

# MOHAWK *kecho*

JANUARY 2025

## NEW FOR 2025 SOME ACTIVITIES FIND A NEW HOME!

Big changes are coming to camp in 2025 (look out for more exciting updates in next month's newsletter!) and some favorite activities are moving to fresh new spaces! Ceramics is leaving the (formerly named) Ceramics Building and moving into what used to be the Photography Building. With renovations underway, this space is transforming—daylight is replacing the darkroom, and structural upgrades are making it



the perfect home for the ceramics activity and kiln. Meanwhile, the old Ceramics Building is welcoming Painting to its new home. This means Painting, usually held outdoors by the brook, will now have a cozy indoor spot to utilize - especially handy on rainy days! With upgraded bathrooms added last summer, this move brings even more great changes to the space. The only question now is... what should we call the Ceramics Building? Let us know your creative ideas!



## WELCOMING NEW STAFF TO THE MOHAWK FAMILY!

We're so excited to welcome some amazing new faces to the Mohawk family this summer! Each new staff member brings their own unique talents, energy, and love for camp, and we can't wait for you to meet them all. To kick things off, here's a little introduction to one of our new team members—straight from them!

### MEET MIA!

"My name is Mia Edwards, I am from the United Kingdom. I will be a counselor and lifeguard at Camp Mohawk this summer. I have always loved the outdoors and being creative. I can't wait for a summer filled with fun, laughs and memories we will never forget!! See you all there!!"



## DIVE INTO FUN AT THE WATERFRONT THIS SUMMER!

The first day of camp is full of excitement, and one of the highlights is the swim test at the waterfront! Whether it's your first time at camp or you're ready to level up your swimming skills, we want you to be prepared for the splashy adventure ahead. Our swim test helps us make sure everyone stays safe while having fun. There are three levels—Red, Blue, and Green—and each one opens up different waterfront activities. If you'd like to level up your swim skills, enroll in swim lessons this summer! They're available to all campers and as a bonus for those taking swim lessons - enjoy a Friday of Bouncies at the waterfront! **No matter your swimming ability, there's always something fun to enjoy at the waterfront!**



**RED:** Swimmers will enter the water in the shallow end and swim across the swim area and back using freestyle (face in the water with rotary breathing).

**Red swimmers can use the beach front swim area during Optional Rec and sign up for Rowing and Log Rolling as weekly activities.**

**BLUE:** After completing the red test, swimmers can choose to move over to the deep swim area which is 25 yards across. They'll swim 4 consecutive laps (two freestyle and two breaststroke), followed by 30 seconds of treading water.

**Blue swimmers can swim in the deep swim area and use the Bouncies during Optional Rec. They can also sign up for Sailing and Canoeing activities.**

**GREEN:** Campers choosing to do the green test will continue with 4 more laps (for a total of 8 non-stop laps, approximately 200 yards), of half freestyle and half breaststroke, followed by 30 seconds of treading water.

**Green swimmers can use everything at the waterfront, including signing up for Windsurfing and Kayaking activities.**

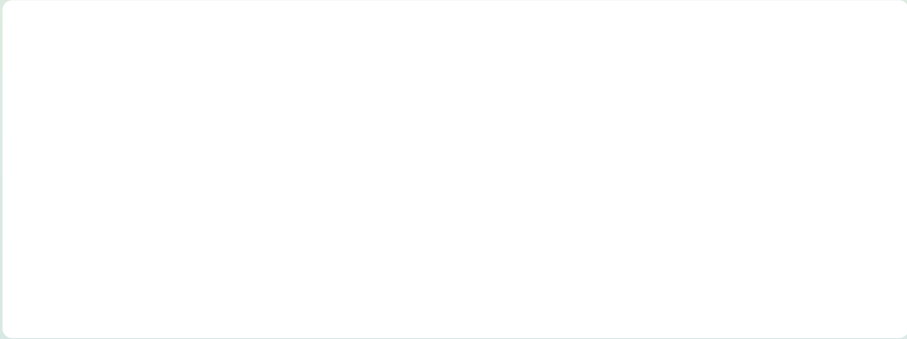
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**Hello from a Wintery Camp Mohawk!** It's pretty quiet here at camp right now—no singing, no cheering, and no campers running around. But there's still some action! The pond has frozen over, so we've spotted a little ice fishing, and the sound of construction fills the air as we make progress on all the updates and changes coming this summer! The boardwalk is nearing completion but you'll have to wait for next month's newsletter to find out some more changes coming to camp this summer! We'll spill all the details soon, PLUS, we're getting ready to announce the Theme Night schedule! We'd love your help! Have a great idea for a new Theme Night? Send it to Mikayla at [mikayla@campmohawk.org](mailto:mikayla@campmohawk.org) and your idea could make it onto the summer calendar. Start thinking big - we want to hear it all! Until then, stay warm, and start counting down the days until summer fun!

*- Patrick & Mikayla*



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## HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS AVAILABLE!

Love horses? Sign up for riding lessons! Each week, you'll get five 1-hour lessons (one activity period a day) for \$246. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, everyone's welcome! Just email us to let us know how many weeks you want to ride!



## STAY CONNECTED

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Don't miss the deadlines coming up in the next few months! Here's what you need to know:

**April 1st:** Cancellation deadline before camp fees become nonrefundable

**May 1st:** Bunkmate Requests due - *be sure to submit your request in the online portal before it's too late!*  
And all camp fees are due.

**June 1st:** All camp forms due - *don't forget to schedule a doctor's appointment to get that camp physical done!*



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