

REGISTRATION NEWS

It is already time to begin planning for next summer. Given the financial uncertainties of our current economy, the savings you receive with early registration may be more valuable than ever. Early registration information has been emailed to everyone and can also be found on our website, www.falconcamp.com. We will send a paper copy of this newsletter to camp families but Falcon is making a concentrated effort to be more "green", use less paper and be more efficient.

CIT Information

Falcon offers a truly superior training program for young people wanting to become counselors. Campers who are eligible to apply to become a counselor-in-training (CIT) will receive application information in mid-November. Please read the instructions carefully and contact us with any questions before applying. Being accepted as a CIT is an honor as applications always exceed the number of CIT's selected.

Tax ID Information

Our tax ID # is 23-2320464. Check with your accountant for child care deduction possibilities.



End of session autographs

FALL REPORT

You will be pleased when you see the amount of work we've done this fall. For those of you who came during the first half of the summer, Falcon now has a *very* nice covered bridge to replace the old bridge on the way to the stables. Made of our own pine and cherry wood with the help of campers during the last two week session, the final work on the bridge was completed right after camp. Another completed project was a new roof and new addition on the pavilion. The new roof was a necessity but the addition will be a great asset to crafts, drama, rainy days and evening activities as the pavilion is now 1/3 larger than before. Built-in closets for drama and a movable partition between crafts and drama are part of the winter work plans.

The big September wind storm that swept through Ohio caused much tree damage in camp and the surrounding woods. We were very lucky to have no damage to any of our buildings but we did lose dozens of trees. We have spent weeks cleaning up with more to do. You won't notice hardly a

difference next summer (after all, we have thousands of trees!) but the work is time consuming and needs to be carefully done as many of the damaged trees have tops broken or large branches hanging up in other trees. You can be assured that by the time summer arrives, all the tree work will be complete and the forest all around camp will be safe. Two helpful by-products of the storm are that we have little bit more sunlight in a few places and we will have a lot more lumber for our next building!

We have been working on a number of farm projects, in between the storm cleanup. There is a new work space and fenced area around the top barn. This will make horse trips and hikes easier and safer at the farm. We have cleaned, burned, scrapped, given away, used, stored properly or otherwise disposed of all the accumulated junk that just seems to mysteriously appear on farms. We've begun work on the far field of our new property and discovered some really good overnight spots in the corner woods. We are in the process of creating a second farm water supply so we can divide our herd of horses over the winter and we are building a new windbreak horse shelter to provide more "under roof space" as the weather gets colder.

More plans in the works this winter and we'll update you as Falcon's facilities continue to improve each year.

From the Director

What a crazy financial time we are going through, with no easy answers or quick fix. This year's fluctuations and what the near future holds is something I'm surely not wise of enough to know. That being said, we fully expect Falcon to do well despite the economic gloom. I am comfortable that so many of our camp families know that, for their children, the Falcon experience is a far greater value than the financial involvement. Investing in stocks is a guessing game right now. A summer at Falcon Camp is an investment in your child's future. Falcon is committed to providing our campers with the premier private camping experience that you can find in the Midwest. Our costs are reasonable and the high return for your children is well documented over our fifty years. "Fun for Now, Skills for Life" is not just a cute motto, but a very real way of explaining the purpose behind what we are and what we do at Falcon. A look at Falcon's Facebook site can show how many alumni still talk about the importance of camp in their lives, their friendships and their growth as people.

We are always looking for avenues to control spending so that we can continue to offer superior programs that are affordable. There are ways in which you can help as Falcon families who know and trust us to help your children grow in responsible ways. You can save money yourselves by registering early. You can help us find new families who might consider Falcon for their children. Talk about Falcon with your friends and neighbors. Think about whom you know who could benefit from a summer at Falcon and encourage them to contact us. We are working harder on establishing better contact with our large group of alumni to help spread the word about camp. We welcome any ideas you may have to help us find

new families to complement our strong returning camper group without the growing expense of advertising. The less we spend on "outside" costs translates directly into larger program budgets and keeping tuition affordable.

