

## Windridge Times

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Hello Windridge family and friends,

We had a quiet Vermont holiday here in Stowe, and are enjoying some new snow this week! Woody, Lawson, and Beech are keeping us busy with school, ski racing, and hockey, and our pond has been

fantastic for pick-up hockey games. It's cold, but not too cold for paddle tennis, cross country skiing, sledding and a few fire pits with toasted marshmallows. Life in Vermont is pretty good - as long as you like the cold!

As we start the new year in 2022, we have been thinking a lot about how fortunate we were simply to operate last summer, and what a tremendous



challenge and immense joy it was for all of us who were able to spend some part of the summer at Teela. We were not alone in the challenges we faced at Windridge, or as a summer camp. Even



businesses that are thriving are facing new challenges and hurdles during this pandemic, and we are all attempting, as best we can, to pivot as needed and keep moving forward!

We like to think that we will come out of this stronger because of the challenge. We know the many positives we experienced at Windridge last summer far outweighed the hurdles we had to jump over to make last summer both possible and such a huge success. And we know that we still have hard work ahead to make this summer even better ... and hopefully one of our best ever!

It is always a top priority of ours to hire the very best staff. We are looking for people who are interested in making each of our campers' experience at Windridge impactful, and one that will give them fond memories and friends that will last a lifetime. We are well on our way with the hiring process and have already signed many new talented counselors, along with a nucleus of familiar faces returning from last summer.

Although Norbert is paring down his off-season duties, he continues to mentor us all in preparation for next summer. We are thankful to have his guidance and experience moving forward through this transition. We would be remiss not to mention the incredible hard work and dedication that our Associate Director, Misha, continues to provide Windridge. We are grateful that she has agreed to step up her role with us.

We have also hired two reputable outside contractors to revamp our eight Har-Tru tennis courts along with installing a new sprinkler system. In addition, we are reconditioning our red clay courts. Other upgrades are going into riding, soccer, golf, and programming. Improving our cabins and buildings is always an ongoing project.

We are also very excited about the launch of our new website, <a href="www.windridgecamps.com">www.windridgecamps.com</a>. It has been a long process behind the scenes, and is still ongoing, but we hope you will find it easy to use, and eye catching.

Our enrollment has been as strong as we have ever seen it. We are very thankful for this, as it shows us what a success last summer was, and that our families who are sending their children to Windridge are pleased with what we are offering. We will take every precaution, again, to ensure your children are safe with us. We are hopeful that the time we all spend at camp will make us forget about COVID, as we were able to last summer, and have as close to a normal camp experience as possible.

There is so much to be excited about for us at Windridge as we enter the new year, and prepare for summer's arrival. We hope to see all of you at one of our opening days, and we hope that all of our Windridge family has a happy and healthy 2022.

We look forward to seeing you this summer. In the meantime, please be in touch.

All the best,

Ramsey and Nifer



		2022 Windridge Dates	and Rates			
Regular Session Dates			Days	Cost	Riding	
Session 1	Wed	nesday, June 22 - Thursday, Jul	y 7 (ages 8-15)	16	\$4,480	\$802
Session 2	Satu	rday, July 9 - Friday, July 29 (ag	es 8-15)	21	\$5,880	\$1,037
Session 3	Sund	lay, July 31 - Monday, August 1	5 (ages 8-15)	16	\$4,480	\$802
	Stay	any two sessions and receive	a \$500 discoun	t		
Rookie Camps (first time campers ages 7-10) Dates			Dates	Days	Cost	
S1 Rookie Camp		Wednesday, June 22 - Frida	y, July 1	10	\$2,800	
S2 Rookie Camp		Saturday, July 9 - Monday, July 18		10	\$2,800	
S3 Rookie Ca	amp	Sunday, July 31 - Tuesday, A	ugust 9	10	\$2,800	

### HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TED!

We would like to wish our co-founder and owner, Ted Hoehn, a very happy 80th birthday. Ted has had an immense impact on countless campers and staff members throughout Windridge's history, and we love hearing about many people's lives he has changed and influenced. We are all so grateful for Ted's continued support, counsel, and involvement with Windridge. If you would like to reach out to Ted directly, please get in touch and email him: ted@windridgecamps.com.





#### STAY CONNECTED ALL YEAR LONG!

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#### **PROCESS OVER RESULTS**

Work ethic. Being coachable. Consistency. These are traits we value in our Windridge community, because they are things that are in our control. It will require discipline and patience in your journey of ups and downs to stay the course, but good things will happen. Not in five minutes of trying something new, and quitting on the idea that it's something you can't be successful at. Nor in a day, week, month or even year sometimes. Depending on the technique, stroke, concept, tactic- whatever it is, have a plan in place and understand what the goal is.





