

2015 GOLF INVITATIONAL

After an earlier rainout, this year's Mercedes-Benz Dealer Championship to benefit Camp Herrlich was held on Monday June 22nd at the pristine Trump National Hudson Valley Golf Course. Close to 100 golfers enjoyed a day of sunshine, great food, great company, and in some instances great golf. This year's event raised over \$40,000 toward the Herrlich Scholarship Fund. Congratulations goes to Anthony DeBellis and Alex Scavone for shooting the low round for the third consecutive year, and congratulations also goes to Mark Kulaga and Ken McDonagh for being selected to attend the next round of the Mercedes-Benz dealer championship at Pinehurst Golf Course, at which they finished tied 21st out of 43 pairs of golfers. We would also like to make a special mention of Jason Smith and John Muro, who were selected to attend but had to defer to Mark and Ken due to an injury.

As always Camp Herrlich would like to thank Mercedes-Benz of Wappingers Falls, Brian Freeswick and his team at Trump National Hudson Valley, and



Sal Tripi, Kevin Carroll, Bruce Eisenstein, and Bob Gentile enjoying a great day of golf

Bill Sayegh and his team at Sayegh Law for helping put on another wonderful outing. We would also like to thank all the other sponsors and specifically the Timber Lake Foundation for their generous support, with all the net proceeds from the event benefitting the Camp Herrlich scholarship fund. Next year's event is tentatively set for Monday June 6th 2016, so please clear your calendars and we hope to see you there.

UNCORKED 2015!

Over \$30,000 was raised at our annual Uncorked! Wine event at Putnam County Golf Club in Mahopac this September. The evening was filled with food and drink, excellent wine tasting, silent and live auction items, and a wonderful feeling of being a part of our "camp family."

Bob Gentile was pleased to honor staff achievements that night as well, awarding plaques celebrating ten years of service to the organization to Karen O'Leary and Jessica Vanacoro.

Many thanks to everyone who made the night a rousing success. We had over 180 attendees at this year's event. We couldn't have done it without our sponsors: Putnam County Savings Bank, H. G. Fairfield Center for Arts and the Environment, and Schech's Pool, Spa, and Patio. Many thanks also to our many Journal Donors and our auctioneer, Matt Vanacoro.

We hope to see you at this event next year. Couldn't make it? You can always support camp through donations using the enclosed envelope, through GoodSearch and GoodShop, and through our Amazon Wish List. Just go to www.campherrlich.org for more information or e-mail info@campherrlich.org for how you can help us serve our campers.



Wine tasting

Do you want to be included on the invitation list to our events? Just e-mail info@campherrlich.org and let us know!

WELCOME TO THE HERRLICH FAMILY, PAWLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Science experiments at Pawling

We are so excited to welcome Pawling Elementary School into our Herrlich Family with our new Before and After School programs, under the direction of Jerilynn Galbraith. Pawling Elementary has a wonderful feeling of community and we are thrilled to be a part of it. The programs there are in full swing. Jerilynn, our new site director, is doing wonderful things with all the activities she is offering the children, incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, and they also had a visit from the Hudson Valley Llamas. Additionally, we are proud to present the ACEKids Theater Program under the direction of Amy Emke, which will be producing Disney's The Little Mermaid, Jr. at the elementary school and Shakespeare's Julius Caesar at the middle school. We are greatly looking forward to seeing what our students can do!



Llama licks



Caring for animals

Many thanks to all the special guests who have visited our sites at Kent Elementary, Matthew Paterson Elementary, Pawling Elementary, and Camp Herrlich. So far this year we have been wowed by the hardworking police officers and their police dogs from the K-9 units with the Kent and Carmel Police, the Hudson Valley Llamas have bestowed plenty of llama kisses on our campers, Dr. Glassman showed our campers how to bandage wounded animals, and the Cornell Cooperative Extension helped the campers explore all their five senses in a Pumpkin Palooza.

Have you registered your child for one of our enrichment clubs yet? Culinary Creations and Weird Science are heating up this session. We hear that the kids may be doing some work with fondant and things that could possibly explode. We won't tell you which club has which activity...

We are so proud to have partnerships throughout Putnam and Dutchess Counties. If you, your workplace, or anyone you know would like to come speak to our kids, run an enrichment club, or do a workshop, please contact Jessica at 845-878-6662 x 304.

