



# THE FALCONER

Winter 2014

## Introducing **Todd Lennig** as the newest member of our administration team:

Todd began at Falcon in 1994 as a counselor and moved up to year round program director by 2000. Positions in that process included Unit Leader and Waterfront Director. Thinking that camping was the profession he wanted to pursue, Todd moved into the YMCA camping system where there was more room for him to grow and develop his skills. Over the past 12 years Todd has directed YMCA camps in PA, WI, NH and Michigan. Now equipped with large amounts of experience, he is returning back home to Falcon and will serve as an Assistant Director along with Nici Mahen. Todd and his wife Melissa have two children, Colin and Owen, and will continue to live in Wisconsin during the winter season. Melissa is an elementary school guidance counselor and of course they first met at a camp! Todd's role at Falcon as an Assistant Director will be wide and varied as he has an understanding of just about every facet of running a good camp. Todd and Nici worked together during Todd's first term at Falcon and they are both excited about joining together again. You will begin to see Todd's name more frequently in newsletters, Facebook, on the website and with registration as he oversees the office and online presence of Falcon. We think you will like him as much as we do and welcome him back home!

As we welcome Todd Lennig to the administration team, we also say a great big **THANK YOU!** to **Tali Cornblath** as she moves from full time to part time as part of our Falcon team. Tali is exploring her own professional options as she looks to her career choices. For those of you who know her, it will not sound like exaggerating when I say that she will be very successful in whatever direction she chooses. She is one of the most talented and capable young people I've ever had the pleasure of working with and I am glad that Falcon remains an important part of her thought process. Tali is working in the PreSchool program at Temple Emanu El and is the new Youth Director at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation. She is also assisting us at Falcon in the preparation of our annual "Companies That Care" acceptance program and in the staff evaluations during our 2014 hiring process. We are exploring options that involve her being an integral part of the 2014 summer at Falcon and doing some outside the box thinking to try and make that happen. We are grateful for her past work at Falcon and look forward to her positive future as well.

**From the Director:** One of the things I am most proud of as the director and owner of Falcon is the consistent quality of our administration and the constant effort to be as good as we possibly can. I've known Todd for about 20 years and am excited to have him back at Falcon. Tali is in her mid 20's and it is entirely appropriate and normal for her to explore her options outside of Falcon, as did Alison, Todd and others before her. Tali and I really are working on ways to keep her as a part of our Falcon team as we are not quite ready to let go of her talents and she is not quite ready to let go of her love for Falcon. Assistant Director Nici Mahen has been a part of Falcon her entire life and her talents are evident at camp each year. Having the twin talents of Todd and Nici as my assistant directors should be as reassuring to you as campers and parents as it is to me as director/owner. It is a pleasure to share the responsibilities of directing camp with skilled people and it is good sound management practice no matter what business you are in. We have an administrative team who care deeply about providing a rewarding summer for our campers and are willing to work hard to accomplish that.

Join us this summer!

**Dave**



What the heck are these people doing?? Welcome to a new activity at Falcon this summer: **Log rolling!** Check out the website, [www.KeyLogRolling.com](http://www.KeyLogRolling.com), to see what it is and how much fun it can be. Any age, any size can learn to be a champion log roller and think about all the contests we can have –Senehawk, Coed, All Camp, Can you beat your Counselor and lots more. It should be great fun as an additional activity at the waterfront.

**Congratulations to Falcon Camp** for being an ACA accredited camp as always! Every three years each ACA accredited camp is “visited” by trained volunteers who evaluate the camp in over 300 standards involving health, safety, depth of program, staff training and good management practices. In other years the camp director must sign off that these standards are being met. The ACA accredited camp program is the only nationally recognized accreditation for camping and is accepted in both the legal and insurance professions as BEST PRACTICES. Falcon has been accredited every year of our existence since 1959 and once again we passed our 2013 visit. Dave has been on the Ohio Council of Leaders for the ACA as the public policy chair for almost 20 years. Todd is an instructor for ACA visitor training. Todd and Dave are trained visitors to accredit other camps and Tali is an associate visitor. We firmly believe in the need to hold standards that parents can trust and recognize.

Here’s the logo to Look for:



We are updating our presence and changing our format on Facebook to better suit our needs and organize ourselves a little better. We have created a new Falcon **page** that will be used to announce news and events happening that involve Falcon. You’ll find updates on current and old staff, when we might be visiting your city, photos from “back in the day” and more. The current Falcon Facebook **group** will become the Falcon Alumni group where alumni will be able to reconnect and share old camp stories, get information about any upcoming alumni event, etc. Those of you who are currently in the Facebook group and are not alumni will be asked (very politely but still asked) to move over to the Falcon Page. Please know that what we do on Facebook will not replace anything we do on our website or newsletters. It is simply just another convenient way to stay in touch with people. Some of you are too young to be on Facebook and a few of you could be like Director Dave (the dinosaur) who rarely ventures into Facebook. Anyone with questions can email [todd@falconcamp.com](mailto:todd@falconcamp.com).

