DEAR ISLAND LAKERS,

Ah, March! Spring is finally approaching! Once spring appears, do you know what else comes along with it? Blooming flowers, budding trees,... oh yeah, and the month of June! What big, important, life-changing event occurs in late June? No, not final exams, silly! Well, yes, many of you will have to suffer through exams, but more importantly, SUMMER will arrive and CAMP WILL BEGIN! Many of you are counting down the days and so are we (or if you’re too lazy to do the math, you can just check our app or website homepage for the countdown). Hey all of you “old timers”, remember the thrill upon arrival at camp when you stepped off the bus and were greeted by those who quickly became your friends and family? Before we know it, ILC will once again be filled with joyous sounds of happy, enthusiastic campers running around making new friends.

Over the past few months, Trip and Dustin traveled all over the world to hire some wonderful staff and visit with our friends from past summers. It’s so nostalgic seeing members of last summer’s staff and hearing them tell new counselors what a fantastic, life-altering experience they had at camp.

Parents, please note that you will soon be receiving your annual Island Lake folder. This folder will contain TONS of information to prepare you and your children for this summer. There will also be a few forms included that we request you return to us promptly. The Profile Form helps us guide your children when they choose their activities and put together their schedules. The Medical Form must be completed by both a parent and a physician, as required by Pennsylvania law. The Transportation Form lets us know which bus your children will be taking to camp. If we do not receive the Transportation Form in our office by May 1st, we will have to assign a bus to your children. In June, we will send you detailed information on the bus locations, along with luggage tags that you will use to mark your children’s bags. If you misplace any of your forms, they will be available for download on our website. You will be able to access them by clicking on 'Forms & Mailings' in the 'Parents' section. There will also be information in the folder instructing you how to fill out the Transportation and Profile forms on-line.

For those families who will be flying their children to Newark Airport, there will be more information later in this newsletter as well as in your camp folder.

For all you campers who are reading this newsletter, pleeeeeeaaase be sure to tell your parents to read it cover to cover when you are finished with it. For all you parents who are “rock stars” for reading our literature (woohoo!), please be sure to pass this newsletter along to your children to read cover to cover after you’ve read through it, too.

From all of us in the ILC winter offices, I-L-C U real soon!!!
Bev, Mike, Matt, Wendy, Trip, Dustin, & Craig
We Just Signed Up!

Allana Alcorn
Andre Antonenko
Nicolas Antonenko
Eleanor Aronson
Allegra Benardo
Jeremy Block
Matthew Bloom
Jenieve Butler
Kennedy Butler

Delaney Clark
Ryan Dany
Gillian DuBroff
Kyle Dubroff
Sarah Frey
Diana Gaffner
Carley Genser
Sammy Genser
Nicole Hirsch

Jordan Klein
Cameron Lipton
Julian McElroy
Victor Mendes
Nathalie Morton
Rachel O'Mara
Elina Puri
Andrew Robinson
Riley Robinson

Meaghan Rose
Morgan Rose
Reaghan Rose
Ryan Rose
Colin Rosen
Eva Serra
Charlotte Thomson
Ella Trost
James Turner

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.
ATTENTION FLYING CAMPERS

If your children are coming to camp via the airport, this is important. We must coordinate all of our campers' flights to ensure an easy travel day for everyone. All South Florida campers should travel together on the same JetBlue flights to and from Fort Lauderdale & Newark.

South Florida Jet Blue flights are as follows:
TO CAMP: Fort Lauderdale to Newark
Jet Blue Flight #306
Departs at 9:35am & arrives at 12:30pm

FROM CAMP: Newark to Fort Lauderdale
Jet Blue Flight #505
Departs at 1:30pm & arrives at 4:22pm

All campers traveling from Paris to Newark should fly strictly on United Airlines UA56 to camp and UA57 from camp.

For all other flying campers, please contact Wendy prior to booking flights in order to confirm arrival and departure times. She can be reached at 954-688-9527 or wendy@islandlake.com. Please don’t wait much longer to book your children’s flight. Prices escalate as the travel dates approach.

Once you’ve confirmed flights with Wendy and you book them, please email her a copy of your children’s flight information. If your children are flying to/from Ft. Lauderdale, please forward her a copy of those tickets as well.

When booking your flights, please make any necessary “unaccompanied minor” arrangements for both inbound and outbound flights.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Mahrya Barros
2 Michael Leonoff
3 Katherine Graham
4 Rachel Geller
5 Anthony Fox
6 Miles Dargan
Eliot Eisen
Isabella Strull
Sammy Genser
Lucy Gideon
Jessica Tauber
Jordan Schwartz
Kamiki Pollack
Isadora Pollack
Stephanie Shen
Mikaela Strauss
Alix Weiss
**Help Wanted**

We are still looking for a few nurses to work with us in our infirmary this coming summer.

Nurses can work for as little as a single session or stay for multiple sessions.

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 for more information.
CAMP FOLDERS

All Summer 2015 Island Lake families will soon receive their annual camp folder. There will be a great deal of information in this folder to help prepare you and your child for a successful camp experience. Please take some time to read through everything thoroughly and fill out and return the required forms. **We cannot emphasize enough the importance of filling out the forms in a detailed, timely manner. These forms provide us with extensive feedback regarding your child so that our staff can have thorough, accurate knowledge of each camper in order to provide him or her with a safe and successful summer.**

**Transportation, Medical, and Profile Forms must be submitted by May 1st.** These forms are necessary for us to finalize plans for the summer. Please note that incomplete medical forms will be returned to you. Each form must have your complete insurance information and a credit card number for any out of camp medical expenses. Every form needs to be signed by both a parent and a doctor. If you have any questions or need any help filling out your forms, you can always give us a call in the winter office at 914-769-6060 and we'd be happy to help you!

We encourage you to use our online system instead of paper forms. If you have not already done so, go to islandlake.com and click on “CampMinder Login”. You will be prompted to enter your email address and password. If this is your first time using the CampMinder system, just click on “First Time Users - Create Account.”
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!
Skyler and Sloane Brown celebrated their 11th birthdays with their Island Lake friend Sydney Hausman.

Sam Kasmin recently spent some time with Jason Kaufman and with Trey & Dustin Stabinski in sunny Florida. It’s really nice that Sam travels to see his camp friends throughout the winter months. We hope you had a blast with your bunkmates and their families, Sam!

Sydney Birkhahn & Camryn Heyman spent a fun weekend together recently. They did lots of eating, as seen in the first photo. In the second photo the girls were polishing off their pioneering skills to hopefully run the program at camp someday! (Sorry Tim O. !)

While overseas in Tel Aviv, Israel, Ethan & Chase Mundell ran into Jacob Harelick at the airport. See, ILC friendships are truly those that will last a lifetime throughout the globe! You will run into camp friends where you least expect it at the most random of times and places in life,…and that rocks!

Sara Binday recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah with TONS of Island Lakers. Here you can see Julie Brous, Sara Binday, Sami Blackman, Zoe Freeman, Rachel Brous, Gabby Gatto, Gillian Bolnick, Nora Docktor, Julia Singer, Rebecca Pomerantz, Alison Glass, and Ryan Piken.