K-9 unit at Matthew Paterson Elementary



Our Camp After School Program students from George Fischer Middle School had a science celebrity in their midst this October as well. Dr. Mats Larsson from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, a member of the committee who chooses Nobel Prize recipients and an expert in chemistry and outer space, came to speak to our students about what it takes to win a Nobel Prize. It was an inspiring afternoon and we thank H. G. Fairfield Center for Arts and the Environment for making it possible.

Dr. Larsson

UNDER ITS WING

Bishop McGann-Mercy High School has taken Camp Wilbur Herrlich under its wing through its Ethics and Leadership Club, moderated by Mrs. Ann Corrao, a teacher who shared her heartfelt love of the camp with her students. The club was organized in 2009 when an alumni connection was discovered through Mrs. Jessica Vanacoro, a Mercy High School graduate, which led Mrs. Corrao to talk about her connection to the camp. And so, a group of students spearheaded the birth of a new organization at Mercy HS.

The students rallied and took to heart the mission and vision they saw through the eyes of the camp. They wanted to reach out into the community and make a difference in lives of the children. Their main goal was to scholarship children and help collect everyday necessities that campers needed and might not be able to provide for themselves.

The club members' second goal was to participate in the annual work weekend and help ready the grounds for the campers. This has resulted in attending work weekends since 2009. The students rally themselves, parents, teachers, and alumni to journey three hours upstate and accomplish rewarding hard work sprinkled with some fun, from Friday to Sunday every third weekend in May. They leave exhausted, happy, fulfilled, and blessed—blessed in experiencing the “feeling” of doing for those they will never meet, but knowing they have touched their lives.

Thirdly, they work all year to gather needed items, make incentive envelopes for the campers, and provide scholarship funds. This last year they were guest speakers at a meeting for Girl Scout Troop 3728 from Suffolk County. The Girl Scouts were so inspired by the presentation of the Ethics and Leadership Club and the members' experiences with Camp Herrlich that they decided to join the school in their endeavors. In doing so, they were honored their Silver Award status. They made a cash donation of \$1,300.00, and camper incentive envelopes of



McGann-Mercy Ethics and Leadership club

\$100.00, and provided the physical labor to help make a difference in the work weekend.

Over the years, the Ethics and Leadership Club has contributed \$12,377.87 in cash donations, \$960 in incentive envelopes, material donations of all sorts, and lots of sweat, love and laughter.

“We are blessed to have CAMP in our lives.” And our club logo is “Leading the Children of Tomorrow.”

Bishop McGann-Mercy Ethics and Leadership Club (2009-2015)



Girl Scout Troop 3728

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



FROG
CATCHING!



SWIMMING!



FISHING!



HIGH
WALL!

Summer 2015 was one of our biggest and best summers yet. We were so pleased to re-introduce horses to the Camp Herrlich program, welcoming Doc and Cadillac to our Nature Program and petting zoo. It was a wonderful thing to see campers go from being nervous around such large animals to riding them, grooming them, and getting to know them. In addition to all of our favorite summer activities, we were also thrilled to have more arts programming. Thanks to H. G. Fairfield Center for Arts and the Environment, our campers got to make films under the direction of Stephanie Schleicher, a local filmmaker. You can see some of their work at our YouTube channel—just search Camp Herrlich under Channels on YouTube and there we are! Nikki Sanders Siriani from Seven Star School of Performing Arts in Brewster also joined us for two weeks, teaching Hip Hop and Musical Theater dance to all of our campers. We were so impressed with how confident our campers were after learning dance numbers with Nikki during the day and performing at afternoon Flagpole in front of the whole camp. Even our counselors got in on the action, helping out with the filming, appearing on camera, and dancing right alongside their campers.

Themed programming this summer was a highlight, thanks to Beth Mahoskey and Ben Stanley, our Day Camp Directors, and Scott Riches and Tyrell Davis, our Resident Camp Directors. From fierce fashion shows, to Harry Potter themed photo-savenger hunts, to Star Wars Bounty Hunts and Camp’s Got Talent shows, our kids enjoyed some really creative programs this year.

