

CAMP KENAN 2010

Celebrating 86 Years of Camping!



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities

www.campkenan.com



History

William R. Kenan Jr., the late philanthropist, inventor, humanitarian and benefactor of many organizations in Lockport and elsewhere, made it possible to establish the camp. The suggestion to develop a camp for children from the local area was made by John Tagg, the late general secretary of the Lockport YMCA. Mr. Kenan was delighted by the idea.

Seven acres of land along Lake Ontario was acquired by Mr. Kenan in 1924, and the first camping season began. Although facilities were primitive, it was deemed a huge success and plans were developed to expand operations the following year.

Generous grants were made each year by Mr. Kenan and are still made today by the Kenan family to maintain, expand, and improve camp. These donations have made it possible to erect cabins for campers, build housing for staff, provide a state of the art dining hall and build a two-story recreation hall. The Lockport Family YMCA is grateful for the commitment the Kenan family has made to preserve and enrich the vision of William R. Kenan Jr.



"Mr. Kenan was delighted to develop a local camp for children."

Dear Parents,

For 86 years now, YMCA Camp Kenan has been providing kids with a safe, fun, and positive camp experience. Camp Kenan provides the ideal setting for all youth to make new friends, learn and develop new skills, gain an appreciation for the natural environment and create memories to last a lifetime.

Every day at Camp Kenan, campers are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including swimming, crafts, or sports. They will work with cabin mates to complete a ropes course challenge, create a skit, or clean their cabin. Other activities campers may take part in could include rock climbing, capture the flag, or singing songs and telling stories.

At Camp Kenan, participants are given the unique opportunity to develop character values such as caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. They also build basic teamwork skills such as cooperation, communication, trust, and of course having fun!

The most important and valuable aspect of Camp Kenan is that campers are given the opportunity to be kids. They get to play, laugh, sing, and learn about themselves.

Attending summer camp is a rewarding experience that any child will cherish and remember for years to come. Enclosed you will find valuable information about our program and a complete schedule and description of our camper weeks. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at (716) 434-8887 during the winter or (716) 795-3031 during the summer.

In the Spirit of Camp Kenan,

Matthew J. Strusienski

Director, YMCA Camp Kenan



Staff

Matt Strusienski
YMCA Camp Kenan Director

Camp Director:
2006-Present

Staff Member:
2000-2006

Education:
BBA-St. Bonaventure University

First Time Attended Camp:
1994

Favorite Camp Activity:
Athletics

Favorite Food:
Chicken Nuggets

Director Advice:
Be Safe and Have FUN!

Camp Kenan Staff are carefully selected and highly trained to provide a safe, fun, and challenging camp experience.

They are chosen for their enthusiasm and ability to be a positive role model for children. All staff and employees of YMCA Camp Kenan voluntarily submit to extensive back-ground and reference checks before becoming employed and are trained prior to the start of the camp season.



Facilities

Located on more than 50 acres along the Lake Ontario shore, Camp Kenan is settled in a beautiful, natural environment. Camp Kenan is home to 15 centrally located rustic cabins that house 10-12 campers weekly.

Camp Kenan offers a variety of program facilities including:

- Fully Winterized Mess Hall
- 4 Lane Swimming Pool
- Recreation Hall with Indoor Climbing Wall
- Ruth Natemeier Memorial Climbing Tower
- Newly Expanded Low Ropes Course
- 5 Element High Ropes Course
- Recently Remodeled Outdoor Education Lodge
- Archery Range
- Lake Ontario Waterfront Access for Swimming and Boating
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Basketball Courts
- Soccer Field
- Hockey Court



"When I was a camper some of the coolest people in my life were the counselors at Camp. Now some of the coolest people in my life are the campers. It's great to watch the campers grow from summer to summer as more kids discover the magic of camp."

Former Camper, CIT & LIT Counselor 2003 to present
Jillian Ferris



Info Meetings

Parent Information Meetings

YMCA Camp Kenan will be holding Parent Informational Meetings at the Lockport YMCA, 19 East Ave., Lockport, from 7-8:30 p.m., on the following dates:

- **Monday, March 22**
- **Wednesday, March 24**
- **Tuesday, March 30**

Learn more about Camp Kenan and the wonderful programs it offers. The Camp Director will present a slide show and host a question and answer session immediately following. Register your child for overnight camp after the meeting and receive a Camp Kenan Gift Pack. The Gift Pack includes one coupon for \$10 off each week registered, a \$5 Camp Kenan script book, and a Camp Kenan t-shirt.

For more information contact the Lockport YMCA at (716) 434-8887.

