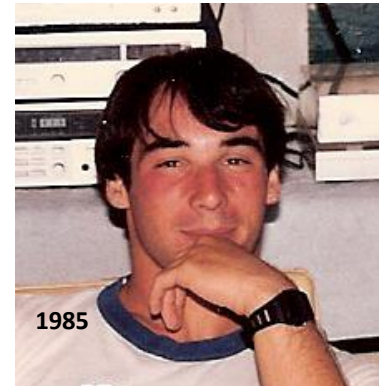


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“I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else.” -- Mike Nozik, 1985

Mike Nozik grew up in both Brighton and Pittsford – a true Rochesterian. Over the years, he developed a broad array of personal interests including sports, history, politics and reading.

None of these interests, however, rivaled his passion for Camp Seneca Lake. From 1975 through 1988 he was a camper, counselor, and member of the waterfront and nature/campcraft staffs. Mike’s athleticism always shined at camp. He was a perennial first round draft pick in Mohawk National League softball – his legendary home runs clearing the fence as no other camper could. His camp experience helped shape the person he was – a kind, optimistic man of great character who lived his life with class, grace, dignity and love, and who was loved by all who knew him.



Mike graduated from Cornell and Duke. At Cornell, Mike earned his Bachelor’s degree in environmental sciences and after working in Rochester for three years returned to graduate school at Duke, where he completed a Master’s in environmental studies.

But it was not work that defined Mike, it was friends and family. For Mike, friendships were measured in decades. He understood the importance of his own friends and family and was deeply devoted to his wife, Gabriella, and sons, Ben and Josh. His genuine kindness never ceased – always and forever an empathetic soul.

This scholarship is about helping young people who share Mike’s ideals and values enjoy the same opportunities afforded to him at Camp Seneca Lake.

Mike Nozik passed away on May 12, 2009 at the age of 42.

He was one of a kind... and will forever be missed.



1985 Waterfront Staff

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About Camp Seneca Lake

Located on 200 beautiful wooded acres on Seneca Lake, Camp Seneca Lake has provided children in grades 3-11 with over 80 summers full of fun and cherished memories.

Camp Seneca Lake is the summer home for about 450 campers, ages 8-16. The majority of the campers are from the Jewish communities of Upstate New York (Rochester, Syracuse, Ithaca, Binghamton, Buffalo and Elmira) as well as from cities in the eastern U.S. and Canada. The camp has many second and third generation campers who come from across the country.

The CSL experience combines fun, friendships, spirit, and personal growth. Campers participate in a variety of exciting activities, including waterfront adventures, swim lessons, athletics, Jewish culture, hiking, nature, drama and arts and crafts. The camp provides a wholesome Jewish camp community that promotes development of the physical, social, and emotional identities of the campers.

Camp Seneca Lake is a program of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester. Visit the Camp Seneca Lake website at <http://www.campsenecalake.com> for more information.

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Applying for a Mike Nozik Scholarship

A small number of partial scholarships will be given to Jewish children who reflect the very character that made Mike so special. Recipient(s) will have a strong desire to attend camp and a financial or other demonstrated need.

The application deadline is **January 6, 2017**. Applications should be mailed to The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, Attention: Amy Libenson, 441 East Avenue Rochester, NY 14607, or emailed to Amy at alibenson@jewishrochester.org.

Your application financial information will be kept confidential and reviewed by two staff members of the Jewish Federation. In addition, Jewish Family Service of Rochester (JFS) is contracted to provide grant application assessment and evaluation services. JFS will analyze your data and provide the Nozik Scholarship Application Review Committee with anonymous information so they can determine awards amounts. The Nozik Scholarship Application Review Committee is an independent committee comprised of board members of the Fund.

Applicants may be invited to participate in an interview. Scholarship recipients will be selected by early February 2017. Unfortunately, the Fund does not have the resources to grant scholarships to all applicants.

We strongly encourage you to also apply for other available scholarships so that this Fund may continue to help as many children as possible. We will verify all scholarship amounts that you have been granted for the upcoming summer from other sources prior to granting an award from this fund.

This is an annual scholarship; applicants must reapply each year. If you have received an award in the past, there is no guarantee that you will be selected in future years. In addition, the total and individual scholarship amounts are subject to change each year.

