

# Around the Campfire with Sean



## Dear Camp Wise Families,

This past month has been quite a whirlwind! I am absolutely thrilled to be the new director of Camp Wise and I can't thank you enough for the kind words and outpouring of support I have received. Many of you took the time to call, leave messages, send emails, and text your congratulations. Thank you – it has meant so much to me and is truly appreciated.

Many of you, just like me, have grown through Jodi's leadership at CW. I look forward to building on all that Jodi created and I am committed to making CW the premier Jewish overnight camp in the country—second to none! While I am excited about working toward this goal, there are some things about camp that I have no intention of changing. One of the most beloved things about camp is its culture and spirit. Camp Wise is a family, it's our family, and I plan on preserving this strong sense of kehillah (community) that we all treasure.

## CW Staff is Expanding!

As CW continues to grow I am restructuring the year-round team to better serve our camp community. As part of this new model, I will be appointing two assistant directors. I am pleased to announce that Jennie Post, whom many of you know, will serve as one of the new assistant directors. Over the past five years, Jennie has held multiple roles at camp and brings enormous talent, energy, and passion for Jewish camping to our team. We have begun a national search to fill the second assistant director position and we will be hiring a full-time retreat coordinator to concentrate on growing our off-season business, which has been flourishing. I will keep you posted as our search is completed. Rest assured, you'll continue to hear the familiar voice of Cathy Becker, our dedicated camp registrar, whenever you call the CW office.

## Camp Registration is Booming!

Now some camp business. Camp is bigger and better than ever! We currently have over 600 campers registered for the 2012 summer. Yes, some age groups are full, but we still have space available, so if you haven't yet contacted the camp office to secure your spot, please pick up the phone and give us a call.

## Your Favorite Counselors and Specialists!

We have been inundated with staff applications and have already received over 90 returning staff applications with many more on their way. You'll be glad to know that many of your favorite staff members are planning on returning this summer. In the next few weeks we will be posting on the camp website ([www.campwise.org](http://www.campwise.org)) a list of hired staff so be sure to check for updates. Needless to say, it's going to be an amazing summer!

## Stay in Touch!

This summer will mark our 105<sup>th</sup> summer of operation! Did you know that we are the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest Jewish overnight camp in the country? Each summer we are graced with campers whose parents went to camp, whose grandparents went to camp, and even some whose great-grandparents went to camp. We are blessed to hear so many remarkable stories of camp memories and look forward to creating many more unforgettable experiences. Even though you no longer play gaga, canoe on our lake, or enjoy the taste of gooey s'mores remember that you are always a part of the Camp Wise family. If you have lost touch over the years we hope to hear from you soon and welcome you back home.

I look forward to working with our amazing CW friends, family and staff. Please remember my door is always open and my cell phone is always on.

B'Shalom,

Sean Morgan  
Director