

## THE FALCONER

**Fall 2014** 

## **Summer Wrap-up**

Wow, what an awesome summer! It has been several years since I have spent the entire summer at Falcon Camp. It was great to be back for several reasons:

The campers—lots and lots of campers! Not only were there lots and lots of campers this year, but they were a caring, compassionate, friendly, and polite group of campers!

The weather was outstanding this summer! We enjoyed nice warm



days and cool, peaceful evenings. When it did rain, it did so at night and didn't stop many daily activities.

Campers enjoyed exciting activities and programs this summer! We introduced a several new activities to camp such as Log Rolling, which was a big hit down at the waterfront. Cal Watt from the Kestrels was able to bring VRX to camp, which is a cross between lacrosse and dodge ball.

The campers that participated in Drama performed Oliver and Hercules at the pavilion. We also



implemented a new awards system for Arts & Crafts which incorporated several mediums like painting, pencil drawing, and fiber arts. The stables also added a new award to their award system, Trail Riding. Campers that spent time at the stables also had the opportunity to enjoy a half-day trail ride up to the farm to explore.

The staff was outstanding this year. Our returning staff was able to come right in and started right off where they left off from last summer. The new staff took it all in during staff training and hit the ground running when the campers showed up for Session 1 and never looked back. Both groups of staff came together as one and started making memories and connections for camper the minute they arrived.

## From the Director

While all of you are back in the full swing of home and school, fall is the calmest of seasons at Falcon. The laughter and noise of campers and staff throughout the summer is gone, the spring rush to get everything ready is long past, winter means most of our time is in the office planning and marketing.

All of camp is quiet and most of it is closed down. We've made some repairs and clean ups, power washed all the cabins, cut some trees, put a new roof on the woodslore cabin and more. Plans are to replace the screens in the Eagle unit and dining hall, repair the diving board platform and a variety of other things to make camp better.

A lot of attention is always at the farm this time of year. We've cleared and repaired fence lines, fixed several parts of the barn, spent several days burning old wood and getting rid of various old "farm stuff". The horses spend the winter at the farm and it is important to move enough hay into appropriate storage places for winter feeding. We feed out *approximately* 300,000 pounds of hay each year. That's a lot of hay!

You will hear from us a bit later this fall about CIT invitations, early registration and more as we'll be preparing for the summer of 2015.

Take care --

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			2014 High Flyers First Session	st Session		
	Blue Jays	Kestrels	Eagles	Robins	Cardinals	Hawks
Archery	Brenden Albrecht	Pierce Bendlak	Brayton Bendlak Connor Hale Thayer Sindelar	Sophia Mahen		Abby McCartney Amanda Schenk
Athletics	Brenden Albrecht	Nathan Chahine Nikita Davidenko	Blake Glately Blake Laisure	Natalie River	Emma Murphy	Erin Dyke Sarah Weeks
Canoeing		Phillip Lewicki	Andrew Schultheiss Trevor Hunter		Rose Zelden	Abby Goodman Erin Dyke Samantha Salkin
Crafts	Nolan Sindelar Brenden Albrecht	Alex Lavin	Thayer Sindelar Trevor Hunter	Sloane Andrulis	Zoe Doerge Rose Zeldin Saskia River	Kenna Marblestone Grace Gilbreath
Creative Arts		Joshua Hertz	Matt Zeldin Blake Laisure Thomas Rodriques			
Drama		Joshua Hertz	Sawyer Zak Thayer Sindelar	Camille Brommers	Rose Zelden	Maddi Devey Abby McCartney Alyssa Hertz
Riding	Colin White Brenden Albrecht Harrison White	Nicholas Torrible Jonah Schumann Edwin White	Kirk Albrecht Jr. Sawyer Zak Jacob Meadows	Sophia Mahen Sloane Andrulis	Stephanie Tropper Saskia River Sarah Hatem	Christie Welder Joy Rabne Abby McCartney
Riflery	Harrison White	Bohdan Andrulis Ben Lafave Pierce Bendlak	Blake Glatley Blake Laisure Jacob Meadows	Helena Healey- Abrams	Emma Murphy Tori Williams	Samantha Salkin Yasmin Razmjouei Abby Goodman
Sailing		Pierce Bendlak	Matt Zeldin		Noelle Laisure	Abby McCartney Maddi Devey
Swimming	Brenden Albrecht Colin White		Connor Hale Jacob Meadows			Massa Korleh Grace Gilbreath
Tennis	Harrison White Sachin Singh	Joshua Hertz Andrew Goodman	Bobby Hart Matt Zeldin	Margaret Zirwas	Carolin Cannon	Angelica Taylor Anjali Kashyap
Woodslore	Sachin Singh	Alex Sharkunov Edwin White		Evelyn Lewicki Anna Sharkunov	Kayla Reichert Catherine John Emma Murphy	Erin Dyke Anjali Kashyap

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## 2015 Session Calendar

	Dates	Tuition		
Two Week Sessions	June 14 – June 27	\$2270		
	June 28 – July 11			
	July 12 — July 25			
	July 26 – August 8			
Four Week Sessions	June 14 – July 11	\$4150		
	July 12 – August 8			
Six Week Sessions	June 14 – July 25	\$5710		
	June 28 – August 8			
Eight Week Session	June 14 – August 8	\$7015		
	Leaders In Training			

It's the first official day of autumn and the summer of 2014 has drawn to a close. Saying goodbye to another amazing Falcon summer is never easy! Let me catch you up on some of the best activities from our LIT Program.

What is an LIT? The Leaders in Training (LIT) program is designed for campers ages 14-15 that are interested in learn-



ing more about leadership at Falcon from a counselor perspective. It involves a combination of weekly meetings and a variety of hands on activities that include shadowing staff members, acting as a counselor assistant (CA), and learning how to lead a large group game. The final project for the LITs is to create and implement an activity for the younger units during rest hour.

The first session class of LITs worked hard planning a series of water games on the softball field. Campers played Drip Drip Drop (Duck Duck Goose with water) and ran relays where you had to sit on a water balloon until it pops! Despite a cloudy sky, the LITs made the most of the activities with lots of enthusiasm and an excellent job dividing up into roles. Team leaders participated with the groups in every water station to the delight of the younger

campers. Game leaders kept the activities running smoothly by replenishing supplies if needed or adding a new creative twist on the original activity to keep enthusiasm high. Timekeepers made sure campers had the opportunity to complete every station. From set up to clean up, this was a well organized and executed activity full of smiles and laughter from the campers as well as the LITs.

The second session class of LITs decided to move in more of an engineering direction and created structures out of spa-

ghetti noodles and marshmallows. Campers were divided into teams and given the same materials. The groups collaborated to create so many diverse structures! Again, the LITs did a great job assigning roles. Team leaders helped to act as mediators and ensure all participants contributed to the pasta masterpiece. The judges created a rubric to ensure fair scoring and the timekeepers kept the competition on track. The campers cheered in formation to hear the final results of the contest. After the LITs completed the activity, it was time to reflect. The LITs began by drafting a list of the things the group did well, could have done better, and what they learned from the activity. What a rewarding experience to be a part of these campers discovering his/her



leadership path! It was an absolute pleasure to be a part of this program throughout the summer and I look forward to seeing these names on upcoming CIT applications soon.

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