THE MICAH UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM MARK

Dear Micah Families, Staff, and Alumni,

Welcome to the Micah Fall Newsletter! Our 26th summer is in the books, and what a summer it was. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, and the Micah Dome finally became a reality. The Dome added so much to camp, including a comfortable place to gather for campfire on rainy nights. Best of all, though, were the relationships and memories that will last a lifetime.

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This summer also marked a milestone: we welcomed our first second-generation Micah campers, the children of two of our alumni families. We couldn't be more excited to begin this new chapter. You'll also read about the many social action projects our campers and staff took part in this past year. And our Micah Mazels section keeps growing, thanks to all of you alumni who continue to share your news. Mazel Tov to everyone!

As we look ahead to summer 2027, we are nearly full, with just a few spaces left in third, fourth, and fifth grades. That is a credit to our amazing staff and wonderful camp families, who make Micah a summer no one wants to miss. If you know a family who might be interested, please have them call us soon. These last spaces won't last long!

2026 campers will receive their yearbooks in November, and we hope they bring back all the great moments from the summer. Although summer 2027 may seem far away, we have already begun hiring staff and planning, and it will be here before you know it. In the meantime, we hope the school year is off to a great start for everyone and that you all enjoy the Micah News!

~ Mark

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MICAH NEWS

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Jenny (Shaab) Marder with Colby



Becky (Sermer) Colbert with Graham

This summer marked a very special milestone for Camp Micah as we welcomed our first campers whose parents were also campers at Micah! We are so excited to welcome even more second-generation Micah campers to camp in 2027!

It has been so special to watch families pass down their love for Micah and create new memories together in a place that has meant so much to them. We love seeing the Micah community grow from one generation to the next, and we can't wait to watch this special tradition continue for years to come!

THE MICAH DOME IS COMPLETE!

At the beginning of summer 2026, we opened the Susan and Barry Tatelman Micah Dome! Throughout the summer, we made countless memories, shared lots of laughs, and even had our first-ever indoor basketball night game at Micah! The Dome was a dream for many years, and we can't wait to continue making memories there for summers to come. We especially look forward to welcoming our alumni back to camp to see it all in person! A huge thank you to our Facilities Manager, Mike Fusco, who worked incredibly hard to ensure the Dome was ready on time and safe for all.







SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

SUMMER 2026 SOCIAL ACTION RECAP

Linclusion
UNITING ABILITIES, INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES

Empowering People with Disabilities to Live Their Best Lives.
Linclusion.org

WORLD OF CHANGE

Small Change. Big Impact.
worldofchange.org

UNITED HATZALAH

The Faster you Respond, the More Lives you Save.
israelrescue.org

Each summer, Camp Micah campers take action to help repair the world one small, meaningful step at a time. This year, our Tikkun Olam efforts continued to support Linclusion and World of Change, while also welcoming a new partnership with United Hatzalah. Through their time, creativity, and generosity, our Mitzvah Makers, alongside campers across camp, helped raise more than $4,000 for **Linclusion, World of Change, and United Hatzalah.**

Through Linclusion, campers helped make camp more accessible, welcoming, and joyful for children with disabilities, reminding us that camp is strongest when every camper has the opportunity to fully belong. Please see a letter from the Marks family on page 4 to learn more about the impact of this meaningful partnership.

Through World of Change, our campers learned that even spare change can become real help. Coin by coin, they saw how small acts of giving can add up to something powerful. World of Change returned to Camp Micah on Visiting Day, giving campers and families the opportunity to stop by the truck, learn more about their mission, and meet their founder, Matt Hoidal.

New this summer, our Critters also supported United Hatzalah, Israel's volunteer emergency medical service. They made candles and handmade signs and helped create the new United Hatzalah Farm Stand. On Visiting Day, $1,033 was raised from the Farm Stand and donated directly to United Hatzalah. Through Leight Legacy Heroes, Camp Micah also donated $360 along with all of the materials made throughout the summer to United Hatzalah to sponsor an oxygen tank in an ambulance in Israel. The tank will be marked with Camp Micah's name and the words, "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly."

