



# **CHATAGRAM**

## **MARCH 2024**

Dear Camp Chateaugay Community,

As we approach another exciting summer at our beloved Camp Chateaugay, I am thrilled to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. With spring in the air, it is my pleasure to share with you some updates and plans that will undoubtedly make this upcoming season one for the books!

In this March Chatagram, we will celebrate the countless achievements and milestones that continue to define our cherished camp family. Expect to find events, updates on activities and programs, and a glimpse into the lives of our dedicated staff and campers.

Speaking of staff, I am thrilled to inform you that Blane, Candi, and Blair, along with myself, are hard at work preparing for the summer ahead. With their unwavering dedication and passion for Camp Chateaugay, we are fortifying our summer home where lifelong friendships are forged, and memories are made.

But that's not all! In anticipation of your camper's return, we have embarked on several projects to enhance their Camp Chateaugay experience. From resurfacing the tennis courts to putting a new roof on the Big House, every effort is being made to ensure that our facilities are in top-notch condition for your camper's enjoyment. These investments reflect our commitment to providing you with nothing but the best.

As we immerse ourselves in the preparations for what promises to be an unforgettable summer, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each member of our community. Your unwavering support and enthusiasm are the driving force behind everything we do, and I am continually inspired by the spirit of camaraderie and unity that defines us.

In closing, I invite you to join me, Ashley, Charlie and Liv on this incredible journey as we eagerly count down the days until we reunite once again at Camp Chateaugay. Together, let us embrace the magic of summer and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Warm regards,

Mitch

## PACKAGES? CHANGE IN OUR PACKAGE POLICY

After careful consideration and in alignment with many other camps, we have made the decision to no longer permit care packages during the summer sessions. We understand that this may come as a significant change, but we want to assure you that this decision was made with careful consideration and the best interests of our camp community at heart.

While we recognize the joy and thoughtfulness behind sending care packages, this policy adjustment allows us to maintain a consistent and equitable environment for all campers. It helps to streamline our operations, minimize potential health risks, and ensure that every camper has a positive and inclusive experience at camp. Exceptions will be made for forgotten/replacement items, etc.

We understand that change can be challenging, and we appreciate your understanding and support as we adapt our policies to best serve the needs of our camp community. Rest assured, our dedicated staff will continue to provide a nurturing and supportive environment for your campers throughout their stay. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy change, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team. We are here to support you every step of the way.

## FLIGHTS- TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP

Thank you all for your patience as we got our flights and chaperones organized. Chaperoned flights encompass routes to and from LAX, FLL, IAD, YUL and IAH. In light of flights landing in Canada, possessing a valid passport is required and an essential travel document.

### **June 27th- DEPARTURES**

LAX-YUL- 11:55am - 3:22pm - FLL - YUL (non-stop) - Flight Number AC1605 (Air Canada)

FLL-YUL- 8:30am – 4:42pm LAX - YUL Flight Number AC774 (Air Canada)

IAH-YUL- 8:30am – 1:12pm IAH - YUL Flight Number AC580 (Air Canada)

IAD-BTV- 8:20am – 9:59am IAD - BTV Flight Number UA3601 (United Airlines)

**Please visit the Parent Dashboard for complete flight information including chaperone details, return flights and other session departure or [click here](#). We will also be sending out an email with the details to parents of campers that travel by air.**

## NEW PROCEDURES FOR CAMPER MEDS

We're excited to announce that we have teamed up with J Drugs to streamline and enhance our medication distribution process. With this new system in place, parents can have peace of mind knowing that their campers will receive their medications promptly and safely. Our dedicated Pillbox staff will continue to provide personalized care and attention to each camper's needs, and this new partnership will further enhance our ability to do so. Families with meds will be getting a detailed email in the next few weeks with all of the specifics.

# **STAFFING UPDATES**



## **MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

We're delighted to introduce Dr. Spencer Blackman, our new Medical Director at Camp Chateaugay. He brings not only his medical expertise but also a deep-rooted connection to our camp community. His grandparents Martin and Etta worked at the camp in the 1950s, and Spencer and his kids are coming back for their third summer as camp doctor and campers. With his commitment to providing exceptional care and ensuring the well-being of our campers, Dr. Blackman plays an integral role in creating a safe and nurturing environment for all. We are fortunate to have him as part of our camp family!



