

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT YES WE DO, WE'VE GOT SPIRIT HOW 'BOUT YOU?

Starting 6/13, it's spirit week on Hc4hcamp's Instagram!

Instructions:

We're going to post a silly picture on our Instagram. **Handle:** Hc4hcamp
All you have to do is comment the best caption you can right on the photo!
You might recognize a photo of yours that didn't make it into our last spirit contest!

1. **One caption per person per day**
2. **Vulgar/inappropriate captions will be disqualified and deleted**

Vote on your favorite caption by "liking" it within the comments section. Winners will be shown in the story the following day.

Thank You to Our Donors!

Thank you to all 2020 Camp donors during our fundraising campaign. We had approximately 120 donors from camping families, former campers, staff, trustees, and friends of Hartford County 4-H Camp. The Board of Trustees especially thanks all and funds will be expended as directed. We look forward to a positive and fun 2021 camping season!

Charles Ferguson a Dedicated HC4H Camp Volunteer

Hartford County 4-H Camp has lost a very personal friend that gave years (44) of volunteer service to many aspects of 4-H such as club leadership, Fair Association, Camp, and Auer Farm/Orchard. Mr. Ferguson always was ready to help with any camp project, especially electrical and wood. Some of the camp's major projects he helped with over the years included: 25 fantastic years as HC4H Camp treasurer, spending countless hours assisting with the Camp's past registration process. He built all the Baldwin Hall dining benches; and after Baldwin Hall collapsed he was instrumental in installing the solid pine paneling throughout Baldwin and Volunteer Halls.

Charles Ferguson, along with his beloved wife Lorraine, within one week completed stained the original Baldwin hall deck and spent a tremendous amount of time over the years trimming and clearing brush. Mr. Ferguson was also instrumental as a project facilitator and guide to Day of Caring volunteers from Travelers and Aetna. His contributions were endless.

Millions of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and their families for the hours of talents that have enriched so many lives, both directly and indirectly. He was immensely proud of his son and daughter that attended 4-H Camp as campers, teen counselors, and staff.

He had a good word and a smile for everyone! He was an amazing individual and will be greatly missed by our 4-H Camp community.

Director/Associate Director Interview

1. What's your history with Hartford County 4-H Camp?

- > **Jenn:** I started as a camper when I was 9, and then when I was old enough I became a counselor. When I was 18 I was a staff member and I taught arts and crafts. Then I joined the board for about 5 years, and now I'm the director and my kids are also campers!
- > **Nadia:** Hello my name is Nadia. I've been coming to camp since 2005. I was a camper, counselor, and staff before becoming Associate Director in 2019. I love this camp so much; I don't think I can ever part with it. I actually shaped my entire life to be here. That sounds dramatic, but it's actually accurate. I am an aspiring teacher, I love kids and education so much and I want to be at camp forever so I can continue to help create the experience that was so influential in my life.

2. What are you most excited about this summer?

- > **Jenn:** I am extremely excited for kids to be kids and teens to be teens. I feel like this whole year everyone's been cooped up and everyone's been unable to socialize and this summer everyone is able to escape that so I'm excited to be part of it!

3. Describe yourself in three words.

- > **Jenn:** Creative. Calm. Friendly.
- > **Nadia:** Only 3 words? I'm so many things! Loud. Fun. Squirrel. Not squirrel. Quirky.

4. Where on camp would you go to read a book?

- > **Nadia:** I'd say a really good secret reading location is Apache Rock. It seems like a public place, but if you sit next to it or on it, it can be really quiet. It's in the middle of camp, but you can also be whisked away to the place you're reading about. If you're looking for a book suggestion I recently read *The Song of Achilles* and it was really good.

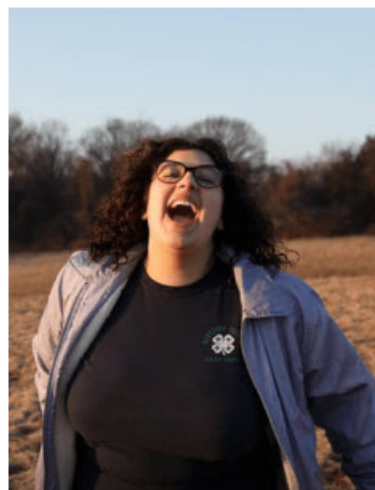
5. If you were a camper this summer, which activities would you sign up for?

- > **Jenn:** I would sign up for Outdoor Cooking, Nature, and Arts and Crafts. Those are the main three, but if Nadia taught Knitting, then Knitting and Guitar, because I really want to learn guitar.
- > **Nadia:** I wish all the time that I could start over and be a camper again. If I could this summer, I think I would probably take Arts and Crafts, Drama because I live for the drama, and then Outpost [camping] because I never tried that as a kid and I regret that.

Camp Director: Jenn Paragone



Associate Director: Nadia Wentzell



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Summer 2021

We may have to run a little bit differently this year, but the Spirit of Camp is still the same!!! We're very excited to get back in the swing of things after remaining closed for Summer 2020. It has taken an immense amount of time, effort, and flexibility from countless volunteers to plan and execute everything to make this summer safe and fun for our campers, counselors, and staff. Some major differences from previous summers include adding outdoor shelters (pavilions) in various high usage areas, building a second entrance to the Grant House that opens directly into Nurse's office, and running a weekly day camp that is open to campers as young as seven years old. If you have the means, and would like to donate to Hartford County 4-H Camp, donations can be made by scanning the QR Code to the left.

This Camp Chatter is Dedicated to Lori Skinner

Lori Skinner was a former staff member and valued member of our camp board. In her short time on the Board of Trustees, she left a memorable mark on all of the people she met. People who worked with Lori at camp knew her as kind, energetic, and always ready to lend a hand. You would always find her at a teen weekend smiling and sharing a laugh while helping in the kitchen. Lori was a wonderful friend and confidant and will be sorely missed in our camp community.

If fellow alumni, parents, campers, or counselors are interested in being added to our distribution, please direct them to hartfordcounty4hcamp.org so they can subscribe to our mailings.

This Camp Chatter wouldn't be made possible without support from Alyssa Bloomquist, Nadia Wentzell, Emily Bengtson, and Peggy Forman.