Together, these projects reflect what Camp Micah strives to teach every day: compassion can be active, justice belongs in community, and everyone, no matter their age, has the power to make a difference. We are incredibly proud of all of our campers and Mitzvah Makers for the time, heart, and effort they put into making a difference this summer. Their generosity reminds us that even the smallest acts can create meaningful change, and that when we work together, we can truly help repair the world.

A huge thank you to our Social Action Coordinator, Daniel Anderson, for putting a lot of time into making this all happen this summer!







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We are so incredibly grateful to the Camp Micah community for embracing our mission and believing that every child deserves the opportunity to experience the magic of summer camp. Because of your generosity and support, 32 children were able to attend camp with the one-on-one support they needed this summer. They swam. They laughed with friends. They went on field trips. They tried new things, made memories, built independence, and experienced that incredible feeling of belonging that makes CAMP so special.



For many children with disabilities, summer can look very different. It can be filled with school, therapies, appointments, and routines. But because of your support, these children were able to step away from all of that for a little while and simply be kids. You already know what Micah gives your children. You see it every summer. You see the friendships, the confidence, the independence, the joy, and the feeling of being part of something bigger than themselves. Because of you, children with disabilities got to experience that same magic. One of the moments that will stay with us forever happened on Visiting Day. When we arrived to visit our son, we were moved to see hundreds of Micah campers wearing their Linclusion bracelets. It was a powerful show of support that the Micah community was standing with Linclusion and helping spread the message that every child deserves the opportunity to belong.

A special thank you to the Micah Mitzvah Makers for leaning into our mission, taking the time to learn about Linclusion, and helping bring our message to the Micah community. Your willingness to understand why this work matters means so much to us. We are so grateful to the entire Camp Micah community for showing up for Linclusion, believing in what is possible, and helping us make the world a little more Linclusive.

We hope to see many of our Micah family at the 4th Annual Linclusion 5K & Fun Run on **April 11, 2027,** in Ashland, Massachusetts. Thank you, Micah, for opening your arms to Linclusion!

Love,

The Marks Family

Over the past few years, six of our staff members have been identified as potential matches for patients in need. This December, we were informed that a **seventh** staff member has matched with a a 74-year-old woman battling acute myelogenous leukemia.

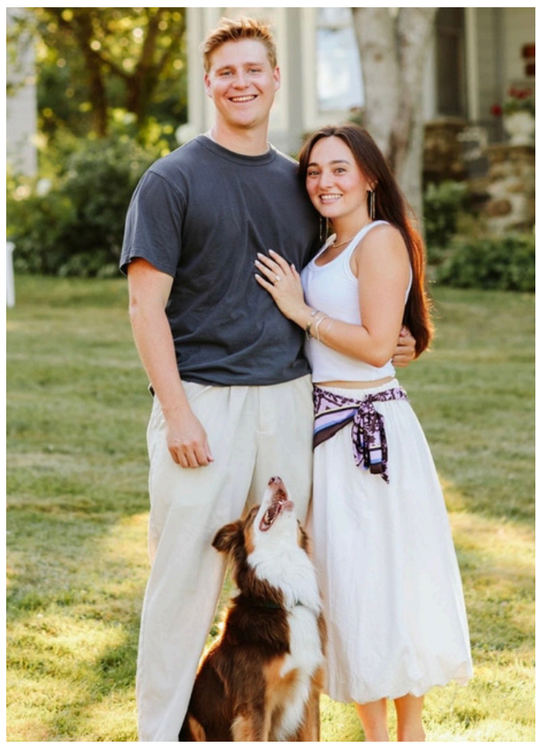
We were later informed that this staff member helped this woman by participating in a transplant!

We are incredibly proud and grateful to have a community of staff who lead with kindness and action, demonstrating that even a small step, like a simple cheek swab, can have a life-changing impact. We can't wait to see how many of our staff members will continue this legacy of giving and become matches in the year ahead!

GIFT OF LIFE

Cure blood Cancer. Save Lives
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MICAH MAZELS



JENNY LIPOF (G14 2015 & 2017 CIT) GOT ENGAGED TO WYATT HICKMAN IN AUGUST.



RACHEL KATZIN (G14 2012 & 2019 WATERFRONT STAFF) GOT ENGAGED TO SCOTT FISHER IN SEPTEMBER.



