

## The Camp Abilities Newsletter

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#### Menu for Monday, June 26, 2006

Breakfast -- Same

Lunch -- cafeteria

Dinner -- Cookout provided by Scottsville-

Chaile Lions Clubs

--donated meal

Yesterday we introduced some of our specialists. The athletes arrived yesterday and were divided into 4 groups:

The **Green Team** has as Head Coach Dean Bowen, who is a graduate assistant at Brockport. Dean is from Cayuga, NY, and this is his 2nd year at Camp. The Assistant Head Coach is Matt Dadey, from Syracuse NY. He has been teaching APE at East Syracuse-Minoa for 5 years. He is a graduate of Brockport and U of VA. This is Matt's 8th year here.

The **Yellow Team** is Headed by Coach Esther Ortiz, who is from Puerto Rico. She is degreed from University of Puerto Rico and Ohio State University in APE and is now a professor at UPR. She is about to begin her doctoral work at Ohio State. This is her first year here as Head Coach and will be coaching in Camp Abilities in AK. Maria Lepore-Stevens is the Assistant Coach. She is a high school senior in DE. Maria has been helping with Camp Abilities here and in AZ and AK since their inception. Maria was very instrumental in starting Camp Abilities in West Chester, PA.

The **Purple Team's** Head Coach is Lindsey Hegg, who has been helping at Camp almost 7 years. This is her first year as Coach. Lindsey is a student at U of Wisconsin--Stout. Assistant coach Sarah McMillen graduated from Hudson Valley Community College and is now a student at SUNY Brockport with Sports Management as a career goal. While she has been helping at Camp for several years, this is her first year coaching. Sarah is DeafBlind because of Usher's Syndrome.

The Head Coach of the **Blue Team** is Jay Canaday. Jay graduated from Brockport where he was captain of the lacrosse team. He will be student teaching in the fall. Jay is from Albany, NY and helped with the Camp Abilities in AZ. He has been with Camp Abilities 2 years. The Assistant Head Coach is Kevin Krause, from Windsor, NY. He is a graduate of Brockport in PE. Kevin is in the Army National Guard, commissioned as an officer through ROTC. He will be student teaching in the fall, and is then going into the ARMY.

**Camp Abilities is a residential camp. That means that campers and everyone lives here.** Our meals have been donations from the local Lions Clubs. We had a great deal of pasta and pizza. However, 5-6 years ago Rich and Cyndie Giali became coordinators of our **Nutrition program**. We have been eating nutritionally better, more varied, and exciting meals. The Lions Clubs still donate most of the meals, but, they are better balanced and more varied. We love the care and nurturing they do with our food. Thanks, Rich and Cyndie.

While Janet is our newsletter editor, Amanda Tepfer is our **Camp photographer**. You will see her snapping photos as she goes. Smile!

Some of us like to read our news in Braille. Our **Braillists**, who turn regular print into Braille for us, are from Texas. Diane Briggs, from Denton, is a teacher for students who are visually impaired. Lisa Hanson, from Krum, is a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist working for the Denton Independent School District. They are immensely helpful.

A special thanks goes out to the Brockport Lion's Club for the hayless hayride and cookout that was provided to us on Sunday evening. Many activities were provided after the cookout including canoeing, kayaking, showdown, rollerblading, and basketball. Did you have fun?

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