

Dear Camp Chateaugay Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with excitement for the summer ahead! Here in New York, winter is in full force—camp just received a foot of fresh snow on Tuesday! Yet, even as our grounds sparkle under their white blanket, we can feel the warmth of summer drawing closer. We're delighted to share our January 2025 Chatagram, packed with exciting updates about the upcoming season.

Inside this edition, you'll discover several wonderful developments:

We're elevating our camp gear experience through a new partnership with Everything Camper. Their stylish, Chateaugay merchandise and user-friendly shopping platform will make outfitting for summer a breeze!

Our outstanding staff lineup continues to grow, and we're especially excited to introduce you to both a dynamic new team member and one of our beloved returning staff members. Their combined fresh energy and seasoned experience exemplify the perfect blend that makes Camp Chateaugay so special.

We're also hitting the road! This winter, we'll be traveling to select cities across North America and Europe. While we're thrilled to reconnect with our current camp families during these visits, we're equally excited to welcome prospective new families interested in joining our cherished community.

On a personal note, my family has grown by one four legged member! Ashley, Charlie, Olivia, and I are overjoyed to introduce Rosie, our playful Mini Aussie Doodle puppy. She's already brought tremendous joy to our lives and is eagerly preparing for her first summer at camp. We know she'll quickly become a beloved member of the Chateaugay family.

Please take time to explore this edition of the Chatagram thoroughly—there are many more wonderful updates and chock full of useful details that will make your camp preparation more fun. As always, we're grateful to have you as part of our Camp Chateaugay family and can't wait to see you and your campers this summer.

Warmly,

Mitch Goldman Director



CHATEAUGAY NEWS Chat

OUR NEW PARENT & STAFF DASHBOARD IS LIVE!

We're excited to officially unveil our new parent & staff dashboard, CampInTouch! This upgraded platform is here to replace last summer's system (Campsite), providing a seamless and user-friendly experience for all your camp needs. With CampInTouch, you'll have one centralized location to handle:

- Registration
- Forms & Documents
- Financials
- Camp Communication

We'll be sending out an introductory email in the coming days with all the details on how to log in and set up your new account.

In addition to the online platform, every family will also gain access to **Campanion**, a mobile app which will connect parents to camp like never before from the convenience of a smartphone. Featuring facial recognition, photos, letters, and the convenience of mobile form submissions and balance payments, Campanion will take summer prep to the next level. Staff will also be able to complete all of their forms online, e-sign & upload documents right on the app as well.

We're confident this system will make preparing for camp easier and more efficient than ever. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Blair—our team is here to help.

INTRODUCING EVERYTHING CAMPER

As of this January, we are excited to officially introduce our new camp outfitter - Everything Camper. Everything Camper has been successfully supplying summer camps with their required clothing and accessories for over 15 years, and intend to be an extension of our camp to help get all campers ready for 2025. They combine a great variety of offerings with excellence in customer support to make sure every customer gets everything they need and want for camp on time.

Everything Camper also offers virtual shopping appointments to help camp families get prepped for the summer. Their camp shopping specialists will help you navigate the new website and guide you through the Chateaugay packing list. From required items, bedding, duffle bags, labeling and more, they offer the ultimate camp shopping experience.

Together we are finalizing all the new Chateaugay merch that will be up on their site in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned for an email from them once the store is officially up and running, as we cannot wait for you to see all the amazing new designs their team has come up with.

MORE NEWS...



CHATEAUGAY ROAD SHOW

We're thrilled to announce our *Chateaugay on Tour* road show! This winter, our team will be traveling across North America and Europe to reconnect with current camp families and meet new prospective campers. We'll be hosting fun, interactive events in several cities, and we'd love to see you there!