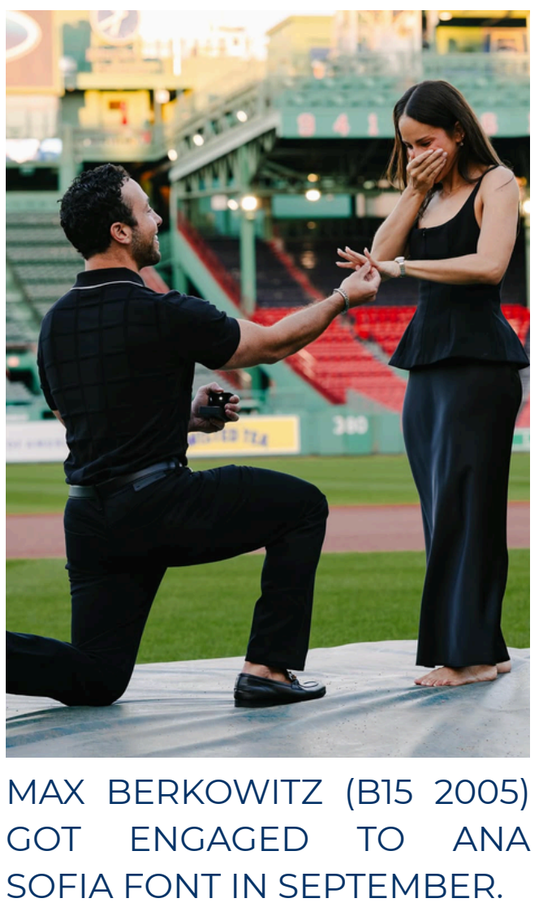
ISAAC FEINBERG (B15 2015 & 2018 FRISBEE & MUSIC STAFF) GOT ENGAGED TO TAYLOR REITZEL IN SEPTEMBER.



JOELY STONE (2026 OFFICE STAFF) GOT ENGAGED TO JAKE IN AUGUST.



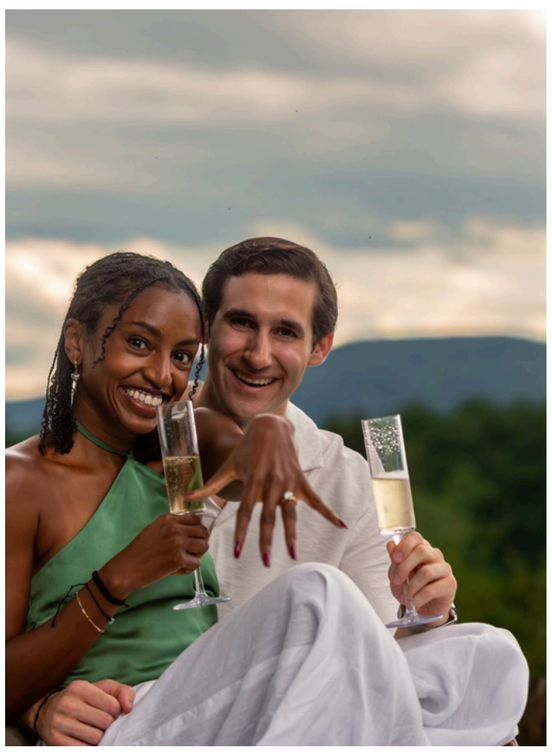
CALEB ESRIG (B15 2013 & 2016 - 2017 HIKING STAFF) GOT ENGAGED TO ABBY WAX IN MAY. THEY MET AT A PARTY FOR ANOTHER MICAH ALUM!



MAX BERKOWITZ (B15 2005) GOT ENGAGED TO ANA SOFIA FONT IN SEPTEMBER.



