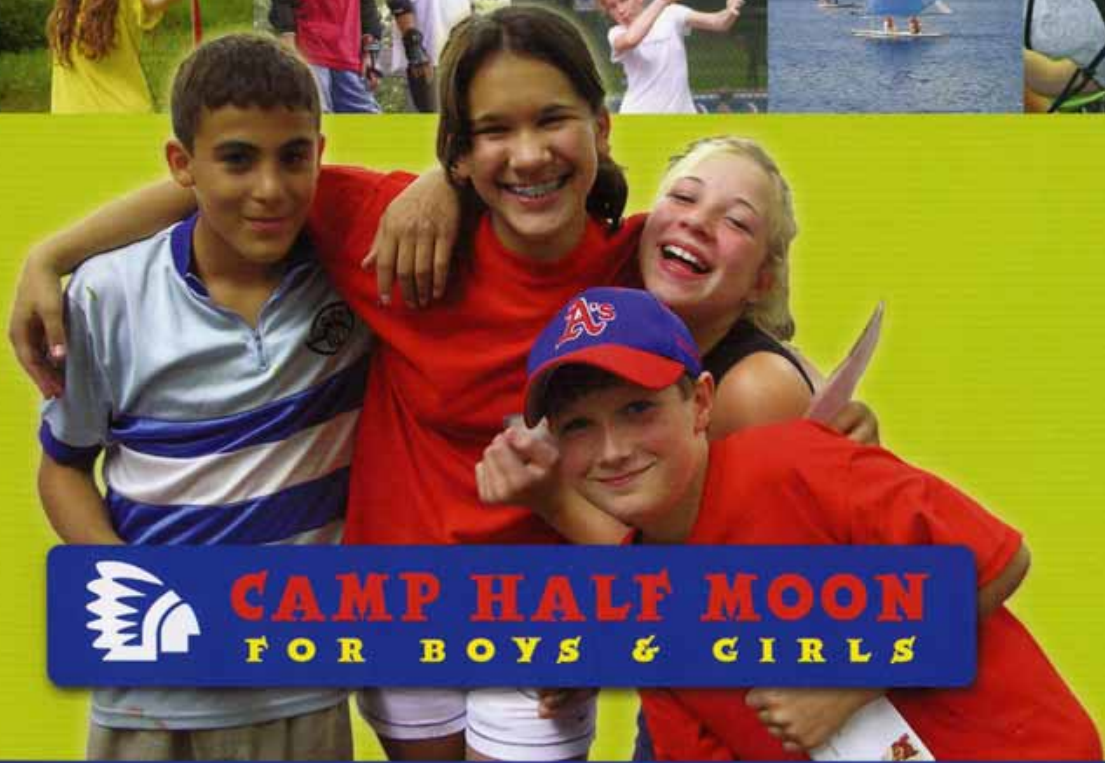




Established 1922

The Best Little Camp in the Berkshires



CAMP HALF MOON
FOR BOYS & GIRLS



A message from our Director—welcome to Camp Half Moon.

For kids, a summer spent at camp is a special time: making new friends, learning new skills, and having fun. They are creating memories that last a lifetime. Since 1922, Camp Half Moon has been helping kids explore the world around them, while learning about themselves and others.

To the families and campers who come to us summer after summer, we are known as “The Best Little Camp in the Berkshires.” One reason is our size. Our camp is small by design. Our camper to counselor ratio is five to one. Each child receives individual attention; we get to know all our campers by name. This kind of personal, individualized camping experience gives children a strong sense of importance, connection, and belonging.

As Camp Director, it has been my great pleasure to observe first hand how summer camp can transform children into strong, young adults. Camp Half Moon is proud of our heritage of building lifetime memories, summer after summer. As a part of that heritage, your children can look forward to a summer that is safe, healthy, happy, meaningful...and *fun!*

Gretchen Mann

Gretchen Mann, Director
Camp Half Moon – The Best Little Camp in the Berkshires



Pictured below: Liza, Bailey, and Allyson with their fun loving counselor, Kate.



Sound Learning Skills
STRUCTURE
SOCIAL VALUES
SPIRIT
GUIDANCE
INDIVIDUALITY

Our philosophy...

At Camp Half Moon, children are given a **structure** that grounds them and gives them the confidence to explore and to grow. To encourage exploration and discovery, we allow campers to create their own schedules by selecting activities from a weekly roster.

Our counselors are trained to provide active support in helping campers develop positive **social values**, values that enable children to meet different social challenges.

We believe in giving children **sound learning skills**, based on consistent skill improvement, rather than rigorous competition. Children gain in confidence when they are encouraged to see even small improvements as personal successes.



Our traditions...

The **spirit** of Camp Half Moon is developed in each and every camper, through interpersonal relationships and fun, exciting activities.

Campers receive consistent **guidance** in choosing activities, discovering new friendships and the routine of daily living. Discipline, when needed, is used as an opportunity for understanding how inappropriate behavior affects everyone in the group.

We encourage and respect the **individuality** of every one of our campers, while helping each child feel a part of camp life. Recognizing individual achievements in the presence of peers is the best way we know of to build and nurture a child's self image.

Creating memories that last a lifetime

“The summers spent at Camp Half Moon have been very special for our kids. They always have a wonderful time making new friends and learning new skills. They really are creating memories that last a lifetime.”

