

Pair of South Fork Kids Make Good

25 Years of summer camping

This year marks the 25th season for the sports camp run by Eric Scopetta and Mark Crandall, whose business is something that stems from their own love of camp as children growing up in East Hampton.

Like many children on the East End, Scopetta and Crandall endured long, cold winters while dreaming of summer fun. Their friendship actually began at camp — as four year-olds at the East Hampton Boys Club, a South Fork staple for active boys for more than four decades. When the Boys Club closed, Scopetta and Crandall were already working as educators and coaches, and decided to create a modern, coed version of the camp that began their lifelong friendship. In 1992, they established the East Hampton Sports Camp. The camp, originally housed at the Neighborhood House in East Hampton, sought to provide a safe and fun place for children to play sports and games, to make friends and to develop self-confidence. During the same period, just down the road in Amagansett, Claude Okin, then a school teacher and tennis pro, founded Kids Club, a tennis and arts camp housed at his Amagansett Eastside Tennis Club, which was later renamed Sportime Amagansett. In 2011, EHSC joined forces with

Sportime and merged these two longstanding camp programs, taking advantage of the diverse campus in



Amagansett and of the principals' more than 50 collective years in the day camp and sports business.

Twenty-five years after the East Hampton Sports Camp was first founded, hundreds of children between the ages of three and 13 experience East Hampton Sports Camp at Sportime — with many alumni graduating to become counselors on the 23-acre campus. The Amagansett facility features an indoor sports area, 33 Har-Tru tennis courts, a heated swimming pool, playing fields and an outdoor multi-sport court and playground, as well as a preschool camp building with classroom space and an art studio.

And of course, Scopetta and Crandall, will be there, continuing to live the life of two South Fork kids taking in all that summer has to offer.

Eric Scopetta, left, and Mark Crandall enjoy summer camp at the East Hampton Boys Club.