

Bethel Camp for the Arts

Kaleidoscope

Wishing You Were Here

What's everyone been up to?

There's no doubt that friendships are what make camp so special. We asked returning campers what they are most looking forward to at camp this summer, and about 95 percent said seeing old friends and making new ones!

If you're a first time camper, being surrounded by so many new people can be scary and exciting at the same time. However, just remember that everyone around you is either experiencing the same feelings (if they're new to camp, too), or they have in the past (if they're a returning camper).

Instead of worrying about whether or not you'll make friends, dig deep inside for your best attitude and focus on learning something new every day—about yourself, about the other kids, about the counselors, and about your activities. If you do this, you'll find that the friendships just fall into place.

Camper News:

We've done some investigating about returning campers to find out what they've been up to this past year. Here's the scoop:

Talia Robinson played on her school's JV girls' field hockey team, got the role of a towns-person in "The Crucible," and participated in "Les Miserables" as the understudy to Eponine and part of the overall cast (chorus). Talia has had

opportunities to perform scores from the play at a couple successful fund raising events. She is very excited to be returning to camp this year!

DOYLES: Caitlin and Zachary were in a production of "Seussical the Musical." Caitlin played a hunter of Horton, and Zachary joined the crew, working spotlights. They can't wait to get back to Bethel! Caitlin is especially looking forward to seeing friends and Zachary is looking forward to evening activities.

Elizabeth Hanlon is being inducted into the Century Club at Hingham High School, honoring her academic achievement. She's especially proud of winning two band awards: Outstanding Freshman Contributor and Overall Outstanding Contribution.

Theorins: Kurtis was in two school plays, "Dearly Departed" and "The Vermillion Midnight." He also attended the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, DC this spring.

Nik and Kris both got straight A's again this year, and they are enjoying being in a dodge ball league! They are all looking forward to camp again this summer!

Hannah Doughty went on a 14-day trip to China with a school group. They visited Tianamen Square, Temple of Heaven, Forbidden City, Dirt Market, Silk Market, The Great Wall and many other interesting and special sites. Hannah got a kick out of people asking to have their photo taken with the "very blonde American girl!"

Hayley Scanlon competed in 2 dance competitions, completed the Timberkids triathlon in NH, and performed in the

children's choir Reagle Players' performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," starring Ayla Brown, American Idol semi-finalist. She has also achieved award-level status in CTY, and received a solo in her winter chorus concert.

Oliver Ellis had a watercolor painting displayed at the Portland Museum of Art's Youth Month exhibit, receiving an award for his achievement! He also had a piece in the citywide event at Portland City Hall for the 5th year in a row!

Dhamodhorans: Elise began high school this year, playing on the basketball and tennis teams. Ethan has played lots of sports and continues to play the violin. Their family took a vacation to Sedona, AZ, traveled to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, and enjoyed a balloon ride.

Molly Yorkes will be returning to Camp for 4 weeks again this summer! She is excited about seeing all of her friends from last year as well as meeting the new campers! She is looking forward to jewelry design, pottery, hip-hop and theatre tech the most!

Kaylie Abner has been counting the days to camp since she left last year! In the meantime she has been busy with school and all her activities. She had one of her art pieces featured in a show at the Mass. College of Art, which was featured works selected by art teachers.

Alexandra Barea had an exciting year. Her swim team moved into a more competitive division and did well, coming in 3rd place. She finally became a citizen this year! She's applied to a gifted middle

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Bethel Camp for the Arts Mission Statement:

To provide a non-competitive, nurturing environment in which children can explore and enjoy a balance of fine and performing arts, technology, enrichment activities and individual/lifetime sports as part of a small, inclusive community.

Our approach to the camp experience:

We are a non-traditional camp with no team sports or color war. Campers create their own schedules, choosing from a wide variety of activities. At Bethel Camp for the Arts, we are committed to offering the highest quality program, staff and facility. We welcome all children to join us and celebrate being who they are!

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school focusing on singing and drama. Alexandra is looking forward to swimming in the lake (at kayaking) and meeting new friends at camp.

Whitney Matias was accepted to Gould Academy for the 2008-2009 school year. She first became interested in Gould at Bethel Camp when she became familiar with the facilities and some of the activities and faculty at the school.

Finn Haney is looking forward to camp, especially the ultimate Frisbee games and seeing everyone. He discovered the joys of snowboarding over the winter (he's HOOKED), another new favorite sport: lacrosse. He's been writing a lot of poetry during the school year, too. By the time you see him, he'll be sporting a mouthful of metal☺

Abby Visco is just finishing up her first year of lacrosse, and she's really looking forward to Cathi DiCocco's cooking classes again this summer!

