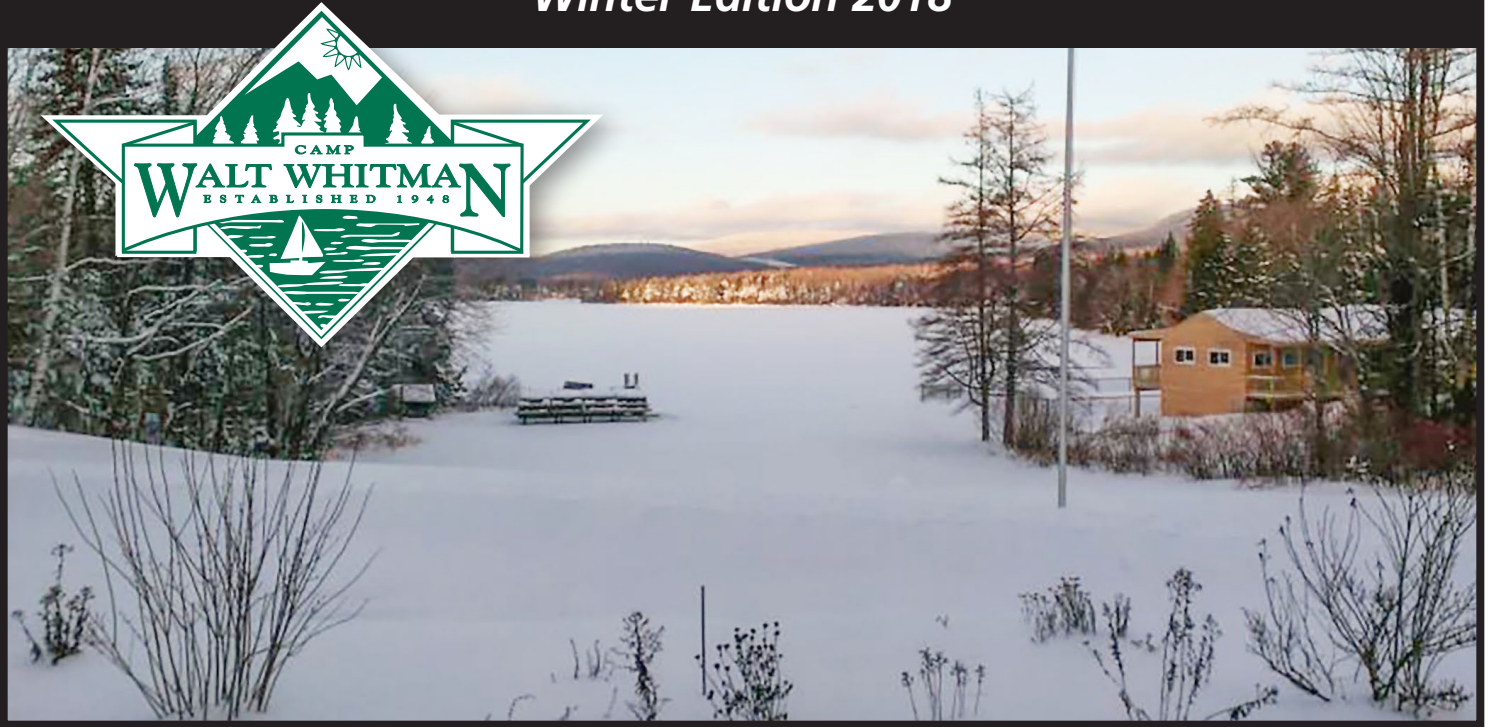


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# A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Whitmanites,

What a severe winter this has been. While the brutal cold has enveloped much of the US, it is hard to believe just how cold it has been at camp this winter. Lew Chase, our Maintenance Director extraordinaire, has called our NY office many days this winter to update us of temperatures at camp of 5, 10, and 15 degrees below zero! And that's not including the wind chill as the chilly winds whip across Lake Armington. And yet, Lew and his team show up to camp every morning at 8 am to get to work on the two new cabins they are building this winter. That's what we call commitment, as Lew is bound and determined to make sure that camp is ready for our campers in just a few short months.

