

# *The Schodack Spirit*

Spring '24



*Warmth - Tradition - Spirit*





# *A Message From Matt*

## *Hello Schodackians,*

As we head into our 68th season, I am filled with excitement for what's in store this summer. We are so close to camp!

Things are already buzzing in the 12123 - staff have begun to arrive, lots of work is ongoing all around the property and we will officially open the Camp Office next week. I know that camp prep is also in full swing in the homes of our campers and staff...packing, finalizing forms and chatting about the summer even more than usual. Seeing as everyone is getting into camp mode, I want to share something I came across recently.

Parents and alumni may be familiar with Jonathan Haidt's "The Anxious Generation," a recent book which has been generating a lot of discussion. In it, Haidt makes some strong and compelling arguments for his beliefs about child development. I was particularly struck by his section on summer camps:

*"Try to find a camp that embraces the values of independence and responsibility. If possible, send your child there every summer...all the way through high school if they want to transition from camper to counselor. Bonus points for any camp that promises to not post pictures everyday on its website. Summer camp is a great opportunity for parents and children to get out of the habit of constant contact and, especially for parents, constant reassurance that their kids are okay."*



Does this sound familiar?!?! Our high number of staff who were former campers AND our commitment to refrain from posting daily photos are two very special aspects of Schodack. They are fundamental parts of our philosophy of what is best for kids. I thought it would be fun to share this quote so we can all feel proud of the community we are creating for children at Schodack.

I look forward to seeing everyone at camp soon. This summer is sure to be a special one and I cannot wait.

*With lots of love from camp -  
Matt*



# *The Health Center Renovation*

***Isn't she  
lovely...***



**Our overhaul of the Health Center is complete. While we hope that most visits here are just to say a quick hello, we are excited about the added comfort and care this building will provide.**

***Is Complete!***



# Staff Spotlights!

## *Caryn Dollard, Head of Art*

2024 will be Caryn's 9th summer at camp.

Caryn holds a Master's degree in Education and is certified as a School District Leader. She has just completed her 24th year as a high school art teacher.

Caryn's favorite thing about camp is Tribals! She loves being able to plan, create, and paint the plaques! Her favorite experience is seeing everyone's faces when the completed plaques are present to the generals and the rest of the camp.



## *Tom Bain, Tennis Pro*

2024 will be Tom's 12th summer at camp.

Tom has a passion for the game of tennis! He's played on teams, leagues, and tournaments for over 35 years and has been teaching for over 30 years!

His goal is to improve your game and get you to the point where you enjoy the sport as much as he does! He coaches all levels and is known for his patient and creative teaching styles!!

## *Rob Whiteman, Theatre Director*

This will be Rob's 4th summer directing at camp but his summer directing gigs began in his neighbor's barn about 40 years ago.

Since then, he has maintained both a professional directing career and is a classroom teacher who has also taught music, theatre and enrichment to students ages 4 to 18. Rob also designs, gardens, travels and enjoys home projects. He is the recipient of a national Disney Creative Teacher award and is proud of two students who, within recent years, made it to the Jimmy Awards on Broadway.

His wife Beth is also an elementary teacher and theatre lover. Daughters Sophie and Ellie are both recent college graduates with degrees in health science and media studies respectively. Rob loves the creative challenge and collaboration of putting shows together quickly with the help and enthusiasm of campers and staff!





