

2018 SCHEDULE

74th SEASON!

2018 STAFF TRAINING

June 4 - June 16

CAMP SCHEDULE

2 WEEK SESSIONS

Session A June 17 - June 30

Session B July 1 - July 14

Session C July 15 - July 28

Session D July 29 - Aug 14

4 WEEK SESSIONS

First Session

June 17 - July 14

Second Session

July 15 - August 14



2019 EARLY BIRD ENROLLMENT OPENS

September 1, 2018

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT EXPIRES

October 31, 2018

Winter 2018

Skylake Ripples

the Skylake
Yosemite Camp
Newsletter

2018 Staffing

What do Rochester, Mexico City, Auckland and Charlottesville, all have in common? They are just a few of the home towns of our staff members for 2018. We employ 70 camp counselors and 7 administrative counselors each summer from all over the world.

Every year we receive significant numbers of applications from former campers. This overflowing of Skylake enthusiasm and history provide the backbone for our staff. They arrive for staff training already aware of the magic and only need to be trained in the job elements. Sometimes this can be a rude awakening since being on staff is **very different** than being a camper.

Typically, about 1/3 of our staff is returning from a previous summer. Being invited back is **not automatic**. Our rule of thumb is that we would rather train an enthusiastic new staff member instead of inviting back a counselor that was just "ok" or "average."


One of the joys of the week of Staff Training is getting to know our "newbies." These are staff that only know of Skylake from word of mouth or what they have seen on our website. They bring incredible energy and excitement to our program. Skylake receives over 200 inquiries for our job openings. Skype is our best friend in the winter as we get to know these applicants.

We also always look for a little European flair for staff and we normally accomplish this by visiting a camp job fair in London. Adrienne will be heading there next month with the goal of hiring five or six Brits anxious to escape the cold English summers to summer life in California.

It is not just the campers that get excited as summer approaches, the staff are just as excited.



Staff Training Excitement for 2018



A considerable amount of time is spent during the winter months planning for the 10 days of staff training that occurs prior to the campers arriving. It is a complex planning exercise due to the variety of issues that need to be covered. We need to cover everything from the mundane but critical issues of how our dining room functions to the more critical issues of how to communicate our core values and how to insure the health and safety of our campers. We also spend considerable time on team building exercises. A critical element to our success is getting all of our staff working as a unit.

Every year we evaluate the success of our prior years' workshops and then review and revise as we deem appropriate. It is critical that we rethink all of our training every year to keep it fresh and exciting. This year is no exception and we are very proud to once again be bringing to our training one of the nationally known experts in camp life and child psychology, Bob Ditter.

Bob has over 25 years of experience as a child, adolescent and family therapist. He has been the "go to" expert for the American Camp Association and Western Association of Independent Camps for many years. He has visited over 500 camps. Bob's workshops at ACA and WAIC are always "standing room only". Bob is headquartered in Boston and getting him to the west coast during staff training weeks is very difficult. Hundreds of camps are seeking Bob's assistance. We have been patiently waiting over five years to get included on Bob's calendar.

Bob will be providing us two full days of his expertise. It is anticipated that he will be doing an initial workshop for our entire camp family, including our kitchen and housekeeping staff on the importance of a camp culture and the lasting gifts campers gain from a camp experience. We will also have targeted workshops on typical characteristics of boys in the camp setting and how to work effectively with them. The same topic will be presented for our girls. An entire afternoon is going to be spent on fundamental counselor skills.

This year's staff, and therefore all of our campers, are going to benefit from Bob's work in camp this June. We will also benefit for years to come by incorporating his teachings into future training programs.



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New Last Year and Now New for 2018



The first of the new fun items in 2017 were the two tipis constructed on site. These are authentic Native American tipis that are rather dramatic. We have one tipi located in front of the lodge. It serves as a fun gathering spot and always is reserved early for cabin walk suppers. The second tipi is located up on our mountain platform and serves as the outpost for our Chipmunk and Chickadee expeditions. The tent is 18 feet in diameter and easily sleeps our campers and staff for this fun overnight trip.

We were able to salvage some of the tree trunks from the trees were took down for a variety of projects in camp. We constructed rustic frames for our dart board and tomahawk toss targets. We also constructed two heavy duty horseshoe pits.

We converted a large portion of the garage under the gatehouse into a Trips Kitchen. All of our out of camp trips are now served by this separate kitchen that is fully stocked with food and supplies. Having everything in one place and not inconveniencing the kitchen every time a trip goes out has made our trip planning much easier. Clean-up is also much easier with a great three sink set up now available exclusively for the trips counselors. Our out of camp trips program improves dramatically every year.