Here's where you can find us:

- Monaco Wednesday, January 29
- Paris, France Friday, January 31st to February 4th
- South Florida Saturday, February 8th
- New York City Wednesday, February 12th
- Los Angeles Saturday, March 1st
- Montreal Thursday, March 20th

Whether you're a long-time member of the Chateaugay family or new to the community, join us to share stories, ask questions, and experience the magic of camp. If you'd like to link up with Blane while he's in Europe, drop him an <u>email</u>. Stay tuned for more details about each event, and be sure to RSVP once registration opens.

If you'd be interested in meeting up with us but your city is not listed above, let us know! We're always looking to connect with more families, and broaden the Chateaugay community. We can't wait to see you on the road!

UPDATES TO OUR NEW COOKING PROGRAM

We are super excited to have Kat Castano returning for as our Cooking Director. Last summer she created a program focused on food from around the world, and this summer she has come up with a brand new theme - Holiday and Celebrations Around the World! Here's a description directly from Kat about what we can expect:

It's fascinating how, despite our differences, we're all united by the joy of celebrations. Whether it's the colorful Día de los Muertos in Mexico, the vibrant Chinese New Year, or the excitement of the Super Bowl in the USA, we all have special traditions that bring us together.

And while we can't be in multiple places at once, we can embark on cultural adventures through our taste buds! What better way to explore new worlds than by savoring their unique flavors, textures, and traditions?

This summer our cooking program in the ABC (Aurora Borealis Creamery) is all about celebrating global festivities through fun and delicious dishes. We can't wait to share this culinary journey with you! And if you're already missing our happy place, Camp Chateaugay, our <u>2024 recipe book (linked here)</u> has plenty of goodies, including the famous chocolate chip cookie recipe from camp.

STILL MORE NEWS...



<u>STAFF SPOTLIGHT</u>

Meet the incredible individuals who make camp unforgettable! In this edition, we're highlighting two amazing team members for 2025—one a familiar face returning for another summer of fun, and the other a fresh new addition ready to dive into the Chateaugay spirit. Let's get to know them!



"Hey all. Rowan here from South Africa. I'm super excited to be returning back to camp for my 3rd summer, where I'll be taking on the role of Evening Activity Coordinator again for summer 2025. I'm really looking forward to another summer of connecting with all the staff and campers, and making some more awesome memories with everyone. And I can't wait to be immersed into that beautiful scenery and nature that makes camp so special. See you all soon - Summer 2025, the time to be alive."



"Hi, my name is Christina. I'm a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and currently work in public education. I've been a BCBA for 8 years and have worked in public education for 10 years. I'm passionate about advocacy and dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the individuals I serve by teaching meaningful skills that promote independence and growth. I also love supporting staff by teaching them how to empower students, helping them reach their fullest potential. Outside of work, I'm a wife and mom to two amazing kids!

I'm so excited to join Camp Chateaugay as our Behavior Specialist! I'm looking forward to connecting, learning, and collaborating with everyone to empower the campers! Summer camp provides an incredible opportunity for growth by fostering independence, building social connections, and creating lifelong memories in a supportive and fun environment. I can't wait to contribute to this experience and help campers develop skills they'll carry with them far beyond the summer."

TRAVEL TO CAMP

It's that time of year when we start planning transportation for the Summer 2025 season! We're in the process of booking our chaperoned flights, which will be confirmed by late February to early March. This summer, we're excited to offer chaperoned flights for routes to and from LAX, FLL, IAD, and YUL. Please note that for flights landing in Canada, a valid passport is required as an essential travel document.

In addition to flights, we also offer bus transportation from several convenient locations, including NYC, White Plains, Palisades, Montreal, Philadelphia and Albany. We encourage you to start thinking about the best option for your camper, and we'll be sharing more details as they're finalized.

CIT PROGRAM : COSTA RICA

As a reminder, our CIT Costa Rica Program is officially set to take off this summer! We already have 9 campers enrolled, but there's still time for more to join them on their adventure. 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 with 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 <u>enroll now</u> or <u>contact</u> Blair directly for all of the specifics.



