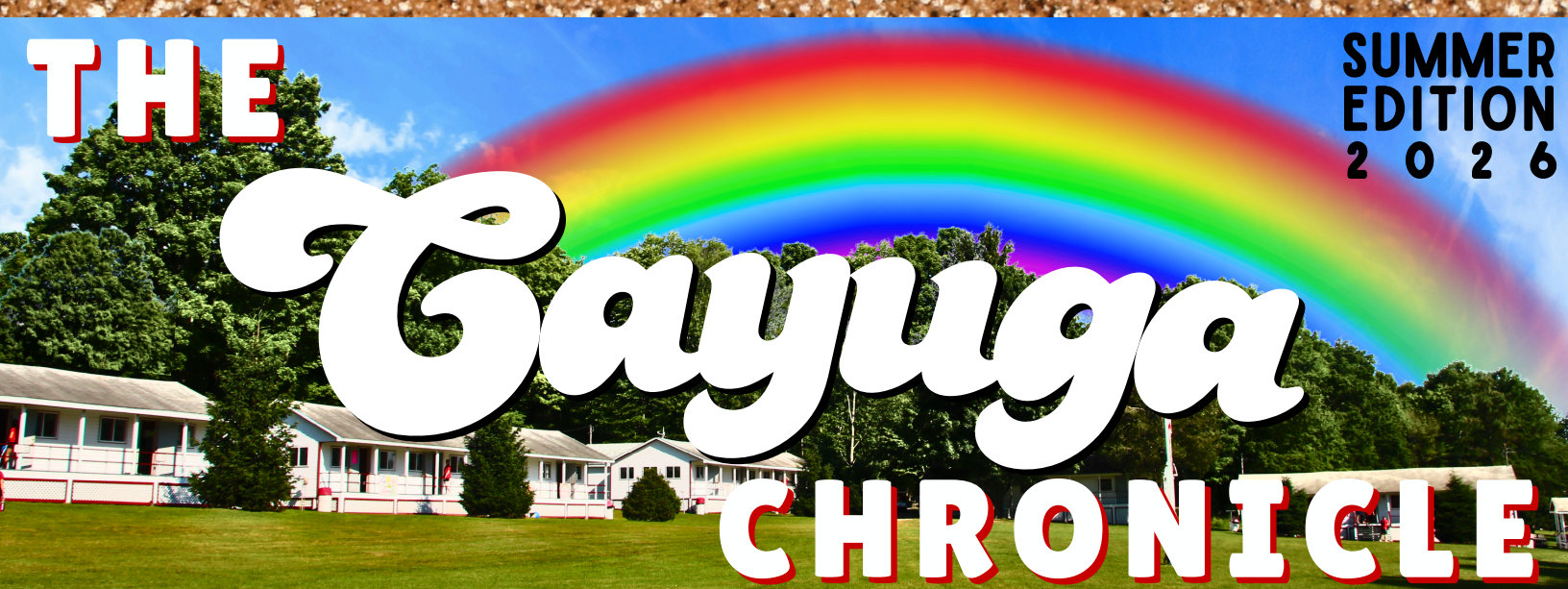


# THE

# Cayuga

# CHRONICLE

SUMMER  
EDITION  
2026



## TOP CAMP TIPS

### FOR YOUR FIRST SUMMER AWAY FROM HOME:

Bring a loved item from home (stuffed animal, blanket, photo of pet or family).

Have a bunch of sleepovers with friends before camp.

Review the 'Clothing Guide List' and pack clothing for all kinds of weather (and do not forget to label each item).

Write and send a few letters before camp, so you get used to staying in touch from afar. If you're 11 y/o or younger: 1) bring pre-addressed & pre-stamped envelopes for your letters home, 2) practice your camp hygiene and bedtime routine independently at home.

Join the Pen Pal Club & speak with veteran Camp Cayuga campers - they have a ton of valuable info to share.

Practice making your own bed and keeping your space tidy so you feel more confident in your cabin.

Stay open-minded & curious, and you'll find yourself discovering new talents & interests you never knew you had. So pack your bags, bring your excitement, and get ready for an unforgettable summer!

