



# Big League News

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## WELCOME TO THE 39TH SUMMER AT ILDC

We are so happy and excited for all of our happy Campers to be here at ILDC! We have been anxiously awaiting your arrival all year! The first few days of Camp were a success! The rain finally stopped and the sun came out! The children played on the fields and splashed in the pool with smiles on their faces! We have many exciting activities and Special Events planned for the summer. We will be sending home a weekly newsletter, Big League News to keep you informed of all the Big League Fun going on at Camp!! We are looking forward to 8 fun-filled weeks and a memorable Camp season for you and your children!

Yours In Camping,  
The Leiser Family

## Understanding Your Camper's Schedule

Below is a guide to help you understand some of the activities in your child's daily schedule that may not be self explanatory. Please be aware that changes and/or adjustments may be made throughout the summer to these schedules based on weather conditions, special events, etc. These revisions are sometimes made daily, weekly or on a permanent basis.

- **A & C** - Arts & Crafts is part of our extensive craft program. Your child will be making a project each week based on that week's Camp theme.
- **Handicrafts** - Handicrafts is part of our extensive craft program that includes projects such as weaving, leatherworking, woodworking, lanyard, mosaic and more.
- **M & M** - Music & Movement is for Mini Day campers through 1st graders. Ms. Marcy works her magic with instruments while singing and dancing with your camper.
- **Options** - Choice/Elective activities are rotated on a weekly basis (except the Camp Play - Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory). These individual options are for Middle Division through Grads. 1st graders choose a Group Option. Options include: Mad Science, DJ Clinic, Karate, Water Games, etc.
- **BLG** - Big League Games is a staple at ILDC. Middle, Upper, Grad & C.A.P. campers are divided into age appropriate teams and participate in rotating sports on a daily basis. At the end of a 4 week session teams are rewarded with medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place & participation ribbons..
- **Sports Games** - Mini Day, Pre-School and 1st Grade campers will participate in games that are all lead ups to various sports. These games help to develop fine and gross motor skills and your camper's athletic ability.
- **Field House** - Our air conditioned Field House is used on a daily basis for activities such as Indoor Basketball for our older campers and Roller Racers/ Big Wheels and our Inflatable Bouncer for our younger campers.
- **PW Tennis** - Pee Wee Tennis. Mini Day through 1st Grade campers will be introduced to the game of tennis using foam racquets and larger tennis balls.
- **Performing Arts** - NEW to ILDC. 2nd Grade through Grad campers will be introduced to Performing Arts such as Dance, Improv and DJ-ing.
- **Story Time** - Mini Day through Kindergarten campers will be read stories by their counselors.
- **Imaginarium** - The ILDC Imaginarium is a place for campers to use their Imagination. Here campers will partake in dress up, puppetry and imaginative play.
- **Lawn Games** - 2nd Grade through Grad campers will participate in games such as Horse Shoes, Baggo, Bocce, Croquet and washers.

## Ivy League Day Camp

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**Jonathan Leiser - Owner/ Director**

**Evan Leiser - Owner/ Director**

**Sandy & Ron Leiser - Owners/Directors**

**Rick Schmid - Head Counselor**

#### Group Leaders:

Lori Goldberg- Mini Day Division

Janis Ventre - Pre-School Division

Monica Tobio - Lower Division

Sharon Katzanek - Middle Division

Jeff Sheiner - Upper Division

Lindsay Singer- Grads

Howie Gandelman - C.A.P.s

Eric Silverman - L.I.T.s

Gloria Lemonick - Office Manager

Neal Felsen-Transportation Coordinator

Julie Kramer - Food Service Coordinator

Marion Bravin - Editor

### Circulating to Happy Campers!

#### Ivy League & American Camp Association Camper Illness Policy

As per the CDC (Center for Disease Control) regulation, if your child exhibits symptoms, including fever of 100°, or above, coughing, sneezing and body aches, PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME and consult your physician as soon as possible. The State of NJ recommends a child be fever free, with a temp. of 98.6° or lower for 24 hrs. Please do not hesitate to contact the Camp Nurse, at 732-792-6265 if you have any questions.

# Meet Our Staff

## **Rick Schmid** Head Counselor



Welcome campers one and all,  
I hope you're ready to have a ball.  
The staff is all prepped and ready to run,  
It's 39 days of Big League Fun!!!



## **Janis Ventre** Pre-School Division Group Leader

**Janis Ventre** is Ivy League Day Camp's Pre-School and Kindergarten Division Group Leader. This is Janis' 11th summer of Big League Fun. Janis is a teacher and is currently teaching in Staten Island, NY. She and her husband Roy have 2 children, Scott and Melissa, who both attended Ivy League. This year, Scott will be working as a Counselor in the Middle Division for the third year. Janis enjoys watching, playing, being with, and loving all her Ivy League children.

