DEAR ISLAND LAKERS,

With the beginning of February already upon us, summer at Island Lake is right around the corner. Although camp looks pretty and peaceful with a blanket of snow upon it, it is much more beautiful when filled with the smiles and sounds of happy campers. We can't wait for June to roll around and we're sure you can't wait either!

We're nearly finished with our annual recruiting trips around the world with just a few more stops left. Many of your favorite counselors from last year will be back in 2015, and we've hired some great new counselors for you to torture this summer. We receive emails every day from last year's staff telling us how excited they are for next summer. Everyone is so pumped up to see all of 'their kids' once again. Isn't it great that the people who work so hard to show you a good time love what they’re doing? We, too, are excited about this year’s staff. The new counselors we’ve hired are going to be great additions to the ILC family.

All families from South Florida should have recently received our mailing regarding flight arrangements. All of the details, including flight numbers, are included in the letter. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy at wendy@islandlake.com or 954-688-9527. If your child will be flying to camp from another location, we will send you additional travel information in the coming weeks. If you’d like to get a head start now, please contact Wendy BEFORE booking your child’s flights so she can confirm the flight times with you. All campers traveling from Paris to Newark should fly strictly on United Airlines UA56 to camp and UA57 from camp.

If your family has a camper entering 9th grade or above, you should have received a mailing with information about this summer’s teen trip to Boston with a special trip enrollment form. There is also more information on the trip later in this newsletter. Keep in mind that these trips fill up quickly, so please send back your enrollment form promptly.

There's a lot more important info throughout this edition of the Island Laker so campers, please have your parents read this newsletter, as well.

We wish you all a fun-filled Valentine's Day and we'll speak to you again next month!!!

Bev, Mike, Matt, Wendy, Trip, Dustin, & Craig
We Just Signed Up!

Callie Bachman
Julia Bavaro
Brock Bierly
Dylan Cousens
Zachary Gilbreath
Annie Glazer

Ella Glazer
Avishag Gorodetski
Jason Kaufman
Ellis Krusch
Kayla Lennard
Jennifer Ligansky

Arielle Likier
Abigail Musman
Rachel Musman
Emily Raman
Sarah Raman
Mikayla Redmond

Dillon Schaevitz
Samantha Weisman
Abbey Wish
Ethan Zalasin

Don’t forget to keep checking our Island Lake blog each week for new postings. Better yet, send us your news, stories, photos, or anything else you have to share and we’ll post it in the blog!

To find the blog, head over to islandlake.com and click on the yellow blog icon on the bottom left side of the home page. The same icon can also be found on most other pages throughout the site.
Remember, if you ever misplace your newsletter you can always download a copy from our website.

Just head over to islandlake.com and click on ‘Island Lake Families’ and then ‘ILC News’

ATTENTION STAFF MEMBERS:

As we already mentioned, we’re nearly finished with our annual trip around the world to find some great new people to join our staff! There are just a few stops left. Let us know if you will be around one of the following locations and we’ll 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.

FEBRUARY

Feb 11  Indiana University - Dustin
Feb 12  Purdue - Dustin

MARCH

Mar 2  Springfield - Dustin
Mar 3  Amherst - Dustin

ATTENTION PARENTS:

We are currently looking for nurses to work at camp for either a single session or multiple sessions this summer. If any of our camp parents are nurses or have friends who are and would be interested in spending part of their summer at camp with us, please contact Trip at trip@islandlake.com.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1  Lexi Gevisenheit
2  Rebecca Marks
   Caleb Strull
3  Adrian Perez Ovando
   Alana Brenner
   Mary Frances Howard
4  Madison Ware
5  Calum Findlay
   Jose Mir
   Zita Nagyova
Were you registered for summer 2015 before December 1st? (We sure hope so!) If you were, you should have already received your very own, one of a kind, extra special edition Island Lake t-shirt!

This year we asked all of you which t-shirt from the past you wanted us to bring back and you overwhelmingly picked the Monopoly shirt! We know you are going to love wearing it.
Important Dates

Many families have been calling our office to inquire about a few important dates for next summer. If you plan on staying overnight in the area for either Open House, Visiting Day, or one of our Rookie Days, it is important that you make hotel reservations early. We have a complete list of hotels that can be found in the ‘Forms & Mailings’ section of our website. We’ve heard that many hotels on our list are already booked for Visiting Day, so it is a good idea to start making your plans early if you intend to make a reservation.

Open House
Saturday, June 13
All new campers and their families will be invited to camp for a day of tours, games, meeting other first timers, and a buffet luncheon. The day will run 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 RSVP form in the spring time.

Visiting Day
Saturday, July 25
Visiting Day will run from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. We will provide a buffet luncheon for all visitors and there will be performances and activities running throughout the day. Should you prefer, you may take your children out of camp for the day. No prior notice is necessary for this visit, but again we recommend that you start making your plans early if you intend to stay overnight in the area.

Rookie Days
Saturday, July 11
Saturday, July 18
All future campers entering 2nd through 5th grades in September 2015 are invited to spend a day with us. You can choose either July 11 or July 18. On both days we will have fun activities for all prospective campers and siblings of current campers.

There is no charge for Rookie Day, but we ask that you register your child in advance. You can find that special enrollment form on our website by clicking on ‘About Island Lake’ and then clicking on ‘Rookie Day’ on the left side of the page.
Hey teenagers, are you ready for another exciting 3rd session trip? That’s right, this summer our adventure takes us to Boston!

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!

If you are entering 9th grade or above, you should have already received a mailing with information about the trip, along with a special trip enrollment form. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact our winter office right away and we will resend all of the details to you.

If you have not yet registered for camp but would like to go on the trip, be sure to have your parents also include a 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.

For those of you who are already enrolled for Summer 2015 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 wait too long to sign up!

Here are some of the highlights we’re planning for the 4 day trip: Martha’s Vineyard, Harvard, The New England Aquarium, Faneuil Hall & Quincy Market, a Duck Tour of Boston, and lots of other great attractions!
Sydney Rosenberg stopped by Philly after New Years to see Justine Paolini. They talked and reminisced about camp memories from last summer.

During the holiday break, Margot Baker, Maddie Weiss, and Sophie Kleinberg, had a mini Island Lake reunion/sleepover at Margot’s house. Here they are enjoying some popcorn!

Lexi Gevisinheit, Ari Stonberg, Sebastian Shuken, Cameron Berg, Jackson Stone, & Savannah Greene also got together over the holiday break.

Dylan and Alex Kahn spent some time hanging out with Jason Kaufman down in sunny Florida.

RJ Goldberg went down to Florida to visit Garrett Ort for the weekend. They had fun reminiscing about the yummy stuffed chicken we served last summer!

Chase Bolnik, Zack & Elaina Piecyk and all 3 Fragner girls rang in New Years together!

Jack Minzer, Brock Bierly, Noah Dinitz and Victor Mendes all got together last month to celebrate Jack’s Bar Mitzvah. Here’s a photobooth picture they sent along.