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WELCOME TO CAMP!

Independent Lake Camp is an exceptional co-ed sleep-away summer camp dedicated to diversity, creativity, and empowering individualized programming. Our camp offers girls and boys aged 6-17 the option of multiple session lengths. The life-long friendships and connections formed at ILC, along with the self-confidence gained, make the ILC experience lasting and unique.

Located in Orson, Pennsylvania and set in the Endless Mountain region of the Pocono Mountains in northeastern PA, we are 40 minutes northeast of Scranton or 40 minutes south-east of Binghamton, New York. Yes, our postal address says Thompson since Orson is too small for a post office!

Our area is home to several summer camps. However, ILC is unlike any of the others. Established in 1992, we have always considered ourselves non-traditional. This is due to the ILC vision that was, and still is dedicated to:

- **CELEBRATING** diversity of people, activities, places, ideas, views & beliefs,
- **PROMOTING** creativity within each camper and throughout the entire community,
- **EMPOWERING** individual growth with our elective, personalized scheduling, *and*
- **PROVIDING** a wide-range of activities for all skill levels that are rich with integrity by maintaining top-notch facilities & equipment, and employing a talented, hand-selected staff from all over the world.

ILC prides itself on the unique approach we take to creating the campers' individualized schedules. With all we have to offer, ILC is more than just a fantastic summer camp, it is a fantastic summer camp with specialties. Each camper can choose what they want to do from a wide variety of activities offered by multiple departments. We provide guidance for younger campers in their selections. And to clarify- choice does not mean unstructured. Our daily schedule provides a framework to support specialized instruction & the achievement of goals.

Independent Lake Camp has evolved into a unique, special, and positive community that aims to provide both campers &

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- **TO RESPECT** and celebrate diversity: honoring people for whom they are, in an open-minded and open-hearted spirit of trust, acceptance, recognition, and kindness.
- **TO CREATE** a safe, supportive, exciting summer of discovery during which campers experience and connect to people of all ages and backgrounds, and in the process connect to all aspects of their own diverse selves as well.
- **TO UNDERSTAND** that "fun" and "learning" should be synonyms (especially in summer!), leading to greater physical, emotional, and intellectual skills, comfort levels, and pride: observable gifts of growth with which the child returns home.
- **TO CHALLENGE** counselors, staff, and all who work with our campers, to set the standard for, and to achieve, the ideal in positive, successful, life-enriching interactions with every single child.
- **TO NURTURE** and endow young people with such a wealth of esteem for themselves, for humanity, and for the adventure and meaningful joy possible in life, that, entering the larger stage of adult community, they heal, repair, and enhance our world-at-large.

staff with a truly spectacular and rewarding summer experience. Our objective is to build such a supportive environment that all members of the Independent Lake community will advance their existing talents, accomplish personal goals, grow as an individual, and even take a risk and try something new! This growth is clearly apparent on the final day of each session- Performance Day. On this culminating day, campers are proud to show their commitment, hard work, and boosted self-confidence by formally and informally demonstrating their new skills, abilities and creations from the session.

At ILC we truly celebrate diversity. Whether a camper excels at sports, the arts or computers, it doesn't matter – all talents are valued. This is a place that works for a lot of different types of people. We respect everyone for who they are, because everyone deserves it. We encourage new ideas, energy, and creativity - that's what ILC is all about. Come as you are, share your true self.