# *What To Look Forward To*

**The Camp  
Schodack  
Ninja Warrior  
Course is Being  
Assembled and is  
Almost Ready for  
YOU!**



*How it Started*



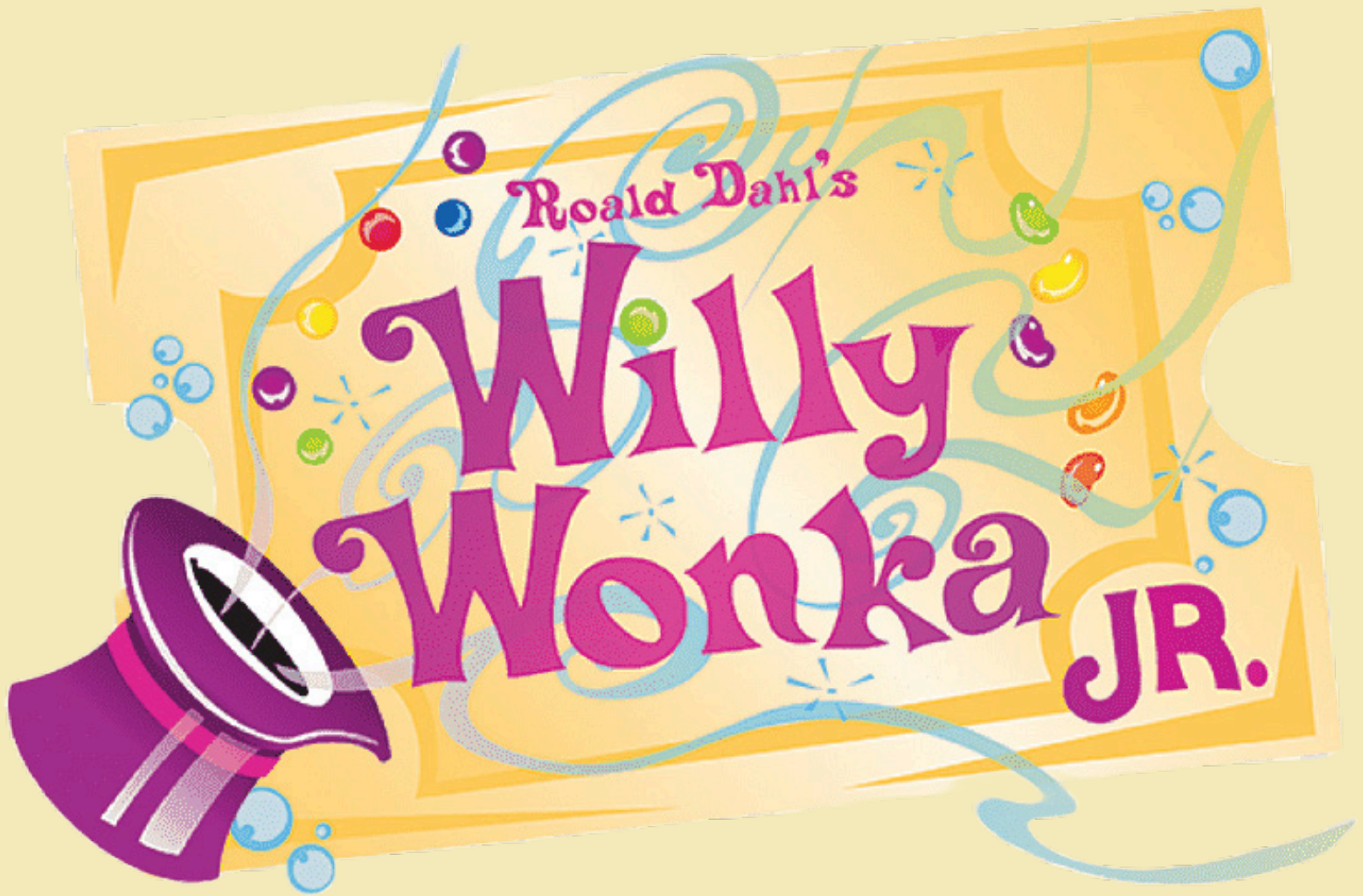
*How it's Going*

**Which element are you most excited to try?**



*Get Excited!*

**Camp Schodack is Proud to Present...**



**Coming to a Playhouse near you,  
Summer 2024!**





# Camper Birthdays

## March

1 Tate Shalov  
2 Lucas Horowitz  
4 Zachary Gerstein  
4 Talia Steinberg  
7 John Zwilling  
8 Leo Green  
8 Adi Tapper  
8 Celia Young  
9 Karam Dieng  
10 Lainie Saunders  
12 Carly Derman  
12 Eliana Rosen  
12 Becca Stoll  
12 Sa"Vion Tucker  
13 Bebe Neuman  
13 Vivi Swersky  
14 Faith Allen  
14 Yael Cohen  
14 Ben LiCalzi  
15 Jenna Lipshutz  
15 Luke Weil  
16 Stella Mann  
16 Nate Menzie  
16 Gordie Munk  
18 Julia Hantman  
18 Eliza Saunders  
19 Teddy Lynch  
19 Joanna Weinig  
20 Cami Elkin  
20 Chayse Elkin  
20 Jackie Soldatini  
22 Ava Frost  
23 Haley Bronstein  
24 Emily Balsam  
24 Richie Kotler  
24 Luca Paskin  
25 Sawyer Cohen  
25 Shane Goldberg  
25 Alexandra Smith  
26 Sam Heistein  
27 Hudson DiMartino  
27 Sam Hendler  
28 Evan Lipshutz  
28 Sam Moss  
30 Audrey Epstein  
30 Eliza Goldis

