

Camp Schodack

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Happy Birthday To You...

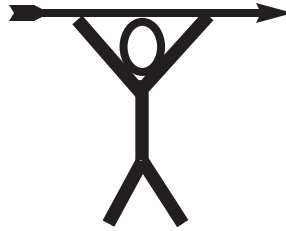
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Alana Barlia	March 1	Samantha Weedon	March 21	JJ Bloom	March 27
Carly Krause	March 3	Josh Castellano	March 21	Kelly Adams	March 27
Harrison Wetzler	March 3	Molly Caccia	March 23	Karen Offitzer	March 28
Lisa Weingarten	March 5	Annabel Hess	March 25	Darlene Stuto	March 28
Jake Ritter	March 6	Lisa Schlosberg	March 25		
Sarah Nadler	March 6	Eliza Christman-Cohen	March 26		
Alan Aboulafia	March 7	Nicole Dachille	March 26		
Caroline Lacombe	March 7	Stella Sterman	March 27		
Becca Goldberg	March 7	Jake Matz	March 27		
Andrew Lief	March 8	Sammie Krouner	March 27		
Isabella Zinn	March 9	Samantha Kirsch	March 29		
Maddy Pollack	March 9	Max Rozenfeld	March 31		
Bari Lager	March 10	Scott Alperin	March 31		
Kira Smith	March 10	Kate Hoffman	March 31		
Julia Oran	March 11	Matt Jacobs	March 31		
Eli Schwamm	March 14				
Philip Spiler	March 14	STAFF:			
Daniel Brocco	March 14	Josh McLean	March 2		
Ben Kaplan	March 14	Amanda Aiese	March 2		
Julie Cohen	March 15	Jill Root	March 3		
Laurel Seltzer	March 16	Amanda Hollander	March 3		
Arielle Rozenfeld	March 17	Jeremy Zelinger	March 8		
Mark Tamarin	March 17	Coby Greenberg	March 9		
Shira Buchsbaum	March 20	Alexys Mackenzie	March 20		

Camp Shirt Day!

May 2, 2008 is a day to show your Camp Schodack pride! Wear any camp shirt you have. A camper shirt, staff, alumni, general, judge, 3 year t-shirt, LT Challenge Day shirt, etc...

Here is your challenge: Take a picture of yourself (or even better, a group picture) in your camp shirts and hold up a sign saying where you are located (town & state, country, etc..) Email those pictures to dan@schodack.com so they can be put into the upcoming Alumni Newsletter.

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The Camp Newsletter

CAMPER, STAFF & ALUMNI EDITION

March 2008

A note from Paul & Linda

Last November Linda, Matt, Becky, Brendan, and I had a wonderful family vacation in Costa Rica. We climbed, rappelled, swam, rafted, and hiked in this exquisitely beautiful country. The highlights of the trip were our walks through the jungle and rainforest. I learned something that surprised me and it is a life lesson I will bring to camp.

Here is what happened. On a couple of occasions, we walked the jungle paths by ourselves and enjoyed the beauty. Hours later, we walked on the same paths with a trained guide. What a difference! Fascinating snakes, insects, mammals, trees, and birds were pointed out to us. They had been there all the time but we had not noticed them. Even if we had, we would not have known about the surprising, interesting, and at times shocking information we heard.

It made me think about camp and the beautiful forest that surrounds us. Our forest holds secrets and adventures that we have never fully appreciated because we have not had the right person teach us what is there.

So, this summer, we are going to hire an experienced naturalist/guide. This person will show us what is in our woods that we often do not see. Sign-up will be like yoga; if you have an interest you can sign up for a scheduled nature hike. Our guide will take us on walks up to 1.5 hours long through the woods.

I can't wait to go on many of these excursions and hope some of you will join me and other interested campers and staff.

We are counting down the days until camp begins and hope you are also. See you soon.



Alumni Updates....

Future Camper Update...

Matt Applebaum and Alyssa Botwinik Applebaum gave birth to a boy on January 6 named Spencer Mattingly Applebaum.



Rachelle Sussman and her husband Byron had a baby girl named Maribel Theodora Rumph on November 29.



Thanks, 2007 LTs

In their recent newsletter, the Nassau Lake Association praised the efforts of our 2007 Schodack LTs for their hard work and help in removing weeds from the lake last summer. We are very proud of our LTs and the service they do for camp and for the local community.



