

*Fall 2024*

# The Lindenmere Connection



# *A Letter From The* **GARFINKELS**



**Hi Camp Lindenmere Family,**

**Happy Fall! We are certain you are staying busy with school, activities, and spending time with family and friends. We loved seeing so many of you at Fall Foliage a few weeks ago - nothing is better than reuniting our camp family.**

**As Fall settles in and the leaves continue to change, we can't help but feel the excitement of knowing we are one season closer to next summer at Camp Lindenmere! We've all been hard at work planning an incredible 2025 season, filled with camp adventures, summer fun, and unforgettable memories.**

**We're diving into every single area of camp — we know you will love the surprises we have in store for you. We've also been hiring amazing counselors, both new and returning, who are gearing up to bring fresh ideas and energy to activities, ensuring that there's something new for everyone, from Junior Camp to Senior Camp and, of course, our 2025 LTs.**

**We know how much you love your favorite evening activities, special events, trip days and spirit days, and we're excited to bring back our camp favorites, as well as lots of new surprises for next summer. Every corner of camp will be buzzing with fun, and we can't wait to see you all back, making new friends and sharing new experiences.**

**Thank you for being such an important part of our camp community! Let's be sure to cherish these 10 months home, as we look forward to an amazing summer in 2025. We are so excited to welcome you back to Camp Lindenmere SUMMER 2025!**

**With Love,**

**Mitch, Hayley and Kyle Garfinkel**



# SUMMER 2024 RECAP



What an amazing summer it was – Summer 2024 will definitely go down as one of the best summers in Camp Lindenmere history. The weather sure was HOT but we had a blast anyway. We sang (“one more song!”) and we danced in the Dining Hall. We played on the fields and in the water. We created in the Art Village, Rock Shop and Rec Hall. We tumbled, we climbed, and we flew. We also celebrated the opening of our new Ninja Warrior Course and state-of-the-art Wellness Center.

Camp was buzzing with activity from morning until night. We enjoyed our Majors in the morning and Minors kept us busy in the afternoon. The fun continued into the night with awesome Evening Activities - Canteen, Campfires, Dances, Name That Tune, Minute to Win It, Pool Parties, Bananarama, PANIC!, Casino Night, Senior Camp College League, etc. And, of course, we can't forget Kangaroo Court.

Thursday Trip Days off camp were amazing! Our smiles spread to: CamelBeach, Blue Mountain Adventure Park, Funplex, Mountain Creek, Montage Mountain, Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Bowling, Movies, Trampolining, and the Iron Pigs Baseball Game! Our LT's ventured off to Costa Rica in the First Session and our Senior Camp visited Toronto in the Second Session. These overnight adventures for our oldest campers were fantastic and the memories made will last a lifetime.

We also had special on-camp days. We participated in our third annual LindenCup (Olympics-themed, and, Yellow South America won!) and celebrated our fourth annual Linden5K where we raised funds and awareness for SCOPE, a terrific organization which sends underserved children to camps across the country. Our Theme Days saw us dressed in our favorite jerseys, college apparel, tie dye and pajamas. We pretended we were twins and on a tropical beach. We also got creative with our bunkmates and dressed as an original Bunk Squad. We had BBQs and Ice Cream Socials on the back patio and grass.

And, of course, right before the Summer of 2024 came to a close, after a few amazing Fake Outs, Color War broke with a surprise trip to the Iron Pigs Baseball Stadium - how cool was it to run and play in the outfield of a real baseball stadium?! Three days of spirit, sportsmanship and competition took place between White Casino Royale and Blue Carnival Celebration. It was a close battle, culminating with an unbelievable Sing. Ultimately, White won Color War 2024!

Yes, Summer 2024 was one for the books! But, it's now time to look ahead to Summer 2025. After all, we live 10 (months) for 2!













Bring on 2025!!!





# THANKFUL..

I am so grateful for our camp community and my family that surrounds me. I am thankful for the chance to see each summer unfold at Camp Lindenmere. Watching our campers, counselors, and leadership team laugh, learn, and grow makes me proud to be part of a place that feels like home to so many. I will always cherish the lifelong memories that we make together each summer!

**-Mitch Garfinkel**



I am thankful every summer to see Camp Lindenmere come alive with energy, laughter, spirit. I am grateful to share this place with an incredible camp family as well as family and friends at home who make every day special.

