



# DEERKILL DAYS

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## “Keeping You In Touch With Summer”

**Dear Deerkill Friends,**

With most of the trick-or-treat bounty now eaten and Turkey Day fast approaching, it's the perfect time to catch up on everything happening here at Deerkill. We hope you were able to join us at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fall Fest last month - it was a perfect autumn day and we were overwhelmed by the turnout, both by our camper families and their friends.

This edition of our newly-designed Deerkill Days newsletter includes: a look back at our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fest** and a look ahead to our **Yearbook Movie Premiere** at the Palisades AMC Loews theater, exciting news about **new program** offerings in 2012, updates on all of our **projects** around camp, our new **Cooking Corner**, some trivia and of course a word from our resident mini-donkey journalist, **Little Chief**.

Enjoy your turkeys and your football and stay safe and warm this holiday season,

***Todd, Rebecca, Bob & Karen***



(L to R: Karen, Isaac, Bob, Rebecca, Todd and Henry)



## 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Family Fall Fest One for the Record Books!

The often-imitated, never-duplicated (and always much-awaited) Deerkill Family Fall Fest celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> year in style. A record 850 campers, parents and friends dropped by and decorated 475 pumpkins, consumed 700 doughnuts (give or take a few munchkins) and bounced 2,500 times (rounding up) on our inflatable moonwalk. The biggest highlight of this year's event was the new 77 foot Ultra Obstacle Course - children and adults alike were giddy with excitement about racing through and over the 20 foot climbing wall, slide and tunnels. Congratulations to Sammi N for winning the candy corn guess and a \$50 Amazon gift card (her guess was only 3 away!). We've posted photos in your online accounts as well as the Photo Gallery of our website.

### What's New At Deerkill



We are working on some exciting new programs and capital projects for the 2012 season. Some things to look for next summer:

- **YOGA** - One of our more popular events and club electives in 2011 was our new yoga program. As a result of the overwhelming response, we've decided to expand our yoga offering as a specialty in 2012. It's not a "stretch" to say we're very excited!
- **ROPES COURSE** - The zipline and bouldering wall have always been two of our campers' favorite activities. We are currently exploring new high-ropes elements for our ropes course with our supplier and hope to unveil the newest additions to our camp program in coming newsletters. Stay tuned!
- **MUSIC CLUB** - In 2012, we will introduce a new Music club for campers who are musically inclined. The hills of Deerkill will be alive with the sounds of music as our first camp band will be formed.
- **READING / STORYTIME** - Our new Book Nook was a great resource for our junior campers this summer. In between periods and on rainy days, our campers could be found listening with rapt attention to one of the books from our Nook. In 2012, reading and story time will be integrated into our younger campers' schedules as part of our effort to promote reading throughout the summer.

### Video Yearbook Premiere

Following last year's success, on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>, Deerkill debuts its annual yearbook video in the AMC Loews Palisades Center theater from 11 AM to 1 PM. We've come a long way from the old Betamax and VHS tapes that were mailed out to our camper families three decades ago! The heart-stopping cliffhanger trailer for the Video Premiere can be found on our Facebook and YouTube pages. For those camper families who haven't RSVP'd, remember seating is limited. Please make your reservations by Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The red carpet and a surprise giveaway is waiting for all of our campers who attend!



### Creative Writing Club

Our daily Club Hour elective provides a unique opportunity for campers age 7 and over to try their hand at something new, whether it be rocketry, macramé, book club, or creative writing. The following are a few of the original stories by our campers at our Creative Writing Club:

"On the basketball court we have fun, 'round the camp kids are playing, in the pool campers are splashing, between the buildings are secret passageways, into the trees a fun world awaits. Group games are being played like volleyball, running around makes us tired, Oribi is my group name, under the shade is the best, playing ga-ga makes us happy." - Ariana G.

"On the bus, there is a lot of fuss; at lunch, we munch; it is hot as a boiling pot; but at the pool we get cool; we make lots of friends; we don't want the summer to end!!! - Inbar I.



"Definitely the best camp, everyone's friendly, everywhere you look people are having fun, racing in the pool is fun too, karate is exciting, interesting facts include camp is named after a Dutch stream, llamas are like our alpacas, learning about wildlife with Nature Bob...it all adds up...DEERKILL the best camp ever." - Valentyna S.

## The World According to Little Chief



What's going on here? Snow (and a few branches) fell before the leaves this year! So glad my camp friends were able to visit me during the Fall Fest before the ground turned white. What

a fest it was! Bounce houses, cotton candy, games, crafts, donuts, cider and my favorite snack of all - apples. My four-legged friends and I are keeping busy munching on the grass and looking at our new monkey mural on the climbing wall. I sure wish I had a tail long enough to swing on the vines like those guys. I heard there will be some other new additions to our end of camp including a new boat house and some other surprises; can't wait to see what's next...

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## Cooking Corner

Our most popular new program in 2012 was Cooking. We received countless requests from parents for recipes. As a result, we've added a new feature in our off-season newsletter. First up are Apple Muffins:

2 C all purpose flour	1/4 c sugar
1 † baking soda	1/2 † ground cinnamon
1/4 † ground nutmeg	1/4 † ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon salt	2 large eggs
1 C frozen apple juice concentrate thawed	
3/4 c butter milk or sour cream	
2 tablespoon wheat germ	
3 small tart apples, peeled, cored and chopped	
1/2 c walnuts or pecans	
cinnamon and sugar mixing for topping	



Grease 12 muffin cups or line with paper muffin liners. In a bowl mix together flour, sugar, and all spice, and salt.

In a mixing bowl whisk together eggs, apple juice concentrate and buttermilk or sour cream. Stir flour mixture and wheat germ into the egg mixture until dry ingredients are just moistened. Gently stir in 2/3 of the chopped apples and nuts.

Spoon batter into prepared muffins cups, filling each about 2/3 full. Top muffins with reserved chopped apple and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Bake apple muffins at 375° for about 20 to 25 minutes, or until tops spring back when pressed lightly with fingertip.

Cool for 5 minutes in pan on a rack. Turn apple muffins out onto rack to cool completely.

## Deerkill Day Camp Quick Links

Website: [www.deerkilldaycamp.com](http://www.deerkilldaycamp.com)

Facebook Group: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Deerkill-Day-Camp/148270722210>

Twitter Page: <http://twitter.com/DeerkillDayCamp>

YouTube Page: <http://www.youtube.com/user/deerkilldaycamp>

Online Blog: <http://www.deerkilldaycamp.com/news>