In 2018 we are doing a complete remodel of the craft shop. The remodel includes a sanding and varnish of the building exterior, new windows, construction of a small outside deck area, and the removal of the walls and ceiling to allow new insulation and lighting. It was a hard and difficult decision to update this element of Skylake lore. Those walls contained many stories and the artwork of countless campers. We are confident we will quickly introduce some new traditions in this space to make it as inviting as it was in the past.

We are working with our challenge course company to introduce a few new elements on the ropes course. The loss of trees definitely has us scrambling to make sure we are always not only replacing what we lose, but also adding to our course.

We will also be adding pickle ball tennis this summer. Plans also call for a complete renovation of the outdoor basketball court with new surface and new backboards along with the introduction of a pitching machine for both softball and hardball.

A new access ramp has been constructed at the docks for easier access and work will commence either this year or next on making our swim trail not only easier to walk on but much more beautiful.

There is true joy in continuing to upgrade the facilities and in adding more activities. Please be sure to provide us with any insight you glean from campers regarding what they would like to see in camp.



On Line Camper Photographs - More or Less?

It was only a few short years ago, with slow internet speeds that the issue of publishing camper photos from camp was not an issue, it simply was not technologically possible. Over the years with the development of photo software and increased internet speeds most camps now have the capability of posting almost unlimited photographs. The question is: Do we want to?

Skylake has always had a philosophy that we would try to find a compromise between satisfying the valid parent's desire to see their child and the need for camp to flow without "always being on stage." If the campers are always seeing a camera and being requested to pose, they are not being given the opportunity to truly engage in the camp life.

We have reached a comfortable compromise on this issue. Skylake seeks to post approximately 100 photos per day. The photos are normally taken in a non-obtrusive manner. We normally do not seek out campers to pose for the camera, and instead seek to take very quick and unposed photos. By taking photos at one of our daily group settings, such as morning or evening flag, the dining room, or evening campfire we can get groups of campers. This gives us the ability to show a lot of faces in a quick and easy process.

We know as a parent you are desirous of seeing your child when you go to the website. You probably want to see your child every day that you go to the website, and are probably disappointed every day that you don't. It is certainly not our goal to frustrate a parent. The problem is the conflict between a camp core value and the parent's desire to see more photographs.

We have recently been confronted with this issue by a marketing company very desirous of having us buy into their system of facial recognition. They rightfully point out that they would save a lot of parent's aggravation by allowing the system to ID a child and then automatically send the photo the parent's cell phone. Wow, how nice would that be? Very convenient, but now setting in motion a cause and effect where we would be seeking out every camper, every day, to meet the newly created daily "need" to see the child quickly and easily. Frankly, we do not like the idea.

Our goal will be to continue the balance of providing daily shots of camp where you will hopefully get the joy of seeing your child. Some children actually avoid having their photo taken- we respect that. As in the past, if a after a few days you have not seen your child appear with the daily photos, give us a call, and we will always make sure to have them on line within a day or two.



ENROLL TODAY!

We are currently 94% enrolled for the summer. The wait lists are already getting long in many age groups. Please call the office if you have enrollment questions.

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Bed Bugs – Lice – Cell Phones

Wow, isn't this article title disgusting. We consider all three of these plagues to be on equal standing in camp. They are all forbidden. We are very successful on two out three of these plagues, and are working hard on the third.

Although we do not believe bed bugs to be a problem we are always alert to the concern. Our cabins contain no fabrics, no unsealed mattresses, or carpets where bed bugs can lurk. Our cabins are open air and empty for 9 months of the year. We have freezing temperatures in the winter. Although not impossible, there is the possibility of bugs surviving year to year so we test for evidence of bed bugs prior to the season and periodically during the season. If we ever do find evidence of the critters we have the equipment to quickly eradicate by tenting the cabin and forcing in hot air that is 100% effective in eliminating. We have never needed that so far, but we are ready.

Lice on the other hand do come into camp on campers' heads occasionally. Our protocol is to check everyone's head upon arrival as part of the initial health check. Only rarely do we encounter the issue. Most the time when we have encountered lice in camp it has been with siblings. Close physical contact is the source of spreading far more than the widely perceived belief it is from sharing hair brushes. As a preventative for lice and miscellaneous viruses, every two week session we empty every cabin and do a thorough cleaning and a liberal use of bleach spray for sanitizing.



