



THE LINDENMERE CONNECTION

WINTER 2026



A Note from the Garfinkels

Dear Camp Lindenmere Families,

While camp is quieter during the winter months, there's a lot happening behind the scenes as we gear up for Summer 2026. We have been discussing every detail of camp. From the activities and spirit days to camp meals and canteen, nothing gets missed! Planning is well underway, and we're excited about what's ahead - SUMMER 2026 with our wonderful Camp Lindenmere Family!

While we spend so much time preparing for the upcoming summer, there are some things at camp that simply can't be planned. What will become our favorite memories this year? Who will we meet that turns into a new best friend? Which camp songs will have us chanting, "One more song!"? These are the moments that make each summer at Lindenmere feel completely its own!

Until then, we hope that you stay warm and enjoy the time with your family and friends at home. Not long until we are reunited as a Camp Lindenmere Family again VERY soon!

With Love,
Mitch, Hayley, Kyle, and Lynsey Garfinkel



2026 Recap

WINTER REUNIONS



WE CAN'T WAIT FOR SUMMER 2026!

We love reuniting with our camp family in the off-season. We had a blast at our annual Winter Reunions at Bowlero in Maryland and Dave & Buster's in New Jersey. Although Mother Nature forced us to change the date of our New Jersey Dave & Busters Winter Reunion, we still had great turnouts at both events. Seeing all of your smiles and hearing your laughs as you bowled, played arcade games and won prizes brought us back to those summer days spent with bunkmates and camp friends. It warms our hearts to see the excitement and happiness on our returning campers' faces as they reunite with their camp friends.

Our Winter Reunions truly help the long off-season feel shorter, and help us strengthen one of the most rewarding communities to be a part of – CAMP! We hope everyone who was able to attend had the best time, and we missed those of you who were unable to join us. You were with us in (camp) spirit - especially as the 2025 highlights videos played on the big screens at Bowlero and Dave & Buster's.

We also love to hear about all the get-togethers that have happened since camp. Please continue to send us pictures. We are now looking forward to the first day of camp when we are reunited for Summer 2026!



DINING HALL UPDATE!



We're so excited to continue sharing updates on our Dining Hall through social media and our newsletters! This project is shaping up to be an incredible improvement to the quality of dining and the overall camp experience at Lindenmere.

Over the past few months, we've completed Phase One of construction, which included:

- A brand-new, expanded covered patio.
- A 4,000-square-foot expansion of the Dining Room, allowing for larger tables, more space between them, and of course, a bigger dance floor for after meal dance parties!
- An expanded kitchen to better serve our camp community, including a new dedicated portion of our kitchen for Celiac and Gluten Free campers.
- Enlarged and renovated bathrooms
- New siding to keep our air conditioning right where it belongs, inside the Dining Hall!

Next up is Phase Two, where we'll begin beautifying the space and adding all the finishing touches that will truly bring the new Dining Hall to life. We can't wait to share what's coming next!



2025 HIGHLIGHTS





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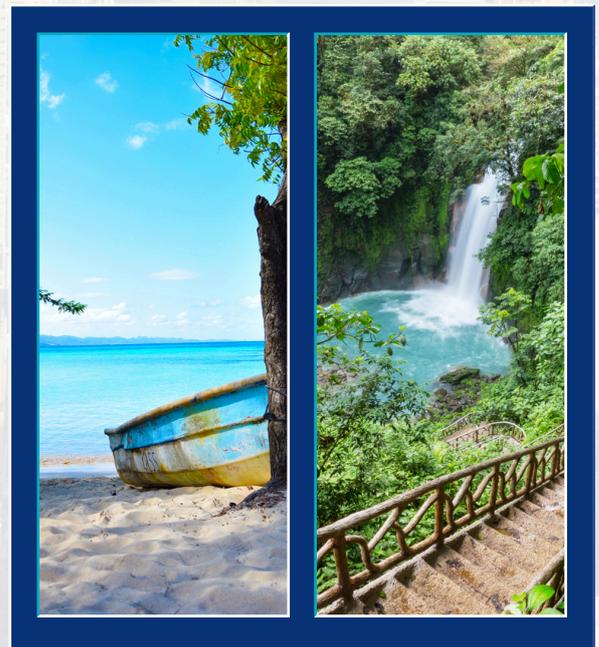
Senior Camp Adventures

Giving Lindenmere campers the opportunity to explore the world with their camp besties!

Session 1: LT Adventure to Costa Rica! 🇸🇨

Our LT's (incoming 11th Graders) will be jetting off to Costa Rica during session 1! This adventure includes beautiful beach days, spectacular snorkeling, hot springs and waterfalls, mud baths, bowling and a whole lot more! We also have a small amount of community service, which will allow our campers to give back to the beautiful environment around them!

Exclusive LT 2024 Adventure!