**-Hayley Garfinkel**



I am thankful for every moment at Camp Lindenmere, from the excitement of the first day to all the friendships and fun that fill the summer. Being part of this amazing camp family is something I look forward to all year long. I'm grateful to be surrounded by people who make every day an adventure.

**-Kyle Garfinkel**

I am thankful that I get to spend each summer with my amazing camp family. There is nothing like going "home" to laugh, play and have adventures with all of the amazing campers, counselors and team members. I am thankful for Camp Lindenmere!

**-Wendy Berliner**



I am thankful to be part of the wonderful Camp Lindenmere family. It is such a blessing to continue to have amazing summers at camp with everyone and 2024 did not disappoint. I am forever thankful to my loving and supportive wife and of course our Luna dog. It is such a great time of year to enjoy it with your family and friends. I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving.

**-Elliott Roberts**

Thank you all for an amazing summer. I am full of joy and gratitude to spend it with you all.

**-Jo Gamble**



I'm thankful for having four incredible summers at my summer home and creating the coolest and wackiest activities for all our kiddos to enjoy! I'm fortunate enough to work with a group of phenomenal people and I'm currently using my camp events experience to plan my wedding (help)!

**-Lewis Gardner**



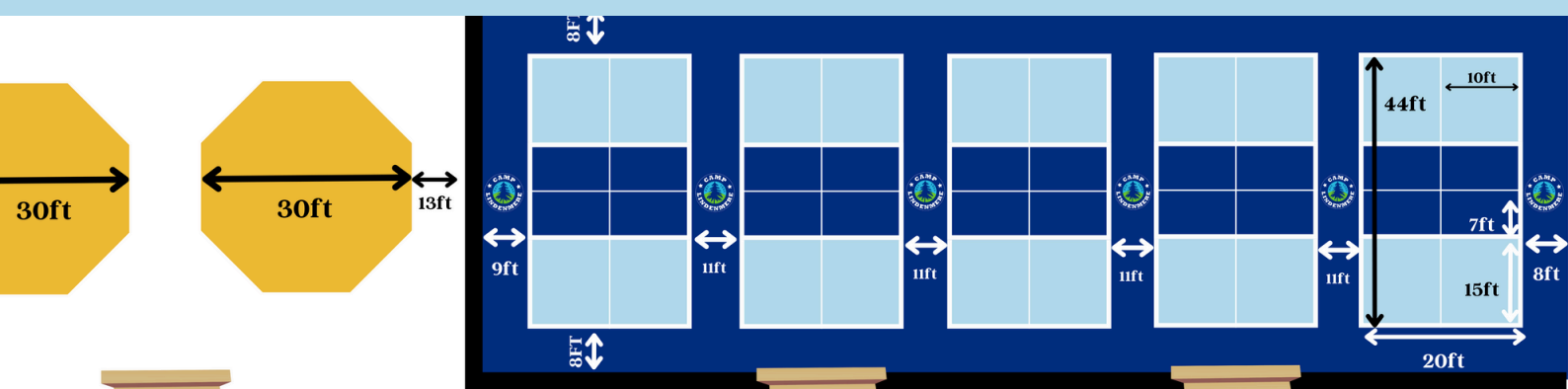


# WHAT'S NEW FOR SUMMER 2025?

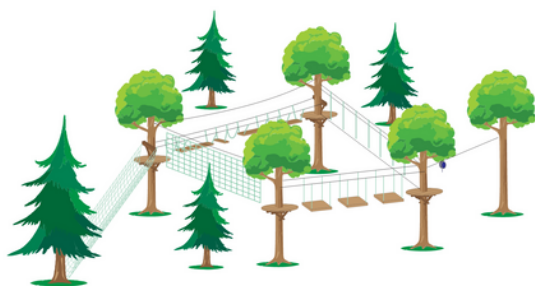


## Pickleball Courts and another Gaga Pit!

We're building five new Pickleball Courts and an additional Gaga Pit behind our Rec Hall! Both Gaga Pits will now also be covered to allow our Gaga enthusiasts to play rain or shine! Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US, and these brand new courts will allow our campers to fully master their skills.



