

— NEWSLETTER —

# THE LINDLEY LEDGER

— FALL 2023 —



## INTRODUCING OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Sometimes it's hard to keep up with all that is happening around 4-H Camp!

The new Lindley Ledger will help keep folks up to date whether they are camp alumni, current campers, or just good ol' friends of camp.

Future editions will focus on the happenings around camp, upcoming events, facility improvements, and opportunities to get involved.

# WHAT'S NEW AT SUMMER CAMP?



## Introducing Our Junior Counselor Tenting Program

New to Summer 2024 is our Junior Counselor Tenting Program. Along with our Junior Counselors residing in our JC Tent Villiage, the JC Program will now include daily evening meetings, staff mentorship, and increased roles in programs, course areas, and cabin life.

2024 JC Applications are open now.

## Staff Applications are Open!

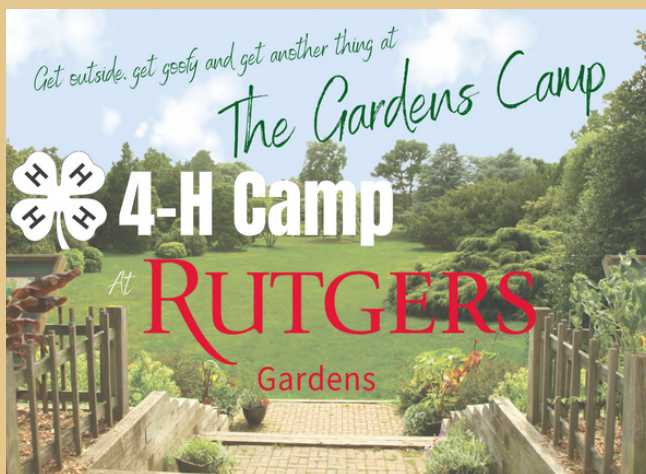


If you are interested in joining our staff or know someone who would be a good fit on our summer team apply now!

Every summer we look for the best counselors to help us meet our mission and serve our nearly 200 campers each week.

More information about applications and what we look for in our staff can be found on our website.

## 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens



This past summer we also launched our first season of our new expansion program. 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens is our day camp program offered at Rutgers Gardens right off of campus in North Brunswick.

In 2023 we were able to greet our first campers, launch a successful day camp program which combined the simple nature of having fun outside, and

the social and emotional learning we thrive on at our overnight facility with more extensive outdoor education led by Rutgers University experts. Click here to watch our video spotlight on 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens.



# CONNECT AND CONTRIBUTE

## Introducing our First Annual Campership Campaign

We are excited to announce our First Annual Campership Campaign. Starting November 7th, our campership campaign ran by Camp's Alumni Fundraising committee, the Campfire Council, will launch through our Winter Gathering (Dec. 2nd). All money raised will be used to directly support camperships for Summer 2024.

### What are Camperships?

It is the belief of the NJ State 4-H Camp that every child deserves the opportunity to go to summer camp. Camperships are funds raised to help support that mission. Every season, 4-H Camp gives out tens of thousands dollars in camperships, the majority of which is unfunded. In Summer 2023, The New Jersey 4-H Camp gave our \$35,100 in campership support to 61 campers for sessions at overnight camp in Stokes Forest and 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens, the brand-new day camp in New Brunswick. All funds raised will help support the effort to provide the camp experience to kids who might not afford it otherwise.

Visit the Campfire Council's Campership Campaign by visiting their website. You can pay by Venmo, Paypal, Apple Pay, or Credit Card.

Click here to learn more and give the gift of summer camp!

### BENCHES ARE 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.

Our new batch of benches are made from heavy duty, weather-proof recycled plastic. They feature comfortable back support, can easily seat three, and the slats are a snazzy 4-H green. Benches available for sponsorship will be placed at our new renovated Leadership Fire Ring, on Jim's Dock with a lovely lake view, a few scenic spots along camp's trails, and in our expanding "Camp Central" location as we target upcoming restroom renovations and a new infirmary.

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



## Join us at Winter Gathering

Our annual Winter Gathering is coming up in just a few short weeks! Winter Gathering will be held December 2nd from 2pm to 6pm.