## April

1 Tom Takasaki  
2 Aidan Cullen  
4 Leo Saber  
4 Maya Tuttman  
5 Finn Dollard  
5 Drew Stern  
6 Julia Liebenstein  
7 Ashton Woods  
8 Dylan Harrow  
9 Wyatt Shaw  
11 Daphne Ftaiha  
11 Sydney Hershkowitz  
12 Alex Fetner  
14 Drew Gordon  
15 Brianna Drayer  
15 Alden Young  
16 Alex Balanoff  
16 Nili Maltzman  
17 Zachary Bushinger  
18 Madelyn Swick  
19 Max Celler  
20 Jordan Kaczinski  
22 Cece Spillane  
23 Avery Klus  
23 Mylo Merchan  
24 Stephanie Sholinsky  
25 Jack Balsam  
26 Abie Schnee  
30 Leela Altabef

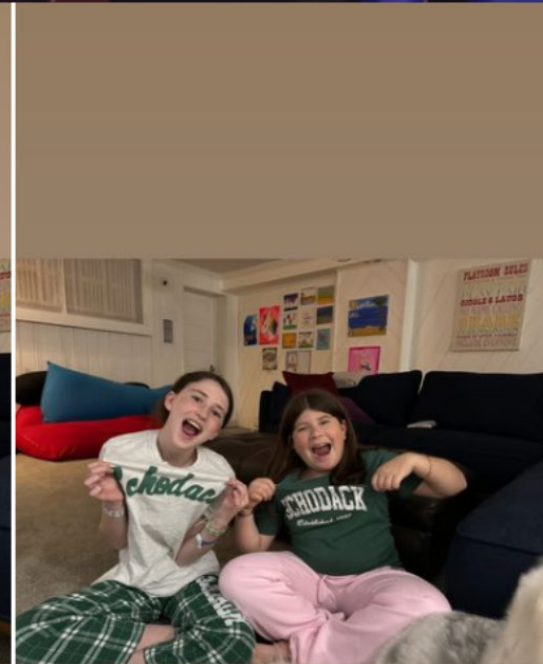
## May

1 Tyler Stein  
3 Olivia April  
4 Jonah Diamant  
4 Sai Jain  
5 Sophi Nimrodi  
5 Sophie Seligman  
6 Jordan Mailman  
7 Molly Kresse  
8 Leo Horowitz  
8 Margaux Norman  
9 Rebecca Goldman  
9 Alex Pollack  
10 Adam Lin  
10 Brandon Lin  
10 Beckett Stein  
11 Leah Dombrow  
12 Easton Feldman  
13 Jacob Klein  
13 Hannah Urbach  
13 Russell Urbach  
15 Noah Gallin  
15 Claudia Lynn  
15 Sierra Saunders  
16 Abby Horn  
17 Evan Gallin  
17 Ryan Scarabaggio  
17 Calvin Shalov  
17 Linus Shalov  
19 Sherly Acosta  
20 Jada Verbel  
21 Emily Abramowitz  
21 Abigail Goldman  
21 Abby Wishkoff  
22 Julia Senders  
23 Maya Levine  
24 Zoey Chuard  
25 Bryce Kalter  
27 Benjamin Ji  
27 Seth Lunin-Pack  
27 Skylar Rosenthal  
27 Derin Sarayli  
29 Sophie Altabef  
29 Owen Epstein  
29 Nathan Peled  
30 Hannah Kadish  
31 Lilah Cohen





