

Alumni Newsletter

Summer 2019!

After a whirlwind pre-camp orientation and great first half, camp is quickly moving into fourth session! We've seen an entire crew of Camp Aides and CITs come and go for first half, and we are thrilled to have our second half staff back! The three weekends so far this summer have been outstanding... Super Mario 1st session, Spiderman 2nd, and Scooby Doo 3rd!



Special Projects

There are several unique projects going on at Onas this summer! We've begun conducting camper surveys at the end of each session with the goal of collecting information on collect camper outcomes and. The surveys measure camp's effect on friendship skills, independence, perceived competence, interest in nature, responsibility, problem-solving, confidence, and camp connectedness! The surveys are part of a larger research effort by the American Camp

Association that focuses on the youth outcomes summer camp experiences generate. We'll use the camper feedback to better understand how children grow at Camp Onas. We are also building on and strengthening our existing alumni network by researching old camper lists to reach out to long-lost campers and staff! If you know someone who is interested, please encourage them to sign up to join our alumni network at: <http://camponas.org/alumni/>

Camper Aid Program



2019 also marks the **biggest year ever** for the Camper Aid Fund, with **60 campers** attending Camp Onas with tuition assistance! In recent years, we've expanded our outreach efforts into new communities, bringing in campers from more diverse backgrounds, many of whom require camper aid. We think this is great for Camp Onas... its campers, its staff, and its future.

Interested to know more? Visit: <http://camponas.org/camper-aid-fund/>

Staff Spotlight



Spencer Maute

Program Director, Manahawkin, NJ

*Favorite Weekends: Harry Potter as a camper,
Justice League as a crew member*

"[Camp] has certainly made me into the person I am today. I would not be anywhere near capable of doing this job if it wasn't for this place. It's helped me be more mature and gain empathy for other people and different kinds of people. It's taught me to be a much more patient person, and taught me a whole lot of responsibility; to be able to take care of myself while at the same time managing others."

Legacy Photos!

Can you tell which alumni these campers and counselors from the current summer are related to? Were you at camp with their parents?



Onas Archiving!

This session, Matt and Sophie ran an Onas archiving activity where campers sorted hundreds of photos that spanned the course of six decades! This double period activity took up seven tables in the dining hall and led to a much more organized archive! A few choice shots are included on the next page!



Camp Aide Spotlight



2019 Second Half Camp Aides

Dream theme weekend to run together: Shark Boy and Lava Girl

Sanaa: "While in the kitchen I have learned how to have fun while doing my job and working my hardest"

Russ: "Don't take yourself too seriously because when you're working in the kitchen it can sometimes get tiring and hot and its good to know when and how to laugh"

George: "Don't put eggs in the dishwasher."

Throwback Photos!

Can you tell which decade each photo is from?



1.) Decade: _____



2.) Decade: _____



3.) Decade: _____



4.) Decade: _____