



# AMERICA'S FIRST... AMERICA'S FINEST!



## Pierce Country Day Camp



### Leadership - The Pierce Supervisors

Pierce has always prided itself on the quality of its fine staff.

At the top level of our staffing flow chart are our Supervisors.

This is a group of twelve exceptionally talented and experienced camp professionals completely dedicated to the enrichment of children through the camp experience.

The staffing model here at Pierce has six Supervisors that cover our various age divisions. Kim Abrusci leads the 3 & 4 year old division, Jerry Cuffaro covers the 5 yr. olds, and Cindy Geller leads the 6 yr. olds.

Dennis Trottier heads up our 7 yr. old groups, with Jean Limbach covering our 8 yr. olds and Tony Sparacia leading our Senior/Super-Senior and CIT Fast track program.

We then have six additional Supervisors who lead our curriculum side...

Liz Silverman is our Aquatics Supervisor, Al Stillman & Stan Makover are our two Sports Supervisors, Russ Ketcham is our long time Fine Arts Supervisor with Anne Striffler heading up our Special Events and Planning division and Adam Levine handling the big job of Maintenance Supervisor.

Ours is a *Divide & Conquer* leadership strategy...

Collectively, our Supervisors have over 438 years of experience at Pierce Country Day Camp! A truly amazing amount of camp experience, unmatched in all of camping!

Our Supervisors work very closely with our Directors and Family members to insure that the care of our children and the quality of our programs are second to none!

**At Pierce...  
Everything Matters!**



### The Pierce Specialists...

The Pierce camp-wide curriculum is delivered by an exceptional group of Parent's, Coaches and Teachers.

Every single field, court, studio and program area

is headed up by a college graduate with extensive experience in their respective area of expertise.

This spirited group develops and then delivers a dynamic, sequential, age

appropriate 8 week camp curriculum.

Our goal is the growth and development of our campers.

Watching it all happen on a daily basis is truly joyful!



# The Pierce Aquatics Program

Swimming at Pierce is the backbone of our program! Seven temperature controlled pools and our hugely popular Waterworld Spray-Ground is now the largest aquatic facility in Nassau County.

Each of our pools is specifically designed to accommodate certain age groups...

The Aqua Tot pool with it's "Magic Umbrella" waterfall is perfect for our youngest campers ages 3 & 4 as they gain confidence and develop skills.

We have two Intermediate pools tailored to meet the needs of our 5 & 6 year olds, both have fun

slides in their deep ends. With plenty of surface space for excellent instruction and some great free-swim fun...

Our newest pool is our beautiful 7 year old facility, which has a one meter diving board, a pool slide and two water splash pad units to delight campers.

For our 8 yr. olds and older, we swim once a day in our deepest outdoor Senior Pool which has both a diving board and a double chute water slide, and once a day in our Olympic Indoor Pool, the Aqua Dome, which has a one meter board and 3 meter high diving board. The Aqua Dome is the

crowned jewel of day camp swimming venues on Long Island.

Of course the greatest asset to our Aquatics program is our superb waterfront staff headed up by Supervisor Liz Silverman.

Thirty-eight (NCC) Nassau County Certified lifeguards, 16 of which are (ARC) American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors (WSI's) head up our fine pool staff.

At Pierce, our campers swim twice daily. We do NOT blend ages together in a pool or mix boys & girls during swim periods.

Having 7 pools allows for this kind of exclusivity!





Air as fresh as you can get  
 crystal clear lakes  
 Beautiful mountains  
 Starry nights  
 Camp Like it ought to be!!!



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# ACTIV8... ACTIVATED A new program...

By Cindy Geller...



Pierce's new program for the eights, **ACTIV8**, began this past Thursday. All of our eight year-old boys and girls enthusiastically participated in the inaugural "choice program", which will become a weekly addition to the traditional roster of scheduled activities. The excitement and energy were palpable as the children made their selections. This club-style approach affords the opportunity for spontaneous choices immediately before the start of the program, encouraging more autonomy on behalf of the campers. The slate of options includes: Art, Basketball, Cranium Club (STEM), Field Sports, Tennis and the *Pierce Sharks* Swim Team. The activities, lasting 60-75 minutes, are coed and include a mix of campers from all of our 8's groups. This format allows the campers to enlarge their social circle, interact with more staff and focus more intently on an activity. Greater endurance and stamina paired with expanded skill instruction and competition are promoted in our sports offerings. The extended session time allows for more challenging, sophisticated and complex projects in Art and Cranium Club. The hope for our Pierce Shark swimmers is that they will participate for the full eight weeks, eventually competing in inter-camp swim meets. Ultimately, Activ8 promises to be rewarding, resulting in greater confidence and ability. The program ends each week with a communal ice cream break on the 8's deck, reinforcing the fun and social components of this venture.

## *21st Century Skills Initiative...* ([www.p21.org](http://www.p21.org))

At Pierce, we view ourselves as Child Development Specialists. We are 100% dedicated to the enrichment of children!

As such, we are constantly on the lookout for new ideas, programs and facilities that our campers will benefit through.

A few years ago we came across the 21st Century Skills initiative and adopted it into our daily programming.

In short, this is a set of "core competency" skills that researchers have found to be lacking in recent high school and

college graduates.

The trend in schools has been to cut back on music, the arts, recess and gym in favor of more academic or technological pursuits. While this may be creating a more technologically literate graduate, the commission found the current system is not creating a graduate who is best prepared to be successful out in the "real world".

The commission defined this neglected skill set as "Life and Career Skills", including the following...

- Communication & Collaboration
- Leadership & Responsibility
- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Social & Cross-Cultural Skills
- Initiative & Self-Direction

Additional skills include: Kindness, Self-Control, Creativity, Adaptability, Flexibility, Teamwork and Sportsmanship.

The camp setting is the perfect environment for campers and staff to *unplug* while working on these life skills.

