" purposes. The dates and times for their upcoming shows are listed below. There will be many more dates and locations throughout the winter and spring and we will have those listed for you in future newsletters. This road show can be a fun experience for a new camper. If you are interested, please contact the Cloz Company at 773-247-8879 to arrange an appointment.

You may also order your camp clothing, process returns and exchanges, and check the status of your order via the internet on the Cloz website at [cloz.com](http://cloz.com). Keep in mind that all orders are placed directly through Cloz Company, not through Island Lake.

Please remember, orders are custom made and they take time to produce. Ordering early will provide you with the opportunity to make any necessary exchanges before the summer begins.

## Bergen County

**Crowne Plaza, Englewood**  
401 S Van Brunt St. 201-871-2020  
Feb 5 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Feb 6 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Feb 7 3:00pm – 6:00pm

## New York City

**Beekman Hotel**  
3 Mitchell Place (49<sup>th</sup> St & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave)  
212-355-7300  
Feb 17 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Feb 18 10:00am – 4:00pm

## Morris County

**Ramada Inn, East Hanover**  
130 Route 10 West. 973-386-5622  
Feb 2 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Feb 3 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Feb 4 10:00am – 4:00pm

## Long Island

**Holiday Inn, Westbury**  
369 Old Country Road. 516-997-5000  
Feb 9 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Feb 10 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Feb 11 10:00am – 4:45pm

## Westchester County

**Crowne Plaza, White Plains**  
66 Hale Ave. 914-682-0050  
Feb 12 10:00am – 4:45pm  
Feb 13 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Feb 14 3:00pm – 6:00pm

## South Florida

**Embassy Suites, Boca Raton**  
661 Northwest 53<sup>rd</sup> St. 561-994-8200  
Feb 24 1:00pm – 5:30pm  
Feb 25 10:00am – 4:45pm  
Feb 26 10:00am – 4:00pm



Zachary Hausman was so sorry to have missed the camp reunion, but he had a mini-reunion of his own with his brother Justin, Max and Adam Tannenbaum, and Matthew Green!

Nicole Budoff recently sang at a middle school charity rock concert. It was a wonderful evening all done in the spirit of giving back during the holiday season. You can check out a clip of her performance at: <http://youtu.be/QIxLe6nipwg>.

Nicole will also be performing in Les Miserables on January 21 as Madame Thenardier (the inn-keepers wife) and in Aladdin where she'll play Jasmine.



## HELP WANTED

We are currently looking for a physician to work at camp for 1 or 2 weeks in our 3rd session. If any of our camp parents are doctors, or have friends who are doctors, and are interested in working at camp for either 1 week or 2 consecutive weeks in August, please contact Matt in our winter office at 914-769-6060.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY

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Em Minter  
Shana Weitzen  
Zach Weitzen

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Craig Smail

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Carly Elkin

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Grace Heidenreich

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Sam Colman  
Bernadett Koda  
Megan Quinn

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Emily Sollenberger

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Melissa Achenbaum

Amanda Rivkin

Alison Williams

Claire Wilson

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Joe Blaikie

Michael Curran

Robert DeWitt

Jenny Neuman

Samantha Traum

10

Emma Brodsky

Jacob Brodsky

Dylan Kahn

Devon Stapp

Jason Volk

11

Katie Gache

Hillary Poirier

Alec Posner

Kate Robson

12

Samantha Hess

Megan Marcus

13

Beth Black

Matt Sponseller

Leah Zafra

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Madison Childs

Arkadiusz Musial

Rachel Silverman

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Jordan Benzaken

Spencer Golden

Jeffrey Haaz

Hallie Maytin

16

Renee Delamater

Brandon Pesek

Justin Pesek

Brian Tolep

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Gianna Barone

Hunter Goldman

Rachele Shoats

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Carin Entrekin

Thomas Shumway

19

Juliette Frank

Alexander Judd

Garrett Katz

Allison Reda

20

Nicholas Devitz

Jake Geller

Marielle Halper

Vanessa Tignanelli

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Corryn Brown

Magnolia Rice

Craig Wallace

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Zoe Fleishaker

Benji Goldrich

Bence Meszaros

Elaina Piecyk

Zachary Piecyk

23

Jesse Bergman

Joanna Corn

Mark Smyth

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Evan Taranow

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Mariel Barocas

Levi Henshaw

Louis O'Boyle

Isaac Snel

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Tracey Diddle, RN

Concepcion Lozano Torres

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Hunter Barocas

Aleksey Landa

Stephen Tannenbaum

Jenna Zucker

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Selam Arnold

Brice Scanlon

Alex Slusarev

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Alex Bruder

Sara Ginsburg

Andrew Pidcock

Ilexis Vogel

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Lucas Pastor

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Elliot Jennis

Carly Lefkowitz

Hannah Pinkus

Brianna Shablom

Laura Trentham