Session 2: Senior Adventure to Montreal 🇨🇦

This summer, our Session 2 Senior Campers (incoming 9th–11th graders) will be crossing the border into Canada! Campers will embark on an unforgettable adventure to Montreal, where old-world charm meets vibrant city life. From exploring historic streets and lively neighborhoods to experiencing the city's incredible food scene and culture, this trip is packed with excitement.

Pack your bags, it's time for the adventure of a lifetime!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**SYLVIE
SHACKLETON**

***DIVISION
LEADER***

Hi, I'm Sylvie from Auckland, New Zealand. When I'm not at camp, I love road trips, horse riding, and teaching at a kindergarten. I'm returning for my fourth summer at Camp Lindenmere, which I love for the amazing sense of reunion with campers and counsellors and for meeting people from around the world. I've worked at the Equestrian Center for the past three summers, including serving as Head of Horseback Riding last year, and this summer you'll find me on Girls' Side or in HQ as a Division Leader. One of my favourite memories is watching campers grow in their riding skills and proudly show what they've learned to their families on Visiting Day.

**RYAN
HARRY**

LIFEGUARD



Hi, I'm Ryan Harry from Wales. I work as a teaching assistant supporting children and teenagers with additional behavioural and emotional needs, alongside being a lifeguard. After one unforgettable summer at Camp Lindenmere, I'm excited to return, as what keeps me coming back is how much I miss camp once it's over — especially my bunk, the friendships with staff, and the chance to step outside my comfort zone and grow with the campers. My favourite camp meal is the Raising Cane's chicken, and my favourite events are Lindenmere Legends, the 4th of July Spirit Day (repping my Welsh jersey), and Color War, where I proudly served as a Spirit Leader. This summer you'll find me lifeguarding at the pool or leading an aqua aerobics class, continuing what I truly believe is the best job at camp.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



RICH LOCK

Years at Camp
2008 - 2012

I'm Rich Lock and currently live in Missouri, USA. I worked at Camp Lindenmere as an Athletics and bunk counselor during the summers of 2008 and 2011–2012, working with bunks B2, B4, B11, and B13. Some of my favourite memories include being a winning Colour War General (Coldplay's Fix You still gets me), coaching soccer and basketball, dining hall meals, pickup basketball with counselors, theatre shows, Miss Lindenmere, Camel Beach trips, and watching my campers grow from young kids into teenagers. Camp is also where I met my wife, and we now live in the US with our two children; we're all dual UK/US citizens. I currently work in legal recruitment at LHH. My advice to first-timers: embrace everything, be yourself, and give it 100% — you truly get out what you put in.

BROOKE WEINSTEIN

Years at Camp
2014 - 2022



Hi everyone, I'm Brooke Weinstein. I was a camper at Camp Lindenmere from 2014–2021 and a JC in 2022, working at Outdoor Adventure. Some of my favourite memories include writing Color War razzes, dancing in the dining hall, being a counselor to my favourite girls, Apache Relay, SORCH debriefs, Kangaroo Court, and all things Color War — especially Sing and Spirit events. Camp has shaped who I am through years of laughter, love, and friendships that I'll always carry with me. I'm currently a student at Penn State, and my advice is to put yourself out there 100% — the days are long, but the weeks are short, so enjoy every moment.

LAVA LAMP SUNCATCHER

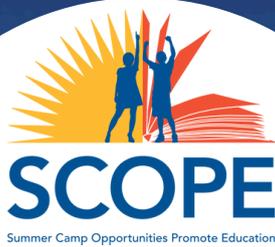


MATERIALS

- Clear plastic or glass containers (for the base)
- Some water
- Cooking oil
- Food coloring
- Glitter (optional, for added sparkle)
- Plastic cups (for mixing)
- Spoon or stick (for stirring)
- Liquid measuring cup
- Tray or newspaper (for easier cleanup)
- Scissors (if cutting shapes)

INSTRUCTIONS

- **1. Prepare Your Work Area:** Lay down a plastic tray or newspaper to catch spills. Gather all your materials.
- **2. Mix the Fluids:** In a plastic cup, mix 1/2 cup of water with 1/2 cup of cooking oil. Observe how the oil and water separate; this is the basis of our lava lamp!
- **3. Add Color:** Drop a few drops of food coloring into the water-oil mixture. Observe how the colors interact and don't mix, creating beautiful swirls.
- **4. Pour Into Container:** Carefully pour the mixture into the chosen clear container, leaving some space at the top.
- **5. Add Glitter:** If you want some extra sparkle, sprinkle a little glitter on top of the mixture.
- **6. Seal and Set:** Once you have it set up, you can either leave it open (to allow the oil and water to move freely) or cover it with plastic wrap for less mess (although movement may be limited).
- **7. Watch It Dance:** To make the "lava" effect, gently shake the container. Watch as the colors rise and fall, mimicking the movement of a lava lamp!



FANTASY FOOTBALL RECAP 2026

AN UPSET IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP!