That gets us to cell phones. This is the only plague that continues to appear in camp. Our efforts are getting more and more effective, but unfortunately it is a topic that needs to be continually stressed. The elimination of cell phones and tablet screens is critical to our camp culture. Please help us and join us in making camp 100% free of these devices. Camp really starts the moment the campers get on the bus and doesn't end until they are home. We would strongly urge parents to make sure your camper does not come to camp with a cell phone or any device "capable" of accessing the internet or wifi. Campers with air transportation issues may have their phones kept for them in the office, while all other phones that arrive at camp will be mailed home.



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Enrolled Campers for 2018



10 YEARS

Julie Neuman
Nicole Thoits

9 YEARS

Audrey Hayes
Daisy Johnston
Sam Greer
Simon Adler

8 YEARS

Anna Klausner
Connor Levine
Jack Setrakian
Justice Rosen
Katie Zimmerman
Kaya Palmer
Leah Schilowitz
Sadie Leventhal
Sophia Ryan

7 YEARS

Abby Ross
Aidan LaCorte
Carly Goldblatt
Clara Campbell
Devin Darmody
Ethan Pollack
Eve DeMarzo
Fletcher Shumow
Jeffrey Hilbert
Jennifer Spector-Townsend
Jordan Amos-Grosser
Jules Faerber
Julia Nickl
Justin Katter
Macy Patel
Makayla Thoits
Paige Mckinda
Parker Kowalski
Sammy Brooks
Sawyer Peterson
Sophira Pohl
Zack Weitman

6 YEARS

Adelaide Chaiken
Hamilton
Alex Chanawatr
Alexandra Sanders
Alexandra Shaw
Amelia Serdar-Espinoza
Andrew Martinez
Anna Elman
Anne Lummis-O'neil
Asher Lippes
Brandon Spector-Townsend
Bryce Brenkus
Carly Weinberger
Caro Hagwood
Caroline Spector-Townsend
Cole Strumpf
Daniela Goldberg
Erik Luksch
Finnegan Mauer
Francesca Pelosi
Haley Baum
Harry Setrakian
Jake Roth
James Hull
Jason Stoutenberg
Jonah Olin
Jordan Gross
Jordan Klanfer
Kate Noymer
Katie Cranston
Laird Gantzel
Lela Rogers
Lily Bienstock
Madeline Magruder
Merritt Brinckerhoff
Natalie Keim
Olivia Chaiken
Hamilton
Olivia Feldman
Reggie O'Herron

Rowan Schneider
Ryan Brighton
Ryan DeVries
Ryan Jacobs
Samantha Sinaiko
Sarah Fong
Talia Koch
Taylor Bruch
Tyler Hawthorne
Zach Lawson

5 YEARS

Adelaide Ryan
Aiden Geary
Alexa Baum
Anders Patel
Anna Bartle
Annalise Stewart
Audrey Koren
Audrey Sachs
Ava Wick
Catherine Keifer
Charley Manser
Charlotte Keifer
Chase Cranston
Declan Dill
Devon Manser
Ella Sweeney
Elle Piercy
Emily Chanawatr
Emma Mickel
Erin Freeman
Ethan Lilien
Eve Sarti
Haley Green
Harris Hilbert
Harrison Turner
Hayden Schneider
Iain Hannant
Isabel Soja
Isabell Kossar
Jack Noymer
Jaden Faerber
Jane Kraaijvanger
Jeremy Koren
Jordan Mickel
Julia Shippey
Kaedin Kurtz
Laney Saye
Lucas Childers
Madalyn Suddleson
Mats Leckie
Matthew Ko
Melanie Davidson
Mikayla Weinhouse
Nicholas Partridge
Noelle Schrade
Peter Koren
Pilar Goodman
Rose Solomon
Ruby Mechanic
Samara Freedman
Shay Moskowitz
Tenley Park
Tristan Arnovick
Walker Jacobs
Wyatt Kennedy
Zachary Grigsby

4 YEARS

Abby Moore
Abigail Rossi
Ajay Parikh
Anders Leckie
Andrew Pastis
Andrew Stanger
Aoife Braverman
Arabella Brenkus
Ash Rose
Ashley Markatos
Audrey MacLean
Avery Hicks
Benjamin London
Bennett Steifman
Bennett Wertheimer
Blossom Bogen-