Ellisons: Lenora kept busy this winter by selling Girl Scout cookies--she reached a whopping 1000 boxes--rewarded with her own iPod. She had a wonderful trip to New York, visiting her Bethel roommate, Nina during April vacation. She enjoyed the Museum of Natural History and a shopping spree.

Lloyd is finishing 4th grade, and plays soccer and cello. He still loves to cook and garden, recently planting many tomato plants he started from seeds. If you dare, ask him about politics—he's passionate about the subject—and can tell you how many delegates each candidate currently has, even as the numbers change daily.

Glassners: Raquel is designing a line of t-shirts depicting her own Manga characters (actually she doodled them during school hours, but nobody is supposed to know that). She's looking forward to archery, MTV night and Karaoke.

Ben deeply regrets having lost his trademark water-fan spritzer! He is most looking forward to cooking, the Alpacas and the chickens. He misses the chickens so much he made a video called "Chickens the Ultimate Species" which can be viewed on YouTube.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eock-Ir8fo

Lizzy Litwack performed in the Indpls. Jr. Civic Theatre kids chorus of "Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and in the chorus of her 7th grade class's

"AIDA," in which she also directed two scenes. Currently, she's in rehearsal for the musical, "Alice in Wonderland." She had her Bat Mitzvah May 17th, chanting her Hebrew beautifully!

Sarah Hennessy was co-captain of the freshman volleyball team, which had the best season ever (13-2). Next, she became involved with the Speech and Debate Team, competing in the Extemporaneous Speaking category at numerous tournaments. She's looking forward to Creative Writing at Bethel Camp and seeing some familiar faces for one more great camp experience!

Ben Stevens is really looking forward to camp this year and seeing his friends. He's also excited about archery. He got good at it last year, and he can't wait to learn more!

Katie Maddox has been busy over the past year. She is in a Youth Honors Chorus and has performed in two concerts so far. A third is coming on June 7. She has also been taking piano and drum lessons, and is in a drama troupe. She's very much looking forward to returning to Bethel Camp for Session 2 this year.

Staff News:

Wonder what our returning staff members have been up to this past year?

Ryan McDonald moved to Canada to study at Dalhousie University. He's looking forward to seeing all the campers, and to see who can eat the most vegetables this year☺

Bethany Queior has settled into a new job and a new home in Somerville, Mass., but she can't wait to get back to Bethel for a month of sun and mountains, a dorm full of fun and interesting girls, and bright and early wake-up calls!

Shawna Lancaster has been busy working on her Master's Degree and her ESOL teaching certification. She's really looking forward to working with the chorus and singing silly songs in the dinning hall (has anyone seen Fred the moose lately?)!

Brant Wells has been producing and directing a network show for SunSports, and he recently won two Aurora Awards (International Production Company awards kinda like the Oscars for us)!

Kit McCann just graduated from Ohio

Wesleyan University and will be pursuing a graduate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. This past year she wrote, illustrated, and self-published her own 45-page children's book!

Jon Estey recently graduated from Swarthmore College with a BA in history, with honors. He's preparing to take a TEFL certification course and to search for teaching jobs abroad. He's looking forward to the zany creativity to be unleashed by our campers!

Ashley Hensel-Browning earned her Masters Degree at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and has been teaching dance in public schools throughout Cambridge and Boston. Her dance company ZoAsh Dance recently hosted a dance concert with choreographers from Boston, New York City, and Chicago and is currently planning another performance for New York City in August.

Becky Swan has had a busy year at Gould Academy. Her daughter is just finishing up as a freshman, and her son is graduating from Gould! She looks forward to seeing how returning campers have grown over the past year, and she can't wait to meet new campers and staff!

M-J White: tested and gained his Nidan rank in Cuong Nhu., which means he's a second degree black belt. He also graduated from UF with a degree in Elementary Education and completed a full-time internship in a third grade classroom.

NEW STAFF

THE CREAM OF THE CROP makes up the staff at Bethel Camp for the Arts.

Here are our latest additions:

- ◆ Jodi Cooper – Culinary Arts
- ◆ Andrew Walton – Dorms/tennis
- ◆ Sara Hemeon – Pottery
- ◆ Casey Bell – Dorms/Art/Video
- ◆ Drew Wendel – Dorms/Biking
- ◆ Kate Shults – Dorms/Video
- ◆ Michelle Fechter – Dorms
- ◆ Amanda Gross – Dorms/Art/Culinary Arts
- ◆ Cedar Rozzi – Dorms
- ◆ Zoe McDonnell – Dorms
- ◆ Lisande Picarde – Dorms
- ◆ Marisa DeSalvio – Dorms
- ◆ Caitlin Cavanagh – Dorms
- ◆ Kate Gibson – Dorms
- ◆ Sharikka FinleyMoise - Dorms