One of the secrets of success is being prepared, therefore we want to send you a friendly reminder about the 2025 tuition payment schedule:

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

Candi has already sent out all invoices for January Billing. Please reach out to her with any questions regarding your account at either candace@chateaugay.com or call/text (518) 651 7785

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

<u>"MUST READ" DOCUMENTS</u>

As we prepare for another amazing summer, it's essential to review the <u>Camp Chateaugay Camper</u> <u>Handbook</u> and <u>Camper Conduct Guide</u>. 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.

SHIP YOUR LUGGAGE WITH SHIP CAMPS

We are excited to bring back our trusted partner, Ship Camps, to get your camper's baggage to and from camp for the 2025 season! Ship Camps offers a convenient, door-to-door baggage service, simplifying the shipping process for parents, staff, and us at camp.

This year, they are offering round options at just \$99 per bag. All you have to do is pack your bags and they'll handle the rest! Baggage registration opens on **February 3rd, 2025** and all shipments are recommended to be booked <u>by or before</u> April 15th, which helps us and Ship Camps with Planning.

You can register your bags at <u>https://shipcamps.com/camp-chateaugay</u> or by calling Ship Camps at (855)-540-2267.

REMINDERS...



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, <u>Blane</u> to learn more.

ALUMNI GROUP

Stay Connected with camp and join our alumni Facebook group <u>"Chateaugay Alumni Meeting</u> <u>Place"</u> 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!

SUPPORT THE CHATEAUGAY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Camp Chateaugay Scholarship Fund is all about making sure every child has the chance to experience the magic of camp—building friendships, learning new skills, and creating memories that last a lifetime. Through generous donations, we've been able to provide financial assistance to campers who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Want to help keep the spirit of camp alive for the next generation? Donations of any size make a big difference. If you're interested in contributing, sponsoring a camper, or learning more, visit <u>www.chateaugay.com/alumni/</u>.

Looking to get more involved? We're also seeking volunteers with experience as accountants, lawyers (U.S.-based), or web design to help support the foundation. If that sounds like you—or someone you know—please reach out to <u>Mitch</u>. Together, we can ensure that camp continues to be a place where everyone belongs!

PHOTO BOOK FROM SUMMER 2024

We are putting together a special photo book filled with all the unforgettable memories from Summer 2024! This book showcases all the major events like Army Navy Day, Olympic Day, Short Order Breakfast, Banquet, and 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 <u>Blair</u>.

CAMP CORNER





Congratulations to co-director Blane who got married to his partner Marc! Can you name all these Chateaugay Alum in this wedding photo? First one to email Blair with everyone's name will win a brand new merch item from Everything Camper.



Ella L loves her new camp merch! She and her sister Carly share the love of Camp Chateaugay, just like their mom Rachel who is a Chateaugay alumnus!



Amy S celebrated her Bat Mitzvah with bunkmates Aylah L and Hanna D. Mazel Tov Amy!



Climbing Director, Itzel, also got married surrounded by lots of members of our loving Chateaugay family.





Head Counselor, Lauren spent her NYE watching the ball drop in Times Square!



Zac W and Aiden W had a chance to visit camp in December.

Thanks to Candi for this photo of A&C in the snow!

ENROLLED FOR 2025 Chateauque

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

Béatrice Albelo Arno Alexis Maria Anglano Ava Armstrong Sebastian Armstrong Carlota Armstrong Romero Rominna Armstrong Romero Sebastian Bahme-Alvarez Amelia Baird Oliver Baird Noah Banning Gael Benedick- Apelbaum Alexis Berall Amelie Beraznik Lola Bergareche Luis Bergareche Jasper Bertrand Ludivine Bessin Sydney Blatt Zoé Bollore Liv Bourak Nadiya Brown Kate Cammermans Ignacio Capela Jaime Capela Miriam Chandler Parker Chandler Regina Cienfuegos Todd 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 Jacob Dolman Andrew Doran Henry Doran Miles Doran Jacob Dorenfeld Genevieve Elson

