

THE WALDEN POND



CAMP WALDEN

HALLOWEEN 2023

SPECIAL ISSUE



- **JUDE ROSENZWEIG:** The Purple People Eater, because I would love to know what it looks like
- **ALEX SCHWARTZ:** Ghost Face, because he's cool
- **CLARA GUARINO:** Casper the Ghost, because he is so sweet!
- **JAXON FALCON:** Leatherface, because I would want to get on his good side
- **FARRAH ALLI:** Jack the Pumpkin King, because he's a cool guy (and he's also a king)
- **TEDDY BLATT:** A black cat, because they are adorable
- **HUDSON HEUER:** A ghost, because I could play tricks on my friends
- **BILLY DAUM:** Count Dracula, because he's cool



- **CLAIRE BRADLEY:** When I was six I dressed up as a squirrel, so I guess it would be fun to see a talking one
- **JANE TAUBER:** Really any pumpkin, because I can use them for pie
- **NOAH GOODMAN:** Michael Myers, so I could wear his costume
- **SHALE REESER:** Jack Skellington, because he is funny
- **HENRY MCCARTHY:** Jack Skellington's dog Zero, because he's a dog, so yes
- **LENORA WOLF:** An angel/devil to see what it's like having two sides in one
- **LAINIE STRICKSTEIN:** A witch, because she might teach me magic
- **CORA LEVY:** Bluey, because he is blue and funny
- **OLIVIA ARNKOFF:** Charlie Brown, because he was in a Halloween movie and I like his one piece of hair
- **LOGAN NEWMAN:** Spiderman, because he can shoot webs out of his fingers
- **JUDE ROSENZWEIG:** A mummy, because I would never run out of toilet paper
- **DYLAN GURSKY:** Frankenstein, because he's tall
- **HANNAH SCHULTZ:** Dracula, because I want to hear him say, "Blah blah blah."
- **SCARLETT TURNER:** Jack Skellington, because he is very bony
- **SYDNEY LEBER:** Genie, because he could grant wishes
- **SURY TRAUB:** Frankenstein, so I can count how many stitches he has
- **MAYA CAPLAN:** Cousin It, so I could teach it to talk
- **DYLAN SCHOENBERG:** The Sanderson Sisters from *Hocus Pocus*, because it is my favorite Halloween movie
- **JOSIE CALLIF:** A ghost, because I could be a cute one and you can put your hand through it
- **JOLIE ROSENZWEIG:** A witch, because I could fly on her broom and wear her hat
- **BROOKLYN RESENDES:** A werewolf, because I want to see if it turns into a human
- **JORDAN KRAMER:** A vampire, because two years ago I dressed up as a vampire
- **OLIVIA HOMER:** Wednesday Addams, because I think she's cool
- **ETHAN ZOERB:** One of the Ghostbusters, because it would be cool

5 QUESTIONS WITH HOBBIT

Hobbit (aka Stellina Frappani) was a first-year counselor at Walden in 2023.

What are you doing after camp this year? So I'm in my second year of university (or college, as you call it here) and continuing my volleyball and probably picking up pickleball as well, which will be really, really fun.



2) Where do you go to university? I go in London to Middlesex University, which is not very famous.

3) What stands out as your best memory of the summer? Probably the First Session Color Clash. I remember basketball was pretty fun (see pic). Most Special Days were pretty cool.

4) Which meals did you enjoy the most at Walden? Burger and Pop! It wasn't even for the pop. I love onions and I love burgers, and the red onions you could only really get with burgers. So that was my favorite. Though I did find out I love Alfredo sauce. I never tried it before, and it's amazing.

5) So what do you put on pasta at home? I've been quite basic recently and don't do much. Tomato sauce is a little basic; I'll have some meat in there as well.

PHANTOM CONTEST

A funny thing happened while I was typing this Pond. Two chipmunks came to my door trick-or-treating and they were wearing Birthday Bingo shirts. I knew that the Phantom had struck!

Can you figure out who the Phantom is based on the clues below? It's someone well-known who was at camp last summer.



