

Camp Lightbulb

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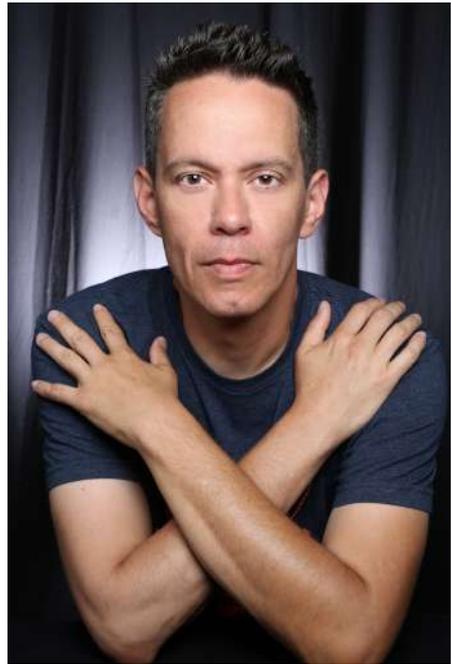
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Campers,

I founded Camp Lightbulb in 2011 to celebrate LGBTQ young people with magical, overnight camp experiences, filled with fun, pride, community, friends, support, self-discovery and memories to last a lifetime!

This book is to celebrate the first five years of our Camp. Of your Camp! Looking at the pictures, I am thrilled to see each camper's True You come through - so much pride and joy and happiness. What a beautiful thing to witness. And how grateful I am to our fantastic Dream Team of counselors who make it all happen. This summer it was Camp Director Finn Lanning and counselors Faz Bukhari, Lindz Daman, Amy Kerr, Patti 'Mom' Lonergan and Shaggy Stearns.



This book is dedicated to Linda Rohler - board member, volunteer, cheerleader, donor and friend - and was put together with the enormous talent of Bobby Miller, who took all the portraits, and the combined efforts of Bobby and Rob Williams, our newest Camp Lightbulb team member.

I hope you enjoy.

Warm regards,

Puck Markham
Founding Director

Campers,

Here you go. Hope this'll do...

If only I had heard of CLB when I grew up in my little fishing village on the English south coast I may have realized a few things about myself a bit earlier than I did!

It took me traveling all over the world and landing in San Francisco to see that it was OK to be who I am.

Now I live in Provincetown, another kind of fishing village that encourages people to be exactly who they want to be. It has its own powerful magic and just being here opens doors and minds in a kind and gentle way.

It's beautiful to watch the CLB kids grow and support each other and feeling safe enough here to reinvent themselves. There's a strong sense of community in our town and an even stronger sense within CLB. The campers bring so much joy and good energy yet remind us of our own struggles. Bonds are made that seem to last after the Camp is over and every year I'm always left totally inspired and full of hope when the last camper leaves.

Zoe Lewis
Entertainer and Variety Show MC



Camp Counselors

Clockwise from
Top Left:
Faz Bukhari,
Finn Lanning,
Patti Lonergan,
Shaggy Stearns,
Lindz Daman.
Not Pictured:
Amy Kerr



Quotes from Counselors

Camp Lightbulb, you rock my socks.

After reflecting on my third year as a camp counselor, I can't help but find a goofy smile run across my face as I think about the 34 teenagers and five counselors I had the honor to spend the week with.

I wish for all our campers to find a full-time home where they can be their true self on a 24/7 basis. I feel privileged to sit among some of the most caring, compassionate and intelligent young adults. My hope for them is that their life becomes one long Funk Bus ride- that they can find their inner Funk Bus dance moves and propel it into the world, even when faced with fear and adversity.

As the "mom" of the camp, I will make a commitment to practice what I preach to "my kiddos." I promise to find my inner Funk Bus dance moves when the world wants to stifle my true self.

#CleanupCleanupCleanup
Love,
Mom (Patti Lonergan)

Any time you can gather with the like-minded is next to magical, especially when the like-minded are usually so scattered.

Shaggy

I had no idea what to expect going into Camp Lightbulb for my first year. The only way I can truly describe the experience is life changing.

I'm so proud and thankful to be a part of this family. Witnessing the growth of campers together and individually was a beautiful thing. I've never been around a group of youth this supportive, creative and compassionate.

Shout-out to the hostel for giving us a safe home base and to the super welcoming Ptown community.

Whenever I'm feeling down I'll think back to the dunes of Cape Cod, walking down commercial street, bare feet, shared meals, funk busing, the best pink cupcakes in the world, bunk talks, the long point beach lighthouse and that moment I realized I was in the right place, camp.