## **Ivy League Pre-School**

A Happy Hello to All! Camp has started, so Ivy League is once again filled with smiling faces. I just wanted to let you know that there are openings in our Pre-School for this coming September. Our best advertisement comes from our own Ivy League Families. The following programs still have availabilities:

New and exciting!! 4-12 months, Dancing Connection with Ms. Dylan. This is a parent and baby exercise music program where everyone feels the connection.

12 -18 months & 18 -24 months Mommy & Me with Ms. Dylan

24 -30 months Transitional Mommy & Me

3 year olds & 4 year olds

3 year olds & 4 year olds Enrichment on Thursday

Kindergarten Enrichment AM/PM with Vicki Cutler

If you or any of your friends would like to speak to me, please call 732-446-0401. Thanks so much. Vicki Cutler

## **Lori Goldberg** Mini Division Group Leader

**Lori Goldberg** returns as Mini Day Group Leader. This is Lori's 9th summer here at ILDC. She can't wait to see all of her campers' smiling faces. Lori's 3 children are also at Ivy League. Her daughter Jamie is a 3rd year lifeguard, while Joshua and Matthew are in the CAP and Grad programs. Lori looks forward to a great and fun filled summer with memories and friendships that will last forever.

## **Monica Tobio** Lower Division Group Leader

**Monica Tobio** is Ivy League's Lower Division Group Leader. This is Monica's 8th summer here at ILDC. During the year, Monica is a 3rd grade teacher at Clark Mills School, right here in Manalapan. She has just finished her 18th year teaching. Monica will be joined at camp by her 2 children, Courtney and Matthew. She is looking forward to another fantastic summer filled with fun in the sun. It will be her pleasure to keep the Lower Division campers and counselors happy and safe. Monica is proud to be a part of the ILDC family.

## **Sharon Katzanek** Middle Division Group Leader

This is **Sharon Katzanek's** 18th summer at Ivy League and her 9th summer as Middle Division Group Leader. She has been teaching for over 22 years and currently teaches in Elizabeth. Sharon and her husband Stu have 2 children, who both attended and worked at Ivy League. You can always tell what is going on at camp by looking at Sharon's earrings. Sharon looks forward to an exciting and fun filled summer.

## **Jeff Sheiner** Upper Division Group Leader

Another fantastic summer is underway!!! **Jeff Sheiner** would like to welcome all the returning and new campers to Ivy League Day Camp. He has been involved in camping for the past 18 summers. This is his 5th summer at ILDC. He has worked at the waterfront, on the athletic staff, and has been Upper Division Group Leader for the past 2 summers. During the school year, Jeff is a special education teacher in Franklin Township, Somerset. He and his wife just celebrated their 32nd anniversary, (but he doesn't look a day over 40) and have 2 wonderful daughters, one of whom is getting married and the youngest just graduated from the University of Delaware. He is looking forward to an incredibly great summer.

# Meet Our Staff

## Lindsay Singer Grad Division Group Leader

Another summer is FINALLY here and **Lindsay Singer** couldn't be more excited! She is the Group Leader for the Grad Division and this makes her 25th year at camp. Lindsay has been a part of every division here at ILDC, but this one is her favorite! During the school year, Lindsay teaches 6th grade Science at Pine Brook School in Manalapan and is lucky to have some of her students join her this summer. Lindsay looks forward to all the special events and exciting trips, especially to Broadway and the amusement parks. Here's to a great summer!

## Eric Silverman L.I.T. Division Group Leader

This is **Eric Silverman's** 24<sup>th</sup> summer at Ivy League Day Camp and his second summer running the LIT division. During the year, Eric teaches fifth grade in Monroe. Everyone knows he does this so he can work at Ivy League over the summer. We have made some minor adjustments and are ready for another amazing summer. There are three trips planned for this summer. We will be going on a Team Building trip to Pt. Pleasant, seeing "Billy Elliot" on Broadway, and going to Great Adventure. Depending on their division, some L.I.T.'s will go to Blackbeard's Cave, the Philadelphia Zoo, and bowling. The L.I.T.'s will spend time together for team building and reflection on their experiences working with children. They are going to build friendships and

## Howie Gandelman C.A.P. Division Group Leader

**Howie Gandelman** is a very experienced and proud returning staff member at Ivy League. This will be his 8th year at ILDC. He has successfully led the way for the C.A.P. program since its inception, 7 years ago. The fun and zany activities which are signature events with the C.A.P.s, are fueled by Howie's love for team building challenges, science and providing the optimal camping experience. In addition, he has been teaching for 14 years with the last 8 right here in Manalapan. Both of his children enjoy Ivy League Day Camp as well. His son is in the Upper Division and his daughter is in the C.A.P.s.

## Audrey Gold Special Events Coordinator

**Audrey Gold** has been working at Ivy League for 23 years. She was a senior counselor for the first 5 summers and this is her 18th summer as the Special Events Coordinator. There are a lot of fun and exciting activities planned for your children. Be sure to check your "On Campus Happenings" calendar every day for all of the fun events that are planned.