## **ARTS & CRAFTS DIRECTOR**

Looking for some creative inspiration? Let us introduce you to our new Arts & Crafts Director, Beckie Granatstein! Beckie was a camper at Chateaugay when she was a child and has been a vibrant and engaged alumnus ever since. We are thrilled to have her back at camp this summer heading up A&C and bringing her adorable daughters Stella Rose, June Poppy and their mini goldendoodle, Jagger!

We are so excited to announce that we have promoted Carlos Anaya to be our Head Chef. He is returning for his 8th summer at Camp Chateaugay, and his food is not only healthy and delicious, but it is also a big hit with even the most finicky of pallets. As Head Chef, Carlos manages our Dining Hall team, including the sous chef, prep cooks, dishwashers, and front of house staff. He also oversees the preparation of delicious, nutritious, and creative meals, while ensuring that all food allergies and specific dietary requirements are met for all campers and staff. Get your knives and forks ready for the incredible food Carlos will be cooking up this summer. Your tummies will be saying thank you after every meal.

## **HEAD CHEF**



## **HORSEBACK RIDING DIRECTOR**

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of Lily Rose Diaconescu as our new Horseback Riding Director! With a wealth of experience working with horses from all backgrounds and abilities, Lily brings a passion for equine care and a dedication to creating a safe and enriching environment for our campers. Her previous roles as an equine riding coach and counselor at Camp Crescent Cove and horse trainer in Barbados and Europe have equipped her with the skills needed to lead our equestrian program to new heights. Lily met up with Mak (our previous riding director) to get the scoop on Chateaugay's program. We wish you well Mak and we're excited to saddle up for an unforgettable summer under Lily's guidance!





# STAFFING & MORE



## ADDING A SECOND CAMPER ADVOCATE

We are pleased to add Jaelyn “Winnie” Martin to our staff as our female Camper Advocate. Winnie will join Josh to provide an extra layer of support to our campers and staff this summer. Born and raised in beautiful Chateaugay, NY, Winnie focused her passion for helping others to become a mental health counselor and is ecstatic to bring the tools she uses with her clients to the Chateaugay community. She is excited to assist both campers and counselors to feel comfortable and safe while at camp. Her mission at is to help curate a fun, accepting and supportive environment for campers and counselors to be able to enjoy all camp has to offer!



## EVENING ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

In other exciting news, outstanding counselor and woodworking instructor from last summer, Rowan Bassett will be taking over as our Evening Activity Coordinator this summer! Raised in South Africa with a strong connection to nature and people, Rowan and Camp Chateaugay are a perfect match. With his creative, friendly and enthusiastic personality, we're confident Rowan will lead the campers and staff in camp evening programs, special days and camp spirit!

## SHIPPING BAGS? USE SHIP CAMPS

For campers taking the bus to camp, only one bag is allowed on the bus, so any additional bags must be shipped. It is also a great option for those campers flying to camp. We exclusively use **Ship Camps**. Just create an account and schedule a convenient pick up date and location. One week in advance of your scheduled pickup date, you will receive a welcome packet including Ship Camps bag tags and pre-labeled luggage tags for the camper's inbound shipments. Ship Camps allows for real-time tracking and guarantee a safe and timely delivery of your camper's bag. We are thrilled to have partnered with **Ship Camps** and look forward to worryfree luggage shipping this summer.

## CHATEAUGAY BASEBALL SHIRTS & SWAG



**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. Anyone can get a baseball shirt, but for those that want to play inter-camp games, we highly recommend one. Enter promo code 'SPRING12955' at checkout to unlock your 15% off from 3/26- 3/31.