Join us for some light snacks and refreshments, some wintry camp activities, and to mix and mingle with campers and staff from last summer.

RSVP [here!](#)



## Virtual Yoga with Cassidy

The 4-H Campfire Council is dedicated to keeping the camp spirit alive all year round!

Donate any amount to our 2023 Campership Campaign and receive a Zoom link to join a LIVE yoga class on Monday November 27th at 6pm hosted by camp alumna, Cassidy Svercauski!



## Leadership Weekend

Our annual leadership weekend for incoming Junior Counselors will be March 15th to 17th.

The weekend is a training weekend for Juniors counselor applicants who have applied to volunteer for summer 2024.

If you are interested in being a junior counselor this summer you can apply [here](#).



## Polar Bear Early Registration

Registration for Summer 2024 Opens November 15th for both Overnight Camp and our new day camp program.

Register during our Polar Bear registration through 12/31 for your first pick in classes, sessions, and the lowest rate we offer.



# BEHIND THE SCENES

## Camp Director's Note

Greetings from Summer Camp-

We appreciate you checking out the first edition of our NEWSletter! (Y'know. A "new" newsletter. We only get to use that one once.)

Special thanks to Shanna Gryder, who is celebrating her one-year mark as a full-time 4-H Camp employee for putting this newsletter together, AND for putting our 4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens Day Camp together. I'd also like to thank the Campfire Council Alumni Group for launching their first annual Campership Campaign to support our mission of getting the opportunity of a 4-H Camp experience to every child who wants it.

Stay tuned for future editions in which we'll look forward to sharing news on some exciting new capital improvements to our beloved ol' 4-H Camp facility.

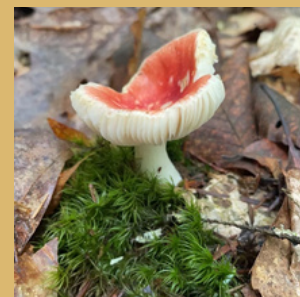
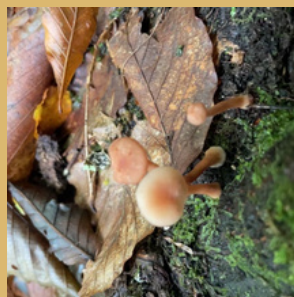
Thanks as always for the attention, support, and love you give our 4-H Camp community. - Ben

## Into the Woods with Woodrow

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



**Can you identify any of these fungi?**



# 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!

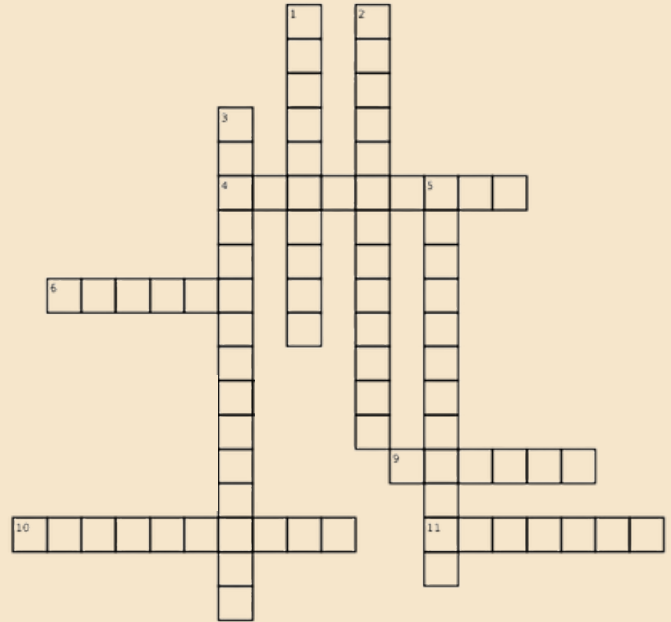
## LOCATIONS ON CAMP

Across:

- An apple a day keeps the...
- Opposite of on ice
- Pine, oak, birch are all...
- The largest building on camp
- Camp's pavilion

Down:

- Buddy Check!
- Off the Main Land
- Attack Squirrel lives here
- Morning Meeting!



