



BIG LEAGUE NEWS

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SUMMER OF 2009

A Message From Your Directors

We are most fortunate to have had another summer full of BIG LEAGUE FUN!! Every day we had the pleasure of seeing all of our Campers' smiling faces at arrival and throughout the day. The pools, craft areas and athletic fields were busy with happy Campers, as each one accomplished another new challenge or milestone.

We know that all of you will be getting ready to head back to school, but for us it is ALWAYS SUMMER!! 2010 marks **40 YEARS OF IVY LEAGUE DAY CAMP** and we begin planning for the summer's activities NOW!! We spend every minute of the 8 weeks of camp focusing on the well-being of our campers and exerting all of our energy making sure everyone is having FUN! At the end of each season we immediately begin anticipating and planning for the next terrific summer!

Our goal is simple...to enrich children's lives through the Camp experience. Each member of our family is a camp expert in his or her own right. Together our passion for camp is what sets us apart from the rest, which means **a camp experience that no one can beat!** We create a real family feeling at camp – with fun, warmth, encouragement and learning.

At Ivy League, our family goes beyond The Leisers. Next summer will be **30 YEARS that ILDC has been "home" to the Leiser family.** We treat every camper that walks through our front door as "family". Every summer when kids come to Ivy League, they know that this is their place to learn, grow, make friends, memories and most of all, have **BIG LEAGUE FUN!**

We feel confident and fortunate that our efforts make a difference in the lives of our campers and their families. We thank you very much for choosing Ivy League Day Camp and entrusting us with your prized possessions – your children. We wish you all a successful and fun school year and look forward to seeing you all next summer as we celebrate **40 YEARS OF BIG LEAGUE FUN!!!**

With Warmest Regards,
Evan and Jon Leiser

And the entire Leiser Family,
Sandy, Ron, Marissa, Alyse, Jacob, Sam and Genna

**FOR YOUR ADDED CONVENIENCE—THE CAMP OFFICE
WILL BE OPEN SAT 8/22 & SUN 8/23 FROM 10 'TIL NOON**

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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 – CAPs

Eric Silverman - LITs

Gloria Lemonick – Office Manager

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Julie Kramer - Food Service Coordinator

Marion Bravin - Editor

Circulating to Happy Campers!

Marion Bravin, Editor

A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the newsletter this summer. Also, thanks to the Group Leaders and Counselors for writing the articles and getting them in on time. Thanks to Marissa and Rick for their much needed help each week. And last, but not least, thank you to Tracy and Cyndi at the Front Desk for folding, counting and distributing all the newsletters.

Rick Schmid
Head Counselor



We've done it all and had a blast,
There's no more to do, and we have run out of gas.
It's been a really great summer, I'm happy to say,
The campers enjoyed each and every day.
To all the counselors, specialists and supervisory crew,
I applaud your efforts & would like to add a **Big League**,
THANK YOU!

So now I must say good-bye to you all,
And wish you well as we head into the fall.

See you in 2010.

Audrey Gold, Special Events Coordinator

Iwish the summer didn't have to end
Valuable friendships were made
Your memories will last a lifetime

Loving & caring staff
Entertainment & special events
Athletics, crafts, swimming, trips, and more
Great times
Unlimited fun
Everybody had a great summer



LOWER
Monica Tobio- Lower Division Group Leader

It's hard to believe that the summer of 2009 is at
an end,
We had fun in Lower Division with our
counselors and friends.

Go Karts and Bumper Boats were certainly our
choice,
Swimming, Crafts and group cheering with each
little voice.

We performed at our show, each group was so
thrillin',
We had sunny and rainy days just right for some
chillin'.

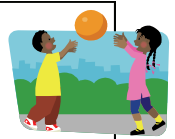
Color War and Carnival made our last week real
cool,
We laughed and played games, had great fun in
the pools.

We got bigger and stronger and learned a lot too,
It's tough to say goodbye, but our summer's now
through.

We'll meet again next year when the school bells
are done,
For more "Ivy League Action and Big League
Fun!!!!"

See you next year!!!! I'll miss you so much!!!!

MINI DAY
Lori Goldberg, Group Leader



MINI DAY is our Division's name,
Enthusiasm and spirit is our claim to fame.
Whether it's soccer or swimming, our kids can't be beat,
Cooking and Arts & Crafts they think are so neat !!!

