

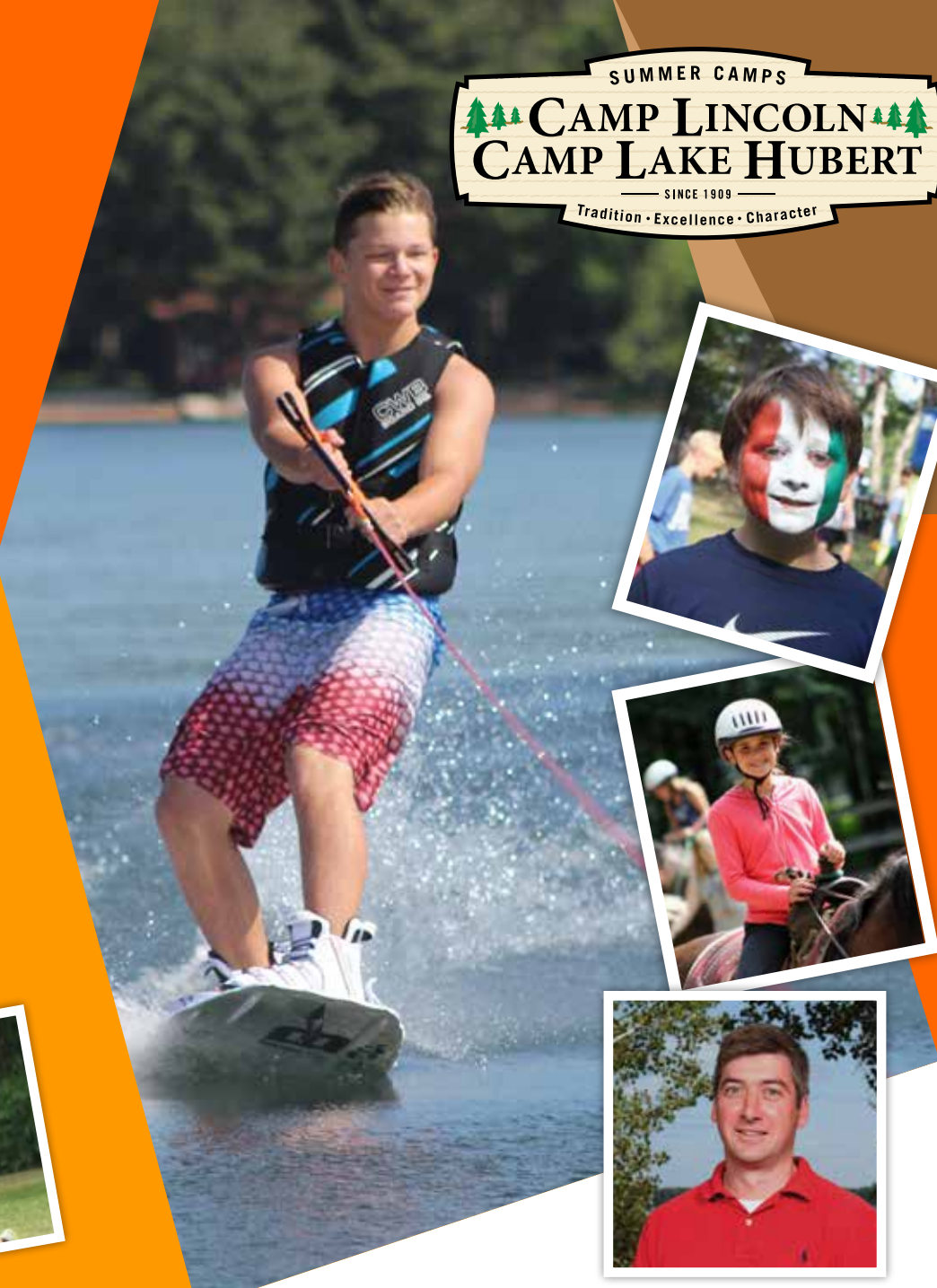
A BIG CAMP THANK YOU TO OUR 2014 CAMPERS



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RUGGS COTE



Summer 2014 has come and gone, faster it seems, than any other summer.

Did we not just put in the new ski boats for the first time? Wasn't Opening Campfire just a few days ago? Aren't more campers arriving tomorrow?!