## TEST YOUR CAMP TRIVIA

**1. What year was camp founded?**

- A. 1951
- B. 1928
- C. 1915
- D. 1948

**2. How many fire pits are currently on camp?**

- A. Three
- B. Five
- C. One
- D. Seven

**3. What were the names of the two oxen that used to live on camp?**

- A. Ben and Tyler
- B. Nip and Tuck
- C. Tank and Hank
- D. Winston and Jasper

**4. What was the nickname of the first camp director at camp?**

- A. The Boss
- B. Jim
- C. Captain
- D. The Good Boy

**5. How many full time staff currently work at camp?**

- A. Three
- B. Six
- C. Five
- D. Four

**6. The current office on camp used to serve as the**

- A. It was always an office
- B. Camp Store
- C. Cabin 12
- D. Infirmary

**7. How many total campers attend camp in a sold out session?**

- A. 200
- B. 158
- C. 176
- D. 133

**8. How many acres of Stokes State Forest does camp reside on?**

- A. 121
- B. 133
- C. 212
- D. 108



# STAFF CHECK INS

Each issue we will also feature 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 the Fall!



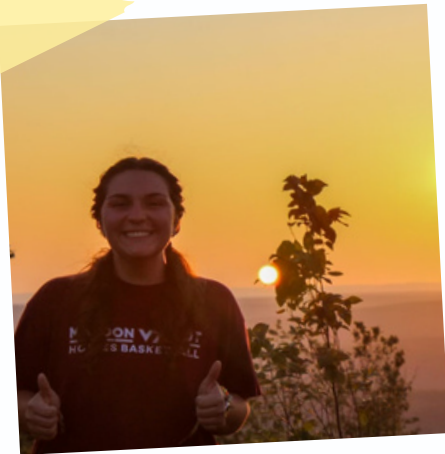
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## Robyn Svercauski

Hello! My name is Robyn and I am a former camper, counselor, and coordinator! I currently live in South Carolina and miss our home away from home every fall. One of the things I do to bring summer camp into fall with me is by creating a memory box with all of my favorite things from summer camp! A shoe box or Amazon box works perfectly to keep photos, friendship bracelets, and even some rocks and leaves! I can look through my memory box whenever I miss camp to put a smile on my face!

## Heather Murphy

Hi! I'm Heather and this will be my second summer on staff but I've been coming to camp since 2012! Camp is truly my happy place and I can't wait for next summer. I've been spending my fall in Blacksburg, Virginia going to school and trying to soak up every last bit of warm weather before the winter. I've been hiking a ton of the beautiful trails around here and bombarding my friends with camp memories every time I do! My advice for keeping the camp vibes alive is to find some simple goofy camp activity from camp that made you happy and introduce it to the people around you. I know for me that has been bothering everyone I know to play bananagrams with me. I also have photos and warm and fuzzies hung up on my wall that I always look at and smile because they remind me of my summertime camp family.



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## Mechu Lippert

Hey there! Right now, I'm nestled deep in the woods, and the frosty mornings are taking me back to the peacefulness of our lake-side mornings. But don't fret! I have a secret too! During school, I put my preschoolers to work by belting out camp songs. Watching a tiny 3-year-old go all-out on "Little Red Wagon" is like a warm hug for my heart. And, if I get desperate enough, camp is only 15 minutes away, so I can go give my favorite pup a scratch at a moment's notice.



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# STAYING IN TOUCH

## Submit an entry to Vesper Voices

Future issues will also include an open submission section. 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](#).

## Staff Check Ins

If you would be interested in being featured as one of our staff on our staff check-ins sections, please reach out, or fill out [this form](#).

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## Legends of Lindley Answer Key

### Crossword

Across:

4. Infirmary
6. Office
9. Cabins
10. DiningHall
11. RecHall

Down:

1. Waterfront
2. VespersIsland
3. MaintenanceShop
5. Amphitheatre

### Camp Trivia

1. 1951
2. Three
3. Nip and Tuck
4. Captain

5. Five
6. Infirmary
7. 176
8. 108

## Photo of the Fall



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