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# CSQ CHRONICLES

Your official Camp Summer Quest Newsletter

## WELCOME!

On behalf of all Camp Summer Quest counselors, we would like to welcome you to our 2011 summer! We are so excited to be directing such a great program, with great staff and campers. This summer will be full of field trips, activities, swimming, and fun. Safety will be our #1 priority, along with ensuring every camper has a memorable experience. We are looking forward to getting to know everyone individually. Please feel free to ask us any questions or come to us with any comments or concerns. Looking forward to another great summer! Be sure to read this newsletter each week, it has important information!

*Tracy Murphy & Dave Rebus, co-directors*



**For safety, please wear gym shoes to camp! Flip flops may only be worn at or after the pool.**

### Theme of the Week: "CSQ on Safari"

Daily activities this week have been planned by each counselor for groups, and Courtney has prepared a fun-filled Friday based on this week's theme. Look for creative crafts coming home!



**DO NOT PUT YOUR CSQ WATER BOTTLE IN THE DISHWASHER... It will melt. HAND WASH ONLY ☺**  
**There is a \$5 charge for new water bottles.**

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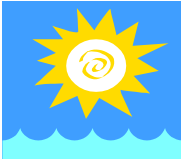





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Week 1: June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This week at a glance...

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>
<p>Welcome to CSQ!</p> <p><b>Camp Activities</b> 9am-12pm</p>  <p>Pool 1-4pmII</p>	<p><b>Camp Activities</b> <b>Whimsical Day!!</b></p>  <p>9am-12pm</p>  <p>Pool 1-4pmII</p>	<p><b>Field Trip Day:</b></p>  <p><b>Lincoln Park Zoo</b> 9-5pm</p>	<p><b>Camp Activities</b> 9am-12pm</p>  <p>Pool 1-4pmII</p>	<p><b>Theme Day:</b> "CSQ on Safari"</p>  <p>Pool 1-4pmII</p>

### Field Trip Information:

We are headed to the zoo, zoo, zoo! Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> we will be going to the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. Here is some important information to note:

**Your child must wear their yellow camp shirt. Don't forget! A loaned shirt is \$5.**

We will be leaving at 9:00am and returning by 5pm

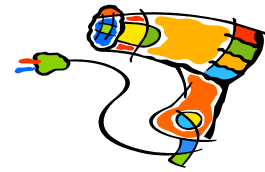
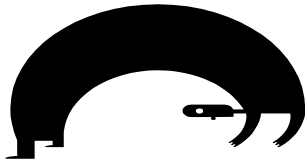
**Please do NOT bring backpacks!!! Bring a disposable lunch in a labeled plastic grocery bag.**

You may choose to give your child money. Visiting gift shops is at each counselor's discretion. Time to shop is **NOT guaranteed**. Each child will be responsible for his/her own money, and may only buy items for themselves. Counselors will not hold money.

# This Week's Events

## Theme Day This Week:

Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> is "Whimsical" Backwards and Crazy Hair Day! See how crazy you can get your hair and wear your clothes backwards to camp!!! The counselor with the most camper participation will get tickets for the raffle on Friday and also earn points for their team to get a special prize on Friday!



Thursday is Kid's Choice Activity day! Your child will get to choose 2 activities to sign up for early in the week to participate in on Thursday.

### This week's activity choices will be:

Ants on a log (no peanut butter will be used). Sand castle treats. face paint. pet rocks. opposite kick ball. capture the flag

## **MOOOOOOOO! THE C.O.W. IS ANNOUNCED!**

Every week our counselors are in a contest to see who can go above and beyond regular counselor duties. Counselors nominate one another to be named the Counselor of the Week, or the C.O.W. This week, because of her enthusiasm in training, **Courtney** is our C.O.W. Look for her wearing a COW button, and be sure to say congratulations and thanks for the hard work!!



**What do(es) my camper(s) need to bring every day?**

A backpack including:

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Sack lunch
- Green CSQ Water Bottle
- Afternoon snack



**PLEASE LABEL**  
**EVERYTHING**  
**THAT YOUR**  
**CHILD BRINGS**  
**TO CAMP**  
**WITH THEM!!!!**

**A Note on.... Sunscreen:**

Please remember that this is an outside-based camp. Unless storming, **campers will be outside from 9am-5pm, including a 3 hour pool time.** Therefore it is EXTREMELY important that campers be dropped off with sunscreen applied, as well as bring a bottle for reapplication. Campers will be encouraged throughout the morning to reapply, as well as required to do so every hour at adult swim at the pool. We use a buddy system; your camper will be paired with another in his/her group and will help each other apply sunscreen if needed. Counselors will not help apply sunscreen unless there has been a parental request, and your camper is sent with **spray sunscreen**. Thanks!