The summer flew by – a sure sign that tons and tons of fun was had by all at Camp Lincoln and Camp Lake Hubert. Now, we are all back home and into the swing of the school season. We hope you have as many wonderful memories of this past summer as we do! With so many terrific campers and staff members, how could you not? There were campers from 46 states and 14 countries at camp this summer, which is quite a diverse community of individuals! How unique it is to have friends from all around the country and the globe. Remember to keep in touch through the winter months. If you lose a friend's address, you can always send a letter to the camp office, and we will forward it along for you.

This Railsplitter will wrap up and reflect on this past summer. Even as we reminisce about the great 2014 Summer Season, we are also turning our eyes towards planning for the upcoming summer of 2015. You can also read about some of the updates and projects underway to make this coming summer as good – and likely better – than ever before. Enjoy the Railsplitter, keep in touch with us, and remember the old saying: Camp Friends Are Best!

CFAB,

Ruggs



CAMP LINCOLN FOUNDING FATHERS AWARD WINNERS

CHUCK EVERETT

Session 1 – Jamison Martin

Session 2 – Alex Martin

FRED ROGERS

Session 1 – Matthew Watowich

Session 2 – Sander Davis

BROWNIE COTE

Session 1 – Adam Ungvarsky

Session 2 – Tom Solano

CAMP LINCOLN COLOR WARS

SESSION 1 CAPTAINS

RED Alex Dickey

BLUE Tom Solano*

SESSION 2 CAPTAINS

RED – Henry Hogan*

BLUE Adam Ungvarsky

OVERALL RECORD

Red – 11

Blue – 16

*Denotes Winner



CAMP LINCOLN CAMPER REFLECTION

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

My senior year at Camp Lincoln was full of amazing experiences and memories. I woke up each morning looking forward to not one, but many fun events, whether it was daytime or evening activities, or just chilling with my friends and counselors. One of my most gratifying experiences at camp was working on achieving the Stag Club Award - a goal of mine since my 4th summer at camp in 2012. Although it was very difficult and time-consuming, going for my Stag Award really made me drive for personal growth and development at camp. It was because of this award that I chose to on the Boundary Waters Trip during the second week of camp - an amazing six-day canoe adventure in the pristine Minnesota wilderness on the border of Canada.



COLIN CAMPBELL

Achieving the Stag Award pushed me to do my best in many different traditional camp activities. This year, I spent most of my time doing sailing and wilderness. My most memorable moments from these activities include doing trapeze on a sailboat for the first time and spending a 12-hour night in the pasture with almost no supplies. I loved the process of going for this award, because it made me stretch out to do activities that I would not have chosen to do on my own. While it would have been easy and comfortable to keep doing the same camp activities I enjoy and am good at year after year, the Stag Award made me regularly leave my comfort zone and challenge myself with something new. This is how I really achieved personal growth and development at camp.

Aside from personal growth from achieving this award, camp has given me so many things that I could never get at home. First, it all starts with camp friends. The friends I made over the years have made my camp career more special than anything. They are who I have shared my greatest memories with, which I will treasure forever. Camp gives you the freedom to be yourself; it gives you the chance to be who you are at all times. As I have gotten older, camp has given me the chance to be more of a leader and a role model as well. These are the reasons why my senior year at camp was so great and why I have come back six times. Camp Lincoln is the place where you can simply do it all!





CAMP LINCOLN LT REFLECTION

BY HARRY LAIBLE

My friends at home often ask me, “Why do you return to camp year after year? Wouldn’t you rather just stay home or go to a new camp closer by?” I find this question incredibly difficult to answer, considering they have never been to Camp Lincoln before. Camp offers an environment like no other place in the world, in which you are able to genuinely be yourself, meet amazing new friends, and try a variety of new activities. This summer marked my fifth year returning to Camp Lincoln. I was a traditional camper during my first four years, and this last year, I was a part of the Leadership Training Program.



HARRY LAIBLE

As an LT (Leader in Training), I was a mix of a camper and a counselor. Though, at times, it was a very difficult and challenging program, I learned so much about myself, and had so much fun doing so, that it was undoubtedly one of the best experiences of my life. Through reading and writing essays on leadership, and actually leading younger children, I developed as a leader, person, and student. Additionally, being an LT was exceptionally enjoyable. Where else but at Camp Lincoln are you able to make funnel cake for 300 campers, or yell at the top of your lungs to start The Beat with “Give me a one!”