Phantom Clues:

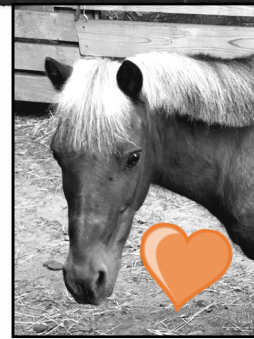
Dog owner
Chicken Train
Dad jokes
Camp director



Cut out the survey sheet in this Pond and include your guess. Then mail it in to the address at the bottom. We'll select three winners at random from all the correct entries. Winners will receive a staff T-shirts (or something else as determined by Liz and Scott) when they come to camp next summer. Winners will appear in the next issue of the Pond.

So Long, Dinky

Sad news from the stables this month. We had to say good bye to our much-loved, sweet and kind pony Dinky. Dinky had a wonderful long life. He had been at Walden longer than any horse or pony who is there now. He loved his food, his best friend Spatz, and all his adopters from Adopt-a-Horse. He also loved starring in the "Go for Grain" contest on Derby Day and, of course, showing his spirit leading the Fourth of July parade at the big soccer game. We will miss him and send a special thank you to Gail and Bob who loved and cared for him when camp was not in session. PS. Gail says Spatz misses her buddy but is doing okay. —Karen



Happy Animal News: The kittens and bunnies that went home with campers this summer are great!



Far left: Goose enjoys his morning coffee at the Stroom house in OH. Left: MJ the bunny at home with Olivia in MI

Far right: Brady stays up late in LA playing with Aslan. Right: Mia (aka Stinky) has a new home with Miles and fur-sister Mitzi In OH.



**You know about
our new tennis courts, right?**

**NO?! You must not be
following Walden
on Instagram
and Facebook!
Here's a pic to keep
you up-to-date!**





Returning Campers for 2024 as of October 5

(get out your microscope!)

Meredith Abelson
Parker Abrams
Camden Aburashed
Charlie Aerni-
Flessner
Olivia Alcala
Madelyn Alexander
Farrah Alli
Luca Alli
Krishna Aluri
Vishnu Aluri
Abigail Aniolowski
Lily Applebaum
Ethan Arcaro
Alisha Arms
Allie Arnkoff
Charlotte Arnkoff
Mia Arnkoff
Olivia Arnkoff
Alexander Ash
Avi Bagdade
Colton Bailey
Aubrey Balonick
Brooke Balonick
Rosie Barnett
Olivia Baru
Theodore Basora
Lillian Berg
Richie Berg
Goldie Berk
Blake Berman
Allyson Berman
Olivia Berris
Rory Blanck
Teddy Blatt
Bridget Bohmer
Stella Borman
Claire Bradley
Marlie Brandt
Nate Brier
Emma Brown
Addison Brown
Julia Brown
Leo Cahn
Lily Cahn
Joseph Calderone
Marina Calderone
Josephine Callif
Sasha Callif
Dylan Canner
Quinn Canner
Joey Caplan
Maya Caplan
Cooper Cherkasky
Kaden Cherkasky
Mallory Chin
Chase Chroman
Kendall Chroman
Lily Clarke
Ethan Cliff
Josephine Clifford
Molly Cohn
Aryana Colton
Talia Colton
Sienna Cooper
Emily Croze
Malcolm Cusick
Ciara Cusick
Matilda Cusick
Madison Dan
William Daum
Caroline Dawson
Kevin Dawson
Oliver Deacon
Paxton Deacon
Zachary Dorf

