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CAMPS EQUINUNK AND BLUE RIDGE



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*Summer 2007 has come to a close, and though sad to say good-bye to our summer family we hope everyone has been enjoying their time home. Our **Fall CE CBR Buzzer** is packed with exciting articles, momentous announcements, important dates, special camper insights, and great new sections like "Who Knew... Fun Camp Facts" and Camp's Mysteries, Myths, and Legends. We are sure you will love this edition of the buzzer, and look forward to your responses and article submission to appear in upcoming editions.*

With Love, Sheryl Richie and Adam

Important Dates



New Parent Meeting: May 14, 2008

New Camper Picnic: June 8, 2008

First Day of Camp: June 29, 2008

Alumni Day: July 12, 2008

Visiting Day: July 19, 2008

Last Day of Camp: August 16, 2008

Winter Reunion

*Enjoy Friends, Brunch
& Camp Memories*

at

Crowne Plaza, Laguardia

Saturday January 12, 2008

*Lower Camp
11:00am - 12:30pm*

*Upper Camp
12:30pm - 2:00pm*

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Welcome to The Family

Dear Campers, Parents and Staff,

We hope everyone is well and we're sure you're all busy with school, work, and recreational activities. As we begin preparing for the summer of 2008, we have some very important announcements to share with you.

Kevin Daly, our exceptional, long-standing Equinunk Head Counselor has decided to pursue an opportunity to direct a day camp at Charlotte Country Day School close to his home and family in North Carolina. We thank Kevin for his dedication and contribution to camp over the years. On behalf of everyone in our camp family, Sheryl and I wish Kevin and his family the best of luck in the coming years.

We are also exceptionally fortunate to welcome **Gil Kreiss** as the new Camp Equinunk Head Counselor. Gil was Soph Group Head at camp in 1993 and 1994 and actually trained current Soph Group Head Kevin Gray and Inter Group Head Marc Ginsberg. Gil was also Senior Group Head in 1996. Gil has taught physical education and coached many of our former and current campers and counselors in the Hewlett-Woodmere school system. He has spent the past 10 summers as the Head Counselor of a prestigious day camp in Woodmere, NY. Gil's great presence, warm personality and previous experience at Equinunk make him a great fit for our camp. We are confident that everyone will grow to be very fond of Gil and respect his leadership and his ability to relate to our staff and care for our campers. Gil's daughter Mia, who we also welcome, will be a lower sophomore at Blue Ridge.

Sheryl and I are thrilled to announce that our son, **Adam Baker**, will be returning to camp this summer as a Co-Director. Adam has been the Director of Hampton Country Day, a private day camp located in East Hampton, NY, for the past 3 years where he gained invaluable knowledge and experience. Adam began at Camp Equinunk in 1991 as a young camper and was an Upper Senior in 1996. Adam has worked as an outstanding counselor, Group Head, and Administrator, and was Color War Chief of Gray Legends in 2003. Everyone at camp has universally admired and respected Adam for his warmth, sincerity, and competence. Adam will be busy this year meeting our new campers and their parents as well as those who joined us in 2005, 06, 07. We're confident that our camp families will love the personal attention and care that Adam will give to all of our campers.



Sincerely,
Sheryl and Richie

Camper Insights - 2008 US & PC's

Already looking ahead and excited for their PC and Upper Senior summer, our special camper contributors will share their insights on 2008. The buzzer would like to thank Carly and Brian for taking the time to share their thoughts on the upcoming summer.

A PLACE YOU FIND YOUR SISTERS

by Carly Imber PC 2008

Coming to camp for 7 years made me realize that camp is not a place to meet friends its a place you find your sisters. Blue Ridge isn't just a place to go in the summer, its part of me. The first night of my sophomore summer in camp I thought the PC girls were the greatest, the best. I wished I could be one already. Last summer as a Lower Senior my friends and I kept saying the next time this happens it will be our turn...our time to shine. Going into PC summer I have an outrageous amount of excitement and mixed feelings. I am so happy I am going to be a PC. I've been waiting forever for this summer to come, but also this is my last summer as a camper and I am hoping it will be the best. Blue Ridge isn't just an ordinary summer camp, its a place where you can be yourself, let go, and just have fun. This summer isn't just about who is tribal chief or who wins your last red white and blue day, this summer is about being a leader and role model. PC girls 2008 we have been waiting so long, I know this is going to be a great summer.



