

Reminder: **YOU ARE INVITED TO THE THIRD ANNUAL**

## **FALCON CAMP WINTER PARTY!!!**

Where: **Shaker Nature Center**, 2600 South Park Blvd, Shaker Hts. OH

44120 When: Friday, **December 13, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

What: Snacks, Games, Premiere of the 2013 Yearbook DVD, Catching up with Falcon friends and more!

Who: You, Your Family, Alumni, and any Friends who might want to know more about Falcon.

Remember – if you bring a friend, you both get t-shirts!

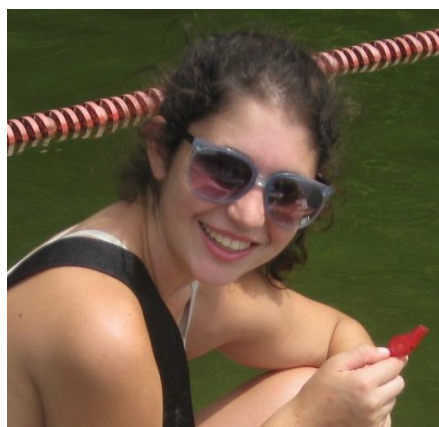
We can't wait to see you there! Call winter office (216/991-2489) or email [Office@FalconCamp.com](mailto:Office@FalconCamp.com)

if you have any questions. Staff or campers who would like to help with set up or cleanup, let us know.

**Early Registration** is underway and we are now receiving applications every day. All of you should have received information by email and 2013 campers should have received it by regular mail. All of the information is also available on the website but here is a quick recap: Deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you pay in full you will receive a 15% tuition discount. If you pay the deposit only you will receive a 10% tuition discount. Two other discounts that apply any time of year:

1. Receive a discount of \$20 per \$1000 of tuition if you pay by check or cash.
2. Receive a \$50 per child discount for campers in the same immediate family.

A summer at Falcon is always a reward in itself but you might as well take advantage of the savings while you can and insure that your camper gets enrolled in their session of first choice.



Many **LARGE THANKS** to Tali Cornblath for once again doing great work in creating our 2013 Falcon DVD Yearbook. All 2013 campers should receive the 2013 Falcon Yearbook in the mail with this newsletter. Let us know if you would like an extra copy or have one sent to family and friends.

DVD premier is at the winter party Friday night!

## Letters from Staff

I asked two of our international staff members to write why they wanted to return to work at Falcon in 2014. Here's what they said:

Summer 2013 was an incredible adventure for me. I still remember leaving my home in the UK excited to be travelling to Falcon Camp in America. I can remember the hot sunny day in Ohio when I got out of the car and the first time I walked around the camp. I had so many great experiences while I was at camp, from meeting great staff who I would be working with over the 8 week to meeting so many campers every two weeks who made my time as amazing as theirs. There was so much wonder and energy at camp, with so many different games and activities going on every day, which made it exciting and fun. The whole time I was at camp I could not stop smiling and being happy because I could see children and staff having so much fun and trying new things, they became confident and some even took to the stage.

This is why I want to come back to camp for 2014, to have another incredible adventure with everyone at Falcon Camp and to contribute to that experience with new ideas for drama where children can explore new performances and develop new skills. I want to help make children's experiences at camp memorable. To see others try new things, to see them happy and enjoying their time. The friendships that are made at camp are one of a kind and I look forward to seeing the children and staff again when I come back to Falcon for 2014.

Chris Carter, England

## Why I come back to Falcon:

This summer will be my fourth summer at Falcon and I can honestly say there is nowhere I would rather be for my summer. There are so many things to do at camp, and the people that I have met over the years are some of my closest friends. My favorite part that always puts a smile on my face is in the evenings when all the counselors and the campers are in their cabins. This is a great time to catch up on what everyone has done that day and it is so much fun hearing all of the stories people have to share. The structure of the camp is so welcoming and the staff are like a family, and this has helped spending my birthday away from my family easy because Falcon is a home away from home. I live in a city so coming to Falcon camp surrounded by beautiful woods makes me know that I am not a city girl at heart!

Lara Buckley, England

## C.I.T. Invitations

(CIT = counselor in training)

Campers from last summer who are eligible to become CITs at Falcon in 2014 should have received their application invitations. Please remember this is not an automatic acceptance but a position you must apply for and be serious about in your first step to become a future Falcon staff member.

If you believe you are eligible and we missed you on the invitation list, please let us know ---we didn't mean to do that!

## From the Director

The quality and amount of care you receive from our Falcon staff is part of what makes each camper experience at Falcon both unique and memorable.

I thought it might be interesting for you to hear what some of the staff feel about working with their campers (and your children). For the next newsletter I'll ask a few of the American staff to write.

We will be doing some traveling this winter to a variety of camp fairs in Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and hopefully Pittsburgh. We'll print the schedule next month and post it on the website. Please stop in and say hello when we are in your area. Be sure to tell some friends to come and see if Falcon might be the right place for them too. We are also happy to meet with individual families any time or place at your convenience, especially if it's somewhere we can eat ice cream!

Camp will stay untouched now until we reach a warm spell as the last snow and ice storm pretty much closed down the camp road. Tom keeps a good eye on the horses up at the farm and all are doing well. It is always very pretty and peaceful at camp and the farm when the snow is on the ground and the leaves are all gone (campers and staff gone too!).

The Devey family travel plans during part of the winter break have been put on hold a bit as Emily slipped and fell on the ice yesterday while walking the dogs. Levi tried very hard to be helpful by licking her face until I got there --it happened right in front of our house. Emily broke her wrist in two places and now has surgery scheduled for December 23 to put a plate in there. Oh well --what are you going to do when accidents happen? Have a safe and happy holiday season,

*Dave and all at Falcon!*

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