We are also grateful to our wonderful team of staff! Everyone did an excellent job this year. Here are the winners of our annual Staff Awards:

Outstanding Overall Staff Members

Scott Riches and Ben Stanley

Outstanding Female Specialist

Tabitha Foster

Outstanding Male Specialist

Jake Rushforth

Outstanding Female Counselors

Hayley Perks and Tyra Dukes

Outstanding Male Counselors

Cody Schou and David Clayton

Outstanding Female Junior Counselor

Chelsea Redan

Outstanding Male Junior Counselor

Tristan Zirowsky

And now it’s on to Summer 2016! Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for updates and exciting news and events throughout the year. Our dates and themes are already up on our website!

Camper Growth

We strive to help children grow socially and emotionally when they are with us in our programs, so we asked parents to tell us if they have seen any growth in their child.

95% of parents reported that their children showed improvement in their Ease of Making New Friends, with 28% reporting Great Improvement

80% of parents reported that their child showed improvement in Overcoming Fears and Challenges, with 38% reporting Great Improvement

80% of parents reported that their child showed improvement in their Confidence, with 41% reporting Great Improvement

77% of parents reported that their child showed improvement in their Acceptance of Differences, with 38% reporting Great Improvement.

Hey USA!
Hey UK!



This summer we partnered with the Bramley Cluster Summer Camp in Leeds, UK to do a Pen Pal program. The Bramley Cluster Summer Camp was founded by our past Resident Program Director, Danny Bullock. For three weeks, campers in both our program and the Leeds program were assigned a counterpart to write letters to. Because of the quick turnaround time, the letters were scanned and then distributed “across the pond.” Campers then were able to write return letters and scan them back. It was a great opportunity for our USA kids and their UK kids to learn about each other, not only through the letters but also through Vlogs (video-logs) they made for each other, with introductions and a quick little quiz on what different things are called in our own parts of the world. The kids really got a kick out of hearing a “truck” called a “lorry” and “chips” called “crisps.” This Pen Pal program is just another way that we expand our campers’ worlds while they are with us. Many thanks to Danny and Jessica for organizing the program!

A Message from Our Executive Director

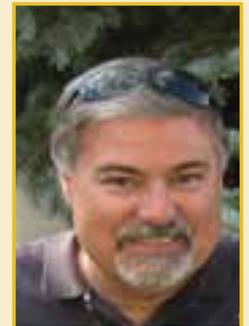
How do I explain the feeling when I get a letter or a phone call from a parent of a child thanking us for the experience their child had at Camp Herrlich and how our program changed their child’s life in a positive way? Let me give you a sentence or two from my most recent email.

“This sincere thank you is for all the wonderful staff at Camp Herrlich for making it possible for my child to flourish this summer. We couldn’t have made a more felicitous decision with Camp Herrlich. The myriad of programs your wonderful organization provides has developed and prepared our son for the many transitions ahead; most notably Kindergarten, which is fast approaching. His experience at Camp Herrlich has helped him to cultivate socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally, and physically. He has never been happier and more excited to attend a structured environment. You and your staff’s integrity has benefited my child in such a way that he will carry what he has experienced this summer for the entirety of his life. We cannot thank you enough.”

This is just a small example of the many “thank you” notes we get every year. When we say “Camp Changes Lives” we really mean it.

Bob's Corner

Folks, this cannot be done without your help. You see, there are many families who simply cannot afford to send their child to camp. We believe that those children also deserve a life-changing experience at Camp Herrlich. Over 80% of the children attending our programs receive some kind of financial assistance. Even with the ever-increasing cost to operate, we have kept the fees to attend our programs as low as we possibly can. **The fees and available scholarships at Camp Herrlich are designed to not only help financially at-risk families, but to help the two-person, working, middle class families that are struggling every day to make ends meet.**



Because of your continued support we have never turned someone down because they could not afford our programs.

You will find many ways to support us in this newsletter and on our website: **www.campherrlich.org**. We continue to be grateful that you care enough to support us as we support others.

Peace,

Bob Gentile, Executive Director



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FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITIES

HORSES! SWIMMING!
FROG CATCHING!
HIGH WALL!
FISHING! GAGA!



HORSES!

- Why do parents
choose Camp
Herrlich?**
- Excellent reputation
 - Great people
 - Flexible schedule
 - My kids love going to Camp Herrlich and look forward all year round
 - Special needs resources
 - The caring staff and fun activities
 - Because there really is no program better than CH. I want my children outdoors, part of nature, and with a staff I adore and trust

(Answers compiled from our end-of-summer survey.)