
THE TY ECHO

Friends of Tranquillity Camp



*Sending warm wishes for a
beautiful summer of 2024.
From our TY family to yours*

A Message From Your President

Stacy Budkofsky

Connections.

We make many throughout our lives. Connections to other people are so important. People say all the time that it's not what you know but who you know that's important.

I think it's both who AND what you know that gets you where you want to be. People can open the doors for you and the knowledge and skills you come to the table with are also important.

Tranquillity Camp gives you both the people and the skills.

Friends you make at camp are always the best friends. As you grow up, the experiences you share at camp and the kinds of relationships you form are a good foundation for you to build future connections on. Living with others who are not immediate family members gives you the chance to learn how to get along with other people from different backgrounds. You need to find common ground to be able to get along with each other successfully. The bonds you form through those shared experiences are solid and dependable. Many former campers are still in touch with each other and help each other with an array of things in life, like advice, job networking, support through difficult times, and more.

The life skills you learn at camp are also unparalleled. Learning to be the best you can be, helping your fellow campers, getting along with others, and helping to perpetuate the traditions at camp are all important to prepare you for life. And when you become a counselor, the education continues with management skills, being a good host and taking on the responsibility of ensuring a safe and fun summer for your campers.

I have seen the importance of this in action in my life and the life of my family members, from my dad to my children and extended family too. We have all been fortunate to make and keep strong connections to camp friends and utilize what we've learned in camp in our lives and careers.

The Friends of Tranquillity Camp exists to perpetuate the relationships and bonds current and former camper and their families make, while ensuring that Tranquillity Camp continues to provide more children with the opportunity to experience and learn all that camp offers. This enables campers to be successful in their relationships and in life!

Connect with us as we look to the future of camp. Connect with us as we support camp's future. Connect with us!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, to get involved, or to find out how you can help the Friends of Tranquillity Camp fulfill its mission.

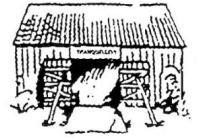
Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Stacy (Cohen) Budkofsky

President, Friends of Tranquillity Camp

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Richard Lerner



Dear Friends,

We are preparing to embark on our 106th summer. What an amazing accomplishment! It is certainly one to be celebrated by anyone who is now or has been part of the incredible journey that has taken us to today.

Thanks to the devotion of so many people, we have come a long way since Elias A. Cohen welcomed 10 boys to his farm in "Urlton" in 1919. Tranquillity's superb modern facilities (swimming pools, tennis courts, soccer fields, ropes course, the Dining Room, Overlook Lane, Frindel Lane, The Hills, the Pearl C. Miller Sports Center, Street Hockey Rink, 3 new Pickleball courts), sprawling throughout over 1000 acres, enhances lifetime memories and forever friendships. We are indebted to Marc Cohn and Family, Richard Lawrence and Family, Robin Diamant, and the Schlang Family for their dedication to Mr. Cohen and Pearl's vision. Their support throughout the years has been resolute and steadfast.

Last summer we hosted many Ukrainian children, newly arrived in the US. Our campers and staff greeted them with open arms, and they quickly became part of the "TY Family". Several of them are returning this year, as well as others who have applied to our program.

Since Tranquillity Camp began in 1919 on through today, every boy, girl, counselor, staff member and parent has become part of our family. A feeling of belonging, of togetherness and "esprit de corps" developed. Each generation of campers became the leaders, training the next group of campers, much like big brothers and sisters. The shows in the barn and sports center, the songs, the spirit on the ball fields and the same traditions have been carried on from one year to the next. Friendships formed at TY remain solid through life. There has always been a feeling of camp pride, of being part of a unique family...The Tranquillity Family.

We hope to see you on Visiting Day, Sunday August 4. If you have not been to TY in a while, you will be amazed at how camp has grown, yet at the same time you will remember the Tranquillity Camp you knew many years ago.

Once again, thank you for your devotion and generosity to our amazing summer home.

