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“Celebrating 96 Years of Camping Excellence”

Alumni News



In June, **Jennifer Manzelli Patterson** (1984-1987 Camper) and her husband, opened up a wine bar in Lisbon, Portugal called Black Sheep. Congratulations to **Stephanie Greenberg Martin** (1991-2002 Camper) and her husband, Justin, on the birth of their son, Logan, May 25th. They are now living in Cary, NC. Congratulations to **Ali Kotzen** (1997-2004) who announced her engagement in August. Ali lives in Boston and is working in the family business, J.W. Lopes, a produce supplier, as an Account Executive. Sister, **Julie Kotzen** (1994-2001 Camper) also lives in Boston and is a Social Worker in the Boston Public Schools. **Jane Berger Ginsburg** (1988-1990 Camper, 1994 Counselor) was recently named CEO of Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York. Jane and her family live in Albany, NY. **Nikki Casper** (2002-2010 Camper) is a Technical Recruiter for Hub Spot, a developer and marketer of software products for inbound marketing and sales. **Ryan Saltzman** (2003-2007 Camper) is engaged and is planning a wedding for August 2020. Ryan is living in Chicago and the Vice President of Banner Wholesale Grocers, the family business. Congratulations to Congressman **Dean Phillips** (1979-1983 Camper, 1991 Counselor) who was married in Washington, DC on September 14th. Dean is a member of the US House of Representatives from Minnesota's 3rd Congressional District. **Joanne Shankman Steinback** (1956-1959, 1962) met **Judy Stonehill Labensohn** (1957-1960 Camper) at Forest Acres and are still the best of friends. Joanne's granddaughter celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in Israel in 2017 and Judy, who lives in Israel, was in attendance. Joanne splits her time between Chicago and Telluride, CO. In August, Judy and Joanne met in Telluride and spent time hiking. Congratulations to **Jordan Pollock** (1992-1997 Camper) and her husband, Reid, on the birth of their daughter, Ada, September 26th. Jordan is a staff immigration attorney at the Dallas County Public Defender's office. The Getz brothers are both living in NYC.



Jonny Getz (2002-2008 Camper, 2009, 2012 Staff) is Analytics Manager for a marketing agency. **Danny Getz** (2004-2011 Camper) is in his last year at Parsons School of Design, getting his 2nd degree, in graphic design. Jonny recently announced his engagement and is planning a November 2020 wedding on Cape Cod. Congratulations to **Daniella Schneider** (1997-2002 Camper) and her husband, Michael, on the birth of their daughter, Emmanuelle, October 7th. Daniella is an attorney with Mayerson Abramowitz & Kahn LLP, in NYC. Congratulations to **Daniel Boldiszar** (2014, 2016 IA Kitchen Staff) and **Viktoria Bot** (2014, 2016 FA Kitchen Staff) on their wedding this summer, in Hungary. Daniel and Viktoria met their first summer at camp and, two summers later, returned to camp together. **Vycki Levine Goldenberg-Milstein** (1968-1969, 1971 Camper) is living in Louisville, KY and, with her husband, owns three Massage Envy locations. Fifty years later, she remains close friends with **Mona Heller Kornfield** (1967-1973 Camper) and **Andy Gordon** (1967-1969 Camper) who she met at camp. **Willie Cornblatt** (2001-2007 Camper) recently moved to midtown Manhattan with his fiancée, Blair. Their wedding will be in October of 2020. Willie is an Editorial Producer for MLB Pipeline. Congratulations to **Alex Feld** (1998-2005 Camper) and his wife, Katie, on the birth of their daughter, Lily, September 17th. Alex is a Vice President of the Pritzker Organization in Chicago. **Lynn Torgove**





(1970-1973 Camper, 1977 Staff) was married October 8, 2018. She and her husband, Brian, split their time between Providence, RI and Jamaica Plain, MA. In addition to performing and directing, Lynn is a communications and presentations skills consultant as the co-founder of Gabriel Communications and is on the faculty at Hebrew College in Newton, MA as the Head of Vocal Arts. **Jon Stein** (1998-2006 Camper, 2007 Staff) is co-owner of Fogtown Brewery in Ellsworth, ME. Recently, **David Zheutlin** (1999-2006 Camper, 2007-2014 Staff) and **Alex Rolfe** (1994-1998 Camper, 2000-2005 Staff) visited Jon at the brewery. Congratulations to **Aaron Herold** (1991-1997 Camper, 1998-2007 Staff) and his wife, Carly, on the birth of their son, Julian, September 26th. The Herolds currently live in Geneseo, NY where Aaron is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at SUNY Geneseo. Congratulations to **Chris Merrell** (2008-2010, 2012 Staff) and his fiancée, Daniela, on the birth of their son, Ethan, October 19th. In August, Chris opened up a boutique fitness training studio in the Florida Keys. He and Daniela are planning a September 2020 wedding. After 16 years working for the Department of Justice, **Adam Fels** (1980-1983 Camper) is starting up his own law firm with two of his friends. They will be focusing on white-collar criminal defense, securities litigation, commercial disputes and internal investigations. Congratulations to **Robbie Ginsburg** (1984, 1986, 1988 Camper) who married October 26th in Chicago. Robbie and his wife, Maria, are currently living in Evanston, IL where Robbie practices law and is a writer. **Brittany Hill** (1999-2007 Camper) recently moved to NYC to begin a new job as Women's Merchandising Manager at Tommy John. **Brooke Owen** (2005-2007 Camper, 2011-2012 Staff) is working at Penn State University in the college of Health and Human Development as the mentoring program coordinator. She recently received a master's degree in project management. **We want to hear from you. If you have news that you would like to share with the IA/FA community, please email it to moe@indianacres.com.**



The time we enjoyed at Indian and Forest Acres Camps was a priceless and life-changing gift our parents gave to us. We read the Pony Express because Camp mattered to us in ways we cannot begin to quantify. We know that Camp made us better people. We know that through Camp we formed life-long friendships. We know that Camp gave us opportunities to dare to risk, to learn what community means, and to reveal who we were and who we would become. Please help share the gift of Camp and make a positive, forever-impact in the lives of future campers.