Hope everyone is ready for winter. It certainly has arrived at camp!

Dave

Our new covered bridge



"Horse Time"

Our horses were wondering with all this talk about the cost of gas if maybe some of them needed to pick up some part time fall employment; perhaps being rode or pulling a cart of some type! In fact, there are a few of our horses that are being worked during Falcon's off season. Proof and Wilbur are back at Wilmington College. Leah Newman, our Horse Camp Riding Director, received a photo of Proof saddled western with his hay belly still intact. So the two boys are enjoying their return trip to college. Bonnie-Sue, Ninja and Chip are doing fine as they are hanging out with one of our favorite horsewomen, Patti Glover. Patti's delicious food is all they think about in Southeastern Ohio! They all neigh and communicate loudly as soon as Patti comes into the barn! The goat is thrilled to have Bonnie-Sue home with him, for he resides under her hay holder munching on all the hay that has slipped down.

Tickles and Tasia are living down by camp too, with Dr. Tina Costarella, and her family (including campers Anthony and

Mel). Tickles was ridden all fall and is being rested for the winter. Tasia by-passed the riding and is just resting. Tasia and Tickles both enjoy being brushed and fed treats daily.

Last but not least, Gracie went home with Abby Wilson. Abby was a junior counselor who worked mostly in Horse Camp this past summer. This is Abby's second year taking Gracie home. Gracie likes Abby a lot, but LOVES Abby's mother, for weekly bags of carrots appear hanging outside of Gracie's door!

The horses that did not go anywhere are ALL residing at the farm. Falcon has never had this many horses up top. With the new property fenced in, and water being restricted Falcon now can house the horses in two pastures at the same time. The benefit of this is that some of our older friends can eat in peace and not be pushed around by some younger friends when a new bale of hay arrives. We were sad to see Oakie leave camp. Oakie was retired this past October. Falcon was thrilled to be able to return him to the family who gave him to us. He will act as a baby sitter for their younger horses.

As the holidays arrive perhaps some of you may be thinking of taking horseback riding lessons, let us know. Falcon has horse contacts all over America; including Virginia, Massachusetts, Ohio, Maine, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Staying involved with horses in the winter can be quite cold but very rewarding. A place that is always looking for a talented horse people, like our campers, is Fieldstone Therapeutic Center. TRC is located east of Cleveland in Chagrin Falls, and would really enjoy hearing from our enthusiastic horse lovers.

So as the snow falls and you are complaining of no snow days, think of our wooly mammoths eating outdoors waiting for the new year to arrive.

Emily

We are pleased to announce the Highflyers of 2008:

1st Session	Blue Jays	Kestrels	Eagles	Robins	Cardinals	Hawks
Archery	Kelsey Gibbs	Jacob Honick	Pablo Aviles Jordan Mauro John Braswell	---	Rachel Kennedy	Erin Cullen
Athletics	Anthony Mauro Jeffery Immel	Jacob Honick Jordan Sprunger	Alex Harrison Matthew Schultheiss Harley Berg	Settie Harrison	Eden Saltzman Lena Goren	Emily Cullen
Canoeing	Chad Kamen Jeremy Salkin	Alden Siperstein	David Hutchinson John Braswell	Izzy Schlachter	Mary Huerta Jessica Schreiber Lena Goren	Emily Cullen
Crafts	Chad Kamen	---	Alex Harrison	Natalie Broome	Sydney Doerge	Stephanie McAllister Emma Ford Addison Ruhlman
Drama	Brian Kess	---	Max Graman David Streicher	Rose Schultz Marion Siperstein	Jessica Schreiber Taylor Busby Erika Kess	Julia Ross Jenny Listinsky
Riding	---	---	Dean Carlson Austin Bronstein Matthew Schultheiss	---	---	Taylor Hood
Riflery	---	Jordan Sprunger	Junjie Guo Connor Immel Matthew Schultheiss	---	Drew Schlachter Jessica Schreiber Natalie Weltman	Emma Ford Jenny Edelman Leanne O'Neill
Sailing	Chris Hole	Jacob Honick Jordan Sprunger	Julian Weinberg Kauner Hooper Evan Cooper	---	Jenna Bird Sydney Doerge	Molly Sords Cece Mercer
Swimming	Spencer Atkins	---	James Dunn Ian Maurer	Rose Schultz	Taylor Busby Mira Klein	---
Tennis	---	---	Alex Harrison David Streicher	---	Julia Petrelli Eden Saltzman	Samantha Kamen Taylor Hood Stephanie McAllister
Woodslore	Jeremy Salkin	Andrew McKenzie	Jason Mauro David Streicher Julian Weinberg	---	Laurel Kinman Lena Goren	Leanne O'Neill