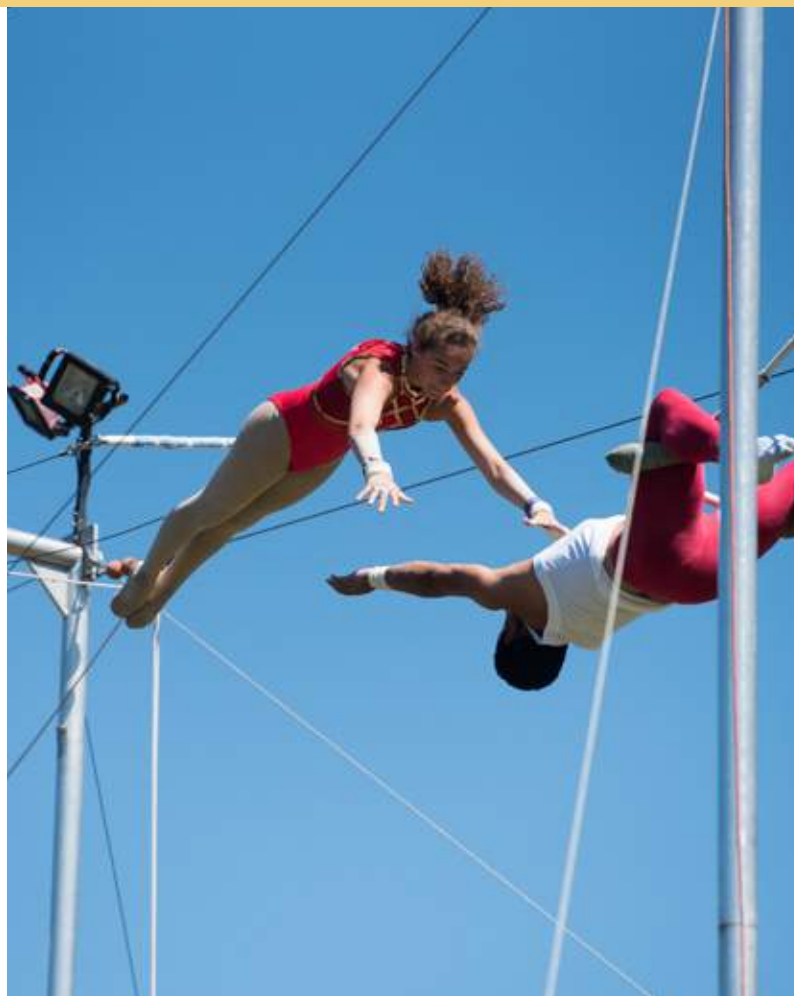
BUNK LIFE

Camp is my...home

Rest assured, the friends, connections and bonds that are made at summer camp will create ever lasting memories. From hanging out at rest hour & taking turns cleaning the bunk, to having a blast at evening activity & sharing stories with your bestie at night, bunk life is something that every kid should experience.

Most of our large cabins hold two bunks. Each bunk is comprised of 6 to 12 campers with 2 to 4 counselors, depending on the age of the campers. Each cabin has electric outlets, large banks of storage space, and indoor plumbing with a bathroom containing at least 3 toilet stalls, 3 single showers, and 4 sinks. Campers are supervised by supportive, well-thought counselors who are totally there for them.





Camp is my...chance to fly

Our circus rocks because it:

1. Is a place of fun for everyone, where no one is turned away.
2. Is just the right size; not too big (no one gets lost), not too small.
3. Offers a variety of levels (beginner to advanced.)
4. Is run by a certified camp safety director, and taught by multi-talented staff members that have passed a structured training program.
5. Is constantly changing to fit the wants and needs of the kids.
6. Offers high quality facilities and equipment.
7. Encourages campers to reach their greatest potential.
8. Supports an alternative type of physical education that also teaches teamwork.
9. Fosters invaluable experiences for both

campers and staff members, leaving a positive impact on their lives.

10. Provides a great place for kids with stage fright to have their first performing experience and boost their self-confidence.
11. Promotes a structured learning environment, but we never forget the crazy, zany fun that embodies circus.
12. Produces a crowd-favorite show; our performances amaze parents every year.
13. Nurtures and strengthens all three learning domains: cognitive (learning tricks), effective (goal-setting, perseverance, helping others), and psychomotor (timing, hand-eye coordination, gross and fine motor skills.)
14. Stimulates creativity and sparks a passion for learning in our circus-enthusiast campers.
15. Is always full of laughter!





Camp is my...varsity coach

As one of the premier Pocono mountain sports camps, at ILC you can participate in basketball, soccer, volleyball, golf, tennis, triathlon, and multiple-fitness related classes. Tournament play, inter and intra camp games also are offered. Beginners through advanced classes are available in all sports we offer.

The sports department prides itself on teaching skills, good sportsmanship, and keeping athletics fun. We have skilled instructors for the major sports like basketball, tennis, volleyball, soccer, and golf. Also offered are team and international sports, archery, and table tennis.