Froese
Brooke London
Caden Weinhouse
Campbell Keith
Claire Monaco
Diego Rogers
Elan Mendivil
Elijah Hollander
Ella Barrett
Ella Robins
Emma Bogomilsky
Evan Freeman
Evie Lambeth
Grace Diehl
Gus Gladstein
Henry Stanger
Ian DeMaggio
Isabella Millman
Jack Chung
Jadyn Plesent
Jake Janosky
Jaya Conmy
Jolie Wineburgh
Julia Krepelka
Kate Snyder
Katherine Babb
Kendall Gittings
Lauren Escala
Lauren Jacobs
Leilah Hartmann
Lucas Dilworth
Lucy Rosen
Luke Markatos
Luke McKane
Madeline Marshall
Maggie Sowell
Max Baker
Maya Gibson
Mia Hull
Naomi Ellis
Nikhil Parikh
Nikka Makhani
Octavia Donaldson
Owen van Es
Phoebe Kindler
Piper Altman
Rachel Selbst
Reese Weiden
Reuben Jaffe
Riley Markey
Ryan Chen
Rye Kushner
Sacha Birdsong
Sadie Kieffer
Samuel Serdar-Espinoza
Sarah Morrison
Sarah Sargent
Scout Freiermuth
Sianne Carr
Sloane Fong
Sophie Chung
Sophie Ward
Sydney Kaplan
Tatum Fahey
Tess Humphrey
Tor Fillbrandt
Tyler Keim
Vaughn Rogers
William Spangler
Zev Koch

3 YEARS

Adam Schonbrun
Aidan Moses
Alayna Woodruff-Milner
Alec Hoffman
Alexa Blumenthal
Amanda Wexler
Amelia Escala
Andres Safa
Annabelle Snyder
Ava Koehrsen
Ava Pearce

Avery Greene
Becca Rosenblatt
Ben Hant
Blossom Yudis
Braxton Campbell
Brody Barrington
Brooke Canavero
Brooklyn Barrington
Caitlin Gaffney
Caleb Austen
Cavan Donery
Conner Lyons
Connor Weinhouse
Cooper Mullane
Daisy Melen
Darcy Bass
Declan Braverman
Derek Taylor
Devon Conroy
DJ Bevan
Eliza Austen
Ethan McCormick
Ethan Stolper
Evan Hwang
Everett Rosauer
Fallon Porter
Fountain Whitaker
Gabriella Bartle
Gracie Snyder
Grant Moses
Hunter VanDien
Ingo Solomon
Isa Maeder
Isabella Burguera
Isla MacLean
Jack Alley
Jacob Klein
Jacqueline Faerber
Jade Jamieson
Jake Morosini
Jazmine Jensen
Julia Canavero
Karina Hoffman
Kate Cassidy
Kate Kepner
Keatyn Kurtz
Rachel Cassidy
Krista Mendivil
Kyle Ko
Lily Haines
Lily Klein
Luke Weber
Maren Ghaffari
Morgan Phillips
Nathan Hurst
Nick Morosini
Nora Collins-Burgard
Olivia VanDien
Paige Monaco
Piper Kaplan
Pippa Deery Devine
Quinn Collins-Burgard
Quinn Voetberg
Rey Lawson
Riley Peterson
Ryanne Kelly
Ryder Sperling
Samuel Hurst
Sebastian Rogers
Sienna Bevan
Sophia Harper
Sophia Hughes
Sydney Hant
Sydney Kroonen
Sydney Reid
Teddy Schonbrun
TJ O'Neil
Trainor Kinloch
Trevor Jaffe
Vivian Lambeth
Zoe Burguera
Zoe Guevara

2 YEARS

Aidan Doherty

Alex Raff
Alexander Kozlov
Aliza Gibson
Amelia Sarkisian
Andrew Brand
Andrew Goike
Asher Greenfield
Audrey Smith
Austin Stolper
Ava Barnard
Ava Kennedy
Bennett Sieck
Bodhi Rosen
Brenna Bicknell
Brett Rosenblatt
Bryce Pollock
Caden Maas
Calla Fuchs
Calliope Hallman
Carlie Given
Caroline Carr
Cate Deiter
Cecelia Millman
Charles Hallman
Chloe Scott
Chloe Wyruch
Ciaran Geary
Claire Kowalski
Dana Hathaway
Dane Hansen
Danny Marsh
Daphne Huffman
Darren Campbell
Desmond Kao
Devon Phillips
Devyn Sherman
Drake Ivory
Dylan Santo
Ella Nielson
Eloise Kennedy
Emerson Lehmann
Emil Grotta
Emmett Whitaker
Esme Grotta
Evvie Juda
Felix Buckberg
Michael
Francesca Yturri
Gabriella Helm
George Northup
Gram Thomas
Gray Chasteen
Han Nguyen
Hannah Lunkewitz
Harper Given
Harrison Reid
Hayden Handler
Henry Milliken
Iris Weiner
Isabella Soghaier
Izaiah Wasserman
Jack Greenspan
Jackson Ortiz
Jacob Barrett
Jillian Cardwell
Julia Lohman
Kathleen Niedermeyer
Kayla Sutton
Kelly Clifford
Kyle Dee
Liam Libonate
Lily Bensussen
Lily Sjogreen
Logan Pagani
Luca Measer
Luka Slough Gilchrist
Luke Janosky
Mackenzie Boyer
Madeline Helm
Marin Pollock
Matthew Malloy
Mattia Magnatta
Megan Breslin
Miles Brand
Molly Darmody