The severity of this winter hasn't just been about the weather, it's also been the constant onslaught of news about Russia, the flu, wildfires, mudslides, tax plans, the wall, DACA, and those darn Patriots who just never seem to lose! How does one keep their sanity when there is this continual bombardment?

For us, it is intentionally changing our focus to instead and bringing our attention to all that is good in the world - and what comes right to mind is camp of course! Just thinking about that day in June when the buses will drive down Cape Moonshine Road to deliver our campers to CWW puts a giant smile on our faces! We simply can't wait to hear the laughter, witness the joy, and feel the energy of our community. In just a few short months we will all be together again to enjoy Walt Whitman's 70th summer as we make new friends, foster old friendships, take on new challenges, laugh, love, and have the time of our lives! We will see you there!



The Dorfman Family

*Carolyn & Lew*

## 70th CWW REUNION

**Saturday, July 28th • 10 am – 4 pm**

As we sit and think about our excitement for the 70th reunion we begin to take inventory of Camp Walt Whitman over the course of 70 years. Across seven generations, over 8,000 staff members have worked tirelessly to change our camper's lives, over 75,000 arts, wood, and ceramics projects have been completed, the pada pada has been danced more than 500 times, and over one million chicken nuggets have been eaten. Whoa! Generations have laid the groundwork for CWW, and bringing our long-standing community together after 70 years to share in the joy, friendship, fun, and tradition which is still alive and well is beyond exciting.

We can't wait to see old friends and enjoy a beautiful day along the shores of Lake Armington reminiscing about all of the incredible memories and people who have made CWW what it is today. We invite all alumni, 18 and older, to join us **Saturday, July 28th from 10am – 4pm** for what will surely be a day for the history books.



To register for the CWW 70th Reunion, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-walt-whitmans-70th-reunion-registration-40815988721>

# Coach Porter's Top Winter Tennis Tips

There are six areas that require consistent attention to develop a tournament level tennis player. They are:

## 1. Physical 2. Technical 3. Tactical 4. Strategic 5. Mental/Emotional 6. Environmental

Below is one tip or suggestion in each of these six areas to help prepare you for a summer of great tennis in 2018 at Paradise East (Camp Walt Whitman). As you know I live in Paradise West (Hawaii).

- 1 PHYSICAL:** Play team tag where you must touch each of 4 or 5 friends or family members in a defined area. On an average tennis point you change directions 8 to 10 times. Playing this game will force you to change directions and this will greatly help you on the court.
- 2 TECHNICAL:** Practice hitting against a wall and focus on keeping your elbows AWAY from your body and extending your swing farther forward than you normally do.
- 3 TACTICAL:** When hitting with family or friends see how many balls you can hit over the net in a row. If you are already a developing player see how many balls you can hit over the net past the service line. Also, try and hit one volley and then one overhead and then another volley and then another overhead. Hit all balls directly back to your opponent or practice partner and see how many balls you can hit in a row while alternating this way.
- 4 STRATEGIC:** Play a game to 10 only using one service box on each side of the court. This is a short court game that requires you to use angles, different depths and consistency. You use multiple tactics in developing a strategy that works to help you win the points. You can start with down the line boxes and then try cross-court boxes.
- 5 MENTAL/EMOTIONAL:** While you are playing any of the above games focus on seeing the good in what you are doing and staying positive about yourself and tennis regardless of the outcome. It is really more about your performance than your result. This will help you keep the game fun while helping you keep competition in proper perspective. Remember, you can only control what you do and not what your opponent or practice partner does.
- 6 ENVIRONMENTAL:** Practice thanking your parents or friends for playing with you or providing an opportunity for you to play. Make new tennis friends play these games with them.

