

NOVEMBER 2004



Camp Equinunk & Blue Ridge



The Leader in Children's Camping Since 1920

Dear Campers, Parents and Staff

We hope everyone is well and we're sure you're all busy with school, work and recreational activities. It was great seeing so many of our campers, parents, staff and alumni back at camp on October 9th for Fall Foliage. The weather was beautiful, the great barbeque, sports, singing in the social hall and fall colors were breathtaking.

Fall Foliage '04



CBR Sing!

Group and Color War Sing 2004

We're thrilled with our first Group Sing and Color War Sing recorded on CD live this summer in the Blue Ridge Social Hall. It's amazing and we know you will be singing along with it all winter long.



Video Yearbook

Ready @ The Reunion - Sat., January 8th

*UPPER SENIORS AND PC
BASKETBALL GAME TAPES
READY AT THE REUNION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2005!*

Yes! You'll be receiving these great tapes (it may be in CD format) at our annual reunion on January 8th. The yearbook highlights the last summer's activities & is a perfect companion to our other Videos/CDs.



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"Creating Memories That Last A Lifetime"

Welcome Camp Blue Ridge New Campers

Rachel Askinasi
 Brittany Barnett
 Jillian Bass
 Peyton Beitler
 Bari Blitzer
 Morgan Brill
 Leora Ellison
 Marielle Erdheim
 Alyssa First
 Emily Friedman
 Jessica Gersten
 Jenna Goldberger
 Madison Goodman
 Jamie Gosule
 Jennifer Gosule
 Paige Hamburger



Brittany Herman
 Jennifer Herz
 Rachel Holtzman
 Elayna Kirsch
 Melissa Klein
 Maddie Klingeman
 Gabrielle Kono
 Sophie Krakowski
 Alexa Kudish
 Sydney Lustberg
 Brittany Lux
 Barri Margolis
 Jordyn Margolis
 Dana Meyerhardt
 Elizabeth Miller
 Brooke Mittleberg



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 Brooke Moskowitz
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 Lea Shirian
 Samantha Simon
 Ilana Stanski
 Melissa Trager
 Megan Usher
 Kate Wetchler
 Nicole Winig

Welcome Camp Equinunk New Campers

Nolan Aibel
 Alex Altman
 Eric Binder
 Weston Brzostovski
 Jake Chajson
 Andrew Dellapina
 Adam Farber
 Morgan Fishkin
 Paul Friedman
 Justin Goldman
 Matthew Goldstein
 Lewis Gottlieb



Robbie Greenspan
 Kenny Greenstein
 Matthew Herman
 Jake Kellner
 Jake Kligman
 Benjamin Lipman
 Ben Locke
 Cooper Lublin
 Alex Miller
 Jonathan Nankof
 Adam Pearlstein
 Harris Popper



Ben Richards
 Matthew Schaeffer
 James Schneider
 Joseph Shavel
 Jacob Shavel
 Allen Shirian
 Ian Sklar
 Adam Soslowitz
 Zachary Weinstein
 Koby Weisman
 Ben Wright



CE New Camper Edition

By Seth Kerschner - Lower Inter Group Head '03

A Day in the Life of an Equinunk Boy

Every day at Equinunk is packed with different kinds of sports, games and other fun activities. We wake up bright and early at 7:30 a.m. to the sound of reveille.

After waking up, campers and counselors line up around the flagpole. Lineups at the start and end of each day let the entire camp come together to discuss the day's events. Kevin Daly, the head counselor, stands on "The Rock" and gives all the Major League Baseball scores on the "Sports Wire" and then announces the morning activities for each age group. Campers and counselors respond with a loud "Yo!"

Following morning lineup, everyone heads to the mess hall for breakfast. "Breakfast is my favorite meal," says 13-year old Eddie Rosen, "because they serve cereal everyday."

Cheering is a central part of all meals at Equinunk. Campers and counselors cheer together to support Equinunk's teams or just to sing and scream for fun. Twelve-year-old Jack Kingsley explains that "cheering is really fun and if you are stressed out you can scream as loud as you want."

After breakfast, it's back to the bunks for cleanup and to get ready for the first of three morning activities. These activities range from sports like basketball to "hobbies" like climbing wall, cooking and woodworking. During one of the three activities, campers usually go to the lake for a variety of waterfront activities.

