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Indian and Forest Acres Camps

“Celebrating 92 Years of Camping Excellence”



Alumni News

The entire camp community is extremely proud of **Andy Buckle** (1994-2002, 2004, 2014-current Staff) who recently received a Life Saving Hero Award from the American Red Cross for performing CPR and using an AED to resuscitate a 14 year-old student from his school who was in cardiac arrest. Congratulations to **Daniela Gelleni** (1989-1998 Camper, 2001 Staff), and her husband, Guillermo, on the birth of their son, Federico, August 29th. Congratulations to **Josh Evans** (1995-2002) who announced that he is engaged to be married. A wedding is planned for some time in 2015. Josh continues to live in NYC and pursue his acting career. Congratulations to **Nina Jacobson** (1997-2002) who celebrated her 28th birthday and got engaged, October 17th. Nina is living in NYC and working as a Consultant, Audience Manager at Adobe. Congratulations to **Jake Cohen** (1994-2003) on his marriage to Jackie Kreiner, October 18th. Jake is living in Boston and running the business he co-founded, Privy, a company that enables local businesses to understand how many online visitors actually spend money in-store. Jake's sister, **Abbe Cohen** (1996-2003) is now living in Los Angeles. In November, Abbe was hired by Def Jam Recordings as their Sr. Director of Brand Partnerships. Congratulations to **Aaron Resnick** (1989-1995 Camper, 1997 Staff) and his wife, Lindy, on the birth of their son, Eliot, February 13. Aaron and his family are living in Chicago, IL, where Aaron is Operations Manager for Trust Lending. **Zoe Wilson Simpson** (2002-2007 Staff) and her husband, **Russell "Homer" Simpson** (2002-2007 Staff), are living in Auckland, New Zealand. Zoe got her degree in teaching and will be teaching grades 3/4. Russell is working in the IT department for New Zealand Transport Agency and is currently a Desktop Support Specialist. Congratulations to **Gary McClurg** (1972-present Staff) on winning the championship of the State Line Youth Football League for the 6th time in 9 years. In addition, this was the fourth team that Gary has coached that has finished the season undefeated and untied.



James "Jez" Palmer (1980-1981 Staff) checked in from London, England. Jez founded Red Sky Capital Solutions in 2007. Red Sky works with an elite group of hedge funds and other companies that are looking to raise capital to aid an IPO. Congratulations to **Olivia Fass** (1999-2007 Camper, 2008 Staff) who, in March, announced that she is engaged. Olivia continues to live in NYC where she is a Corporate Event Planner for American Realty Capital. **Carly Saltzman** (2001-2008) is living in NYC and is currently working for Tapad as the Office Coordinator. Brother **Ryan Saltzman** (2003-2007) is back in Chicago, IL working in the family business, Banner Wholesale, as a buyer. Congratulations to **Ana Alicia Perez-Paris** (1996-2000) and her husband, Gustavo, on the birth of their daughter, Elena, November 6th. **Ramon Armentia** (1990-1991) is living in Bilbao, Spain and working in the family business, a boutique. Congratulations to **Jason Engle** (1992-1996 Camper) and his wife, Rebecca, on the birth of their son, Ethan, March 16th. Jason is the Director of Sales of Little Kids Inc., a developer and manufacturer of children's toys. **Marta Lopez Saavedra** (2004-2006) is now living back in Madrid after spending a few years in Boston finishing her degree and a year in London working. She is current consulting for retail in the areas of strategy, expansion, operations, and due diligence for investors that want to buy retail companies. Congratulations to **Pedro Anzola** (1992-1999) who was married on November 7th. Pedro and his wife, Ericka, are living in Panama City, Panama where Pedro is a lawyer for Pricewaterhouse Coopers. **Jeremy Haber** (1994-1999) is living in Chicago and is currently the Assistant



to the General Manger of the Chicago White Sox. Congratulations to **Janelle Amidon Kapusta** (1992-1998 Camper) and her husband Ron, on the birth of their son, Kyle, March 23rd. **Rebecca Margolis** (2000-2007 Camper; 2008-2009 Staff) is currently finishing a Master's Degree in International Studies in Leeds, England. In November, she met up with **Rachel Parkhouse** (2003-2004 Staff), a counselor of hers who she had not seen in 10 years. In December, **Sam Demers** (1993-1995, 1998-2004 Camper, 2005 Staff) moved to North Carolina to begin studying for a degree in Natural Resource Management at North Carolina State University. Congratulations to **Scot Tattelman** (1989-1996 Camper, 1997-2000 Staff) and his wife, Jacq, on the birth of their son, Ozzie, August 11th. **Nathan Cornblatt** (2004-2012 Camp-

