

# THE BUZZER

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SAVE THE DATE:  
**CAMP WINTER REUNION**  
Saturday, January 9, 2010

LOWER CAMP  
11:30 - 1:00pm

UPPER CAMP  
1:00 - 2:30pm

“the Buzzer... keeping us connected in pictures and print from September through June, as we live 10 for 2.”

We are proud to bring you the Fall 2009 Edition of the CE/CBR Buzzer, our official camp newsletter. As you read the buzzer, we hope you savor the memories, and “small moments,” from this past summer and begin to dream of all of the memories and moments we will share together in 2010.

## PREVIEWS

### KEEP THE HEARTH BURNING BY SHERYL & RICHIE

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### SMALL MOMENTS BY AMY SCHECK

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### THE BUZZER'S CARNIVAL GAMES

New to the CE/CBR Buzzer is a section of games, riddles and a photo hunt. Enjoy the festivities!

*Featured on Page 5*



*foliage peaks across the northern poconos as seen here on our very own union lake*



*fall tranquility*



*the red and the gray*

“splashing waves,  
leads to subtle ripples,  
to still reflective waters  
of summers past and onto cannonballs,  
dives, and belly flops to come...”





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## Winter Reunion

*returns to Long Island*

*Enjoy Friends, Lunch &  
 Camp Memories*

*at*

*Crowne Plaza, Laguardia*

**Saturday January 9, 2010**

*Lower Camp*                      *11:30am - 1:00pm*

*Upper Camp*                      *1:00pm - 2:30pm*

*For directions please visit our website*

## Important Dates

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>New Parent Meeting:</b> | <b>May 12, 2010</b>        |
| <b>All Forms Due:</b>      | <b>May 14, 2010</b>        |
| <b>New Camper Picnic:</b>  | <b>June 6, 2010</b>        |
| <b>Florida Travel Day:</b> | <b>June 26, 2010</b>       |
| <b>First Day of Camp:</b>  | <b>June 27, 2010</b>       |
| <b>Alumni Day:</b>         | <b>July 10, 2010</b>       |
| <b>Visiting Day:</b>       | <b>July 17, 2010</b>       |
| <b>Color War Break:</b>    | <b>I don't think so...</b> |
| <b>Countdown to 2011:</b>  | <b>August 14, 2010</b>     |



thursday night tribes at ce



s'mores after cbr tribes

## KEEP THE HEARTH BURNING

by: Sheryl and Richie

Sheryl and I took a trip to camp recently that was woven around walking around campus and marveling at the beautiful autumn landscape. Later on, her victories in marathon scrabble games and watching hapless New York football teams were a bit deflating for me. However, enjoying a good book in front of the fireplace completed a great weekend for us.

Sitting in front of the fireplace we realized that the hearth is the center of every home, the spiritual place that holds a family together. In earlier times when Equinunk and Blue Ridge were founded, in 1920 and 1923 respectively, families warmed their hands and cooked their meals in front of the fire. The fire burned low, but was never permitted to go out, often burning continuously for decades. Families turned to the fire in the evenings for talk, stories and songs. This same tradition of sitting around the fire, embracing camp rituals, takes place every Thursday evening at our Tribal campfires.

Sheryl and I believe that Camps Equinunk and Blue Ridge have received the gift of immortality on the condition that all of our wonderful traditions, memories and stories from the past 90 years are passed on to new generations of campers every summer.

While we were enjoying s'mores and the glowing embers of the hearth, Sheryl and I recalled some of our "all-time" favorite "Tribes" stories. In the late 1980's and 90's, Cliff Abrams, former Group Head and 1986 Red Dynamite Color War Chief, mesmerized campers and counselors with exciting tales of "Jungle Boy," a heroic, fictionalized child. Ingrid Ott, a support staff member for the past 30 years, recently told her courageous, biographical story of traveling from the Seattle World's Fair to the New York World's fair in 1964 on HORSEBACK. On this amazing, cross-country journey, Ingrid met her husband and braved the winter, hunger and thirst. On the final leg of her trip, she crossed the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge entering Brooklyn and had to pay a toll that was usually charged to cars. Ingrid eventually settled in Equinunk, Pa. and continues to work at camp every summer.

