Dear Camp Laurel Family:

Fall has arrived in New England! While we’re all immersed in our lives outside of camp, our thoughts often drift back to the amazing memories from Summer 2016.

We’ll never forget dazzling performances at Campfires, Dance Shows and Theatre Productions; awesome special events like Fireworks, Carnival, Group Sing, Olympics and College Days; Evening Programs like Sports Night, the Hypnotism Show, Luauas and Parties at Alliquippa; and S-Day Trips to Funtown, Boothbay and Old Port. We made a splash on the Aquaglide Summit Express, soared to new heights in the Aerial Park, rocked out in Rockport and were on target at Archery…the list goes on! Mostly we’ll remember the lifelong friendships we made on the shores of Echo Lake.

We’re also looking ahead with great anticipation to the summer of 2017. While Laurel “off-seasons” always feature construction and renovation, there is something big happening in Readfield this year…the brand new Dining Hall, Kitchen and Outdoor Pavilion! Nestled in the center of camp, this amazing addition to the Laurel facilities will make everyone’s dining experience that much more fantastic. Much more on this exciting addition inside MooseTracks.

What else is happening in 04355? We’re transforming the “old” Dining Hall into something special, expanding the Metalsmithing Studio, building new Swim, Sail and Ski Docks, re-roofing the Theatre and 8 cabins and expanding the underground irrigation system to water lawns all over camp. Wow! It’s been a busy fall…and will continue to be a busy winter at camp.

Enjoy the fall, stay in touch and keep thinking Laurel thoughts. Thanks for keeping the Laurel Spirit alive all winter long!

Thinking of you,

Debbie
Welcome First Timers

Now is the time to introduce our first group of newcomers to the Laurel Family. We’re thrilled this outstanding crop of first-timers will be making their debut in Maine come June!

Let’s get the ball rolling on the Main Line of Philadelphia…starting with the terrific trio of Samuel, Henry and Harvey Pennington of Haverford. Three cheers for these Philly sports Fanatics…Junior Apache awaits your arrival, Samuel. Senior Apache is action-packed, Henry. Get ready for the summer of your life in Senior Sequoia, Harvey! Welcome to Maine, guys…you’re gonna love it! Thanks to Simon Dombar for spreading the word in the Philly “burbs. Simon also let brother Mookie Dombar know that Maine is the place to be. Frosh Apache is rockin’ and rollin’, Mookie. Get psyched for a summer of fun…YES! Avery Paul of Penn Valley said, “put me in, Coach,” after a summer visit. Laurel Soccer is “upper 90,” Avery…welcome to the Junior Apache squad! What about Wayne’s Andrew Borden? He heard the buzz and can’t wait to experience Laurel in person. Senior Apache is the hot spot come June, Andrew…get psyched! And Wynnewood sends Dylan Kaplan our way…and we couldn’t be happier! Welcome to Maine and Senior Apache, Dylan…we’re glad you gave us the green light! Great news, indeed!

Neighboring New Jersey always sends it’s best and brightest, and this year is no different. Roll out the red carpet for the arrival of Joseph and Victoria Altirs of Saddle River who join siblings Laura, Giorgio and Kate in their summer home. WOW…what a fantastic fiveosome! The Apache Sport Court is way cool, Joseph…welcome to Frosh Apache! There’s so much in store for you in Frosh Acadia, Victoria. Welcome to Laurel-land! Haworth is home to Ari Borek in the “off-season,” but he’s all ours come June. Ari takes the Laurel leap after getting the inside scoop from brother and rising Sequoian, Ben. Get set for the time of your life in Frosh Acadia, Ari…so glad your time has come! Tenafly sends Aubrey Minkin, who takes the plunge after hearing the great Laurel stories from brothers Mikey and Zach. A summer spent on the Acadian Lawn is a summer well spent, Aubrey…welcome to the Frosh Acadia crew!

