CAMP WALDEN
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Winter Newsletter 2020

# The WALDEN Way

## Sending Love from our Summer Home

*A Summer of Fun, A Lifetime of Memories!*

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# Missing our "Second Home"

Mark Bernstein
Lauren Bernstein
Owners / Directors

## Fifty Things I ♥ About Walden

Meeting new families throughout the year & welcoming them into the Walden family ♥ Connecting with families on visiting day ♥ Talking to parents throughout the summer ♥ Arriving at camp in June after missing it for 10 months ♥ Mentoring staff in pre-camp ♥ Support-Staff meeting in pre-camp ♥ Meeting staff from all over the world ♥ Late night staff meetings ♥ Greeting campers when they come off the bus ♥ The faces of campers when they first see their best friends ♥ Friday nights in the Rec Hall ♥ Trying to predict which team will win on sports days ♥ Brad Henderson ♥ Staff Lip Sync ♥ Planning & implementing the Color War break ♥ Blue and Grey spirit ♥ When the egg breaks in Apache ♥ The energy of Color War ♥ Best of Walden ♥ CIT Tribals break ♥ Tribals dance ♥ Survivor ♥ Big - Little Day ♥ Superbowl ♥ Fireworks night ♥ First night counselor show ♥ Tribals spirit and fun ♥ Rope burn ♥ Dancing like no one is watching ♥ Singing at the top of our lungs ♥ Letting the good times roll ♥ The spirit & sisterhood at an all-girls lunch ♥ Hey bop-diddily-bop ♥ Spreading kindness ♥ When campers try something for the first time ♥ Bunk meetings ♥ One on one time with staff & campers ♥ Watching campers fall in love with camp ♥ Watching staff fall in love with their campers ♥ Camp friends ♥ Line-up fun ♥ Sunny days on Trout Lake ♥ Watching campers grow throughout the years ♥ Mentoring and working with our CITs ♥ Seeing pictures & hearing stories about former campers and staff members ♥ Alumni Day ♥ Morning berries and yogurt ♥ S'mores ♥ Chipwiches ♥ Taco Tuesday ♥

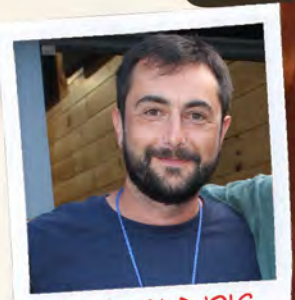
# Throwback

## STAFF THEN AND NOW

MARK BERNSTEIN

ASHLEY FRIEDMAN

CRICKET SNEARING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ASHLEY SEDEROFF