er, 2013-2014 Staff) is attending Georgetown University and made the varsity Lacrosse team as a walk-on. Good going Nathan! Congratulations to **Jordan McMullen** (2000-2006 Camper) who announced on January 2nd, her engagement to be married. Congratulations to **Greg Nowill** (1997-2002) who was married on New Year's Eve. Greg and his wife, Kristen, are living in Quincy, MA. **Jon Schiller** (1994-1999 Camper, 2003 Staff) is working in Chicago, IL as a corporate attorney for Latham & Watkins. Congratulations to **Jordana Pransky** (1985-1990) and her wife, Erica, on the birth of their son, Roman, December 14th. They live in NYC where Jordana is the Advertising Director for Bon Appetit and Epicurious magazine. While doing her J Term in Amsterdam in early January, **Allie Sigadel** (2006-2010 Camper, 2013 Staff) ran into **Michael Margolis** (2000-2006 Camper, 2000 Staff), **Rebecca Margolis** (2000-2007 Camper, 2008-2009 Staff) and **Daniel Margolis** (2000-2009 Camper, 2012 Staff). Allie is studying nursing at Hartwick College. Congratulations to **Amy Bourne** (1985-1990) and her husband, Jesse Peck, on the birth of their son, Graham, January 20th. **Brothers, Damir and Davor Turk** (1990-1994 Staff) are U.S. citizens and living in NYC. They are partners in a tax consulting business. **David Stem** (2005-2009 Camper, 2011-2012 Staff) is living in St. Petersburg, FL and working in the Ticket Sales Department for the Tampa Bay Rays. Congratulations to **Rachel Frank Leshchinsky** (1987-1993 Camper; 1997 Staff) and her husband, Yaroslov, on the birth of their daughter, Lana, January 26th. Rachel is a teacher in Chicago, IL.

In Memorium

Ellen Krause Johnson – 1971-1976 Camper
 Ricky Silverman 1977-1982 Camper
 Andrew Schiller 1982-1983 Camper
 Ariel Jastromb 1995-2000 Camper

2015 Trip Dates

FOREST ACRES

Log 1	Rafting	June 30th - July 1st
Log 2	Bar Harbor	June 30th - July 1st
Seniors	Burlington, VT	July 6th - July 8th
		July 13th - July 15th
Log 1	Montreal	July 27th - July 29th
Log 2	Quebec	July 27th - July 29th

INDIAN ACRES

Intermediates	Camden	June 29th - July 1st
Lower Beavers	Rafting	June 30th - July 1st
Upper Beavers	Bar Harbor	June 30th - July 1st
Inters/Seniors	Boothbay	July 6th - July 8th
Seniors	Acadia	July 15th - July 18th
Beavers	Montreal	July 27th - August 1st

If you're in the area, stop by and root for the home team as we host these tournaments:

FOREST ACRES:
 Under 10 Soccer July 9th
 Under 12 Basketball July 16th
 Under 10/12/14/16 Tennis July 20th

INDIAN ACRES:
 Under 15 Soccer July 6th
 Under 13 Basketball July 10th
 Under 15 Basketball July 11th
 Under 11 Soccer July 13th
 Under 11 Basketball July 13th
 Under 13/15 Tennis July 15th
 Under 15 Flag Foot. July 16th

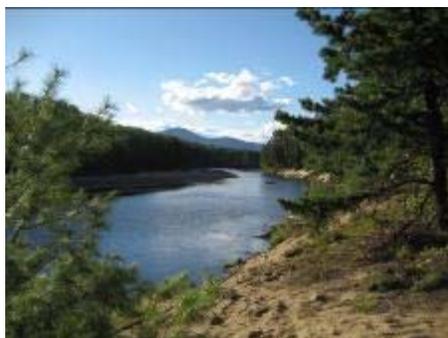
WELCOME TO OUR NEW CAMPERS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2015!!!