High-fives all around for Montclair’s Zachary Sceve. Laurel’s 15 hard courts are freshly painted and awaiting your arrival…Junior Bago is calling your name, Zachary! Thanks to brother and 2017 Super Senior Dean for pointing Zachary in our direction. A huge shout-out to Montclair’s Parker Raff, who throws his hat into the ring after hearing the good news from sister Lainey. Junior Sequoia is a blast, Parker…get psyched for the fun times ahead! Westfield’s Gilli Cohen is eagerly awaiting her Laurel launch after hearing the news from sister and new 3-Year Club member Savannah. Welcome to Junior Acadia, Gilli…we just know you’ll love your new home-away-from-home! Get excited! Norwood’s Hudson Dichter is ready to hit the scene in Junior Acadia…sweet news! Laurel InterArts are top-notch, Hudson. Thanks to the Drucker family for spreading the Laurel word in Bergen County. And rounding out the Garden State crew is Aiden Waterman of Englewood. Junior Acadia is total entertainment, Aiden…you’re gonna love it! Aiden joins big bro Jake…quite the dynamic duo! AWESOME!

Across the Hudson River, the Big Apple is always a hotbed for Laurel All-Stars. Emmeline and Eloise Jones lead the way from the Upper East Side and are prepping for the summer of their dreams. Welcome to Frosh Acadia, Emmeline…it’s the best! Get psyched for all that Laurel has to offer, Eloise…welcome to Senior Acadia! And thanks for “keeping it in the family,” girls. Emmeline and Eloise’s mom Dana Wallach was a Laurel camper in the 1980s! Charlie Garelik is gearing up for his first summer in the Pine Tree State – NICE! Get ready to hit the courts and fields, Charlie. Welcome to Junior Apache! Fellow Upper East Sider Jesse Nathan is rarin’ to go after getting the inside scoop from mom and Laurel Alum Allison. The string of Laurel Legacies continues! Thanks for giving us the thumbs-up, Jessie. Get excited for the sunny days spent in Junior Acadia! The UES is also the winter stomping grounds of soon-to-be Laurel luminary Ryan Cohen. This Manhattanite knew Laurel would be the perfect fit after sister Gaby filled him in. Welcome to Apache, Ryan…so glad to have you! Incredible news that the city that never sleeps also sends Jack Milgrim our direction. Fist bumps all around, Jack! Our five Mastercraft Championship Ski boats are gassed and ready for you to carve it up on Echo Lake…welcome to the Senior Apache party! Ethan Kaminer knows Laurel is the place to be…and can’t wait to make his mark in Junior Apache. Thanks to big bro Simon for paving the way to Maine. And a standing ovation for Greenwich Village’s Talia Sobel…who can’t wait to experience the bright lights of the Laurel Stage. We’re so psyched to greet you in Readfield, Talia. Good friend Lucy Fischer gave Talia the seal of approval…YES!

The Empire State suburbs always get into the act, too…let’s kick off the festivities with Josh Bershad of Armonk. Apache Baseball is a real Field of Dreams, Josh…welcome to the Apache team! Thanks to big sis Sarah for blazing the trail to Maine. Purchase’s Alexandra Giberga is ready for the thrills of Frosh Acadia after hearing the Laurel word from her mom, Samantha, who was a Laurel camper in the 1980s. Wow! How ‘bout that for a family tradition? Laurel Gymnastics is high-flying, Alexandra! Newsflash: We’re pleased as punch to report that Allie Cooper makes her debut in Senior Baxter come June. This veteran overnight camper couldn’t stay away from the sunny days typical of Maine summers any longer. Welcome to New England, Allie! Great news! Leo Levin of Chappaqua is ALL IN after sister Annabel came home raving from her inaugural summer. Frosh Apache is slammin’ and jammin’, Leo…get psyched! We’re putting out the welcome mat for Mia Barrie…and we’re thrilled! Mia couldn’t stay away any longer after sister Brooke led the way to 04355. Frosh Acadia is waaayyy cool, Mia. Welcome aboard! Port Washington’s Juli Feinblum gave the Laurel go-ahead after a summer visit. There’s so much in store for you in Senior Acadia, Julie…get ready for the summer of your life! Olivia Peskin makes the trip north, too…and who could blame her after brother Ryan came home glowing from his first Laurel season? Not us! We’re over the moon that she’s set to make a splash in Junior Acadia. Welcome to Area Code 207,Olivia!! And Molly Deblinger of Dix Hills is ready to rock in Junior Acadia. Awesome, awesome news, Molly. We’re so glad you’ve decided to follow big brother Josh to Vacationland, USA!

