

# THE CROSLEY COMPASS

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CAMP CROSLEY CAMPER NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME BACK, MARK!!!**

Great Scott!!!

One of my favorite childhood movies was 'Back to the Future.' To commemorate the movie, for Halloween my family decided to do our best impersonation of the movie by dressing up like Marty McFly and turning our vehicle into the futuristic DeLorean. While I am disappointed that we don't have commercially available flying cars and hover boards, the movie itself reminded me of some very important life lessons.

The movie brings up the lesson that the past can help you appreciate the present. When you look into the past and you understand the decisions based upon what the individuals and group think and feel at the time, it can help you understand them and the situation better. When we learn about the past, it can put those decisions into context and enlighten us more about the present.

I can't tell you how excited I am to be in the position as the new Executive Director of Camp Crosley YMCA. There have been a large amount of wonderful and passionate people that have dedicated their time, talent, and treasure to ensure the camp's legacy. In looking back at the 100 years of impact this place has had on the community, I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to continue the life changing experience that families and campers have come to know.

As I reflect on the movie one last time, I'm reminded that if understanding the past helps you appreciate the present, then it allows you to know the future is not yet written. I realize we do not need a flying, time travel DeLorean to ensure Camp Crosley's future will be great. That responsibility will fall on the wonderful volunteers, staff, and families working hand in hand to ensure the next 100 years will have an even greater impact on the community. To me what's amazing is I get to be a part of this great story and its next chapters.

I am looking forward to seeing what Camp Crosley can be, and working with all of you to ensure your camp experience is life changing. Please feel free to contact me how you can get more involved with camp. I would love to hear your Crosley story.

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Live for Others

Mark Battig

## HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE!

- Welcome back, Mark!
- REGISTRATION IS OPEN for Summer 2019!!
- Notes from Priscilla
- Get to know the Counselors
- Camp Memories
- Friendship Bracelets
- Renee's Recipes

## DID YOU ENJOY THIS ISSUE?

Share this newsletter with your friends! Let them know how much you enjoyed camp and invite them to join you at Camp Crosley next summer!!

**Register online for  
WINTER TEEN CAMP!**  
December 28-December 30  
Limited spots available  
[www.campcrosley.org](http://www.campcrosley.org)

**SEE YOU SOON!**

Get ready for Summer 2019!

## NOTES FROM PRISCILLA

### Hi Campers!

Fall is coming to a close here at camp, and all the gorgeous leaves are falling. Soon snow will be on the ground, and Katy, and I will see all kinds of animal tracks when we go for our daily walks.



At work, I am busy interviewing and hiring summer staff for next summer and helping plan for our 104<sup>th</sup> year of summer camp, but when I get home I spend a LOT of time driving my daughters, Kai and Brynn around to all their activities. They are freshmen in high school now...I remember when they were mini campers, and I was dropping them off for their first time in Apache cabin. Y'all grow up too fast!

I want you to know how special you are to me. My FAVORITE thing about camp last summer was visiting cabins with Katy in the evenings. I loved hearing about your families, and your pets and all the things that make you special. My SECOND favorite thing was singing "Linger" with you all on Friday nights and getting lots of hugs and "see you next years." I even loved all the tears because it meant you made good friends and great memories. You are what make camp, camp, and you BELONG here. Always.

It's going to get quiet here for the next few months, and I'm going to spend most of my time working with our staff to make sure we give you an even better summer than last year. We are always looking for opportunities to be CARING, HONEST, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE, and we hope you haven't forgotten the STARFISH STORY, and that you are making the difference in the life of just one person.

Cheers!

**Priscilla**



## GET TO KNOW THE MANAGERS

Every summer almost ninety people from all over the world come to Camp Crosley to be camp counselors and managers! These great people work tirelessly to give each and every camper an amazing and unforgettable summer experience. I'm sure you remember your counselors and everything they did to help you have a great time meeting new friends and trying new things! Let's get to know some of these special people a little better. Maybe being a counselor sounds fun to you. Check out the Leader in Training program when you turn 16!



### Meet Kerygan LaVine

Kerygan is at Ball State studying Exercise Science to become an Occupational therapist.

Some of her camp favorites include:

- Pebbles skit
- 60s Beach Party song
- Watching the sunset over the lake

Her top three camp memories include turning the chapel into a haunted house, chanting "flush the turd" while Priscilla went down the Wet Willy and getting to hang out with all of the campers!



Here's what Kerygan hopes you learned while you were at camp:

"I hope that campers learned that they always have a place at Camp Crosley, no matter who they are or what their background is. The friends they (you) make here will be friends for life."



