



# CHATAGRAM

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## JANUARY 2026

Dear Camp Chateaugay Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this finds you well as we settle into 2026. Here at camp headquarters, we're deep into planning mode—and I couldn't be more excited about what's ahead for this summer.

If you've been following my recent emails, you know I've been sharing thoughts on what makes the camp experience truly special—why being electronics-free matters, how we intentionally create belonging, and why a wide range of activities helps every child discover their strengths. These aren't just philosophical musings; they're the foundation of every decision we make in the off-season as we refine each detail to make your child's experience enriching and transformational. (And if you're not receiving these emails but would like to, just let me know!)

And speaking of planning, this newsletter is packed with updates I think you'll love:

- Our summer musicals are going to be spectacular this year—wait until you see what we have planned.
- The LIT Program has been completely reimagined, and I'm thrilled to share the exciting changes that will give our oldest campers an even more meaningful leadership experience.
- Introducing our new Tennis Director and sharing what he's bringing to our courts.

Plus, you'll find all the essential details about summer sessions, important dates, and reminders to help you prepare for the months ahead.

Every winter, our team pours countless hours into refining every aspect of camp—from our programming to our staff training to the small touches that make Chateaugay feel like home. It's a labor of love, and it's all in service of creating those magical moments your children will carry with them forever.

Thank you for trusting us with your most precious gifts. We can't wait to welcome your campers back to the lake this summer.

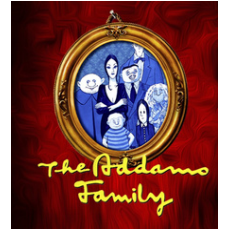
With gratitude and excitement,

Mitch, Blane, Blair, and Candi

P.S. Keep reading—there's so much good stuff in this edition of the Chatagram!

## MUSICALS FOR 2026

Did you crack the riddle we had in the last Chatagram? If not, we are thrilled to announce this summer our theatre department will be putting on two incredible musicals: **Mary Poppins** and **The Addams Family**! Who's ready to audition?



## CIT ADVENTURE ALERT: GALAPAGOS AWAITS!

We're thrilled to share that we already have a fantastic group of CITs signed up for our brand-new 2026 Ecuador and Galapagos adventure—but there's still room for more!

This 17-day journey (July 3-19) is unlike anything we've offered before: your teen will snorkel alongside penguins, hike active volcanoes, raft whitewater rivers, explore the Amazon rainforest, and immerse themselves in indigenous Kichua communities. They'll learn traditional crafts like wool weaving, bike through stunning landscapes, and contribute to meaningful conservation work—all while building lifelong friendships and gaining experiences that will set their college applications apart.

With expert bilingual guides, wilderness-certified Chateaugay leaders, and all-inclusive accommodations and meals, this is active, engaged learning at its finest. CITs can even close out their adventure with time at camp; joining us back on camp for second session (July 19 - August 11) as an LIT. So what are you waiting for? Now is the perfect time to secure your spot! Contact us today to give your teen the adventure of a lifetime in one of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

## NEW AND IMPROVED LIT PROGRAM

In addition to the awesome Ecuadorian adventure, we are equally as excited to announce our new and improved **Leadership in Training (LIT) program**—now better than ever! Under the expert guidance of returning Unit Leader Nicole Maurel, this transformative program for 16-17 year olds is designed to launch campers into leadership roles with real-world skills and impressive certifications.

The LIT program combines hands-on leadership development with adventure and exploration, giving participants the tools they need to grow from campers into confident leaders. Whether you're looking to build your resume, develop essential life skills, or take the next step in your camp journey, this program offers an unparalleled experience.

With Nicole at the helm, we're confident the new structure of the program will provide campers with more opportunities for growth, leadership, and of course all the fun that camp has to offer. Reach out to chat more about whether this is the right opportunity for your teen this summer!