Charlotte Duthie
Charlotte Edwards
Taitym Eisenberg
Nathan Elkin
Gwen Elkin
Jaxon Falcon
Harper Fantich
Sophie Federman
Bianca Feldman
Elena Feldman
Greta Feldman
Marlowe Fernbach
Hayden Fienman
Ethan Fink
Matthew Fink
Samantha Fink
Shannon Fischer
Mateo Ford
John Fox
Sophia Fox
Emma Foxx
Evan Foxx
Lola Frampton
Marlo Frampton
Liam Franklin
Brady Freedman
Zoe Freimuth
John Frey
Catherine Frey
Eric Fulton
Laila Gaule
Jacob Geiringer
Noah Geiringer
Blain Gemstone
Kaitlin Goldberger
Mateo Gonzalez
Noah Goodman
Georgia Graines
Theodore Graines
Emmett Gray
Collin Greynolds
Edith Grissom
Clara Guarino
Shay Gunsberg
Nikhil Gupta
Sydney Gutman
Riley Gutman
Sienna Hearn
Zoe Hernandez
Jordyn Herskovic
Charley Herskovic
Abbi Herskovic
Everett Heuer
Hudson Heuer
Parker Heuer
Justin Holdan
Braden Holtz
Linley Holtz
Sutton Holtz
Ainsley Honegger
Aidan Horowitz
Elita Huzinec
Ava Johnson
Elan Kanter
Solomon Kaplan
Thomas Kerr
Dylan Kirk
Matthew Klein
Molly Kleinman
Jackson Kline
Drew Kohen
Lexi Koplow
Brody Koppelman
Ava Koppelman
Jordyn Kramer
Jack Kravitz

James Kravitz
Ben Kutinsky
Joel Kutinsky
Isabella La Fond
Everly Lawson
Jemma Levenson
Zachary Leber
Zoe Leber
Sydney Leber
Ilyana Leenheer
Reese Leff
Kinzie Lerner
Wyatt Levin
Lucy Levin
Hallie Levin
Reed Levin
Navah Levine
Noomi Levine
Cora Levy
Jude Levy
Emma Levy
Gavin Lilly
Morgan Linden
William Linz
Joely Liss
Cecil Little
London Little
Sloane Lotzoff
Eleanore Lucas
Eli Luxner
Ronen Malani
Saira Mamdani
Clara Mandel
Malia Markus
Talia Matzkin-
Bridger
Brooke Mauch
Hallie Mauch
Ada May-Nolker
Owen May-Nolker
Henry McCarthy
Holden McCarthy
Colette Mellon
Eleanor Messer
Declan Meyer
Dariya Miller
Owen Miller
Ellie Milstein
Clara Mindell
Logan Modiano
Benjamin Modiano
August Moore
Abigail Morrow
Jack Morrow
Oakley Most
Pierre-Henri
Moueix
Avery Mueller
Griffin Neckers
Madeline Neckers
Logan Newman
Stellan Norsman
Sophia Orman
Madison Patrias
Julia Pearlman
Madison Piolet
Asa Pittman
Emerson Plotkin
Alex Poehling
Nathan Pohl
Isabelle Polyak
Melanie Polyak
Zachary Post
Logan Potocsky
Alec Pulliam
Levi Raimi

Juliana Rainey
Charlotte Ransom
Reizo Rao
Bryce Rathman
Cole Rathman
Aria Raznick
Josh Raznick
Riley Raznick
Althea Reeser
Shale Reeser
Bryn Resnick
Sloane Reynolds
Sophia Reynolds
Brooklyn Rezendes
Stella Tate Ric-
ciardi-Fitzpatrick
Ari Richmond
Seth Richmond
Shira Richmond
Sloane Robertelli
Teddy Robinson
Alejandro Rodriguez
Alina Rodriguez
Caroline Rose
Aaron Rosen
Naomi Rosen
Maya Rosen
Sadie Rosen
Jolie Rosenzweig
Ben Rosenzweig
Jude Rosenzweig
Lila Rosenzweig
Karina Ross
Devon Rubin
Lindsay Rubinstein
Lyla Sacco
Allegra Samuelson
Ryan Saperstein
Ariya Schostak
Vivian Schubiner
Hannah Schultz
Evie Schumacher
Tahlia Schwartz
Maeve Seder
Ellen Senechalle
Joe Senechalle
Trevor Shapiro
Catherine Shedivy
Taylor Shedivy
Ryann Shell
Ari Sherman
Maxwell Sherman
Melanie Shoemaker
Zachary Silver
Jonah Silver
Piper Smith
Noa Solomon
Briana Solomon
Logan Spagna
Marlowe Spector
Samantha Spilman
Sylvie Stanton
Marie Stanton
Maelyn Stoner
Oliver Stroom
Lainie Strickstein
Jack Stufzand
Maya Sutherland
Henry Sutherland
Avery Sutker
Emmy Sutker
Bree Swedler
Kaif Taherzhai
Jane Tauber
Lola Thieberg
Noah Thieberg
Nicholas Thiemonge
Harriet Topper-
Curtis; Sadie Topper
-Curtis
Zoe Turk
Jack Turner
Lila Turner
Scarlett Turner
Mila Vassanji
Lindsay Vieder
Mikayla Wald
Noa Weber
Driver Weily
Ilana Weinbaum
Eli Weintraub
Jack Weintraub
Zachary Weisel
Benjamin Weiss
Rebecca Weiss
Mitchell Weiss
Everly Wertheimer
Luke Whitehurst
Madelyn Whitehurst
Lenora Wolf
Ari Wolfe
Jonathan Yagoda
Anna Zelmanov
Julia Zende
Claire Zilberstein

