

Camp Wayne for Boys & Girls Est. 1921 Alumni Newsletter Fall 2024





LTR Second generation campers Ryder Ettinger (Nicki Barrow Ettinger), Sloane, Jack and Blake Barrow (Jordan Barrow)

### Alumni Reunion - Save the Date!

Our 105th Alumni Reunion is set for **September 6-7 2025**.

We're excited to announce that the Amish Outlaws will be back to rock the night away. A link to RSVP will be in the Spring 2025 Newsletter.



LTR: Second generation campers Lucas, Avery and Ben Towbin (Andrew Towbin)

### Summer 105 Here We Come!

They say time flies when you're having fun, and Summer 2024 at Camp Wayne certainly proved that to be true! Every summer at camp seems to have a theme, and 2024 was the "summer of the camper counselor." CWB had 33 former campers on our staff, with 19 at CWG. Overall, CWG had 59 former campers on staff. Between the camper counselors and the years of camp under the belts of our long-time senior and key staff, it was a battle of "whose glory days were better?" *all summer long*.

As always, we love to welcome our alumni back to camp to visit, and this summer was no exception! On Alumni Day, our former campers and staff had a great time picnicking with the campers, reliving old memories with friends, playing Kong Pong and basketball, and jumping on the water toys at the lake... what more could you ask?!

As we brave the cold and snow of the winter season, we can't help but think about summer nights around the campfires at Wayne. The new stone patio overlooking the Upper Twin Lake at CWB was a hit and provided campers and staff with an amazing space to connect and appreciate our natural environment. The fire pit burned bright all summer and kept us warm on chilly summer nights, while at CWG, the sounds of campfire songs and the alma filled the air under starry skies.

Our massive Dining Room and MADD 'facelift' project was finished just in time to start the '24 season at CWG. We completely rebuilt the dining room porch to better accommodate everyone and improve our priceless view of the lake. The dining room received new lighting, sound system, ceiling and a brand new, bigger, better salad bar.

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What's more, the MADD portion above the DRP was completely rebuilt with raised ceilings and massive windows to better utilize the light and airflow, completing phase 2 of the MADD workshop reno we started a few years back.

We are so excited to welcome many of you back to CW this September for our 105th Reunion...details to follow in the Spring newsletter. If you have any news or photos to share, please send them our way!

### Warmest Regards,

The Corpuel and Brown Families

## Alumni Buzz



UGs of '98 wishing all a peaceful and Happy New Year!



CWG alumni celebrating camper Arlo Simon's Bat Mitzvah in Seattle! If you were at Wayne in or around the early 1990s, you may recognize some of these former camper and staff faces.



Welcome Lily Quinn born 7/11/24. Congrats to CWG alum Dayna Bieber and Allie Lerner.

# **Camp Erin NYC**

Dear Camp Wayne,

Thanks to the generosity of CWG and CWB, grieving children and caregivers were again able to assemble in OUR home away from home. Our dedicated team of clinicians and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure a safe, supportive, and enriching experience for every camper. Being at CW enabled us to create a truly magical weekend of hope and healing, where children had the opportunity to honor their loved one, learn coping skills, and make friends with other children who understood what they were going through.

We witnessed laughter and tears, immediate breakthroughs, and seeds planted for future growth. Their willingness to try new things and share difficult stories and emotions was truly inspiring. Looking forward to 2025!



I'm thrilled to share some exciting news about the future of our camp...Our beloved grief camp is getting a fresh new look and name...Introducing Camp COPE!

Our mission remains the same, as we will continue to offer a caring, supportive, fun-filled weekend for children ages 7-17. Although we are changing our name, the heart of our camp remains focused on the well being of our campers, offering connection and support through a multifaceted program.

We're so excited about these changes and can't wait for Camp COPE 2025! If you know of any families who could benefit from Camp COPE, please have them contact me: Ann Fuchs <u>afuchs@copefoundation.org</u>. As always, my heartfelt thanks to our generous supporters and donors who make camp possible.

Warmly, Ann Fuchs Camp COPE Director



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