One of the most special aspects of Camp Lincoln, which people back home would not understand, are the quality relationships I have gained throughout my past five summers. I return year after year to reconnect with the extraordinary friends I have made. Camp friends greatly differentiate from my friends at home. Camp friends are so supportive and they make me feel comfortable to be whoever I want to be. Year after year, they change my personality for the better. At home, I would consider myself a fairly quiet and reserved kid. Camp has definitely built my confidence and given me more of an outgoing personality. I come back year after year for everything Camp Lincoln has to offer, ranging from making quality relationships, to personal growth and development, to the camp culture, and of course, making memories that will last a lifetime.



CAMP LINCOLN LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES

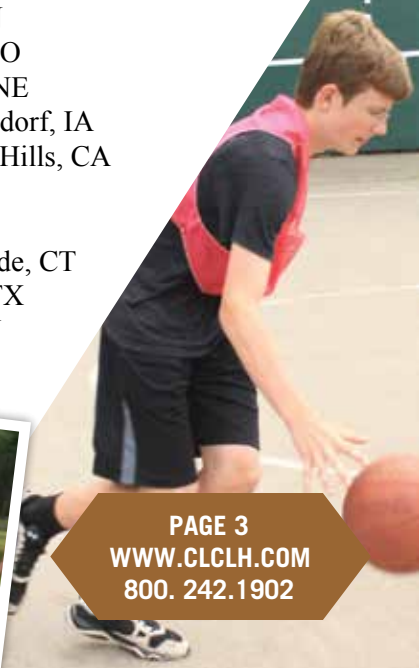


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- Henry Beatty – Winnetka, IL
- Jimmy Crimmins – Winnetka, IL
- Brendan Doyle – Winnetka, IL
- Chris Fisher – Hillsborough, CA
- Alex Fowkes – Wilmette, IL
- Owen Hall – Chicago, IL
- John Kapples – Wellesley, MA
- Harry Laible – Winnetka, IL
- Tully Morrison – Long Lake, MN
- Gavin Nolan – Franklin, IN
- Ian Stokes – Carbondale, CO
- Michael Svolos – Omaha, NE
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- Robbie Faryniarz – Riverside, CT
- Whit Lippincott – Dallas, TX
- Harry Wohl – St. Paul, MN





CAMP LINCOLN STAFF REFLECTION

BY GLEN CONBEER – ROPES DIRECTOR AND HEAD COUNSELOR

In January of 2014, I decided to apply to work at a summer camp in the United States. I thought that with previous experience of working with children, an interest in the outdoors and my outgoing personality, camp would be a great place for me. I first visited the U.S. in 2004 when my family and I went to Disney World. Ever since then, I have loved the country and I was eager to make the Summer of 2014 my sixth visit. Throughout January, I worked with U.S.A. Summer Camp (who work alongside Camp Leaders) to complete my application online so that a range of summer camps in America could access this information and see if I was suitable for their camp. It was less than a week after my application was complete that I heard from Will, the Staffing Coordinator for Camp Lincoln and Camp Lake Hubert. We set up a Skype Interview and it was not long before I was offered the job of Ropes Activity Director and decided that Lincoln was where I wanted to spend my summer.



GLEN CONBEER

When I spoke to Will about the dates I would be working at camp, I asked for the earliest possible date to fly out and the last possible date to finish work. That way, I would be there for Work Crews to set up the camps, Staff Training, Sessions One, Two and Three, and the Reunion Weekend for alumni. This trip was going to be the longest I had been away from the U.K. at one time and by deciding to do a full month of travel afterwards, I would be in the U.S. for a total of 18 weeks. Despite this, I could not have been more excited to fly out to Minnesota and start my first summer camp experience.

It was very wintry when I arrived at Camp Lincoln. It was fairly late on the evening of May 15th and it was actually colder than the weather I left back at home! There were not many of us there initially, only twenty or so who started work crews and the very beginning of camp for the 2014 Season. We lived in Tamarack for the first week of work as it was the only heated cabin there was available. I am glad we were there though as it was bitterly cold! It took me a while to get used to my surroundings and where things were situated on camp, getting lost a few times on my way back to the cabin from the Counselor Room (CR) in the evenings. It was great to be there for the start of work crews as I was able to see what the camp looked like directly after the winter, with



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STAG CLUB

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EAGLE CLUB

Tom Solano



nothing set up and everything still in storage. It was a lot of work to get camp ready, but it was surprising how much we managed to get done as more staff arrived and staff training began in June.

