



To the OBYG Community,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well, with hopeful thoughts of summer. As you know, 2020 was a difficult year for all, especially for our camp community with the devastating loss of our beloved Director, Ralph Scordino. Ralph was not only a boss, but a mentor, a friend, and a father-figure to many in our community. While he can never be replaced, and there will always be a missing piece in our OBYG family, we are hopeful that after this storm, there is a rainbow of hope to be found.

It is with great honor and pride that we would like to introduce ourselves as the 2021 OBYG Camp Directors: Caitlin Alfano and Sophie Pollak. We are honored that the OBYG Board of Directors has selected us to work together to begin this new chapter for OBYG, and to bring forth a new era while honoring Ralph's legacy. A little about ourselves...

A life-long Fire Islander, Sophie Pollak began OBYG in our 4's program, growing in roles such as CIT, Junior Counselor, Head Counselor and Drama Director, a winner of our 'Head Counselor of the Summer Award.' While continuing her studies, Sophie continued to hold true to her OBYG roots, by helping run our evening 'Teenswept' program. Sophie attended Tulane University and received her master's degree in Early Childhood General and Special Education from Bank Street College of Education. She currently teaches first grade at P.S. 290 (Manhattan New School), where she has taught for the past 6 years. Sophie's most treasured friendships began on the deck of Windswept and she can't wait to play a role in fostering lasting connections between OBYG's current campers!

Caitlin (LaRocco) Alfano began working at OBYG at age 16, and has worked for camp for the past 22 seasons. She started her OBYG career as a lifeguard and tennis instructor, and grew in roles such as Swim Director, Tennis Director, Waterfront Coordinator, CIT Coordinator, and Assistant Camp Director. Caitlin attended Loyola College studying both Voice Performance, and Studio Art, and has a master's degree in Art Education from CW Post. Outside of OBYG, Caitlin has 12 years coaching experience as a Varsity Tennis Coach, and is currently an Art Teacher and Art Chairperson on Long Island, and serves on the Architectural Review Board for Babylon Village. She has two young children, with her husband, who also works in Ocean Beach. Caitlin is looking forward to her daughter starting OBYG this summer.

Our unique combination provides us with over 46 years of OBYG experience across many areas of discipline ranging from art, music, drama, tennis, swim, sports, sailing, boating, to administration. We are confident that our combined skill set will serve to help guide our campers and staff in making the most out of their time spent at our wonderful day camp.

While it will be difficult to fill Ralph's shoes, together, we are looking forward to honoring and respecting his legacy. Our goal is to continue with the roots of 'if you had fun, you won' and enhance the summer camp program by working collaboratively to create a safe and enjoyable summer. We want nothing more than to 'keep 'em happy and keep 'em safe' in Ralph's honor. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at oceanbeachyouthgroup@yahoo.com.

The 2021 camp season will run from June 28th through August 20th. If you haven't already set up a parent dashboard to join our mailing list, please do so by visiting OBYG.org.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2021 summer!

Sincerely,
Caitlin Alfano and Sophie Pollak
The OBYG Camp Directors