Our annual favorite "Tribes" story is read at the final Blue Ridge campfire every summer by former CBR Group Head and current Musical Director, Dr. Hilary Greenberger. Hilary, known to one and all as "Dr. Hilarious" more than lives up to her name reciting the epic poem, "Riki-Tiki-Tavi-Yoko-Remi-Herri-Perri-Domino-Rico" that is filled with good-natured, camp news, information and jokes from Blue Ridge happenings throughout the summer.

This fall and winter the hearth will burn low. You can help keep it alive until we all return to camp next summer by sharing some of your wonderful Tribal memories with us. Please send us your favorite stories and moments that you remember from previous campfires and we will share them in the next Buzzer with everyone in our camp family, including our new campers and parents who will be joining us in 2010, our 90th anniversary.

In the meantime, study well, play hard and keep the Equinunk and Blue Ridge fires burning.

Fondly,

*Sheryl and Richie*

# P.A. Family Get Together

## THE CITY OF BROTHER-SISTERLY CAMP LOVE

For the dedicated PA families who travel to NY for the all-camp reunion year after year, we decided it was time for us to visit Pennsylvania. Sheryl, Richie, Adam and I spent the afternoon of October 3<sup>rd</sup> having a blast! First time camp families and veteran camp families came to the Radnor Hotel in Wayne, PA for lunch, pumpkins, a caricaturist, and each other!

Birthday celebrations took place for all of our September and October B-days! It was so wonderful being able to spend quality time with first year and returning campers, siblings, and parents. We thank all

of the PA families who were able to attend, and missed those that were unable to make it.

Miss you all, *Stacy*



## My Recipe for Friendship by: Anonymous

### Ingredients

- 4 cups of fun**
- 3 cups of respect**
- A cup of honesty**
- A handful of friendship**
- A dash of love**
- A pinch of kindness**
- A sprinkle of camp**

### Directions

Take out a pot and boil water. Add 4 cups of fun. Stir in 3 cups of respect. Add a cup of honesty. Throw in the handful of friendship. Add the pinch of kindness. Reduce heat to low and pour in the love. Sprinkle camp on top and let it simmer for an hour.

Yield: AN AWESOME FRIENDSHIP

### Dedication

My camp big sister,

Camp was so much more fun because of you. I dedicate this to you because you've given me so many things and in return this is for you. You were always there for me. I love you like a real big sister. I couldn't have asked for a better friend. This was made especially for you.



## buzzer's carnival games

SO IT MAY NOT EXACTLY BE CARNIVAL ON EQUINUNK'S  
FRONT CAMPUS. BUT ENJOY THE FUN!



### Who am I...

I have been at camp for over 10 years, and my work often leads to great cheers.

You might not see me at the lake, nor with Stan to bake a cake, not on the pitcher's mound with a rake, nor at pets n' things to play with the snake.

I may not get out to see the sun, but you have to trust that I'm having fun.

I like to dance and I like to laugh and I just happen to work with almost all of the staff.

For our camp families I truly want the very best, which requires travel from home to camp heading towards the west.

A chief not for gray, red, nor blue, have I yet to give a helpful clue?

My hours are long and responsibilities are great which often includes wondering who is on the gate.

My citizenship includes tea and crumpets, and BBQ from down under, and how I have settled in the US one must wonder.

I came to camp with gymnastic skill, but ended up working atop the hill.

It is in this role that to you I am known, and have made Equinunk and Blue Ridge my full time home.

I look forward to many years to come with you all, and will always be there to answer your call.

### What Am I ...

*Both boys and girls walk by me all day long*

*At times people line up to see me*

*Usually twice a day*

*Seconds and Thirds may not be so wise as your tummy would agree*

*For the entire summer you visit me before you go to bed*

*Some people even grow mustaches when they leave me*

# more buzzer carnival games



**WINNER**

So, how did you do?  
e-mail us at [stacyf@cecbcr.com](mailto:stacyf@cecbcr.com)  
with the answers to both riddles and the 10 differences in the photo hunt to be celebrated in the next buzzer.