Applicants who are selected for a scholarship will be encouraged to share their camp experiences for Scholarship Fund marketing materials. This could be done anonymously, if preferred.

For more information or questions about the Fund and/or the application process, contact Amy Libenson at the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester at (585) 461-0490, x8635, or alibenson@jewishrochester.org.

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PART 1 – APPLICANT (CAMPER) INFORMATION (to be completed by the parent/guardian)

1. Applicant Name _____
2. Home Address _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____
3. Date of Birth _____ Grade attending in Fall 2017 _____
4. Name of School _____
5. What session(s) do(es) the applicant wish to attend camp in 2017? _____
Has the applicant already enrolled in camp for the 2017 summer? _____
6. Has the applicant ever attended Camp Seneca Lake in prior years? _____
If so, what dates? _____
7. Does the applicant identify as Jewish? _____
8. In what extra-curricular activities/hobbies is the applicant involved? _____

9. Please attach a statement – written by the applicant (where possible) – about why he/she wants to attend CSL and what camp means to him/her. Younger children may submit a picture, supplemented by thoughts captured by parents/guardians.
10. Please attach two references – other than family members – that can best speak to the applicant’s character. (See the Reference form on page 9)

How did you hear about CSL? _____

How did you hear about the Mike Nozik Memorial CSL Scholarship Fund? _____

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PART 2 – FAMILY INFORMATION

1. Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Occupation _____ Position _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Business Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

2. Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Occupation _____ Position _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Business Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

3. Siblings

NAME	AGE	EDUCATIONAL STATUS	SCHOOL OR OCCUPATION DURING NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

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PART 2 – FAMILY INFORMATION (Continued)

4. Have any members of your family attended Camp Seneca Lake in prior years? _____

If so, what dates? _____

5. Are any other members of your family planning to attend CSL next summer? _____

If so, who? _____

6. Are any other family members also applying for a Mike Nozik scholarship? _____

If so, who? _____

7. Is your family currently a member of a JCC? If so, which one? _____

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Did the applicant, or any member of your family, receive scholarship assistance to attend camp in the past? Yes _____ No _____

Who _____ Year (s) _____ Amount \$ _____ Source _____

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Who _____ Year (s) _____ Amount \$ _____ Source _____

We strongly encourage you to also apply for other available scholarships so that this Fund may continue to help as many children as possible. Please indicate whether you have applied for assistance from the following sources:

JCC: Location _____ Yes _____ No _____ Not Eligible _____

Amount Requested _____ Amount Awarded _____

Synagogue: Yes _____ Amount Requested _____ Amount Awarded _____

One Happy Camper: First time campers are eligible for a One Happy Camper Grant. See CSL website for more details. If the applicant is eligible, please indicate whether you have applied:

Yes _____ No _____ Amount Awarded _____

Other: _____

You are required to notify us promptly after receiving notice of assistance from any sources, including those listed above.

We will verify all scholarship amounts that you have been granted for the upcoming summer from other sources prior to granting an award from this fund.

The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to request further financial information.

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PART 4 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I/We have checked this form for omissions and errors, and hereby affirm that the information submitted is complete and accurate. I/We agree to advise the Jewish Federation of any changes in the information submitted, including notice of any additional scholarships for camp.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Checklist

- Completed application, sections 1 through 3
- Written statement about Applicant's desire to attend camp
- Two Reference forms
- Copy of pages 1 and 2 of the most recent IRS Form 1040 (no schedules)

**Complete applications must be submitted by
January 6, 2017**

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REFERENCES

Instructions for Applicant: Please write your name below and provide a copy to two personal references.

Name of Applicant _____

Instructions for Reference: This applicant is pursuing a scholarship to attend Camp Seneca Lake (CSL), an overnight camp for children in grades 3-11, through the Mike Nozik Memorial CSL Scholarship Fund. Please complete this form and either return it to the applicant for his/her submission, or mail it directly to The Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, Attention: Amy Libenson, 441 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607. Applications for the 2017 summer session are due by January 6, 2017. For questions, you may contact Amy Libenson (585) 241-8635, or alibenson@jewishrochester.org.

Name of reference _____

Phone number _____

Relationship to the applicant? _____

How long have you know the applicant? _____

Please use the space below, or attach a separate sheet, to describe the character of the applicant and why you think he or she may thrive at camp.