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Getting With the Times

One of the most common questions I have been required to field since taking over stewardship of Nebagamon in the winter of 2003 is, "So, are you planning on changing a lot at camp?" Now, being no FOOL, I understood that this question is a very loaded one. I knew that with the arrival of new directors comes the possibility for change and upheaval in any institution. I also knew that Nebagamon was a place that has a powerful and longstanding history and tradition, and that change is very uncomfortable.

So with that in mind, I have always politely told all of the inquirers that we had no plans to make any major changes to Nebagamon, and that for the foreseeable future, Nebagamon would remain the same place that they remember from their youth.

Well, I have bided my time long enough. It is about time I shared with you some of my plans to bring this rather arcane institution into the new millennium. It is my feeling that the time for a place of old values, old sports, and old finances is long since past. If Nebagamon wishes to be truly relevant (and profitable) in the future, things have to change.

For starters, our project offerings are not the types of activities that appeal to the modern child. We are finding that we are losing dozens of campers each year to other camps that offer more slick and modern activities. Long since past are the days when paddling a canoe or sailing an X-boat can add value in the life of a child. Today's achievement oriented parenting world demands that our kids learn skills that will translate better into the workplace. Studies show that with the amount of computer work that will be required of the modern worker, finger dexterity and video screen skills are of paramount importance. With this in mind, we will be doing away with all of our waterfront projects and reassigning our waterfront staff to our newest program area: video gaming. These games will also focus on the competitive and aggressive nature that the modern workplace clearly requires.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



While I love calling Duluth, MN home during the winter, I really enjoy getting back to visit friends in Boise and to work from our Boise office. I recently returned from a two week visit out to Boise at the beginning of March, and, as always, it was another solid visit. I was able to log a few hours at Nebagamon HQ, chase Rocky the dog around the house, and entertain Steph, Adam and Briggs with my amazing singing in the office. There was also plenty of time to get together with old friends from my Boise days, hanging out in the North End (the cool part of Boise), playing at the park with their kids, and driving around aimlessly in their '68 convertible Chevy Impala in the awesome sunny, warm weather.

It's funny as I seem to always measure up my friendships outside the camp world with my friends at camp. And I can safely say that my core group of friends out in Boise are on par with my camp friends. No matter how long I've been away, the moment we're standing across from one another, we're immediately laughing, and it is as if I haven't been away for a year. They're also the kind of friends that include you in everything, and if you need help, you know they will be there for you. It was a memorable and hysterical two weeks in Boise. Of course I also went fishing in north central Idaho with some buddies. There were lots of laughs, the same yet still amazing stories, and we caught some gigantic steelhead! Timing of the steelhead run has many factors that need to align, and we were fortunate that it all came together. Water levels were perfect, the first run of fish were in, and the weather was a wintery-spring mix. I woke up each morning with fresh snow on the ground. There's something special about crawling out from the tent onto fresh snow, enjoying a great cup of coffee, and then putting on cold, frozen waders. Didn't take long for the sun to come out and warm us up for two solid days of fishing. Standing in the south fork of the Clearwater, seeing fish rise, and hooking into 34+ inch fish never grows old and keeps me wanting for more. The river canyons are beautiful with the towering pines, rocky ledges and the occasional snowstorm rolling through for a short bit. Fishing for steelhead is incredible and some of the best in the country in the remote wilds of Idaho. I cannot wait to get back to Idaho in the fall!

The reunions are done and the start of the 2017 season is just around the corner! Please send me news of yourself via snail mail, wagon train or email (y'all still do that right??). I promise to make you famous in next month's Arrowhead! Hope your spring is going great and be sure to connect with those camp friends for some good laughs and stories of years past!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Sam Shapira** (Chicago) won the Shepard Middle School geography bee and spent a week touring Israel with **Isaac Shiff-Lewin** (Chicago) this off-season. **Ben Hanson-Kaplan** (Boise) stays busy playing soccer. **Oliver Held** (Washington D.C.) is playing baseball this spring.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Dan Kopman** (St. Louis '71-'74,'76,'78,'82,'04) will be joining Heavy Seas Beer out of Baltimore as their Chief Executive Officer. **Daniel Blumberg** (Chicago '05-'10) is finishing his senior year at University of Wisconsin-Madison and is on the UW Madison cycling team. **Daniel** will be competing at the National Championships April 26 – 30 in Grand Junction, CO. **Andy Lenobel** (Cincinnati/Columbus '94-'97) is an Associate General Counsel for Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS go to **Kathryn Gallagher** (Lake Nebagamon/Minneapolis '09-'11,'15) and Kostiantyn Korchak (Minneapolis). Also congratulations to **Tovah Goldfine** (Tempe, AZ '09-'13) and Zebadiah Miller (Tempe, AZ).