## 2011 CSQ Swimming Wristband Policy

As safety is our number one priority at Camp Summer Quest; we have developed a policy for pool time that aims to increase safety awareness for our campers, counselors, and pool staff. At the beginning of each week, campers will receive a color-coded wristband that they will be expected to wear for the entire week. The colors will be assigned based on parent recommendation indicated on the Camper Information Form and counselor observation. Lifeguards will have ultimate authority in determining swimming level; wristband color is subject to change.

### Red:

Non-swimmer: Camper is not comfortable in water or does not know how to swim.  
Camper must remain in zero-depth area or non-water areas

### Yellow:

Intermediate swimmer: Camper requires extra supervision when in deep water, no drop slides.

### Green:

Independent swimmer: Camper is confident in his/her swimming abilities and is able to be in all areas of pool

Goin' Green Camp Summer Quest  
water bottles

Each camper will receive a blue Camp Summer Quest reusable plastic water bottle and a carabineer the first week he/she is at camp. The water bottles will be labeled with the camper's name to alleviate lost and found, and the carabineer will allow for the water bottle to hang on the camper's backpack.

Our goal in providing these is to eliminate the disposable plastic water bottles with a more environmentally-friendly alternative while ensuring each camper has a water bottle every day. In order to provide incentive to the campers to bring their water bottle to camp every day, a random "Water Bottle Check" may be performed at any time by any counselor, and campers with their water bottles will receive a reward.



### Positive Language Policy

In order to promote a positive camp atmosphere, we have developed a policy that promotes the use of constructive language at camp. Under this policy, children who choose to use explicit language will be expected to call their parent or guardian and repeat the explicit language used. This will be implemented under

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## Meet Your Counselors!

### Returning Staff



Hello again! I'm Tracy Murphy, and I am back for my 5<sup>th</sup> year at CSQ, my 3<sup>rd</sup> as director. I just finished a year student teaching in Chicago, and I graduated in May from Illinois State University with a degree in Bilingual Bicultural Elementary Education and Spanish. In the Fall I will be starting my teaching career in Schaumburg School District 54 as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade dual language teacher. I am looking forward to spending another summer with the Lisle Park District and all of the new and returning campers!



Hi there! My name is Dave Rebus and I will be co-director alongside Tracy Murphy. This will be my 5<sup>th</sup> year working at CSQ. I currently attend Aurora University and I am in my final semester studying Elementary Education- hoping to one day work in a middle school. I have worked with children in a variety of programs, both through the park district and Aurora University. Over the past 6 years I have worked with children from ages five to fourteen. This summer will be very thrilling for all of the new and returning campers! I am very much looking forward to this summer, filled with fun, games, and all of the exciting days ahead of us.



My name is Kate Rebus and this will be my sixth summer as a counselor at Camp Summer Quest. I had the privilege of student teaching at Schiesher School in Lisle this past fall and am on the lookout for an elementary teaching position. I love this job so much and always have a great time! I look forward to seeing the returning campers and meeting the new campers this summer!



My name is Courtney Manning and I am returning to CSQ this summer for a third year. I'm so excited to be coming back for another fun summer at CSQ! I just recently graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in English. While I am currently looking for a full-time job, there was no way I could pass up the opportunity to work at CSQ this summer- it's just that much fun! I can't wait to see all of our old campers, and I can't wait to meet some new ones.



My name is Jay Osika and I am returning for my second summer here at CSQ. I had a great experience working as a counselor last summer, and I couldn't wait to come back for another one. I am an English Education major at the University of Illinois (go Illini!) and I will be entering my junior year. I can't wait to see all the campers and play some Under Siege and Guerrilla Warfare!



Hi! My name is Lindsey Brondyke and this will be my second year at CSQ. I am currently a junior at Illinois State University majoring in elementary education. I am very excited to spend my summer with all you campers! I had such a great summer last year and I hope this one will be even greater!



Hi, my name is Brittany Hochstetter and this will be my second summer working as a counselor at CSQ. I recently just finished all my undergraduate classes at Eastern Illinois University and will be Student Teaching this fall. I thoroughly enjoy the summer and working with kids. Last summer was a blast, but I can't wait to see what this summer has in store!