Naftalia Segal
Ngoc Nguyen
Nicolas Giannini
Noa Schimek
Noe Orgain
Owen Ghaffari
Pema Intara Zim
Ryan Kazerani
Samuel Baron
Sara Ortegon
Sasha Lilien
Sean Chen
Sean Stark
Simone McClary
Sky Shannon
Skye Walker
Sophie Sutton
Stephen Wisinski
Stiles White
Tanner Bortel
Tessa Fonarow
Theodore Birdsong
Thomas Fannon
Thomas Viane
Tulah Lehmann
Violet Jones
Virginia Maeder
Weston Fuchs
William Guichard
William Jett
Xavier Marsh
Yuhio Man
Zachary Peachin

1st YEAR

Abigail Morrison
Aden Meisel
Alex Kenworthy
Alexander Goldsmith
Alexandra Hatch
Aliza Grancell
Anabel Orozco
Andrew Buchanan
Anna Viane
Asher Collar
Ashley Fannon
Atma Joshi
Aurelia Gomez
Ava Barreiro
Ava Westberg
Avery Buchanan
Benjamin Ellis
Blake Friedman
Brian McWhorter III
Brigitte Appelbaum-Schwartz
Cameron Cox
Cameron Lasman
Camille Torres
Carl Lunkewitz
Carson Jordan
Charlie Robinette
Charlie Sjogreen
Charlie Wyruch
Charlotte Jett
Chloe Levey
Connor Jordan
Danek Diez Barroso
Darby Rastegar
David Kossar
Dax Pearce
Eleanor Goldsmith
Eleanor Zaragoza-Aaron
Eleanor Ziperovich
Eli Carlson
Elizabeth Baskins
Elliot Ramsay
Ellie Willats
Emily Webster
Emma Goodman
Emma Kelly
Finn Darmody
Finn Steele
Forrest Steele

Frank Harmon
Gabriel Richards
Grace Berry
Graham Kroonen
Grette Willats
Greyson Shumow
Gus Squire
Harper Hodges Smith
Harriet Baker
Hunter Meyers
Isabella Baskins
Jace Needleman
Jack Childers
Jack Israel
Jacqueline Richardson
James Soenens
Jasper McClary
Jaxson Glowacki
Jerry Zhu
John Squire
Joseph Weil
Josie Fonarow
Josie Hicks
Jude Segal
Julia Delsol
Julia Guillen
Julian Barnes
Kai Caroe
Koa Wessner
Lana Westberg
Layla Blumenthal
Leila Acevedo
Liam Diez Barroso
Logan Ashby
Luke Barnard
Luke Chanawatr
Mackay Kemp
Mackenzie
Marlborough
Madeline Milliken
Marisol Appelbaum-Schwartz
Mason Cooper
Mateo Slough Gilchrist
Matias Ziperovich
Mia Mercolino
Miller Friedman
Natalie Littman
Noah Goodman
Noah Morales
Nola Kilar
Oliver Close
Oliver Morales
Owen Radcliffe
Padraig O'Neil
Paul Lunkewitz
Paulina Paredes
Quinn Hathaway
Rami Safa
Reese Barnard
Robby Dinowitz
Ruby Zhu
Ryan Gaffney
Samuel Schmidt
Sebastian Lema
Shai Ann Kanow
Skylar Kimmel
Sloan Butler
Sloane Swenson
Soren Alldredge
Suki Zhu
Summer Jordan
Summer Weiner
Taylor Wein
Tess Oreck
Thomas Jett
Tillie Solomon
Van Fillbrandt
Vivian Porter
William Day
William Oreck
Yan Diez Barroso
Zoe Cox
Zoe Goodman