DEAR ED

Dear Ed—Is the yogurt that the Mess Hall serves in the morning Greek yogurt? Jolie Rosenzweig

Dear Jolie—According to Retcher, the plain yogurt is Greek yogurt. The vanilla and strawberry are not. Ed

Dear Ed—Why do we carve pumpkins? Claire Bradley

Dear Claire—This tradition began in Ireland when people carved scary faces in turnips to keep evil spirits away. When Irish immigrants came to the United States, they used pumpkins instead because they were more plentiful.

Dear Ed—Why do people give out candy on Halloween? Allegra Samuelson

Dear Allegra—This tradition grew out of Celtic holiday honoring the dead when believers baked and placed “soul cakes” outside their homes. That turned into baking for friends and family. In the 1950s, candy companies started marketing their products as more convenient ways of gifting sweets. Free samples, anyone? Ed.

Dear Ed—Best use for candy: Eating or saving? Jane Tauber.

Dear Jane—Eating, of course! Ed

Dear Ed—I’m a little tired of HalloWalden as the theme for Banquet. Can we try something new? Liz Stevens Dear Liz... Stay tuned!

Dear Ed is short for “Dear Editor.” If you have a question about camp, send it to Ed and watch to see if your answer appears in future issues.

FULL NAME: Lainie Strickstein
HOMETOWN: West Bloomfield
CAREER CHOICE: Therapist
FAVORITE SINGER: Selena Gomez
FAVORITE SOFT DRINK: Lemonade
FAVORITE ANIMAL: Panda
FAVORITE FOOD: Apples

SPOTLIGHT ON...
LAINIE
STRICK-
STEIN

NEAL'S BOOK REVIEW

***Sideways Stories From Wayside School* by Louis Sachar**

Wayside School was supposed to be one story tall with thirty classrooms in a row, but instead it turned out to be thirty stories tall with one classroom on each level. This book contains thirty stories about characters even stranger than the school they attend, like Mrs. Gorf who turns students into apples if they misbehave to Stephen who dresses up for a Halloween party even though it's not Halloween. Louis Sachar, the author, even casts himself as a character. I rate this book 3 roses.

Neal's Book Reviews are based on books he's read recently and would recommend to children and teenagers. He rates them on a scale of 4 roses (the best) to 4 onions (the worst).



HAPPY GRAMS

Camp Secrets: Revealed!

This summer, one Walden camper *was allowed* to have a screen! Through a special arrangement with the directors, third-year Walden camper and experienced vlogger **Macie Patrias** captured First Session through the lens of a Unit IV camper. Now her videos are on Walden's YouTube channel! Read on and then take a look...