# IMPORTANT STUFF



## PLEASE READ THESE DOCUMENTS

For success at camp, it's essential to know the **Camp Chateaugay Camper Handbook** and the **Camper Conduct Guide**. The Camper Handbook includes detailed **travel information** as well as **bus** and **flight** details, **packing** for camp, many camp traditions, special days and much more. The **Conduct Guide** talks about the rules of camp. Understanding the rules and guidelines ensures everyone's safety and fun. Both are available online on our website under the "Summer Prep/Guiding Documents" menu. These documents hold the keys to a smooth and sensational camp experience!

## REFERRAL PROGRAM

Did you know we have a simple, rewards based referral program?

**Refer a Camper:** <https://app.camptree.org/a/c/camp-chateaugay-6120>

**Refer a Staff Member:** <https://app.camptree.org/a/c/camp-chateaugay-82775>

Each program has it's own distinct dashboard. Through both of these links, you'll get a unique link to copy and share with your friends/family however you choose; i.e. email, text, Facebook and more. When they click on your unique link, they can claim a promo code to use when they register. Then, when they join us at camp, you earn a Reward!

**Rewards Await:** From discounts on tuition to exclusive Camp Chateaugay gear to custom Chateaugay fudge dipped Oreos, we want to excite you to share your love of camp with your family and friends. Please feel free to reach out to our Assistant Director, Blane at [blane@chateaugay.com](mailto:blane@chateaugay.com) to learn more about the Referral Program.

## VISITING DAY Saturday, July 20, 2024

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Parents of campers in the theater musical, the dance recital and the gymnastics show are welcome to join us on Friday evening, July 19 for those performances. They will not be performed on Saturday.

## 2024 TUITION PAYMENT REMINDERS

One of the secrets of success is being prepared, therefore we want to send you a friendly reminder that the 2024 tuition payment balance is due on **April 20, 2024**.

Candi will be sending out account statements in the next couple of weeks 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](mailto:candace@chateaugay.com).

## PARENT DASHBOARD - MAKE CAMP PREP EASY

Our parent dashboard can be found online by clicking on the "[Current Families Login](#)" and is accessible from both computers and smart devices alike. It will allow you to navigate your campers enrollment(s), view photos with facial recognition software, access billing information, fill out forms online, etc. We have introduced several new forms, each tailored to enhance and streamline your camper's experience. We invite you to log in and explore these forms, ensuring that all necessary information is up-to-date for a smooth start to the upcoming session. We've uploaded a short tutorial video on the dashboard to walk you through the ins and outs of the dashboard, offering valuable insights into how to navigate it effectively. Should you have any questions or need assistance with this, please don't hesitate to reach out to Blane at [blane@chateaugay.com](mailto:blane@chateaugay.com).



# CAMPER CORNER



Ella Leiboh celebrated her Bat Mitzvah with her Chateaugay family (who happen to also be her real family as well as Chateaugay alumni.) Congrats Ella and “warm wishes” to sister Carly and alumni mom Rachel and cousins Elizabeth, Lynn, and Suzanne.



Underneath Adirondack skies, our beloved Big House gets a stunning makeover with a brand new roof bringing renewed coverage to camp's central hub!

This is Blair's adorable niece, rocking a Camp Chateaugay onesie! If you have a recent family addition and you need your onesie, [click here.](#)



Mitch and Lesleigh Drake spoke at the ACA TriState Conference about staff training and how to train your staff like a Kung Fu Master!



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!