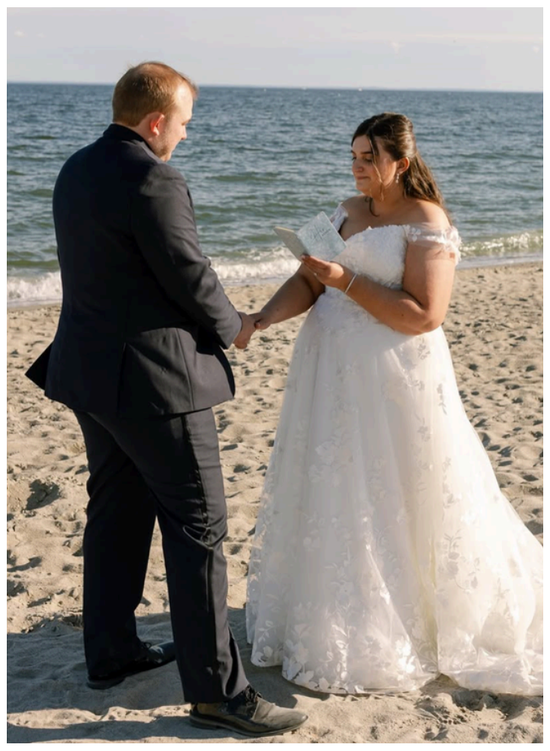
MATTHEW HONKONEN (2010 - 2015 HEAD OF SKATEPARK, HEAD OF HOCKEY & BOAT DRIVER) GOT ENGAGED TO SHERIDAN SCIFRES.



JORDAN WOLKON (B15 2012) GOT ENGAGED TO LAUREN SMITH IN SEPTEMBER.



DANI LERNER (G14 2013) GOT MARRIED TO JONATHAN HELLER IN MAY.



EMMA CAPLAN (G14 2012) GOT MARRIED TO MICHAEL SCHILLEREFF IN OCTOBER.



JOSH GELLER (B15 2012, 2016 HEAD OF HOCKEY, 2019 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR) & PAIGE KASSMAN (2019 PHOTO STAFF) GOT MARRIED IN JUNE.



MORGAN FUSCO (2011 - 2017 FORMER CAMPER) GOT MARRIED TO BRYCE MICKLON IN JUNE.

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RACHEL GALLIMORE (G14 2008 & 2011 - 2012 HOCKEY, FITNESS & GENERAL SPORTS COUNSELOR) GOT MARRIED TO CARA AHLGRIM IN MAY.



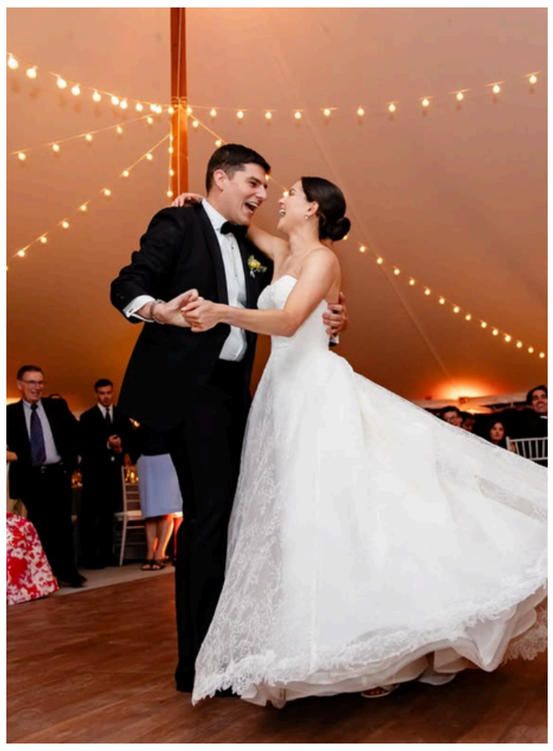
JORDAN WURTZEL (B15 2009 & 2011 BASKETBALL STAFF) GOT MARRIED TO DARA PRANT IN AUGUST.



GABE DORIT-KENDALL (B15 2010 & 2013 - 2014 SOCCER STAFF) GOT MARRIED TO GRACE BEARD IN OCTOBER.



MATT GEFEN (B15 2010) GOT MARRIED TO OLIVIA MACDOUGAL IN SEPTEMBER. .