Warmest regards,

Richard & Sherrie

Cheryl's Pearls of Wisdom

A Message from the Cohen Family

How many of you can still recall hearing Pearl reciting the poem below? If you didn't attend camp – she always recited this poem verbatim, never missing a beat or a single word. She had an incredible memory. This poem lifts my spirits when I think I can't accomplish something. One thing for sure – I will never want to give up thinking about the future of Tranquillity Camp and doing all I can to ensure its future.

It Couldn't Be Done

BY EDGAR ALBERT GUEST

**Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it!**

**Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it;"
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.**

**There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure,
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.**

Cheryl's Pearls of Wisdom

A Message from the Cohen Family

In fact, this poem is ideal when we consider our love for Tranquillity Camp, since it inspires us to never give up on something that is so valuable and cherished that it merits a bright future. The individuals who came before us persisted and made every effort to guarantee that camp would stay open for more than 105 years. While others might have laughed at the idea of a camp lasting for so long, it is now our responsibility to persevere. They persisted without giving up. We now have the duty to influence the future—after all, if not us, then who?

What better way to help us reach this lofty goal than to donate financially or to encourage your friends and relatives to bring their young children to our beloved camp? Reflect on how joyful it was to attend camp, think about the priceless teachings you learned, the special moments you experienced, and the relationships you made. In the same way that we are grateful for our ancestors, consider how we might help the generations to come. Those generations will be grateful for what we accomplished as a team and become motivated to take up the mantle and support still more generations. We can do anything if we work together, so keep going. Let us serve as a magnificent model for upcoming generations.

If you have ideas, questions, referrals, or exciting events in mind, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our dedicated team: Richard Lerner at campty@msn.com or Stacy Budkofsky at sta.bud@icloud.com. And don't forget, I'm here too, eager to collaborate and make a difference. Shoot me an email at chegodiva@gmail.com, and let's ignite change together! Remember, the future waits for no one. Act now and be a part of shaping tomorrow's success stories. Don't wait until it's too late—your contribution matters today!

Love Always and Forever,

Cheryl Schwartz Janer

A Message From Your Chairman

Cary Spiegel

Dear Friends of Tranquillity Camp,

We hope you and your families are well and looking forward to enjoying the summer of 2024! We are celebrating the 71st Anniversary of The Friends of Tranquillity Camp and the 106th year of Tranquillity Camp!

Friends of Tranquillity Camp is like no other Alumni organization. We provide a feeling of family and a continuing Camp experience for former campers, counselors and staff into their 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, and well beyond. There must be something good in that camp water!!

Friends of Tranquillity Camp sponsored two wonderful in-person gatherings so far this year: our Florida lunch in February and our second annual spring brunch in Great Neck in March. Both events could not have been done without some heavy lifting by our Board Volunteers - Robin Kessler, Cheryl Janer, Ira Altman, and Wendy Seslowsky in Florida, and Sheryl Arms, Francene Markman, Robin Newmark, Lisa Spiegel, Emily Brant, Julia Rosiello, Beth Mindes, Andrea Kozodoy, and, of course, Harold Weinman, who solicited raffles from every one of his favorite restaurants in the 20 counties comprising the tri-state area. Special shout-out as well to Stephanie Cohn and Stacy Ganson, who coordinated raffles and decorations. Special thanks to Sherrie and Richie Lerner, who were front and center at both events.

The Covid years put a major damper on our in-person gatherings. We are very glad so many of you have returned for our events.

Here are a few ways you can continue to reconnect and support Tranquillity's future:

- Attend an upcoming, in-person event - Alumni day, and more being planned.
- Participate in our Annual Fund / Online Journal with a generous donation to strengthen Camp's programs and enhance Camp's facilities. Your contributions provide camp experiences to children regardless of their families' means.
- Refer a new camper.
- Find out if your company has a matching gift program and add Friends of Tranquillity to their roster.

Planning is complete for the Summer of 2024, and camp is ready to go! We are looking forward to having camper numbers equal to those of the pre-Covid years. If any of you know of parents and children interested in attending Camp, please put them in touch with Richie.

Thank you again for all you have done for Camp in the past, and thank you in advance for all your future contributions. Please join us for Alumni Day at Camp on Sunday, August 4th.

Enjoy this issue of the Echo! Many thanks to Jillian Ruffo for putting it together and nudging the writers!