## ATTN: SPORTS FANATICS

INTERCAMP *GAMES* & CAYUGA INTRAMURALS ARE BACK!

THE DAILY ACTIVITY PROGRAM IS ROOTED IN A NONCOMPETITIVE PHILOSOPHY; HOWEVER, HEALTHY COMPETITION IS INCORPORATED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS THROUGH CAYUGA'S INTERCAMP TOURNAMENT AND INTRAMURAL PROGRAMS. THIS ALLOWS CAMPERS TO ENGAGE IN THEIR FAVORITE SPORTS WITH ALL CAMPERS ELIGIBLE TO SIGN UP. EACH SUMMER, WE ORGANIZE APPROXIMATELY 50 TOURNAMENTS. MOST OF OUR INTERCAMP GAMES ARE SCHEDULED AGAINST OUR SISTER CAMPS, CAMP LOHIKAN AND LAKE GREELEY CAMP. ADDITIONALLY, WE HOST AND TRAVEL TO NUMEROUS ONE-DAY TOURNAMENTS AND BRACKET-STYLE COMPETITIONS AGAINST LOCAL CAMPS IN WAYNE COUNTY. INTERCAMP GAMES ARE A FANTASTIC WAY TO INFUSE SOME "CAYUGA SPIRIT" INTO YOUR SUMMER WHILE EXPANDING YOUR EXPERIENCES! TOURNAMENTS AND INTRAMURALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED FOR A VARIETY OF SPORTS, INCLUDING: SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, GAGA, PAINTBALL, HORSEBACK RIDING, CLIMBING WALL, NEWCOMB, TENNIS, FLAG FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, KICKBALL, PICKLEBALL, AND MANY OTHERS! WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED ATHLETE OR TRYING A NEW SPORT FOR THE FIRST TIME, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY. THERE ARE NO TRYOUTS - EVERYONE GETS TO PLAY. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING; IT'S ABOUT TEAMWORK, LEARNING NEW SKILLS, AND HAVING FUN. AT CAMP CAYUGA, WE BELIEVE THAT SPORTS ARE AN EXCELLENT WAY TO BUILD CHARACTER AND FOSTER FRIENDSHIPS. EACH GAME IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHEER ON YOUR PEERS, CELEBRATE VICTORIES TOGETHER, AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER THROUGH CHALLENGES.

## CAMP FACTS 101

Sleepaway camp holds incredible value for children. It has long played a vital role in developing social skills, skills that are essential for success later in life. In today's world, that experience is more important than ever. At Cayuga, we take pride in fostering real connection through face to face interaction. Beyond building friendships, camp provides an environment where children learn how to navigate challenges, communicate effectively, and develop resilience. Whether it is trying a new activity or learning to be away from home, each moment at camp contributes to a child's personal growth. Campers are encouraged to step outside of their comfort zones, take healthy risks, and discover new interests and passions in a supportive setting. We extend a thank you to our Cayuga families for recognizing the importance of these experiences. Your trust allows us to continue creating an environment where children can grow socially & emotionally; build meaningful friendships; gain confidence; and develop independence. These skills last far beyond the summer and campers will carry them into school, friendships, and life beyond camp!

## NEWSLETTER CONTEST

ENTER 2 WIN CAYUGA MERCH!

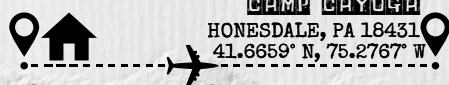


We have exciting news to share! This summer, we are excited to welcome campers and staff from across the globe, representing 21 countries and 15 states. One of the highlights of camp is the opportunity to build friendships with camper and staff from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Take a look at all the flags above, showcasing where our Camp Cayuga community comes from and celebrating the

the global connections that make our camp experience so special. Test your knowledge by guessing all the flags for a chance to win Cayuga merch! Send us your answers via email by May 20th. Winners will be notified via email.

