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# CAYUGA

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**ROOKIE DAY** is a one-day program for our 12 & 13 year old campers to get a “taste” of Cayuga’s Teen Campus. Due to the fact that we have 2 campuses, some senior campers don’t know what to expect when moving to Teen Campus. This is the exact reason why we created Rookie Day! Rookie Day gives our campers (who are eligible to reside on Teen Campus the following summer) the opportunity to check-out Teen Campus. Our rookies receive a tour from Teen Campus staff and CIT’s and sign-up/participate in teen exclusive activities with teen campers. We encourage all eligible campers to sign-up. This day is designed to build confidence & excitement for the upcoming summer, ensuring a smooth and enthusiastic transition for our future Teen Campus residents. We can’t wait to see our rookies dive into this new chapter of their camp journey!

[ Note: Campers must be at least 13 years old and entering the 8th grade by the start of camp in order to reside on Teen Campus. ]

## CAMP TOURS & ZOOM CALLS

Thinking about joining us this summer for some fun in the sun? Speak with one of our Directors to learn more about Camp Cayuga! Whether you’re curious about our diverse range of activities, the dining experience, or the unique traditions that make Camp Cayuga special, our Directors are here to provide all the information you need to make your decision with confidence. Personal tours are available at your convenience 7 days a week. If you’d prefer to tour camp with other prospective Cayuga families and meet other Cayuga staff members, join us for our Annual Open House in April (4/27/25). This is an ideal time to visit camp! We highly recommend that all new families take a tour to get a greater feel for our grounds. Zoom Calls with our Directors can also be arranged during normal business hours. Contact our New Jersey Business Office to set-up a Tour or Zoom Call appointment. We hope to hear from you soon! Scan the QR code to take a virtual tour of Cayuga’s campus & to learn more about private family tours & our Open House in the Spring.



## WINTER REUNION LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN! ‘SPACE’ IN ENGLEWOOD, NJ

ATTENTION 2024 CAMPERS - You and your siblings are warmly invited to Camp Cayuga’s Annual Winter Reunion! This cherished tradition at Camp Cayuga is a highlight of the year, providing a fantastic chance to reconnect and revive camp friendships. The Winter Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th, 2025, from 10am to 1pm, at “SPACE” in Englewood, NJ, which is about 30 minutes from NYC. This exciting venue features over 100 high-tech video games, and some Pro-Shot basketball hoops. We will cover your admission to “SPACE” along with unlimited drinks and a delicious spread of bagels and doughnuts! Plus, expect ongoing raffles filled with amazing Cayuga giveaways and a slideshow showcasing over 1,500 photos from last summer. We anticipate having over 250 Cayuga campers in attendance, and we hope you’ll be among them! Get ready for an awesome day filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie. Important notes: 1) Parents and drivers are not required to stay at the Reunion unless a non-camper sibling is attending. 2) Remember to bring cash or card, as we’ll have a wide range of new and ‘vintage’ Camp Cayuga merchandise for sale, including sweatpants, hoodies, pillow pals, blankets, croc charms, and more. 3) If you plan to join us, please register directly on your camper dashboard. The registration deadline is Thursday, January 16th, 2025.

# CAMP ON YOUR MIND?

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SPECIAL EVENTS!

DURING THE SUMMER, WE HAVE A TON OF SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED. THEY TAKE PLACE EVERY WEEK & INCLUDE SOME OF THE WACKIEST ACTIVITIES OF THE SUMMER. SOME SPECIAL EVENTS ARE FULL-DAY EVENTS, WHILE OTHERS MAY LAST FOR JUST A FEW HOURS. MOST SPECIAL EVENTS ARE VOLUNTARY, BUT WITH THE INCENTIVE TO EARN 'CABIN POINTS', PRACTICALLY EVERYONE PARTICIPATES. CABIN POINTS ARE EARNED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, AND ARE AWARDED TO CABIN GROUPS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION, ENTHUSIASM & SPIRIT. THE CABINS WITH THE MOST POINTS AT THE END OF EVERY SESSION ARE AWARDED A PRIVATE



POOL PARTY! CHECK-OUT WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE FOR SUMMER 2025: OLYMPICS, LUCKY LOTTO, CARNIVAL, BEACH BASH, APACHE RELAY, ROOKIE DAY, CAMPER-COUNSELOR (MINI ME) DAY, COLOR RUN, KARAOKE LUNCH, POLAR BEAR CLUB, MUSTACHE MADNESS, & MORE!

## ATTN: NEW & RETURNING CAMPERS

### Join the Pen Pal Club

As we look forward to another fun summer, we want to remind all campers about Cayuga's Pen Pal Club! Cayuga's Pen Pal Club offers an opportunity to interact with new and returning campers before camp begins. It's a great way to discuss camp topics and personal hobbies, share experiences, and create new friendships. It's an opportunity for returning campers to share their camp experiences and answer questions our new kids may have. Being a new camper can sometimes feel overwhelming, but by joining the Pen Pal Club, our returning campers can help ease these nerves. Consider signing-up for the Club if you haven't done so already (simply complete the online form on your dashboard). After signing-up, you'll be included in the Pen Pal Directory. The Directory includes camper names, grades, sessions, cell phone numbers, and/or email addresses of all pen pals. You can reach out to as many campers as you wish. An updated Directory is emailed monthly to you and your parents.

# NEWSLETTER CONTEST

**ENTER 2 WIN**

COMPLETE THE CAYUGA THEMED WORD SEARCH PUZZLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN CAMP MERCH! TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR COMPLETED PUZZLE AND DM OR EMAIL US YOUR PICTURE BY 1/15/25. WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED & NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL OR DM ON 1/16/25.