You must trust in yourself, and know the hard work you're putting in is paying off. Realizing that you can't do it alone is essential. You will need a team. Your parents, friends and coaches/teachers/mentors, who are all part of this journey with you. People who you communicate well with, and they communicate well with you. These relationships are built on trust, and consistency, through the wins and the losses. Have goals that are realistic, and ones that will keep you moving forward. We can all dream, but when a 10 year old who's playing a couple tournaments a year says their goal is to play professional tennis, they are likely setting themselves up for failure. Can it happen? Absolutely.

But a better goal would be to get a regional ranking. Practicing on certain areas of your game more, playing more tournaments on a regular basis, and seeing yourself improve, and feeding

the hunger in yourself to be better. That's how you will see your ranking go up. And after a year, based on how you have

done, you evaluate strengths and weaknesses, the good and the bad, and make a new plan for the next year.

And by the way, keep a smile on your face, and make sure whatever you're putting this type of time into is something that you enjoy!



#### **STAFF NEWS**

Hiring has begun full speed ahead now that we are in the new year. Applications are pouring in and our Summer 2022 team is coming together. As of now, we are excited to welcome back the following staff:

Ramsey Hoehn Nifer Hoehn Norbert Auger Misha Monticciolo Elizabeth Bremner Sophia Quinzanos Liz Delp Olivia Stephens Franco Basso Rosie Kaissar Grace Long Ximena Ronguillo Ted Wilson Maria Delgado Yesika Cardenas Mauricio Escalante Sheryl Gomez Enrique Alvarez Gerry Gomez Nicky Hernandez Connor Morgan Chef Ellen Cadrette





We are also so very excited to welcome the following new staff who will get to experience Windridge for the first time this summer. As you know, they are all in for a spectacular and unforgettable time and we welcome them with all our Windridge warmth!

James Callard
Stefi Czotter
Lazar Dobrosavljevic
Maria Giner
Lucy McCarthy
Damian Ryzinski
Clara Rodriguez

Gunther Hartmann Amy Peevers Jakub Rola Olivia Smart Jack Yu

Clint O'Neill (not new but was here years ago!)

Many more staff to come in the next couple of months as well as a great crew of JCs and CITs. If you know of anyone that would be a good fit for Windridge, make sure to let them know to get their applications in as soon as possible. Send them to our website to apply!

#### CIT AND JC PROGRAM

Our CIT (Counselors-In-Training) program is focused on developing essential leadership skills for life for our oldest campers. Successful completion of the program should prepare them to be excellent Junior Counselors but also provides them with skills that can be used in all avenues of life. Some skills we work on improving are communication, teamwork, setting goals and achieving them, developing strong relationships with others, respect, organization, creativity, and handling conflicts and solving problems. They are taught

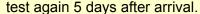


through a variety of fun and challenging activities as well as daily discussions. The CITs all have a mentor both in their specific program area and in their cabin. They have one period per day in their program where they help to teach. They will also have 2 periods per day where they meet as a group to work on the specific skills we are teaching. We are highly selective in choosing applicants for the program that we believe will be a good fit. This is important because these mature teens will be working (alongside their mentors) with the younger campers.

This summer we have a great group of CITs so far. The CITs currently enrolled in the program are Jackie Burns, Ava Donohue, Aidan Garcia, Clara John, Patrick John, Maanas Krishnaswami, Gus Mallory, Ella Lisle, Robert Monticciolo, Peter Murphy, and Kieran Parnell. We look forward to seeing the growth of each and every one throughout the session. If you will be 16 this summer and would like to join our program please email <a href="misha@windridgecamps.com">misha@windridgecamps.com</a> for more information.

#### **CURRENT COVID POLICIES**

As of now our Covid policy is as follows: Campers who are vaccinated will not be required to quarantine or test prior to, or on arrival at camp. Proof of vaccination will be required. Non-vaccinated campers will be required to test prior to arrival, isolate, and test on arrival, as well as





We have developed a comprehensive COVID-19 plan that is continually being reviewed and updated with the latest information. The plan encompasses communication, prevention, intervention, training, and response planning. It also explains how camp may be different this summer; and what will be the same. The complete plan can be found on our website.

Summer is coming, and we can't wait to be back in the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont creating the magic of Windridge. Come join us! We will be there making memories that will last a lifetime.

# **ARE YOU READY FOR TEELA - GAMES?** windridg windridg windric windridge windridge sindridge