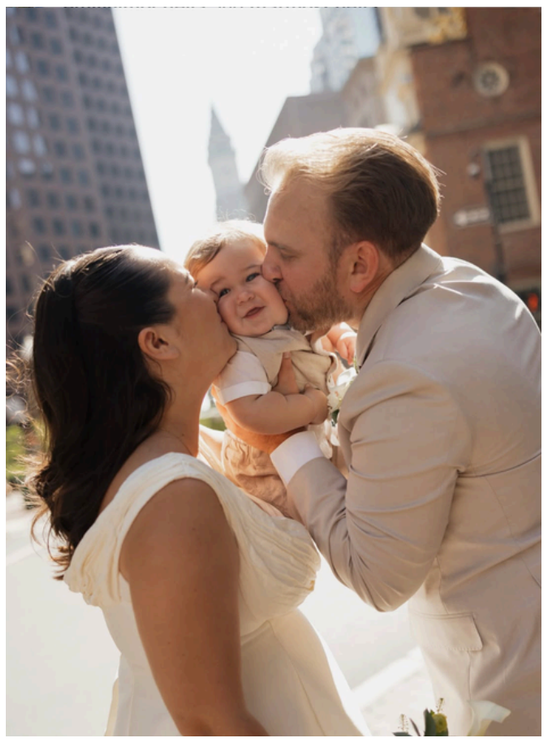
JULIA RIFKIN (G14 2013 & 2017 - 2018 HEAD OF SOFTBALL & GENERAL SPORTS STAFF GOT MARRIED TO JIMMY ABRAHAM IN SEPTEMBER.



LEXI SCHWARTZ (G14 2016) GOT MARRIED TO MICHAEL KATZ IN JULY.



ZACK BRODY (B15 2013) GOT MARRIED TO KAITLYN IN SEPTEMBER.



EMILY SHAMSHAK (2017 CRITTER COORDINATOR & 2019 GENERAL SPORTS STAFF) GOT MARRIED TO MATT MOSCHELLA IN JULY.



SARAH GALLIMORE (G14 2010 & 2013 - 2018 ROPES & HIKING STAFF, MICAH IN ISRAEL LEADER & CIT COORDINATOR GOT MARRIED TO ADAM BACALL IN OCTOBER.



CEDRIC QUACKENBUSH (2017 - 2018 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR) GOT MARRIED TO LUIS VALLE IN MAY.



SOPHIA WOLK (G14 2016) GOT MARRIED TO SAM FORMAN IN AUGUST.



ALEXIS LEON (G14 2005 & 2009 ARTS & CRAFTS STAFF) AND HER HUSBAND, PETER, WELCOMED THEIR FIRST CHILD, MAXINE, IN MAY.

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ERIN (GREENBERG) ELBERG (FOUNDING CAMPER, 2005 - 2006 ATHLETICS STAFF, LIFEGUARD, AND SWIM INSTRUCTOR) AND HER HUSBAND, ERIC, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER, AVERY ELIANA, IN APRIL.



RACHEL QUINT (2006 - 2007 DRAMA STAFF) AND HER HUSBAND, AARON SHERMAN, WELCOMED THEIR SON, CALEB URI, IN APRIL.



ANDREW LIPOF (B15 2006, 2010 - 2013 BASKETBALL STAFF) AND HIS WIFE, JAMIE, WELCOMED THEIR SECOND DAUGHTER, SAGE OLIVIA, IN JULY.



HELEN QUAYLE (2014 HEAD OF GYMNASTICS) AND HER HUSBAND, DANIEL WOODS, WELCOMED THEIR SON, THEO, IN SEPTEMBER.



SAGE (RATNER) SCHLETT (2004 - 2008 FORMER CAMPER) & HER HUSBAND, THOMAS, WELCOMED THEIR SECOND SON, MILES KENNETH, IN JUNE.



ALI (KRAFT) WEINREB (G14 2011) AND HER HUSBAND, ROSS, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER, MYLA ESTELLE, IN MAY.



RACHEL (OLECK) WIDMANN (G14 2010) AND HER HUSBAND, ZACK, WELCOMED THEIR SON, ELI HUDSON, IN JUNE.



ALI (SASSOON) HOLLANDER (FORMER CAMPER) AND HER HUSBAND, SAM, WELCOMED THEIR DAUGHTER NOA IN JUNE.

MICAH MAZELS!

As you can see, there is so much happening in the Micah community. Please remember to send us (averi@campmicah.com), info about your simchas, life cycle events, social action projects, and other newsworthy things so we can include them in an upcoming newsletter.

