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“Celebrating 94 Years of Camping Excellence”

Alumni News



Congratulations to **Melissa Newman** (1998-2006 Camper; 2009,2011-2012, 2014, 2016 Staff) who is engaged and planning to be married January 13, 2018. Melissa is living in Boston and is a school psychologist in the Franklin Schools. **Yukio Sonoda** (1977-1980 Camper) is living in NYC and is a gynecologic cancer surgeon at Memorial Sloan Kettering. Congratulations to **Melissa Stein Berman** (1974-1980 Camper) who was married February 4th. Melissa and her husband, Adam, live in Atlanta, GA. **Jordan Neuman** (2002-2006 Camper) is living in Berlin, Germany and working for the Soho House, assisting the director of European properties. **Erica Stein** (2000-2003 Camper) is working in fundraising at Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation in Philadelphia, PA. **Susan Schneiderman Haspel** (1974-1975 Camper) is the State Director of the Boys and Girls Club in New Jersey. Congratulations to **Alix Leabman Cignoli** (2000-2002 Camper) and her husband, Matthew, on the birth of their daughter, Brady, February 13th. They are living in Carson, CA where Alix is the owner of a Massage Envy and European Wax franchise. **Allie Kudish** (1992-1999 Camper) is living in Westport, CT. She is a dentist in private practice. Congratulations to **Daniella Schneider** (1997-2002 Camper) who announced her engagement. Daniella is living in NYC and is a discovery attorney at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP. **Rob Mor** (1998-2001 Camper) has left TV production in Los Angeles and moved back to Chicago with his wife, to start a new business, Jaffa Salads. **Rick Talkov** (1961-1967 Camper, 1968-1972 Staff) is a certified public accountant with Goulston & Storrs in Boston.



Congratulations to **Katie Herman** (1993-2000 Camper) who announced her engagement. Katie is an account director at 360i, a digital marketing agency in NYC. **Kimberly Lam** (1997-1999, 2001 Camper) recently moved to San Francisco and is a business development manager at Sephora. **Dani Janklow** (1994-2000 Camper) has been living in San Francisco for the last five years. She is currently director of marketing for Decker Communications. **Colin Bercovitch** (1993, 1994, 1996-1999 Camper) is back in Vancouver, Canada and is a manufacturer's sales rep for Forbo Flooring Systems, a commercial flooring company. In early February, **Nikki Costello** (2007-2009 Camper) joined Zimmerman Advertising in Fort Lauderdale, FL as their account coordinator. **Julie Dangel Milberg** (1989-1993 Camper) is living in Los Angeles, CA with her husband, Michael and their daughters, Langley and Beatrice. She is a lawyer for Warner Brothers. Congratulations to **Ashley Boroski Mendoza** (1999-2000 Camper) and her husband,



Danny, on the birth of their daughter, Alexa, January 20th. Ashley is living in Miami, FL and is the director of sales and marketing for LILLY + Associates International. **Gillian Sternheim** (2001-2009 Camper; 2010-2011 Staff) is living in NYC and is a graduate student at Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology. Gillian's sister, **Andi Sternheim** (2002 - 2010 Camper), is living in NYC and is an advertising sales assistant at GQ Magazine.

Congratulations to **Mike Hill** (1997-2005 Camper) who announced his engagement in September. He is living in NYC and is an associate at Oliver Wyman, a global management consulting firm. Mike's sister, **Brittany Hill** (1999-2007 Camper) is living in the Greater Boston area and is an associate product manager at Reebok. Congratulations to **Ted Greenberg** (1987-1990 Camper) and his wife Toby on the birth of their daughter, Hannah, April 27th. Ted is the Jersey Shore bureau reporter for NBC-10 in Philadelphia, PA. **Kerry Strader** (2000-2009 Camper, 2010-2016 Staff) recently took on the position of study abroad advisor at Miami University. Congratulations to **Stephanie Greenberg Martin** (1991-2002 Camper) and her husband, Justin, on the birth of their daughter, Henley, June 6th. Stephanie and her husband are living in Cambridge, MA. Stephanie is a physical therapist advanced clinician at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. After a 30-year career on Wall Street, **Bobby Melnick** (1971-1972, 1974-1975 Camper) retired at the end of 2014 and now spends his time volunteering in the deaf community, the live-organ transplant community and at Riker's Island. Congratulations to **Ali Wallace** (2001-2007 Camper, 2009 Staff) who will be spending the next three years doing her pediatric residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. Congratulations to **Sam Abrahamson** (1998-2006 Camper, 2007-2009 Staff) who recently announced his engagement. Sam is living in Los Angeles and attends business school at USC. Congratulations to **David Colman** (1998-2004 Camper) and his wife, Christine, on the birth of their son, Robert, April 22nd.