Itay Adam, Amirkhan Atabiev, Gaby Aptman, Valentina Ayoub, Carlota Balmaseda, Madison Camp*, Alex Carney, Zach Carney, Sophie Curtis*, Chloe Dalton, Juan De La Vega, Diego Delclaux, Sara Edelstein, Manuela Fernandez*, Guillermo Garcia, Jaime Garcia, Ramon Garcia, Lynn Gindi*, Jack Ginsburg*, Josh Ginsburg*, Aaron Goldstein, Teddy Goose, Mara Hawk–Stein, Federico Hernandez, Gabby Herrick, Jaytonn Hunter, Emma Hurwitz, Avery Josef*, Ariel Kaplan*, Caroline Kaufman*, Abby Kay, Maren Landgarten, Adam Leib, Mateo Lopez-Nava, Clementina Marquez*, Isabella Marquez*, Nuria Marti, Sara Marti, Pablo Mayoral, Inigo Olalquiaga, Shira Orgad, Jamie Orzechowski, Nicholas Payne, Geraldine Pulido, Aldara Revenga, Carlos Ruiz, Gabriela Ruiz, Yeheli Sampson, Catalina Sanchez, Sofia Sanchez, Natalie Sims, Ryan Soren*, Brooke Sparks, Kylie Sparks, Elad Stettner, Mia Sultan, Joshua Tilzer, Jimena Torres*, Teresa Uriarte, Aysha Vadukul, Nitin Vadukul, Mayca Valdecantos, Sofia Vias, Hailey Virdi and Amir Yaakobi.

*** Generational Campers**

In the Fall 2014 issue of the Pony Express, Rick Strader, a staff member at Indian Acres (1977-1993, 2000—present) and English professor emeritus at Wright State University shared his thoughts about the Saco River. Shortly after that, we heard from Len Gilman (1938-1944 Camper, 1946-1948 Counselor) who shared with us what “The River” means to him and what it meant to the campers of yesteryear:

“In my years as a counselor, Dr. K gave me the mantle as Head Canoe Trip Counselor. He knew that I loved that river and that I had been on every conceivable trip one could take on it. I had led a group on the backwaters of the old Rod and Reel camp, swooshed through Walker’s Falls dozen of times and had pretty much pioneered the way into what was first known as Bog Pond (then re-named Indian Pond). In 1948 after carving and installing the first set of totem poles for the IA entranceway, Dr. K approved an exploratory canoe trip from IA to the Biddeford Pool. A fellow counselor, Dick Mays (later to be the hockey coach at University of Minnesota and ultimately a dentist) and I set out on a four-day paddle downstream. We felt like Lewis and Clark. In places where there was no beach we slept in the canoe. With us we had only a rudimentary chart of the Saco. I can still recall nearing one ox-bow bend in the river and hearing what we knew would be a major waterfall. We approached it cautiously while back-paddling to study our options. There didn’t appear to be a portage trail so we decided to risk paddling through. We slammed off of several huge boulders, got turned around twice, took on a lot of water and finally after 150 yards we slumped forward, shipped our paddles and gasped as we entered calmer waters. On a bridge just ahead of our location, I could see about thirty locals cheering and waving at us. I could hear “you’re the first ones to ever paddle through Steep Falls!” We loved every minute of those days. To me, thoughts of the Saco bring me peace and serenity. If I’m having a bad moment, my mantra is “think of the Saco....its many bends, the different colors of the waters, the shade under some of the overhanging trees.” My friends, the Saco will be with my forever.”



The work is completed but the job is never done.

The Maintenance Staff was hard at work this winter making improvements at both camps. At Forest Acres, they remodeled a cabin and made a School of Rock. The tennis courts and outdoor basketball court were resurfaced and painted. In what colors? Of course, Green and Tan. At Indian Acres, newly constructed totem poles were installed that stand guard outside of the camp entrance. Lastly, the hockey rink was resurfaced and painted.



Calling All Green and Tans

Attention all Green and Tans. The names of the captains and co-captains on the Color War plaque from 1962-1970 have faded and are illegible. We are looking for help in identifying the names so we can etch them into the plaques so that the names will be there in perpetuity. If you know with certainty, the names of the captains and/or co-captains from those years, please e-mail moe@indianacres.com. Thanks for your help!



The Indian and Forest Acres Scholarship Fund

As we kick off another magical summer under the pines we want to thank you all for your support and kindness. As you know, this is our 92nd summer and we would not be where we are without you all.

To that end, we would like to take this opportunity to find ways so that less fortunate families can be part of our camp family. Camp is a privilege that has a number of profound effects on children, especially in today's 24 hour new cycle society and the world of technological advances. Our beautiful summer place offers children a brief respite from the hectic, fast paced society we live in. The studies continue to show that summer camp is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

With this in mind, we are proud and pleased to announce, in conjunction with the American Camping Association, the establishment of a scholarship fund which will be used to send children who are otherwise unable to afford camp, the opportunity to join us at Indian and Forest Acres. Preference will be given to qualified children of alumni.