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to Genevieve Yam (New York City) and **Lewis Kopman** (St. Louis/NYC '02-'07,'09-'12,'14-'15).

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a boy, **Ethan**, for Deborah Kent Gordon and **Doug Gordon** (Glencoe/D.C. '91-'93,'95-'98). It's a boy, **Henry**, for Erin Lenobel and **Scott Lenobel** (Cincinnati/Columbus '91-'96, '98-'99).

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Our video game offerings will include exclusively hand-to-hand fighting games, army simulations, and, of course, EA Sport's newest game....Log Rolling 2017. Additionally, we have come to realize that the arts really have no value in the life of a child. A superfluous waste of time. So the Artshop will be completely retrofitted to create the brand new Nebagamon College Resume Fabricating Shop. Here campers will come every morning for two hours to work on ensuring that their college applications sparkle. Now we do realize that at nine years old, it is a bit late to begin work on college application, but we will do our best to help along those who have waited so long.

Note: The athletics program will remain completely intact with plenty of opportunities for the boys to continue to work on sports. We are well aware of the fact that for most campers, an athletic scholarship remains VERY likely and we will continue to support these efforts.

The changes that we plan on instituting are not, however, limited to programmatic changes in camp. We have also realized the ENORMOUS marketing and sponsorship opportunities that owning a property like Camp Nebagamon affords us. Frankly, after analyzing this potential, we are shocked at the lack of vision of the Lorbers, Steins, and Wallensteins. They left an absolute gold mine completely unstripped. We are pleased to announce that the CNOG area (just adjacent to Throck) is in the process of being converted into a Starbucks®, and that the Nature Shack (also just adjacent to Throck) is in the process of being converted into a Caribou Coffee®, and that the Axeman/Lumberjack Jop (also just adjacent to Throck) is in the process of being converted into a Dutch Bros Coffee®. (If nothing else, the Lumberjacks will have many new options for places to get hot water for their Ramen noodles!) In addition, the upstairs of the Craftshop (also just adjacent to Throck) will be outfitted with a gym for the office workers complete with kayak simulating exercise machines, sculling simulating exercise machines, and tennis simulating exercise machines. Word also has it, that within the week, we will be presented with offers to purchase the Upper Diamond for a commercial food area to include Applebees®, Chilis®, Bennigans®, TGI Fridays®, and Ruby Tuesdays®...apparently, the office folks like a short walk back to work off their Blazin' Hot Wings®.

Now I am sure that for some of you, these changes may be a bit unsettling. You may be concerned that camp might have a slightly different feel this summer than you remember it. For those of you with those concerns, remember that every cloud has its silver lining. These corporate sponsorships will significantly increase the profitability of camp and allow for MANY other improvements. The next improvement on the list is an eight person hot tub.....for the Little House.

With all of these changes, camp should really be looking great by the time the busses roll in on June 20th. As always, if you have not been to camp in a number of years, we encourage you to come by and see us. With this in mind, we will be offering day passes this summer for the bargain price of \$65 a day, plus \$10 per meal, except for the *grilled cheese and tomato soup lunch*. Because of the popularity of this lunch and the increased costs due to us making the choice to go to TWO slices of American cheese instead of one, we will be charging \$15.

In the meantime, we are all looking forward to our tall, double skinny, non-fat, sugar free, no froth, mocha frappuccinos....with an extra shot of bug juice.

Finally, all of us here in the camp office want to wish you a HAPPY APRIL FOOLS' DAY!

MANY FAMILIAR FACES RETURNING FOR 2017!