In Memorial

Jordan Marks (1996-1998, 2000 Camper)
 Murray Greenberg (1953-1961, Camper; 1962-1964 Staff)
 Stacy D'Ancona Levy (1983-1988 Camper)

Tip Top Stage Refurbished

Over the past few summers, under the direction of Andy "Ang" Cornblatt, the participation in the coed play has reached new heights. In order to accommodate the number of campers that are in the play, plans were made to refurbish the Tip Top stage. This winter, the apron was widened, the stage ceiling was raised, new stairs were put in to access the upstairs areas and a state-of-the-art sound system was installed. This summer's presentation, *Lullaby of Broadway*, featured songs from *A Chorus Line*, *Legally Blonde* and *Hairspray*. It was another smashing success.



Dick Krasker celebrated a milestone birthday on March 15, 2017



UPDATE

The Indian and Forest Acres Scholarship Fund

Great News! Last month, the Indian and Forest Acres Scholarship Fund was granted 501(c)(3) status. We are one step closer to providing financial assistance to children whose parents cannot afford the full tuition for camp. The next step is to appoint a Board of Directors with a plan for a first-time meeting during the winter or at the 95th Anniversary Reunion next summer. Stay tuned....

Forest & Indian Acres Tree of Life



The Tree of Life program continues, as we look to add at least fifty new trees to both camps. Your \$100 donation in memory or in honor of someone is matched by camp. Trees are planted around camp and a nameplate, recognizing your donation is placed on the Tree of Life in Tanglewood at Forest Acres and the Field Office at Indian Acres. For more information,

contact Moe Burness at moe@indianacres.com or 860.882.4536. The annual recognition ceremony will be during the 95th Anniversary Reunion, on Sunday, July 22, 2018.



Reserve the Dates for the 95th Anniversary Reunion
Saturday evening, July 21, 2018 and
Sunday, July 22, 2018

The countdown begins! There are only 312 days until we celebrate our illustrious history, our present-day magic and our exciting future! Details and registration information will follow later this year. At present, we are tentatively planning on a coed campfire in the evening of July 21st. After a day at camp on Sunday, everyone will enjoy a Maine Lobster Dinner at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds followed by Friendship Circle at Forest Acres and ending with a Sunday Night Campfire at Indian Acres. We hope to see you in Fryeburg next summer!!!



Fall/Winter 2017-2018 Alumni Get-Togethers

Plans are underway for alumni get-togethers around the country to coincide with our travels to meet with families. If you live in or near the cities below or are planning to be in the area on a date we are having a get-together, we hope you plan to stop by. Meet other area alumni, share your fond memories of days at camp and maybe even network a little. More info to follow as we finalize dates.



Chicago, IL
 South Florida
 New York City
 San Francisco
 Los Angeles



A NOTE FROM LISA AND GEOFF

We hope this finds you all well and enjoying the last breaths of summer. After a successful 94th summer in Fryeburg we are happy to report that Forest and Indian Acres Camps are thriving.

The summer of 2017 was a tremendous summer for our campers and staff members. They continue to uphold the traditions and values that we hold dear and endeavor to be as active as possible in daily activities. Campers excelled and achieved in competitions and events all over Maine and New Hampshire! We were also happy to welcome our first ever campers from China. We now are proud to say we have campers from Indonesia, UK, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, China, France, Spain and of course Venezuela.

During the summer, we received some wonderful news! We have successfully established a 501(c)(3) organization, which will strive to provide financial assistance to families who otherwise would not be able to afford camp. We have done this quietly through our friends over the years and are excited to offer scholarships as a formal non-profit. Please feel free to give us a call to find out more about this endeavor.

This past summer we had occasion to connect with many former campers who visited camp. At almost every Friendship Circle and Campfire this summer we were lucky enough to have alumni present from as long ago as the 1940's and as recent as last summer. It is gratifying that special traditions are alive and well.

As we put the finishing touches on a great season and begin preparing for our 95th Anniversary reunion, we want to thank you for your unwavering support to our community. Please know that you are always welcome to stop by, have a meal and share your camping experiences with today's campers. Our community is truly special and makes our camps two of the best in the nation. This is all because of you!

Have a great fall and winter season! We hope to see you during our travels through the world.



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Next summer will be our 95th and this means we will once again welcome alumni back to camp, en masse, for a weekend of celebration. I get real joy out of seeing members of the family reuniting to celebrate, share stories of summers' past and relive some of our richest traditions.

As I have noted in the past, for many years, a goal of mine has been to find a way to open our doors to campers who could not experience our magic without financial assistance.

We are finally there now that The Indian and Forest Acres Scholarship Fund has been granted 501(c)(3) non-profit status. This is a significant step closer to giving the "gift of camping." As we welcome you back to camp next summer, our hope is that we will have a Board of Directors in place and be able to kick-off our campaign. As you look for philanthropic opportunities at year's end, please think of making a tax-deductible contribution to the Indian and Forest Acres Scholarship Fund. Our future is bright and I for one, am very excited to be a part of it. See you in July 2018!

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