



CHATAGRAM

OCTOBER 2024

Dear Camp Chateaugay Families,

After an incredible summer Ashley, Charlie, Olivia and I are back in Brooklyn. Ashley is studying hard for an additional certification to bolster her psychotherapy practice while the girls are back in school and staying busy with dance, gymnastics, flag football, and basketball. We are also in the hunt for a four legged family member... we will be adopting a dog! We haven't found the right pooch yet, but we are getting close. The fall always feels like a great time to reflect on the magic of camp and get excited for what's to come.

As we prepare for Summer 2025, I'm excited to welcome you to our October 2024 Chatagram Newsletter! In this issue, we're thrilled to share several exciting updates that will enhance both the camper and parent experience in the coming year. First, we're introducing significant upgrades to the Parent Dashboard, including use of the "Campanion" app brought to you by Campminder. This new tool will streamline communication and make it easier for you to stay connected with your camper(s) throughout the summer.

As part of our commitment to providing the best possible environment for your children, we'd like to highlight recent improvements to our camp facilities. In addition, we'll be sharing details about our partnership with ShipCamps, offering cost-saving solutions to help make shipping luggage to camp more convenient and affordable. Blane has been busy with staff hiring, Blair with following up with our camp families and Candi is keeping the office running like a finely tuned engine.

One of the most exciting updates is that our team will be traveling across the country in the coming months to visit current camp families and meet prospective new families. These visits are a great opportunity to reconnect, share updates about camp, and introduce future campers to the Camp Chateaugay experience.

There's so much to look forward to as we prepare for another unforgettable summer. I am pleased to announce that our re-enrollment for next summer is the strongest it has ever been! We're grateful for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mitch Goldman
Director, Camp Chateaugay

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025

Please note the Camp Chateaugay Summer 2025 events on your calendars:

- June 26, 2025** - Opening Day for 1st Session
- July 18, 2025** - Theatre/Dance/Gymnastic Shows at 7:00 pm
- July 19, 2025** - Visiting Day - between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm
- July 20, 2025** - Opening Day for 2nd Session
- August 2, 2025** - Rookie Day - between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm
(Prospective campers experience a full day of camp in action!)
- August 12, 2025** - Campers depart at the conclusion of the Summer 2025

LAUNCHING - CIT PROGRAM : COSTA RICA

We are thrilled to announce that the CIT Costa Rica Program has reached the required amount of campers enrolled, so we are officially set to take off this summer! Activities range from rafting on the Pacuare River, visits to a coffee plantation, local sustainable farms and markets, zip lining in the Arenal National Park, kayaking on Arenal Lake, community volunteer activities involving local students, exploring the native aboriginal territory, the Maleku, and much more! Now that the trip is fully in motion, the more individuals that enroll will help bring the cost down per person. For every group of 6 campers that enroll, it will reduce the total price! So if your camper wants to participate in this exciting program [enroll now](#) or [contact Blair](#) directly for all of the specifics.



CHATEAUGAY ON TOUR

Camp Chateaugay is hitting the road! Our camp team will be traveling to different locations across the country to reconnect with our amazing camp families and to meet new families, their friends and siblings interested in learning more about Camp Chateaugay. We will be traveling all throughout the year, so this is a great opportunity for us to meet one-on-one and chat about all things camp, from traditions to activities and everything in between. If you have friends or family who might be interested, please let us know—we'd love to meet them! We'll be sharing more details and dates soon, but for now, we're excited to reveal the cities we'll be heading to! Stay tuned!

- Washington, D.C.
- Los Angeles
- New York
- South Florida
- Montreal
- Rochester

MORE NEWS...



COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Parents often ask about the capital improvements we make at camp. The fact is that we're always working behind the scenes to ensure our facilities remain top-notch for our campers and staff. This past season, we made several key upgrades to enhance the overall camp experience—many of which go unnoticed but are critical to our infrastructure. Here are a list of improvements that happened prior to Summer of 2024:

- The resurfacing of 5 tennis courts with Action Pave Acrylic Coating and armor crack repair, ensuring a safe and high-quality playing surface for our tennis enthusiasts.
- A new, state of the art pool filtration system delivering crystal-clear water, maintaining perfect chemical balance for a healthier swim, and extends the longevity of the pool's structure.
- We replaced the roofs on the Big House, Pillbox, and several cabins, with plans to update the remaining bunks over the next few years.
- We added four new staff housing quarters, helping us better accommodate our growing team.
- The Big House received a new hot water heater, a new stove and range, and an electrical upgrade to the wiring in the dining hall to better support camp operations.
- Enhanced landscaping, boosted the beauty and functionality of our outdoor spaces including new signage, making it easier for campers and families to navigate camp while fostering a sense of pride in our surroundings.