So in true camp form...a final rose and thorn. My rose was that last talent show act, seeing all campers on stage saying what this place means for them (I might have almost cried). My thorn is that it's over and we must wait a whole year... I am already counting down the days. Here's to a week of laughter, Ptown sunshine, dancing, endless love and queer calls!

Lindz Daman

Camp is an experience of an atmosphere of laughter, fun and friendship. The Camp Lightbulb experience is all of that within a safe and affirming community of campers and staff.

Despite having wonderful experiences as a camp staff member elsewhere, I was pleasantly surprised at the dynamics of Camp Lightbulb and how, over just about a week, campers grew individually and as a family.

On the first day, I was greeted with friendly hugs from campers who were excited to see new and returning staff members' smiling faces. I enjoyed laughter with new and returning campers as we played games.

Throughout the week, I heard the beautiful voices of a camp family around the fire, and I watched campers come out of their shell and do things they never thought they might do before as they stood on stage and performed in front of a Provincetown crowd.

By the end of the week, I had gained not only an amazing experience of my career working with children and adolescents, but an experience of safety, happiness, openness and comfort, in other words, a Camp Lightbulb experience.

Amy

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Campers

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Abby



Brandi



Brett



Charlie



Chloe



Dani



Daniel



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Devon



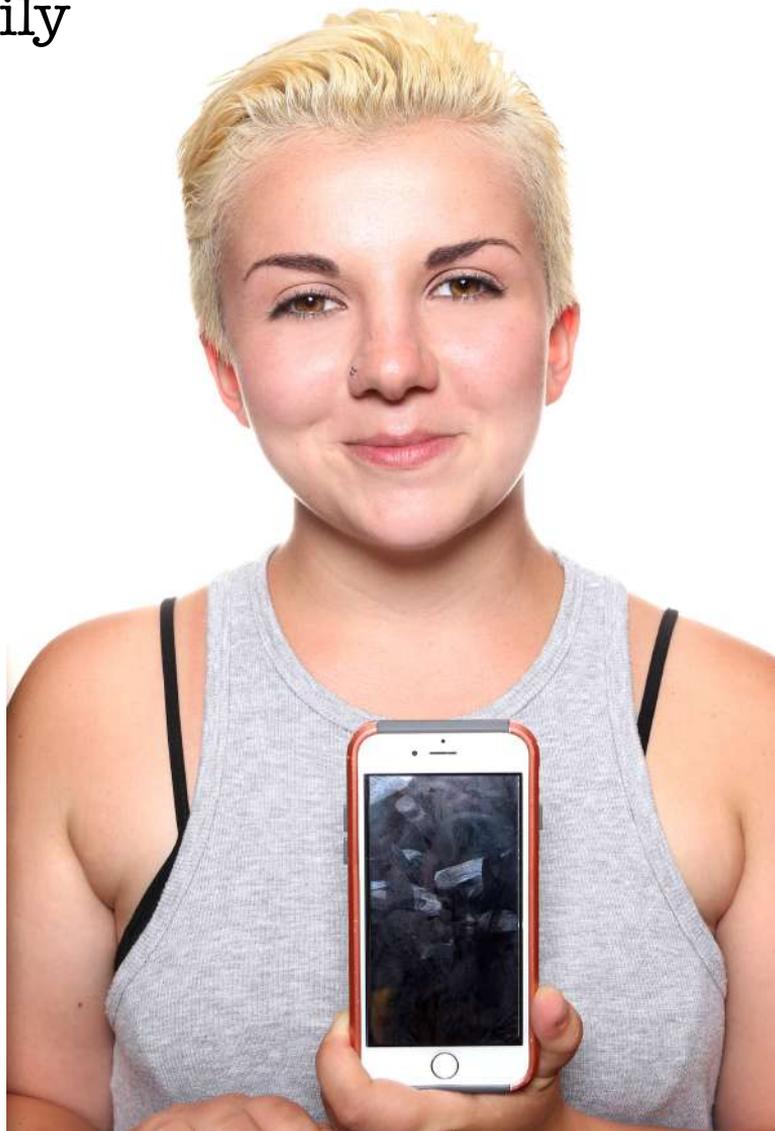
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Dylan M.