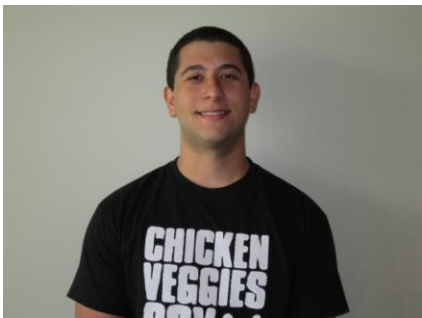


My name is Meg Carroll and I am returning to Camp Summer Quest as a counselor for a second year! In the fall I will be a junior in college at the University of Illinois studying Music Education and love being around children. I had a great summer last year and can't wait for this summer!

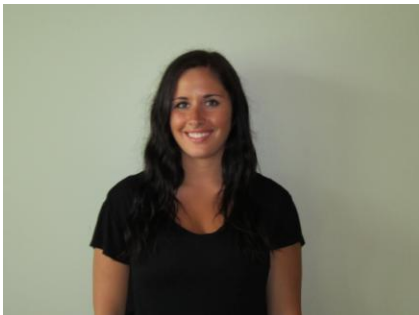
## New Staff!



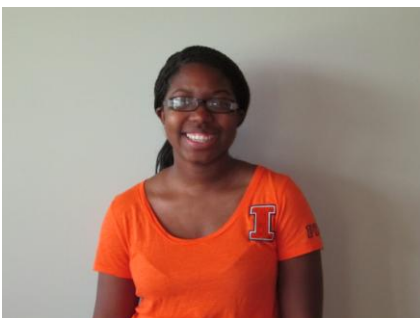
My name is Conor Taft and this is my first year at Summer Camp Quest. I am going to be a junior at the University of Kansas, majoring in Secondary History & Government Education. I am very excited to be a counselor and can't wait to meet you all!



Hey! My name is Elie Dakhoul and this is my first year working at CSQ. I am studying business at Eastern Illinois University and I have been a swim lesson instructor as well as worked guest service for the last two years. I enjoy working out, playing sports, and having fun! I'm excited to get to know all the campers, so get ready for a goood time! Woooo!



My name is Breanne Prindeville and this is my first year at CSQ. I am currently a Pre-Medical student at the University of Miami double majoring in Biochemistry and International Studies. I'm really excited to be a counselor at CSQ and am looking forward to a great summer!



My name is Ari Mann, and this is my first year as a counselor at CSQ. I have spent previous summers as a counselor for Girls in the Game in Chicago but I am really excited to be a part of the staff for Camp Summer Quest this year. I just finished my first year at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where I am majoring in Elementary Education. I love working with kids and have plenty of experience with them as a tutor, nanny, Sunday school teacher, and classroom aide. I hope to have a fun, safe summer and I am excited to meet all of the campers!



My name is Kathleen Manning and this is my first year working at Camp Summer Quest. I am excited to be a camp counselor this summer! I just finished up my freshman year at Illinois State University where I am majoring in Elementary Education. I have previously student interned at Steeple Run and Prairie Elementary in Naperville. I'm hoping that I'll see some familiar faces of students I've had in the past at CSQ! I'm looking forward to a great summer and I can't wait to meet all the campers.



My name is Lindsay Nauman and I am a new camp counselor. I have experience being a camp counselor at other summer camps and am looking forward to working for Summer Quest this summer. I am going to be a senior at Elmhurst College where I am majoring in Secondary Math Education and play softball for the college team. I look forward to an awesome summer and becoming part of a great organization.



Hi, my name is Patrick Callan and this will be my first year at CSQ. For the past four years, I have worked at Leo's Cleaners as a cashier and in customer service. I just finished my freshmen year at the University of Kentucky. I am majoring in secondary education with a focus in english and physical education. I am very excited for this opportunity to work for CSQ and look forward to having a great summer.



Hi everybody! My name is Jeff Seiffert, and I am an education major at Illinois State University. This will be my 1<sup>st</sup> year as a counselor at Camp Summer Quest, and I could not be more excited. I went to Lisle schools throughout my life and have loved the experience of growing up in this town. When I was younger, I was a camper at CSQ and now I am excited to be a counselor for a program that I participated in years ago. I look forward to a fun filled summer with all of the campers!