During staff training, I got lesson plans sorted for my activity areas. It was a lot of work to do as I was running high ropes and low ropes activities. These could not be combined, as they are so different, but it was a good learning experience and I managed to do the work I needed to on time. I really enjoyed getting to know my activity areas and being creative in ways to keep them engaging and exciting to campers of all ages. At low ropes, I taught children of all ages, ranging from Intro Campers to the Seniors. At high ropes, the campers had to be 12 years or older to sign up and it was also great teaching an older age group at that specific activity. The best thing about teaching my activities was seeing the kids improve over time and achieve things they never thought were possible. They pushed themselves and achieved many awards and if they did not get the awards it was great to see them sign up for another block to persevere.

During Sessions One and Two, I was in the Mohawk Cabin. It was the only four week cabin of Junior Camp and we had campers aged 7-10 years old. I did not get assigned campers myself, as I was an activity director, but it was nice to get to know the kids and I tried to spend as much time as I could in the cabin with them. Color Wars was a great special day that everyone took part in during traditional camp and I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to be Staff Advisor for Blue Team during Session Two. It was amazing to see the kids participate in the activities in order to gain their team points and then to complete the (mammoth) relay during Color Wars Part Two to decide the winning team. One of my favorite memories of camp was the relay of Color Wars during Session Two. There were only 12 seconds between the teams and the kids were so energetic and excited to see who would win. The Red Team won, but I thoroughly enjoyed it as it was so close the entire way through!

Session Three was Coed and it was nice to have a change of atmosphere at camp. It was another very enjoyable session and this time I was Head Counselor for the Badger Cabin. It was different being in charge of a cabin compared to what I was used to during the previous two sessions, but I like a challenge and I think I adapted well to the role.

Camp Lincoln was amazing. Personally, I achieved a lot this summer as a first year staff member. There were three activities that I directed, I was Blue Team Color Wars Staff Advisor and additionally, I was Head Counselor during Coed. It was an exhausting job at times, and I remember taking every opportunity I had to catch up on sleep, but it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life so far and I would love to start the summer over again! It is surprising how quickly time flies when you are at camp. One of my colleagues put it best by saying, "The days are long, but the weeks are short." I would like to thank Camp Lincoln and Camp Lake Hubert for having me on staff this year and for giving me this opportunity. I met so many new people and friends I will stay in touch with for the rest of my life. I thoroughly enjoyed camp and I am already thinking of applying for Summer 2015!



CAMP LAKE HUBERT LT2 REFLECTION

BY MAGGIE DAMBRO

10 years ago, I ran down the stairs to Happy Hollow excited about the adventure that awaited me. This past summer, I stood on Bass Beach with my Phase 2 LT Paddle in hand. A decade of camp has given me friends that are more like family, role models that still inspire me, and skills I never thought imaginable. The Camp Lake Hubert Community is unique and it is hard to find such a generous, encouraging group of people in one place. I am so grateful for my years at camp and I am looking forward to many more.

As a camper, I had many counselors that I not only admired, but that I aspired to be like someday. I still remember the names of counselors who changed my life with their help and encouragement. This summer was particularly rewarding because I got the chance to teach campers the activities I had been doing for so many years. It was so much fun being on the other end of the teaching and mentoring relationship. I had a chance to help my campers study for awards and overcome their fears in activities like riding and sailing. It felt like just yesterday that I had been studying for the same awards and overcoming those same fears. Camp Lake Hubert has given and taught me so much and it was a thrill being able to share that experience with new campers.

Camp Lake Hubert is a magical place where young girls become young leaders.



MAGGIE DAMBRO



CAMP LAKE HUBERT LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Many thanks to each of the talented and devoted Camp Lake Hubert LTs of 2014! They worked throughout the summer to help make Camp Lake Hubert a special place for all of us. They planned and coordinated our special days, taught extensively in activities all over camp, and they even volunteered their talents to Camp Friendship Ventures for two days to help create a strong camp experience for people with disabilities. Each of these enthusiastic young women, mentored by the capable leadership of Kate O'Sullivan (Leadership Training Director) and Olivia Mansfield (Leadership Training Head Counselor) accomplished a true level of excellence this summer. Congratulations to these future leaders of the world!