Camp Kenan Family Camp Friday May 21 – Sunday May 23

Families are invited to join us for our 2nd Annual Family Camp Weekend to be held **May 21-23, 2010**. This popular program gives families a chance to bond while enjoying all the fun activities and beautiful Lake Ontario scenery that Camp Kenan has to offer!!! Highlights of the weekend will include:

- Opening and Closing Campfire programs
- Swimming in the Anne C. Crofts Memorial Pool
- Canoeing/Kayaking in Lake Ontario
- Rock Climbing
- Hiking
- Arts & Crafts

And much more!



The small per person fee to register for this event includes 2 nights stay with your family in one of our "rustic" cabins, 5 Camp Kenan meals, and access to all Camp Kenan activities.

Costs:

YMCA Members: \$50 **Non Members:** \$75 **Ages 5 and under:** FREE

Registration forms available at Lockport Family YMCA or www.campkenan.com.

*All participants over age of 5 pay \$25 Deposit at time of registration. All children under 18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. For questions or information regarding Family Camp, please contact us during the winter at (716) 434-8887.

Camp Kenan Open House

An Open House for YMCA Camp Kenan will be held **Sunday, June 6** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Camp Kenan, 8571 Lower Lake Rd., Barker, NY 14012.

Find out all about summer camp at Camp Kenan by touring camp with counselors and staff.

Refreshments will be provided and kids of all ages will be encouraged to participate in games and activities such as our rock-climbing tower. The Camp Director will be present to answer questions and register campers. Register your child for overnight camp at the Open House and receive a Camp Kenan Gift Pack. The Gift Pack includes one coupon for \$10 off each week registered, a \$5 Camp Kenan script book, and a Camp Kenan t-shirt.

"At Camp Kenan I have built friendships that have survived distance and time. The camp stories my friends and I share are always the same. The memories never grow old, they just get better and the laughter gets louder."

Year Round Camp Kenan Retreats



Camp Kenan is a great place to get away for outdoor education, team-building, retreats, or conferences.

The Camp Kenan ropes challenge course and our expertly trained staff offer unique challenges to groups of any skill level. Groups that have benefited from our programs include middle schools, high school football teams, college leadership groups, and local businesses. For more information or reservations call the Camp Kenan Office at (716) 795-3031 or the YMCA at (716) 434-8887.



Summer Residence Camp

Summer residence camp at Camp Kenan provides children with the opportunity to make life-long friends, learn new skills, grow as a person and have fun. Camp Kenan achieves a balance between instruction and recreation, activity and relaxation, as well as group and individual accomplishment. This makes each day enjoyable as well as exciting.

Safety is our primary goal during your child's stay at Camp Kenan. Camp adheres to strict standards created by YMCA Services. Camp Kenan is licensed by the Niagara County Health Department, as well as accredited by the American Camp Association.

A Registered Nurse or Emergency Medical Technician lives on site and the camp infirmary is equipped to care for accidents and temporary illness. Hospital facilities are located less than 15 minutes away in Newfane, NY.

Each day, campers attend four instructional activity periods as a cabin group. Campers also enjoy three supervised free times each day where they may choose from activities such as swimming, rock-climbing, crafts or archery.

Every Wednesday is devoted to the theme of the week (except Olympiad Week). Campers participate in a wide array of themed activities. Staff members dress up in costumes and prepare for an exciting and memorable day!

The program at Camp Kenan is an experience in community living, where all campers must pitch in and do their part. This is the type of environment where character blooms and children find themselves. Parents often comment on the sense of responsibility their children have after arriving home.

"As a former camper, who hadn't returned to Camp Kenan for over 25 years, it was great to see some of the same buildings and traditions. It was also great to see how things have changed and improved as well."

Parent, Dave Collins

PS: Please pass on a hello to the Old Grey Goose for me!



Sessions

See registration link at www.campkenan.com

Daily Schedule

- 7:45 Wake Up Call
- 8:15 Flag Raising / Morning Thought
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Cabin Cleanup
- 9:30 Activity Period 1
- 10:30 Activity Period 2
- 11:30 Free Time
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Rest Period
- 3:00 Activity Period 3
- 4:00 Activity Period 4
- 5:00 Free Time / General Swim
- 5:55 Flag Lowering
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Free Time
- Camp Store Open
- 8:00 Evening Program
- 9:15 Call to Quarters
- Bedtime

Swim Camp

July 4 - July 10

This new specialty program offers participants ages 7-14 the opportunity to spend a week at Camp Kenan, while improving their swimming abilities. Participants will work with certified YMCA staff and local area coaches twice a day (Monday thru Friday) - Emphasizing all four competitive strokes, starts, turns, finishes, body streamline and bi-lateral breathing. SPOTS ARE LIMITED! Sign up early.