This summer has flown by so very fast,
We wish our fun could last and last !!!

Our counselors are by far the very best,
We love them all, and now they can rest !!!

Shira leads **Frosh 1** with **Samantha** and **Elissa** in tow,
The fun they have together surely shows !!

Cynthia is the leader of **Frosh 2**,
She shows the group a good time, no matter what
activity they do !!

Melanie and **Alex** proved to be great,
With such good campers, they're really first rate !!

Sophs have **Danielle** and **Heather** in the lead,
With them at the helm **Julie** and **Kaitlyn** are sure to succeed !!

Our **Preppy** groups came for 6 weeks to frolic and play,
All they did was laugh and smile each and every day
(after week 1) !!!

This summer has been an amazing one,
Filled with friendships that will last and last,
Eight weeks of awesome fun, everyone had a **BLAST** !!!!

I'd like to thank all my **AMAZING** counselors for all their
hard work and dedication !!

You are all truly terrific !!

Parents, thank you for allowing us to share these 39 days
with your children! They were **WONDERFUL** !!!!

PRE-SCHOOL
Janis Ventre, Group Leader

The summer is over,
It really flew by,
And **Big League Fun** is the reason why.

Every moment we had, was truly a blast,
And our memories at **Ivy League** will surely last.

The counselors were amazing,
The specialists too.
And they made our activities,
So exciting to do.

My Pre-School children,
You're terrific by far.
Sports, swimming or crafting,
Each one is a star.



American, Jackson, Penn, and **UCLA**,
You are the cutest of campers, in every way.

And the boys in **Amherst** and **Brandeis**,
Are the coolest boys, don't be fooled by their size.

Now **Syracuse Sweeties** are ever so sweet,
And the prettiest girls you ever will meet.
We had a great time, with our counselors and friends,
I can't wait to see you in 2010!



"IN THE MIDDLE"
SEE YOU IN 2010
BY SHARON KATZANEK

Middle Division had a great time in 2009,
 All the activities were mighty fine.
 Big League Games, Crafts, and Swimming were a
 lot of fun,
 We are so sad that the summer is done.

Barnard, Holyoke, Duke, Princeton, Douglass and
 Tufts are really great,
 Everyone of them are first rate.
 All the groups always had a ball,
 I am going to miss them one and all.

Middle Division Counselors what can I say,
 You give your all each and every day.
 You make my job easier because of what you do,
 You are amazing and I want to say "Thank You".

The end of summer is very near,
 Everyone have a great year.
 Can't wait for 2010,
 When we can have **BIG LEAGUE FUN ALL OVER
 AGAIN!**
**WE MAY BE IN THE MIDDLE, BUT
 EVERYTHING WE DO IS TOPS!**

UPPER DIVISION
Jeff Sheiner, Upper Division Group Leader

The Ivy League Camp season of '09 has come to an end and I think all would agree...it was a great summer. From the first day until the last day, smiles, fun, and good times have been seen and had by all. The Upper Division has had an action packed summer – from sports to trips to our "Willy Wonka" show, and everything in between. But fear not – next summer will be here before you know it and we'll start up the Big League fun machine once again. From myself and all the staff in the Upper Division at Ivy League, stay healthy, be happy and have a great school year! See you once again in a mere few months.

LIT's
Eric Silverman

The Summer of 2009 quickly passed. This group of LIT's was phenomenal. They swam, played, interacted with their campers, and learned valuable life skills. The LIT's leave Ivy League having made an enormous impact on the lives of their campers. I am going to miss our interesting volleyball games, our conversations at ceramics and handicrafts, and our always-exciting soccer games. I can't wait to see them as Junior Counselors at ILDC next year. I wish all of you a great school year.

C.O.W.S.
Counselors of the Week

Pre-School
Erica Price

Middle
Katrina Centanni

Lower
Kayla Cupano

Upper
Ian Friedman

2009 COLOR WAR

**WHITE Dr. Seuss edged passed GREEN Muppets
 to win!!!**

Congratulations to ALL campers for participating in Color War
 And showing your best ILDC spirit!!!