Yours in Noblesse Oblige,

Cary

Cary Spiegel

Chairman of the Board

Mazel-Grams

On The Marriage-Go-Round

Mazel Tov to **Erica Kassler** on her marriage to Peter Keane! Your TY family is thrilled for you both.

Congratulations to TY couple **Sydney Goldschlag** and **Spencer Nolan** on their engagement! We're so excited for you.

Congratulations to **Jared Blistein** on his engagement to Alyssa Dilton!

Future Tranquillity-Ites

Mazel Tov to **Lauren DeMel** and husband Daniel Weisberger, on the birth of their beautiful boy Noah Scott on June 12th. Proud aunts Rachel and Amanda, and grandmother Charlotte are thrilled.

Dori Rosinsky Blikstein welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Michael Roman Blikstein on January 31, 2024. Proud Aunts Nicole and Alex are overjoyed to welcome the newest member of the family.

Congratulations to Liliia Bushylova and **Anthony Vitale** (former camper) on the birth of their son Dominic. Proud Grandma Beverly Schwartz Vitale (former camper and CIT - granddaughter of Walter Cohen - Elias' brother) and Aunt Gianna Vitale (also a former camper and CIT) all celebrate this joyous occasion.

Congrats, Grads!

A huge congratulations to **Dr. Hannah Grossman**, who graduated with her PhD in School Psychology!

A boom chick-a-boom goes to **Julie Gorel**, who received her masters degree from Ithaca College. Congratulations, Julie!

Heather Menzer-Ross earned her Doctorate in Social Work from NYU. Heather specializes in end-of-life care. Rebecca Menzer recently earned her Masters in Higher Education and Student Affairs, also from NYU. Both are daughters of '60s camper Mark Menzer.

Congratulations to **Adam Budkofsky** for graduating Summa Cum Laude from The Ohio State University and accepting a position as an Associate Client Advisor on the Wealth Management team at Pathstone in Newtown Square, PA.

Three Loud Yay's

Hannah and Sarah Kaminer celebrated their b'not mitzvah on March 9. In addition to doing a superb job chanting Torah, Sarah performed a piece on piano by Mozart during the reception and Hannah played guitar and sang a Taylor Swift song. Mazel tov, girls!

Off to the Halls of Ivy

Cameron Brown: James Madison University

Sofia Dib-Gomez: Duke University

Ella Lerner: Tulane University

Lila Wilens: University of Maryland

Jami Gilman: SUNY Cortland

Abygail Seslowsky: Stevens College

Alex Frohman: Virginia Tech

Jackson Kaye: University of Maryland

Ryan Alpert: SUNY Buffalo

Justin Weinstein: SUNY Buffalo

Aiden Rubinstein: University of Maryland

Hayden Brown: SUNY Buffalo

Condolences

Condolences pour forth for the loss of **Muriel Shelby Schwartz Quinn**, affectionately known as Shelby. She had a beloved presence and touched all who knew her with warmth and grace. Born into a family deeply connected to Tranquillity Camp through her father, Walter, and Uncle Elias A. Cohen, Shelby's brief but impactful time at camp as a CIT left an indelible mark on all who were there at the time.

Survived by her daughters Cheryl Schwartz Janer (husband Irwin), Beverly Vitale (beloved Steven), and Barbara Weiler (husband Jerry), along with their families, Shelby's legacy of love extends far and wide. Her grandchildren, Geoffrey Janer (wife Maritza), Robert Janer (wife Davita), Anthony Vitale, and Gianna Vitale, stand as living reminders of her boundless affection and nurturing spirit. In her memory, may future generations find solace and joy amidst the cherished traditions of Tranquillity Camp, forever honoring the remarkable woman who graced our lives with her kindness and impeccable sense of fashion.

May her great-grandchildren - Xavier, Sarah, Jacob, Natalia, and Elizabeth - carry forward her legacy, finding their own adventures and joys in the spirit of Tranquillity Camp. Though she may have departed this world, Shelby's spirit endures, a beacon of love and light to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Friends of Tranquillity Camp is sad to learn of the loss of **Noel Coppersmith**, a friend of Harold Weinman who always said yes to donate to our fundraising activity. May he rest in peace!