## PARENT DASHBOARD - MAKE CAMP PREP EASY

Whether you're a returning family or brand new to camp, make sure to log into **CampInTouch**, our streamlined parent dashboard, to get ready for the upcoming season. CampInTouch will allow you to navigate your campers enrollment(s), view photos with facial recognition software, access billing information, fill out forms online, and more!

To get started, you can review the short tutorial video on the dashboard. This informative clip walks you through the ins and outs of the dashboard, offering valuable insights into how to navigate it effectively.

For added convenience, don't forget to download **Campanion**, the mobile app that keeps you connected to camp like never before. With features like photo updates, letter writing, mobile form submissions, and balance payments, Campanion makes camp prep simple and accessible from your phone. We encourage all parents to log in and get started!

## WE'RE HITTING THE ROAD IN 2026!

We're excited to announce that the Chateaugay team will be traveling near and far this winter and spring to connect with families at camp fairs and meet-ups across the country—and even overseas! Whether you're a current Chateaugay family or you know someone considering camp for the first time, we'd love to see you. Stop by to say hello, ask questions, share stories, and help more families learn about what makes our camp community so special.

Here's where you'll find us:

- **Westchester** – Camp Fair, January 27
- **Paris** – Camp Fairs, January 31, February 2 & 3
- **Monaco** – Camp Fair, February 4
- **San Diego** – Camp Fair, March 7
- **Saratoga** – Camp Fairs, March 14 & 15
- **Montreal** – Camp Meet-Up, March 26

Know someone looking for an amazing camp experience? We'd be so grateful if you could help us spread the word! If you have friends, neighbors, or colleagues in any of these areas who might be interested in learning about Chateaugay, please send them our way. Personal recommendations mean the world to us and help us grow our wonderful community. We can't wait to connect with you!

## MONTREAL MEET-UP

While the fair's are always fun, we can't wait to be back in Montreal on **March 26<sup>th</sup>** for one of our favorite spring-time events - our **Montreal Meet-up!** This event is for both returning and new families, so we encourage everyone to join us for a few hours of chatting about camp, asking questions about the summer, and lot's of delicious pizza. Last year's event was a huge success thanks to everyone who came along, so as always, please feel free to bring friends or family who may be interested in sending their child to camp at Chateaugay.

# MORE NEWS...



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Let's kick-off the 2026 season by meeting one of the new faces joining our team this year! Say hello to our new Tennis Director, Chris Tolson.

Chris Tolson has been involved with tennis for over the past 3 decades. He started playing tennis at the age of 6 years old, as a junior competed in tournaments all over the world. As a young kid Chris found his love of the game and passion to help others watching his mom coach high school tennis and give lessons in their community. At 18 Chris got his PTR teaching certification and began coaching with his mom on the high school courts. Chris has been coaching tennis for over 25 years, has coached players of all ages and abilities. Currently, Chris is the Head Tennis Coach at the University of Texas Permian Basin, a top 25 Nationally Ranked program in NCAA D2. He has coached at every level in college from Junior College to NCAA D1 Tennis. Chris has made stops as the Head Pro at La Camarilla Racquet Club, Assistant Director at Lifetime Fitness and was the Assistant Director at New England Tennis Camp for 2 summers.



Here's a quick note from Chris on what he's looking forward to this summer:

*"Hi everyone, I look forward to the opportunity to join Camp Chateaugay as the Tennis Director this summer. I love the summer camp environment as it's a setting where you can make an impact in campers' lives and help give them lifelong memories. Tennis is such an amazing sport, my goal is to give these campers an amazing experience on court and find a love for this game that has given me so much."*

## OPEN STAFF POSITIONS

We're still actively hiring for several positions this summer and would be grateful for recommendations! If you know someone who would be a great fit for any of the roles below, please send them our way.

- Gymnastics Director
- Horseback riding counselor
- Baseball counselor
- Waterski counselor
- Glassblowing counselor
- Office staff
- Tennis counselor

## SHOP VIRTUALLY WITH *EVERYTHING CAMPER*

Are you ready to show your Chateaugay pride? As of January 13th *Everything Camper's Virtual Shopping Appointments are live!*

Book now to schedule a live video appointment with an Everything Camper Specialist, where they will guide you through our packing list, help you select the best style and sizes, and answer all your camp gear questions.