CAPS

Letting go – it's easier said than done at any age. Letting your child cross the street by him or herself or going to the mall to "hang-out" with their friends - definitely easier said than done. How much freedom to give a child or camper at any age is not easy to establish, but we would all agree that it is important in the growing process. The CAP program is intrinsic to that process. For the CAP program at Ivy League, limitations and freedom go hand in hand. As supervisor, as well as a parent, I have to extend some level of trust; that away from us, they act, need we say, human. Right now, your young teens, as well as mine, are in the stage where they walk fifteen feet in front you and plead with us to pretend we don't know them. This is fine for now because it won't last forever, nor will "holding-on". Letting go with limitations, acknowledges an adolescent's right to make mistakes and nothing can send a more loving message during these years of their lives. At Ivy League, we believe in giving a little trust along the way. The campers are usually shocked and we in return are pleasantly surprised at the outcome. And finally I want to thank you for trusting us, my staff and I, while "letting your children go" this summer -- to Ivy League.



Have a peaceful year and we'll see next summer! -
 Howie Gandelman - CAP Group Leader

GRADS
Lindsay Singer, Group Leader



Another summer is over; it's been a blast,
 But we cannot believe it went by so fast.
 The trips were filled with great things to see and do,
 Medieval Times, Great Adventure, Baltimore, Hurricane
 Harbor, and Broadway too.

Kimmie and **Melissa** will miss hanging out with **G1**,
Corey and **Dustin** loved all of the bus trips with **B2**, so fun!
Jeff and **Chris** know that their **B1** boys rule,
G2's Allie, Rachel, and Aly can't believe it's time for school.

Thanks to all of the campers and our great staff,
 You were the best and always made us laugh.
 We hope to see you in 2010, for another great one,
 Because with the **Grads**, it's ALWAYS **Big League Fun!**

SWIM, SWIM, SWIM

Our summer days are almost done...
Swimming in the pools was so much fun!
Soaring down the slides, super duper fast...
Water fun day, the kids had a blast!

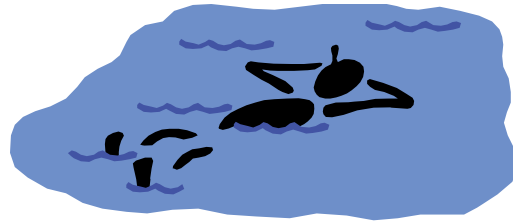
The **Mini Day** Division slid down the green toad slide....
When it came time to leave, the kids wanted to hide!

Pre-School Division swam, till their hearts were happy...
Blowing bubbles in the water made some want a little nappy!

Lower and **Middle** love to swim in the big Olympic pool...
Getting their green bands was definitely super cool!

Upper, Caps, and Grads like to splash and hang around...
During the hot summer days, sun bathing and tanning can always be found!

It's sad to say the summer of 2009 is now in the past,
But you can count on the waterfront staff, because 2010 will sure be a blast!



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Check our website for Daily Photos under Photo Album!
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A Special Thank You to all the wonderful people who help to make ILDC Extra Special

Superb Camp Directors -
Terrific Head Counselor -
Super Group Leaders -

Jon, Evan, Marissa, Sandy, & Ron Leiser
Rick Schmid
Lori Goldberg, Janis Ventre, Monica Tobio, Sharon Katzanek, Jeff Sheiner,
Howie Gandelman, Lindsay Singer & Eric Silverman
and all of their wonderful Counselors, Junior Counselors and LIT's

Energetic Special Events Coordinator - **Audrey Gold**
Efficient Office Staff (what would we do without them) - **Claudia Beckerman and Marion Bravin**
Camp Photographer - **Erica Volpe**
Our Amazing Nurses - **Susan Grill & Bonnie Francione**
Smiling Front Desk Staff - **Tracy Weisberger, Cyndi Albujar**
Fantastic Lunches & Snacks - **Julie Kramer, Chef Leo** and his talented staff
Smooth & Timely Transportation - **Neal Felsen, Erica Friedman, Joe Santo** and all of the drivers
The Talented Specialists - **Valerie Rogers, Frank Gualtieri, Meryl Fischer** and all the wonderful people that work for them and make IL special.

Maintenance with a Smile -

Lev, Kazimierz, Alfonso, Jesus & Aaron

We all hope to see you in 2010. Have a great year!

Gloria Lemonick, Office Manager



ATTENTION— Many beautiful Ceramic projects have gone unclaimed. If your child is missing one of his/her creations, please stop by the camp office to claim it. **Also**, there are still many items left in our **LOST** and **FOUND**. Any unclaimed items will be discarded. The office **WILL** be open next week. Thank you.