

The Camp Abilities Newsletter

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THE C*A*N

As in, yes you CAN

Menu for Sunday, June 25, 2006

Breakfast through July 01: Choices of donuts, muffins, bagels w/cream cheese & jelly, variety of cereals w/ 2% milk, yoghurt, granola, raisins, apple grape or orange juice, fruit

Lunch: Subs from Subway, chips, sweet/dill pickles, watermelon & brownies

Dinner: Hayride cookout by the Brockport Lions Club

Congratulations to Dr. Lauren J. Lieberman, the **Director of Camp Abilities**, beginning its 11th year, here at Brockport. Lauren, as she likes to be called, is a graduate of West Chester University, PA, and the University of Wisconsin at Lacrosse. She received her Ph.D. at Oregon State in APE and has been teaching here, at SUNY, Brockport since then. Lauren, who last year received the Chancellor Award (for all of SUNY), (ask her what that means), was just promoted to full PROFESSOR.

Haley Schledin, is Lauren's Graduate Assistant and **Assistant Director of Camp Abilities**. She is a full time grad student here at Brockport and comes from Rochester, NY.

The **Program/Behavioral Director of Camp Abilities** is Jeannine Fittipaldi-Wert. Jeannine, who did her undergrad work at West Chester University and masters in Brockport, is a Ph.D. student at Auburn University in Alabama.

A major activity at Camp Abilities is the Aquatics program. Dr. Monica Lepore has been the **Aquatics Director** at Camp since its inception. Monica has also worked with Lauren at Camp Abilities in Alaska and Arizona. She also helped start Camp Abilities in West Chester, PA. Monica got her doctorate at NYU and teaches PE and APE at West Chester University, PA. Monica has more than a dozen people helping her with aquatics and with the **canoeing and kayaking** on the Erie Canal.

Judo, taught by paralympian, Jim Mastro, (At Camp 10 years), received his doctorate at Texas Women's University & now teaches APE at Bemidji State in Minnesota. Jim taught Judo at Camp Abilities in Arizona, this year for the first time. Chad Scott, who has a black belt in Judo, has degrees from Brockport and is entering a doctoral program at Buffalo.

Gymnastics Rocco Aiello (8 years) is a PE Coordinator in St. Mary's County, MD. He is degreed in PE and APE from Brockport and helped Lauren write her Para educator book.

Robin Thornburg just completed her masters degree at Auburn University in AL and hails from Columbiana.

Tandem Bicycling & Goal Ball specialists are Jocelyn Paris (JP), who teaches pre-school in AZ and just finished her Masters degree and Beth Foster, a student at West Chester University, PA.

Canoeing, directed this year by Kat Ellis, who is the Director of PE at the University of Rhode Island, uses the help of the entire Aquatics staff in this specialty.

Beep Baseball and FUN Evening Activities, coached by Dani LeRoux (9 years in Camp), is a graduate of SUNY Brockport and teaches APE in Cecil County, MD and Gina Pucci, in her 7th year at Camp. Gina graduated Brockport and teaches H & PE in Cecil County, MD.

Nurse Judy is our camp nurse (7 years), who is very active in her church (hand bell choirs) and other volunteer activities and is assisted here by Kathy Jennings, the Boo-Boo Nurse, who works for the FL Prepay (University Plan).

Janet M. Joseph is our **newsletter** editor (2nd year). Janet had supervised the tandem bicycling and the canoeing for 7 years. She lives in West Chester, PA, has 4 grown children and 5 grandchildren (3 of whom work in this camp.). Janet has degrees from Drexel University and received her Ph.D. from Temple University. Our Camp director, Lauren, calls Janet... MOM.

Much more to come: Who are the Interpreters?? What do our Nutritionists do? Who are our Group Leaders??

The C*A*N is your Newsletter. We can only make it interesting if YOU contribute. Please see Janet, Newsletter Editor, or your group leader with contributions and accomplishments.

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