

The Schodack Spirit

Fall 2023



Warmth - Tradition - Spirit




A Message From Matt

Hello Schodack Families and Staff,

Fall is a beautiful time of year at camp. The changing leaves, the cooler temperatures. The lawns are still green and the waterslide is still left to be put away...it somehow feels like the 12123 is holding on and not wanting to let go of the memories from summer.

While we always take time to reflect when camp comes to a close, the excitement and planning for the future is never far off. Summer '24 will be Schodack's 68th camp season, and we have so much in store. So far this off-season, our year-round team has loved meeting new families and staff, staying connected to our existing community and planning all aspects of our program.



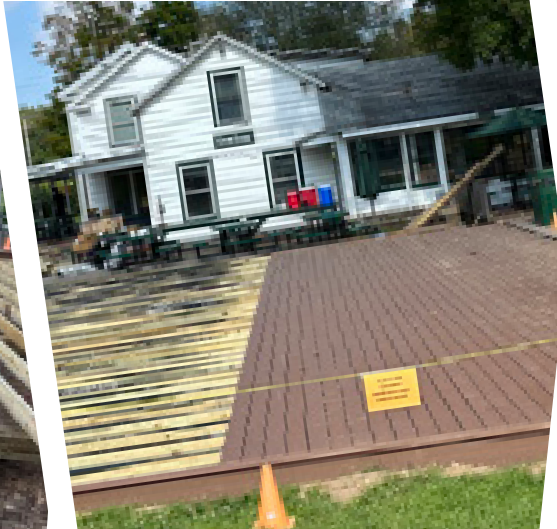
Thank you for staying connected to Schodack throughout the year...I hope you enjoy the updates in our seasonal newsletters, the Mystery Boxes landing on your doorsteps and our Winter Reunion for returning campers in January. There will even be a second "12123" day of 2023 - on 12/1/23 - which you will hear some fun stuff about soon. There are lots of ways to keep your camp community close all throughout the year.

With love from camp,

Matt

What's New for 2024

Patio Extension



Things never slow down for our amazing Facilities Team...and this year is no exception! In the couple months since camp has finished there have already been some massive improvements.

We have renovated the bathrooms in several bunks, doubled the size of the Dining Hall Patio area (see pictures above) and installed a brand new PA system throughout camp for music and announcements.

Our biggest project of this off-season is the Health Center renovation and we are excited to share progress on that too!

Health Center



Schodack Spotlight



You may have seen that we celebrated a pretty huge milestone at camp a few weeks back...25 years of **Owen** working year-round for Schodack. While this coming summer will actually be OPJ's 40th summer at camp, his 25 years in the Winter Office have been incredible. Thank you, Owen!!

In other amazing staff updates, we were beyond proud of **Eli Wasserman ('10-'23)** for his incredible work with the incomparable **Yo-Yo Ma!** Through Indigenous Advocacy as a music educator and composer for this summer's Gath & K'iyh: Listen to Heal workshop in Fairbanks, Alaska, Eli partnered with Yo-Yo Ma's, "Our Common Nature", and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Eli's efforts were focused on understanding how humans, animals, and the land experience climate change.



2023 Hazel girl, **Brooke Ginsberg** will soon be performing in her first professional play.

Brooke managed to secure the role ahead of hundreds of other hopeful participants who auditioned - Way to go Brooke...Break a leg!

Camper Birthdays

September

Asher Hirsch	1
Jayla Hemingway	1
Lucy Komar	1
Milo Gold	1
Sarina Brothers	2
Ben Vassallo	3
Bodhin Jain	4
Brielle Goldman	4
Cooper Benson	4
Ash Sadeghi	6
Ella Grove	6
Henry Libow	6
Andrew Gershuny	8
Jesse Small	9
Alexa Dombrow	10
Charlie Princer	10
Elijah Jaber	10
Harper Tamagna	10
Layla Merchan	10
Lila Stone	11
Noah Kopelman	11
Parker Gorelick	12
Evan Ommen	13
Maceo Ventre	13
Drew Fader	14
Sam Schiavo	14
Eliza O'Connor	15
Emma Schurz	15
Kat DiTursi	15
David Douglas	16
Brooke Ginsberg	17
Emerson Petry	17
Lola Guild	17
Alfredo Martinez	18
Carly Kaufman	19
Dahlia Feivelson	19
Riley Schaffer	19
Sonya Feivelson	19
Connor Monosiet	21
Levi Leibowitz	21
Nate Pinsky	22
Anna Sanders	24
Ben Sanders	24
June Day	24
Addison Dinkels	25
Alex Rubel	25
Hudson Verbel	25
Maya Verbel	25
Abby Moriarty	26
Miles Shore	26
Madison Gordon	28