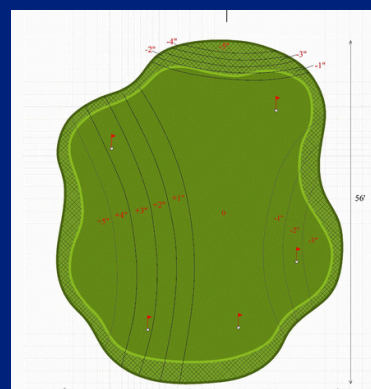
## Ropes is getting even BIGGER!



Prepare for an exhilarating adventure like never before as we unveil a series of exciting, new elements to our already legendary Ropes Course! Campers will be able to carve new routes when conquering the rock wall, zipline and the elements that spread through the trees. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be among the first to discover these breathtaking new routes and redefine your limits!

## Golf is Growing!

Get ready for a new driving range and state-of-the-art putting green behind our Upper Field! This will give our golfers the chance to take their game to the next level and also create more opportunities to harness their short game.





# FALL RECIPE

## Mississippi Mud Pie

### Ingredients

- 1 package Oreos (crushed)
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 1 pint coffee ice cream
- 1/4 c. Hot Fudge Sauce
- 1/4 c. Caramel

### Reminders

#### Step 1

- Among four mason jars or glasses, layer crushed Oreos, two small scoops vanilla ice cream, crushed Oreos, two small scoops coffee ice cream, hot fudge sauce, and caramel.

#### Step 2

- Garnish with crushed Oreos and serve. ENJOY!!





# COLOR WAR 2024 RECAP



## BREAKOUT IN A BASEBALL STADIUM?!

After the Midnight Artist left their mark leaving little clues around camp, the jigsaw puzzles were finally found and camp erupted as we learned that we would be loading the buses at dinner and heading to an unknown destination! With campers searching for clues on the journey, it was revealed that we would be adventuring to Coca-Cola Park in Allentown, the home of the Iron Pigs, for a very special and unique breakout!

With circus performers and a red carpet at the entrance, campers stormed the field for a concert by Sol Katana before watching a blockbuster reveal on the Jumbotron. The Generals entered and the games began!

### Day 1: Opening Night & Setting the Stage!

We stayed on the field and kicked things off with Musical Chairs and the Pizza Box Relay, resulting in an initial lead for White, scoring 60 points to Blue's 40. The momentum continued on Day 1, with White pulling ahead after strong performances in events like the Girls' Egg Toss (112-70) and Eat-Off (130-70) which brought their total to 2,350, keeping them narrowly ahead of Blue at 2,216 by evening.

### Day 2: Rope Burn at its Finest!

Day 2 was a tug-of-war for dominance. Blue fought hard, especially in the Boys' Track Meet and Rope Burn, closing the gap significantly. However, White's steady performance in the "Sink or Swim" and their Kitchen Staff tasks kept them slightly ahead, ending the day with 4,476 points against Blue's 4,223. This year's Rope Burn introduced four ropes and the crowd erupted as all four ropes broke within 5 minutes of one another!

### Day 3: The Apache, Showtime & Sing!

Day 3 saw both teams rallying in the Apache Relay and Showtime performances, bringing White to 5,294 points and Blue close behind at 4,797. It all came down to 'Sing', where creativity and camp spirit took center stage. Despite Blue's strong finishes in Sets, Costume, and Alma Mater categories, White's collective efforts allowed them to emerge victorious with a total of 6,196 points over Blue's 6,065. Both teams demonstrated unwavering determination and enthusiasm, making Color War 2024 an unforgettable event that perfectly encapsulated the spirit of Camp Lindenmere!

**BLUE: 6,065**  
**WHITE: 6,196**

**2024 WINNERS:**  
**WHITE CASINO ROYALE**

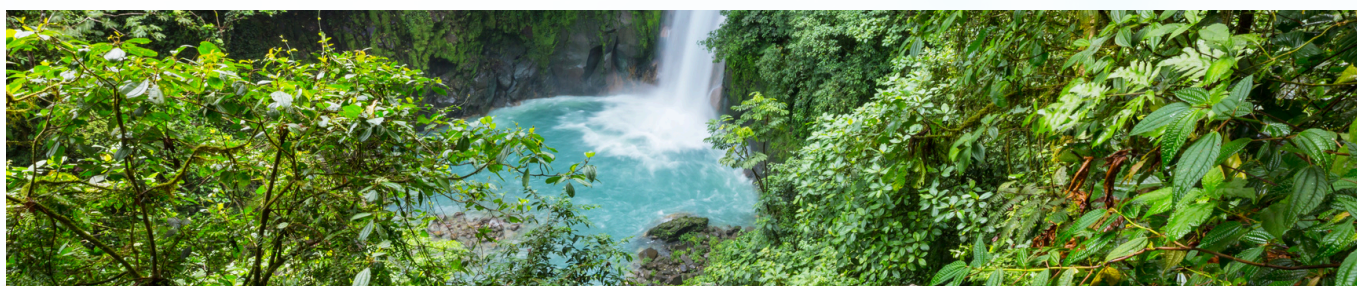
[Click here to check out all things Color War 2024!](#)