During activities campers receive instruction and compete in league games. Instruction comes primarily in "mini-camp" activities, when campers choose a sport of their choice in which they receive special instruction.

Ten-year old Alex "Waffle" Tofel says "mini-camp" is his favorite activity at camp because he enjoys receiving specialized instruction in sports.

Following morning activities, campers return to their bunks to write letters and wash up for lunch. After lunch, campers and counselors relax in their bunks during "rest hour." Following a snack of fruit or ice-cream at Equinunk's world-famous "milk bar," campers get ready for their three afternoon activities.

The sixth and final activity of the day ends at 5:00 p.m. with the "recall" bugle. At the end of the day, campers and counselors return to their bunks to shower and get ready for evening lineup. Dinner follows, of course with cheering, which is generally louder and more spirited than at other meals.

Every Thursday, campers and counselors eat outside at the weekly barbecue. Sixteen-year-old Ross Zuckerman says that the barbecue is his favorite meal because "we get hamburgers and soda, everyone, especially the younger campers, can't wait to get soda."

Campers then enjoy "freeplay," under counselor supervision, when they can participate in any activity of their choice without the structure of a group setting.

Evening activities conclude the Jam-packed daily schedule after which campers and counselors head back to the bunks to wash up and prepare for lights out, Tattoo and Taps.

GROUP NAME

Freshman
Lower Sophomores
Upper Sophomores
Juniors
Cadets
Lower Inter
Upper Inter
Lower Seniors
Upper Seniors
CIT's

GRADE IN SEPT. 2005

Boys entering 2nd grade
Boys entering 3rd grade
Boys entering 4th grade
Boys entering 5th grade
Boys entering 6th grade
Boys entering 7th grade
Boys entering 8th grade
Boys entering 9th grade
Boys entering 10th grade
Boys entering 11th grade

'04 CE Sophomore Soccer Team



Equinunk's Soccer Team participated in the the 2004 Wayne County Soccer Championship. Equinunk and Blue Ridge campers are offered the opportunity to play on any of the camp's Wayne County intercamp teams in several sports. The tournament teams travel to compete against other camps in basketball, baseball, hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and other sports. CE and CBR's Wayne County tournament teams have a long tradition of excellence and great sportsmanship.

Equinunk Spirit - Learn Some Cheers

Q. Who are we?

A. Equinunk!

Q. What are we?

A. Number one!

Q. What will we always be?

A. Thee Camp

Equi, Equi, Equi!...Nunk, Nunk, Nunk!

Equi!...Nunk!

Equi!...Nunk!

Equi, Equi, Equi!...Nunk, Nunk, Nunk!



CBR New Camper Edition

By Amy Scheck - PC '02

A Typical "Amazing" Blue Ridge Day

Here is the daily schedule at Blue Ridge. Reveille, the bugle to wake the camp up, blows at 7:25 am. After Reveille, an announcement will come on to tell you what to wear. Before breakfast, the whole camp lines up at the flagpole when the first call for lineup bugle blows. At 8:00 we eat breakfast, followed by singing. By the way, we sing and cheer after every meal, and Lori, the head counselor, will make important announcements.

After breakfast comes cleanup. Everyone in the bunk has a job for the day such as sweeping or cleaning the porch of the bunk. At the end of cleanup, a bugle will blow for inspection, when the groupheads come to each bunk in their group to make sure they are clean. Next comes 1st activity, and 2nd activity. This could be a sport like basketball or tennis, or a hobby like crafts. Each group also has a swim in the morning. 11 year old Carly Tumen says that it would take her forever to name all of her favorite activities at camp, but she especially likes "the lake when I get to use a float, go on Mt. Fuji (the inflatable climbing mountain), or jump off of the tower." After that it's back to the bunks for letter writing. Everyone writes letters home. Then it's time for lunch! Lunch is around 12:30. At the end of lunch we sing and cheer, of course.

Right after lunch is over, rest hour begins. During rest hour you can relax in the bunk, go to other bunks to visit sisters, cousins, or friends. You can also sign up for special tennis and some days you will have special swim. When the bugle blows for the end of rest hour, each group is called up to the milk bar, a little building near the mess hall, for a snack. Usually there is fruit or ice cream, and there is juice.

