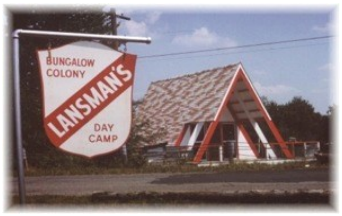
The Lansman's Ledger



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A Smooth Opening

Welcome back, Lansman's families! This first week of camp flew by but it was productive, safe, and certainly fun! After a long day of staff orientation last Sunday, counselors, CITs, and specialists met the campers at the Open House. On Monday, the children wasted no time literally running and jumping feet first into our broad array of activities. Thanks to our experienced staff (literally all of them are returning), there was almost no learning curve and this was, without a doubt, the smoothest opening I've seen in my many years of camp administration.

There are a few minor changes to our day this year intended to improve safety and organization. We have added a very brief line-up after lunch to make sure all counselors have collected returning on-colony campers who are reuniting with their groups. The buddy check system at the waterfront has been streamlined and standardized. The times and locations of certain activities have been scheduled with developmental appropriateness in mind.

The best part about the first week of summer is the unbounded joy that I see on everybody's faces. Camp has a natural tendency to make people happy, and I am glad to report that Lansman's is officially a "happy place!" Watching groups play together, sing together, or just sit together on the swings reminds me that the simplest things in life — like being outside with our friends — are still important the this fast-paced world in which we live.

First Moments of Camp!

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. I'm thrilled to work with your families… Here's to a wonderful summer ahead!

Scott M. Eckers

Upcoming Special Events

- *Monday will be the camp treasure hunt. Campers will use clues to find the hidden loot!*
- *Wednesday is the popular foam party.*
- *Next Friday will be the Hawaiian luau.*

Campers of the Week

N Beau Bailey, Rowan Motl

B1 Jacob Eckers

G1 Sari Shanberg

B2 Gavin Kaufman-Walker, Eli Shanberg

G2 Waverly Tough, Madison Ballard

B3 Zachary Kaufman-Walker, Zachary DeLoach

G4 Shaya Stein

B4 Zachary Markowitz, Anden Schiano

G5 Layla Hermann

B5 Jake Weiss, Eli Williams

When's My [Little] Kid Swimming?

We had many hot, humid days this week where many campers swam. I am happy to report that the pool will be heated next week, so morning instructional swim will be gloriously refreshing! On days their groups have instructional swim the first hour of the morning, it is easier to send your children to camp already wearing their bathing suits. Kindly send their dry camp clothes in their backpacks. Listed to the right is the schedule for next week's anticipated lower camp instructional swim. Please keep in mind that groups not listed here will have instructional swim later in the morning and will therefore change at camp.

Boys One
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Boys Two
Tuesday, Friday

Girls One
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Girls Two
Monday, Thursday

The Nursery group always swims after lunch.

Meet the Staff!

Nursery: Karen Waldman (nursery director), Arianna and Yuna (counselors), Maayan (CIT)

Boys 1: Zack and Lily (counselors), Leo (CIT)

Boys 2: Aiden and Anna (counselors, Charlie (CIT)

Boys 3: Justin and Jamin (counselors), Andre (CIT)

Boys 4: Edwin and Ben (counselors)

Boys 5: EJ (counselor) and Isaiah (counselor beginning 7/8)

Boys' Floater CIT: Xavier

Girls 1: Sammy W. and Lyndsey (counselors), Addison (CIT)

Girls 2: Flo and Annie (counselors), Leah (CIT)

Girls 4: Charlotte (counselor) and Camila (counselor beginning 7/8)

Girls 5: Sammi K. (counselor), Esther (exchange student counselor 7/5-7/23)

Pool: Tyler DuBois (waterfront director/Water Safety Instructor and lifeguard) and Elan Loewinger (Water Safety Instructor and lifeguard)

Art: Michelle Eis

Drama: Alexis Costa

Archery: Aiden, Anna, and Ben

Athletics: Will Young (athletics director, starting 7/8), David Deriel (assistant)

Health Director: Marina Pertsovsky

Camp Director: Scott Eckers

A Few Friendly Reminders

If you are **buying lunch** from the concession next week, please make sure to put your lunch orders in via ldclunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed at camp. Kindly check to see that your children are leaving their devices at home.

It is important to have **proper footwear** for camp activities. Everybody should be wearing closed-toed shoes like sneakers, which should be worn even when walking to the pool area before and after swim.

The **camp phone number** is (845) 434-8480. Please call the office directly if you need to pick up your child early or have any questions.

Campers should **always bring their bathing suits and towels** to camp, even if the morning looks rainy. It often clears up to become hot and sunny!

Campers who expressed interest in our **theatre program** have been cast in the camp play, which will be Friday, July 26 in the afternoon. More information will follow.

We are using the **Remind** app to send out timely notices about camp. If you have not already joined, please consider doing so at the following link:

www.remind.com/join/ldc2024

A Week Full of High-Energy Events

On Wednesday, Lansman's welcomed back its favorite family-friendly entertainer: Jester Jim! Far from simply a juggler, Jim infused his unique brand of humor and wit to thrill campers and counselors alike with his daring skills. (Kudos to EJ for being such a good sport.) The highlight of the show was the fire-juggling demonstration!

For Independence Day, Scott ran a patriotic sing-along contest. The counselors tried to finish the lyrics to some well-known American songs (to varying degrees of musical success) before it was the kids' turn to take the stage. The campers crowned Brayden in Boys 4 as the winner of the sing-along!

And Now, A Photo Collage

Have a Happy Day!