# Senior Camp ✈️ Adventures ✈️

## The LTs (11th Grade) are heading back to Costa Rica!



Following an amazing 2024 trip, our LT's are thrilled to be heading back to San José for another unforgettable adventure in a land famous for its breathtaking scenery and warm, inviting culture. Our LT's will dive into the full tropical experience, exploring everything from pristine beaches and lush rainforests to bustling cities and peaceful villages. They'll take on thrilling activities like ziplining, white-water rafting, and perhaps even snorkeling! Plus, they'll have the chance to make a positive impact by volunteering at an Animal Rescue Center. This truly is the journey of a lifetime!

## Session 2: Boston & Lake Placid

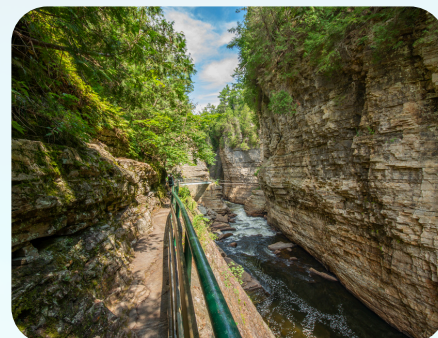
### 9th Grade: Boston

We're excited to announce that for the years to come, our Session 2 rising 9th graders will be heading to Boston! This is a trip we ran a few years ago and our campers absolutely loved the adventure!



### 10th/11th Grades: Lake Placid

This summer, our Session 2 rising 10th and 11th graders will head to Lake Placid for their Senior Adventure! This trip will allow campers to check out historical Olympic Stadiums, take part in Water Sports on the Lake, clamber through Ausable Chasm and jump on some mountain coasters! And don't worry, there will be time for some shopping!





# CAMP LINDENMERE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?!



## MEET JT FARABOW

JT Farabow, from Bismarck, North Dakota, brought his passion for soccer and events to Camp Lindenmere in the Summers of 2021 and 2022, working with Bunks B6 and B5. JT's fondest memories include Color War, campfires, and bonding with campers and counselors. Lindenmere became a transformative experience, helping him build a "second family" and strengthening his personal and professional skills, from self-confidence to handling stressful situations. Now a part of KFVR-TV in Bismarck, JT's advice to newcomers is simple: **"Be yourself, have fun, and trust that you were called to Lindenmere for a reason!"**



# FALL CRAFT PROJECT

## LIP GLOSS JELLO!

### Ingredients

- Jello - Flavor of your choice!
- Lip Balm Pots - [Link here](#) if needed
- Petroleum Jelly (vaseline)
- Coconut Oil - You can find this in the grocery store
- Measuring Cups

### Steps:

- In a microwave safe bowl measure out the same amount of Coconut oil to petroleum jelly. ( $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of each)
- Place the bowl into the microwave for 30 seconds. Mix together until smooth. For each lip balm container use 4 tsp of the above mix and add 1 tsp of your jello flavor.
- Stir until smooth and pour into the pot. If you want more flavor add more jello powder! (You might need to put the mixture back in the microwave to melt the jello powder for 15 secs.)
- Put the pot to the side to cool down overnight and in the morning you will have your own personnel lip gloss!!





# SAVE THE DATE!

## Session 1

June 29th, 2025

## Session 2

July 27th, 2025

## Session 1 Visiting Day

July 26th, 2025

## Session 2 Visiting Day

August 16th, 2025

## Session 1 Rookie Day

July 19th, 2025

## Session 2 Rookie Day

August 2nd, 2025

## Winter Reunion

(Returning Families Only)

Dave & Buster's in NJ  
January 12th, 2025

## Maryland Meet Up

Bowlero Bethesda  
January 5th, 2025

***SPRING PICNIC:  
JUNE 8TH, 2025***

