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Welcome Echo Families!

October Edition of Echo Post!

Looking back on such an incredible summer, it's hard to imagine that our time together came to an end two months ago. It seems like it was just yesterday when we joined hands on the bank of Echo Lake, watched the reflection of 2008 burn on the water, sang our camp alma matter for the final time, and said sad goodbyes to our friends and summer family. We had accomplished so much from participating in the fierce competition of Olympics, learning the intricate choreography of Camp Rock, to throwing out the first pitch at the newly opened Echo Stadium. Now that the leaves are changing color and the air is growing brisk up in Bloomingburg, we continue to reflect upon our amazing time together, while we start to dream of all that the Summer of 2009 will bring us.

In an effort to introduce you to new people and additions at camp, keep you informed about some of your favorite staff members, and give so many of you that much needed camp fix, we proudly introduce *The Echo Post*. You might find Director's Notes from Jeff and Cindy, Programming Updates from Bernd, and even some of your favorite CampCast segments in print. In this action packed edition of The Echo Post, we will reflect upon the 2008 season, give you a run down of the Fall Festival for everyone who couldn't make it, and introduce you to the newest members of our amazing Leadership Team.

Well, with so much to say and such little paper to waste, let's get things started. Enjoy the first edition of The Echo Post!

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First Annual Fall Festival

On Sunday, October 5th, Echoites gathered back up at camp to share in a full day of fall fun. While sixty-five degrees and blue skies may not seem, "fally", the season was certainly felt by many Echo families who spent the day up at camp with us. Campers and their parents not only played on our basketball courts and in our GAGA competition, but also paid a visit to our Pumpkin Patch on the Cabin Field. Some even took a hayride and admired the beautiful fall foliage around camp.

Around noon we gathered on the Dining Hall Deck for a delicious lunch and some fun fall games. Who knew so many kids would line up to try and catch a donut on a string, or count how many candy corn are in a jar? I guess Echoites will do just about anything for a pair of those stylish sweats!

As the day wound down, we premiered the 2008 Video Yearbook, accompanied by some snacks on the deck of Olympic Hall. The first annual Fall Festival was rapidly coming to an end, and as we all grabbed our snack and said goodbye for the final time this season, suddenly 2009 didn't seem so far away.

Divisional Information

Camp Echo evolves each year in many ways. We continue to find new and exciting activities and attractions to keep our campers and staff members fresh with constant new things to try. We evolve in the sense that every summer we challenge ourselves, perfect our skills, make new friends, and do things we never thought we could do. Every summer we welcome new campers and staff, enabling us to evolve and grow. Sometimes, the developing of our summer community is cause for change, which is why our three Divisions will have a new look to them for the Summer of 2009.

For years, Camp Echo's youngest campers have belonged to the Explorer Division, an age group which enables campers to try new things and discover themselves within their surroundings. As the years have passed, this group has grown to include more campers and has accounted for a large part of Echo's "Lower Camp". In 2009, our youngest group of campers will be joined by a new age group, and accompanied by a new name. The sixth grade boys and girls will be a major part of "Lower Camp" as the **Freshmen Division**. Led by Division Leaders Kat and Sherryl, the Freshmen, 6th grade and younger, will continue to explore all that Camp Echo has to offer.

Our 7th & 8th Grades will make up our **Junior Division**. With Division Leaders Brandon and Meg, this special group of campers will continue to become role models in our community, discover new things, and challenge themselves, while going on some pretty neat trips along the way.

The 9th and 10th Graders are approaching the end of their chapter as campers at Echo. They set an example for the rest of our community and are treated as responsible young adults. Our **Senior Division**, led by Mike and Gail, will continue to leave it's legacy upon a place where they have grown through the years. From trips, to planning our Powder Puff Football Game and 10th Grade Carnival, they are truly a group that our youngest campers look up to.

If you are reading this and thinking, "I have a new Division Leader," you should continue to read on as we will introduce you to all of our new Leadership Team Members.

Familiar Faces in New Places

Camp Echo has been so fortunate throughout the years to watch our own staff members grow through various levels in our system, transitioning from counselors, to division leaders, and onto senior staff. Some even began as campers who have transitioned into leadership roles, all in an effort to make Echo a better place each summer. This will be a theme in 2009 as several familiar faces will be in new places and we are so excited to introduce these changes to you.

Gail Jordan-Gold – Senior Girls Division Leader (9th & 10th Grade)

After spending six spectacular summers as the 49er Division Leader, Gail is moving to be the Division Leader for Echo's oldest girls. Gail has a passion for camp and truly exemplifies all of the values that we practice at Camp Echo.



Mike Richards – Senior Boys Division Leader (9th & 10th Grade)

Mike Richards returns to Camp Echo for his 11th summer as our 9th and 10th Grade Boys Division Leader. Mike is no stranger to our oldest campers as he has spent four previous summers in charge of our 9th and 10th grade boys and has also run our Leadership Trainee Program. Originally from the UK, Mike currently resides in Japan where he is an Adventure Trip Leader/Ski Instructor and a Sales Manager for a real estate company. Mike is excited to be back at Camp Echo and up for the familiar challenge.



Meg Barthel – Junior Girls Division Leader (7th & 8th Grade)

Meg Barthel is the newest member of our Leadership Team but certainly not new to Camp Echo. Meg has spent many summers with us and has seen it all from her days as a Cabin Counselor for two years and a "Lead Counselor" for three. Meg was the brains behind The 8th Grade Powder Puff Football Game, which has become a new tradition here at Echo.



WINTER REUNION

Ring in the New Year and celebrate with your summer family at the Winter Reunion! Keep a look out, as details for this event will be emailed to you electronically and posted on our website! We hope to see you there!

Logo Low Down

We all know that the official mascot of Camp Echo has been an Eagle for many years. It has symbolized the heights that we soar to each and every summer while we challenge ourselves and try new things. In 2009, we will not only be delivering the best summer ever, but we will be celebrating 85 Years at Camp Echo.

As we reach another milestone, it has become time for a new look, and we proudly present the new official logo of Camp Echo.

We would like to hear your thoughts on our new logo and our first edition of The Echo Post! Feel free to email us as post@campecho.com



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One of the amazing things about Camp Echo is that even when a camper completes their journey as a camper, a whole new one awaits them. Over the last couple of summers, Echo has worked to create a program that will help develop our campers into youthful members of our renowned staff. These boys and girls are so important to our camp community; they help out in so many ways!

In 2009, our Leadership Trainees will change their title to C.I.T.s (Counselors in Training) and will be partaking in more theme and specialty days, working in different areas of camp, and going on some pretty amazing trips along the way.

The Leadership Program at Echo has produced some great counselors and staff members throughout the years, and even some great Echo Post Editors, thank you. The C.I.T. program will continue to grow along with the Junior Counselor program as both of these groups will have a major impact during summer '09 and beyond.

Echo Word Search

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Words To Find

Adventure, Aquatics, Arts, Athletics,
Cindy, Eagle, Echo, Freshmen, GAGA, Jeff,
Juniors, Olympics, Seniors, Stadium,
Summer, Wolfden, Yurt