THE TRADITION WILL NEVER END

by Brian Hoorwitz US 2008

“When I first saw this camp, the beauty flashed before my eyes” (Burge’s Song – Senior Alma Mater).



This was ten summers

ago, it was my sister’s first visiting day and I was about 5 years old. Even at such a young age, once I stepped foot on this paradise, I knew this place was home. My friends and I were extra eager on this day as we stood behind the ropes that separated the campers from their visitors. A couple of us, future Equinunk boys, ran through the Visiting

Day ropes starting visiting day early, we couldn’t wait any longer to roam around our future home.

I started camp in 2001. Going into camp I had already known four boys in the Upper Sophomore group, I knew my sister and I knew some of her good friends. After introductions on my first night at

camp, I looked around and had 200 plus people that would become my family. Then I looked closer at the opposite side of the mess hall, I saw older kids that led all the cheers, sang camp songs, and had bonds that were the closest.

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2007 DVD YEARBOOK

Ready for you @ the reunion... Camps CE & CBR yearbooks with all the great moments and memories from 07.



2007 CBR SING !!!

Group and Color War Sing
We're thrilled to release our Group and Color War sing CD recorded live this summer in the CBR Social Hall. It's amazing and we know you will be singing along with it all through the winter.

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I knew that someday that would be our group on the other side of the mess hall, but I wished at the time that it were us who were leading the camp. Now that our Upper Senior summer is coming closer everyday, I am extremely excited, as well as sad that this is my last camping year. Now as I approach my Upper Senior summer I can fully appreciate everything I once saw my sister participate in with great envy. "This camp is like a fraternity, I have brothers that are nine and brothers that are 22." The bonds at Camp Equinunk are unique, they truly last a lifetime. Our entire group talks over the winters and gets together as well. Stepping off the bus in 2008, we the Upper Senior men - 32 strong - will lead the camp with the same traditions of the Upper Seniors of the past and the future. From Big/Little Buddy Night, to Red, White and Blue Day, to Inter Camp Games, and the moment the cannons blow, the Upper Seniors of 2008 will make all the seniors of the past proud, and prove ourselves as role models for the seniors of the future. "... The tradition will never, the tradition will never, the tradition will never end..."

"...And I've grown to realize. That it's not just the birds, the flowers, trees that are the beauty that we see, but the people that we meet that make it seem so good to me..."



Staff Spotlight

STEVEN GELOBTER AKA "MR. COLOR WAR"



Steven was virtually born at Equinunk and Blue Ridge, and is our link to the wonderful traditions of the past. These embraced traditions were started by Ed "Chief" Lehrer, Steven's Grandfather who founded Equinunk in 1920 and Blue Ridge in 1923, and his father and mother, Marty and Gert, who later became camp's directors. Throughout his years at camp, Steven was a camper, counselor, group leader, head counselor, color war chief, and director. Steven preserves many of our long standing traditions as he travels up to camp from his home in Atlanta, GA to preside over Thursday night Tribes at Blue Ridge and to orchestrate Equinunk's 3 and 1/2 day Color War... "the greatest of all color jubilees."

His greatest accomplishments at our camp are his two wonderful children who are current campers: Dylan a 3rd year camper who will be a Junior at C.E. and his daughter Giselle who will be a sophomore in her second summer at C.B.R. We are very thankful to his wife Lydia for sharing Steven with us every summer.

Steven Gelobter is our guardian of the traditions of camp. The torch has been passed down from Chiefy to Marty to Steven and he has certainly carried on all of the spirit and tradition on which our camps were founded.



Who Knew??? Fun Camp Facts...

- Union Lake contains approximately 488,777,143 gallons of water...
- Steven Gelobter travels 1741 miles roundtrip from his home in Atlanta, GA to run CBR Tribes on Thursday nights.
- CBR Head Counselor Lori Sheck ate 26 Ice Cream Flurries last summer.



