



From Annie's Desk

Summer Fun at Camp Matawa!!



Summer camp is all finished and what a year it was! We started the summer with our largest Gone Fishin' group ever and a waiting list in Advanced Equestrian! We also had record numbers of LITs and IIs this summer. We anticipate that

all four programs will fill quickly this fall! All campers had the opportunity to play endless games of GaGa Ball, and more campers than ever before ventured down to the barn for Pony Rides! Our LITs had brand new experiences at camp, participating in days of challenging teambuilding and spending more time assisting in activities and practicing counselor skills with the younger campers! Theme days were a blast, from Matawa Clue, where we found Colonel Mustard guilty of camp mischief, to a competitive House Cup competition during Harry Potter week, to learning about the "Turtle of the Day" and defeating Splinter during Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle week! And of course, every week camper enjoyed a camp favorite, Capture the Flag! It was a fun, safe and successful summer and we're already planning to top it next year!!

This summer, 70 campers took advantage of our Early Registration table to sign up for next year and go home with a yellow Friday Staff Shirt! Although the T-Shirt deal ended September 1st, you can still sign up



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Parent Feedback

Thanks to everyone who completed our summer camp survey. The feedback we receive is invaluable in letting us know how we're doing as well as in planning for next summer. We'd like to share over the next few issues of our newsletter some of the great feedback we received....

"We are thrilled to be a part of the Matawa community. The kids look forward to attending camp all year long. Matawa creates probably one of the most positive experiences of the year for the kids every year. And I am always amazed at how well the counselors know my kids and remember them from year to year. That means a lot to me, it demonstrates that their interest in the kids is sincere." - Christy, parent of Owen, 9 year old Adventure Camper and Jocie, 14 year old LIT.

"The staff and counselors are amazing. It's obvious that they are all about the kids. They definitely are the best ever! Every year I can't believe Matawa can get any better - but

today and receive 2009 prices! As Matawa grows, and specialty programs like Gone Fishing and LIT become ever more popular, spaces will be harder to come by, so don't miss this chance to lock in your weeks and programs for next year **before spaces run out!** While 2010 online registration will not be available until October, **registering as a returning camper is as easy as calling Annie** in the office and signing up right over the phone! Plan ahead now and have one less thing to think about in March!

Halloween Camp



October 29-30 (corresponds with the Wisconsin Teacher Convention School Break)

Join us for some Matawa style Halloween excitement! Spend two nights in our comfortable cabins and two days at camp

making friends and having a blast! Find your **way through the corn maze with friends and carve your own handpicked pumpkin.** Sip hot cider and munch on fresh roasted pumpkin seeds while taking a **hayride** or getting dressed up for the **costume party!** Whether you come with friends or come ready to meet new ones, Halloween Camp is sure to be a treat! Campers will stay in our winterized cabins, separated by age and gender, with trained and experienced camp counselors. The two days includes a **field trip to Pleasure Valley Farms in Adell, Wisconsin** for a farm show, hayride and pumpkin picking. In addition to the Halloween related activities, campers will also have opportunity to try **traditional camp activities like archery, climbing, arts and crafts, capture the flag and making s'mores around a campfire.**

YMCA Member Fee: \$125 Non Member Fee: \$175
Check in: Wednesday at 7pm Check out: Friday at 6:30pm.
Please give Annie a call at camp with any questions or to register over the phone!

Alumni of the Month



Check out our Alumni of the Month, Rishi and hear about his time in Africa.

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it always does. Jackie has learned so much from the dedicated staff and counselors. I'm very proud that she is and has been a part of the Matawa experience." - Lynn, mother of Jackie, 15 year old LIT II

As always if you have any feedback about our programs please contact [Annie](#).

Upcoming Events

Fall Family Fun Day- Missing Matawa? Come up and visit us during our Fall Family Fun Day, October 11, 2009 from 1pm-4pm. Enjoy a hayride around camp or race up the rock climbing wall! Show off your skills at archery or enjoy a Pony Ride in the barn! There will be lots of activities to try! Bring the whole family and enjoy a crisp fall afternoon at Matawa!

Fall Camp Clean Up day! Gather with friends and bring the whole family to donate your time to Camp Matawa this October! We need your help on October 4 for our Fall Camp Clean Up day! Join us from 9:00am until 4:00pm or anytime in between to help out with the projects like cutting, splitting, and stacking firewood with a log splitter (adults only), putting away benches for the winter, cleaning and putting away bikes for the winter. We'll also be painting both indoors and out as weather permits and doing general cleanup behind and around cabins. Camp will provide lunch in exchange for your help! Please RSVP to Annie by September 30th if you are planning on attending.

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