ERIN RICHARDS

LAUREN BERNSTEIN

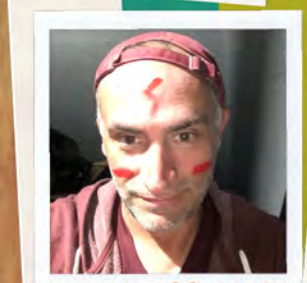
ANDREW SMITH

HEATHER GLASSMAN

JODI COLASURDO

DEIDRA VEITENGRUBER

RORY YATES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LUCIE STRAKOVA

TIMMY MAC

ROBYN SPECTOR

JON VEITENGRUBER

LUCY BACON

ZACK PINE

ERIN SALEM

SHWETA APTE

SHANE BULLEN

SUSAN BROWN

VISHESH BHATIA

JILL HAYDEN

LARA CAUWELS

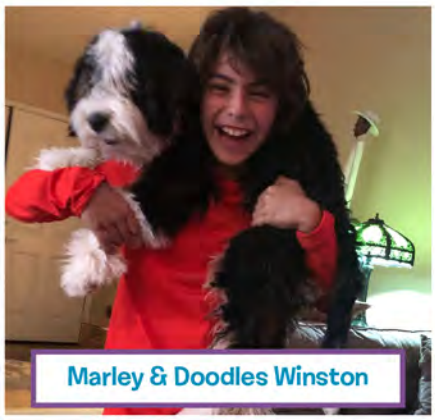
# Throwback

## STAFF THEN AND NOW



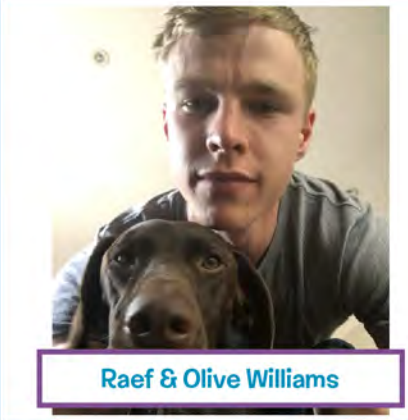
1: Vishesh Bhatia
2: Ange Sullivan
3: Erin Richards
4: Jon Veltengruber
5: Donald Eggleston
6: Lara Cauwels
7: Mark Bernstein
8: Ashley Friedman
9: Andrew Smith
10: Lucie Strakova
11: Zack Pine
12: Lucy Bacon
13: Ashley Sederoff
14: Jodi Colasurdo
15: Cricket Sneating
16: Rory Yates
17: Robyn Spector
18: Shane Bullen
19: Timmy Mac
20: Erin Salem
21: Deidra Veltengruber
22: Heather Glassman
23: Lauren Bernstein
24: Jill Hayden
25: Shweta Apte
26: Nemanja Duric
27: Susan Brown

# WALDEN PETS



Marley & Doodles Winston

Rachel & Boomer Kindler



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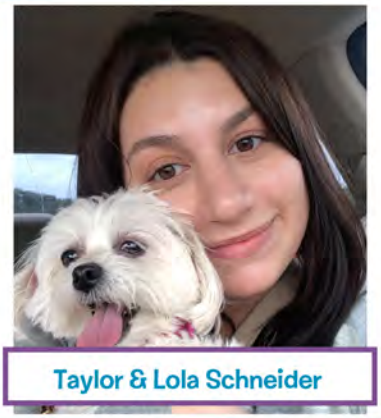
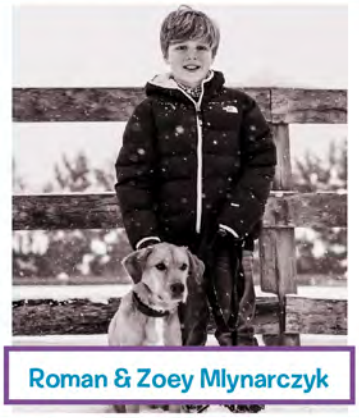


Taylor & Lola Schneider



Roman & Zoey Mlynarczyk

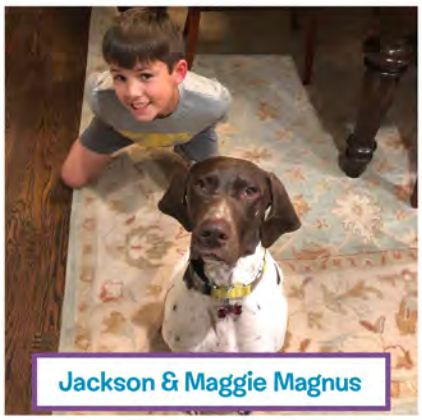
Claudia & Bear Lighter

Joe & Alfie Mee

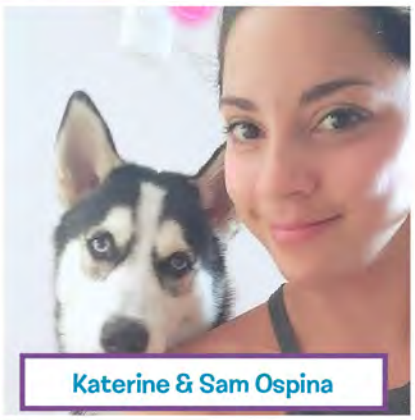
Izzy & Albus Fluffledore Otto

Henry & Maggie Veissid

Jamie & Piper O'Keeffe



Jackson & Maggie Magnus



Katerine & Sam Ospina

# The Tradition Continues

## Laura (Holstein) Traister (1978-1985):

Because of Camp Walden, I feel like my childhood was complete. Whenever I think of Walden it always makes me smile. It is truly my happy place! The friends & memories I have from my summers spent at Walden continue to enrich my life, even after over 40 years.

To be sending all 3 of my children to Walden is beyond incredible. To be able to share this experience with them and to hear their stories & see the smiles and joy it brings them is the best!

## Jeff Traister (Walden Dad):

I love the waterfront and more importantly I love seeing my kids just be kids there.

## Emma Traister (2019-Present):

I have only been at camp for one year but I loved how much fun I had and the friends I made.

## Alex Traister (2019-Present):

I'm excited to go back to camp because of the friends I've made and I love how there is so much to do. I also loved my counselors!

## Coco Traister (2015-Present):

I love everything about camp! Mostly the environment and the friends I've made.

I absolutely live 10 for 2!

Laura's family has a love for Camp Walden! Her brother Casey is a Walden Alumni & her sister, Liz, is a Walden mom! Laura's 3 nieces have grown up at Walden.