For campers who want to get in shape or train for an upcoming challenge, we have running clubs and weight and fitness classes.

The "Sound mind: Sound body" concept lives

at ILC. Our multi-varied fitness activities offer fun mixed with discipline and accomplishment. We strive for our campers to return home with new skills and insights, which will have a lasting, positive impact on their lives.





SOUND CITY

Camp is my...place to jam

ILC Sound City stands firmly behind the idea that the greatest bonds are built on common love for music! Sound City is comprised of campers and counselors from across the globe creating an eclectic mix of musical tastes and genres. This department puts on a variety of performances and shows throughout the summer including talent shows, open mic night, live music for our theatre production, and our camp music festival- ILC Woodstock.

We offer lessons in guitar, bass, and drums, as well as vocals and song writing. Lessons are individually tailored to the needs of every camper musician. We also offer band classes which are organized for groups of campers to collaborate and work together under the close guidance of a band manager to play a final performance at the end of the session.

The Sound City Beach Stage and the Woodstock Stage are fantastic venues to practice and perform.

Additionally, ILC has a fully equipped, purpose-built recording studio, where campers are writing, recording, producing and mixing music. Both individual musicians and group bands will receive recording time with a production engineer and get to learn the recording process. These recordings are a fantastic way to share their craft with family and friends. Electronic music and DJ classes are favorites and campers have the opportunity to DJ at camp events like pool parties, dance party celebrations, and on performance day.

The Sound City department is decked out in equipment. There is never a shortage of guitars and every area of camp has its own pumping sound system. Spend time at ILC and you will quickly realize that music is the backdrop to our camp experience.





Camp is my...clapboard

Digital Arts offers a plugged-in oasis in the thick of the Pocono Mountains forest. We offer a high-tech education that challenges everyone from newbies to pros in areas as diverse as movie making, ILC TV, computer programming, digital photography, publishing, cartooning, video editing and gaming. This cutting edge, talented and super creative staff will push your child to learn new techniques when shooting, editing, and producing fantastic ILC Digi productions that are highlighted at every meal. The department is proud of its tradition as a decidedly off-the-mainstream part of the ILC universe, with a vibe and a pace all its own. ILC Digital Arts, where being creative and smart is cool.



Camp is my...creative studio

We are the perfect meeting place between creative exploration and formal fine arts. Our facility includes a ceramic studio with 2 kilns and 5 wheels to learn to throw on, a photography program with a darkroom, and a stained glass facility. We also make art in a multitude of mediums to whet any artists appetite... including, but not limited to: drawing, painting, abstract art, cartooning, anime, candle making, jewelry, fimo, sculpture, recycled journals, watercolors, portrait painting, environmental sculpture, puppetry, recycled fashion, knitting, crocheting, junk art, tie-dye, papier-mâché, plasterwork and graffiti. Our art studio is chock full of super cool materials just waiting to be used!



PERFORMING ARTS

Camp is my...exit stage left

Our Performing Arts Department is for all ages and skill levels! In our department we encourage growth in our campers and provide a safe learning place where being different is welcome. During every session we collaborate different acts and musical numbers to be presented on Performance Day. We offer everything from Improv and Acapella to musical and cabaret shows. A session with us will leave you wanting more!

Dance staff from all over the world train these young dancers and push them to achieve a previously unimagined potential. Never danced before? That's okay! ILC offers all levels of dance. Beginner to pre-professional, all dancers can come and experience the joy of dance and have fun! Our staff have been hand picked based on their desire to lead future performers to new heights.



ROLE PLAYING GAMES



MAGIC



Camp is my...battlefield

RPG's include Dungeons and Dragons, Star Wars, Magic: The Gathering and many other games from the realms of fantasy, science fiction, horror and heroic adventure. Campers will get to hone their skills of strategy while making new camp friends who share their same interests. These are not computer games; campers work together in small groups led by a game master with an emphasis on creativity, team-work and storytelling. The games are brought to life in a fantastic activity called LARP: Live Action Role Playing. One of our most popular activities, LARPing involves battles with foam swords and shields. This is obviously a great way to get outside and get into character! For more technically oriented kids, we offer a comprehensive rocketry program with resources to build flying models that range from a few inches tall, traveling a hundred feet in the air up to massive seven foot rockets and heights measured in thousands of feet.