There have been many phone calls from veteran staff who want to return and others who wish to become first year junior counselors. We have enjoyed talking to all of you and can't wait to share the summer of 2017 with you!

We are pleased to say that our counselor positions are quickly being filled. Our first year junior counselors are Eli Asher, Max Krupnick, Michael Seigel, Matthew Lazarov, Ethan Strull, Zach Rozen, Charlie Fromm, Henry Quinn Pasin, David Graber, Javin Schwartzman, Brett Patterson, Alberto Mosconi, Josh Hanson-Kaplan, Ethan Berman, Gus Peters, Ben Avigad, Josh Levitas, Graham Brimmer, Tony Bogolub, Eli Striker, Sam Rezaei, Max Fleischer, Jakob Braunschweiger, Charlie Gordon, Steve Apter, Alex Swett, Sam Brandstad Phillips, and Matthew Dixon. Returning Junior Counselors are Jamie Lindy, Daniel Finan, Ben Harrison, Adam Isaacs, Ethan Orchard, Michael Rivkin, Max Steinbaum, Reid Balser, Adam Grassi, Eli Fraerman, Gunner O'Reilly, Jack Kanterman and Jeremy Berkowitz. Our senior counselors are Ryan Zimmerman, Jake Miller, Walter Fromm, Ben Huston, Isaac Weiss-Meyer, Jake Beren, Michael Deutsch, Barnaby Megicks, Sam Lucas, Isaac Murray-Stark, Eli Fromm, Ben Wolf, Sam Feldman, Zach Muzik, Louie Bogolub and Jeffrey Silver. New to counseling staff we've also hired William De-Warr Crooks, Mason Streeter, Joshua Hurst and Ben Eisen.

Our Village Director lineup is now complete! Charlie Barrows will be our LJ Village Director, Larry Held is the Axeman Village, Alex Gordon is the Logger Village Director, and Louis Levin will be heading up the Swamper Village. There are some awesome additions to our specialist crew as well. Ellie Berler is returning to head the craft shop. Our climbing wall specialists are Sam Werthan and Graylan Vincent. Rounding out the infirmary and new to camp is McKenna Robbins as a nursing assistant. Recent additions to our wilderness trip program are Julia Sachs, Sam Brewer, Zayla Asquith-Heinz, Olivia Drukker, Kate Bennett, Wyatt Strombom, and Andrew Meyer. Nick Copeland returns as the Assistant Trip Director and Bill Hensel will be a trip driver this summer. Returning to our kitchen crew is Anne Rowe, Daisy Mack, Cody Keys, Alex Fuller, Bailey Evans, Lindsey Evans, Ethan Skaggs, Elissa Skaggs, and Grace Edwards.

We'll have a full publishing of our staff in another Arrowhead. We have a great looking staff for 2017!

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STAFFING NEEDS REMAIN!

Don't let the prolific list of staff members above lead you to believe that we've filled our staffing needs. Below you will find a list of positions that remain open. As always, the best source for new staff is the camp family. If you contact the camp office with a referral, we will follow up quickly, or you can have interested individuals contact us directly.

- Wilderness Trip Leaders**
- Office Assistant**
- Senior Cabin Counselor**
- M.O.C.A**
- Kitchen Assistants**

PARENT PREPARATION PACKET ON ITS WAY!

This year's Parent Handbook and official yellow Nebagamon luggage tags will be en route to you in the next couple of weeks. As in recent years, all camper forms will be available in an online-only format. If you have any questions in the meantime about getting ready for camp, please don't hesitate to contact us via email at briggs@campnebagamon.com or give us a call at 208-345-5544.

SPOTS REMAIN FOR THE SUMMER

We would like to welcome the campers listed below who enrolled during March for this summer. We have more openings available, but please contact us soon if you're still considering coming to camp this summer. New campers have an asterisk (*) before their names, and their hometowns are listed afterwards. Eight-week campers are indicated with an (8).