Oliver Elson Matilda Erkman Otto Erkman Archer Fenton lasper Fenton Matthew Fernald Nathan Fernald **Miriam Formariz** Zoe Forshpan Abby Garrett Ryan Garrett Melody Gelch Madeleine Gerard Ines Gimenez Izzy Ginsburg Marty Ginsburg Fli Golden Ethan Golden Gabriella Gonzalez Charlotte Granatstein Lazer Grover-Scher Ariela Guttman Ilanit Guttman Maren Hall Paige Hall Jude Hanley Austin Heric Declan Heric Arveh Issenman Gabby Issenman Decker Jankoff Benjamin Johnson Dean Kamenitz Gabriella Kappy June Katoku **Beatrice Kim** Sebastian Kim Jasper Kirchner Julia Kislak Kayla Kislak Spencer Klugman Lila Kodeck Rhea Koenig Eli Korenblit Alexander Korn Mia Korn Robyn Kramer Seth Kramer

Jordan Landau Aria Lapidus Aiden Last Leandro Lavallade Lise Lavallade Côme 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 Lane Mannix Maren Mannix Alyssa Mansueto Victoire Massias Jurien de la Gravière Spencer Merovitz **Taylor Merovitz** Allie Messer Gabriela Messer Samuel Mulvena Mark Nudler Ella O'Leary Bodie Osur Lila Osur Oliver Oza Theodore Oza Alex Papish Emma Papish Alex Pellegrino Jacob Pellegrino Verity Penner Bryce Perham Josephina Perham **Barthélémy Pierlot Emmett Pilgrim** Blake Pinchuk Harper Pinchuk Archer Pontano Julian Pontano Simon Pontano Lillian Raiten **Owen Raiten**

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CAMPER BIRTHDAYS Chateaugan

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

<u>November</u>

Ava Armstrong Amelia Baird **Jasper Bertrand** Julia Blackman Sydney Blatt Caroline Clough Otto Erkman Andrew Fargis Luca Gelbard Roman Gelbard Madeleine Gerard Isabel Ginsburg Eli Golden Ilanit Guttman Declan Heric Benjamin Johnson Alexander Korn Remi Malzman Alyssa Mansueto Madison Mcgrath Gabriela Messer **Ruby Mulvena** Theodore Oza Oliver Oza Verity Penner **Julian Pontano** Emma Roloff Jack Segel Lidia Souto Anna Stanek Natan Vidal Eli Weinberg Merrit Willford

December

Maria Anglano Sebastian Armstrong Lola Bergareche **Gwyneth Campbell** Miriam Chandler Parker Chandler **Ryder Cummings** Ana de Ovando Leon de la Barra Maren Hall Lucy Hughes Arielle Korenblit Spencer Klugman Aiden Last Edgar Le Menestrel Lila Liberman Natalie Lovenheim Ziva Marcal Maren Mannix **Taylor Merovitz Daniel Messer** Ella O'Leary Alex Papish Martin Ruiz **Daryl Seymour** Ben Socran Charlotte Schavowitz Isaac Schuchman **Oliver Sterling** Amy Stern Manuel Tamayo Izzy Tessler Arianna Trost Chase Wedderburn-Maxwell

January

Gael Benedick- Apelbaum Elliot Blackman Cora-Kaya Carosella **Fin Fennessey** Abby Garrett Ines Gimenez Ethan Golden Lorenzo Gomez Paige Hall Jude Hanley Maia Sofia Hernandez Harvey Humiston **Morris Humiston** Nicolas Hurtado Salamanca Aryeh Issenman Sebastian Kim Julia Kislak **Brian Lartin** Ella Leiboh Avlah Levine Allie Messer Ella Noik Jacob Pellegrino **Barthélémy Pierlot Constance** Pierlot **Cooper Tager** Vivian Vandroff Arlowe Willford

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

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