The Board of the IA& FA Scholarship Foundation, established in 2018, has been working hard to create such opportunities for children of lesser means. This June the Foundation will send one boy and girl to Camp so they can experience the magic of "Our Summer Place." Our plan is for these children to attend camp for several summers and to provide scholarships for several others to do so as well. To do this, we need your help. There are various ways you can join this effort.

- [Join our Board!](#)
 - Consider joining the Board at large
 - Consider joining the Board in the position of Secretary (position available now) or Treasurer (beginning July 2020)
- [Make a Donation to the Foundation](#)
- Join the Young Alumni Committee: contact us at info@iafafoundation.org.
- Help us Raise Money: contact us at info@iafafoundation.org.

Please join us in giving the gift of Camp. We hope you will take the time to learn more about [the Foundation](#) and choose to support its efforts. Your help in sharing the joy of summers in Fryeburg will be immeasurable!



The End of an Era for “Dan, Tampa, Tennis” and his wife, Joyce

At the end of the 2019 camping season, the Indian Acres community and close friends gathered to celebrate Danny and Joyce Holcomb who are retiring from camp. In addition to some of our esteemed alumni who phoned in their well-wishes, the group was treated to a recording of the “Dan Holcomb” song, written by former counselor and fan-favorite, Mark Yeager. Click on the link below to watch the video. In the 60+ years that Danny has worked at camp and the 25+ years that Joyce has worked at camp, they have done so much for camp and for generations of campers and staff. They’ve touched the lives of countless members of our camp family and have left an indelible footprint at Indian and Forest Acres. Thanks Danny and Joyce! We love you and wish you well.



[The “Dan Holcomb Song”](#)

Going to the chapel and we’re gonna get married...at Indian and Forest Acres

Did you know that Indian and Forest Acres rents the camp facilities for weddings and corporate retreats? Over the past 10 years, camp has hosted several weddings. In the Summer of 2021, we will be hosting a “wedding reunion” for a couple from California who were married at camp in September of 2016. Rental costs are very reasonable and with the ability to house most, if not all of the guests at camp, it makes the venue very attractive. Summer camp weddings are becoming more and more popular as they give the wedding attendees the chance to catch up with each other and make memories that will last them a lifetime. Most of the facilities are available to the guests and with the White Mountains as backdrop, the camps are a perfect location for a wedding. If you are looking for a wedding or event location or know of someone who is, please have them contact Moe Burness, moe@indianacres.com, 207.935.2300 x4.



Start off the New Year by attending one of the Alumni Get-Togethers

Metro NYC - Wednesday, January 8th

Time: 8:00pm

Location: 3 Sheets Saloon

(Upstairs)

134 W. 3rd Street

NY, NY

Saloon Policy states you must have proof of age



Metro LA - Thursday, January 30th

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Location will be announced a few weeks before the event

SF Bay Area - Thursday, February 6th

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Tippy Pig

2231 Chestnut Street

San Francisco, CA

This date is a change to the previously released date



Open your HOME and HELP

In the spirit of growing our community, our camp families have graciously opened their homes to help spread the word of "Our Summer Place." We would like to thank the following families for hosting these events in their cities:



Lara and David Postula – Park City, Utah

Blanca Barrio and Alejandro Perez-Tenessa – Bellevue, Washington

Kevin and Jessica Morgan – Bend, Oregon



We would appreciate your consideration in hosting an event in your hometown. We will provide all materials for you to advertise the event. If you are interested, have any questions or have any other ideas for outreach, please contact Assistant Director, Moe Burness, at moe@indianacres.com or 207.935.2300 x4.



A NOTE FROM LISA AND GEOFF

Being from the Northeast, I always thought that the first Thanksgiving was all about "Thanks" and "Giving" – gratitude for kindness and friendship as well as the blessing of being together. In other words, camaraderie. This is how we feel about Indian and Forest Acres.

Many of us feel a deep connection to "Our Summer Place," our staff connections and the cabin friendships formed throughout the camp years. We also feel that our experiences at camp forge the way to a better life. We learn, we develop understanding, we learn dedication, tolerance, patience and most of all what it means to be a good friend!

Lisa and I thoroughly love our camp community and cherish each and every opportunity we have to hear from all of you whether it's about the good, the bad or the sad. That is what a community is built upon and this is what we feel is so inherently special about camp, particularly YOUR CAMP!

Have a safe, happy and thoughtful New Year!





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A FINAL WORD

As you may know, it has been my dream for camp to have a Foundation through which we can award children scholarships to attend camp. The selected campers' parents cannot afford to provide this experience without our help. At this time of giving, I want to thank each and every one who has donated as well as those who are planning to donate to our Scholarship Foundation. Every donation counts toward our goal. It takes a village to keep things running and moving in a positive direction. Thanks to our Board members, our committee members and especially to our Co-Presidents for taking the ball and running with it. Together we will do this. We ARE Indian and Forest Acres Camps. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Moe