***Work on these six areas and e-mail me at [porterd@byuh.edu](mailto:porterd@byuh.edu) if you have any tennis related questions.***



Coach David Porter has been the Tennis Director at CWW for 21 years. He received his B.S. & M.S. degrees from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where he also played collegiate tennis and basketball. He then went on to receive his doctorate degree from the University of Hawaii. He has coached tennis at BYU-Hawaii since 1984, starting the program and making him the only coach BYUH has ever had. Coach Porter's combined career record of 1,410-188 is the most combined wins all-time in collegiate tennis. He has achieved 1,000 collegiate coaching victories in fewer contests than any coach, in any sport, in any division in NCAA history. He is also the first coach in NCAA tennis history to coach both men's and women's teams to national championships in consecutive years (2002 and 2003). He has been the president of the 15,000-member United States Professional Tennis Association and is currently the Chairman of International Testing and the Player Development Committees. In 2012, Coach was named the USPTA Alex Gordon Professional of the Year. Adding to these accolades, he has the highest winning percentage of any NCAA women's tennis coach in history (732 wins, 25 losses, .967 winning percentage). He was just named the ITA/Wilson National Coach of the Year for a record 7th time. Coach has four children and twelve grandchildren, and enjoys reading, listening to music, and spending time with his family.





# CAMPER UPDATES

Our campers are involved in hundreds of different clubs, sports, and activities. We love to get updates from them throughout the year of all the exciting things going on in their lives. Here are a few we'd like to share with you.

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Although she is enjoying 3rd grade, **Arielle Waldman** is very excited to come back to CWW next summer. She had a great time catching up with **Brooke Carter** over reunion weekend and then seeing **Gabi Pinaluga** during a family vacation to Florida in December! **Scarlett Ives** is participating in a bunch of new activities including the school's singing group, viola lessons, garden club, and Destination Imagination. Although he started a new school this fall for 5th grade, **Atticus Pyron** is loving it and has taken up cross-country running. He also skied for the first time during the holiday break. **Jayden Seidman** was selected for her middle school A-Team cheerleading squad. She also performed solo parts in two school-wide dance company programs last semester. **Zachary Newman** has been spending most of his time playing on the NJ Avalanche hockey team as the goalie. The team travels often for games, and Zachary is especially excited to be playing in the intermission game at West Point in February. **Keera Srivastava** has been improving her butterfly stroke on her new swim team and gearing up to swim a half mile in the Tampa Bay to help fight cancer. Way to go Keera, that's quite an admirable goal! This winter **Lazarus Mintz** has been playing a lot of music. Continuing with the drums and the keys he is now also learning guitar, which he will be bringing with him to camp. **Zachary Snyder** has been playing golf and has improved a lot! Over winter break Zachary went zip-lining in the rainforest of Costa Rica which was exhilarating! **Alexandra Snyder** is spending a lot of time practicing her dance skills at her ballet academy. She had the opportunity to dance in the Ballet Academy's East Nutcracker for the second year in a row – amazing! One of the highlights of **Max & Ian Leopold's** year was going to watch staff member Ben 'Wiggy' Wignall play in and win his conference championship game. It was an exciting night for everyone. **Teddy Treusch** is really into basketball this year and joined his school team. He has been to two Brooklyn Nets games and even went to see the Harlem Globe Trotters! **Lucien Tarnow** has been to Vienna and Rocky Mountain National Park so far this year. He is also playing tennis, and enjoys one of his new favorite hobbies, remote control cars! Over winter break, **James Koplin** took a break from his 4th Grade homework and Jiu Jitsu classes to go fishing in Costa Rica. On his very first try, he reeled in a big Mahi Mahi Tuna which he ate for lunch! Also in 4th grade, **Paige Bakalar** is practicing her figure skating and acro-dance to stay warm during the cold Alaskan winter. After camp, **Max Meizlik** took a family trip to San Francisco and Yosemite National Park where he enjoyed hiking and some iconic views of El Capitán, Half Dome and a couple of



**Max & Ian Leopold with Wiggy**



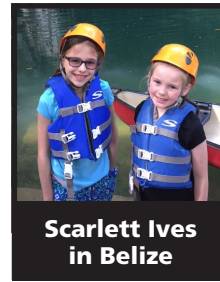
**James Koplin What a catch!**

scenic waterfalls too.