Emily



Emma



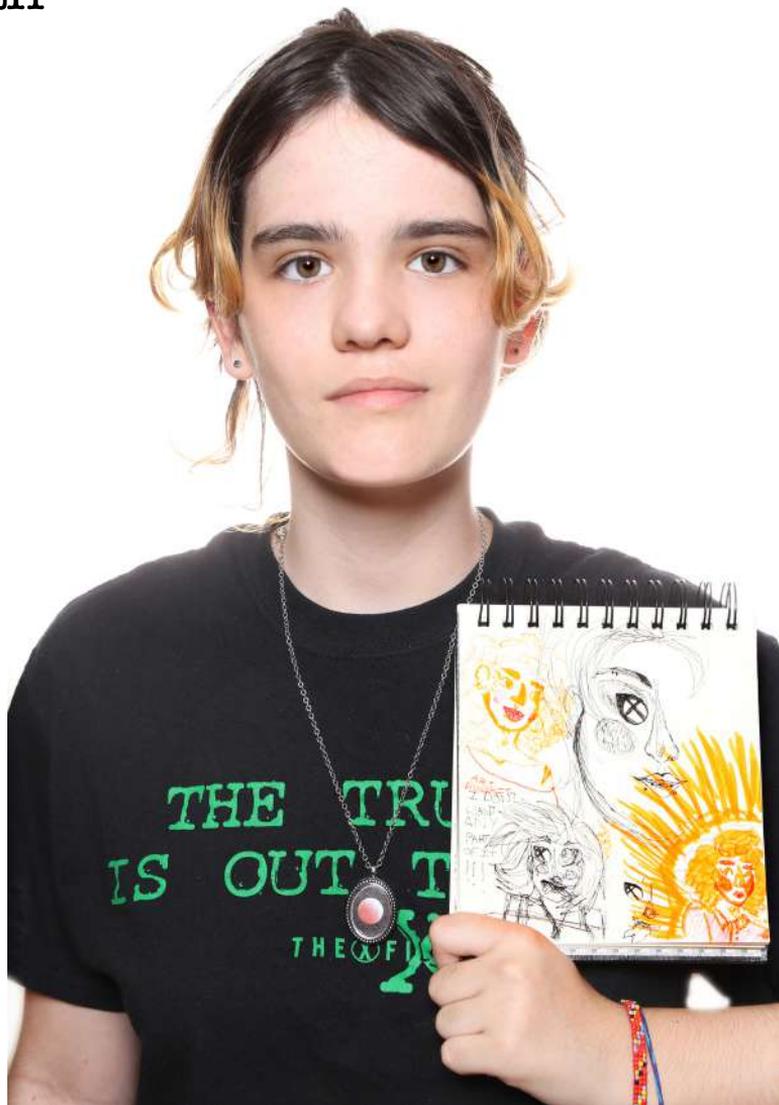
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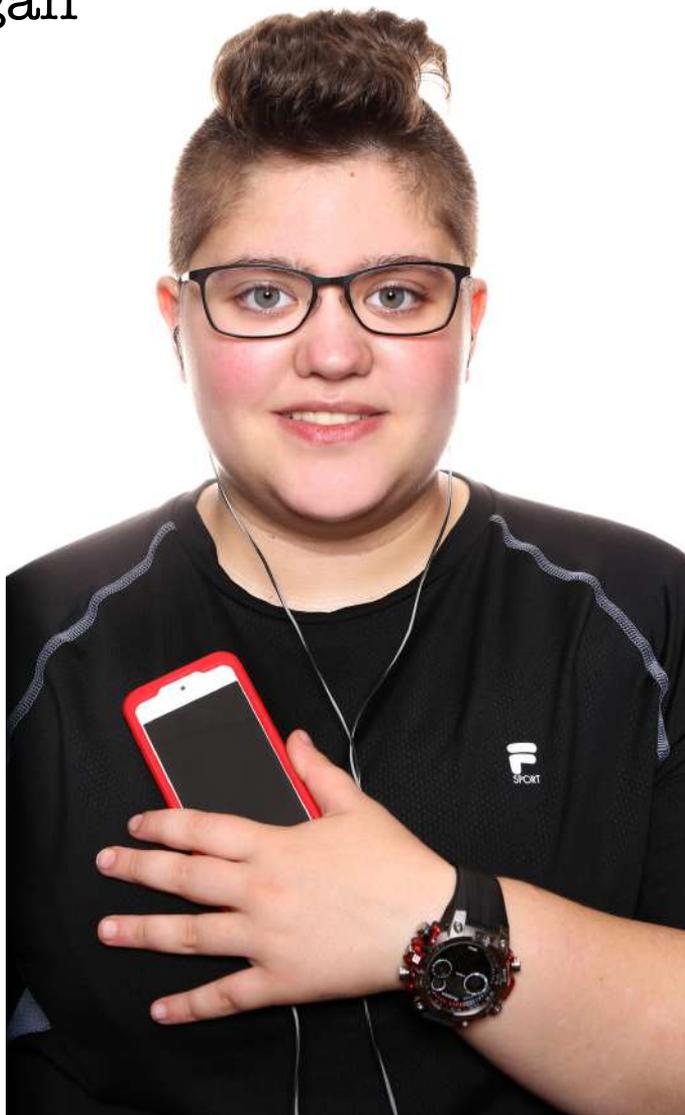
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Miles



