

## Summer Wrap

**We thought about what to write** and say about the summer and it's easy to write the same thing every year –so many great campers, outstanding staff, excellent program, etc., mixed in with some crazy frustrating wet weather this summer. You don't want to repeat yourself each year yet how many ways are to there to say the same things???

Falcon is a place where you come to have fun, see your friends and improve your activity skills. Falcon is where you meet new friends, try new things in both activity skills and social skills. Falcon is where you find your second home. Falcon is where you grow, learn, reach up and outside yourself, find friendships that will last a lifetime and bond with role models who really do care about you. Oh yeah, did we mention that you have a ton of fun?

What was your best memory of camp this summer? Was there a moment that stood out more than others? Email or call us and we'll compile a list. Even parents can join in with this and we welcome your responses, too. Anyone who participates will win a special secret prize –we'll tell you what it is in the December newsletter but it is something you will of course want to have very much and this is the only way to get it.

Only 8 months until the summer of 2014!  
Work hard to do well in school and plan  
to join us for another excellent summer.



Fall leaves on the way to the beach

## 2014 Falcon Calendar

**It has become** difficult to sort through all of the various school and college schedules to find a nine week period that fits everyone's schedule. In 2013 we moved camp back a week to accommodate younger staff's ability to participate in staff training the week before campers arrive. The result was that many campers could not attend during the last two week session because of schools opening and several staff had to leave early for college. We took a close look at school calendars in a variety of cities, looked at a number of college schedules and also looked at numerous other private independent camps like ourselves. We've decided to move the start of camp up a week as it seems to be the best fit for the largest number of campers and staff. Of those of you who responded to our email, most of you agree. There is no time that fits everyone and we will be working on ways to make sure our younger staff receive the training they need if they are unable to attend the entire staff week. We wish there was an easy solution to

this but there doesn't appear to be. We welcome your suggestions and hope that choosing the dates this early will help you plan accordingly to make sure Falcon is in your plans for 2014.

## From the Director

**We've had better weather** this fall than we had all summer (certainly not my choice!). We took advantage of that to get ahead of the maintenance part of a well functioning camp. We haven't done any new work to jump and shout about: just the constant of trimming trees and cutting out potential problem trees all over camp, gave the entire stables a new coat of stain from the tack room to the repaired corral fence, built new wood floors in some stalls, new stain and wax on the dining hall floors, sprayed to kill poison ivy, repaired sailboats and are really putting some effort into our pasture fields at the farm. So nothing special but we've completed some things normally done in the spring which frees up some extra spring time to plan new things for 2014. I'm getting back into the office more now that the weather is finally getting colder and you'll soon receive more information about early registration, CIT invitations, winter gatherings and camp fairs.



Take care,

*Dave and all*