October

Jessica Maltzman	1
Clyde Bourla	2
William Waxman	2
Phoebe Goldstein	4
Aidan Weise	5
Gabbie Bilenker	5
Matthew Stashower	5
Amy Levine	6
Abigail Pfeffer	7
Jake Ackerman	9
JC Fellers	9
Archer Pracht	10
Brandon Reich	10
Eugenio Garcia	11
Chloe Guild	12
James Schwartz	12
Aaron Napach	14
Ari Gerstein	14
Eli Diamant	14
Jimmy Zepeda	16
Alexa Schouela	17
Chase Newman	17
Eli Zausner	18
Lincoln Rosenblatt	19
Molly Klein	20
Dylan Lender	21
Ben Derman	22
Emma Rosen	22
Rachel Weinberg	23
Jaclyn Spice	25
Liv Wernstrom	25
Jenna Napach	26
Jenna Grossbach	27
Kiki Davis	27
Jude Theodore	28
Remi Suresky	28
Naomi Kreitzer	29
Marley Nova	30

November

Ben Naylor	1
Zach Weinberg	2
Gabriel Wexler	3
Ben Strauss	4
Bridy Davis	4
Ruby Kessler	4
Maya Lieberman	5
Sydney Lieberman	5
Mia Finkelstein	6
Hanna Hirsch	8
Lexi Perle	9
Maddie Levine	10
Ellie Rosenblatt	11
Harper Ivler	11
Marshall DiTursi	11
Oliver Kaplan	13
Judah Ellis	14
Eli Goren	15
Ezra Wexler	15
Henry Dubrow	15
Luke Gaughan	15
Macie Benson	15
Sam Dubrow	15
Avery Wasserman	16
Drew Wallack	16
Jack Clarke	16
Ryan Wasserman	16
Sophie Clarke	16
Nathan Bilenker	17
Gabby Magier	18
Harper Kivowitz	18
Zach Mangot	19
Brody Appelbaum	20
Lya Clark	20
Emmy Goldman	21
Hunter Lilly	21
Emma McGonegal	22
Mia Barahona	23
Sadie Appelbaum	23
Simon Barahona	23
Athena Glynn	26
Devin Strosberg	26
Amelia Weinrib	28
CJ Healy	30
Joshua Perle	30
Mason Klein	30

Kings & Queens...

...And Bishops Too!!

Summer 2023 Memories

LTs in Canada



Triple Crown



Fire Circle



Summer 2023 Memories



Cultural Trips



Camper/Counselor Tennis



Tribals

Schodack Spotted

Rachel & first time camper Jackie Rothburd - Westfield, NJ



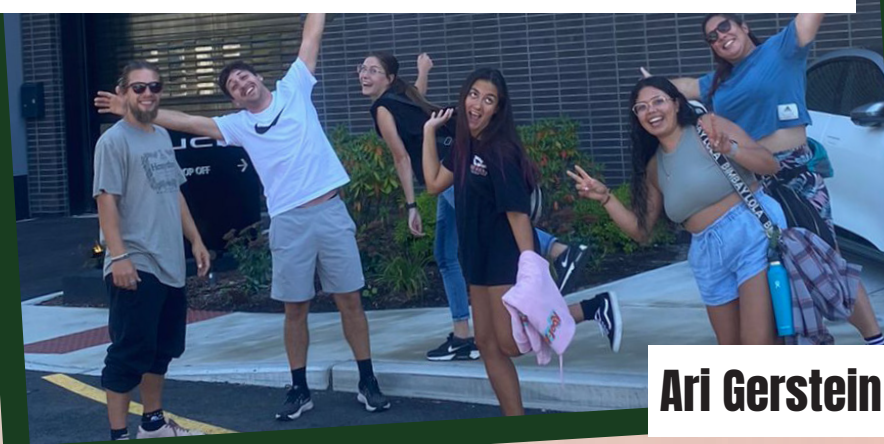
Andrew Jacobs & Andie April with Eric the Magician

Avi, Drew & Russell - Madison, WI



Hannah & Gooi - Needham, MA

Olly, Agu, Fi, Nei, Karime & Gooi - Natick, MA



Ari Gerstein - Spotted on TV, Giants Stadium

If you meet up with fellow Schodackians throughout the year, let us know so we can share it in our newsletters. You can email pics to us at camp@schodack.com

Staff Updates

Returning for Summer '24



Mollie McNally - Bunk Staff

Amir Alexander - Comms



Laurie Kendall - Head Ropes



Eli Grubin - Hockey



Beth Whittle - Horseback



George Segall - Bunk Staff



Ellie Balanoff - Bunk Staff



Jackie Karpman - Office



Winter Reunion
Sportime USA - Ardsley, NY

1/27/24

When: 10am - 12.30pm

Who: All 2023 Campers, Families & Staff

What: Connect with friends!

Food, games, and giveaways!

*Parent meeting and info sessions for all 2024
LTs.*

Composting at Camp

This summer at camp we partnered with a local composting company called 'Tommy's Compost Services.' We enjoyed giving updates through our summer Newsletters about our progress.

Tommy's Compost collected data on how our partnership is helping the environment and we are proud to share those numbers with you below.

We are really looking forward to continuing these efforts in future summers!