**WINNER**

HRKIEQATTDWEHRE  
HTHALOIHOGAGGNOA  
NRORRUUBYEADRNS  
EOBRSRRNISRIEER  
TSBSLOEHINDRAGE  
LEYQTCCSOOEESBR  
SBCHOITINTNULAL  
HIEURETYARLLRII  
ERNLRIQEULBBAOA  
RTTGDRHURYHLBKK  
YEEARTEEIEIAKBE  
LERRIUQSGNIYLF  
LTRHYDINARUSILS  
EUMGEIURENNMNI  
RAWROLOCWHLRKR

|                 |            |              |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Equinunk        | tradition  | Erena        |
| social hall     | Lehrer     | milk bar     |
| red             | HQ         | garden       |
| theater         | Blue Ridge | brother      |
| hobby center    | Union Lake | sister       |
| flying squirrel | grey       | blue         |
| color war       | sing       | tribes       |
| Sheryl          | Richie     | Wayne County |

Can you spot the 10 differences between photos ?

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

## the “Small Moments”

by Amy Scheck

In the Kindergarten class where I work as a Teacher’s Assistant, we began a new writing unit the other day. The unit is called “small moments,” and it is designed to help the students learn to add details to their stories. While I walked around to each child to help write about his or her trip to the beach or the park, my thoughts turned to how lucky I am to have a place in my life where “small moments” happen every day- Camps Blue Ridge and Equinunk.

Think about it. When someone asks us how much we love camp, we don’t just say “it’s great,” “it’s the best place on the planet,” or “it’s a dream come true,” although it is all those things. We follow up those simple statements with stories about what makes us feel that way. New campers might describe the feeling that they experienced on their tours of camp that made them say, “This is it... I am definitely coming to camp here.” Younger campers might talk about learning to waterski, playing jacks or running bases with their favorite counselor, being in a play, leading in the mess hall, or meeting their big

sisters or big buddies for the first time. Older campers might discuss how excited they are to participate in Senior Sing, how they jumped for joy as they watched their friends lead the camp as PC and Upper Senior chiefs of Color War, how they stayed up all night one night talking and laughing, and the overwhelming sadness that they felt when they watched or participated in candle-lighting on the last night of camp. Counselors recall a time when they made campers laugh, when a peer recognized them out loud at a counselor meeting for doing something above and beyond, or when they played in the counselor tennis tournament dressed in matching outfits with their doubles partners. Parents even experience these moments, for example, arriving on visiting day to see their children with huge smiles on their faces.

While we are all sad when camp ends in August, the comfort of remembering these “small moments” carries us through the winter when we recall them in conversations and get-togethers with camp friends, at the dinner table with our families, and at

the reunion in January. Sometimes, when we experience one of these moments at camp, we think, “It just doesn’t get any better than this.” However, the best part is that it always does. Camp’s “small moments” never fail to amaze me even more with each day I spend living them. As a PC in 2002, I didn’t think that anything would be able to live up to the feelings of spirit, tradition, and leadership that I felt during my PC Color War. Then, as counselor chief of Blue University in 2008, I led my Old Alma Mater in sing. When I looked out from the bench at the faces looking back at me, the faces that will follow me up on that bench in years to come, those feelings that I had experienced 6 years earlier came back stronger than ever.

To sum it up, being a part of the Blue Ridge and Equinunk family means being able to experience a lifetime of these “small moments.” New Blue Ridge and Equinunk campers, we welcome you with the promise that you are about to start creating “small moments” that will provide details for your stories for years to come.