PHASE 1

Claire Abbott – Oklahoma City, OK
Kiira Antenucci – Evergreen, CO
Courtney Bagg – Brentwood, CA
Jeanne Anne Bullington – Dallas, TX
Margot Cammon – St. Louis, MO
Sarah Engen – Austin, TX
Lauren Hettinger – Weston, MA
Sage Lochhead – Evergreen, CO
Phoebe MacKenzie – Englewood, CO
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Summer Schuster – Lake Forest, IL
Megan Trachtenberg – Oklahoma City, OK
Isabel Hasselbalch – Lincoln, NE
Grace Hayes – Wilmette, IL
Sally Kingman – Plymouth, MN
Frannie Knaggs – Austin, TX
Annie McKeown – Longmeadow, MA
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Kaylee Stenberg – Des Moines, IA
Ellen Vroege – Deephaven, MN
Megan Whitney – Inver Grove Heights, MN

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CAMP LAKE HUBERT CAMPER REFLECTION

BY HANNAH WOULFE

My first year at Camp Lake Hubert was in 2008 when I was at the prime age of eight years old. I do not remember many details from that first year, but I do remember how good it felt to be at camp surrounded by girls my age with whom I was able to talk openly about whatever nonsense was running through my mind! In fact, I loved camp so much that I decided to stay a part of the community there for eight years (and counting).



HANNAH WOULFE



I received an amazing opportunity this past summer at camp: I originally signed up to go for the Second Session, which had been my home for the past seven years, but desperately wanted to experience First Session as well. My parents were unsure of the idea of me leaving for eight weeks, but with what seemed like perfect timing, a spot just opened up in First Session! After my parents saw how excited I was and how happy camp made me feel, they agreed to let me go for eight weeks. Now here is the scary part - I only knew three people. I was not sure how I was going to fit in, who I was going to talk to, or if I was going to make more friends than I currently had... I just did not know! Obviously, I was nervous to start over and meet new people in a place I had always considered a home away from home. Of course, all of my worrying was silly. The second I got on the bus to camp, I sat down with a girl who I did not know at all. Even though we just met, we started talking right away and I found out it was this crazy awesome girl – JJ Gumber. Seated in front of us were two of my friends from previous summers who also decided to go for eight weeks – Avery Apostle and Liz Landefeld. When I finally got to camp, I saw one of my closest camp friends who I had not seen in over two years and, immediately, I knew I was going to love it. I was also able to become very close with seven other amazing girls who stayed for six and eight weeks for the summer, and I am so thankful to have known each and every one of them. They have all changed me in one way or another and helped me have an incredible summer!

The Summer of 2014 was one of the best summers of my life. I met amazing girls who could make 40+ string bracelets, shoot a bow like Katniss from The Hunger Games, ride a horse better than they could walk on their own, and play just about any string instrument you could think of. Not only did I earn my Advanced Riding Award after working towards it every summer at camp, but I was also able to grow and develop as a person and camp citizen.

Camp Lake Hubert has five core values on which everyday camp life is based: Community, Excellence, Fun, Personal Growth and Development, and Quality Relationships. Without every one of the amazing women and girls I met at camp who taught me and showed me these core values, I do not know what kind of person I would be today. I can tell you for a fact that Camp Lake Hubert has become a part of me... I would not have it any other way.

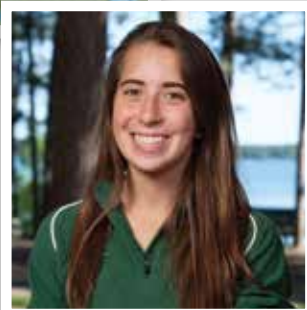
A friend of mine shared a quote that really encompasses the feeling of camp: “You will never be completely at home again, because part of your heart always will be elsewhere. That is the price you pay for the richness of loving and knowing people in more than one place.” – Miriam Adeney





CLH STAFF REFLECTION

BY JENNY EGERTER



JENNY EGERTER

Development (PG and D for short), and Quality Relationships. What truly makes camp great is that every single person embodies these values on a day-to-day basis. Watching both the staff and the campers get over a fear

such as horseback riding, making friends with people from around the world, and spontaneously belting out random songs was not only rewarding, but also very motivating. Regardless of their age, everyone at camp inspired me to be the best person I could be. It astonishes me that after being at camp for just a few weeks, you can make some of the best friends and happiest memories of your life.