## Our Kitchen Staff

Food Service Coordinator: Julie Kramer  
Chef: Leo Goltser  
Kitchen Assistants: Chris, Ed, Frankie, James & Ross



## Valerie Rogers Waterfront Supervisor

**Valerie Rogers** returns to camp for her 5th summer. Valerie has been a **Water Safety Instructor for over 20 years**, and has worked for the **American Red Cross** as a **Health & Safety Director** for numerous years. She still volunteers for the Jersey Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross. She has been a teacher for the past 13 years. Her daughter Kristina loves being a camper at Ivy League and asks throughout the winter when she can go back!

## Frank Gualtieri Athletics Supervisor

**Frank Gualtieri** is in his 16th season at Ivy League Day Camp. He spent 11 years as a Sports Specialist prior to accepting the Sports Supervisor position. Frank is a Health and Physical Education teacher at Freehold Township High School and is the Varsity Baseball coach for the Freehold Patriots.

## Meryl Fischer Creative Supervisor

This is **Meryl Fischer's** 17th summer at Ivy League. She has been the **Creative Supervisor** for 2 years and the Handicraft teacher for 15 years. Meryl's two children, Matthew and Genna, grew up at Ivy League. Genna still enjoys camp as a CAP Counselor. During the winter Meryl teaches at the Ivy League Pre-School.

## Camp Nurses

Susan Grill  
Bonnie Francione

**732-792-6265**  
**Direct Line**



## Office Staff

**Office Manager** - Gloria Lemonick  
**Camp Secretaries** - Claudia Beckerman, Marion Bravin  
**Front Desk** - Tracy Weisberger, Cynthia Albuja

## BITS AND PIECES

- **Please label all clothing and items you send to Camp with Camper's First and Last name.** This allows our staff to return missing items and also insures that each Camper uses his/her own towel; for health and sanitary reasons.
- Please apply sunscreen on your child **BEFORE** coming to Camp. Please send sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) in a ZipLoc bag with his/her name on it and Counselors will apply to your child before and after swim.
- If you are driving your child to Camp please follow the guidelines in the Parent Guide and follow the traffic patterns in the parking lot. For safety reasons, please let your child out curbside and an ILDC staff member will lead them to their group.
- **FOOD RESTRICTIONS** - Due to food allergy awareness we **DO NOT** allow outside food in Camp. Therefore if you wish to **celebrate your child's Birthday at Camp**, please call the Camp and ask for Julie Kramer, our Food Service Coordinator, one week in advance. Chef Leo will prepare special cupcakes in our kitchen for your child's group. \$17 for Mini—Grads and \$34 for C.A.P. s.
- Please send your child to Camp in **Athletic sneakers and socks.** No sandals are allowed in Camp.
- If you need to send any medication to Camp, please put it in a ZipLoc bag and label it with your Child's name and group. Place it in your Camper's clear pouch on the front of their Camp bag along with a medication form from your child's pediatrician. Counselors will bring the medication directly to the nurses office. If you have any questions contact the Camp Nurses at 732-792-6265.
- In addition to the **ILDC Swim Gram** we will also be sending home a **Red Cross explanation of the Swim Level** your child has been placed in. This handout will discuss the level your child is currently at and what aquatic skills you can expect them to achieve. When your child advances to the next level you will be notified by a Swim Gram and an updated Red Cross guide. Special swim instruction will begin the week of Monday, July 6th.

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 Check our website: [www.ivyleaguedaycamp.com](http://www.ivyleaguedaycamp.com) for Daily Photos under Photo Album! The password is **bigfun**.  
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### Week 2 at ILDC

Animal Planet Week	Monday July 6	Tuesday July 7	Wednesday July 8	Thursday July 9	Friday July 10
<b>On Campus</b>	Monkey See, Monkey Do Dress Alike Day Mini, Pre-School & Lower Traveling Farm Show	Feathered Friends Day  C.A.P.s Wear Purple	PHOTO DAY (Except Preppys) Wear Camp Shirt  Furry Friends Day	4th Grade Girls Bowling  Something Fishy Day	<b>BANNER DAY</b>
<b>Grads</b>	In Camp	In Camp	Photo Day Wear Camp Shirt  "Wicked" on Broadway LATE NIGHT	Trenton Thunder Baseball Game	In Camp
<b>C.A.P.s</b>	Hurricane Harbor	In Camp Wear purple	Pt. Pleasant Beach Photo Day Wear Camp Shirt	In Camp	In Camp & Movie
<b>L.I.T.s</b>	In Camp	In Camp	In Camp Photo Day Wear Camp Shirt	4th Grade Girls Bowling	In Camp
<b>Campus Lunch</b>	Chicken Patties French Fries Pasta Egg Salad Watermelon	Burgers French Fries Couscous Cole Slaw Oranges Jello	Macaroni & Cheese Caesar Salad Eggplant Salad/Corn Chocolate Cake Apples	French Toast Cheese Omelet Roasted Potatoes Chicken Salad Pudding Peaches	Pizza Bowtie Pasta Salad of the Week Vanilla Chocolate Chip Cake Bananas