**Elise** and **Andrew Nakahara** moved to Briarcliff Manor this year

and can't wait to be back at CWW!

**Nate Fishkin** is enjoying playing the drums at school and has earned his purple belt in karate. He even built a 'doodling robot' for his school's annual Science Fair. On November 4th, **Mitchell Vineberg** celebrated his Bar Mitzvah and was joined by **Daniella** and **Mia Jacob, Andrew Miller, Jack** and **Eden Rose** and **Russel Reim**. It has been a goal of both **Grey** and **Grant Dickson** to improve their surf skills this year. Since camp ended, they have surfed every day (rain or shine), and showed incredible determination and hard work. Many campers have enjoyed time skiing with their families this winter. **Lilly Saal** loves it more this year than any other, **Sky Thielbar** has been skiing in Colorado, **Abe & Elizabeth Echt** spent New Year's Day skiing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and **Calder Kropp** has loved hitting the slopes again this winter. Calder is also playing with his band and learning new music on his guitar. **Gibbon Birkedal** has been doing gymnastics and practicing his acting skills. He also fostered a kitten for a week and even built a fire pit in his backyard! There are a number of campers who have participated in plays and theatre productions this year as well. **Sydney** and **Sutton Korn** are performing together in The Little Mermaid as Ursula and Scuttle, **Maya Brosnick** and some friends drafted an original script of a play in the style of an ancient Greek tragedy which they will be performing this Spring, and **Julia Serbee** got the lead in the school production of Mary Poppins! Brother **Jeremy Serbee** is writing tons of music and counting down the days to camp. Also excited to return to CWW, **Alex Friedman** has been spending lots of time with friends, playing softball and practicing her guitar skills. **Noa Benerofe** won her 5th grade yearbook cover art contest. Her design will be featured on the back of the Wampus Elementary 2018 memory book! Staying busy with travel soccer and rec flag football, **Charlie Dockswell** also went on a trip to the Bahamas where he swam with dolphins! **Ian Kurlander** visited Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park, Ireland for a cousin's wedding, and Mexico for his grandma's birthday. Volunteering their time to decorate clothing for new babies and mothers, **Helena Stark** and **Maddie Martinez** enjoyed spending time together and helping others. **Asher Cort** is on the student leadership council team and was elected Vice President. He also qualified for a go kart racing team! After camp, **Avery** and **Maya Brosnick** took off to explore London, England where they travelled to Hogwarts at Harry Potter Studios, toured the residence of Sherlock Holmes, and gathered on Parliament Square to hear the last gongs of Big Ben before it's four-year renovation begins. Busy practicing his own basketball skills, **Jayden Levin** also enjoys going to Celtics games and has even been to a Patriots game. **Dylan Cooper** got a new dog named Larsen, and he's enjoyed spending lots of time with him. He has been playing soccer, basketball, and has been skiing as well. **Sam Meltzer** started singing lessons and continues with tennis on the weekends. Much of **Jonah Nathanson's** time is consumed with school and swim team practice, but he was able to go on a Disney Cruise which was especially exciting!



**Scarlett Ives in Belize**



**Zachary Snyder zip-lining in Costa Rica**

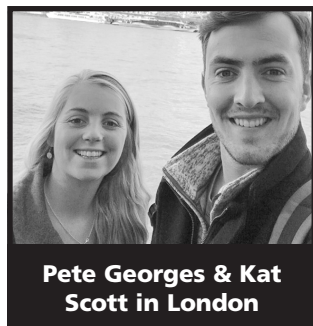
# Staff Updates

It's around this time of year that staff commit to return for another magical summer at CWW, and we can begin to piece together the puzzle of how our staff will come together. We love hearing from last summer's staff, and learning more about what they're up to in the winter months. June can't come soon enough! In the meantime, catch up on all of the exciting things our staff have been doing:

**Maggie 'Mags' Gent** moved to Ireland in September. She loves the Irish culture, enjoys traveling around the country, catching up with Irish buddies from camp, and is working in the ski department of an outdoor retail store. Also making a move, **Gabriel Atteh** moved to Ohio after camp and is living with his sister as he enjoys some time off from tennis and focuses on school. Winter has been an exciting time for **Aaron Greene** as he was able to attend both the NY and Boston reunions and had a ton of fun spending time with the Vineberg family while in Boston. **Jodie Pearce** aka 'Gainz' is currently training for the London Marathon in April. She understands as well as anyone that motivating yourself to workout in the winter months can be tough! She reminds everyone that the secret is to get your mind and body to work together, not against each other! #powerfulminds #peptalk #yougotthis. Jodie can't wait to be back teaching classes in the fitness center this summer and helping everyone make 'gainz'. Get ready! Back at school in Georgia, **Miriam Murphy-Gary** is working two part-time jobs, is the VP of her sorority, and president of the Psychology club on campus. She is looking forward to lots of travel in 2018. **Peter Sawers** is living the dream, working as a snowboard instructor at Heavenly Mountain in California. He is having a blast teaching people to ride and exploring everything California has to offer! **Matt Lyons** returned to school last fall as a graduate student. He is studying to get his master's degree in education and is planning a trip to Europe in April to visit camp friends.



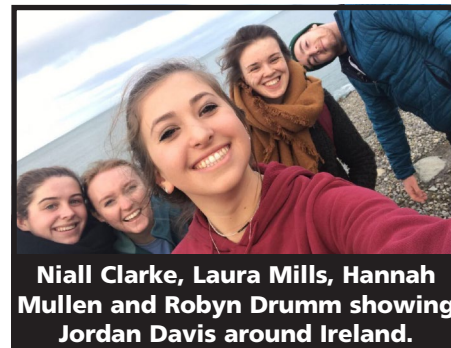
**Pete Sawers living the dream as a snowboard instructor in California.**



**Pete Georges & Kat Scott in London**

At CU Boulder, **Sam Brown** has also enrolled in grad school and is working towards his master's degree in education. He loves being a student again, and is also enjoying his classroom placement in a high school a few times a week. He is still slinging yoga pants at Lululemon and taking advantage of any down time he can find. Having just graduated from The University of Birmingham, **Anthony Jeffrey** started a new job as a Primary School teacher and Community Sports Coach. Also living and working in England right now, **Laura Mills** is enjoying her job in event production for a music venue in Brighton, and is looking forward to some traveling and visiting other CWWer's this spring. When she is not in class, **Hadley Hill** works at an early childhood education center with 2 to 4 year olds and is active in her community theatre. **Carmen Phillips** recently started her last semester of college and is student teaching in a fourth-grade classroom which she absolutely loves. She also works at Starbucks and is training hard for her final track season. **Elissa Chojnicki** recently accepted a job as a researcher for a digital media company that is starting an unbiased news channel on YouTube in Los Angeles. She is driving from Boston to LA and stopping to visit many CWW friends along the way. There have been a lot of European adventures with CWW staff reuniting this winter, and even more to come! **Emma Vallo, Tristin Walker, Maggie Gent, Aisling Kelly, Niall Clarke** and **Hannah Mullen** met up in Ireland for a fun weekend during the fall. They had a fabulous time during their mini camp reunion. **Jordan Davis**

also made a trip across the pond over the New Year to visit the Irish CWW crew. Just recently returning from a trip to London and Paris,