These investments reflect our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving Camp Chateaugay's facilities, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for your campers. We take pride in putting resources back into camp to make it the best it can be!

CHATEAUGAY PARENT FOCUS GROUP

In the spirit of continuous improvement, we've hired **Immersive 1st.** to provide an independent focus group to our camp families. Keep on the lookout for an invite to a virtual focus group on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30pm. It's a fun and fast-paced hour where they'll chat about what you love about Camp Chateaugay and explore ways to make it even better.

PARENT DASHBOARD UPGRADE - CAMPMINDER!

We're excited to announce that we're transitioning to a new cloud-based camp management platform, Campminder, for all registration, forms, financials, and communication. Campminder integrates seamlessly with our website, helping us run camp more efficiently so we can focus even more on creating amazing experiences for your campers. We're also thrilled to introduce the **Campanion** mobile app, which will connect parents to camp like never before, featuring facial recognition, photos, letters, and the convenience of mobile form submissions and balance payments. Our new system goes live on December 1st, 2024, and we can't wait for you to enjoy this streamlined approach to 2025!

STILL MORE NEWS...



LOGO DESIGN CONTEST!

We know our camp community is filled with creative individuals, so we are going to be launching special design contest to help us find a new emblem for Camp Chateaugay!

While we love our current logo, we invite our amazing community to get involved in creating another small symbol, icon, or emblem that captures the essence of who we are. This new design will live on through camp merchandise, stickers, hats, and all sorts of fun goodies. Whether you're a camper, staff, alumni, or parent, we'd love to see your creativity and ideas come to life. **This is your camper's chance to leave their mark on Chateaugay!** Please feel free to reach out to [Blair](#) with all questions and submissions—we can't wait to see your campers designs.

CAMPS WITH FRIENDS LATEST BLOG

Camp Chateaugay was recently featured in a fantastic blog post by "Camps with Friends," reflecting on the camp's winning formula and what makes it a standout experience for kids. The article dives into how Chateaugay creates lasting memories through its blend of outdoor adventures, independence-building activities, and a welcoming camp community that fosters lifelong friendships. The blog is a great read for anyone curious about the camp's unique benefits and why it's cherished by so many families. You can read the full article [here](#).

Additionally, you can check out a video interview between the founder of "Camps with Friends" and our very own director, Mitch, discussing what makes Camp Chateaugay special. Be sure to give it a watch using the link [here](#)!

PHOTO BOOK FROM SUMMER 2024

We are putting together a special photo book filled with all the unforgettable memories from Summer 2024! This book will be like a camp yearbook, capturing the spirit and excitement of this past summer. Inside, we'll showcase all the major events like Army Navy Day, Olympic Day, Short Order Breakfast, Banquet, and of course, all the cabin photos. It's the perfect way to look back on the amazing activities and moments your camper enjoyed with friends. To purchase a copy, please email [Blair](#).

FALL DISCOUNT

In the tradition of fall holiday savings, we are now offering a **FALL ENROLLMENT DISCOUNT** which gives 2.5% off camper tuition, until the end of November 2024! Enroll now to take advantage of this special offer before it goes away!

THINGS TO KNOW



"MUST READ" DOCUMENTS

As we prepare for another amazing summer, it's essential to review the [Camp Chateaugay Camper Handbook](#) and [Camper Conduct Guide](#). The Camper Handbook covers everything from travel details and packing lists to camp traditions and special days, while the Conduct Guide outlines the rules and guidelines that govern camper behavior, ensuring everyone's safety and enjoyment. Reviewing the Conduct Guide with your campers is a requirement, as it plays a key role in maintaining a positive camp environment. Both documents, available under the "Summer Prep" section of our website, are essential for a smooth and sensational camp experience. Please take the time to go over these important resources with your campers to help keep our camp vibes awesome.

UPDATES FROM SHIP CAMPS

We are excited to announce that we are once again partnering with Ship Camps for the 2025 season! Ship Camps has **lowered its pricing** for the upcoming season to make their services even more accessible. The new pricing will be available on their website starting **February 3, 2025**, and bookings can begin on or after that date. Ship Camps offers a convenient, door-to-door baggage service, simplifying the shipping process for both parents and us at camp.