## SUMMER IS COMING!

# ENROLLED IN 2024



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

Amelia Acevedo  
Logan Ackerman  
Beatrice Albello  
Hadley Andrew  
Maria Anglano  
Amelia Baird  
Oliver Baird  
Noah Banning  
Layla Barza  
Barzel Ben-Dov  
Gael Benedick-Apelbaum  
Alexis Berall  
Amelie Beraznik  
Dahlia Beraznik  
Ludivine Bessin  
Hayley Boehl  
Zoé Bollore  
Roméo Bongrand  
Liv Bourak  
Lily Burak  
Jaime Capela  
Maite Cattaneo  
Gabrielle Chambon Marcq  
Mirlam Chandler  
Parker Chandler  
Alexander Cherry  
Caroline Clough  
Oliver Cohen  
Abigail Conlee  
Henry Conlee  
Dylan Craig  
Noah Craig  
Casey Craighead  
Sarah Craighead  
Hugh Curran  
Lyla Curry  
Katherine Denault-Strohl  
Mauli Desai  
Sam Desai  
Henry Doran  
Miles Doran  
Jacob Dorenfeld  
Ezra Ellman  
Madeleine Eng  
Otto Erkman  
Matilda Erkman  
Jack Evanchan  
Andrew Fargis  
Emmy Fayer  
Jack Fayer  
Liv Fayer  
Nessa Fayer  
Sophia Fayer  
Archer Fenton  
Matthew Fernald  
Nathan Fernald  
Miriam Formariz  
Zoe Forshpan  
James Forster  
Sofia Gagnon  
Abby Garrett  
Ryan Garrett  
Roman Gelbard  
Melody Gelch  
Marta Gil-Turner

Sofia Gil-Turner  
Ines Gimenez  
Marty Ginsburg  
Izzy Ginsburg  
Eli Golden  
Ethan Golden  
Charlie Goldman  
Gustavo Gomez  
Lorenzo Gomez  
Rhodes Goodman  
Adam Gospin  
Jacob Gospin  
Charlotte Granatstein  
Aedan Grover-Scher  
Lazer Grover-Scher  
Ariela Guttman  
Ilanit Guttman  
Maren Hall  
Paige Hall  
Alison Hatton  
Hannah Hatton  
Austin Heric  
Declan Heric  
Maia Sofia Hernandez  
Mia Fernanda Hernandez  
Bear Hogan  
Harvey Humiston  
Morris Humiston  
Aryeh Issenman  
Gabby Issenman  
Decker Jankoff  
Benjamin Johnson  
Ava Kamenitz  
Dean Kamenitz  
Kate Cammermans  
Sebastian Kim  
Aristotle Kincaid  
Evelyn Kincaid  
Julia Kirchner  
Julia Kislak  
Kayla Kislak  
Horatio Knowler  
Lila Kodeck  
Rhea Koenig  
Arielle Korenblit  
Eli Korenblit  
Alexander Korn  
Mia Korn  
Robyn Kramer  
Seth Kramer  
Jake Kravets-Wehby  
Avery Kuklin  
Jordan Landau  
Aria Lapidus  
Aiden Last  
Côme Le Menestrel  
Edgar Le Menestrel  
Oliver LeCompte  
Carly Leiboh  
Ella Leiboh  
Jeronimo Leon De La Barra  
Nathaniel Lerner  
Ariele Liberman  
Lila Liberman  
Sophia Lippman

Natalie Lovenheim  
Isla Lubell  
Donya Mafi  
Quinn Malzman  
Remi Malzman  
Alyssa Mansueto  
David Marcal  
Ziva Marcal  
Priyah Martinez  
Victoire Jurien  
Aiden McGrath  
Madison Mcgrath  
Julia Melo  
Spencer Merovitz  
Taylor Merovitz  
Allie Messer  
Daniel Messer  
Darren Milch  
Elliott Miller  
Serena Mills  
Stella Rose Moody  
Everdean Moskovic  
Leopold Moskovic  
Ruby Mulvena  
Samuel Mulvena  
Wyatt Mulvena  
Jamie Nehr Weinberg  
Cayden Nelson  
Mark Nudler  
Ella O'Leary  
Bodie Osur  
Lila Osur  
Oliver Oza  
Theodore Oza  
Alex Papish  
Emma Papish  
Liam Patnode-Smith  
Gannon Pelkey  
Alex Pellegrino  
Jacob Pellegrino  
Graydon Penner  
Verity Penner  
Bryce Perham  
Jojo Perham  
Barthélémy Pierlot  
Constance Pierlot  
Sophia Pietrzak  
Blake Pinchuk  
Harper Pinchuk  
Archer Pontano  
Julian Pontano  
Simon Pontano  
Mina Rahaghi  
Lillian Raiten  
Owen Raiten  
Ava Ramos Lorenz  
Santiago Ramos Lorenz  
Cammy Rapp  
Jade Rapp  
Javier Redonet  
Jack Reynolds  
Charlie Reynolds  
Alex Richter  
Cole Richter  
Julia Richter

