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POCONO SPRINGS CAMP NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM SCOTT & DANI

DEAR PSC CAMPERS,

WITH JUST A FEW DAYS LEFT OF 2021, WE WANTED TO TAKE THE TIME TO CELEBRATE ALL THAT THIS PAST YEAR HAS BROUGHT.

We often refer to summer camp as a bubble. We come together as a community in June and live in a unique world, filled with songs, traditions, games, words that only our Pocono Springs family can truly understand. Don't believe us? Try explaining "Looneyville" to your friends, or singing the Dinner Song to your cousins. Sure - you can show them pictures of your counselors dressed up as Bank Tellers, or sing the words to our pre-meal song, but unless you've been part of our world, there's no way to fully appreciate the bond created as we all scream LET'S EAT in unison.

The reason we bring this up is because Summer 2021 showed us how special our bubble truly is – and it's the driving force behind all that we do as we move forward with planning Summer 2022. It reminds us that being at camp isn't about perfecting your backswing at tennis or getting a bullseye every single time you're at archery. It's about being part of community who shares a bond that gets stronger and stronger each year as traditions grow and memories are made.

In just a few short days, we will finally be able to say "camp is THIS year". Summer 2022 - we're ready for all the new songs, traditions and moments you are sure to bring!

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DAYS TO CAMP!

SCOTT AND DANI

The PSC Year Round team is growing and we are so excited to welcome Drew Bridge and Tara Bannerman to our full-time crew! Drew and Tara are an integral piece to the summer staff hiring process and help to plan all that goes into making camp happen! They've been hard at work since camp ended hiring staff from all over the world who can't wait to be part of the 2022 PSC experience!

WELCOME TARA!

NEW FOR 2022... SAILING!

WELCOME DREW!

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BRING SAILING TO PSC THIS SUMMER.

FUN FACT: REFLECTION LAKE HASN'T SEEN SAILBOATS SINCE 1989

Bring Camp into your Winter!

It's been 5 months since we said "goodbye" at camp and pretty soon, we will be starting the countdown to the 2022 camper arrival. Woohoo!!!! However, as the temperatures dropped in the Northeast last week and the days seem ridiculously short, I started to feel that longing to be back at camp. I can smell the pine trees, hear the sounds of laughter coming from cabins and see the first all camp cove of the summer. And while all that seems distant, there are a few ways that we could all bring a little camp into our winters:

s'MORES!

- Make a S'more melt in your oven. Use a cookie sheet, put 1/2

 a graham cracker (square) on the tray, layer with
 chocolate (3 rectangles of a hershey bar) and
 marshmallow on top. Put in the oven at 400°, watch till the
 marshmallow browns and pull out, pop on top square of
 graham cracker and take a bite. Yum!
- Get mini graham cracker pie crusts. Fill with bits of chocolate chips and mini marshmallows. Put in the oven at 400° till marshmallows brown. Pull out of the oven, cool and perfect desert!

MOVIE NIGHT!

 Camp birthdays are the best birthdays because of movies in the cabin. Find your favorite camp movies, get out your sleeping bags, order a pizza, pop some popcorn and have a great night!! Our favorite camp movies are: The Parent Trap (original and re-make) and of course Meatballs.

CABIN ZOOM!

- Reconnect with your bunkmates. While many kids have the ability to be in touch with their bunkmates, not many of them will do it without some helpful nudges.
 - Scavenger Hunt
 - The game starts with a player who lists an item the rest of the cabin must then try and find it in their own home. Then, you see how long it takes everyone to find the object.
 - <u>Code Names</u> (https://codenames.game/)
 - Create a party on <u>Paper.io</u> (https://paper-io.com/)

S DAY BREAKFAST!

Our campers love breakfast on S Days. Here are a few favorite menu items to recreate at home:

- M&M Pancakes
- Coffee Cake
- Fresh bagels with variety of cream cheeses
- Cheese omelettes

Can't wait to see you all back at our happy place!

Mary Pat



AS AN ORGANIZATION, POCONO SPRINGS IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUOUSLY BETTERING OURSELVES AND OUR PRACTICES. AFTER TAKING TIME TO REFLECT AND SPEAKING WITH MANY OF OUR CAMPERS AND OUR STAFF, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT WE NEED TO MAKE EFFORTS TO REDUCE OUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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WE ARE THEREFORE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE OFFICIALLY PARTNERED WITH "GREEN CAMPS" IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD A FRAMEWORK WHICH MODELS SUSTAINABILITY AND TO INSPIRE GREEN BEHAVIOR CHANGE IN BOTH OUR CAMPERS AND OUR STAFF.



TOP SECRET SUMMER 2022

The Hidden WINTER ARROW Each issue of "Between The Pines" presents a new clue to the WINTER ARROW's location. Unlike summer, the WINTER ARROW can be anywhere at camp - it can be inside, outside...no location is off limits or out of bounds! Use your THE ARROW creativity and imagination to solve the location of its hidden winter spot using the clue below. The first camper to correctly name the exact location of WINTER ARROW CLUE the WINTER ARROW wins a bunk pizza party at Scott and Dani's house this 178 days until OPENING DAY! summer. Email your What a nice view :) guess to: summer@poconospringscamp.com It's almost in season ... not yet ... maybe it's too cold out there... This seems odd - the door opens up? Come find me for pizza

THE BEST COMPLIMENT WE CAN RECEIVE IS WHEN A POCONO SPRINGS FAMILY RECOMMENDS US TO THEIR FRIENDS & FAMILY!

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HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND? SEND THEM OUR WAY! CALL US IN THE OFFICE AT

570-218-5800 OR EMAIL SCOTT@POCONOSPRINGSCAMP.COM

IS THERE AN ACTIVITY THAT YOU WANT TO SEE AT CAMP?! WE WANT TO HEAR **ALL ABOUT IT!** EMAIL SUMMER@ POCONOSPRINGSCAMP.COM TO TELL US YOUR IDEAS!

DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

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Camper Forms available online: Mid February Camper Forms due: May 1 New Camper Orientation: Sunday, May 22 Opening day: Saturday, June 25 Visiting day: Saturday, July 16 Closing day: Friday, July 29

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