



# 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</p>	<p><i>Athlete Move-In Day</i>            Athletes register, meet their coaches, and move into the dorms            Parent Training            Opening ceremonies            Terry Kelly</p>	<p><i>First Day of Activities</i>            Blue &amp; pink team photos            Athletes’ first day of sports            Terry Kelly, Nighttime            Activities: archery, watersports, rollerblading, showdown, and more!</p>
	Rainy, with a high of 77	Sunny, with a high of 81

### Highlights from Yesterday



Since the end of Camp Abilities 2014, the camp staff have been working tirelessly to make this, the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20 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 seventh year with Camp Abilities Brockport. She is also the Director of Camp Abilities Saratoga.

-**Kelsey Linsenbigler** is spending her fifth year with Camp Abilities Brockport as one of our two **Graduate Assistants**. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Adapted PE from Brockport.

-**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 14 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 eleventh summer with Camp Abilities Brockport. Beth is also the Assistant Director for Camp Abilities PA at West Chester University and Camp Abilities Texas.

-**David Briggs** is one of our **track and field and gymnastics** specialists.

-**Emily Gilbert** is one of our **beep baseball and aquatics** specialists. This is Emily's 5th summer with Camp Abilities Brockport. Emily is also a specialist and the Aquatics Director for Camp Abilities Saratoga.

-**Meghan Fink** is a one of our **beep baseball and goalball** specialists. Meghan is a member of the Long Island Bombers Beep Baseball team.

-**Lauren Psota** is one of our **track & field and gymnastics** specialists. Lauren is also the director of Camp Abilities Nebraska.

-**Maria Lepore-Stevens** is one of our **track & field and aquatics** specialists. Maria is the Assistant Director of Camp Abilities PA at West Chester University, and has worked as a specialist at Camp Abilities Arizona.

-**Mike Fortner** is one of our **tandem biking and aquatics** specialists.

-**Tina Fetten & Jared Callahan** are our **Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP)** specialists.

-**Lily Jagodzinski** is one of our **gymnastics** specialists and will be also helping with **tandem biking**. Lily is a member of Brockport Women's Gymnastics team.

-**Melissa Fromm** will be helping with **SUP** and is also one of our **gymnastics** specialists. Melissa is a professor in the KSSPE department at Brockport.

-**Alex Stribing** is one of our **aquatics** specialists and will also be our lifeguard at SUP. Alex will be one of the graduate assistants for Camp Abilities Brockport in 2016!



Tim, Kelsey, Lauren, & Tiffany

