



THE LINDLEY LEDGER

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SPRING TIME HAS SPRUNG AT SUMMER CAMP

Thank you for subscribing to the Lindley Ledger. We are now bringing to you our second ever edition of the Lindley Ledger! Read on to hear about our winter season updates and all that is new to summer camp this spring!



WHAT'S NEW AT SUMMER CAMP?



Lantern Family Program

Our Lantern Family has been a longtime program at overnight camp. New this summer we are extending those benefits to our Day Camp, as well. Recommend a brand-new camper to either overnight, or 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens to receive all Lantern Family member benefits including discounted rates, our exclusive lantern family T-Shirt, and an invite to our Lantern Family BBQ.

[More Information here](#)

New Mattresses!!



We've upgraded to some brand-new mattresses for the counselor staff and older campers in our renovated cabins! In addition to providing many future restful nights in Stokes Forest, the new mattresses also gave us the opportunity to prove we can fit 14 mattresses in one truck load through a game of mattress jenga.



Junior Counselor Tent Village

As updated in our Fall edition, we have been making great progress on our new Junior Counselor Tent Village. As part of our revamping of our 2024 JC Program, our Junior Counselors will live in platform tents for the summer.

Our camp update for the Spring is... THE PLATFORMS HAVE BEEN BUILT! AND...our junior counselors have now seen their future homes for the first time during our annual Leadership Weekend. All that is left is installing the tents and furniture.

RECENT EVENTS AT CAMP



2024 Winter Gathering



Thank you to everyone who came out and spent a December Afternoon with us at our annual Winter Gathering. The event was a great success...just ask Woodrow who got to enjoy his very own bowl of Doggy Freakout!

2025 Winter Camp Season

Every year we get to welcome up all of the 4-H Counties throughout New Jersey to stay for the weekend as they host their Winter Camps. We always love welcoming 4-Hers, and want to thank all of the county staff and 4-H members for a successful 2025 Winter Camp Season!

Leadership Weekend

We hosted our Annual Junior Counselor Training Weekend this March, and could not be more excited about the Junior Counselor team we have for this summer.



Our Junior Counselors are all former campers who came up through our Counselor-In-Training Program, and are now excited to volunteer some time at camp to help create magic for a new set of campers.



Led by our 2024 Senior Staff, future Junior Counselors enjoyed a fun and intensive training weekend to begin the preparation for all their summers have in store for them.

Check out our [blog](#) for more on Leadership Weekend

CONNECT AND CONTRIBUTE

Message from the Campfire Council:

Hello Campfire Lovers! Campfire Council here - we are excited to share what we've been up to in this chilly off season!

This winter, the campfire council has begun getting into the swing of things with meetings including camp alumni, camp staff, and supporters of camp. We are working on planning social events, raising money for camperships, and starting on plans for camp's 75th anniversary (it's coming up quick!)

If you are interested in getting involved, fill out this [form](#).

We can't wait to see you at a meeting soon!

Campership Campaign Exceeded it's Goal!

The campfire Council's First Annual Campership Campaign was a roaring success. We set a goal of reaching \$7,500 by the end of our campaign, and we ended up more than doubling our goal - special thanks to our generous matching donor. By the end of our campaign at Winter Gathering, we ended up raising \$15,420 in campership funds to help ensure that every child who wants to go to camp, has the ability to go to camp regardless of financial need.

BENCHES ARE (STILL) BACK!

4-H Camp is once again opening up the opportunity for bench sponsorship. One of our most requested giving opportunities, a donation of \$1500 to our 4-H Camp Gift Account will sponsor a new camp bench featuring a plaque with wording of your choice.

Funds raised will cover the cost of the benches themselves, as well as going toward the 4-H Camp Gift Account to help support program, supply, and facility improvements.

If interested, please fill out [this form](#) to claim your bench sponsorship. As always, a limited number of benches are available for sponsorship at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Rutgers Day

We will be hosting a table at Rutgers Day on April 27th to help promote both our Overnight and Day Camp program.

Stop by anytime to learn more about our program or say hi and see all Rutgers University offers.

[More information about Rutgers Day Here](#)



4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens Open House

We will once again be hosting our 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens Open House on May 18th. Join us anytime between 10am and 2pm for a preview of our day camp program, and to meet some of our summer staff for 2024 while they lead some sample camp activities, outdoor games, and program tours. [More Details](#)

[RSVP Here](#) or on our [website](#)



“Opening” Work Weekend

This June we will be hosting our Opening Day Work Weekend. June 8th–9th. Lifeguard and Archery Training is open to all incoming counselors to get certified. But that is not all! All incoming counselors are also invited to stay over the weekend to help get camp ready for summer. The Campfire Council will also be hosting limited volunteers for an all day work day Sunday, June 9th. More Details Coming Soon!



Lantern Family Barbeque

Our annual Lantern Family Barbeque will be June 30th this year. All Lantern Families are invited to help us kick off the summer before our first session. Become a part of our Lantern Family by recommending a brand new camper to either our Day Camp or Overnight Camp Program.

[More Details on our Lantern Family Program Here](#)

BEHIND THE SCENES

Camp Director's Note

Greetings from Summer Camp-

Well, up here in the woods it's nice when even mild winters are over, so we're happy to be greeting spring once again.

