



Grains of Sandy July/August 2024

It's hard to describe the pleasure I get from seeing each week of the summer come to Sandy. Angelo sometimes talks about the highs and lows of driving the boats on Saturdays. One boat has tearful, quiet, tired yet fulfilled campers (maybe even a few sobbing teenagers, I know I was one of those) and the next boat is full of expectant, joyful campers talking with old friends they haven't seen in a year.

It gives me joy to see everyone come here and eat together and play together, laugh and share stories of the ups and downs of the previous year of life. I was recently reading the Sands of Time, the book that was created to celebrate the first 100 years of Sandy Island. The very first sentence by Walter E. Jones really grabbed me "In the history of summer camps, a fiftieth anniversary is a rare event". If 50 years is rare then 100 was more so and here we are, 25 years later. 125 years is not an *insignificant* thing. Sandy really IS a treasure.

We can worry about our kids growing up in an age of technology, with no face-to-face interactions. Yet Sandy is an oasis away from that if we let it be. We are losing our ability to sit down and have true meaningful conversations with one another. Yet at Sandy we can talk easily with people who may not agree with us. This is the magic of Sandy, we put down our phones and talk, we play with friends. The time and space we give ourselves when we are here is a gift.

Do not underestimate that gift and how necessary it truly is in the world we are living in right now. This gift that you all give to one another gives me pleasure. Thank you all for summer 2024. If you have already been here, it was wonderful to see you. If you are yet to come, we can't wait.

-Leea Regan, Assistant Director summer 2024

Here at camp, we are celebrating all things 125! There is a **bulb making station** in the craft

shop, a **scavenger hunt** in the office, and **trivia night** is chock full of 125 fun! **Make sure you get to do it all!**



Have you signed up for the Gala yet? Purchase your tickets [here](#)

As you prepare for camp, check out this link with answers to many of your questions. This [camper resources page](#) was created especially for you and will be updated throughout the summer.

This page also has links to our Facebook group as well as many camper-coordinated week specific Facebook groups if you would like to start following us on Facebook!



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