

## A Letter from the Directors

Dear Danbee Families,

Another magical summer has ended and we trust that our campers have adjusted nicely back into their school year routines. Fall is well underway and as summer 2018 moves further into the background, we love to reflect back on our time at camp. We find ourselves smiling because we feel inspired and proud of the way our campers supported one another. Whether it be taking the risk to step on stage, participating in the soccer tournament or finally standing up on water skis, these achievements were helped to be made possible by the encouragement of friends. From our epic Leagues Break to Banquet and everything in between Danbee girls make us proud! Small acts of encouragement from friend to friend ended with BIG rewards and we hope that our campers continue this positive attitude throughout the year.

As always, we love to see pictures of our campers showing off their Danbee pride as well as hearing all about how they are doing in the "off-season". We encourage you to keep sending us pictures of special moments and to please keep in touch with us. We love hearing from you!

See you soon,

*Jay Mack Jackie Lauren Courtney*



## IMPORTANT CAMP DATES SUMMER 2019

### New Camper Luncheon

Sunday, May 5

### Opening Day

Saturday, June 22

*(please note change in day of the week)*

### Little Sister Sleepover

Saturday, July 13

### Visiting Day

Sunday, July 14

### Danbee in 4 Departs

Saturday, July 20

### Danbee in 3 Arrives

Sunday, July 21

### Discovery Weekend

Friday, July 26 - Sunday, July 28

### Closing Day

Saturday, August 10

*(please note change in day of the week)*

**WBV girls are allowed to leave camp on Saturday morning, July 13 at 9:00 am and must be back by 3:30 pm on Sunday. They are welcome to attend all of visiting day on Sunday.**

## Getting to know Jackie

I am thrilled to be a part of the Danbee family. As we get to know each other, I thought I would share a few facts about me that you probably don't know yet.



- **I make the most incredible chocolate chip cookies on the planet!** I have a secret ingredient that makes them the chewiest, yummiest cookies you'll ever have. Maybe I'll make a special appearance in Culinary Arts in 2019.
- **When I was seven years old, I got lost in New York City.** I walked 13 blocks, wearing a bright blue snow suit (on my way to where my Dad worked) before the NYPD found me and brought me back to my family! My mom still gets upset when we talk about that day.
- **After many years of making name tags and posters for everyone,** my camp friends convinced me to make my handwriting into a downloadable font! It's called Jackalicious.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know even more of our Danbee girls and their families. Feel free to reach out to me to say hello! My email is [jackie@campdanbee.com](mailto:jackie@campdanbee.com).

## Lucky Girls!

**Danbee campers get to celebrate Halloween twice!**

One of our favorite special events at Danbee is Halloween and we love that our campers bring their costumes with them to camp. Please keep in mind that we feel strongly about pre-planned bunk Halloween costumes. We want everyone to feel included and this is sometimes missed when planning for Danbee Halloween in the "off season". If the girls would like to dress up together, costumes can easily be made as a bunk at camp!



## Straight from the mouths of our campers...

### The one thing that makes Danbee special for me is:

- Sleeping in a bed next to my best friends
- The amount of spirit
- We get to be ourselves and experience things we would've not been able to do anywhere else
- Everyone was so accepting even though it was my first year, I have so many friends!!
- GirlPower
- I can be myself
- Camp brings out who you are
- Having sisters who care about you and make sure you're having a great time
- The traditions
- Dancing after meals

## DANBEE GIVES BACK!

Thank You! Because of your support and the hard work from our campers



our Swim-A-Thon raised over \$4000 for Camp Champions. The mission of Camp Champions is to help to provide children in need from New England the opportunity to thrive at summer camp. They believe there is no greater gift than the gift of a summer camp experience! And, that every child deserves to benefit from the powerful experience we call camp. We at Danbee couldn't agree more!



# FALL PROGRAM FOCUS

## Danbee Gymnastics Program led by Jennifer Rochefort



At Danbee we take pride in offering our girls the best possible instruction led by highly skilled staff members. This fall, would like to highlight our Gymnastics program led by Jennifer Rochefort.

### What is your job in the off season?

When I'm not at Danbee, I work as an assistant coach for the gymnastics team at Southern Connecticut State University, where I graduated in 2016. I get to work alongside my former coach and former Danbee Gymnastics and Cheerleading Director, Jerry Nelson, which has been nothing short of amazing! I primarily coach floor, and I also manage the social media accounts for the team and assist in the recruiting process.

### How many years have you been at Danbee?

Summer 2019 will be my 3rd year at Danbee. I can't wait to be back in the Berkshires!

### What is your favorite thing about Danbee?

My favorite thing about Danbee is the positive, welcoming environment. It's a place where you, whether you're a camper or staff member, can truly be yourself – you don't need to hide behind makeup or act differently to impress anyone. Everyone accepts and loves you for who you are.

### What is your favorite memory that happened in the gym this past summer?

This past summer, I introduced something called the "new skill bell." When the girls got a new skill, they rang the bell and the whole gym stopped to watch them. I loved seeing so many girls accomplish so many new skills.

### What is your favorite gymnastics skill that you have mastered?

My favorite event is beam. I would say my favorite skill that I used to do was a backhandspring back layout step out on beam.

### What are some fun facts about you?

I'm a certified elementary school teacher. I really love Chick-fil-A.



## OUR COMMITMENT TO EMPOWERING OUR GIRLS

MediaGirls, an organization that teaches girls and young women to harness the power of media for positive changes was the perfect pairing for our campers. Ask your daughter what she learned and how she feels she can use social media in a positive way.

**Be on the lookout.... Our Empowerment Issue will be out soon.**





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## **DID YOU KNOW?** Interesting Facts About Camp Danbee...

- 1** Peru Massachusetts is the highest inhabited town in Massachusetts, elevation 2,064
- 2** Danbee has over 250 acres including the mountain across the street by the stables.... Nice spread!!
- 3** Did you know that Danbee was originally going to be an all boy's camp...opening was delayed one year and was switched to an all girl's program in 1950. Whew.
- 4** WIZBOP represents the first letter of the last names of the first Wel-B-Yon.
- 5** Acres moved across the street to the lake side of the camp in 1999. It was originally the brainchild of former Danbee Director Jim O'Neill.
- 6** Danbee was originally a working farm owned and managed by the Ford family. The Mess Hall was their dairy barn.
- 7** Charles Ford, a Revolutionary War veteran, is buried along with his wife and two children off the trail to "old Acres"
- 8** The land that is now Camp Danbee has been lived on since the 1700's.