

The Pinecone Packet

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Bluejays

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A Message From Your Division Leader



Marnie Rotter-Bear

Dear Parents and Campers,

I am writing this last newsletter wondering where the summer went? I want to take this opportunity to thank the campers and their families for spending their summer at Rambling Pines. Parents, thank you for sharing your little ones with us. I hope you all had great fun. Thank you to all of my wonderful staff, you did a great job as usual. Thank you to the specialty staff (and counselors, too) for their summer of hands on effort, providing guidance, patience, safety, and all the hours of participation with the campers. Thank you to the other division leaders and the Jordans for all of your guidance this first summer of being a division leader. The eight weeks

were full of friends, challenges, laughs and lots of great memories made at camp. All of my pinecones learned to swim and become more comfortable in the water, sing the camp song, create new projects and to be a good friend. The camp carnival, field Olympics, Human scavenger hunt, water carnival, capture the flag and our weekly Friday cookouts were some of the campers' all time favorite activities. These activities along with all of the other fun things to do at camp will all happen next summer.

I look forward to seeing you in the 2010 camp season. Next year the children can look forward to playing on the big fields where the big campers play. The younger campers can look forward to new and exciting activities that are already being planned for next summer. I hope everyone has a great rest of the summer and a super school year. —Marnie

Thank You and Friendly Reminders...

Thank you
"Floaters" For being
flexible and versatile:

Leo Gottlieb

Patrick Kelly

Kalyn Stephens

Don't forget to enroll
now for the 2010
Camp Season Early
Enrollment Special.
Send in your deposit
by Aug. 31, 2009.

The Lost and
Found will remain
"open" until next
Friday, August 28th.



Human Scavenger Hunt and Camp Wide Relay Race

On Tuesday, campers had the opportunity to earn points for their team by “finding” Specialty Staff counselors that were hidden throughout the camp grounds.



Also on Tuesday, every group was represented in the Camp-Wide Relay Race which began and ended on Jordan Field.

Each group selected a camper to participate in activities, including a hoop obstacle course, swimming treasure hunt, and water sliding to the finish! And the winner is the **GOLD** Team!



Bebop with Aesop Performance

On Thursday, August 20th, the Rambling Pines’ Drama Club presented “**Bebop with Aesop**” by Michael and Jill Gallina.

The cast rehearsed daily for three and a half weeks, learning songs, and choreography with enthusiasm and determination. The 10-member cast and staff members should be proud of their hard work and outstanding performance.

The Drama Specialist, Jennifer Sweet, was assisted by Danielle Barus, Melissa Clark, and Marisa Goshorn.

Once again, we thank the cast and crew for a job well done!



2009 Rambling Pines’ Water Carnival

Each season, the campers and staff look forward to the Annual Rambling Pines’ Water Carnival. This year was no different! EVERY-ONE enjoyed playing in the cool water and various water apparatuses.



Get to Know the Transportation Staff

For over 20 years, Rambling Pines Day Camp has benefited from the great transportation services provided by Rick Bus Co./ Student Transportation of America, located in Trenton, NJ.

bus drivers, bus aides, and bus checkers have contributed to the success and safety of transporting our campers to and from camp each day.

Thank you all for a job well done!



The many returning

2009 Bus Aides

Daniel Barus

Melissa Clark

Nicole Constantine

Ellen Costa

Taryn Curry

Victoria Delvecchio

Vicki DiScala

Ashley Farina

Ana Luz Hernandez

Arielle Knapp

Michelle Lau

Laura McGill

Devin McGuire

Ryan McNamara

Chris Nicastro

David Schaefer

Laura Schaefer

Sydney Scharer

Danielle Steward

Emily Summers

Max vonThanden



Cardboard Canoe Race!

Using only cardboard, packing tape, and their ingenuity, the Iguanas through the Cubs created their very own canoes. To test their building skills, each group sends two campers racing across the Lap Pool and back. **Congratulations to the Astros for winning!**



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Share Your Suggestions or Ideas!

Kim Geurds, the Special Events Coordinator, would like to thank everyone very much for supporting all the special events that were put together for the campers, their families, and staff members.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for future special events, please contact her at:

kimber4u@optonline.net.

In the subject of your email, please put "CAMP."

Thank You for Another Great Camp Season!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Campers,

As we write this, it hasn't quite sunk in that the camp season is ending. Sounds of children running, playing, and laughing still reverberate through the camp office. This summer seemed to fly by.

We would like to thank our tremendous staff for the job they have done making everything run smoothly. They are a caring, conscientious group, and your children's safety and happiness is their primary concern. We would also like to extend our appreciation to all of the campers and their families for your participation and confidence in us. We hope to see you all next season.

In the meantime, please fill out the online survey so we can get the feedback we need to serve you better. The survey link will be sent by email and will also appear on the website, www.ramblingpines.com. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us by phone.

Lastly, if you travel in the off-season, take your Rambling Pines shirts with you. Send us a picture of your camper(s) in their shirt from some exotic (or not so exotic) locale, and we will post it to our website.

Yours in camping,

The Jordans