CAMP CAYUGA

HONESDALE, PA 18431  
41.8659° N, 75.2767° W



# MEET OUR RETURNING STAFF:



**Brian Buynak**  
Owner & Director



**Steve Beals**  
Teen Campus Director



**Tracie Romansky**  
Camp Administrator



**Emily Buynak**  
Program Director



**Abbey Boddington**  
Division Director



**Shelby Robert**  
Division Director



**Declan Hampton**  
Division Director



**Lainie Ventura**  
Division Director



**Sheryl Beals**  
Division Director



**Sarah Competiello**  
Division Director



**Amy Harpster**  
Horsemanship Director



**Manny Gutierrez**  
Flying Trapeze Director



**Jasmine Cliffe**  
Waterfront Director



**Jackie Caudill**  
Athletics Director



**Rachel Fennan**  
Intercamp Games Director



**Jay Sims**  
Climbing Wall Director



**Kathleen Berman**  
Creative Arts Director



**Jamie Chance**  
Camp Photographer



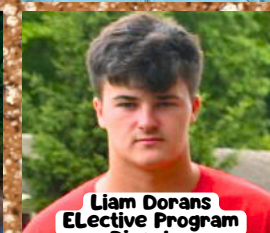
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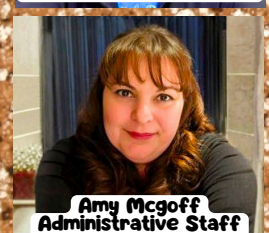
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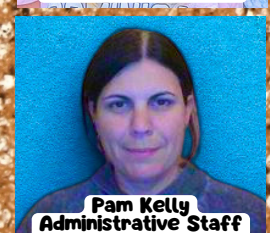
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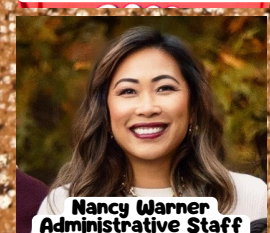
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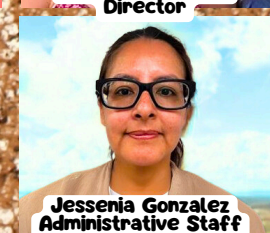
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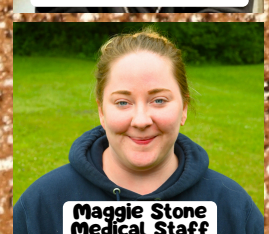
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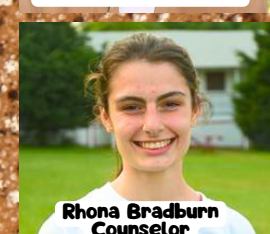
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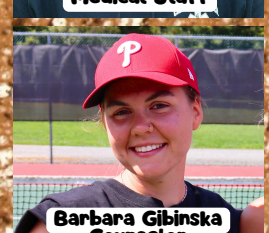
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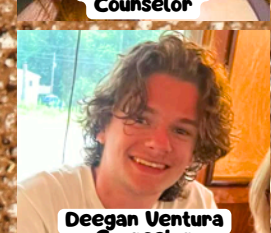
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**Grace Griffon**  
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# OUR STRONGEST & BEST ASSET!



**Jack Engel**  
Operational Director



**Katie Buynak Fensterer**  
Staff Director



**Tim Fensterer**  
Camp Director



**Dick & Justin Pritchard**  
Custodian



**Gio Porcelli**  
Division Director



**Morgan Schindwein**  
Division Director



**Whitney Merkle**  
Division Director



**Leah Competiello**  
Division Director



**Libby Webster**  
Camp Nanny



**Collin Blough**  
Safety Supervisor



**Lorcan Buttler**  
Riftery & Quads Supervisor



**Unity Nebesniak**  
Pottery & Ceramics Director



**Jessica Tolk**  
Creative Arts Director



**Miss Fish**  
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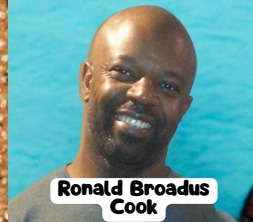
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Optional Program Director