Welcome Camp Blue Ridge New Campers

Alexandra Badami
Emily Berk
Amanda Berk
Hallie Braunstein
Jamie Chusid
Allyson Dubinsky
Taylor Elias
Julia Fine
Halle Fishman
Jessica Gershman
Melanie Gershman
Anna Goldberg
Carly Goldman
Alyx Goldstein
Arielle Greenspan
Alexandra Grunstein

Mia Kreiss
Samantha Lang
Evin Lathrop
Chloe Levine
Molly Lurensky
Samantha Lustberg
Jessica Lustig
Ali Lux
Caroline Mauser
Alexa Miller
Emma Miller
Jamie Miller
Shellie Mittleberg
Gaby Mook
Andi Pech
Gabrielle Pech

Ryan Platt
Andie Reichenbaum
Chelsea Reiver
Sophie Richards
Ava Schwartz
Nicole Shanker
Ilana Sherman
Dani Simon
Lexie Smith
Danielle Sontag
Erica Sosman
Samantha Steinberg
Olivia Turano
Amanda Zlotnikoft

Welcome Camp Equinunk New Campers

Dean Abada
Jeremy Ackerman
Wil Ades
John Basil
Jason Bortnick
Harley Cohen
Jared Cohen
Joshua Davis
Brent D'Iorio
Stanley Elias
Jeremy Erdheim
Adam First
Daniel First
Samuel Gersten

Andrew Goldberg
Joshua Greenspan
Matthew Grunstein
Garrett Hughes
Justin Katzman
Justin Keller
Alec Krueger
Jonathan Kushner
Jason Levy
Jack Liss
Ethan Locke
Joe McGuire
Julian Miller
Kevin Mills

Ethan Moskowitz
Jonathan Ottomanelli
Ryan Pech
Jason Rodolitz
Joseph Sammartino
Michael Schmutter
Ryan Schultz
Ben Sobel
Corey Spector
Benjamin Tankel
Brian Unger
Jared Weinberg
Marc Weisglass
Jarret Weitz

Facilities Update... and CBR Makes a Splash



Richie, Adam and I were at camp this weekend to oversee and work on new projects. The foliage was breathtaking and camp of course looked beautiful. It was great to see the progress on the renovation of bunks in both camps. A new quad at Blue Ridge is under construction, as well as a new double bunk and new Soph House quad at Equinunk. We will complete our seven year goal of re-building every bunk at CE this year and are on target for



finishing the bunks at CBR by 2010. Our mission at CE & CBR has always been to run a warm, traditional, family camp for small



children with big hearts, with excellent home-grown counselors and outstanding facilities. As we continue this mission in 2008 we are incredibly excited to build an outstanding swimming pool complex at Camp Blue Ridge. This beautifully designed pool overlooks Union Lake and is located just above the

CBR Waterfront. It will feature six 30 yard competitive lap lanes, a 25 ft. instructional area, and exceptional lighting and sound enhancements creating a unique environment for evening activities and special events. Won't it be fun to have a barbecue down there and a night swim? Our new aquatics center will



enable us to offer the most diverse waterfront program that exists in camping today. Our Head Waterfront Director, Chuck



Porazzo, is already planning our lake-pool activities for the summer and is really excited to have everyone at our new waterfront.

We're working on many other exciting ideas, but I think I'll keep you all in suspense for now. You'll enjoy the surprise when you experience it all this summer.

Can't wait to share it all with you – only 8 more months!

Love and kisses,
Sheryl

Mysteries Myths and Legends

In this new column of the Buzzer we take a look back in time and recall the memories and stories of our earliest alumni.

In this edition, Burt and Lila Stern share some of their memories on the long journeys traveling to camp in the 1930's and 40's.

We hope you enjoy this section and learning about our rich history and culture.

It was an experience - and a long, long journey to camp in the 30's and early 40's. We would arise early in the morning on July 1 - we always left on July 1 - and drove with our parents to the Chamber St. Ferry. Here, we would meet our bunkmates in

some sort of cavernous structure. The counselors would be holding a wooden stick with the bunk number attached. It was chaos - kids screaming, kids and parents crying - and counselors trying to act cool. After a short wait, we entered the ferry for the trip across the East River to

Hoboken, where the second leg of our journey awaited us.

