



The Chinga Bugle

YMCA CAMP CHINGACHOOK

MAY 2008

The top of Buck Mountain in April. What an awesome sight. If you have the opportunity to travel to Camp to hike Buck before the summer, I highly recommend it. Bring the entire family! Don't forget to stop by the office to say "hi" to us, and of course, share your excitement for the summer!

Upcoming Camp Events

April 26-27

Volunteer Work Weekend

Come to Camp with friends and family and help make Camp a better place by helping with projects.

May 2-4

Mother/Daughter Weekend

Spend the weekend at Camp with your mother while participating in all your favorite Camp activities.

May 11

Girl Scout Badge Day

Spend the day at Camp with your troop and participate in great Camp activities as you earn a badge.

May 23-26

Family Camp Weekend

Enjoy all the fun of summer camp as a family!
Space is still available.

Register online for all Chingachgook summer programs. Just visit our website: www.chingachgook.org.

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From the Desk of the Summer Camp Director

A little over three weeks ago, the ice that covered Lake George for so many weeks finally melted away. With the ice gone, the path was clear for water temperatures to rise, leaves to grow on trees, and Camp to awaken from its long winter slumber. Before you know it, you'll be driving into Camp's parking lot on Opening Day, full of excitement as you prepare to meet your counselors and fellow cabinmates. But what to expect after you arrive? What will take place on Opening Day once your parents leave?

Allow me to take you through Opening Day, from a camper's point of view. You'll arrive to a warm welcoming. Counselors will be so full of enthusiasm, you'll have no choice but to smile. Deep down, you already know it's going to be a great session. By this point, you're so happy to be at Chingachgook, you basically drag your parents to the dining hall where you check in, get your skill classes, and meet the nurses. Fortunately, the dining hall visit is a short one and soon enough, you're on your way to your village. As your parents drive you and your gear to your cabin, you meet the village head who has been waiting for you, he or she points out your cabin. How could you miss it? Your counselors are jumping for joy as you approach. No sooner do your parents have your luggage inside the cabin, then you're urging them to leave. Reluctantly, you let your mom give you a kiss goodbye in front of the cabin.

Once everyone is here, the entire cabin heads out for a tour of camp that includes a visit to the waterfront for swim checks. You're a little nervous about swim checks, but you quickly realize that you've been waiting to be in Lake George all winter. You do fine in swim checks (just like you thought), and before you know it, it's dinner. Time sure does move fast when you're playing games with your cabinmates. After dinner, the excitement picks up, it's time for opening campfire. You can't wait for Josh or Aaron to do that crazy song you've heard so much about. The fire is roaring, the counselors are hilarious, and the campfire is one of the best ever. You head back to your cabin for vespers and taps. As you lie down a smile completely takes over. You're here, Camp has started, and you couldn't be happier. See you in 60 days as of May 1, for Session 1!

P.S. Check out the Camp blog: www.campchingachgook.blogspot.com

Summer 2008 Dates

- Session 1: 6/29 - 7/11
- Session 2: 7/13 - 7/25
- Session 3: 7/27 - 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

Song of the Month

YMCA - Village People

Meal of the Month

Uncrustables: pb & j

Refrigerator Trivia

Can you name all the different climbing routes on the climbing tower?

Find the answer in the next edition of the newsletter.

Camper Thoughts

Summer Countdown Alert!!

As of May 1, the exact amount of time until Camp is **87,840 minutes or 5,270,400 seconds.**

Who's coming back this summer? Josh, Ken, Michelle, Monica, Carlos, Erinn, Aaron, Carol, Care, Aimee, Heather, Sara, Liz, Dan, and many more!

Previous trivia question: Can you name all the cabins that the village heads (formerly UDs) live in?

Previous trivia answer: The Perch (SB), The Penthouse (JB), The Garden (SG), and of course, The Outback (JG).

Adventure 2008 Dates

- Major Rock 6/29 - 7/11
- Sea & Sand 6/29 - 7/18
- ADK 46'er 7/6 - 8/8
- Adv Camp 2 7/13 - 7/25
- Waterways 7/13 - 7/25
- Rock n' Roll 2 7/20 - 7/25
- Habitat 4 8/3 - 8/8
- Great Range 8/3 - 8/8
- Sail Lake George 8/10 - 8/15