**Casey Holstein** 1971-1975

**Lia Holstein** 2008-2016

**Charli Holstein** 2008-Present

**Lily Watelet** 2012-Present

# Staff Spotlights

## Jori Balsam

***Hometown:*** Newton, MA

***My role this summer:*** Lacrosse Instructor

***Favorite TV Show:*** Modern Family

***What I'm most looking forward to this summer:*** When we get to play spud during Color War!

***Favorite Stewarts Ice Cream Flavor:*** S'moreo

***What I do during the year:*** I attend Wesleyan University where I play collegiate Ice Hockey and Lacrosse!

***People tell me I look like:*** I have no idea!

***Place I'd most like to visit:*** Alaska

***Pets:*** I have a dog named 'Yogi'!

***Favorite song:*** "See You Again" by Miley Cyrus (also a really good dining hall jam!!)

***Favorite School Subjects:*** Any Science subject (I'm a Neuroscience major)

***Person I'd most like to meet:*** David Pastrnak

***What I love most about Walden:*** The people!!!

## Jordan Heller

***Hometown:*** Montreal

***Nickname:*** Heller

***My role this summer:*** Bunk Counselor

***Favorite TV Show:*** Entourage

***What I'm most looking forward to this summer:*** Seeing all the returning faces and meeting all of the new campers and staff!!

***Favorite Stewarts Ice Cream Flavor:*** Chocolate

***What I do during the year:*** I'm a student at Florida Atlantic University

***People tell me I look like:*** Jordan Heller

***Place I'd most like to visit:*** Italy

***Pets:*** I have a dog named 'Dukie'!

***Favorite song:*** "Look What God Gave Her" by Thomas Rhett

***Favorite School Subjects:*** Business

***Person I'd most like to meet:*** Nathan MacKinnon

***What I love most about Walden:*** Being able to disconnect from the real world, and focus on having fun and making memories!

# A Very Special Spotlight

## Jamie & Renée

***On November 30th 2019, a famous Walden couple got engaged! Jamie proposed to Renée in her hometown of Southbridge, MA.***

Congratulations & best wishes from your Walden family!

# WALDEN BINGO

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| SLID DOWN THE GIANT SLIDE | BEEN TO THE ISLAND | BEEN ON THE GIANT SWING | WON TRIBALS | SLEPT IN THE MOVIE THEATER |
| WON A SPORTS DAY | HAD A S'MORE BY THE FIRE | GONE DOWN THE SLIP N' SLIDE ON A-CAMPUS | HIKED UP MOUNT AROOSTASHA | BEEN ON STAGE |
| DANCED LIKE NO ONE IS WATCHING | BEEN ON THE ZIPLINE | WON COLOR WAR | CLIMBED THE ROCK WALL | BEEN WATERSKIING ON TROUT LAKE |
| WON AN INSTANT WOW | WALKED UP THE HILL | RIDDEN THE SOMBRERO | BEEN STARGAZING | RAISED THE FLAG |
| BEEN IN THE CAMP PLAY | WORN A SILLY COSTUME | SKIPPED AROUND THE FLAGPOLE | EATEN A CHIPWICH | PLAYED IN AN INTER-CAMP |

# We Are Family!

I've got all my sisters (and brothers and cousins and family friends) with me!

# Having a sibling at camp is great, but having a BIG who looks out for you all summer is magical!

# Office Reminders

## LEAD

## TEEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

(for our CITs of 2020)

**MAY 3rd 2020**

at Bank Street College of Education in NYC

## SUMMER 2020 CHECKLIST

- √ HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR HOTEL FOR VISITING DAY?
- √ HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR CAMPER'S DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT?
- √ HAVE YOU STARTED FILLING OUT YOUR FORMS?

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## NY SPRING GATHERING

Please join us for our annual
NY Spring Gathering
**BOWLMOR WHITE PLAINS**
47 Tarrytown Rd.
White Plains, NY 10607

ATTENTION CAMP WALDEN FAMILIES!

**Saturday, March 14th 10AM–12PM**

RSVP to fun@campwalden-ny.com

* Please let us know how many family members will be attending.

### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

If you are planning to create any pre or post gathering fun, please make sure to be inclusive. The culture at Walden is to build a community where each child is welcome and valued. We strongly encourage you to continue that during the year. Thank you, in advance, for helping to continue to create a community of kindness we all want for our campers.

# 90th Anniversary
# Alumni Reunion

## RSVP NOW!

**Saturday • June 20, 2020 • 11am - 5pm**

**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY - JUNE 21, 2020**

## Come Back To Your Summer Home

132
days and counting...