As you think about your times and years in Fryeburg, we hope you will help make this worthy project a reality. Please consider a tax deductible contribution to the Forest and Indian Acres Scholarship Fund underwritten by the ACA. There is nothing better in life than giving the gift of camping to an enthusiastic, wonderful child who cannot afford to come to camp otherwise.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or would like additional information regarding the above, please feel free to call Geoff at 954-557-7723 or email at geoff@indianacres.com. Thank you for your consideration and have a great summer.

Describe a person or place well-known to you.

In January, Lauren Kelly, a camper at Forest Acres, as an admission essay for private school, had to write a paper "describe a person or place well-known to you." Lauren wrote:

On the border between New Hampshire and Maine lies a small town called Fryeburg. Within Fryeburg, a camp known as Forest Acres resides on the Saco River. Forest Acres is a summer haven, a place away from the stress and the hustle and bustle of the real world. There, you can make new friends, create new memories, and try new things by taking advantage of opportunities which might not otherwise be presented to you. Over the last five summers at Forest Acres, I have met friends from all over the world who have become as close as sisters to me, learned how to wakeboard and horseback ride and enjoy the little things, and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Forest Acres is a camp rooted in history and traditions, from traditions created when the camp first opened in 1924, to traditions being created each summer by campers and counselors alike. Whether it's watching the sun set along the banks of the Saco River with my cabin or going to pep rallies for Color War events, Forest Acres' traditions will stay with me always.

As you walk down the dirt road leading into Forest Acres, you begin to notice the heavy scent of pine that hangs in the air, created by the dense forest surrounding the camp. The tips of the purple mountains of New Hampshire can be seen in the distance, and a sign suspended from the trees welcomes you into camp itself. A few buildings like the dining hall, infirmary, and a few cabins loop around the large tennis courts. More cabins form a line to the theater building, the pool, and the gymnasium. A short walk down a sloping hill brings you to a vast expanse of grassy field, where sports like soccer, archery, or softball may be played. The Saco River cuts through the far side of the fields, separating our grassy area from the marshy banks on the other side. When the sun sets on clear summer nights, the water of the river is transformed into a mirror, reflecting colors reminiscent of liquid gold, burnt embers, or the heart of a fire.

Forest Acres Camp is my summer place, my home away from home. I am so fortunate to have a place that I know like the back of my hand, a place that has given me friends and opportunities and memories which I still cherish today. Forest Acres has become a part of me over the past five years, and I couldn't be more thankful. Camp is not a place, it is a state of mind, where everything feels crystal clear, relaxed, and perfect; a feeling that only rarely presents itself, a feeling as elusive as a dream.

A Note From Lisa and Geoff

It is truly hard to believe another summer is underway at Our Summer Place! The weather has been stellar, and all the kids are out trying new activities, rekindling old friendships and making new ones.

Many of our long time staff are back and more importantly, we now have third and fourth generation camp families with us. It is especially gratifying when children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of alumni come to camp and have almost the same experiences that you did, 15, 25 and 50 years ago.

You are the most important assets to our camps. We value your input, participation and the confidence you show in our leadership team year after year. It is important that we protect the integrity of the camps that you know and love by maintaining our strong seven-week program. To do that, we need you! Please don't keep us the best-kept secret in camping. Indian and Forest Acres Camps have provided children the experience of a lifetime and friendships that last forever. Let's continue that strong, memorable experience for another 92 summers.

As we continue to move deeper into the technological age and 24-hour news cycle, traditional camping is something sacred and special. Where we once had computers as an activity to teach kids, now we are totally screen free at camp. It is truly a wonderful thing to have the children disconnect from the devices that are so common now at home. It fosters a more communal type environment.

As always, if you are in the area during the summer, please feel free to stop by either camp to say hello and have a meal. We welcome your company and love listening to your stories of your time at camp. Have a great summer!



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A FINAL THOUGHT

Our 92nd summer is off to a great start. As I observe our administrative team at work with our counselors and campers, I am, as always awed by just how special our camps are. Those at camp, at least once a summer, hear me say, "The magic of camping is that everyone thinks their camp is the best. But the beauty of camping is that we know that we are." There is no doubt that others feel the same way about their camps. A few months ago, we were contacted by the producers of "The World's Greatest", a TV show on the Ion Network. After their nationwide search and evaluation, Indian and Forest Acres Camps have been named "The World's Greatest Summer Camps". A film crew will be at camp on Friday, July 3rd to shoot film for the project. The expected air date will be sometime in September and once we have that date, an e-mail blast will be sent. Finally the WORLD will know what we have know for a long time. It doesn't get any better. Best wishes for a safe and fun summer.

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