2nd Session	Blue Jays	Kestrels	Eagles	Robins	Cardinals	Hawks
Archery	---	---	Pablo Aviles John Braswell Zack Schenk	Lane Chesler	Cecilia Kubu Amanda Zeilinger	Stephanie Sexton Sienna Zeilinger
Athletics	Aaron Benjamin Paul LaRue Spencer Rosenthal	Ian Bartz Ben Buzza	Alex Harrison Brendan Crowther Kauner Hooper	Ines Zippe Lane Chesler	Eden Saltzman Cecilia Kubu Rachel Elson	Lauren Vandenbroeck Stephanie Sexton Liz Lewis
Canoeing	Brian Kess	---	Pedro Aviles Tyler Breazeale	Ellery Thompson Ines Zippe	Katelyn Moore Rachel Elson Eden Saltzman	Stephanie Sexton Leanne O'Neill
Crafts	---	---	Pedro Aviles John Braswell	Ellery Thompson	Sarah LaRue Amanda Zeilinger	Julia Ross
Drama	Aaron Benjamin Eric Bailey	Jordan Bird Bronson Petti Jimmy Nemeth	---	Sarah Weeks Sara Freedman	Olivia Morely Jessica Stahl	Calley Thompson Penelope Ganske Taylor Hood
Riding	Chris Hole Kelsey Gibbs	---	Tyler Catrell	---	Katie Riordan	Robin Cohen Cayla DeStefano
Riflery	Aaron Benjamin	---	Pedro Aviles	---	Jessica Stahl Rachel Elson	Ronnie Benjamin
Sailing	Chris Hole	---	Alex Harrison Kauner Hooper Devon Kodger	---	Jenna Bird Eden Saltzman Emily Krosin	Ronnie Benjamin Sienna Zeilinger
Swimming	Eric Bailey Paul LaRue	Joey Riordan Yusef Fergany	Daivd Krosin Brendan Crowther	Olivia Crane	Ashley Weeks Mira Klein Jessica Stahl	Elana Ross
Tennis	Kelsey Gibbs	---	Tyler Breazeale	---	Lilly Ganske	Penelope Ganske
Woodslore	Aaron Benjamin Paul LaRue	---	Julian Weinberg James Trocme	---	Eden Saltzman Rachel Elson	Stephanie Sexton Isabella Ruta Leanne O'Neill

Applications and other forms can be downloaded from our website at
www.falconcamp.com.

You are welcome to call or email any time you have questions.

2008 DATES

Eight Week Session

June 22 – August 16

Six Week Sessions

**June 22 – August 2
July 6 – August 16**

Four Week Sessions

**June 22 – July 19
July 20 – August 16**

Two Week Sessions

**June 22 – July 5
July 6 – July 19
July 20 – August 2
August 3 – August 16**



**Falcon Young Adventure Camp: 6 and 7 year olds boys and girls
August 3 -August 9 and August 11 -16**

Horse Lover Camp: One week sessions June 22 – August 16



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