Herbie Madoff, camper and counselor at TY, member of the TY combo and electrical engineer, sadly passed away Feb 14, 2024 after a long illness.

Condolences go out to **Robin Hahn-Sackstein** on the loss of her father, Ben Hahn.

Micki Koffler (formerly of Tamarac, Plantation, Munsey, Plainview and New York City) passed away May 26 in Huntsville, AL. She was married to Henry Koffler (OBM) for over 71 years, had two children Marla and Marshall (OBM) and is survived by her daughter Marla Delman, granddaughters Carin Herndon (Archie) and Merrill Delman and great-granddaughter Melina Ramirez

Micki was the first of many in her family to attend Tranquillity. She first went to camp in 1931, and Pearl was her counselor. Two years later, younger sister Shirley and younger brother Teddy followed her to camp. Micki was an advocate for Tranquillity her entire life and saw to it that her children Marla Koffler and Marshall Koffler, her granddaughter Carin Herndon, great-granddaughter Melina Ramirez and cousins Steven, Ann and Alyssa Gubernick all attended camp

Micki worked and drove into her early 90s. She attended and spoke at the Florida reunion. To know Micki was to love her! Vibrant to the end, she will be dearly missed.

Sending love to **David Fluss, Randi Fluss Weisselberg and Melissa Fluss Emert** on the loss of their mother, Judith Roberta Fluss.

Get Well Soon

Harold Weinman, Alan Newmark, Tina Baron, Andy Login, and Tibor Feldman!
We hope you get well very soon! Sending our love and wishes for a speedy recovery.

SEND A SMILE...

SUNSHINE GREETING CARDS



The Friends of Tranquillity Camp continues to offer Sunshine Greeting Cards for all occasions. Cards can be sent in honor of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, and many other occasions. Cards are also available for sympathy and remembrances. Cards are available for a minimum donation of \$18.

For more information or to order cards, please contact Beth Mindes: bethstaci@gmail.com or visit the Friends of Tranquillity website: www.friendsofsofty.org

Give the gift of memories this summer



**REFER A CHILD TO TRANQUILLITY AND YOU
RECEIVE A \$200 AMAZON GIFT CARD!**



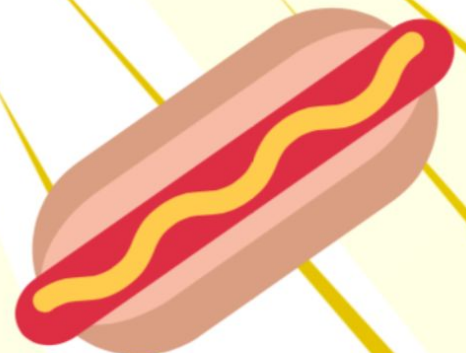
Tranquillity Camp

VISITING DAY

Sunday, Aug 4th

11:00am - 5:00pm

Spend a beautiful day at camp! Parents, families and alumni are welcome. Join us for a barbecue lunch.





SUMMER TOURS

SEE CAMP IN ACTION!

JULY + AUGUST



Schedule your appointment today!

www.TranquillityCamp.com

518-634-7650

2024 Camp Dates

June 30th - August 20th

[Click here to Register](#)

Visiting/Alumni Day:

Sunday, August 4th

Tranquillity Camp Ukrainian Scholarship Fund

*Help us Help Ukrainian Children. Please give what you can. Any amount
makes a difference!*

For the last 2 summers, Tranquillity has provided a summer camp experience for a number of children who arrived in the United States after fleeing war-torn Ukraine. Thanks to generous donations from people like you, we were able to give those children an unforgettable summer and a much needed respite from the stresses and sadness of their homeland and family situations.

As this tragedy continues, this summer we are again providing financial assistance to Ukrainian children, and we need your help!

PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO DONATE

www.friendsofty.org

Pickleball is coming to TY!

Our goal is to create a space that encourages campers to learn and play this engaging and fun activity. By providing these facilities, we aim to promote physical activity, social cohesion, and overall well-being for the TY campers.

**Please help support FOTY in
building the 3 pickleball courts at
camp!**

**Please use this link to donate
TODAY!**

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