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 News & Events at New York YMCA Camps McALISTER, TALCOTT & GREENKILL

SUMMER CAMP 2017

And just like that, another incredible summer is in the books. This year, across all three camps, we welcomed over 1220 children and 300 staff, representing all 5 boroughs, more than 10 different states, and over 20 countries. Many campers and staff returned to what has come to feel like their second home, while others experienced the magic of camp for the first time. And while we are very proud of these “stats,” there’s so much about camp that can’t be quantified. We will never know the exact number of s’mores roasted, songs sung, hot dogs eaten, faces painted, lanyards woven, cheers hollered (“Did somebody say Awesome?”), flags captured, lightening bugs caught, stars wished on, or friends made, but we do know these things added up to a truly happy and memorable summer. And we know that this summer, McAlister and Talcott celebrated their 53rd Camp



Olympiad, and Judo camp their 45th anniversary, reminding us that our camp traditions are long and deep. As campers and staff return home to start the new school year, there is one other number that we will be focused on: Just 254 days until the first day of camp!



Fall Women’s Wellness Weekend November 10-12, 2017

Fall is a crazy busy time for women everywhere. Whether you are getting kids back to school, managing a calendar full of family activities, taking on new assignments at work, anticipating the holidays, caring for relatives and neighbors, or all the above, the focus is on everyone but you. Luckily Fall Women’s Wellness is right around the corner and with it, the chance to relax, recharge, and reunite with old friends and make some new ones. Enjoy a beautiful Autumn weekend, let Steve and Wendy wow you with culinary treats, and fill your time (or not) with outdoor activities, crafts of all sorts, interesting workshops, and a variety of fitness classes. Be well!

SUMMER FAMILY CAMP

As much fun as it is to share the magic of camp with a child, it is possibly even more fun to open up the world of camp to families. Our 2017 Summer Family Camp was no exception. Every cabin at McAlister and Talcott was full this Labor Day weekend as new and returning families gathered to eke every last drop of summer fun possible. And while the unseasonably cool weather made a bit of a mockery of our Hawaiian Luau theme, nothing could dampen the camp spirit. Highlights included: the annual family camp talent show, DJ Z rocking the camp social, indoor sports of all kinds in the field house (including the annual Block family volleyball game), cooking “banana boats” and “pudgie pies” over the camp fire, hanging out with new and old friends, and for the truly brave of heart, getting in a bit more waterfront time before the season wound down for good. Thanks to all the families who shared the weekend with us as we said a fond farewell to summer.





THE GENEROSITY OF MANHATTAN NORTH

When is a landlord more than a landlord in their community? When it's Manhattan North Management. A subsidiary of real estate investment and development firm Tahl Propp Equities, Manhattan North is more than just the owner and manager of 3,500 apartments in East and West Harlem. It is also one of the biggest supporters of its tenants and local residents, and the company's dedication kicks into overdrive with the summer season.



This summer, they have given the gift of sleepaway camp to eight deserving children who otherwise might not be able to afford this chance to make new friends, learn new skills and create memories that last a lifetime. Of course, in its capacity as a management company, Manhattan North is not obligated to provide such a gift to its community once school is out—but the company does its best to do just that.

Joseph A. Tahl, president and co-founder of Tahl Propp, told us that it's just not enough to provide affordable housing—it's about building and strengthening community. "Nobody loves the landlord, let's be honest," Tahl concedes. "So that's why we have a sustained, full-time, professionally-staffed outreach program to really show people the kind of support that we're providing. You just have to do it, and do it, and do it again and do it again until people realize that you're here to stay, and you're here to support them for real and you're sincere. The only way to make that case is to simply act that way and to act that way as consistently, and over a long-term basis, as you can."

And there is, indeed, a heaping amount of sincerity behind Manhattan North's approach to overseeing its apartment communities. "We're just big supporters of the Harlem community and the people who live here," he adds.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Meet our wonderful staff of naturalists, as they kick off the 2017-2018 Outdoor Education season! Our naturalists come from as far away as California, Texas, and Washington and have backgrounds in Biology, Geology, Environmental Science and Outdoor Recreation. They also come with extensive experience in camp settings teaching team building, low & high ropes, and other group initiatives. Over the course of the coming school year, our staff will teach hands-on lessons in everything from pond ecology to maple sugaring to geocaching to outdoor survival to wildlife tracking, all the while promoting environmental stewardship and teamwork. For more information about our Outdoor Education program, and how to help a school you love take part, [please visit our website](#).

COME ONE, COME ALL & HAVE A BALL FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER



**Bowlmor Lanes • Times Square
October 14 • 7-9pm**

Please note: This event is open to all camp alumni and friends of camp over the age of 21.

SAVE THE DATE



Winter Sleepaway Camp
December 27th – 31st, 2017



Winter Family Camp
February 16th – 19th, 2018

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