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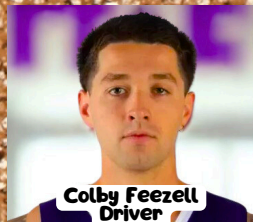
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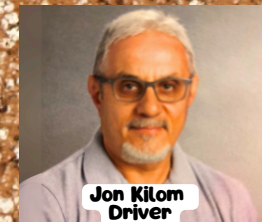
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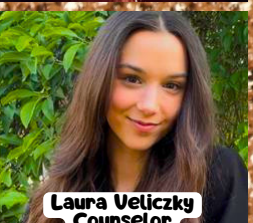
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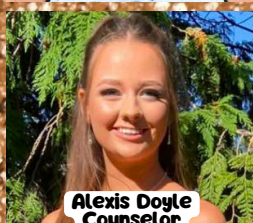
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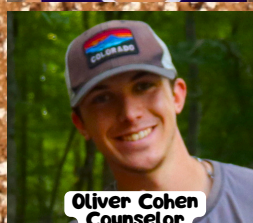
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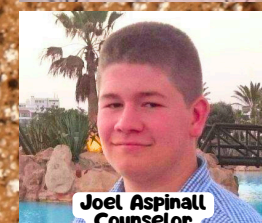
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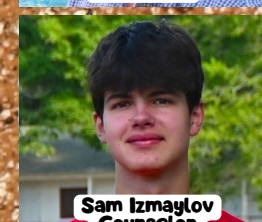
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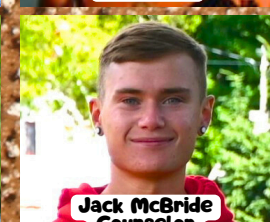
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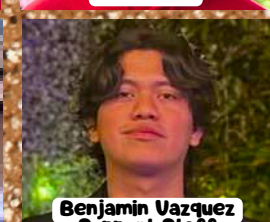
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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MEET TIM, OUR NEWEST FULL TIME STAFF MEMBER! TIM RECENTLY JOINED OUR YEAR ROUND TEAM, AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED AND PROUD TO HAVE HIM WITH US. TIM FIRST WORKED AT CAYUGA BACK IN 2017, AND OVER THE YEARS HE HAS STAYED CLOSELY CONNECTED TO CAMP BY JUMPING IN TO HELP WHEREVER NEEDED. HIS FAMILIARITY WITH CAYUGA AND GENUINE LOVE FOR THE CAMP COMMUNITY HAVE MADE HIS TRANSITION INTO THIS ROLE A NATURAL FIT. TIM BRINGS WITH HIM A LONG AND IMPRESSIVE CAREER IN ROCKET ENGINEERING. WHILE HE TRULY ENJOYED HIS TIME WORKING ON THE SPACE COAST IN FLORIDA, HE ULTIMATELY FELT IT WAS THE RIGHT MOMENT TO TRANSITION AND JOIN THE FAMILY BUSINESS HERE AT CAMP. THIS SUMMER, TIM WILL BE WORKING IN THE OFFICE, LEARNING EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT CAYUGA AND HELPING SUPPORT OUR DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS. HE WILL BE INVOLVED IN A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS, HELPING ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING RUNS SMOOTHLY BOTH BEHIND THE SCENES AND THROUGHOUT THE CAMP DAY. YOU WILL LIKELY SEE HIM AROUND CAMP GETTING TO KNOW STAFF AND CAMPERS, JUMPING INTO DIFFERENT PROJECTS, AND CONTINUING TO LEARN THE INS AND OUTS OF CAMP LIFE. TIM IS HARD WORKING AND EASYGOING, AND HE BRINGS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO EVERYTHING HE DOES. WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE HIM OFFICIALLY JOIN OUR TEAM!



# TEEN EXCLUSIVE CAMPUS → TEEN ZONE

One of Cayuga's most unique and special features is our Teen Campus, a space designed exclusively for our older campers. Teens entering 8th through 11th grade who are 13 years of age or older before camp reside on Teen Campus, which is home to approximately 85 girls/75 boys each summer. This smaller, dedicated environment allows for a more personalized experience and helps create a close knit, welcoming community where campers quickly get to know one another and build strong, lasting friendships. Teen Campus offers the perfect balance of independence and structure. Campers enjoy a greater sense of autonomy in their daily schedules while still benefiting from the guidance, support, and supervision of our staff. This balance helps teens develop responsibility, build confidence, and grow more comfortable making their own choices in a supportive setting. With a smaller population, campers form meaningful connections not only within their cabins but across the entire campus. Please note that campers entering 8th grade who are 13 years old before camp also have the option to reside on Junior Campus if that setting feels like a better fit. This flexibility allows families to choose the environment where their camper will feel most successful.