Mrs. Sarah Miller
Mother of Dan and Sue Miller



Baseball Canoeing Biking *Aerobics* Tutoring **WATERSKIING**
Hiking Cheerleading **NEWSPAPER** Soccer **Nature CRAFTS**
HORSEBACK RIDING Martial Arts Pioneering **ARCHERY Rafting**
CAMPING Diving Lacrosse **Gymnastics Guitar**
SOFTBALL TENNIS Volleyball Track & Field
DANCE Swimming Basketball Drama Ceramics SAILING
Kayaking Wrestling *Street Hockey* Woodworking Skateboarding



*Great times with great friends
from left to right, Jordan, Skyler,
Lucas and Spencer*

Our campers range in age from 6 to 15, and visit us from all over the *United States*...and all over *the world*. And our *activities program* is as diverse as our campers. Whether they want to explore and develop their skills through sports, the arts, or other areas of personal enrichment, campers will find it here at Camp Half Moon. Kids are allowed to choose which activities to participate in on a week by week basis. This allows children to choose and experience as many activities as they want. In addition, a free period at the end of the day gives campers the opportunity to take part in activities *just for the fun of it*.

The heart of our *facilities* here at Camp Half Moon is our lakeside waterfront, perfect for *sailing, canoeing, kayaking,*

comfortable, screened *cabins*. Modern *bathrooms and showers* are only steps away from almost anywhere on the campgrounds, and the girls' cabins include baths and showers right in the cabin. *Laundry facilities* are right on site, too...so parents, no mountains of dirty laundry at the end of the season!

Peace of mind comes from knowing that all campers have access to immediate and professional *health services*, if ever needed. Our *resident nurses* look after the daily health needs of our campers and counselors, and a local *pediatrician* is on call as well. (We will always *notify the parents* if a camper is ill or injured seriously enough to affect participation in the day's activities).



even *waterskiing*. The lake also includes a sliding board and two diving boards for swimming and splashing excitement. And to make sure everyone enjoys the water safely, each camper's *swimming* ability is assessed and a daily swimming lesson is scheduled for all campers below the 7th grade.

Kids can develop their athletic skills on our *tennis and basketball courts*, or on any of our well maintained *playing fields*. Campers also get to improve their riding skills with visits offsite to a real horse farm. Kids ride high in the saddle while learning to care for animals and appreciate nature.

Campers and counselors are housed in spacious,



A typical day of fun at Half Moon

“Camp Half Moon has always provided our kids with the best camping experiences—summer after summer.”

Mr. Larry Schwartz
Father of Matt, 3rd year camper



7:15	Reveille	2:00	4th Period	9:00	Junior Lights Out (Grades 2-4)
7:45	Flag Raising	3:00	5th Period	9:30	Inters Lights Out (Grades 5-6)
8:00	Breakfast	4:00	Free Period	10:00	Low Seniors Lights Out (grades 7-8)
8:30	Cabin Clean-up	5:00	Reflections	10:30	Upper Seniors Lights Out (grades 9-10)
9:00	1st Period	5:30	Wash-up		
10:00	2nd Period	5:45	Dinner		
11:00	3rd Period	7:00	Evening Program		
12:00	Wash-up				
12:15	Lunch				
1:00	Rest Hour				



Happy counselors from left to right, Caroline, Miranda and Kerry

Hygiene is an important part of the Half Moon routine, and is supervised by our nurse at all times. Clean campers are happy campers!

Evenings and weekends are the perfect time for group games, camp fires and theater. Sunsets on the lake are perfect for *twilight swims*, or *fishing*. Evenings are also a great time to relax, and reflect on the accomplishments of the day. *Weekends* include off site trips and overnight camping. The Berkshires offer the finest in culture and entertainment, including *Tanglewood* (the summer home of the Boston Symphony). For a different kind of fun, there is also the *Jiminy Peak Mountain Slide* and *White Water Rafting*.



And don't worry about the kids eating right. Our *meals* are professionally prepared, highly nutritious, and delicious. And we always offer salad, pasta and fresh fruit bars at every meal...so there's always something to *satisfy every appetite*. Of course, *special dietary requirements* are never an issue.

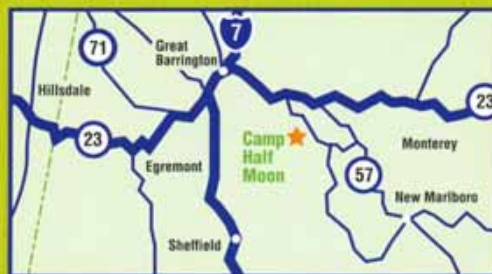
A summer camp is only as good as its staff...and *our staff* is the best (if we do say so ourselves). Our counselors range in age from 18 to 26 years, and are carefully screened and trained. And with *one counselor* for every *five campers*, our staff truly gets to know each and every camper, making for a more richly *rewarding experience* for everyone. We are also very proud of the fact that more than half of our counselors

return to us, summer after summer. This gives the kids a sense of continuity, and makes summers at Camp Half Moon *feel more like home*.

Plus, our *CIT program* (counselors-in-training), for 16 and 17 year olds, give select young adults the chance to learn and explore their own strengths and weaknesses while training with senior staff to become the *counselors of tomorrow*. *Seniors at Camp Half Moon* is a special program for more mature campers, 14 and 15 years of age. They enjoy all the *fun* and *excitement* of summer camp, while accepting additional *responsibility*. Seniors work closely with staff members, assisting with younger campers, and dining hall duties.



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Located on beautiful Lake Evol, Camp Half Moon is nestled in the heart of the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts. We are easily reached from New York, Boston, and the Delaware River Valley.



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