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Mock Political Convention To Return In The Summer of 2016

Throughout my childhood (and young adulthood) at Nebagamon, every four years the camp hosted its very own Mock Political Convention. It was one of the really big deal events of those summers and a great deal of buildup and excitement surrounded it. These Mock Political Conventions allowed campers a day or so to put aside thoughts of crafting a beautiful lanyard in favor of crafting a comprehensive capital gains tax policy. The boys were afforded the opportunity to forgo chopping wood and instead worked on chopping the international trade deficit. They could take a break from using the wind to sail across Lake Nebagamon, in favor of using their own wind to sway camper opinion on immigration policy. Just the kinds of things that all boys dream of before heading off for a summer in the Northwoods!

In reality, sometimes these Mock Political Conventions served to be wonderful educational moments for the boys and allowed them to learn about political issues outside of school and free from the one sided political manipulations that can occur around family dinner tables. (Guilty as charged!!!) Several older boys were given the responsibility to research and then represent each of the major political candidates to the camp family in a grand evening event in which the boys listened, learned and eventually voted for their favorite candidates. In the days leading up to the event, political banners and posters popped up all over camp in an effort to sway the sophisticated 9-15 year old electorate....

"A candy line in every pot, and an extra brownie-glop dessert in every garage!"

"I like (Mike and) Ike(s)!"

"Sweeping compound isn't the solution to our problem, sweeping compound is our problem!"

"Read my lips....no more mosquitoes!"

"Ask not what your Boss Logger can do for you, ask what you can do for your Boss Logger"

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



Isle Royale backcountry permits are in hand and I just confirmed 30 seats on the Voyageur II boat that will take our campers and staff out and back to the largest island on a fresh water lake in the world. I also received the Pictured Rocks permits in the mail a couple of weeks back. Dates are secured for a sweet four day sea kayak paddle on Lake Superior and a three day rock climbing trip up the north shore of Lake Superior for our campers this summer. Even with all of those trips on the calendar I still have about 60 more to schedule for the entire summers worth of wilderness trips. Lastly I'm hoping to add a combo trip this summer that will include one day of mountain biking on some flowy single track trail in Duluth then a day of climbing at Ely's Peak and lastly a day of rafting on the St. Louis River. There are so many adventures to be had within a short distance of Camp Nebagamon! I'm still amazed at all of the opportunities our campers have while spending four or eight weeks in the northwoods. Between choosing from 20 in-camp projects too taking advantage of the wilderness trips and then all of the other events (Paul Bunyan Day, The Grand Pursuit, Capture the Flag, Taste of Nebagamon, Chefs Cap...and the list goes on) our boys have so many choices! I love that we do scheduled cabin trips for our 3rd – 5th graders which gives the boys a great taste of what lies ahead in the near future. Also starting in 5th grade and all the way through 9th grade the fact that our boys can choose to go on as many trips as they want while at camp is a wonderful opportunity. Spending the off season on the reunion tour I get to hear about the "old" days at camp and many of those memories are from going out on Nebagamon trips. To think that many new memories will be created this coming summer from our campers is awesome! I'm continuing to put more trips on the calendar so get ready for a sweet summer out on trail!

The office is bustling with energy: camper packets will be going out soon, staff paperwork to be sent shortly thereafter, in addition to the task of finishing up any leftover candy from last summer's candyline. Thank you for sending news of your whereabouts and happenings. Remember that there are only two more *Arrowheads* to be sent out before the summer, so please keep sending news and I will publish it before the summer. Get excited for a sweet 2016 season!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Graham Brimmer** (Minnetonka, MN) was elected Varsity Swim Team Captain for next winter at Hopkins High School. **Luke Herzog's** (Pacific Grove, CA) second book, **GRIFFIN BLADE AND THE BRONZE FINGER**, was named a finalist for INDIEFAB Book of the Year. The category is for authors 17 and under. Luke finished writing it when he was 13. **Nate Hohner** (Chicago) auditioned for a pretty big role in the MS operetta, and he got the part he wanted - he is Alfred Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*.

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPT: It's a girl, **Cameron Rose**, for Lauren Frank and **Adam Frapart** (NY '94-'00).

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS of **Danny Cohen** (DCO) (Los Angeles '95-'01,'03-'07,'10-'11) and Emily Towers (Los Angeles).

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CONVENTION (Continued from Page 1)

Needless to say, sometimes the results of these Mock Political Conventions didn't really reflect much except for the popularity of their representatives within the camper body.....John Anderson won in a landslide in 1980!

When we took over as the stewards of Nebagamon, I decided to do away with the Mock Political Convention. To be honest, I just didn't really think that the boys were able to plug in to the real meaning or significance of the platforms just through some speeches delivered by another kid. It just wasn't real to the boys....they couldn't relate. I have taken a lot of heat over the past 13 years for the elimination of the Mock Political Convention. I have given a lot of thought to reinstating the event....but just couldn't do it the way it had been done....it was just too hard for our boys to intellectually access.

Well, this year I have decided to give in to the pressure and the Mock Political Convention will be brought back to camp. In order to address my concerns about the abstract nature of things and how hard it is for the boys to truly understand what each of the candidates stand for, I am going to assign each village to a particular candidate and have them really LIVE what that candidate is all about. This way, while the boys will not learn about every candidate, they will at least gain an in depth understanding of the candidate that their village is going to embody.

The Swamper Village will become the Ted Cruz Village. In an effort to embody all that Senator Cruz represents, the boys will spend the first three and a half weeks of the summer estranging themselves from each other by attacking their peers for what they believe in and telling their peers that they are unfaithful Swampers that deserve to be disregarded. Then, in the final half of a week, the Swampers will attempt to convince each other that despite the fact that they have put down and denigrated each other for virtually the entire session, they should now turn the other cheek and support them. It's admittedly a tall order for our Swampers, but we truly believe this is the best way for them to come to understand the Cruz way.