Macie (left) with sister Maddie in A&C

1. **When did you first start vlogging?** I started my YouTube channel three years ago but I've loved making "family movies" long before then.
2. **What do you enjoy about it?** I love vlogging because it allows me to capture my perspective of the world and show it to others. I want to show the viewer the joy of life!
3. **What led Liz to ask you to create these Walden videos?** Liz stumbled upon my YouTube channel one day and she watched my camp video from 2022. She loved the way that I was able to capture camp so she asked me if I would make some videos for the camp channel.
4. **What we're you trying to capture in the videos?** My vision was to give an inside look into what camp is really like. I wanted to be as genuine as possible so people could really see how my days were filled. I wanted to express my love for camp so that future campers or staff would be excited to come and that current/past campers could relive the joy of camp even if they aren't there.
5. **How many hours of footage did you end up with?** I started filming on the fourth day of camp and filmed almost every day until the WBA finals. I ended up with nearly 4 hours of footage. It was my challenge to turn those 4 hours into 3 videos.
6. **What was the hardest about editing the videos?** The hardest part about editing was just the amount of time I had to put in. I've never edited 3 videos back to back before so it was a lot of work. I had to spend many days in front of my computer but I'm really happy with the final product.

Watch Macie's videos here:

www.youtube.com/@campwalden49721

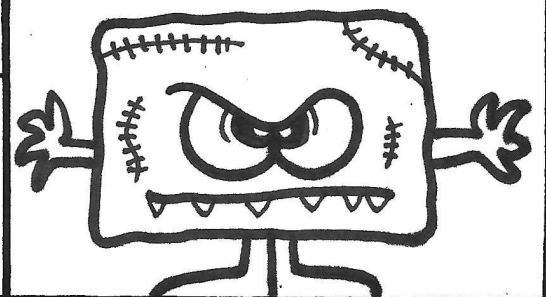
- ☑ **PARKER:** Happy Halloween! Hudson Heuer
- ☑ **TO THE ARNKOFFS:** Happy Halloween! Farrah Alli
- ☑ **HEATHER:** Boo! From a spooky ghost
- ☑ **G-14 (S2):** What are your costumes? Madeline Neckers
- ☑ **HEEEEEEEY CLAIRE:** If you see this, you owe me ice cream! Leggy
- ☑ **DREW KOHEN:** Thanks for being amazing. Sydney Leber
- ☑ **SYDNEY LEBER:** You are the most amazing friend! Drew Kohen
- ☑ **BROOKE MAUCH:** love you so much! Harper Fantich
- ☑ **G-5 (S1):** I miss you guys so much! Noa S.
- ☑ **G-5 (S1):** You are the best thing that happened to me. Brooke Mauch
- ☑ **NATE THE GR8:** Rolltide! Horwitz
- ☑ **CHLOE AND SLOAN:** Miss you guys. Come to Michigan. Dylan Schoenberg
- ☑ **EMMA FOXX:** Have a great school year! Noa Nathan
- ☑ **VERMONT RACCOON:** I miss you a lot. Anie Sqr!
- ☑ **TONY FORBES:** Thanks for the Nerds. Alex Schwartz
- ☑ **G-14 (S2):** Meep. We will launch an annual alien broadcasting Facetime. Sincerely, Jane
- ☑ **G-8 (S2):** I miss you all. Melanie Shoemaker
- ☑ **B-7 (S2):** Thanks for being a great cabin! Zach Weisel
- ☑ **LOGAN MODIANO:** Hi. This is Caleb Feldman. I was in B-7, but like you know, I was a 2-weeker. I hope you get this. From Caleb
- ☑ **ADINA:** I need your shirt! Juliana
- ☑ **G-10 (S2):** I miss you guys so much! Who Knows
- ☑ **G-14 (S2):** Heeeeeeey! I miss you guys! Text me immediately when you get this! Claire
- ☑ **G-12 (S2):** Heyyy guys! I miss you so much. I wish I can see you guys right now. Ilysm! Maddie Alexander
- ☑ **G-9 (S1) AND G-12 (S2):** I was the luckiest LIT to have y'all's cabins. Love and miss you all. Lucy Cohen (your LIT)
- ☑ **PIPER:** I miss you so much! Sophie
- ☑ **MAE STONER:** I miss you and I'm excited for next summer! Anie Sqr!
- ☑ **CIARA:** I missed you all the days you were gone, but I can't wait to see you next summer! Allegra and Jane

QUOTE OF THE ISSUE

"A PERSON WHO NEVER MADE A MISTAKE NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW."
~ALBERT EINSTEIN

AUTOGRAPH OF THE ISSUE

Henry McCarthy



Welcome to our New Campers!

