



# The Chinga Bugle

YMCA CAMP CHINGACHGOOK

JANUARY 2009

The snow has finally landed at Camp and we couldn't be more excited. Break out the cross-country skis, the snowshoes, and snow tubes, Chingachgook is a winter sport haven now! Since Baxter Park is complete, our redesigned tubing hill is ready for its first run. If you're in the area, come take a spin on the new tubing hill.

## Upcoming Camp Events

### Month of January

#### **Did you know?**

Is one of seven months with 31 days and in the southern hemisphere falls in the middle of summer.

### January 1

#### **Welcome to 2009**

Hope everyone has fun bringing in the new year!

### February 6 - 8

#### **Women's Weekend**

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

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

I'm sure you have wondered, a time or two, what exactly happens at Camp in the winter time. Well, where should I start?

Camp still holds a few great programs during the winter months. Some of the area YMCAs bring the adventure guide and adventure princesses to Camp for winter fun. For one weekend in February, we become the place-to-be for all women during our famous and popular women's weekend. Women travel from all over the area to join us in winter activities like snowshoeing, hiking, tubing, and more! Throughout the winter, Camp is also open for you and your family to come visit, walk around, and enjoy its winter beauty.

What else? Well, Josh, Sara, Dan and I have been quite busy trying to put this summer's staff together. In years past, almost 200 people have applied for jobs at Chingachgook between each summer. Make sure you check the Camp blog often. As we hire staff for the summer, you'll see their name appear there.

Sara and Liz are investigating the entire hikes program, seeing what hikes should be bolstered, what hikes need new equipment, and what tents need to be fixed or permanently retired.

Josh and Heather are working tirelessly, going through every single skill class we offer at Camp. Most classes are changed slightly based on camper feedback from last summer, and some will receive much-needed new equipment. And of course, we are all working on the new skill classes. We're looking forward to two exciting new skill classes, softball and guitar. We know where we'll play softball, where do you think we should play guitar?

See you all soon! - Aaron

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

## CAMPER/STAFF THOUGHTS

"Can we just bypass winter and skip right to summer camp?"

-Staff Applicant for 2009

Previous trivia question: What year were the yurts at Camp built?  
Previous trivia answer: 2006

## 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

7 Things - Miley Cyrus

## Meal of the Month

Grilled cheese & tomato soup

## Refrigerator Trivia

What year was the Hike Center built?

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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