**FUN FACT:** Last summer was the first year we were able to participate in a real recycling effort at camp thanks to the county environmental department. Although the recycle dumpster isn’t the prettiest addition to Falcon, can you believe we recycled 1.87 TONS of material in 2013! Pretty darn IMPRESSIVE!

We were pleased to see how many of you took advantage of early registration in November and December. Applications and inquiries are being received almost daily right now. We are looking forward to an excellent summer with a smiling camp full of returning campers joined by our brand new campers for their first experience of "coming home for the summer!" If you are not on this list we hope to see your name on here soon. The summer of 2014 is going to be great fun and you won't want to miss it!

### **We welcome the following campers to Falcon for the summer of 2014!**

Ryan Allan	Samantha Harris	Zachary Rutherford
Eliana Alrashidi	Sarah Hatem	Amanda Schenk
Osama Alrashidi	Trevor Hunter	Ben Scheps
Catherine Always	Catherine John	Marshall Schiele
Bohdan Andrulis	Ricky John	Andrew Schultheiss
Sloane Andrulis	Anjali Kashyap	Chloe Schwartz
Helen Breen	Rohit Kashyap	Kayla Schwartz
Peter Breen	Jacob Kenerson	Alex Sharkonov
Sean Breen	Emily Knight	Anna Sharkonov
Rachel Broihier	Drew Landers	Jackie Siegel
Caroline Cannon	Paul LaRue	Keely Siegel
Oscar Chapnick	Abigail Lauretig	Michael Sima
Calvin Chesler	Anastasia Levit	Nolan Sindelar
Lane Chesler	Evelyn Lewicki	Thayer Sindelar
Thomas Colucci	Phillip Lewicki	Genevieve Steffy
Jonathan Coombs	Sophia Mahen	Nadia Steffy
Becca Dangler	Jay Manfredo	Adam Tropper
Evan Dangler	Abby McCartney	Stephanie Tropper
Nikita Davidenko	Charlie Miller	Kaitlin Watts
Erin Dyke	Matthew Olsen	Maxwell Wayne
William Eummer	Mallory Orr	James Webber
Jack Farrall	Michael Otts	William Webber
Luke Farrall	Michael Rafi	Sarah Weeks
Will Farrall	Leia Rich	Daniel Williams
Kate Faxon	Nathalie River	David Williams
Nina Gamboni	Saskia River	Victoria Williams
Abby Goodman	James Rodrigues	William Willoughby
Andrew Goodman	Thomas Rodrigues	Matthew Zeldin
Henry Gilmore	Perin Romano	Rose Zeldin
Connor Hale	Abby Rutherford	Margaret Zirwas

**It is refreshing to see the names of our returning campers and exciting to see the names of new campers who will join us for the first time. All of you know that you are our strongest advocates for the experience we offer at Falcon and we appreciate how many of you tell others about camp. Think about who you know that might benefit from a summer at Falcon and be sure to spread the word. We're going to have a great summer in 2014!**

## 2014 Camp Fair Schedule:

We will be attending the following camp fairs this year and hope you will stop in to say hello. Bring a friend who is interested in camp and you will both receive a limited edition Falcon Camp T- shirt. We'll also be happy to meet with families personally or in small groups at a place of your own choosing and convenience.

Worthington SWEPP  
The Shops at Worthington Place  
February 9, 2014  
12:00pm – 3:00pm

WPC Summer Camp Expo  
Westerville North High School  
March 12, 2014  
5:30pm - 8:00pm

Summer Camp Convention  
Solon Community Center  
February 22, 2014  
10:00am - 3:00pm

KidsLinked.com Summer Camp Fair  
Worthington Community Center  
March 16, 2014  
2:00pm – 4:00pm

2014 Summer Activities Expo  
Orange Middle School, Olentangy  
March 10, 2014  
5:30pm - 8:00pm

Miami Valley Summer Camp Fair  
Wright State University  
March 22, 2014  
11:00am - 2:00pm

KidsLinked Summer Camp Fair  
Makoy Center, 5462 Center St, Hilliard  
March 11, 2014  
5:30pm – 8:00pm

Pickerington Summer Camp Fair  
Heritage Elementary School  
April 9, 2014  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

We will have information available on the Silent Auction table at the Shaker Hts School Foundation's "A Night for the Red and White" on March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you want to donate to a good educational cause *and* win a two week session at Falcon, bid high and bid often! We anticipate doing the same thing later this spring for The Lawrence School again this year. Most of the camp fairs center on the central Ohio area, not by our design but by parent groups who are interested in helping their communities learn more about summer opportunities for their families. If you know of any events in other places, please let us know. If you would be interested in how to set up a camp fair in your community we would be happy to help.

## 2014 Falcon Camp Calendar



### Two Week Sessions

June 15 – June 28

June 29 – July 12

July 13 – July 26

July 27 – August 9

### Four Week Sessions

June 15 – July 12

July 13 – August 9

### Six Week Sessions

June 15 – July 26

June 29 – August 9

### Eight Week Session

June 15 – August 9

**Falcon Young Adventure Camps: Special One week intro camps for boys and girls ages 6-9.  
July 27 – August 2 and August 3 – August 9.**