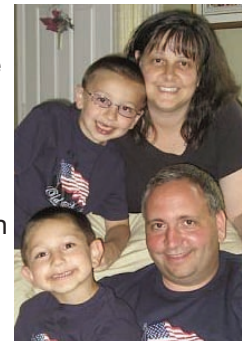
Last month there was a great "London Alumni Reunion" held by Rachel Stenning. Staff from over the past 8 years all got together for an amazing night of stories and catching up. The following people were in attendance:

Keih Share	Olly Carter	Rachel Stenning
Zac Hatcher	Ramsey Hassan	Jay Khagram
Tanya Roche	Danny Huss-Smickler	Chris Clinton
Amanda Hollander	Tom Hutton	Jon Carter
JJ Bloom	Ben Weighill	Ian Roberts
Tom Waitt	Jess Holden	Dave Smith
Rachel Edelman	Dave Maguire	Matt Elliot

Welcome Back Kim Churchin Ross

It's great to welcome Kim Churchin Ross (1983-1989) back to camp as a member of our office staff. Kim was a camper, CIT, Bunk Counselor and Group Leader in the 'eighties, and is returning this summer along with her boys Zachary and Jacob.

Kim joins a growing list of alumnae who have returned to camp in the last eight years or so, including Lori Aronson Offitzer, Wendy Kaplan Lager, Karen Offitzer and Michelle Ungerman Sanders.



Buffet Lunch is COMING!

We are excited officially to announce that we will be serving lunches buffet style this summer. You will get your food quicker, it will be hotter and there will be more food options. The salad bar and pasta bar will no longer have lines. The LTs' tradition of serving will remain since the LTs will still serve dinners. What will be nice for the LTs is that they will now have all the second camper choices instead of having to serve lunch.

We know that many of our older campers and LTs do not like it when we change any of the camp routines that have been such an important part of your camp experience. Trust us on this one. It will feel different for a few days and then we are confident that you will get used to and love the change.

Junior and Middle Camp will eat first shift and Upper Camp and LTs will eat second shift. We will still have lunch lineup for everyone in between shifts so we can all be together for announcements.

Welcome New Aussie Staff for 2008



Letisha Grittner
gymnastics



Lucy Redmond
swim instructor



Josh Lees
swim instructor



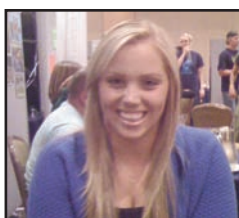
Alexandra Stuart
Photo



Michael O'Connor
tennis



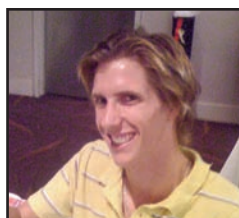
Matt Linklater
Ropes



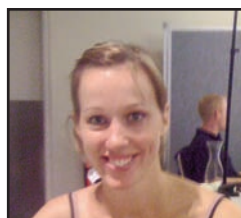
Jessica Dickman
swim instructor



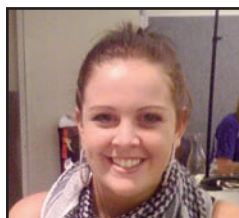
Kate Herzig
volleyball



Michael Hill
waterski



Larni Elton
hiking



Stephanie Eagleton - arts & crafts



What a Small World...

I just got back from the Australia Staff Recruitment Fair earlier this month and hired some great staff. It always impresses me that so many past campers and staff stay in touch after their camp years. I had a lot of staff come and help recruit and talk about what makes Schodack so special. I really want to thank Alexys Mackenzie, Tina Nilsson, Josh Pascoe, Scott "Gumbo" George, Elle Hopton, Mae Willis and Amy Jayne Boughen for helping out.

On the way home, while waiting in the airport in Melbourne I literally walked into long time staff member and old friend Jill Herman, who was on a work layover herself. We shared the flight to LA. Camp people are everywhere and it made the 15 hours in the air much more fun!

We want to hear all about any other great "random" alumni sightings so please email me at dan@schodack.com with more stories.

Dan



Thank you to all the alumni who purchased bricks in support of the Schodack Campership Initiative. If you still want to make a donation or purchase a brick, please email schodack@gmail.com. Stay tuned for news about an upcoming NYC fundraiser/reunion.