Mud, Sweat, and Glory

July 4 - July 10

Camp's most popular week of the summer! SIGN UP EARLY. This ACTION PACKED Adventure week is filled with camp activities, games, and challenges that can help anyone achieve greatness!

Survivor: Camp Kenan

July 11 - July 17

This Adventurous and Spirit filled week has returned yet again and will yet again be full of camp games, tasks, and challenges that will challenge participants in Spirit, Mind, and Body.

NEW! Sports-A-Palooza

July 18 - July 24

This BRAND NEW "mini" Olympiad will provide campers the opportunity to participate in a variety of classic sports, games, and activities. Focuses of the week will be the spirit of competition, sportsmanship, learning new skills, and improving upon existing talents.

Wild, Wild West

July 25 - July 31

The Wild West is BACK at Camp Kenan. Come along on a Gold Rush, stop by the Kenantown Carnival, but get to the bank before the outlaws get your loot!

Olympiad

August 1 - August 7

This Camp Kenan CLASSIC has returned yet again! From opening to closing ceremonies there is never a dull moment! More sports, spirit, and friendly competition than one could imagine!

Hollywood Week

August 8 - August 14

Come share your talents with your cabin mates. Perhaps learn new talents while at camp! Will your cabin win a talent competition? Is Camp Kenan the new "Hollywood" or "Broadway"? Which Hollywood stars will show up at Camp Kenan? Attend this week at camp and find out!

NEW! Where the Wild Things Are

August 15 - August 21

Come experience a week full of mythical creatures, songs, stories, and good ol' camp FUN!!! The experiences and memories should last a lifetime!

LIT Session I

July 4 - July 17

LIT Session II

July 18 - July 31

A two-week Leader In Training Program with emphasis on teambuilding, adventure challenge, character development, travel, and fun! Program includes Kayaking and Hiking experience to Golden Hill State Park and participation in a camp related service project. Must be age 15 prior to attending camp.

CIT Session I

July 4 - July 24

CIT Session II

July 25 - August 14

A three-week formal training program for young adults who enjoy working with children and the camping experience. Must be age 16 prior to attending camp. Must complete formal application available at Lockport YMCA.

Leaders in Training

The Leaders in Training Program is a chance for teens to enjoy all that Camp Kenan has to offer. Campers who are 15 years of age prior to date attending camp can participate in this two-week special program for teens. LIT's create their own schedule under the guidance of the Camp Kenan Staff.

Activities will have an emphasis on teambuilding, character development, and fun. Camp service projects, a two-day canoe trip, and leading evening programs are examples of special activities for these teens. A great program to begin the transition from camper to counselor. Spots are limited for this program and fill up quickly!

Counselors in Training

We place great emphasis on developing our future staff members with an exceptional C.I.T. Program. Campers who are 16 years of age prior to date attending camp or who have completed our L.I.T. Program may apply for this special three-week program. Our program provides formal training for young adults who enjoy working with children.

Camp Kenan is proud to provide this program at a discounted rate. More than half of our current staff members have completed both the L.I.T. and C.I.T. programs. Limited spots are available so sign up early!

Note: This is a selective program. All applicants must apply in person at the Lockport Family YMCA. All participants go home every Saturday and return on Sunday.

Day Camp & Overnight Enrollment

Camp Kenan Day Camp

- A wonderful alternative for the child who is not ready to attend overnight camp
- Children ages 6 to 12 years old are eligible
- Campers participate in a wide array of age-appropriate outdoor activities
- Housed in the Cowdrick Memorial Pavilion, which overlooks Lake Ontario
- A hot lunch and snack is served daily (included in fee)
- Day Camp runs for 10 weeks, June 28 until September 3



The program runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For an additional fee, parents have the option to drop their children off at camp between 7 and 9 a.m. or pick their child up late between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. A bus departs daily from the Lockport Family YMCA at 8:30 a.m. and returns by 5 p.m.

The Lockport Family YMCA also offers Day Camp at 3 additional sites. Daily Activities at all sites include crafts, cooking, gym and athletics, swimming, reading, music, skits, and science activities with weekly fieldtrips.

YMCA Day Camp and Kiddie Kamp (Ages 5-12)/Summer Teen Activity Club (Ages 12-15)

19 East Ave., Lockport, NY 14094

George Southard (Ages 5-12)

6385 Locust St. Ext., Lockport, NY 14094

Starpoint Day Camp (Ages 5-12)/Summer Teen Activity Club (Ages 12-15)

Fricano Primary School, 4363 Mapleton Rd., Lockport, NY 14094

All Day Camp staff members have participated in extensive training prior to camp and voluntarily submit to extensive background and reference checks before employment.