The pieces are beginning to fall into place for another exciting summer camp season (our 74th, if you're counting. And we are. We're counting quite deliberately.)

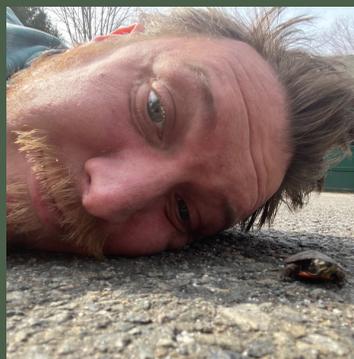
What pieces are those? Y'know, the pieces. A wonderful and passionate counselor staff, a invigorated Junior Counselor team, an increasingly-near-full-roster of campers, a pile of upgraded mattresses, a few new tents, a freshly designed t-shirt, a couple redesigned games, a patched up archery range, and plenty of springtime nights ahead of us to dream up some more summer camp dreams.

There are just a few of the ingredients we'll use to cook up another summer at 4-H Camp - and we can't wait to get cooking. - Ben

Into the Woods with Woodrow

Each issue we will also feature something cool Woodrow, the camp dog found while walking in the woods.

A very tiny turtle:



STAFF CHECK INS

Each issue features some messages from current and former staff. Read on to meet some people from our camp community and hear how they bring summer camp with them into their springtime



Staff Summers
2018-2022

Aran Wollard

Hi I'm Aran! I was a cabin 2 and 5 counselor. I came back to camp as Recreation and Programming Coordinator, then revamped my role again in 2022 as one half of the "Brogramming" Team. I loved to work with my co-counselors to create community for our campers. As a coordinator I loved having a broader view of camp. Programming was where I was able to showcase some of the ideas I had for all-camp activities and see an idea go from a sketch on a piece of paper to watching 176 campers play it out! Currently I live in Scotland attending graduate school at the University of St. Andrews. While sunny, blue sky days are few and far between in the spring here. Setting up my hammock in the woods nearby brings me back to being in front of cabin 2 during rest hour. One of my favorite activities as both camper and staff was rooster run. Hearing all the forest sounds, the way the mist comes off the lake, and saying hi to friends going for a walk was always wonderful. In Scotland, I try to do the same by getting up early and going for a walk. If I am up early enough, I can hear the bells in town at 8am which reminds me of running back to the cabin to get to the dining hall in time for breakfast.

Kelly McSpiritt

Hi! I'm Kelly! I recently moved to an area of New Jersey full of mountains, woods, and a beautiful lake, so it's hard not to keep the camp energy going. I am an elementary school social worker and bringing camp to my job is one of my favorite things. Whether it's starting a game of Uno, getting out on the playground to play blob tag, or singing songs with my ukulele in a classroom, it's always a blast! My job is to keep students safe and happy, so the camp spirit is the perfect addition to the work I do every day. I can't wait to be back on the shores of Shawanni in just a few months!



Staff Summers
2020 --

Kristen Duffy

Hello summer camp! If you don't know me my name is Kristen! I'm a long-time camper, waterfront counselor ('19), a HAFHAH counselor, and popped by as a guest counselor for the past couple of years! This summer I am finally coming back to camp as the waterfront coordinator, and I am so excited! Lake Shawanni and I are ready for you to all swim, kayak, paddle board, and have some adventures with you all! In the off season I have been brushing up on my boating skills by getting out on the water every morning and coaching collegiate and high school rowing. My favorite part of it is the calmness and serenity the water has in the morning and being able to watch the sunrise every day. The even better part is all the fun we have when we are water racing! I bring summer camp into the springtime by checking in on my camp friends and enjoying the nice spring weather even the rain! Hope you all continue to enjoy the springtime and continue to countdown the days until summer! See you all soon!



Staff Summers
2019 --

VESPER VOICES

Now introducing our first entry into Vesper Voices! Vesper Voices is a section where YOU as a camper, counselor, alumni, or friend of camp can send in entries. Whether it be a song, story, memory, or pictures you want to share from your time at camp.



“Caught It” - Jason

Our first submission is a picture from our second annual Counselor versus Camper Big Session Kickbowl Game in which the campers narrowly defeated the counselors to secure their second win in a row.

Submit an entry to Vesper Voices

If you have a camp story to share, pictures from your time at camp, a creative piece, or a question for camp you can submit that here to be included in our Winter issue. Alumni and current camper submissions welcome. Submit [here](#).

LEGENDS OF LINDLEY

The Legends of Lindley section is here to test you camp knowledge! Each newsletter will feature different puzzles and trivia so you can see how much of a camp expert you are!

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU FIND?

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M S N A T U R E C E N T E R I	CANOEING
O C H B V K F A K R E K L O K	CRAFTSHOP
R R Q A X C Q N G G X Z E W I	HIKING
E A Y R W J A C J G Q M T G N	NATURECENTER
S F C F L A C N A H O O S P G	SHAWANNI
K T U A Q T N I O M Y K T M B	SMORES
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STAYING IN TOUCH

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Staff Check Ins

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Legends of Lindley Answer Key

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