



# The Chinga Bugle

YMCA CAMP CHINGACHGOOK

FEBRUARY 2008

Hey everyone it's Aaron. Remember, only 150 days until Summer! As you can see from the picture above, Lake George has frozen! The ice should thicken every night and eventually I will be able to walk to Dome Island. Did you ever think that was possible?

## Upcoming Camp Events

### February

#### Black History Month

Take time to explore the rich history of our country during the month of February!

### February 1 - 3

#### Women's Weekend

A fabulous opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of Camp in a weekend designed specifically for women.

### February

#### 7th Annual Fishing Derby

Come join the fun and catch fish on frozen Lake George. Prizes for the largest fish!

### February 24

#### Open House

Tour Camp with Summer Camp Director Aaron Cantor. Designed for first-time parents and campers.

Register online for all Chingachgook summer programs.

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## From the Desk of the Summer Camp Director

With the lake being frozen and all, it really gets me thinking about all the wonderful waterfront activities we have at Camp. I love participating in all the water activities from swimming to fishing. How many of our water activities have you tried? It should be the goal of every camper to take part in at least one water activity during the summer. In case you are unaware of your options, I'll list them for you.

Swim Class - Taking a swim class is one of my top memories from last summer.

I learned how to complete a flip turn and do the butterfly stroke.

Fishing - Try and catch the big fish this summer. I like participating in the casting competitions in skill class. How many fish did you catch?

Canoeing - Ever tried tug-o-war in canoes? That and capsizing my canoe and going for a quick swim are my not-to-miss activities in canoeing.

Waterskiing - I got up on skis for the first time in five years last summer.

Cruising down Lake George on water skis was a fun experience.

Sailing - Over 600 campers learned to sail last summer. Were you one of them? Seeing the lake on a sailboat is like no other experience at Camp.

Water World - I know it's for juniors only, but what a class. I never knew how many fun, zany, water games there were to play!

Free Swim - I loved going swimming during this time period with my friends and practicing our dives off the floating docks and searching for lost treasure at the bottom of the bay. This is a can't-miss activity!

Water Hikes - Canoeing, kayaking, and sailing are all overnight hikes right on the lake. Paddle, sail, and hike mountains on these wonderful, three day hikes.

Which activity will you try for the first time this summer? Think about all the fun you can have on the water this summer even though it is only five degrees outside! - Aaron

P.S. Check out my new Camp blog: [www.campchingachgook.blogspot.com](http://www.campchingachgook.blogspot.com)

## Summer 2008 Dates

Session 1: 6/29 - 7/11

Session 2: 7/13 - 7/25

Session 3: 7/25 - 8/8

Session 4: 8/10 - 8/15

Session 5: 8/17 - 8/22

Session 6: 8/24 - 8/30

\*Register online at [www.chingachgook.org](http://www.chingachgook.org)

## Song of the Month

Hollaback Girl

## Meal of the Month

## Refrigerator Trivia

How many of our sailboats can you name?

Find the answer in the next edition of the newsletter.

## Camper Thoughts

**“Camp is so great. My favorite part last summer was dressing up my counselor!” Rachel (Age 10)**

**Who's coming back this summer?** Crystal Painter, Caroline Cook, Pat Holland, Jackie Byrne, Margaret Faso, Chrissy O'Connor, Carter Harris, Phil Canton, Pat Sharkey, Mike Ernst, and many more!

Previous trivia question: Name all the adventure staff from last summer.

Previous trivia answer: Steve, Brett, Italo, Dan, Kevin, Brian, Pat, Cameron. Emelia, Laura, Liz, Lauren, Caroline, Vicky, Tonya, Alex, and Heather.