# CAMPER OF THE WEEK

"Camper of the Week" is a long standing and meaningful tradition at Camp Cayuga, where campers are recognized for their accomplishments and the positive impact they have on the camp community. Each week, one camper from every bunk is selected for this special honor, with staff casting votes based on who best demonstrates the qualities that make Cayuga such a special place, including kindness, leadership, teamwork, effort, and a consistently positive attitude. As the week progresses, anticipation and excitement build across camp as campers strive to put their best foot forward and contribute to a positive cabin environment. The recognition is not based on athletic or activity based success alone, but rather on character, growth, and the everyday actions that help strengthen the camp community. Recipients are celebrated during Evening Flagpole in front of their peers, where they are awarded a special t-shirt and a Cayuga pennant. "Camper of the Week" goes beyond individual recognition. It reinforces the values that define Camp Cayuga and encourages all campers to be thoughtful, inclusive, and supportive members of the community.

# SCHEDULE YOUR CAMP TOUR OR ZOOM CALL TODAY!

Are you thinking about joining us this summer for some fun in the sun? We want to connect with you! Speak with one of our Directors to learn more about everything Camp Cayuga has to offer and get a feel for what makes our community so special. Personal tours are available at your convenience seven days a week, giving your family the opportunity to explore camp, see our facilities, and experience our beautiful grounds firsthand. We strongly encourage all new families to visit camp in person, as it is the best way to truly understand the Cayuga experience and envision your camper here for the summer. If you are unable to visit, Zoom calls with our Directors can easily be arranged during normal business hours, allowing you and your camper to ask questions and learn more from the comfort of your home. We also suggest checking out our virtual tours on our website to familiarize yourself with camp prior to Camper Arrival Day, simply scan the QR code to view. As sessions begin to fill, availability can become limited. If you have a specific session in mind, we recommend enrolling sooner rather than later to secure your spot. To schedule a tour or set up a Zoom call, please contact our Business Office. We look forward to speaking with you and hopefully welcoming your family to Camp Cayuga!



# SURVIVAL CLINIC

**CALLING ALL THRILL SEEKING CAMPERS!** THE SURVIVAL CLINIC IS AN INTENSE, HANDS ON, FULL DAY COURSE DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE CAMPERS BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, INSTRUCTORS TEACH ESSENTIAL OUTDOOR AND SURVIVAL SKILLS IN A FUN, ENGAGING, AND HIGHLY INTERACTIVE ENVIRONMENT. CAMPERS WILL LEARN HOW TO BUILD A SAFE SHELTER USING NATURAL MATERIALS, LOCATE AND PURIFY WATER, AND START A FIRE WITHOUT USING MATCHES. THEY WILL ALSO LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY WILD EDIBLE PLANTS, READ A COMPASS, TELL THE TIME OF DAY WITHOUT USING A WATCH OR CLOCK, AND TREAT MINOR CUTS AND BRUISES USING BASIC FIRST AID TECHNIQUES. THIS CLINIC IS PERFECT FOR CAMPERS WHO ENJOY ADVENTURE, PROBLEM SOLVING, AND WORKING AS PART OF A TEAM. THESE CLINICS ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE, WHILE GIVING CAMPERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN PRACTICAL LIFE SKILLS THEY WILL NEVER FORGET. WE OFFER THREE SURVIVAL CLINICS EVERY 2-WEEKS: ONE FOR FEMALE CAMPERS AND TWO FOR MALE CAMPERS. CAMPERS CAN PRE REGISTER FOR THE CLINIC PRIOR TO THE SUMMER OR SIGN UP ONCE THEY ARRIVE AT CAMP. SPOTS ARE LIMITED AND TEND TO FILL UP QUICKLY DUE TO ITS POPULARITY.



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