**Niall Clarke, Laura Mills, Hannah Mullen and Robyn Drumm showing Jordan Davis around Ireland.**

**Pete Georges** had a fantastic week catching up with **Laura Mills** and being entertained by **Kat Scott**.

They visited the Eiffel Tower, Buckingham



**Anthony Jeffrey graduated!**

Palace, and the London Eye! **Rhys Cairns** can't wait to get back to Cape Moonshine Road. Since camp ended he started his MBA and second bachelors in software development. He is a soccer coach for a number of different teams, one of which is the Avila University men's team, is an Uber driver, and a house mover. He sure is keeping busy! **Molli Rosen** recently started a new job at Scholar-Athletes and is very happy living in Boston. Although it was a heartbreaking season, **Stephen Rothman** and **Josh Hendricks** were able to cheer on the Georgia Bulldogs football team together this year. **Grant Sirlin** co-founded a company called Division 1-On-1 Trainers which connects college athletes to young athletes for personal training lessons. As of now, they are only operational at UVA and around Charlottesville, but are expanding to other colleges and towns soon! **KT Salzmann** started her new job as a project manager at an exhibit firm, specializing in online content and video gaming tournaments. **Julia Cohen** declared majors in Art History and Psychology and has started teaching outdoor education to middle school students in St. Louis. **Wes Walker** is an Outdoor Education Program Lead at Thousand Pines Outdoor School in California. He spends his free time screenwriting any chance he can get.

*Whether they're spearheading fundraisers, traveling the world, starting new businesses or pursuing their dreams, CWW Staff truly are the best. They make the most of their time while they're at camp, and in their homes lives. We are so proud of the successes of all our staff!*



# ALUMNI FEATURE: Eric Sasson

One of the many things that we enjoy about the special community we build at Camp Walt Whitman are the number of campers and staff who graduate from CWW and go on to work in the camp industry. One fine example of this is Eric Sasson who, along with his wife Debbie, now runs Camp Akeela in Vermont. Eric spent his childhood summers on the shores of Lake Armington and became a standout staff member at CWW before setting out on his path to run his own camp. In addition to being a CWW alumni and a fellow Camp Director, Eric also became a camp parent in 2017 when daughter Margo joined us for Pioneer Camp. We recently sat down with Eric so he could share his camp journey as well as what he has learned along the way.

Eric joined CWW as a camper after spending 3 summers at another camp. To hear Eric talk about that first summer all these years later, it is clear it was love at first sight. Eric was happy at his old camp but his parents, who themselves fell in love at a summer camp, knew camp could be even more and decided to make the switch to Walt Whitman. It didn't take long for Eric to realize his parents were right. He has great memories of all the activities from that first summer including a canoe traverse, campfires and bunk soccer. However, it was the relationships with campers and staff and the goofy times shared walking to activities or during down time in the bunk that put camp over the top for him. Countless games of Rummy 500 and "sock ball" still bring a smile to his face today. He considers his camp friends the people with whom he shared his very best childhood memories. It was the sadness he felt as tears streamed down his face at the final campfire his first summer that let him know CWW was the place for him.

As he progressed through his camper years his love for camp grew more and more. Looking back on those years he can reflect on how much more independent and socially confident he became. CWW is where he found his voice and started to realize that he wanted to find every way possible to keep camp in his life as long as

he could. He also remembers how much he looked up to his counselors. When Eric was a camper, there were several staff members from Haverford College who would proudly wear their college shirts. Years later, when it came time for him to apply to college, he had an automatically positive association with Haverford. After visiting the small Quaker school and witnessing its focus on openness and community, he realized that it felt just like summer camp! Needless to say, he ended up following in his favorite counselors' footsteps and attending Haverford.

Eric went on to become a staff member with the goal of having the type of impact on campers that his counselors had on him. Those summers, while very hard work, were incredibly rewarding and further strengthened his desire to have camp in his life. He eventually became the CIT Director and relished the opportunity to help influence the next generation of CWW counselors. His years as a staff member gave him a chance to see "behind the curtain" and work closely with his two mentors, Bill and Jancy (Jed's parents). Bill gave him insight into the inner workings of camp and showed him that all of those magical moments in camp were the product of a lot of thought and intentionality. Jancy was a true star who was at her best when she was supporting and training the staff to help make them shine and be at their best for their campers. With all he had learned at CWW it was now time, with the great support of the Dorfman's, for him to step away from Walt Whitman and forge his own path in the camp industry.