### Meet Madysen LaVine

Madysen is at Ball State studying to become a nurse. Some of her camp favorites include:

- I Am A Counselor skit
- The Littlest Worm song
- The ampitheatre

Her top three memories are baking brownies with Balckfoot cabin in the house at the top of the hill, flushing the "big turd", the haunted chapel for Halloween!

Here's what Madysen hopes you learned while you were at camp:

"I hope you learned that camp is a place where you can just be yourself, and that you realized that being yourself is pretty awesome! I hope you also learned that camp is a home and a safe haven for

**Fun Fact!!**

**Madysen and Kerygan  
are twin sisters!**

# MEMORY LANE

## CAMP CROSLEY THEN & NOW

**1980's**



**2017-2018**

**Camp Crosley YMCA**



**Because FUN is timeless!**

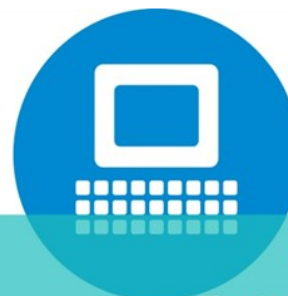
## SHARE YOUR FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY!!

Everyone has a favorite memory from Camp Crosley! Maybe you enjoyed opening campfire, cabin games, watching the sunset or riding horses. Maybe you made a new best friend, did something really silly or learned something new about yourself. Whatever that memory might be, we'd love for you to share it!

In each Crosley Compass we will be sharing Camp Crosley Memories. Send your story to [crosleyfrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:crosleyfrontdesk@gmail.com). If your entry is chosen for the newsletter, we will send you a fun prize! We can't wait to hear from you.

## REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP 2019!

Whether it's Overnight Camp, Day Camp or Mini Camp, registering for Camp Crosley is easy with our online application! Visit [www.campcrosley.org](http://www.campcrosley.org) today to get registered for an amazing camp experience!



Online Registration  
Made Easy  
Sign Up for Summer Today!

## FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS



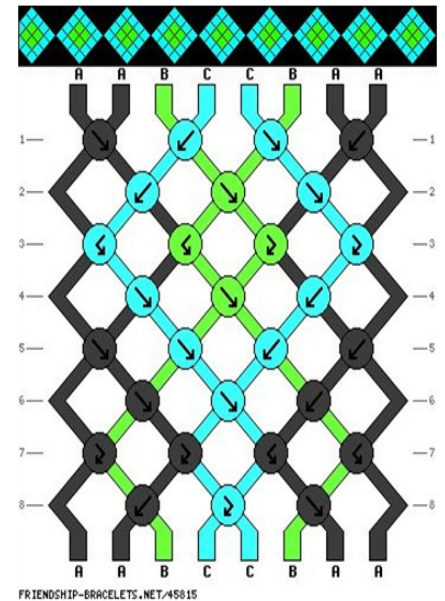
**Making and sharing friendship bracelets is a favorite camp activity**

Colorful, hand-woven “friendship” bracelets have been popular in the United States since the 1970’s. Some people think the bracelets originated in South America, but some of these knots can be traced back to China from 481 to 221 BC. That’s a long time ago!

These special bracelets are made and exchanged with others as a sign of friendship. There are tons of fun patterns to try in all sorts of color combinations. Each bracelet is as unique and special as the person who made it and the person wearing it.

According to tradition, you wear the bracelet until it totally wears out and falls off. This is to honor the work and love your friend put into making it.

## Try this simple friendship bracelet pattern!



## RENEE'S RECIPES

### Baked Mac and Cheese

**3 cups uncooked macaroni**  
**½ cup butter**  
**1 tsp salt**  
**½ tsp pepper**  
**½ cup flour**  
**3 ½ cup milk**  
**2 cups shredded cheddar ( You can add more to make it very cheesy.)**

Cook macaroni as directed. Drain and set aside. Melt butter in a saucepan and whisk in flour and salt and pepper. Cook until smooth and bubbly. Stir in milk, heat to boiling. Stir in cheese and macaroni. Put in a sprayed 9x13 pan. Mix together: ¾ stick butter and 2 pkg. crushed ritz crackers and spread on top. Bake at 350 for 30 min.

## Thanks Renee!!

Renee is the Camp Crosley chef. She and her kitchen staff provide all the yummy meals and snacks for almost 2500 campers and staff each summer! WOW! That’s a lot of food!! She also makes sure that all the groups we serve throughout the year have delicious things to eat while they are here. This baked Mac and Cheese recipe is a favorite. Why not make up a batch for your family? Luckily you don’t have to make enough for the whole camp!