



Camp Abilities Newsletter!

THE C*A*N (As in “Yes, you *can!*”)

The C*A*N is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Janet Joseph, the C*A*N founder and Lauren Lieberman’s mother. She died suddenly in December of 2006. She was an active part of Camp Abilities Brockport for 7 years and we miss her very much.

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In Short

Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
<p><i>Coach Orientation</i> Coaches arrived, moved into the dorms, and learned the ropes with specialists and staff We raised funds for and awareness of Camp at the Rochester Dragons’ Ultimate Frisbee game on campus</p>	<p><i>Athlete Move-In Day</i> Athletes register, meet their coaches, and move into the dorms Opening ceremonies Hans Meyer and Team Night</p> <p>Partly cloudy with a high of 87</p>	<p><i>First Day of Activities</i> Athletes’ first day of sports Hans Meyer, Dancing with Lisa, Nighttime Activities: Paddleboarding, Kayaking, Canoeing, Basketball, Rollerblading, Fishing... and more!</p> <p>High of 87 with a slight chance of thunderstorms</p>

Highlights from Yesterday



Since the end of Camp Abilities 2013, the camp staff have been working tirelessly to make this, the 19th year of camp, the best year yet! Here is a brief introduction of the remarkable people who help to make camp a shining success.

Staff

Lauren Lieberman, the **Director** of Camp Abilities Brockport, started Camp 19 years ago right here on this campus.

Her motto is: Believe you can achieve!

Tiffany Mitrakos is the **Assistant Director** here at Camp. This is Tiffany's sixth year with Camp Abilities Brockport. She is also the Director of Camp Abilities Saratoga.

Stacey Gibbins, a **Graduate Assistant**, is currently working on her Master's degree in Athletic Administration at The College at Brockport. This will be Stacey's fourth summer with Camp Abilities Brockport. She is director of Camp Abilities Nebraska.

Timothy Busch, Camp's second **Graduate Assistant**, is pursuing a Master's Degree in Adapted Physical Education at SUNY Brockport. This will be his fourth summer with Camp Abilities Brockport. He has also worked as a specialist and a consultant for Camp Abilities Nebraska.

Specialists

Gina Pucci is our **Aquatics Director and Tandem Bike Specialist**. She has been with Camp Abilities Brockport for the past 13 years, and was the camp Grad Assistant in 2004. Gina has helped as a specialist with both Camp Abilities Florida and Texas

Beth Foster is our **Tandem Biking and Goalball Specialist**. This is her tenth summer with Camp Abilities Brockport. Beth is also the assistant Director for Camp Abilities PA at West Chester University and Camp Abilities Texas.

Charles Roselle is one of our **Track and Field and Aquatic Specialists**. This is his third year with Camp Abilities Brockport.

Kyle Sochia is our **Beep Baseball and Aquatics Specialist**. This is his fifth year at Camp Abilities Brockport and his third as a specialist.

Dani LeRoux is in her sixteenth year at camp abilities Brockport. She has helped as a sport specialist at Florida camp abilities for two years. Dani is our **Track and Field and Aquatics Specialist**.

Donna DeGiacomo is our **Beep Baseball and Goalball Specialist**. Donna has volunteered at Camp Abilities in Pennsylvania, Long Island, Florida, and Alaska. This year's camp will be Donna's 17th Camp Abilities experience.

David Briggs is our **Track and Field and Gymnastics Specialist**. This is David's seventh year with camp.

Lily Jagodzinski is our **Gymnastics Specialist**. This is her second year at camp.

Andrew DeGiacomo is our **Beep Baseball and Goalball Specialist**.

Mary Powell is our **Tandem Biking and Swimming Specialist**.

Stephen Nicholls is our **Self-Defense Specialist**. He is introducing his program, called 1Touch, to camp this year.

Sharon Pagel is the **Archery Specialist**. This will be Sharon's 14th year at camp!



Lauren, Stacey, Tim, and Tiffany



Gina & Kyle teach the rules of beep baseball



Charles demonstrates proper shotput form



Stephen explains the ideology of 1Touch