Eric would spend the next few years working at different camps in New England in an effort to gain different experiences. It was at one of those camps that he met Debbie, his future wife and co-director. He was the Assistant Director of the camp while Debbie was the CIT Director. Within 3 years they were married. As Eric and Debbie continued to work at camps they recognized an underserved population of kids with the potential to fall through the cracks and in need of a little extra attention to have

an awesome camp experience. Eric and Debbie wanted to create a place where those kids could not just survive but thrive in the camp setting. CWW had taught Eric about how he wanted to build a culture and community. His journey at CWW was a model for an experience that he



The Sasson Family



Eric at Camp Akeela

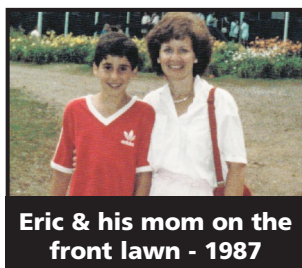
wanted to create for more children. Debbie and Eric's goal was to create a community and culture like CWW for the children they were looking to serve. And just like that Camp Akeela was born!

The first summer for Camp Akeela was in 2008 and this summer, while CWW celebrates its 70th anniversary summer, Akeela - just a short drive down I-91 - will be celebrating its 10th anniversary summer. As they begin their second decade running camp there is a great feeling of pride for what they have accomplished. They have been able to create that similar camp environment while being able to provide extra accommodations for their campers. In 2010 they started Beyond Akeela to provide campers who had aged out of camp a program to help them prepare for life after high school. This program includes college visits, community service, financial skills, resume building and job interview training. Last summer, the success they have had in Vermont inspired them to open a second Camp Akeela located in Wisconsin.

Eric and Debbie are parents to 9 year old Margo and 4 year old Julia. Margo joining CWW in 2017 as a pioneer camper has really brought Eric's CWW experience full circle. He was very careful not to influence Margo with his love for CWW. He wanted her to find that for herself and not try to meet his expectations. That made it all the more sweet when she had a great first summer and told Debbie and Eric that she couldn't wait to return in 2018. Some of the highlights for Eric have been Margo's desire to sing camp songs at the dinner table and her insistence on the family taking a hike after camp, a classic CWW request. Sending his daughter to CWW has allowed him to reconnect with several other alumni from his generation of camp. In fact, when Eric and Debbie picked Margo up on the last day of camp, Eric ran into an old friend who was in his opposite bunk in the 80s! Margo's journey has only just begun and Julia will be ready in a few years. Their father is incredibly excited to be on the ride with his girls!



Eric & Margot on Visiting Day



Eric & his mom on the front lawn - 1987



# WELCOME TO CWW Rocky & Baloo



## Meet Rocky & Baloo: CWW's Newest, and Most Cuddly, Mascots!

### How did you decide on the name?

Rocky Dorfman gets his name from Rocky Top, the University of Tennessee's (Carolyn's alma mater) unofficial fight song.

### What breed of dog is he?

He is a Bernedoodle, a mix of a poodle and a Bernese mountain dog.

### Favorite hobby/pastime:

Rocky enjoys long walks on the beach, reading poetry by the fireplace, and snuggling with children.

### Favorite activity at camp:

While Rocky hasn't yet been to camp, we anticipate he'll be a big fan of the CWW hiking program.

### Size:

Right now Rocky is 51 pounds, but will probably be double that size by the summer!

### Favorite camp song:

Cats in the Cradle, This Land is Rocky's Land, Eye of the Tiger (for the other Rocky).

### Favorite camp special event day:

Olympics because it takes place during the dog days of summer.

### Favorite place at camp to relax:

Junior Camp.

### Favorite toy:

Anything he can steal from Baloo

😊

### Where was born?

Canada. He has 2 brothers and 3 sisters.



Rocky, Carolyn, Cole & Walker snuggling on a snow day!

### How did you decide on the name?

Baloo Rosen got her name from the Jungle Book. He is a free spirited, cuddly sidekick!

### What breed of dog is she?

She is a Bearded Collie which is a Scottish English herding dog.

### Favorite hobby/pastime:

Baloo enjoys chewing, playing in the snow, and cavorting on the beach.