Camp is my...illusion

Expect the unexpected within these magic classes and you will be guaranteed to leave with a smile. Magic at ILC is taught using a uniquely fun and dynamic method involving interactive games, thought provoking puzzles, and exercises which introduce the camper to the underground science of sleight of hand and clever trickery. The department is run by experienced magicians who bestow their wisdom on campers of all ages. The classes are divided into 3 main categories: Beginners, Advanced and Illusion Workshop. Campers can also attend on a daily basis simply to learn a trick with the Trick-A-Day class.



HORSE BACK



Camp is my...pony ride

Whether you've grown up on the back of a horse or never even seen one before, all horse and pony lovers are welcome! Our 10 horses, ranging from Shadow the tiny but cheeky pony, to Quint the gentle giant, we will find your perfect horsey friend! Enjoy lessons in both English or Western riding, show jumping and dressage, stable management, & lunging lessons.

All campers are welcome to join in other horsemanship activities that allow them to interact with the horses from the ground: daily horse care, grooming & braiding, and how to tack up a horse. Riders can choose to work on skills lessons in our arena or go on a trail ride where they can view our beautiful camp from the back of a horse.



EXTREME SPORTS



Camp is my...grind

Skateboarding, BMX, rollerblading, and of course, extreme scooters are all found at the fabulously equipped ILC Skate Park containing: a half-pipe, several quarter-pipes, grind rails, fun boxes, a bank-to-wall, a pyramid, and other modular obstacles.

Learn to ride the park ramps as well as incorporate street elements & freestyle tricks to your repertoire. No need to bring anything from home- we've got you covered with all the equipment, helmets, safety guards & pads that you'll need.





Camp is my...summer oasis

Sitting on a private 100 acre lake (Independent Lake), we have a comprehensive water-ski and wakeboard program, with highly trained staff who can tweak the expert or get a novice on top of the water within days. We are equipped with power boats, sailboats, paddle boats, kayaks, and more! In the heated pool, we offer a range of activities from swimming lessons and fitness classes to pool games.

In the afternoons choose between daily pool parties with poolside BBQ treats or hang at the lake with your friends. Sit and relax on the beach, swim the lake, challenge your friends on the splash trax aquatic obstacle course, or if you are looking for thrills and spills take a tubing or banana boat ride.





AERIAL ADVENTURES



Camp is my...rock

Get ready to race your friends on the two zip lines and then work together on the Friendship ladder challenge! The Aerial Adventures outdoor course is a complex of high ropes elements including Climbing Wall Tower, Earthquake bridge, Cargo Net, Monkey vines, Pirates crossing, & of course the rush of the Giant Swing & Leap of Faith. Harness your inner ninja warrior to get through the obstacle course of wrecking balls, boxing bags & flying discs.

Then, go to our indoor climbing wall gym to work up through the various levels of routes before rappelling down. Interested in getting technical? Our staff will teach you all about different types of knots and holds, proper body positioning, climbing technique, and bouldering. There is really something for everyone so get "On Belay" and "Climb On!"



DAILY LINEUP



Something new each day!

8:30	Breakfast
9:15	Bunk Cleanup
10:00	1st Prime
11:15	2nd Prime
12:30	Lunch
1:20	3rd Prime
2:35	1st Daily
3:45	2nd Daily
4:45	Rest Hour
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Free Choice
7:30	Canteen Elkview
7:45	Evening Activity Lakeside
8:15	Evening Activity Elkview
9:00	Canteen Lakeside
9:30	Bunk Curfews start by grade

ILC takes pride in its elective program with a diverse range of options for activities. Although we are a non-traditional camp with an individualized program, we do have a set schedule, attendance is taken at each activity, and there is appropriate supervision of all campers at all times. At the beginning of each session, campers choose three different primes to be taken every day for the duration of the session. Each day at lunch, campers choose two Dailies and at dinner they will choose an activity for Free Choice.



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VISIT!**



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