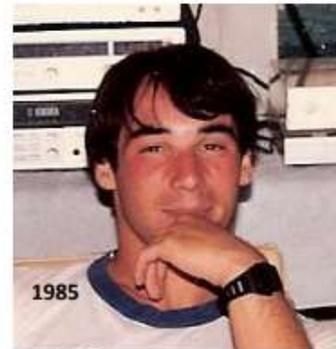


The Mike Nozik Memorial Camp Seneca Lake Scholarship Fund Application

"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.



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.

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 Elana Vigdor at the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester at 585-241-8642, or evigdor@jewishrochester.org.