Heading up to Fairfield County, Connecticut – the home of Laurel’s Winter Office – Samson Heyer of Westport is prepping for his first Laurel summer of many to come. Can’t wait for you to hit the courts and fields, Samson…Laurel Hockey is where it’s at…welcome to the Junior Apache team! Westport also sends Skylar Mandel our direction, and we can’t wait to show her around her new summer digs – Frosh Acadia! Laurel Tennis is all aces and winners, Skylar…game, set, match! And sound the trumpets for Weston’s Alex Kaufman, who gives us the thumbs-up after getting the Laurel inside scoop all these years. Frosh Apache is tons of fun, Alex…so cool to have you officially on board! Leading the Laurel charge from Easton are Aaron and Marley Shyer, who make their Readfield debut after a summer with our friends at Laurel South. Tremendous news! Bago Football can’t be beat, Aaron…welcome to the Senior Bagos lineup! The crystal-clear waters of Echo Lake are ready for you to dive in, Marley…Senior Baxter is the cream of the crop! Oliver Santer of West Sumsbury rounds out this impressive Nutmeg State crew. Frosh Acadia is amazing, Oliver! We know you’ll have the time of your life! Props to big bro Charlie for leading the way. And fellow New Englander Sophie Leidner can’t wait to hit the ground running in Frosh Acadia. Sweet news this Swampscott, Massachusetts resident is set to make the trip to Maine. So great to have you in the mix, Sophie!

The Sunshine State always sends the crème de la crème, too…starting with Boca Raton’s Samantha Solodkin who is all-systems-go for her first Maine summer. Senior Acadia makes memories that will be with you forever, Samantha. We’re so glad you’re taking the leap! Boca also sends Carolyn Vernon our way…Continued on page 4...
excellent news! Thanks to the Ewen family for spreading the Laurel news in South Florida. Welcome to Junior Baxter, Carolyn! Give it up for the terrific twosome of Avery and Peyton Eichel! These Southwest Ranches residents got the Laurel bulletin from brother Gavin, and they’re charged up and ready to take Maine by storm. Welcome to Junior Acadia, girls…Laurel Equestrian is awesome, Avery! You’ll flip for Laurel Gymnastics, Peyton! Sweeeet! Of course, Southern California is no stranger to Laurel “peeps”…this time in the form of LA’s Isabella Rice-Shepherd who joins brothers Corvin and Roman. There’s so much fun in the sun in Frosh Acadia, Isabella. We can’t wait to see you in Maine! Belen Benito is busy prepping for the start of her Laurel career in Santo Domingo, DR. Such great news that this incoming Junior Acadian got the Laurel bug from brother Santiago…welcome to New England, Belen! Also hailing from Santo Domingo is Fabiola Gonzalez, who’s fired up to head north this summer. Welcome to Baxter, Fabiola – you’re gonna love it! Thanks to the Vitienes family for spreading the Laurel word in the Caribbean. Our neighbors to the north – Canada, that is - are always in the act. Jessie Hall is busy getting ready for her first Maine summer…and we couldn’t be happier. Can’t wait to greet your on the shores of Echo Lake, Jessie. Get psyched for summer of your dreams in Junior Baxter! William Delnick of Montreal is ready to tackle Junior Apache, and we can’t wait! Get ready for the thrills of a summer spent in Maine, William. Awesome news! Say “HELLO!” to Kevin Han of Vancouver. Welcome to the Laurel hit parade, Kevin! Junior Apache is where the action is… DY-NO-MITE! The City of Light – Paris, France – sends Theo Hamon across the pond after he felt the Laurel excitement at SuperCamp 2016. Welcome to Senior Apache, Theo…thanks to big bro Elias and a long list of Parisian relatives for leading the charge! And rounding out this edition are Pablo and Silvia Nueno of Barcelona, Spain. Get ready for the summer of your life hanging with the Bago guys, Pablo…you the man! We’re so glad you’ve made the Laurel leap, Silvia…Senior Baxter is the tops! That’s it for now…but many more new faces will be featured in upcoming editions of MooseTracks! See you soon!