A's Astounding Team put together an impressive playoff run, delivering big performances in back-to-back rounds. In Round 2, they dominated Dart Vader with a convincing 138.56–92.62 win, setting the tone early.

The championship was a much tighter battle, but A's Astounding Team stayed composed and pulled out a clutch 124.28–120.5 victory over It HURTS to play me. Timely scoring and consistency proved to be the difference when it mattered most. A strong playoff showing and a well-earned advancement through the bracket. Great job Adam!



5	A's Astounding Team	138.56
1	Dart Vader	92.62
3	It HURTS to play me	170.2
2	SkatteGOAT	135.9

3	A's Astounding Team	124.28
1	It HURTS to play me	120.5

THE BEST TEAMS MEET IN THE FINAL!

Jack Malbin dominated from start to finish. After cruising to a 12–2 regular season, Jack's Scary Team stayed locked in during the playoffs, putting up 157.06 points in Round 2 before edging out The Mehta 118.1–113.16 in the championship game!

No luck. No flukes. Just consistency, smart decisions, and big performances when it mattered most. A tightly contested regular season was concluded with the most dominant team coming out on top.

A huge congratulations to Jack! 🏆



4	Ar's Awesome Team	140.72
1	JACK'S SCARY TEAM	157.06
6	J MAN CREW	117.46
2	The Mehta	121.71

2	The Mehta	113.6
1	Jack's Scary Team	118.1

Winter Recipe



EASY CHEESY SNOWMAN DIP

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg (8 oz) Neufchatel cheese, softened (can substitute cream cheese)
- 1 1/2 cups light sour cream
- 1 tbsp. ranch dressing mix
- 1 pkg. (8 oz) shredded low moisture part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided
- 2 green pepper pieces (3x1 inch)
- 3 pitted black olives, divided
- 1 baby carrot
- 1 red pepper top with stem (1 inch thick)
- Crackers for dipping

Method: Preheat the oven to 350°F

1. Mix Neufchatel cheese, sour cream, dry dressing mix and 1-1/2 cups mozzarella until blended; spread onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate sprayed with cooking spray. Top with remaining mozzarella.
2. Bake 20 minutes or until heated through.
3. Meanwhile, make short thin cuts in one end of each green pepper piece to resemble fringe on a scarf; set aside. Cut 1 olive into 5 slices.
4. Decorate top of dip to resemble snowman, using carrot for the nose, whole olives for the eyes and olive slices for the mouth. Add the red pepper hat and green pepper scarf.
5. Serve and enjoy!



SPIRIT DAYS 2026

JULY 1ST

DISNEY DAY

A MAGICAL FAVORITE!
TRANSFORM INTO YOUR
MOST ICONIC DISNEY
CHARACTER!

JULY 4TH

NATIONS DAY

IT'S OUR INDEPENDENCE
DAY AND WE WOULD LOVE
TO SEE YOU SHOW YOUR
COUNTRY'S COLORS!

JULY 8TH

TACKY TOURIST

PACK YOUR MAPS AND
SUNGLASSES FOR SOME
OVER-THE-TOP VACATION
VIBES AS YOU EXPLORE
CAMP IN STYLE!

JULY 15TH

JERSEY DAY

THE WORLD CUP IS BEING
HELD IN THE UNITED STATES
SO IT'S TIME TO REP YOUR
FAVORITE COUNTRY, SPORTS
TEAM OR COLLEGE!

JULY 22ND

TWIN DAY

A CAMP CLASSIC! PARTNER
UP WITH YOUR BESTIES OR
BUNK AND FLEX YOUR
FAVORITE OUTFITS!

JULY 29TH

BUNK SQUAD DAY

REP YOUR BUNK! ROCK
MATCHING COLORS, THEMES,
OR OUTFITS AND SHOW YOUR
STYLE TO THE REST OF
CAMP!

AUGUST 5TH

BLUE BONANZA

LET'S CELEBRATE LINDENMERE
AND TURN THE CAMP BLUE.
REP YOUR FAVORITE
LINDENMERE BLUE CLOTHES.
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?!

AUGUST 12TH

UNDER THE SEA

DIVE INTO THE FUN! SPLASH
INTO CAMP AS MERMAIDS,
SEA CREATURES, PIRATES, OR
ANYTHING FROM THE DEEP
BLUE—MAKE SOME WAVES!

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT CAMP IS A CHANCE FOR YOU TO STRUT YOUR STUFF DURING OUR SPIRIT DAYS!
GET WILD AND WACKY AND SHOW US YOUR BEST OUTFITS!

2026

LINDENCUP & SCOPE 5K



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RED

BLUE

YELLOW

GREEN

2025 WINNERS: BLUE ELECTRIC 80'S



*Goodbye
Winter, it's
time to count
down until
Summer!*

**SUMMER PICNIC:
JUNE 7, 2026
AT CAMP!**