Shipments can be booked at <https://shipcamps.com/camp-chateaugay> or by calling Ship Camps at 855-540-2267.

FILL OUT OUR FEEDBACK FORM

As we reflect on another fantastic summer at Camp Chateaugay, we want to thank you for being an essential part of our camp community! Our feedback form for Summer 2024 is still live, and we invite you to share your thoughts by filling out the feedback [form here](#). Your direct feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to grow and improve. It helps us understand what we did well and where we can enhance the camp experience for everyone. Together, we can ensure that Camp Chateaugay remains a magical place for all our campers. Thank you for taking the time to contribute your insights!

ALUMNI GROUP

Stay Connected with camp and join our alumni Facebook group **["Chateaugay Alumni Meeting Place"](#)** to reconnect with former campers and counselors! Share memories, relive the best moments, and stay updated on upcoming events. Don't miss out —[join the fun today!](#)



REMINDERS...



2025 TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE

One of the secrets of success is being prepared, therefore we want to send you a friendly reminder about the 2024 tuition payment schedule:

- 50% of camper tuition is due by **January 15, 2025**.
- The remaining balance is due on **April 20, 2025**.

Candi will be sending out account statements at the last week of December to confirm/determine all payment arrangements. If you have any questions or concerns about your account balance, please don't hesitate to reach out to her. You can reach her at candace@chateaugay.com.

REFERRAL PROGRAM

At Camp Chateaugay, we believe that the best memories are made when shared with friends, old and new. That's why we're thrilled to offer a great Referral Program, designed to help our cherished camper families and esteemed alumni. Invite the spirit of adventure into the lives of your loved ones by referring them to the magic of Camp Chateaugay. Whether it's introducing a new camper to the joys of lakefront activities or recommending a potential staff member who embodies our values, your referrals can now become a legacy of lifelong friendships and unforgettable experiences.

How it Works: When any families enroll, just make sure they put your family's name down as a referral, and we will handle the rest!

Rewards Await: As a token of our appreciation, we've crafted a special reward system for our dedicated referrers. From exclusive Camp Chateaugay gear to discounts on future camp sessions, your support doesn't go unnoticed. Please feel free to reach out to our co director, [Blane](#) to learn more.

GET YOUR CHATEAUGAY SWAG AT BUNKLINE

[Bunkline Outfitters](#) is the company that provides our Camp Chateaugay apparel and some gear. Your campers' camp t-shirt is on us, but any other gear like, sweats, hoodies and other great looking clothing is available at bunkline.com - just enter "Camp Chateaugay" at the CHOOSE YOUR CAMP prompt. Don't miss out on the chance to showcase your Camp Chateaugay pride with high-quality swag that embodies the spirit of our incredible community.



CAMP CORNER



Charlie Z, Carter Z, Austin H, and Declan H all met up for a reunion in NYC.



A mini Wilderness boys reunion in NYC.



A Chateaugay wedding! Gabby R, a longtime Chateaugay camper, and Mat E met while working as counselors in the summer of 2015. They tied the knot this September surrounded by lots of Chateaugay alum.



Lots of fun in Edinburgh as our former and current staff members Jason, Pit, Rory, Anroe, Conor, and Jack enjoyed a reunion.



Ariela G and Liv B celebrating Liv's Bat Mitzvah in Boca Raton, FL. Mazel tov, Liv!

ENROLLED FOR 2025



"WE WELCOME YOU TO CHATEAUGAY...
...WE'RE MIGHTY GLAD YOU ARE HERE!"

Béatrice Albelo
Arno Alexis
Sebastian Bahme-Alvarez
Maria Anglano
Amelia Baird
Oliver Baird
Noah Banning
Layla Barza
Gael Benedick-Apelbaum
Alexis Berall
Amelie Beraznik
Jasper Bertrand
Ludivine Bessin
Sydney Blatt
Zoe Bollore
Liv Bourak
Nadiya Brown
Kate Cammermans
Miriam Chandler
Parker Chandler
Caroline Clough
Oliver Cohen
Abigail Conlee
Henry Conlee
Dylan Craig
Noah Craig
Casey Craighead
Sarah Craighead
Katherine Denault-Strohl
Mauli Desai
Sam Desai
Andi Ditkofsky
Jacob Dolev
Noa Dolev
Andrew Doran
Henry Doran
Miles Doran
Jacob Dorenfeld