Jade Rizzo  
Dylan Roberts  
Isabella Roberts  
Joseph Ross  
Martin Ruiz  
Eden Saitowitz  
Noah Saitowitz  
Parker Saitowitz  
Jacob Sarrell  
Joey Sash  
Noah Sayer  
Griffin Schupp  
Dylan Schwab  
Sadie Schwab  
Naomi Schwartz  
Nathan Schwartz  
Ari Schwibner  
Eddison Scotford  
Hans Scotford  
Jack Segel  
Daniel Shavit  
Mason Sheckman  
Elliot Shuker  
Simon Shuker  
Sofia Simpfendorfer  
Luca Skylar  
Lidia Souto  
Anna Stanek  
Asher Sterling  
Oliver Sterling  
Amy Stern  
Mia Stern  
Cameron Sullivan  
Benjamin Szklaruk  
Manuel Tamayo  
Izzy Tessler  
Madison Thomas  
Makayla Thomas  
Talia Todd  
Mateo Tomsen  
Arianna Trost  
Tabatha Tuman  
Vivian Vandroff  
Luca Vasserman  
Hiram Vera  
Ethan Verost  
Lily Verost  
London Wagner  
Mateo Walsh  
Aiden Wancjer  
Zac Wancjer  
Kiana Wang  
Lia Wang  
Melanie Wang  
Symon Wanot  
Jackson Weaver  
Chase Wedderburn-Maxwell  
Kai Wedge  
Carson Weinberg  
Alexandra Westfeldt  
Samantha Westfeldt  
Sheldon Yu  
Rachel Yufe  
Sarah Yufe  
Carter Zald  
Charlie Zald

# CAMPER BIRTHDAYS



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

## December

Maria Anglano  
Miriam Chandler  
Parker Chandler  
Maren Hall  
Arielle Korenblit  
Aiden Last  
Edgar Le Menestrel  
Lila Liberman  
Natalie Lovenheim  
Ziva Marcal  
Taylor Merovitz  
Daniel Messer  
Ella O'Leary  
Alex Papish  
Dylan Roberts  
Isabella Roberts  
Martin Ruiz  
Oliver Sterling  
Amy Stern  
Manuel Tamayo  
Izzy Tessler  
Arianna Trost  
Jackson Weaver  
Chase Wedderburn-Maxwell

## January

Gael Benedick-Apelbaum  
Hugh Curran  
Liv Fayer  
Abby Garrett  
Ines Gimenez  
Ethan Golden  
Lorenzo Gomez  
Paige Hall  
Maia Sofia Hernandez  
Harvey Humiston  
Morris Humiston  
Aryeh Issenman  
Sebastian Kim  
Julia Kislak  
Ella Leiboh  
Allie Messer  
Jacob Pellegrino  
Constance Pierlot  
Barthélemy Pierlot  
Vivian Vandroff

## February

Oliver Baird  
Amelie Beraznik  
Sarah Craighead  
Jacob Dorenfeld  
Charlotte Granatstein  
Hannah Hatton  
Gabby Issenman  
Decker Jankoff  
Evelyn Kincaid  
Mia Korn  
Jordan Landau  
Donya Mafi  
Quinn Malzman  
Simon Pontano  
Rachel Yufe

## March

Barzel Ben-Dov  
Alexis Berall  
Roméo Bongrand  
Gabrielle Chambon  
Marcq  
Abigail Conlee  
Casey Craighead  
Jack Fayer  
Lila Kodeck  
Rhea Koenig  
Eli Korenblit  
David Marcal  
Bryce Perham  
Jojo Perham  
Sophia Pietrzak  
Mina Rahaghi  
Jade Rapp  
Alex Richter  
Eddison Scotford  
Daniel Shavit  
Talia Todd  
Zac Wancjer  
Aiden Wancjer  
Kiana Wang

**"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 guru will get right back to you!



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