*Welcome Camp Blue Ridge New Campers*

Marley Arzonico  
 Cara Becker  
 Nicole Blattman  
 Isabella Bordwin  
 Lauren Cherkin  
 Alyssa Cohn  
 Riley Edlitz  
 Emma Elman  
 Abby Goldberg

Emily Goldberg  
 Melissa Gottlieb  
 Rachel Greenberg  
 Samantha Halperin  
 Halli Helfman  
 Lara Klein  
 Jaimie Kruger  
 Sarah Levine  
 Samantha Levy

Aliza Moezinia  
 Abigail Nankof  
 Rachel Soleymani  
 Jordyn Spitzer  
 Amy Tolep  
 Amanda Weinberg  
 Rachael Weisglass  
 Rachel Yeshion  
 Carly Zlotnikoff

*Welcome Camp Equinunk New Campers*

Jack Abramson  
 Albert Bleznak  
 Ari Brown  
 Josh Cohen  
 Ben Dickson  
 Jonah Elman  
 Elijah Farkash  
 Jason Fine  
 Spencer Garnets

Seth Goldstein  
 Jack Halperin  
 Craig Hoffman  
 Daniel Karp  
 Preston Klein  
 Jesse Lehman  
 Jack Pfeffer  
 Zachary Reyman  
 Brett Rosenberg

Tyler Schaier  
 Ben Schuster  
 Taylor Scribner  
 Jack Shapiro  
 Corey Sherman  
 Marc Stern  
 Kyle Wyman  
 Matthew Zelinger

**Camp**

by: Jake Silverman US 2012

I get off the bus  
 And the memories come back  
 I look around and say in my head  
*Home*

You can effortlessly hear names  
 Being screamed in happiness  
 All year I could hear Equinunk calling  
 For the new red and grey

Trying to take it all in at once  
 The burning hot sun,  
 The crystal blue lake

Camp is so special that it's like making a  
 Game winning play it's that extraordinary  
 The best is when the 3 cannons going off symbolizing  
 Color War

All year I could hear Equinunk calling  
 For the new red and grey

I smell the good times  
 And feel the freedom  
 And can sense home  
 The worst is leaving though  
 So emotional and sentimental  
 But I will be waiting for Equinunk to call  
 For the new red and grey



*Staff Spotlight*

**shines on  
 Mel Cameron**



For many, camp is a life changing experience. Who would have thought that as an 18 year old film student traveling to work in the video program for a children's summer camp would be that experience? Returning to spend her 9th summer with her CBR sisters, Mel has made both Blue Ridge and camping her full time work. During the last 8 years, Mel has been a video specialist, general counselor, Inter Asst. Group Head, Senior Asst. Group Head and most recently Group Head for our oldest girls, the CA's. Oh yea - and Color War Chief of Grey Rock & Roll ! Mel's charisma and smile are infectious. Her warmth and sensitivity leads campers and counselors alike to depend on her for support and comfort. Mel goes to extraordinary lengths to welcome and then mentor our first time CE/CBR counselor staff. Often times reaching out to them months before camp has even started. She has become a staple on our UK staff recruitment trips and coordinates various staff reunions and websites. While attending University in Wales, Mel began working as an interviewer for the camp staff recruitment agency Camp Counselor USA (CCUSA). Her dedication and hard work in camping and to CCUSA has led to Mel's next great adventure. This fall Mel was hired as a full-time marketing representative for CCUSA. Her responsibilities include the marketing and promotion of the CCUSA program to Colleges and Universities in Wales, Ireland, and the southwest of England, and to attract quality applicants to the program. And what makes this even better is that the nature of counselor recruitment runs through late spring allowing Mel to return to her summer home before recruitment efforts start back up in the fall. Please join us in congratulating Mel and expressing our gratitude for all of the impressions she has made on campers and staff for the last 8 years. Equinunk and Blue Ridge is just as much a life changing experience for our staff as it is for our campers.

Camps Equinunk & Blue Ridge would like you to meet the two newest members to our family. Former counselors, groupheads, color war chiefs and currently working with our prospective camp families, Stacy and Dagan LaCorte, along with big sister Rachel, are thrilled to share the birth of Allison Brooke LaCorte. Allison was born just in time for lunch at CBR at 12:05pm on July 16th and weighed 7 lbs 7 oz.