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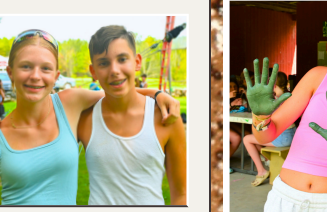
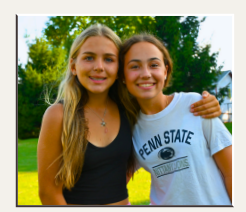
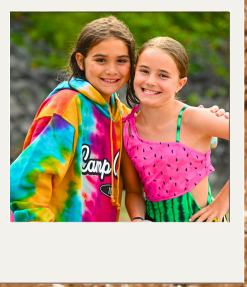
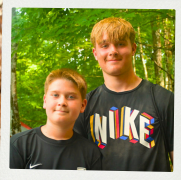
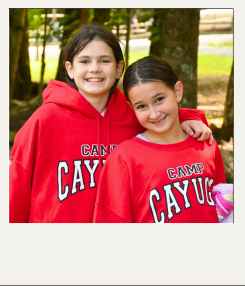
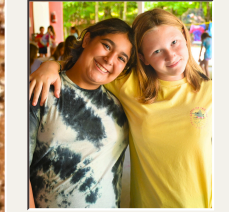
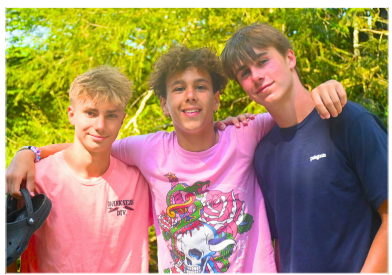
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- FISHING
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- FLAGPOLE



## CAYUGA STAFF FROM ACROSS THE WORLD!

WE'RE EXCITED TO REPORT THAT NEXT SUMMER'S STAFF IS LOOKING AWESOME! OUR STAFF DIRECTOR HAS ALREADY REHIRED A TON OF RETURNING COUNSELORS, SENIOR STAFF, & SUPPORT STAFF FROM LAST SUMMER & WE'RE PSYCHED THEY'RE JOINING US AGAIN! WE CURRENTLY HAVE STAFF HIRED FROM 14

- DIFFERENT COUNTRIES: ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES, IRELAND,
- HUNGARY, PORTUGAL, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
- AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, MEXICO, COLUMBIA, AND THE U.S. WE'RE
- PROUD & EXCITED TO HAVE THIS GROUP ON BOARD. SUMMER 2025 IS
- GOING TO BE ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER - THANKS TO OUR AWESOME,
- ENTHUSIASTIC & HARD WORKING STAFF! MAKE SURE TO CHECK-OUT
- THE APRIL EDITION OF 'THE CAYUGA CHRONICLE' TO MEET ALL OF OUR
- RETURNING CAYUGA STAFF WHO SIGNED ON FOR SUMMER '25!



POSTCARD

Hey there, camper! Can you believe it? Winter is here! It doesn't seem too long ago that we were having a blast at the Socials, laughing until we cried at the Camp Carnival, & singing our hearts out at the campfires. Just thinking about all this stuff gets me totally psyched for camp! We can't wait to show you what we have in store for next summer. Get pumped for a fantastic summer full of laughter, incredible memories & a whole lot of fun in the sun!

-Your Camp Director, Brian



Cayuga Camper

JC & TC cabins

Honesdale, PA

# WELCOME NEW CAYUGA CAMPERS!

Our hearts are eager to welcome you to Camp Cayuga! It's a magical place & we're excited to share the experience with you. We pride ourselves on creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where all campers can express themselves and make lifelong friends. With over 60 activities to choose from, there's something for everyone. Whether you're interested in sports, arts and crafts, or outdoor adventures, our experienced staff will help you discover new passions and push yourself to try new things! We can't wait to meet you & create an unforgettable experience together!



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*Meet Shelby!* Shelby is one of Cayuga's finest. During the summer, Shelby acts as one of our Female Teen Campus Division Directors. Shelby first joined Cayuga in 2021. She was excellent and won our Outstanding Performer Award! Shelby originally hails from Louisiana, but currently resides in Pennsylvania. During the school season, Shelby is a college professor. Shelby has an excellent way of connecting & communicating with our campers. Shelby strives for excellence in everything that she does. We are lucky to have her on our team! Shelby's approachable and warm & nature makes her a total favorite among both campers & colleagues. She creates a positive & inspiring atmosphere wherever she goes. Shelby's a valuable asset to our team, and we can't wait to see what she will contribute to camp this summer! 😊



## THEATER TRIP



Are you a performing arts fan? Do you want to experience a magical afternoon at the theater? If you answered yes, we have the perfect summer trip for you! Trips to the Playhouse are every

2-weeks. The Forestburgh Playhouse has earned a fine reputation for its youth theater productions. Their plays include 'the classics', which have always been super popular with our campers. The Forestburgh Playhouse was founded in 1947 and is the oldest continuously operating summer theatre in New York. It's located about an hour from camp. This summer, we will be attending 'Shrek - The Musical' & we are (of course) pumped! Campers of all ages are eligible to attend. Listen up for announcements at flagpole and join the fun by signing-up during Elective Sign-ups or with your Division Director (if you're a junior camper). Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to experience the magic of live theater with your friends. For Playhouse trip dates, check-out our Calendar of Events webpage.

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