Matilda Erkman
Otto Erkman
Archer Fenton
Jasper Fenton
Matthew Fernald
Nathan Fernald
Miriam Formariz
Zoe Forshpan
Charlotte Granatstein
Ariela Guttman
Ilanit Guttman
Maren Hall
Paige Hall
Jude Hanley
Austin Heric
Declan Heric
Aryeh Issenman
Gabby Issenman
Decker Jankoff
Benjamin Johnson
Victoire Jurien
Dean Kamenitz
Gabby Kappy
June Katoku
Jasper Kirchner
Kayla Kislak
Lila Kodeck
Rhea Koenig
Eli Korenblit
Alexander Korn
Mia Korn
Robyn Kramer
Seth Kramer
Jordan Landau
Aria Lapidus
Aiden Last
Come Le Menestrel

Edgar Le Menestrel
Carly Leiboh
Ella Leiboh
Nathaniel Lerner
Ariele Liberman
Lila Liberman
Sophia Lippman
Natalie Lovenheim
Isla Lubell
Donya Mafi
Remi Malzman
Alyssa Mansueto
Spencer Merovitz
Taylor Merovitz
Allie Messer
Gabriela Messer
Ruby Mulvena
Samuel Mulvena
Mark Nudler
Ella O'Leary
Bodie Osur
Lila Osur
Oliver Oza
Theodore Oza
Alex Papish
Emma Papish
Alex Pellegrino
Jacob Pellegrino
Bryce Perham
Jojo Perham
Blake Pinchuk
Harper Pinchuk
Archer Pontano
Simon Pontano
Lillian Raiten
Owen Raiten
Cammy Rapp

Jade Rapp
Martin Ruiz
Noah Saitowitz
Parker Saitowitz
Noah Sayer
Charlotte Schayowitz
Aaron Schuchman
Isaac Schuchman
Griffin Schupp
Dylan Schwab
Sadie Schwab
Naomi Schwartz
Nathan Schwartz
Jack Segel
Mason Sheckman
Elliot Shuker
Simon Shuker
Sofia Simpfendorfer
Anna Stanek
Oscar Stanek
Asher Sterling
Oliver Sterling
Amy Stern
Cameron Sullivan
Izzy Tessler
Talia Todd
Arianna Trost
Vivian Vandroff
Luca Vasserman
Hiram Vera
Sacha Vogel
Aiden Wancjer
Zac Wancjer
Chase Wedderburn-Maxwell
Carson Weinberg
Carter Zald
Charlie Zald

CAMPER BIRTHDAYS



**"KINGS AND QUEENS AND BISHOPS TOO...
...WANT TO WISH THE BEST TO YOU!!!"**

August

Amelia Acevedo
Noah Banning
Sophia Cintron
Oliver Cohen
Henry Conlee
Jacob Dolev
Henry Doran
Hanna Dorsey
Travis Dorsey
Adam Gospin
Jacob Gospin
Alison Hatton
Bear Hogan
Robyn Kramer
Oliver LeCompte
Ariele Liberman
Lila Osur
Liam Patnode-Smith
Gannon Pelkey
Joey Sash
Noah Sayer
Naomi Schwartz
Simon Shuker
Asher Sterling
Kai Wedge
Charlie Zald

September

Addison Barrett
Dahlia Beraznik
Leo Bernstein
Ludivine Bessin
Zoé Bollore
Liv Bourak
Maite Cattaneo
Noa Dolev
Charlie Farkas
Marta Gil-Turner
Ariela Guttman
Jeronimo Leon De La Barra
Priyah Martinez
Everdean Moskovic
Cayden Nelson
Bodie Osur
Cooper Parent
Emmett Pilgrim
Julia Richter
Mason Sheckman
Cameron Sullivan
Madison Thomas
Makayla Thomas
Alexandra Westfeldt
Samantha Westfeldt
Sheldon Yu
Sarah Yufe
Fenway Zaret

October

Arno Alexis
Melissa Berall
Lily Burak
Jaime Capela
Andi Ditkofsky
Miriam Formariz
Zoe Forshpan
Sofia Gil-Turner
Avery Kuklin
Emma Papish
Graydon Penner
Cammy Rapp
Parker Saitowitz
Hans Scotford
Mia Stern
Benjamin Szklaruk
Tabatha Tuman
Mateo Walsh
Carson Weinberg
Carter Zald

**"WISH DAY, WASH DAY,
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
BIRTHDAY?
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
YOU!"**

To keep us updated with all of your news, message us on Instagram, Tik Tok or Facebook and our social media team will get right back to you!



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