2nd Grade Campers: * Danny Schottenstein (Tiburon, CA)

3rd Grade Campers: *Benji Solomon (New York, NY), *Asher Toback (Chicago, IL)

4th Grade Campers: *Gabriel Colon (Middletown, CT), Adrian Elizondo, *Malakai Johns (Middletown, CT), Ben Wolf

5th Grade Campers: Austin Alexander, Sebastian Ramirez

6th Grade Campers: Aidan Capes, Zack Troeller

7th Grade Campers: Michael Bayer (8), Jackson Goldblatt

8th Grade Campers: Jackson Fogelman, Noah Keim (8), Drew Klearman, James McCreary (8), Aron Pacalso, Jonathan Raclin, Jashua Sanabria (8)

9th Grade Campers: William Lenz

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K E E P T H E F I R E S B U R N I N G

At Camp**CARETAKER JOE GETS READY FOR CAMP**

Well I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but any of you who choose a date in March for your "Ice Out Contest" entry will not be enjoying the fantastic grand prize this year. But, according to Caretaker Andy, who has been doing quite a bit of ice fishing out on Lake Nebagamon in March, it won't be long now. Early in the month the lake still had a substantial covering of ice, almost 20 inches. Unfortunately for Andy, as the month progressed and the ice got thinner, the fishing, which started out pretty bad, progressively got worse. After each outing, his reports were more about ice conditions than big fish stories. Though he did catch a couple of big blue gill sun fish (referred to as GILLS by our mighty fish slayer) in the 10 inch slot, mostly he hooked small perch, and on one occasion a small rock bass. But the ice reports were rich with details of the ice's demise, with one week's report stating that the lake lost more than six inches of ice in a mere six days.

With the last week of the month finally being consistently mild, Caretaker Andy decided it was time to hang the old jig stick up for the season. During his outing on the 27th, ice conditions were sketchy enough that he decided it would be risky to make another trip onto the ice. The ice had become badly "candled" and very dark and low on the water, and holes drilled many days before were remaining open. He speculated that with a few days of sun and wind, the remaining ice would probably not survive.

Two days later, I did see a few "Crazies" out 100 yards or so from the shore sitting on buckets. (That's the Northlander's technical term for those willing to risk themselves on bad ice for one last chance to pull "the big one" up through a hole.) I was a bit puzzled as to how they were able to get onto the ice because the shore was ice free out quite a way. They must have been wearing insulated waders or perhaps had a long plank stretched from the ice to the shore, they were "Crazies" after all. I was picking up a pizza for dinner at the restaurant formerly known as "The Waterfront Bar and Grill" (which now has new owners and sports the moniker "Patties Docksides") and so I didn't spend any pie cooling time investigating their method of ingress and egress. (Yes, those are this month's vocabulary building words.)

Back in camp's caretakers' shop, "A Man's Land," we brought in the last of the items needing repair from the Wanagan. Caretaker Andy, for his final shop project of the winter, rehabbed the two watermelon tables that are used during the summer to cut and serve watermelon on Sundays. We both were astonished that these tables hadn't been referred to our service many years ago! One of the tables stood on floppy legs with loose nails sticking out in several directions, while the other had a solid but permanent 20 degree lean built into its poorly constructed base, and both looked like the last time they had seen a coat of paint was during Muggs' tenure.

My final project was to rebuild the innocent looking windmill that sits near the sidewalk to the east of the Big House. The main body of the windmill was rotted badly in several places and the only thing salvageable was the windmill blade and bearing. It turned out to be quite a challenging little project, for the main body was a four foot tall tapered octagon. The previous builder took the short cut of not beveling the edges of the eight sides. Instead the original builder made the 16 cuts as square cuts and then tacked screen molding over the eight corners to cover the gaps at the intersections. But, being a firm believer in the caretaker's credo, "Leave it better than you found it," I spent a little extra time and built two jigs to make the two needed beveled and tapered cuts for each of the eight sides. I'll admit that it took a bit of cogitating (feel free to add that to your vocabulary list too!), and a fair amount of mental imaging, and some scrap MDO plywood to get it all right and repeatable, but in the end I made one fine looking tapered, beveled edged, four foot tall tapered octagon! After all of that, I decided to decorate it in the style of a classic Dutch windmill.

Contemplating a six foot tall tapered, beveled edged, octagon lighthouse for the waterfront, now that I have the needed skills, it's Caretaker Joe, at camp.