# Camp Barney Medintz Sets Open House in Charlotte

Camp Barney Medintz, summer resident camp of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, will present an exciting new musical slide production and dessert reception in Charlotte on Thursday, November 20, at the Levine Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, beginning at 7 PM. Jim Mittenthal, Camp Director, will meet with new and returning families, answer questions pertaining to the 2009 summer camp season, and provide applications for registration.

Camp Barney Medintz is located in the North Georgia Blue Ridge

mountains on over 500 wooded acres surrounding two lakes just 75 miles NE of Atlanta. According to Mr. Mittenthal, the setting facilitates "every imaginable activity," including water skiing, hydro-tubing, wake boarding, swimming, sailing, canoeing, the "Iceberg," the "Rave" water trampoline, leaping off the "Blob" or soaring down the 180-foot "Hurricane" water slide, horseback riding, campouts, "zip-ping" nearly 800 feet across Lake Wendy, whitewater rafting, tennis, all land/court sports, theater, crafts, music, Israeli culture, dance, radio,

video, newspaper, mountain biking, climbing the adjacent Appalachian Trail and a series of high-adventure rock climbing, rappelling and ropes courses. Specific age groups may also enjoy fencing, karate, ceramics or scuba diving.

"Camp Barney," celebrating its 47th summer season, has created "a unique community that is all about adventure and self discovery, exhilarating activities and exciting events, being in a strong culturally Jewish environment with special friends, all under the supervision of a carefully selected group of mature, talented, conscientious, loving, and enthusiastic staff," said Mr. Mittenthal.

Camp Barney annually develops new construction projects to improve its spectacular mountain facility. After recently completing a major cultural and performing arts complex including an awesome 950-seat covered amphitheater, crafts and ceramics center and new spaces for music, dance, newspaper, radio and videography, an exciting new sports complex and Network"-type kitchen, there's much more planned for 2009 including: the return of Lake Wendy (the 2nd lake) and awesome new beach, renovated cabins and bath rooms, new jet skis, mountain scooters and high adventure ropes courses.

Inquiries about the 2009 summer season are again far exceeding previous years and each of the two-and four-week sessions is likely to fill to capacity very rapidly. For more information about Camp Barney programs, Family Camps, staff opportunities, or other CBM adventures, please call the camp office in Atlanta at 770-395-2554 or Karen Brooks, our Camp Barney Medintz Charlotte Parent Rep, at 704-544-8404.

## Schools

### CJDS - New Faces Abound

It is with great pride that CJDS continues to showcase new faculty members to its school community. How fortunate the school is to have such talent teaching and guiding our youth.

If you are wondering who that fresh faced "Suzy Chapstick" type is, it is first grade teacher, Courtney Buckner, Ms. Buckner hails from the Great Smoky Mountains town of Knoxville, TN She has taught elementary school for 14 years and is quite smitten with her "kiddos," as she cheerfully refers to them.

Buckner, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, received her Masters Degree in Inclusive Early Childhood Education. She has enjoyed the warmth of the private school setting for most of her career. The level of parental support and involvement here at CJDS has been beyond her expectations, an element markedly lacking in the public school experience. She spent three years in Los Angeles, California teaching at an elite private school where the likes of actor Tom Hanks and family were not uncommon. No matter, the challenges remain the same...meeting the needs of children who are all so different.

When she is not teaching, you'll find this sports enthusiast local mountain trails, camping, beachcombing, or cheering on her cherished Tennessee

Welcome, Courtney!



Courtney Buckner

CJDS/Levin Middle School is so privileged to have Suzanne Isola on staff as a math and science teacher. Mrs. Isola has come a long way since her days of cleaning out rat and pigeon cages in her university psychology lab. This Charlotte native is a graduate of Charlotte Latin School and Agnes Scott College in Georgia. Her career began in Corporate Communications at Duke Energy . and so did her fascination with the wonderful world of science. After years of long hours and hard work at Duke, Suzanne decided to share her passion and knowledge with a whole new audience ... middle school students ... and she hasn't looked back.

Mrs. Isola taught at her alma mater, Charlotte Latin School, for 15 years. Her teaching career was interrupted abruptly as she cared for her ailing elderly parents. As you can imagine, this experience is responsible for how she looks at the world and the humor and com-

athletic shoes in honor or memory of the survivors and

victims of the Holocaust to

Temple Israel. We will be accepting new athletic shoes through the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht, November 9. passion with which she treats her students and co-workers on a daily basis. A page has turned for Suzanne, and we are glad to be a part of a new chapter in her life.

Suzanne enjoys water sports, travel (her most recent trip was to Fiji), and spending time with her family and Golden Retriever Cooper and kitties Eeyore and

So glad to have Suzanne here! \$\Phi\$



Suzanne Isola

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