Ever since that fateful day in 2006 when I first stepped onto the shores of camp, Camp Lake Hubert has been my home away from home. If somebody ever asks me to think of my happy place, it is a no brainer - I just close my eyes and think of camp! Whether it is performing beats at the end of meals, sitting around a campfire with all my friends, or sailing out on the water, CLH is truly a place full of joy and success. After being a camper for five years and part of the Leadership Training Program for the next two, I was eagerly awaiting this summer to return to the shores of Hubert and be part of the staff group.

Of course, the excitement about returning to camp was also clouded by some nervousness. How was being a counselor going to be different from a camper or LT? Would I still have as much fun as I had experienced for the past seven summers? Shortly after I arrived at camp, I knew that I had nothing to worry about. My 2014 Staff Experience was absolutely incredible. I cannot do justice explaining how amazing every single person, counselor, and camper who comes to camp actually is. My fellow staff members were some of the most dedicated, genuine, and remarkable people I have ever met and we were instantly a close-knit group who was ready to tackle the summer. When the kids started arriving, the energy and atmosphere was so positive and energetic that it was easy to see that I was going to have the best two months of my life.

At Camp Lake Hubert, we grow up learning and living by five core values: Community, Excellence, Fun, Personal Growth and

They say that time flies when you are having fun, and that was certainly true this past summer. Before I knew it, both sessions had flown by and it was time to depart camp. Yet again, camp went above and beyond my expectations and I can say for a fact that I had an absolute blast. It was great to see the kids have as much fun and love camp as much as I have for the past eight summers. Wherever we go in this world, each and every one of us has taken a part of camp with us and I am so lucky to have been a part of one of the best summers thus far at Camp Lake Hubert. I can only hope that everyone had as wonderful of a time as I did this summer!



COLOR WARS CAPTAINS 2014

CAMP LAKE HUBERT CAMPER COUNCIL

SESSION 1

HH Emerson Milchman
OR Shelby Katz
WR Molly Rogers
ROB Marissa Odell
FF Emma Gambach
CHIP Fiona Reilly
SQ Annalise Waters
FA Molly Martini
WL Olivia Faye Wilson
NUT Lauren Reynolds
CH Meredith Fry
LT Sarah Sant

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HH Karina Roth
OR Geri Ikelheimer
WR Chloe Swildens

SESSION 2

HH Daphne Melton
OR Lily Moravchik
WR Izzy Henrich
ROB Bailey Wilborn
FF Mia Wichman
CHIP Anna Waters
SQ Sue-Sue Murray
FA Maddie Kiefer
WL Audrey O'Shaughnessy
NUT Whitney Hockman
CH Barbara Bathke
LT Megan Whitney

2W4

HH Laura Kirkpatrick
OR Abby Close
WR Daniela Clariond
ROB Keyahna Kurilla

SESSION 1 CAPTAINS

Jeanne Anne Bullington – Green
 Sage Lochhead – Green
 Kiira Antenucci – White*
 Phoebe MacKenzie – White*

SESSION 1 SKIPPERS

Annie Abramczyk – Green
 Megan Navarro – White

SESSION 1 CRAFTYS

Lauren Reynolds – Green
 Meredith Fry – White

SESSION 2 CAPTAINS

Grace Hayes – Green
 Isabel Hasselbalch – Green
 Megan Whitney – White*
 Ellen Vroege – White*

SESSION 2 SKIPPERS

Liz Landefeld – Green
 Hannah Moreaux – White

SESSION 2 CRAFTYS

Kate Hanley – Green
 Whitney Hockman – White

**Denotes Winners*



Core Values

Camp Lincoln and Camp Lake Hubert are committed to character building through five key Core Values... values that have been a part of our tradition since 1909. These Core Values are an important part of everything we do, and are central to intentional camping. You can see our values in action, as our campers:



Build a strong community through the give-and-take experiences of living together;



Strive for excellence through challenges and achievements in activities and programs;



Have a lot of fun in a setting that creates joy and laughter with each new day;



Enhance and gain a sense of personal growth and development that comes with new-found independence and developed through the encouragement of caring young adults;



Establish many quality and lasting quality relationships that are made as the cabins work and play together.



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