Morgan



Nick



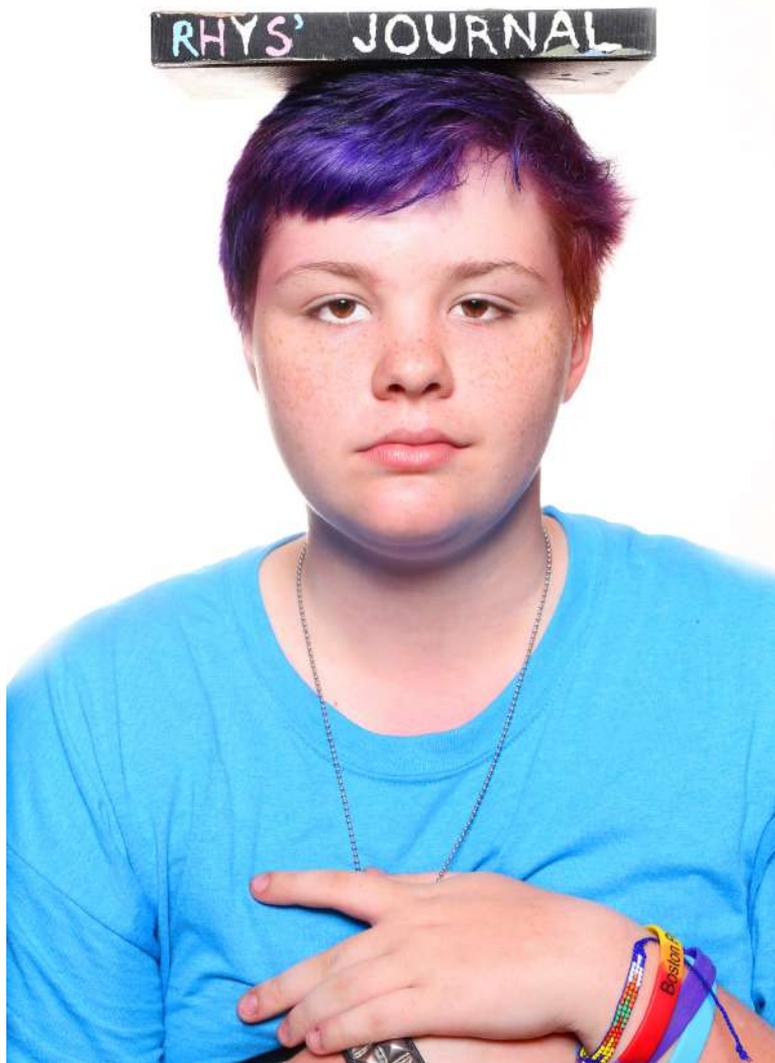
Nikki



Remy



Rhys



Ruby



Shanti



Trish



Quotes from Campers

"Camp creates a place where I can be with amazing people and have the time of my life while being my authentic self! It's easily the best week of my year."

Abbey

"Camp gives me an opportunity to be surrounded by people who are just like me and I don't have to pretend to be someone I'm not. It gave me lifelong memories and friends."

Alana

"I loved this camp. I made so many bonds and memories lasting a lifetime. I'm hoping to make it next year!"

Rhys

"Camp Lightbulb is amazing for so many reasons- for lots of us, including me last summer, it is the only place in the world where we can feel comfortable being our true selves."

At camp, I know that every single person there has a similar experience to me, and more importantly I know that I will be accepted and loved for who I am by all campers, counsellors and staff.

This camp was quite easily the best week of my life and I am counting down the days until I get to go back!"

Gav

Thank you!

It takes a village to make magic. Camp Lightbulb sends out a great big thank you to the following magic makers:

The towns and residents of Provincetown and Truro; Our team: Finn Lanning, Faz Bukhari, Lindz Daman, Amy Kerr, Patti Lonergan, Shaggy Stearns; Our board: Mike Brunzell, Kathleen Henry, Linda Rohler; Truro Hostel; Marc Cortale; Anchor Inn; Ross Grill; Fine Arts Work Center; PTV; The Canteen; Mark Adams, Liz Bradfield, Dawn Walsh; David Bowd & Kevin O'Shea, Bill Docker & Tom Stearns, Craig Smith & Ian Bruce; Our Variety Show performers: Zoe Lewis, Davion Edwards, Varla Jean Merman, Well-Strung; Heather Reed, Timothy Schirmang; Rob Anderson & Loic Rossignon.

And of course, a special thank you to the brilliant Bobby Miller for capturing the essence of our campers with his artistic lens.



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