Your Environmental Impact

Statistics based on CO₂E (Carbon Equivalency). This number allows us to translate abstract measurements into concrete terms we can understand, such as the emissions from cars, households, or power plants. To learn more visit the EPA's [Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator](#).



16,565 lbs diverted!

This is the total weight we have collected from you so far.



109 seedlings planted!

Composting has a huge impact on the environment. From a greenhouse gas equivalency standpoint your composting efforts are equivalent to 109 urban trees seedlings grown for 10 years.



16,432 miles offset!

Your composting efforts are equivalent to not driving 16,432 miles. Whoa.



745 gallons of gas!

The number of gallons of gasoline offset by diverting food scraps from the landfill

If you have a great idea to help us be more environmentally friendly, get in touch and perhaps we can make it happen next summer!

Alumni Reunion Round-Up





Post Season at Schodack

This year saw the busiest calendar of Pre and Post-Season events ever at Schodack. We celebrated four weddings, worked with sports teams, ran family camps, facilitated silent retreats, parties and our incredible staff did more team building activities than ever!! It was amazing to share the magic of the 12123 with so many fun people.

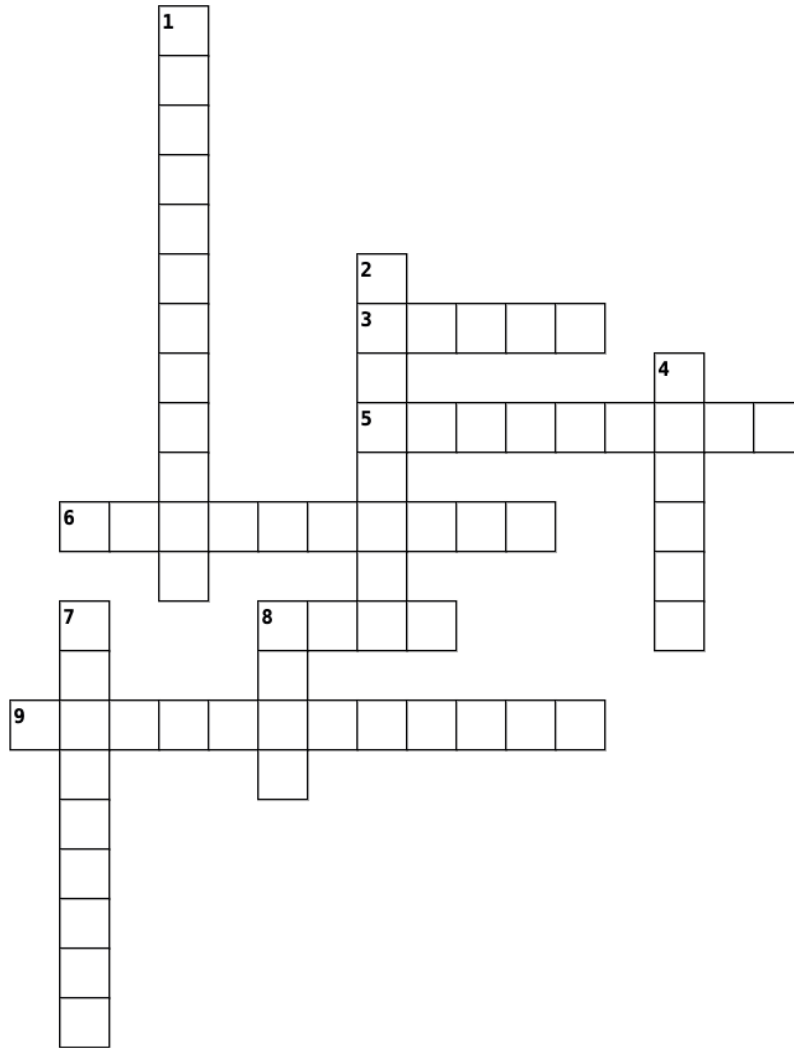
This year one of our favorite groups had to be a sports camp led by current Schodack parent, Evan Rosenthal, who hosted the Manhattan Kickers Soccer camp at Schodack. Kids of all ages and their parents came to camp for 3 full days of soccer drills, team-building games and of course...S'mores around a camp fire.

A special shout out goes to all the staff who made this postseason run so smoothly. You all know who you are and we couldn't do it without you!



Fun & Games

Can you find all the answers to the Schodack-themed crossword puzzle?



Across

3. The old name of Bunk C1
5. The original name for the Health Center when it was in the Farmhouse
6. Winning bunk of All 4 One in 2023
8. Name of the Ice Truck that visits camp each summer
9. The wall that used to be at the edge of the baseball field

Down

1. The name of the road just before Krouner Rd
2. Eric the... entertainer who came in to do shows this summer
4. The name of Carter's dog
7. Winning bunk of the Cleanliness Cup in 2023
8. First name of the storyteller who performs 'The Cat Came Back'



*The Countdown is on...
Only 224 Days
Until Summer '24*