Appointments can be booked directly on the [Everything Camper Website](#), so don't forget to sign up today and check out their new items. Happy Shopping!



# THINGS TO KNOW

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Please note the Camp Chateaugay Summer 2026 events on your calendars:

- June 26, 2026** - Opening Day for 1st Session
- July 17, 2026** - Theatre/Dance/Gymnastic Shows at 7:00 pm
- July 18, 2026** - Visiting Day - between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm
- July 19, 2026** - Opening Day for 2nd Session
- August 1, 2026** - Rookie Day - between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm  
(Prospective campers experience a full day of camp in action!)
- August 11, 2026** - Campers depart at the conclusion of the Summer 2026

## 2026 TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE

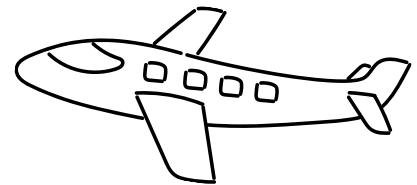
One of the secrets of success is being prepared, therefore we want to send you a friendly reminder about the 2026 tuition payment schedule:

- 50% of tuition is due **upon enrollment**.
- The remaining balance is due on **April 20, 2026**.

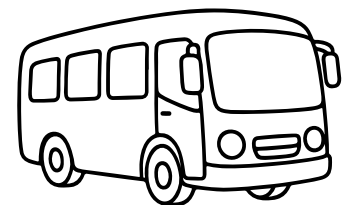
Candi has sent out account statements to confirm/determine all payment arrangements for everyone who was already enrolled. If you have any questions or concerns about your account balance, please don't hesitate to reach out to her. You can reach her at [candace@chateaugay.com](mailto:candace@chateaugay.com).

## TRAVEL TO CAMP

This summer, we will again offer chaperoned flights to and from **LAX, FLL, IAD, and YUL**. If your child will be flying into Canada, please ensure they have a **valid passport** for entry. We will provide the names of the chaperones and confirmation numbers for the flights by the end of March, allowing you to book your camper's travel accordingly.



In addition to flights, we also offer bus transportation from several convenient locations, including **NYC, White Plains, Palisades, Montreal, and Albany**. More details will be shared as they are finalized. \*\*An important note for those on the Montreal bus to camp on June 26th - the bus will be parked on the John Grant side of the parking lot.





# REMINDERS...

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## QUICK TO DO'S AHEAD OF THE SUMMER

- **Camper Forms:** All campers forms in the parent portal must be completed by **May 31<sup>st</sup>**.
- **Camper Photos:** Please upload new photos of your camper to the portal to facilitate photo tagging during their time at camp.
- **Verify Account Information:** Ensure that your account details, including address, phone numbers, and email addresses, are current in the portal to help us maintain smooth communication. Parents can make necessary changes directly through Campanion or CamplnTouch.
- **Must Read Documents:** Review the [Camp Chateaugay Handbook](#) and [Camper Conduct Guide](#). Both documents 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.

## SHIPPING WITH SHIPCAMPS

We are excited to bring back our trusted partner, **ShipCamps**, to get your camper's baggage to and from camp this summer.



Baggage registration opens on **February 3** and all shipments are recommended to be booked by or before **April 15**, which helps us and ShipCamps with planning. You can register your bags starting February 3rd at <https://shipcamps.com/camp-chateaugay> or by calling ShipCamps at **(855)-540-2267**.

Please note all campers traveling via flights or buses should limit luggage to 1 bag per person; all additional bags should be shipped. If you're an international camper, this does not apply.

And as an added benefit for camp partners, ShipCamps is offering a \$100 credit for **ShipSkis**, their partner in shipping winter gear (skis, boots, boards, and luggage). Email [concierge@shipskis.com](mailto:concierge@shipskis.com) to take advantage of this great offer!

## REFERRAL PROGRAM

In addition to staff recommendations, we also want to remind everyone about our **Referral Program** that rewards our camp families and alumni when they bring new families to our community..

When a new family mentions your name upon enrollment, you'll be treated with rewards from exclusive Camp Chateaugay gear to credits for future camp sessions! Please feel free to reach out to our co-director, [Blane](#) to learn more.

Know a family Interested in Camp Chateaugay, but not ready to sign up for this summer? Invite them to join us for **Rookie Day on August 1st!** This special day gives prospective campers the chance to experience a day in the life at camp, meet our staff, and take part in exciting activities. It's the perfect way to see what Chateaugay is all about!

Click [here](#) to learn more, or share this opportunity with any families who might be interested!

# CAMP CORNER



While rocking their Chateaugay merch in California, Carly and Ella L. ran into one of our counselors, Sherry!



Wilderness reunion in NYC! Gabby K, Bryce P, Gwyn C, Izzy G, Jojo P, and Ava K came together for a fun winter visit!



And Dean K joined in on the fun too!

To stay connected and experience camp reunions of your own, make sure to join our alumni Facebook group **"Chateaugay Alumni Meeting Place"**! Share memories, relive the best moments, and stay updated on upcoming events like last year's New York City Reunion. Don't miss out—join the fun today!



# ENROLLED FOR 2026



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

Hyella Ackerman  
Logan Ackerman  
Cassidy Ages  
Hudson Ages  
Raphael Alonso  
Victor Artigas  
Amelia Baird  
Dahlia Balinsky  
Noah Banning  
Adalyn Bavero  
Amelie Beraznik  
Luis Bergareche  
Jasper Bertrand  
Sydney Blatt  
Violet Block  
Liv Bourak  
Kate Cammermans  
Stella Campbell  
Ignacio Capela  
Holden Carpenter  
Miriam Chandler  
Parker Chandler  
Maggie Chouchani  
Caroline Clough  
Oliver Cohen  
Dylan Craig  
Noah Craig  
Casey Craighead  
Sarah Craighead  
Austin Davis  
Sidney Davis  
Amelia Dawson  
Guinevere Dawson  
Javier de la Quintana  
Katherine Denault-Strohl  
Mauli Desai  
Sam Desai  
Andi Ditkofsky  
Nicole Ditkofsky  
Jacob Dolev  
Noa Dolev  
Jacob Dolman  
Joseph Dolman  
Juliana Dorenfeld  
Colby Eddy  
Dalia Eisman  
Isaac Eisman  
Genevieve Elson  
Oliver Elson

Matilda Erkman  
Otto Erkman  
Andrew Fargis  
Charlie Farkas  
Archer Fenton  
Jasper Fenton  
Matthew Fernald  
Nathan Fernald  
Miriam Formariz  
Finnian Foss  
Rylie Freitas  
Abby Garrett  
Ryan Garrett  
Luca Gelbard  
Roman Gelbard  
Melody Gelch  
Martin Ginsburg  
Eli Golden  
Ethan Golden  
Charlie Goldman  
Olivia Goldman  
Harry Goldsmith  
Rhodes Goodman  
Axel Gottfred  
Beck Gottfred  
Leif Gottfred  
Lazer Grover-Scher  
Ariela Guttman  
Ilanit Guttman  
Maren Hall  
Jude Hanley  
Austin Heric  
Declan Heric  
Aryeh Issenman  
Gabby Issenman  
Decker Jankoff  
Benjamin Johnson  
Dean Kamenitz  
Théo Keene  
Julia Kislak  
Kayla Kislak  
Spencer Klugman  
Lila Kodeck  
Eli Korenblit  
Alexander Korn  
Mia Korn  
Robyn Kramer  
Seth Kramer  
Aria Lapidus

Aiden Last  
Leandro Lavallade  
Lise Lavallade  
Côme Le Menestrel  
Edgar Le Menestrel  
Carly Leiboh  
Ella Leiboh  
Nathaniel Lerner  
Lila Liberman  
Natalie Lovenheim  
Arthur Lubell  
Ava Lubell  
Isla Lubell  
Remi Malzman  
Lily Marcus  
Oliver Marcus  
Ava McRoy-Mendell  
Allie Messer  
Gabriela Messer  
Lea Meytin  
Tamara Meytin  
Adam Miller  
David Miller  
Yoona Miller  
Patrick Moore  
Leopold Moskovic  
Anna Muchantef  
Samuel Mulvena  
Cayden Nelson  
Audrey Normandin  
Mark Nudler  
Ella O'Leary  
Jonathan Osher  
Oliver Oza  
Theodore Oza  
Alex Papish  
Emma Papish  
Jacob Pellegrino  
Paula Pena  
Verity Penner  
Barthelemy Pierlot  
Emmett Pilgrim  
Blake Pinchuk  
Harper Pinchuk  
Archer Pontano  
Julian Pontano  
Simon Pontano  
Mina Rahaghi  
Lillian Raiten

Owen Raiten  
Cammy Rapp  
Jade Rapp  
Javier Redonet  
Charlie Reynolds  
Jack Reynolds  
Josie Reynolds  
Natalie Roiz  
Aiden Roloff  
Emma Roloff  
Rafael Sarandeses  
Ricardo Sarandeses  
Noah Sayer  
Charlotte Schayowitz  
Dylan Schwab  
Sadie Schwab  
Naomi Schwartz  
Nathan Schwartz  
Mason Sheckman  
Elliot Shuker  
Simon Shuker  
Bennett Silva  
Aria Sklash  
Lielle Sklash  
Anna Stanek  
Oscar Stanek  
Matteo Staniscia de Sanctis  
Asher Sterling  
Oliver Sterling  
Amy Stern  
Danielle Suzuki  
Talia Todd  
Ignacio Torres  
Arianna Trost  
Orli Umlauf  
Luca Vasserman  
Natan Vidal  
Sacha Vogel  
Mateo Walsh  
Aiden Wancjer  
Zac Wancjer  
Chase Wedderburn-Maxwell  
Carson Weinberg  
Alexandra Westfeldt  
Samantha Westfeldt  
Ava Wexler  
Carter Zald  
Charlie Zald  
Alice Zinoman



# CAMPER BIRTHDAYS



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

## **December**

Hyella Ackerman  
Hudson Ages  
Maria Anglano  
Sebastian Armstrong  
Lola Bergareche  
Gwyneth Campbell  
Miriam Chandler  
Parker Chandler  
Austin Davis  
Maren Hall  
Spencer Klugman  
Aiden Last  
Edgar Le Menestrel  
Lila Liberman  
Teddy Longworth  
Natalie Lovenheim  
Maren Mannix  
Taylor Merovitz  
Leonor Nouvion-  
Roberts  
Ella O'Leary  
Alex Papish

Giacomo Rembert  
Peviani  
Martin Ruiz  
Charlotte Schayowitz  
Isaac Schuchman  
Oliver Sterling  
Amy Stern  
Manuel Tamayo  
Izzy Tessler  
Arianna Trost  
Alma Vacher  
Chase Wedderburn-  
Maxwell  
Alice Zinoman

## **January**

Nigel Anderson  
Zachary Anderson  
Gael Benedick-  
Apelbaum  
Elliot Blackman  
Graydon Dietrich  
Hannah Dietsch

Abby Garrett  
Ines Gimenez  
Ethan Golden  
Paige Hall  
Jude Hanley  
Harvey Humiston  
Morris Humiston  
Aryeh Issenman  
Julia Kislak  
Ella Leiboh  
Aylah Levine  
Allie Messer  
Ella Noik  
Jacob Pellegrino  
Barthelemy Pierlot  
Julia Rivera Torres  
Hauser  
Daniel Sosa  
Cooper Tager  
Vivian Vandroff

**"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 team will get right back to you!



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