



# The Backyard Blurb



## A Note from the desk of Camp Director Jim Capello

Last year at his time I said how unbelievably fast the school year had gone by. As hard as it is to believe, this year went by even faster! I was the Senior Advisor this year at my high school (PCTI) and we graduated almost 800 seniors...That explains the speed of my school year!

Now, the we are already two weeks into our summer camp season. At this rate....never mind! We want to savor each day of summer camp as if it is a dish of mint chocolate chip ice cream with rainbow sprinkles - YUMmmmmmmmmmm!

Ryan, EJ and I have put together an exciting summer for all of our campers from KinderCamp

through our CIT's. Whether it is a relaxing afternoon at Streeter Pool in Morristown with our younger campers or catching a WNBA Lady Liberty game at The Rock in Newark with our CIT's or checking out the Harlem Wizards with our 3rd, 4th and 56'ers, we are in for a summer filled with fun and friendship.

So keep checking out our "Backyard Blurb" to see what the juice is all about in our yard.

All the very best,  
Jim

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**JIM**

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**RYAN**

**Joke of the Day**  
 What did the sushi say to the bumble bee?  
*(Answer page 4)*

## 1st & 2nd Grade Boys

## "The Flying Monkeys"

Welcome 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents to the blurb where you will get to catch up on the highlights and happenings at the backyard. During this first full week of camp the group really started to take shape and mold into *The Flying Monkeys*. The group has been holding steady at around twenty kids, and the kids have been starting to form new friendships. Our group has children from different schools around the area like Mountain Way, Normandy Park, and Assumption School. It's great to see the kids from different schools coming together and enjoying the time being spent at the camp. Just this week our group had their first field trip to Streeter Pool. We knew they were having a good time when the only thing that got them out of the pool was lunch! All of the counselors were impressed with the kids behavior considering it was their first field trip as a group. There will be many more trips to come so it was the perfect start.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys counselors are Sean, Brandon, Kyle, and Juan. We are always available during camp, so if you have any questions feel free to come and talk to us. We look forward to a great camp experience and great memories for the kids.



**BRANDON**



**KYLE**



**SEAN**



**JUAN**

## 1st & 2nd Grade Girls

## "The Bumblebees"

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls, also known as *the Bumblebees*, have been extremely busy this week! We have played on the playground, danced in the dance studios, made necklaces, and gone to Streeter Pool! Friday was red, white, and blue day. Every day we have stayed cool while swimming in the pool. Each and every girl has been helpful by being a buddy or holding the door while everyone walks through, or even by just being an awesome listener! We are expecting to have an awesome, fun, and adventure packed summer!

-Sarah, Hadleigh, Ally, and Sam

Note to parents: Please label all of your daughter's shirts and bags because we don't want anything to get lost.



**SARAH & ALLY**



**HADLEIGH**



**SAM**

## 3rd & 4th Grade Boys

## "The Destructive Dragons"

My name is Olivier Van Pelt and I am the junior counselor for the 3rd and 4th grade boys. I will be working with Sean, the senior counselor, this summer. I am looking forward to a great summer and a memorable time at the YMCA Backyard Kids Summer Camp. In particular I'm excited to go to Streeter Pool and have some fun on the high dive. I will be a senior at the Hun School of Princeton in the fall and am a passionate soccer player and fan.



**SEAN**



**OLIVIER**

## 3rd & 4th Grade Girls

## "The Sweet and Sassy Girls"

Welcome back to the Backyard! We have great few weeks ahead of us. My name is Rachel, and I am the senior counselor for the 3rd and 4th grade girls. Carly is the junior counselor. We are so happy to be working with your girls for the summer. The first 2 weeks have been a blast We've learned to finger knit, made god's eyes, and built forts up in north camp. Together, we decided to call ourselves The Sweet and Sassy Girls. We have about 7 weeks left and many more adventures to come!



**CARLY**



**RACHEL**

## 5th & 6th Graders "The Mighty Fighting Peacocks"

Hello and welcome to the backyard! This summer Gary and Annie will be hanging out with the 5th and 6th grade boys and girls. We are really excited about this summer. We have named our awesome team *The Mighty Fighting Peacocks*. We've started out the summer on a great note! Over the past two weeks we've played capture the flag, four square and "noucome." We've also built an awesome fort up on north camp and have started a second one that we should complete sometime next week. Have a great holiday weekend and see you next week!



**GARY**



**ANNIE**

## C.I.T's "Crazy Insane Team"

Welcome back to the YMCA Backyard Kids Summer Camp 2011. My name is Lindsay and I am the Senior Counselor for the CIT's this summer. This is my 7th year at camp and I know it will be the best one yet! My Junior Counselor is Ryan Barsa and this is his 2nd year as a counselor. Under the direction of the CIT Supervisor, Edward "EJ" Johnson we have a great team! The CIT's have already nicknamed their group and they are the *Crazy Insane Team*. This week has been full of laughter, fun and team building exercises for our group. There are a lot of fun trips ahead for the Crazy Insane Team that are sure to make lasting memories for all our campers. Ryan, EJ and I are very excited for what this summer has in store!!



**LINDSAY**



**EJ**



**RYAN**

Answer to the **Joke of the Day:**  
"Was-a-bi?"