

Pittsford honored to have Bills in town

Since 2000, the Town of Pittsford has been proud to host the Buffalo Bills training camp at St. John Fisher College. Since that time, St. John Fisher College has earned a national reputation, not only for its academics, but for hosting one of the top training camps in the NFL. The Bills camp regularly attracts fans from across New York and the country and has given Pittsford a unique opportunity to showcase all it has to offer.

It is truly an honor to be one of thirty-two communities across the United States hosting an NFL training camp. Almost every day, Pittsford is in the byline of information going out in USA Today, ESPN as well as a number of other news outlets. As I am a huge Bills fan, it is always a pleasure for me to go to camp and cheer on Upstate New York's home team.

Each year, we have the pleasure of hosting several of Pittsford's children and/or teens and their parents at the camp. On Monday, August 9, the town and the Bills hosted youth with disabilities and their families in a special area of camp. Over 50 people braved the rain to watch the training camp in action. At the end of the night, several Bills came over and signed autographs for kids (including number one draft pick C.J. Spiller). This Saturday, August 21, the town will again host several kids playing for the Pittsford Panthers. Both these nights are always a lot of fun for the kids and their parents.

If residents have not yet had the opportunity to attend the camp, I encourage you to do so before it ends on Tuesday, 8/24. The camp is a great and affordable (tickets are free) way to spend an afternoon with your family. Training staff and the entire Bills team have been gracious guests and are always quick to sign an autograph or help answer any of your questions. To find out more about tickets and shuttles (which cost \$1 and depart from Pittsford Mendon High School, Pittsford Sutherland High School and Barker Road Middle School-overflow), please visit the Buffalo Bills official website at www.buffalobills.com.



CJ Spiller signs an autograph for Isabella and Mitchell Wittman from Pittsford as their mother, Terry Baird-Wittman, looks on.

As in years past, children and adults can enjoy interactive games as well as exclusive Bills gear in the vendor tent at the camp entrance. The practices also include an opportunity for fans to test their football skills in the Bills Experience and partner displays and giveaways will encompass each night practice.

Go Bills!