Equinunk Cadet Group Head Stuart Goodhand and Ruth have

welcomed into the world their son, Romey Harris Goodhand. Romey was born on October 6th at 3:45pm, weighing in at 8lb and 11 and a half ounces. We welcome them both to the family and look forward to watching them grow up at CE & CBR.

## Newsworthy

Having been home almost exactly a month, Harris Popper took to the bema and became a Bar Mitzvah on September 12th. Mazol Tov to the Poppers.

Not long after camp ended and having kept up with her summer lessons, Carly Weinstein and her family celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on September 26th. Congrats !

The Weingrad family celebrated Jack's Bar Mitzvah on October 10th. A heartfelt congratulations to Jack on reaching this milestone.

Congratulations to Rebecca Fine on her Bat Mitzvah on October 18th. She loved sharing this special day with her bunkmates.

Mazol Tov to Ben Locke and the entire family on Ben's becoming a Bar Mitzvah on October 24th.

Congrats to the Millers and especially to Lizzy on her October 31st Bat Mitzvah.

Congratulations to Allison Yadgaroff as she is surrounded by family, friends, and the girls of bunk 21 as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah on November 7th.

Congratulations to Tyler Nathan and the guys on the 14 and under Westchester Maccabi Team. Tied at 50-50 and with only seconds to go, Tyler and his teammates edged out the team from Chicago to take home the Gold Medal in this year's games.



# Tennis Shoes 4 Africa

"patching lives in South Africa one pair of shoes at the time"

Dear Equinunk and Blue Ridge Families,

You have been extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to play the wonderful sport of Tennis. As a participant in this game, you have experienced the joy of fun and friendly competition, sportsmanship, and probably made many friends through Tennis. Wouldn't it be nice to give other people the same opportunity?

There are many kids in Africa who would love to play tennis. As you may already know, tennis can be an expensive sport and unfortunately many kids cannot afford to buy shoes, racquets, or balls. When a child picks up tennis in Africa and gets better, he or she always dreams of becoming a professional tennis player or playing in college. Due to the lack of resources, their dreams are many

times doomed from the start.

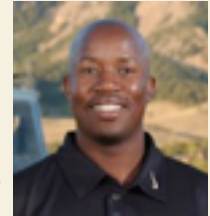
You can make a difference by donating used shoes, racquets, and clothing items. You may also send other supplies such as strings, grips, etc. Your support is highly appreciated.

Items can be sent to:  
Tennis Shoes 4 Africa  
North Carolina Wesleyan College  
3400 N. Wesleyan Blvd.  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804



For more information please visit:  
[www.tennishoes4africa.org](http://www.tennishoes4africa.org)

With deepest appreciation,  
Demonic Modise  
Tennis Director - Camp Equinunk



## Alumni News

Thank you to Debbie Sosman and all her CBR sisters for sharing a picture from their recent get together.

**Bottom Row, left to right:**

Meryl Schwartz, Nancy Margolis Bushell, Nancy Hecht-Adelman, Tracy Gard Freedman, Jane Margolis, Amy Ruchman, Elaine Kaufman Rubin,

**Middle Row, left to right:**

Leslie Greene, Tara Greenberg Kahn, Stacy Gard, Debby Falk, Sheri Denmark Parker, Lisa Margolis Goldstein, Henie Finkelstein Simon,

**Back Row, left to right:**

Debbie Schwartz Sosman, Melissa Greenberg Rabkin, Amy Lazarus, Tracey Greener Cooper, Michelle Arginsky Farber



CBR, where friendships really are Everlasting.

from the 1969  
Blue Isrealites  
New Alama Mata:

"A friendship  
everlasting  
Is something to Hold  
dear  
With trust and love  
abounding  
It will carry us  
throughout the years  
And never disappear"

# The Camps Equinunk & Blue Ridge Official Camp Newsletter



*a gentle breeze, sails are up, keels are down, rudders are ready and campers are at the helm.*

## THE BUZZER

FROM:  
EQUINUNK & BLUE RIDGE  
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### 2009 DVD YEARBOOK



Ready for you @ the reunion...

Camps CE & CBR yearbooks with all the great moments and memories from 09.

### 2009 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.



MAIL TO: