

THE Cayuga CHRONICLE

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ENROLL FOR SUMMER '27

Don't miss out on the opportunity to secure your spot for next summer and take advantage of our tuition discounts. We're thrilled to provide families and their friends with a significant reduction on tuition for the upcoming summer, as well as a Sibling Discount. Please keep in mind that these tuition discounts will expire, so be sure to act fast and enroll without delay. To register for next summer, simply fill out either the online application available on our website or the paper application. We look forward to making the summer of 2027 the best one yet!

SPORT CLINICS & TOURNAMENTS

We believe that offering a variety of activities ensures that every camper has the opportunity to find something they are passionate about and can excel in. Our enthusiastic instructors are dedicated to creating a fun and supportive environment where campers can develop new skills. In addition to the wide range of activities offered daily via our Elective/Junior Program, campers of all ages can sign up for specialty sports clinics throughout the summer. Basketball, gaga, horseback riding, tennis & soccer are just a few of the many options! Clinics include drills, warm-ups, competitions & gameplay designed to help campers improve their skills while emphasizing teamwork and good sportsmanship. Campers can also put those skills into action through our Intercamp Games & Tournaments! Throughout the summer, Cayuga competes against 30+ nearby camps in a variety of sports, giving campers the chance to represent Cayuga in friendly competition. With opportunities available for campers of all ages and no tryouts required, anyone who wants to participate can get in the game! Events range from individual bracket type games to full-day tournaments. Whether campers are learning something new at a clinic or competing alongside their friends at an intercamp game, our sports program offers plenty of ways to improve & have fun!



CIT HIGHLIGHT

LEARNING, LEADING & BECOMING THE NEXT GENERATION

Our Counselor In Training (CIT) Program gives older campers the opportunity to take the next step at Cayuga by learning what it takes to become a counselor & leader within our camp community. CIT 1s (1st year CITs) are 16 y/o & experience the best of both worlds as part-time campers & part-time CITs. They reside on Teen Campus & spend half of each week enjoying the regular Teen Campus program, while the other half is spent gaining hands-on experience as a CIT. CIT 2s (2nd year CITs) are 17 y/o & take on increased responsibility as they move one step closer to becoming counselors. CIT 2s reside on Junior Campus, where they work alongside counselors & serve as "mini counselors" to our younger campers. Both CIT 1s & 2s gain valuable experience working with campers, assisting counselors, helping instruct activities & learning the day-to-day responsibilities that come with being a member of the Cayuga staff. Throughout the program, they develop important skills in leadership, communication & teamwork, all while receiving support & guidance from experienced staff. The program allows CITs to enjoy the camp experience while gradually taking on more responsibility & preparing for a future role as a counselor. In the summer of '26, we welcomed 10 CITs to our team & they quickly became an important part of the Cayuga community. Their hard work, energy & motivation could be seen throughout camp. Most importantly, our CITs formed strong bonds with campers & embraced their roles as mentors & leaders. We were proud to watch them grow throughout the summer as they accepted greater responsibility & developed the skills needed to become successful future Camp Cayuga counselors. Thank you to our '26 CITs for an incredible summer. We cannot wait to see where your Cayuga journey takes you next!

CAMPER OF THE WEEK

CAMPER OF THE WEEK IS A BELOVED TRADITION THAT RECOGNIZES CAMPERS WHO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR CABIN AND THE CAMP COMMUNITY. EACH WEEK, ONE CAMPER FROM EVERY CABIN IS SELECTED BY COUNSELORS FOR DEMONSTRATING THE QUALITIES WE VALUE AT CAMP (ENTHUSIASM, KINDNESS, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE). WINNING CAMPERS ARE ANNOUNCED AT EVENING FLAGPOLE, WHERE THEY RECEIVE A CAMPER OF THE WEEK SHIRT AND A CAYUGA PENNANT. THE EXCITEMENT BUILDS DURING THE WEEK AS CAMPERS ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND STRIVE TO BE POSITIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR CABIN! CAMPER OF THE WEEK IS A TRADITION THAT CELEBRATES INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE REINFORCING THE VALUES THAT MAKE CAMP SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE.





PARENTS & CAMPERS: DON'T FORGET TO MARK THESE IMPORTANT 2027 CAMP DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR!

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

2-1: $500 PAYMENT DUE

4-25: SPRING OPEN HOUSE

5-1: TUITION BALANCE DUE

6-1: BUNK REQUEST FORMS DUE

6-7: HEALTH FORMS DUE (OR 3 WEEKS BEFORE ARRIVAL)

6-11 NJ BUSINESS OFFICE CLOSES FOR SUMMER

6-12: PA CAMP OFFICE OPENS FOR SUMMER

6-27: FIRST DAY OF CAMP

7-11: 2ND 2-WEEK, MIDDLE-HALF & LAST 6-WEEK SESSION CAMPERS ARRIVE

7-25: 3RD 2-WEEK & 2ND-HALF SESSION CAMPERS ARRIVE

8-8: LAST 2-WEEK SESSION CAMPERS ARRIVE

8-21: LAST DAY OF CAMP

8-28: PA CAMP OFFICE CLOSES

9-7: NJ BUSINESS OFFICE REOPENS

DIVE INTO ADVENTURE WITH THE SCUBA CLINIC

Cayuga's Scuba Clinic has been a camper favorite for many years! During each 2-week camp session, campers have the opportunity to sign up for this exciting introductory clinic. All campers are eligible to participate as long as they have passed their swim test (no prior scuba experience is necessary). During the the clinic, campers are introduced to the basics of scuba diving in a fun and supervised environment. They'll learn about scuba equipment and how to assemble their dive gear, practice breathing and communicating underwater, and learn how to control their buoyancy. It's a unique opportunity to experience something completely different from the everyday camp program and get a first look at the world of scuba diving! This past summer, nearly 150 campers registered for the Scuba Clinic, making it one of our most popular specialty clinic offerings! There are three easy ways to sign up for a 2027 Scuba Clinic: on your camper application, through your online dashboard, or right at camp one day prior to the clinic. The clinic costs $53. See ya underwater!





JR CAMPER

Our Junior Division camper program is designed to give our 6-9 year old campers the perfect balance of variety, structure & choice throughout their day. Campers follow a well-rounded schedule that keeps them active, engaged and involved in everything Cayuga has to offer. With activities ranging from athletics and waterfront to creative arts, adventure activities & more, each day gives campers a ton of opportunities to develop skills, discover interests and spend time with friends. And a structured schedule doesn't mean every day looks the same! Junior campers can sign up for specialty clinics, compete in intercamp games & tournaments, head out on off-camp trips and take part in special events throughout the summer. Evening activities, theme days, camp traditions and other surprises add even more excitement to their experience. With a consistent daily routine as their foundation, JR campers still have plenty of opportunities to explore, try something different & make the most of everything Cayuga has to offer. It's a program designed to help our youngest campers feel comfortable and connected while giving them the freedom to discover what they love most about camp.



THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW [AT] CAMP

No two summers at Camp Cayuga are exactly the same! While campers look forward to returning to their favorite activities, traditions & special events, we're always looking for ways to make each summer even better than the last. Every year brings different activities to try, trips to take, clinics to join and evening events & special programs to experience. One day, campers may be competing against a nearby camp in an intercamp tournament, and the next they could be learning a skill at a specialty clinic, heading out on an off-camp trip or taking part in a wide camp special event. Throughout the summer, our regular program is also mixed with theme days, competitions, socials, shows, campfires & plenty of surprises along the way. Of course, the Cayuga traditions campers know and love aren't going anywhere! Favorites like Carnival, Color War, Beach Bash, Talent Shows & Olympics continue to be highlights of the summer, while fresh additions to our program give campers even more to look forward to each year. Whether you've spent summers with us before or have been thinking about making Cayuga part of your summer, we hope 2027 is the year you join us! Come back to the traditions you remember, discover a few unexpected favorites, make lasting friendships & experience another unforgettable summer at Camp Cayuga.


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EVENING ACTIVITIES

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, WE HOST 2 SEPARATE EVENING ACTIVITIES EACH NIGHT, 1 ON JUNIOR CAMPUS AND ANOTHER ON TEEN CAMPUS. AFTER A FULL DAY OF ACTIVITIES, EVENING EVENTS BRING CAMPERS AND STAFF TOGETHER FOR A FUN, HIGH-ENERGY END TO THE DAY! WITH SEPARATE PROGRAMS FOR EACH CAMPUS, ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED WITH EACH AGE GROUP IN MIND. FROM DANCE SOCIALS AND GAME SHOWS TO TEAM COMPETITIONS, LIVE PERFORMANCES, POOL PARTIES & CAMP-WIDE CHALLENGES, NO 2 EVENINGS ARE QUITE THE SAME. SOME NIGHTS GIVE CAMPERS THE CHANCE TO TAKE THE STAGE AND SHOW OFF THEIR TALENTS, WHILE OTHERS HAVE CABINS WORKING TOGETHER, COMPETING IN CHALLENGES OR CHEERING ON THEIR FRIENDS. SOME OF OUR FAVORITES INCLUDE MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, CAYUGA'S GOT TALENT, RAT RACE, LIP SYNC BATTLE, VACATION CHASE, LET'S MAKE A DEAL, BATTLE OF THE QUAD, SPORTS CHALLENGE, THE CIRCUS SHOW & LAS VEGAS NIGHT! EVENING ACTIVITIES ARE A CHANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CAMPUS TO COME TOGETHER, GET INVOLVED AND MAKE MEMORIES. WHETHER COMPETING, PERFORMING OR CHEERING ON FRIENDS, EVERYONE GETS TO BE PART OF THE FUN!



MINI-ME DAY



Mini-Me Day is an exciting special event at Camp Cayuga! Every two weeks, campers have the opportunity to shadow their favorite Senior Staff member or Counselor and get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to help make camp run each day. To participate, campers submit a ballot explaining why they would like to be the Mini-Me of their chosen staff member. They can even choose to give a speech during lunch to share why they would be the perfect pick! Last summer, Mini-Me's shadowed Division Directors and helped with cabin inspections, joined Instructors at locations like the lake, barn, and trapeze, and assisted the Evening Activity Directors with preparing for the upcoming night activities. Throughout the day, campers get to experience some of the responsibilities that come with being a camp leader while spending extra time with a staff member they look up to. To top it all off, all of our Mini-Me's end the day with a heated pool party! Mini-Me Day is always a camper favorite and a fun way for campers to see camp from a whole new perspective.

GET CREATIVE AT CAYUGA

Creativity comes to life at Camp Cayuga! Our Creative Arts Program offers campers of all ages the opportunity to explore their artistic talents, learn new skills, and express themselves through a wide variety of hands-on activities. From pottery and ceramics to tie-dye, jewelry making, painting, and traditional arts and crafts, there's always something exciting happening in our creative arts centers! Through Cayuga's elective program, campers have the freedom to choose the activities that interest them most, whether it's shaping a unique piece of pottery, designing colorful tie-dye clothing, creating friendship bracelets, or working on a special art project. With so many options available, campers can return to their favorite activities or try something completely new during their stay. Our Creative Arts Program is a wonderful opportunity for campers to use their imaginations, develop new skills, and create one-of-a-kind keepsakes to bring home. In fact, our campers made over 1,000 friendship bracelets during Summer 2026! At Cayuga, there's no shortage of ways to get creative.

PAINTBALL



Paintball is a camper favorite at Cayuga, combining nonstop action, friendly competition & adrenaline! Campers love the thrill of gearing up & heading onto the field with their team, creating a plan to outsmart the opposing team. Offered to campers entering 5th grade & higher, this optional activity is available everyday throughout the summer and due to the popularity of this activity, pre registration is required. During each game, campers divide into teams and make their way through the course, using strategy, teamwork & quick thinking as they try to eliminate their opponents by tagging them with paint-filled pellets. Each session includes 20-25 campers and runs for three consecutive activity periods (approximately 2½ hours) giving campers plenty of time to play multiple rounds and experience all the action! Last summer, Cayuga campers even had the opportunity to take their paintball skills beyond our course and compete in a tournament against a nearby camp! Whether you're an experienced player or trying it for the first time, paintball is a great way to spend time with friends, work together as a team & enjoy some friendly Cayuga competition.

PADDLE, SWIM & REPEAT!

Cayuga's beautiful waterfront offers campers an incredible variety of activities to enjoy on the lake! From swimming, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, and sailing to other water sports, there's something for every interest and skill level. Campers can also enjoy our popular water trampoline, floating blanket, giant iceburg, inflatable cabana lounger, rolling log, and waterslide. For those who prefer a more relaxing experience, fishing is another popular activity, whether casting a line from the dock or heading out onto the lake in a boat. Through our unique program, campers have the freedom to choose their favorite waterfront activities throughout their stay. Whether they're learning to sail, climbing to the top of the iceberg, bouncing on the trampoline, or enjoying a peaceful afternoon fishing, there's always something happening on the lake. Under the supervision of our trained waterfront staff, campers can build confidence, improve their abilities, and enjoy a wide range of recreational and instructional activities. With so many options available, Cayuga's waterfront is a favorite destination for campers of all ages!

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