After milk bar comes 3rd activity and 4th activity. Then, you will go swimming again. When those activities are over, you will have shower time and cleanup before dinner, and then inspection. The bugle will blow at 5:30 for first call for lineup, when the camp lines up at the flagpole and goes to dinner. At the end of dinner there is, you got it, singing.

Freeplay begins right after dinner and ends fifteen minutes before your evening activity starts. It's very similar to rest hour. Fifteen minutes before your evening activity, a bugle called recall blows telling you to go back to your bunk and get ready. Then, your evening activity will start when the lineup bugle blows. Every night is a different evening activity. 15 year old Jamie Grummer's favorite evening activity is tribes, weekly campfires where the camp is divided into 4 teams (tribes): White Mountain, Horned King Bird, Flying Eagle, and Sunrise. "Tribes are great because the whole camp is together, and there is so much tradition." Some nights are whole camp activities, others are just with your group.

After evening activity, a bugle called Tattoo blows, meaning that Taps is going to blow in 5 minutes. Time to get ready for bed! Finally, between 9:15 and 9:30 pm, Taps blows. Lights must go out in the bunks. Flashlights are allowed until your counselor tells you to turn them off.

GROUP NAME

Lower Sophomores
Upper Sophomores
Juniors
Kadettes
Inters
Mediates
Lower Seniors
Upper Seniors (PC's)
CA's

GRADE IN SEPT. 2005

Girls entering 3rd grade
Girls entering 4th grade
Girls entering 5th grade
Girls entering 6th grade
Girls entering 7th grade
Girls entering 8th grade
Girls entering 9th grade
Girls entering 10th grade
Girls entering 11th grade

Blue Ridge Spirit Learn Some Blue Ridge Cheers

Singing and cheering is a huge part of going to Blue Ridge. Most of this is done in our mess hall, where campers stand on chairs and lead the songs for the camp. Each group has their own songs to lead and anybody that wants a chance to lead can have one. 12 year old Stephanie Dorfman's favorite times to cheer are "on the special event days and right before color war," but that doesn't stop her from cheering her loudest EVERY day! In the beginning of camp, you might wonder how you will learn all of these songs and cheers. Don't worry, by the end of the first week you will know all of them!

Here is one to get you started:

*We are the greatest
Watch our spirits rise
We're the new campers
Of 2005!!!*

Here are 2 other good Blue Ridge Cheers:

*We are Camp Blue Ridge and we live by a lake,
And if you don't believe us, just watch us move and shake
Say, boom, sha wanna wanna boom, sha bang bang boom,
Sha wanna wanna watch us move and shake, ub!*

Q: Hey Blue Ridge?

A: Hey what?

Q: Hey Blue Ridge?

A: Hey what?

Q: Hey let me hear your cheer on

A: No way!

Q: Let me hear you cheer on

*A: Ok! We are number 1, we are number 1, hey,
we are number 1, we are number 1!*

We can't wait, only about 7 and a half months to go! Stay tuned for our next Buzzer, to tell you more great things about camp and answer some frequently asked questions!



Camps Equinunk & Blue Ridge – Early Years

By Michael Supnik, age 91

(My memory must be forgiven; I remember most events, but not exact dates and times.)

Four Brooklyn teachers got together and opened Equinunk in 1920. Ed Lehrer (Phys. Ed. & Basketball coach at Brooklyn Commercial), Harry Bick (Assistant Principal at ? School), Sam Schindler (Phys Ed, at James Madison); my father, Henry Supnik, Head Councillor (English teacher at Boys Commercial). There were 60 campers ages 10 to 16 with 12 tents down below and the hotel at the top of the hill. The camp meals were served at the hotel the first year. An outstanding event - while camp was at dinner, a terrific wind-storm blew down all the tents. I was 7, the youngest and I slept in the hotel with my folks, and spent the day in the camp.

My father became a partner the second year. In the following early years about half the tents were replaced by bungalows. Toilets, showers etc. were in a longish building at the bottom of the campus. Swimming in the lake was across Route 90, with the wooden bridge built a few years later as a safety measure. The swimming facilities were expanded to include a swimming-pool-size wooden "crib", a raft, and bathhouses added to a dock already existing. A wooden walkway to the right of the swimming facilities anchored a number of row-boats and canoes.