YMCA Youth Members: \$100/week Program Members: \$175/week Bus: \$40/week

Early Arrival/Late Pickup: \$10/Week

*Starpoint Day Camp cost \$5 more than other YMCA Day Camps.

** \$5 per week deposit due at time of registration for Camp Kenan bus participants

** \$2 per week deposit due at time of registration for Early Arrival/Late Pickup participants

Applications for all Day Camp sites are included in this brochure and are separate from Over Night Registration. A \$25 Non-Refundable Deposit per child/per week will reserve space in all Day Camps. This \$25 Deposit does not include Bus or Early/Late Deposits. The balance is due the Wednesday prior to attending camp.

Overnight Enrollment Info

Sessions fill up quickly, so register early to avoid disappointment. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Mail or fax your application with the required \$50 deposit for each session. Upon receipt of registration, an informational packet containing required health forms and other information will be mailed. Health forms can be downloaded at www.campkenan.com. **BALANCE MUST BE PAID IN FULL TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE.**

Camp Fees: One session of camp, a t-shirt and one \$5 coupon book for the camper to spend at the Craft Lodge or the Camp Store are included in this one camp fee. Exact costs can be found on the Registration Form.

Second Child Price: If two or more children in your immediate family are registering for the same session, at the same time, each additional child will receive a ten-dollar deduction on camp fees.

Earn your way to camp: All campers have the opportunity to earn camp fees through the Lockport YMCA Candy Sale. For more information call (716) 434-8887.

Financial Assistance- Everyone is welcome: Financial Assistance is available on a limited basis for those who demonstrate a need. All information is kept confidential. Call Lockport Family YMCA (716) 434-8887 for an application or download at www.campkenan.com.

Refund Policy: In case of illness or injury, all paid fees, minus the \$50 deposit will be refunded upon written notice from a physician to the Lockport Family YMCA. The \$50 deposit is an administrative fee and is non refundable or transferable.

Cabin Request: We cannot guarantee requests. Children are placed in cabins by age, usually no more than a year and a half separates children in age to keep activities age appropriate.

Dietary Concerns: Please let us know if you have any food allergies or dietary concerns ahead of time. Our Chef makes vegetarian selections readily available and can accommodate other needs as well.

Parent Information Packet: Once we have received your deposit and registration form, a Parent Information Packet will be mailed to your residence. This packet contains information about camp and forms that are required for attendance at Camp Kenan to ensure a high standard of safety. These forms must be received two weeks prior to the session that you are registered, for attendance at Camp Kenan. This packet can be downloaded at www.campkenan.com.

YMCA Membership: Members of the Lockport Family YMCA receive a discount in camp fees. For more information about membership contact the Lockport Family YMCA at (716) 434-8887.

Coupon Books: Extra coupon books can be purchased at Camp the first day of each session.

All fees & forms must be received two weeks prior to attendance at Camp Kenan.



Lockport Family YMCA
19 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
www.campkenan.com

From Rochester
NY State Thruway to
Pembroke exit. Left off
Thruway to 77 North.

Take 77 North to 63 North. Left on 18 West. Right
at flashing light (Quaker Road). Left on Lower Lake Road.
Camp Kenan on Right.

From Niagara Falls

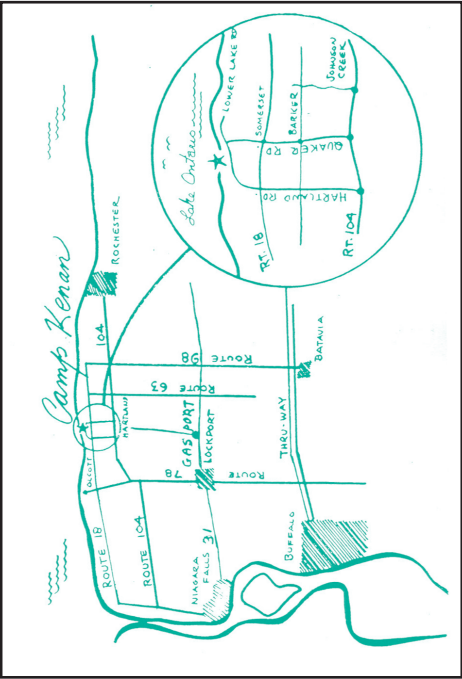
Robert Moses Parkway North until it ends. Left on 18 East. Stay
on 18 East until Hartland Road. Left on Hartland Road. Hartland
Road becomes Lower Lake Road. Camp Kenan on Left.

From Lockport & Buffalo

Route 78 North to Lockport. Right on 31 East. Left on Gasport
Road. Take Gasport Road straight to Camp Kenan.



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