MICAH GAMES

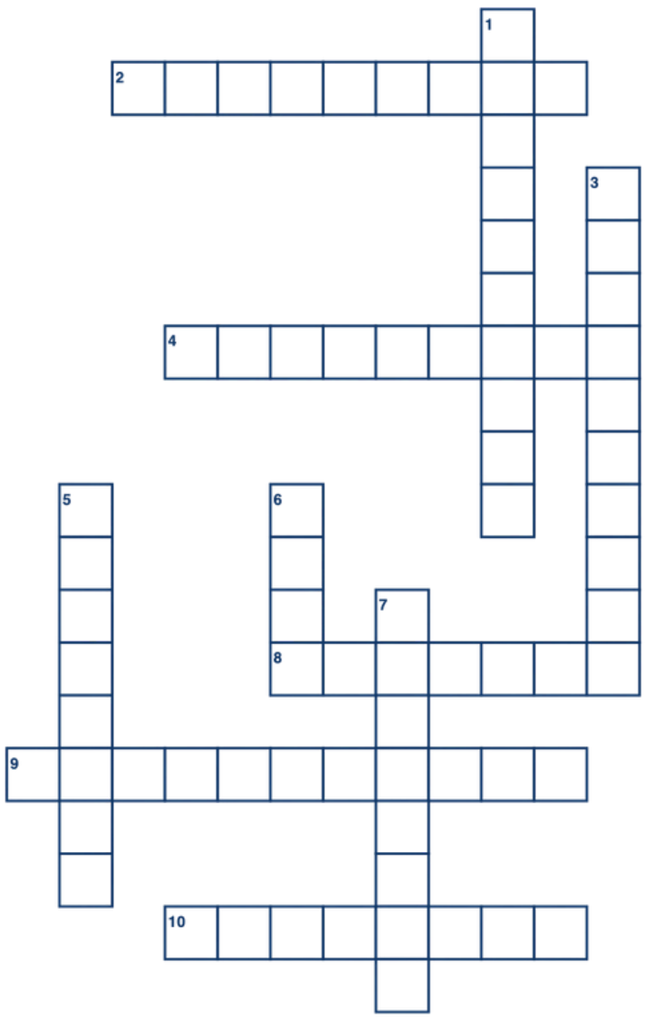
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Can you find all 15 hidden items in the picture above?

Soccer Ball
Basketball
Castle
Bag of Marshmallows
Black Smiley Hat
Camp Micah Logo
Water bottle
Red Canoe
Mario from CW Break
Mark
Moxie
Soccer Ball
Helmet
Tire
Original Micah Logo

Micah Crossword!



Across

2. How many years has Camp Micah been open?
4. The Susan and Barry Tatelman _____.
8. The weekly celebration that begins Friday evening.
9. The pond where Camp Micah is located.
10. The annual competition that divides camp into teams.

Down

1. Repairing the world through good deeds (we do this on Saturdays).
3. The area where campers swim and enjoy the lake.
5. The youngest group of campers.
6. Former campers in a leadership program before becoming counselors.
7. A classic camp activity with songs, stories, and marshmallows.

ANSWER KEY: 1. TIKKUNOLAM 2. TWENTYSIX 3. WATERFRONT 4. MICAHDOME 5. CRITTERS 6. CITS 7. CAMPFIRE 8. SHABBAT 9. PEABODYPOND 10. COLOR WAR

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CHECK YOUR MAILBOX!

2026 CAMPERS: Yearbooks will be on the way in November! Keep an eye out for them in your mailbox. We hope you enjoy looking back on the summer!

2027 ENROLLED CAMPERS: Be on the lookout for their Hanukkah Gift in the mail from your Camp Micah family in December. If you or your parent post a picture of you with your gift on Instagram (don't forget to tag @campmicah04009), one lucky camper will be chosen to receive a prize!

ALUMNI

Former campers and staff: if you're not yet a part of our "Official Camp Micah Alumni Group" on Facebook, take a moment to join. Stay up to date on camp news and connect with your Micah family!

RECRUITMENT

We have limited spaces available for the coming summer. We have a few Sebago spaces left primarily in the rising third and fourth grades and availability on the Bridgton side of camp in the rising third, fourth, and fifth grades. Enrollment changes happen regularly, so if you have friends or relatives that are interested in attending Micah this summer, they should call the camp office (617-244-6540) to check on availability.

As the summer slowly approaches, we are looking for staff to join us at Camp Micah this summer. If you know of a college-aged (or older) potential counselor who you think would be a great fit for the Micah community, please have them contact the camp office or complete an online staff application.