About 100 yards up Route 90 Bert Brining had his farm. He became builder and maintenance manager for the camp, employing the neighboring farmers. Early on he built the "Social Hall". Until then the only basketball court and gathering places were outdoors. During those early years the

mess hall and facilities for help were built. The tents were eliminated and bunks were built to number 35 in a full rectangle. Their window flaps were replaced by shutters. A substantial infirmary was built. Bathrooms and lockers were added to the bunks. Campers numbered approximately 200. A separate lodging just off campus was added for "midgets/pioneers" ages 5 - 6. Other age groupings were freshmen (7-9), juniors (10-11), intermediates (12-14) and seniors (15-16).

Meanwhile the hotel for visiting parents soon became inadequate. There was added first, at the top of the hill to the right of the road a one-story row of one-room residences. Later to the left of the hotel a two-story "annex" of one-room residences. And finally three or four bunks on the hillside to the left for head councillors, etc.

In 1923 Blue Ridge was started across the lake, and in a few years grew to be an almost duplicate of Equinunk in size and facilities.

Personal notes - I was a camper for ten years through all the groups, then councilor, group head, and head councilor for another ten years. I was a parent and visitor for another 15 to 20 years before I lost touch despite frequent resolutions to visit. Some ten years ago, after we retired to Florida, a group of alumni from the late 20's held a dinner reunion down here at which I am happy to say over 100 attended. Somewhere along the line we achieved the status of "institution."

News-worthy...



Please share your special events with us so we may include them in our next newsletter... such as reunions with camp friends, birthday parties, Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, accomplishments in school and sports. E-mail Caralyne to share your news with our camp family.



The Gemz Return to CBR/CE in 2005

South Florida's hottest singing pop group, the Gemz, have been dividing their time cutting their second CD, performing on the East Coast and preparing for a TV show in California that is scheduled after camp. They've saved July 12 for their concert at camp.



Sash Herman
Sept 22
my special place Good
My special place is my sleep away camp. When I go there it is summer and I stay for 8 weeks. I have a lot of fun when I am there and I sleep there because I love it. That is my special place with my friends. That is my special place.

New Projects Under Way For 2005



Lehrer Field Under Construction

Some of you may have known that Lehrer Field was developed in 1950 and took weeks of “blasting” to clear all of the “Wayne County” rocks. The project took months to complete. The current renovation did not require dynamite because contemporary equipment is much larger and more sophisticated. The “New Lehrer Field” will be more than twice the previous size and will accommodate fields for Baseball, Soccer, Lacrosse and Team Hand Ball.



New Bunks at CE and CBR

Bunks 19, 20, 21 and 22 at Equinunk and 5, 6, 7, and 8 at Blue Ridge have been taken down and new ones are being prepared for 2005. All new buildings are large, have improved ventilation, extra bathrooms, showers and cubbies.

Important Dates for 2005

Winter Reunion

Saturday January 8th, 2005

LaGuardia Marriott

Start of Camp

Sunday June 26th, 2005

Visiting Day

Saturday July 16th, 2005

End of Camp

Sunday August 14th, 2005

From The Directors

Change in Seasons

Fall provides a remarkable transition from the energy that our camp community generates during the summer to the activities that we all enjoy in smaller family groups. The return to school, the Jewish holidays, the start of soccer and other after school activities gives all of us hope for new beginnings, opportunities for great experiences, friendships, learning, peace and personal growth. As we watch the “changing of the colors” we are reminded of the natural evolution of time. We cuddle around the family fireplace enjoying quieter conversation together. Take advantage of these precious moments and make a point to connect in a new meaningful way. Reach out and say a kinder word to a friend. Savor a smile, laughter, a politeness, a moment of sharing the same way you would the flavor of hot chocolate or apple cider.

We honor the change of time at Blue Ridge and Equinunk as well. We know that older bunks must come down and be replaced by newer ones. Lehrer field is being transformed into

the most fabulous sports complex. The PC's and Upper Seniors of 2004 make way for many new children who have joined our camp family. They and their parents bring their hopes, excitement and new personalities and this will make our camp stronger. Most of our “graduates” will return as CA's or CIT's, all of them will carry life long memories with them and more than likely will return as counselors in the future. This is the natural evolution of our camp. As we continue to plan for the summer of '05 we'd love to hear from you and share in your family's joy this coming year.



Sincerely,

Sheryl and Richie