Here, we boarded the Erie-Lackawanna railroad for a trip that was hot, dirty and long. No air conditioning in those days, so we opened the windows and were hit with soot and cinders from the railway. Nurse Emma Wass would go from car to car trying to soothe everyone's eyes from those cinders. Port Jervis was a scheduled stop on this line and it was here that the counselors - some of them - would jump off the train and go to a

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local ice cream shop to bring back goodies for the kids. Folklore has it that one of the counselors never made it back to the train one year. The ice cream helped to make the rest of the train trip more pleasant. The train sped on to the third leg of the journey.

Honesdale PA, was a small town back then and it was here where a number of local buses were waiting to take us on the final leg and on to camp. The buses were old and all four gears had to be used to negotiate the hills. And negotiate them they did - but barely.

We arrived at camp early in the afternoon and rushed to our bunk where we fought over bed selection. I loved every minute of it and these memories will last forever.

Burt Stern - Chief of Gray Waves - 1948

It was the summer of 1941 and I was eight years old. I had just arrived at the Chambers Street ferry with my parents to begin my first summer at Camp Blue Ridge sleep-a-way camp. I was wearing a red jacket. I had a cousin who went to Equinunk but didn't know anyone else. We walked into a very large waiting room filled with a lot of boys and girls and some "older" people who were holding up signs with bunk numbers on them. I knew I was in bunk #4 and when I got to that sign there was another girl wearing a red jacket. Her name was Natalie and sixty-six years later she is still my best friend.

The rest of my bunk arrived and with our counselor Helene, and the rest of the camp, we boarded the



ferry, which took us across the river to New Jersey. Here we got on the Erie-Lackawana train which would take us to Honesdale, Pa. Our bunk sat together - there was no air conditioning and the train windows were open so the soot and dirt kept coming in the windows! The camp nurses who were also on the train were very busy taking cinders out of

people's eyes. It was a very long ride. We did stop at a place called Port Jarvis where the counselors got off and brought us ice cream. Finally we reached Honesdale where we got onto very old yellow school buses, which chugged their way up the hilly roads to camp. We were all dirty, tired and a little nervous - but happy to be at Camp Blue Ridge which I still call my home.

Lila Stern

Lila and Burt Stern 's Family is now in its 3rd Generation at Camps Equinunk and Blue Ridge:

Daughters:

Jill Stern Kaufman - Blue Chief, 1979

Lori Stern Scheck - Blue Chief, 1980 - Current CBR Head Counselor

Julie Stern Dorfman - Blue Chief, 1984 - Current CBR Inter Group Leader

and Athletic Director

Grandchildren:

Amy Scheck - Current Kadets Asst. Group Leader

Stephanie Dorfman - 2008 CA

Andrew Dorfman - 2008 Upper Inter



Newsworthy

Mazel Tov to Max Silverman and his family on his becoming a Bar-Mitzvah on November 17th.

Congratulations to Adam Perlman and his family on his Bar-Mitzvah - December 1st. Adam is excited to share this special day with many of his Equinunk and Blue Ridge friends.

And congratulations to the Polsky Family on Jake's Bar-Mitzvah on October 13th. Mazel Tov !

Great Job Jared! Equinunk Sophomore Jared Wolff placed 3rd in the East Hampton Independent Newspaper's Scary Short Story Contest. Keep up the great writing!

Campers, Parents, Staff and Alumni -

Let us know your happy news so we can share it with our camp family

Camp EBR - Alumni News

Love and congratulations to former CBR camper, counselor, and color war chief Nadine (Copulsky) Larit, her husband Jeremy, and big brother Aaron on the birth of Jenna Larit.

A warm welcome to Equinunk, PA's newest resident, 1990 Upper Senior Gary Greenstein. Our new neighbor has spent many years as a CE camper and staff member enjoying the Pocono Mountains and swimming in Union Lake. As a Pennsylvania summer resident, living just miles down the road from camp, it is now possible for Gary to be the first person at camp on Alumni Day... Additionally, Gary has decided to preserve a piece of CE History. As we complete our rebuilding of all CE bunks, legendary bunk 33 would have been demolished. But instead CE Bunk 33 will make the journey a few miles down the road and find itself a new home on Gary's front lawn. Welcome to the community Gary.

