



# The Chinga Bugle

YMCA CAMP CHINGACHGOOK

FEBRUARY 2009

Who are these people? They're five brave Chingachgook staff members from this past summer who volunteered to stand in Beginner's Bay for a photo to show all of you what it is like at the waterfront right now. Since this picture was taken, the lake has frozen over. As the ice gains more inches & feet, you'll be able to walk to Dome Island from Camp!

## Upcoming Camp Events

### Month of February

#### Did you know?

Is the only month with less than 30 days, is Black History Month, and also is home to Groundhog's Day and Valentine's Day.

### February 6 - 8

#### Women's Weekend

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

### February 21 - 22

#### 8th Annual Fishing Derby

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

To register for Chingachgook programs

Visit our website:  
[www.chingachgook.org](http://www.chingachgook.org).

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## From the Desk of the Summer Camp Director

So here we are. It's the middle of winter and all anyone can think about is summer camp. It's fun to see that each day campers are signing up for the summer and staff members from last summer, are committing to this summer. Did you know that including CITs, Chingachgook is the summer home to 150 summer camp staff? That's a lot of people.

For those of you who have already registered for the summer, here are just a few skill classes that you could sign up for. You will be able to fill out your skill class forms online starting in May!

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.

Guitar - I am very excited about this new skill class. Can you even imagine learning how to play the guitar down by the lake?

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 awesome.

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.

Softball - Besides getting to play on Baxter Park for the first time, learning how to play Americas' pastime is going to be a highlight this summer!

Free Swim - I loved going swimming 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.

See you all soon! - Aaron

Check out the Camp blog: [www.campchingachgook.blogspot.com](http://www.campchingachgook.blogspot.com)

## CAMPER/STAFF THOUGHTS

"I really am getting excited about summer! I was thinking the other day that school is only 6 more months, so what the hay, lets just not even go!"

-Alison Sicinski, Chingachgook camper

Previous trivia question: What year was the hike center built?

Previous trivia answer: 2001

## Summer 2009 Dates

Session 1: 6/28 - 7/10

Session 2: 7/12 - 7/24

Session 3: 7/26 - 8/7

Session 4: 8/9 - 8/14

Session 5: 8/16 - 8/21

Session 6: 8/23 - 8/28

Registration is now open!

## Song of the Month

So What - Pink

## Meal of the Month

Grilled cheese & tomato soup

## Refrigerator Trivia

Which mountain is taller, Buck Mountain or Black Mountain?

Find the answer in the next edition of the newsletter.

## Adventure 2009 Dates

Major Rock 6/28 - 7/10

Sea & Sand 6/28 - 7/17

So. White Water 6/28 - 7/10

Habitat 1 6/28 - 7/3

Adk Grand Slam 6/28 - 7/10

Adk Lakes Bike 6/28 - 7/3

Sail Lake George 6/28 - 7/3

Adk 46'er 7/5 - 8/7

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