Genevieve Adams
Anna Baranowski
Summer Barnett
Andersen Beerman
Jacob Berman
Walker Black
Wesley Black
Reid Borman
Noah Castle
Sloan Chalfant
Sareesha Chalise
Olivia Chartan
Savannah Cooper
Zachary Dan
Caleb Dein
Senna Doster
Leo Fantich
Lake Feferman
Devon Fuller
Emma Geiringer
Brooklyn Gilbert
Astrid Grissom

Caroline Gross
Elyssa Gross
Lorenza Guzman
Mateo Hernandez
Scott Holdan
Kylie Imas
Isra Ives
Miriya Ives
Claire Jakymiw
Savannah Johnson
Ryland Kaplan
Nora Klein
Paige Klein
Mila Leibovitch
Ruth Lilly
Emerson Linz
Jacob Morgan
Brighton Most
Eleanor Moueix
Emmett Mueller
Robert Nelson
Cecilia Ose

Julia Ose
Isaac Owen
Maddie Pearlman
Maya Pensler
Jacob Pulliam
Matthew Rasansky
Hannah Ross
Joseph Schneider
Max Schoch
Robert Schultz
Lucas Seymour
Lauren Shedivy
Kayli Silva
Mira Silva
Abraham Slatkin
Abigail Steinberg
Eva Sterling
Aron Storch
Luta Vishniac
Samuel Weber



Annie Joins the Team!



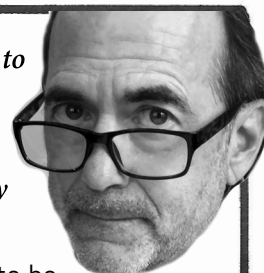
If you were at camp in 2023, you probably remember that there was a woman with long brown hair, often in a pony tail, who walked like she was on a mission (she was), seemed to know a lot about camp and was sort of everywhere doing everything all at once? That's Annie! After her hugely successful test run, Annie Mauch has agreed to accept the new full-time position of Assistant Director of Operations at Camp Walden! That means she'll have a hand in pretty much everything Liz and Scott do over the winter: Staff and camper recruiting, facility management, marketing, etc. During the summers, Annie will work closely with all of the admin staff including Assistant Director of Programming Robyn Shapiro. "Walden has always held a very special place in my heart," she says. "I have spent 20 summers at camp as a camper, counselor and now as part of the administrative staff." Annie met husband Sam Mauch at Walden and their two daughters, Hallie and Brooke, are both Walden campers. We're very proud to add Annie to our administrative roster!!



Scott's Box

Ed's note: When we first asked Scott to think up some Dad Jokes for the Pond, he was slightly offended that we didn't ask him to contribute something more important, interesting or intellectual. Thus, his rather prickly response:

I would like to state for the record that I believe myself to be a Camp Director of varied and unexpected talents, and I object to the idea that I am simply here for camper amusement. Having said that, I also wanted to let you know that Liz and I stayed at camp into September, and one night I went hunting for chipmunks. Unfortunately the game warden gave me a ticket because it was so close to Halloween and I didn't have a haunting license. [Pause for laughs]. And, that, my friends, is a Halloween Dad Joke. But seriously, did you hear who won the skeleton beauty contest? No body.



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PLEASE CUT OUT THIS SHEET
AND MAIL IT BACK SO YOU CAN
BE IN THE NEXT WALDEN POND!

YOUR
NAME:

CABIN
LAST
SUMMER:

SESSION
LAST
SUMMER:

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU
SINCE CAMP?

SEND A HAPPY-GRAM
TO A FRIEND:

ASK A QUESTION TO
DEAR ED:

CONTEST- GUESS THE
PHANTOM:

WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER SEE FALL FROM THE SKY
BESIDES RAIN OR SNOW?



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