### Favorite activity at camp:

Camper Talent Show. At last year's talent show she sat quietly for two hours. She also loves to chase soccer and basketballs.

### Size:

Right now she is 40 pounds, and growing!

### Favorite camp song:

Rob needs to learn Bare Necessities, because that's her most favorite.

### Favorite camp special event day:

4th of July. Lots of visitors and exciting food at the Rosen house.

### Favorite place at camp to relax:

The lake.

### Favorite toy:

Her Giant Lamb Chop

### Where was she born?

Western Pennsylvania. She has 1 sister and 3 brothers.



Baloo & Dan

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT: CIT PROGRAM

Each summer many of our graduating campers return to CWW in order to have the capstone experience of a CIT summer. CIT stands for Counselor In Training. All CITs have different reasons why they want to return to camp and make the transition from camper to staff member. However, the thread that weaves each reason together, year after year, is to give back to the Camp Walt Whitman community that they love so much. Being a CIT is no easy task. In addition to helping out with large camp events, each CIT is assigned to work in and learn from a different area each week. They could be in a cabin, learning the ins and outs of what it's like to be a counselor, they could be on the waterfront helping to lifeguard, or with athletics learning how to provide quality instruction. In addition, our CITs work on a number of larger projects and with organizations that help people outside of our camp community. These 'outside' projects are highlighted by two awesome opportunities: Lake Hosting on Lake Armington and a 2-week service trip to Costa Rica.

Lake Hosting is a way for us to give back locally. Each CIT receives program training in which they learn how to talk to lake patrons, and how to identify aquatic invasive species. Following the training, every Saturday and Sunday from 1pm – 4pm, three CITs and a staff member volunteer at the public boat launch on Lake Armington. The primary purpose is to educate the public and prevent the spread of invasive plant species. The volunteers talk to every person who enters or exits the lake, asking if they are familiar with

aquatic invasive species, and helping the Lake Association gather information.

As a new addition to the program, this summer our CIT's will travel to Costa Rica for an incredible 14 day service and adventure trip. The trip will include over 25 hours of community service as our CITs will organize and facilitate activities for a local day camp in Costa Rica. With the support of our leadership team the CITs will work on their activity plans at CWW and then run the activities they designed. CITs can create and lead an activity that they're passionate about and can group together to co-facilitate. The day camp is run by the United World College and serves local children in Santa Ana would not otherwise have the opportunity to afford to attend a camp like this. In addition to giving back to the community around them they will also be exploring the incredible country and having exciting adventures. From white water rafting, to surfing classes to exploring the Arenal volcano and a zipline rain forest tours the CIT will get to do activities they will not soon forget.



Both of these large volunteer programs are just pieces of the CIT experience. They are also outstanding role models for all of our campers, and do little things every day to ensure that they leave their mark in a positive way for future CWW generations. Whether it is on camp or off, our CITs make a tremendous impact and as a result grow themselves. Our Counselors In Training work hard, and are increasingly selfless, hardworking, and dedicated. We can't wait to witness the impact that our 2018 CITs have on others in camp and out.

## Our December Reunion Was A Blast!

In early December, as Winter is starting to kick into full gear, it begins to feel like forever since you've seen your camp friends. You find yourself daydreaming about Square Dances, the comforting warmth of the sun on your face and splashes of laughter echoing across Lake Armington. Thankfully, each year, this is when CWW Campers and Staff reunite in Westchester to re-live the summer that was, and to start getting excited for next summer! This year, over 250 campers and 35 staff members re-connected at Armonk Indoor for a few hours of camp bliss. We shared hugs, played games, gave high fives, warmed up our gaga skills, shared more hugs, ate pizza, and smiled fondly on the memories made during the Summer of 2017. In between games of soccer and gaga, last summer's CIT's proudly presented a check to Dawn Ewing, Director of Project Morry. This summer, we raised nearly \$25,000 for Morry's Camp, an accomplishment that should not go unnoticed. We are looking forward to next summer and continuing to support this incredible organization.



CITs Present A Check for \$26,475 to Project Morry Executive Director Dawn Ewing