

# THE TALL PINES PAGE

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## Important Dates

Feb 7	Open House
Mar. 7	Open House
April 5	Open House
June 22	1st Day
July 3	No Camp
July 15	Visiting Day
July 20	2nd 4 weeks begins
July 31	Junior Camp Show
Aug. 5	Grandparents Visiting Day
Aug. 14	Last Day



## Staff Hiring Nears Completion Early

**By December 31st 97% of our staff had been hired!** There are currently only seven positions available in the entire camp. Less than 5% of the entire staff will be new to Tall Pines. Each one of the approximately dozen new staff members were recommended by someone at Tall Pines. There will only be two new Senior Counselors and one new Junior Counselor out of 120 positions. The new Junior Counselor spent many years as a camper at Willow Grove Day Camp, our sister camp. **The average return rate for day camps at the national level is 50%. We will experience a return rate of over 90%.**

### What does that say about Tall Pines?



At Tall Pines we have always strived to create a place that the staff loved just as much as the

campers. The philosophy was: if your staff was having a good time and loved working here than that would be reflected in the care that they give to the campers and their families. That is why so many of our campers turn into our staff members.

## Parents Display Brochures

Thank you to the following camp parents for displaying Tall Pines brochures at their place of employment.

- ▶ The Kadar family @ Kadar Orthodontics, Sewell, NJ
- ▶ The Shannon Family @ Learning Express, Sewell, NJ
- ▶ The Scheinholtz Family @ Carpet Mill Outlet, Barrington, NJ
- ▶ The Promislo/Steinhouse Family @ Lolli Lolli Toy Store, Phila., PA
- ▶ The Gates Family @ Dr. Eric Gates, Your Friendly Neighborhood Optometrist, Cherry Hill & Clementon, NJ
- ▶ The Kahn Family @ Smith Barney, Mount Laurel, NJ
- ▶ The Green Family @ ReMax Realtors, Mullica Hill, NJ
- ▶ The Filak/Godorecci Family @ OB/GYN Specialists, Voorhees, NJ

Each brochure is labeled with the parent's place of employment. Any new campers that enroll at Tall Pines by obtaining the brochure provides the family with a \$200 referral fee. To inquire about this program please call our office.

Please continue to send in those referrals via e-mail or phone. It is a great way to save money on your tuition. **Each family that refers a new camper receives \$200 off their tuition** or, \$100 if more than one family makes the same referral, once the camper enrolls.

## Camp Show Choices

Uncle Dan Poussart, the Tall Pines Music Director, has been busily narrowing down his choices for this year's camp show. Dan has narrowed down the choices to *Beauty and the Beast*, *Alice in Wonderland*, or *Seussical Jr.*

Over the past four years, The Theater Company has performed *Annie*, *Honk Jr.*, *Aladin Jr.*, and *Oliver*. Every member of the company get their own copy of the script and music to take home.

Over the years the company has grown bigger and bigger, so it is very important to enroll your child in the program early so they are guaranteed a spot in the company. Any campers currently enrolled in 1st grade or above are welcome to audition for the show. Even CITs are welcome to audition for minor roles due to their extensive travel opportunities.

Anyone can be a part of this exciting opportunity. Please just make sure that your child knows this company meets every day in the afternoon for up to three periods.

## Scott Klear to lead CIT Trip to New York City/Boston



For the third year in a row, Unde Scott Klear, Director of Senior Camp Girls, will be leading our CIT trips to New York City/Boston. Unde Scott currently teaches at Beck Middle School in Cherry Hill as he has done for the last eight years. He has been a youth group advisor and trip leader and traveled to places like Boston, Disney and Israel. Scott will be entering his 8th year at Tall Pines. He also coaches soccer, softball and

wrestling at Beck Middle School. David Tours of Philadelphia, PA led Unde Scott, the Tall Pines staff and 30 campers to Baltimore/VA for four days via deluxe motor coach.

This year's 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the Teens-On-Wheels Program will have an opportunity to travel to New York City/Boston. Highlights of the week 6 (July 27-30) trip include:

- ▶ Ferry to Ellis & Liberty Islands
- ▶ Tour Empire State Bldg.
- ▶ Boston Duck Tour
- ▶ Six Flags New England
- ▶ Shear Madness Show
- ▶ NBC Studio Tour
- ▶ Madame Tussauds Wax Museum

Enrollment information has been sent out via e-mail. If the information has not been received, please call the camp office or e-mail us for new information. For more details and registration forms please call the camp office or visit our web site.

## Look What's New for 2009



Two new wall ball courts are under construction in the Rec Hall.

The wall ball courts are now complete in the Rec Hall. Unde Mike built them over the course of a rainy winter week. See picture on the left. When the weather gets a little warmer the walls of the Rec Hall will receive a fresh coat of paint. Up to two bunks at a time will be able to play wall ball in the Rec Hall. Last year's outdoor, wall ball court was a big hit! Campers could be found playing at almost any time of day.

In late March or early April the outdoor basketball court will be painted by DJ's Painting of Bridgeton, NJ. The court will now be maroon and green similar to the tennis courts. The black asphalt surface will now be a little cooler for the campers. The main court and all side courts will be striped for better visibility.

The remnants of the nature building during demolition.



Construction on the nature building continues on schedule. The picture on the left shows the remains of the building during demolition. The new building will have air conditioning and 40 feet of windows in the rear, giving the campers the feeling that they are outside. Additional improvements include two new bathrooms and another refrigerated water fountain.