**Ratatouille**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 12 oz. eggplant - cubed into 1” pieces
- 12 oz. zucchini - cubed into 1” pieces
- 12 oz. onion - diced into 1” pieces
- 12 oz. red & green peppers - diced
- 18 oz. tomatoes - diced
- 3 garlic cloves - minced
- 6 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 sprig fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf

**PROCEDURE**

★ Peel and cut the tomatoes, eggplants, zucchinis and onions
★ In a large pot heat 2 tbsp. of the olive oil
★ Sauté the onions and peppers until tender
★ Add the tomatoes, garlic, thyme and bay leaf
★ Season with salt and pepper, cover and simmer for 45 minutes
★ In a separate pan, sauté the eggplant and zucchini with the remaining olive oil for 15 minutes or until very tender
★ Add the eggplant and zucchini into the large pot with the pepper mixture
★ Cook for at least an additional 10 minutes
★ Add salt and pepper to taste

Chef Isabelle Recommends: Simmer the Ratatouille for as long as possible. It will taste even better the next day!

For more recipes from the ChefCamp kitchen, go to: www.camplaurel.com/ChefCamp
As we look ahead to 2017, we are beyond excited for the biggest construction project Readfield has seen in many years – our new Dining Hall, Kitchen, and Outdoor Pavilion! This state-of-the-art chill-aired building and adjacent covered Pavilion (which replaces the Grove for outdoor seating) sits just below the Climbing Towers, between the Tennis Deck and Apache Road. It’s located at the “heart of camp” with easy access from the Fields, Tennis Courts, Waterfront and all 6 Campuses. We know this will be a welcome addition for all our campers, staff and visitors. Not only will it allow us to offer more dining options, but also allows us to offer even more fun and exciting meal experiences for our Laurel Family. Construction began the day the buses pulled out and will be finished in early June – ready for Arrival Day 2017!

So what’s going on with the “old Dining Hall”? It has been meticulously taken down to its original structure, which was built in 1947. Our construction crews have carefully dismantled the building to its original footprint. Known as Tanager Hall at the time, the structure was the Dining Room for about 80 campers and 30 counselors. While five separate expansions over the last 60+ years have served us well, we simply outgrew the building. The renovation has opened up the view to Echo Lake, and the building fits snugly above the Swim Beach. We know that Tanager Hall (we’re bringing back the name!) will be a Laurel staple for generations to come!

From the Acadia Lawn to the Windy City, Meg Marshall is pursuing a career in Improv Comedy in Chicago. Jared Burris moved to the Granite State of New Hampshire to mentor High School students in Manchester. From one Theatre production to the next, Mia Frattino went south to pursue her Broadway dreams on the Great White Way in NYC. From the Laurel Tennis Courts to the Lone Star State, Sofia Ochoa has returned to Texas to continue her studies and tennis career. From the Admin CHAOS to the desert, Miranda Beck is working for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Arizona. Ben Hartmann stepped off the Laurel hoops courts to finish his degree at the University of Oregon. From the shores of Echo Lake to the beaches of LA, AG Cherry has returned to her studies at Cal State Northridge. Natalie Beesley swung from the Aerial Park and Baxter to the forest canopy in Hawaii as a Zip Line instructor. From Bec GaGa to Rome, Gaby Mannion skipped across the pond to study in Italy. From Apache Hill to the heart of Indiana, Michael Lumpkin and Will Shaw returned to their studies at Wabash College. From Laurel Lax to Durham University, Matt “Lettuce” Brigham headed to the UK to pursue his master’s degree. From Sequoia back to Brooklyn, Gabe Hilt is finishing up his degree and hitting the hoops courts at St. Francis College. From the Admin CHAOS to the desert, Miranda Beck is working for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Arizona.
Happy Birthday Campers