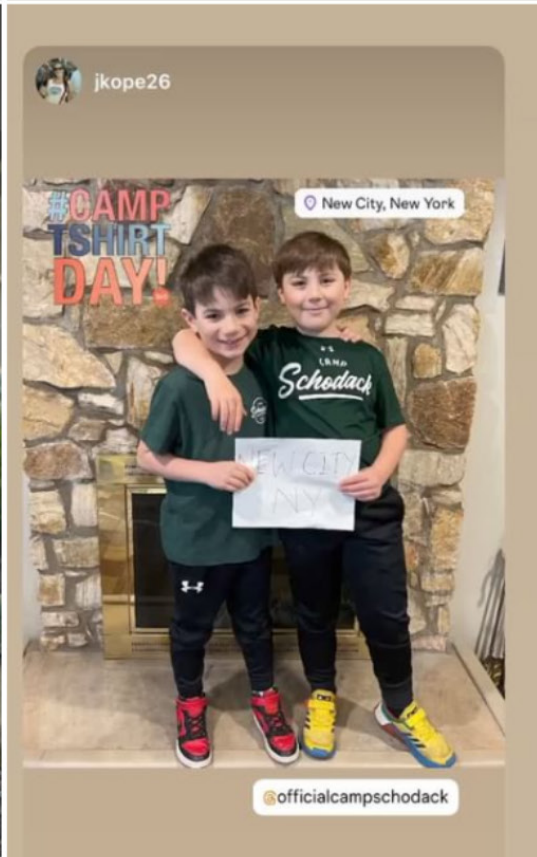
# Wear Your Camp Shirt Pics



2024!

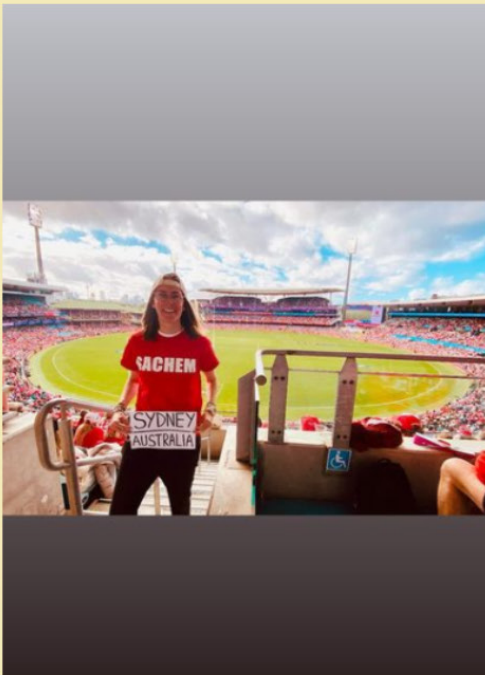


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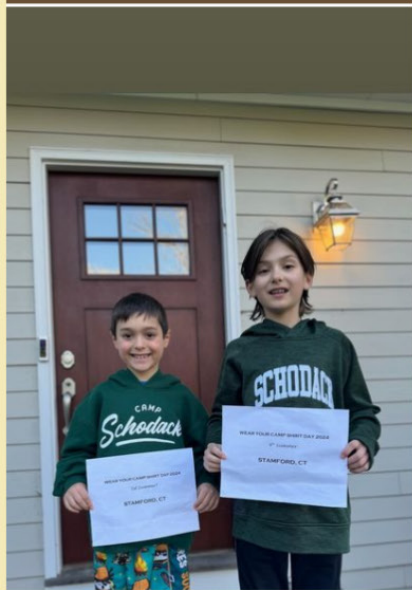


