



## From Annie's Desk...

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Join us for an Open House: May 3, and June 7 from 1-4pm at Camp!

### Announcing: Alumni of the Month

You may have visited our website last month and saw that Ricky Wright was featured as our first ever "Alumni of the Month!" If you missed it, make sure you to check back every month for an update on former Matawa staff member and their post-camp life! This month, we will feature Nick Deardorff, Matawa staff from 2001-2005. [Check it out!](#)



### No Boys Allowed!



At the beginning of April, Camp Matawa hosted its very own Girls Weekend and we had a blast! With just 8 girls, Wendy and I had the opportunity to get to know each of the girls and witness some amazing friendships forming! We had great discussions and did a lot of fun camp activities! This is one program that is sure to grow next year!

### 2009 Camp Registration!

Summer Camp Registration is well underway!! As of April 1st we were 50% ahead of last year. What does that mean for you? Sessions will fill up faster, especially our Teen Programs and Specialty camps. Waiting until the last minute may mean ending up on a waiting list or not getting the sessions you want, so give us a call today to reserve a spot! It also means that even in these economic times, our parents see the overwhelming value of camp for their kids! We will continue to offer outstanding programs and hope to see you back here this summer!

### Congratulations Volunteers of the Year!

We would like to honor those who showed outstanding service and dedication to Camp Matawa in 2008. Youth Volunteer of Year, Sara Pingel (right) was honored for her involvement with the Teen Action Council, Strong Kids fundraising and hours of service during summer camp and outdoor education seasons. Honored for Distinguished Service is Gail Dorschner for her service to the Board, being an active member of the Program Committee and manning the Parent Tent every Sunday of Summer Camp Check In! Finally, Jon Safron was honored for Distinguished Leadership for his commitment to the Board and for chairing a very successful Strong Kids Campaign this year!



### Upcoming Family Programs:

#### Family Camp

Memorial Day Weekend: May 22-25  
Labor Day Weekend: September 4-7

**Grandparent Camp** May 15-16, 2009

**Mother Daughter Weekend** June 5-7

**Father Son Weekend** June 12-14

**Parent Child Weekend** September 18-20

For more information on any of these family programs, please visit our website at [www.matawa.org](http://www.matawa.org) or give us a call at 262.626.2149!

### Spring Clean Up

**April 26, 2009**  
9:00am-3:00pm

Come one, come all! Spend the day at Camp Matawa helping us prepare for another great summer season! As the snow melts away, there are lots of jobs to do around camp! We will provide a delicious lunch in exchange for you rolling up your sleeves and lending a hand! Projects will include reseeding and lawn repair, painting and staining signs and posts, removing debris from trees and shrubs, and general clean up of key areas of camp!

### LIT Overnight May 1-2, 2009

Our year round LIT program is up and running! Our first overnight was this month and very successful! This May, camp will host our second overnight where 2008 and 2009 LITs will have the opportunity to spend time with members of the summer administrative staff team and participate in teambuilding and leadership development activities. If you are planning to register for LIT in 2009, please do so as soon as possible so you can participate in the second overnight! We are anticipating a waiting list for LITs this year, so reserve your spot today!