OCTOBER
1  Jack Cramer
2  Louis Delcroix
3  Ainhoa Giro
4  Amanda Goldfarb
5  Veronica Provder
6  Jack Spies
7  Max Ichelson
8  Jared Rosenberg
9  Gavin Eichel
10  Leo Ginsburg
11  Lucca Ginsburg
12  Chloe Makhlkin
13  Parker Raff
14  Eli Schickler
15  Gabrielle Cohen
16  Jack Faulhaber
17  Jordana Katz
18  Joshua Rosen
19  Joel Fastman
20  Noa Konforty
21  Lily Cong
22  Evan Ostrander
23  Alexander Tucker
24  Oliver Putzer
25  Sarah Allen
26  Ian Fischer
27  Sophia Gabel
28  Kassidy Fishman
29  Sienna Hargreaves
30  William Hargreaves
31  Sophie Leidner
32  Nate Sugarman
33  Hannah Svirsky
34  Nate Garelik
35  Fletch Kargman
36  Alexa Camilo
37  Daisy Stein
38  Francesca White
39  Callum Steele
40  Skylar Adams
41  Dylan Kaplan
42  Sophie Hochberg
43  Paulina Arguimbau
44  Alexandra Glazier
45  Sophie Ostrove
46  Liv Pilot
47  Jadin Weiss
48  Susan Xu
49  Noah Rosenthal
50  Matthew Lappin
51  Ethan Cohen
52  Drew Antin
53  Marin Milken
54  Madeline Sollinger
55  Marc Richter
56  Carleigh Zelman
57  Dylan Wasserberger
58  Sammy Stollerman
59  Ginger Highman
60  Beau Bialow
61  Amanda Caress
62  Isabella Diaz
63  Spencer Zeppieri
64  Sophie Zober
65  Zoey Gershengorn
66  Nate Gordon
67  Grace Murdoch
68  Spencer Brod
69  Phoebe Hoffman
70  Joshua Deblinger
71  Paige Pidgeon
72  Lauren Bonnet
73  Charlotte Hughes
74  Ryan Katz
75  Sara Lubanski
76  Tess Parker
77  Sydney Sakin
78  Alexa Daddi-Melino
79  Riley Klein
80  Josh Rotko
81  Charlotte Cohen
82  Samantha Cohen
83  Max Gottbetter
84  Tiana Han
85  Jesse Robinson

DECEMBER
1  Charlie Allard
2  Leah Steyn
3  Rose Sun
4  Becca Boritz
5  Derek Gilbert
6  Aaron Spetter-Goldstein
7  Samantha Motola
8  Kate Altirs
9  Avery Eichel
10  Peyton Eichel
11  Sienna Mindick
12  Samantha Shenker
13  Charlie Berger
14  Jordyn Bernstein
15  Annabel Levin
16  Noah Sollinger
17  Anabel Sollinger
18  Julia Starck
19  Maxwell Wiesenfeld
20  Noah Lascano
21  Jake Zober
22  Theresa Berger
23  Valeria Melo Iturralde
24  Matthew Rotko
25  Ava Bialow
26  Jaden Cohen
27  Gabrielle Fries
28  Sophie Fries
29  Natalie Garcia
30  Mollie Haas
31  Leo Levin
32  Clara Eliot
33  Noah Markow
34  Rebecca Rosenzweig
35  Juliet Feinblum
36  Noah Fawer
37  Isabella Rice-Shepherd
38  Roman Rice-Shepherd
39  Annika Gelber
40  Ellie Cohen
41  Logan Kapit
42  Ari Borek
43  Jordan Perlman

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