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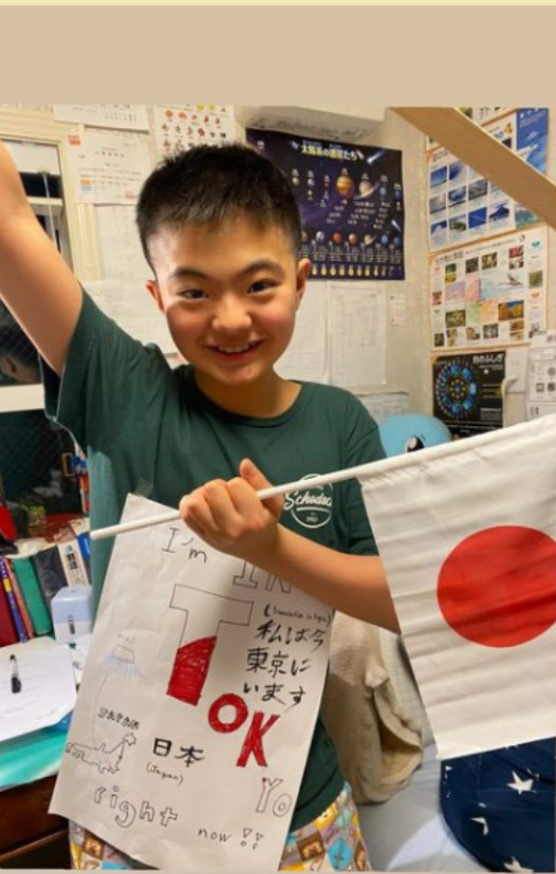


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Westfield, NJ



WEAR YOUR CAMP SHIRT DAY

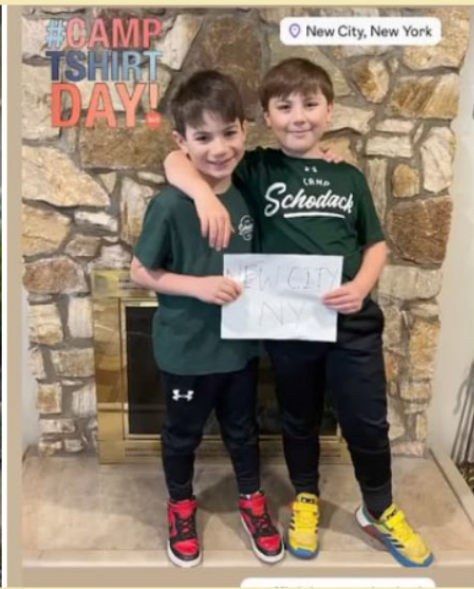


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# *Mark Your Calendars*

**June 9th - New Camper Day**

**June 26th - Opening Day**

**July 6th - Rookie Day (for future families)**

**July 20th - Visiting Day**

**July 21st - Second Session Arrival Day**

**July 28th - Rookie Day (for future families)**

**August 14th - Closing Day**



# From the Archives: Special Edition



This summer we are excited to celebrate Doug's incredible contributions to camp!

Doug, Mom and Dad and Alex, 7/4/16

Why haven't I gotten a letter from you in the past few days. Oh yeah, hello, how are you? I am fine.

Everything is going fine over here. I have everything I could hope for one thing, can you send a letter to the Hardy Boys #111. I wish the book can you post it on the web.

The camp is making a new section for new campers. You know, like one we saw that looks about 1000. I am on it. Mom and Dad, I'll be about the 10th because of the 10th Camp House.

Well that's all for now, I have to go to the soccer.

Love,  
Doug

P.S. I need more address stickers. Helped family



# Schodack Spotted



**Reunion dinner! Alums Ari Weiner, Max Horowitz, Eitan Taub, Eli Wasserman Alex Levin, Madeline Pagano, Hannah Levinson, Jocelyn Weiss**

**Carly Ashner and Annie Rotman stopped by the Winter Office for a quick hello!**



**Big/Little Schodack Dynamic Duo!**  
Big, Aaron Napach & Little, Dylan Bueckman got together for a pre-camp lunch!



**Eric Lichtenstein and Rachel at Billy Joel Concert at MSG.**

**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](mailto:camp@schodack.com)**



# *Camper Kitchen*



## *Homemade Banana Ice Cream*

Check out this **Banana Ice Cream** recipe from Chef Hess, that you can make at home! Makes about 8 servings.

1. Slice and freeze 6 frozen bananas.
2. Remove the bananas from the freezer about 20 minutes before starting.
3. In a blender, combine:
4. 6 sliced frozen bananas
5.  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup heavy cream
6. 1 tbsp vanilla extract
7. 1 tsp lemon juice
8.  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp salt
9.  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp ground cinnamon
10. Serve and ENJOY!





*The Countdown is on...  
Only 34 Days Until  
Summer '24*