The Logger Village will transform into the Hillary Clinton Village. For starters, upon arrival at camp, each camper will be issued a personal email account through which to conduct whatever business they see fit to engage in on those accounts. Now I know that historically we have had a policy against email accounts of any kind at camp for campers, but, in order to truly understand Hillary Clinton's world, the boys will come to understand that policies are flexible depending on what is most expedient. As an added bonus for the Loggers, the Clinton campaign is actually going to be sending us representatives to help out...we will be getting a whole slew of them. Apparently Hillary has asked that every one of her husband's new interns be sent to the Northwoods...as far from him as possible.

Our Axeman Village will come to gain a deep understanding of what it is like to live the Bernie Sanders vision of the world. As soon as the Axemen arrive at camp, all of their belongings will be brought to the center of the village and laid out for the use and consumption of the entire village. Additionally, the Bernie Sanders way will remedy one of the longstanding problems in the Axeman Village...slots on the coveted Pictured Rocks trip. As true Sanders believers, the Axemen will all be given the opportunity to experience the special grandeur of Pictured Rocks. Every camper will be able to go! Of course, given the funding impossibility of actually sending each camper to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan, the boys will instead be shown many Pictures of Rocks for two days while camping on the Upper Diamond.

Finally, our Lumberjacks will have the opportunity to learn about the Donald Trump candidacy. As soon as they arrive at camp, the Lumberjacks will get to work on building a giant 15 foot wall to separate them from the other villages in camp. Again, while the current camp coffers are not deep enough to actually get this wall built, the Lumberjacks have assured us that they will make the Swampers pay for it. Our Lumberjacks will also be given in depth briefings on political matters: domestic tax policy, the intricacies of domestic social policy, supreme court mechanisms, international trade treaties, war and peace opportunities in the Middle East and Russia...nah...just kidding. They will be given absolutely no information on any of these issues but still be given a tremendous amount of Rec Hall microphone time to espouse their beliefs on all of these complicated issues. They will be instructed that if they get stumped by an issue, the proper response is to simply turn to the rest of the camp family and flip them the bird.

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MANY FAMILIAR FACES RETURNING FOR 2016!

There have been many phone calls from veteran staff and from 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 2016 with you!

We are pleased to say that our counselor positions are quickly being filled. Our first year junior counselors are Diego Santa Cruz, Jaime Lindy, Rayce Peters, Max Steinbaum, Max Michel, Nate Berman, Alex Aronoff, Jack Kanterman, Reid Balsler, Michael Paul, Jeremy Berkowitz, Ben Harrison, Daniel Finan, Ethan Orchard, Ben Turok, Matthew Saslawsky, Gabe Sher, Ian Herbert, Clayton Schwab, Luke Conrad, Gunner O'Reily, Quincy Hirt, Will Weinfield, Eli Fraerman, Bennett Stein, Nathaniel Margerum, Michael Rivkin, Adam Isaacs, Spencer Porter and Max Moog. Our senior counselors are Adam Schimberg, Zach Stern, Teddy Shapira, Benji Ballin, Isaac Murray Stark, Sam Lucas, Jake Friedman, Michael Deutsch, David Woldenberg, Reid Kahn, Ben Huston, Max Settineri, Jake Miller, Matthew Myer, Noah Kanter, Max Goldsmith, Alex Balsler, Nachi Santa Cruz and Danny Koretz. New to counseling staff we've also hired Alex Carmichael, Alex Gordon, Barnaby Megicks, Charles Hanarahn, Eugene Sibanda, Harry Thomas and Lewis Bullmore.

There are some awesome additions to our specialist crew as well. Our waterfront is in great hands with Henry Pulitzer and Bill Hensel directing the fun and safety our campers. Ralph Greil will be back out on the range as our Range Master. Grant Chukerman will be running MOCA. Our climbing wall specialist are Mika Lambert and Jonathan Friedman this summer. Dan Levis returns back to the northwoods as the Lumberjack Push. Spencer Brown is the new tennis specialist. Recent additions to our wilderness trip program is Kayla Rosenow, Bob Campbell, Zach Sullivan, Todd Alhers, Ben Richards, Ben Werthan and Paul Willett. Nick Copeland returns as the Assistant Trip Director and Amy Mack will be a trip driver. Finishing out our office staff we have Katie DeCramer, who will be joining us for her first summer. Joining us in the office this summer is Jaye Hensel. Returning to our kitchen crew is Daisy Mack, Alex Fuller and Bailey Evans.

Giddy Up!!!! We have a great looking staff for 2016!

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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
Nurse Assistant
Office Assistant
Trip Driver

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And oh yes....we have also arranged to have a representative of the Kasich campaign wandering around camp aimlessly and trying to sound reasonable.....the boys will be instructed to completely ignore him. You know....just to keep it legit.

I am very confident that this new iteration of the Camp Nebagamon Mock Political Convention will be a winner. I really feel great about the depth of understanding that each of our boys will gain into their assigned candidates this summer through this innovative and cutting edge new program. The boys will gain a deeper understanding of intolerance, obstinance, entitlement and uncivility. What more could one ask for from a summer camp experience!?

And Happy April Fool's Day.

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).

3rd Grade Campers: *Adam Salem-Atia (Kansas City, MO), *Henry Sohn (Chicago, IL), Ben Wolf

4th Grade Campers: *Luke Galik (Chicago, IL), *Will Needlman (Evanston, IL), Ethan Pearson, *Milo Peterson (Boise, ID), *Jonah Rontal (Huntington Woods, MI)

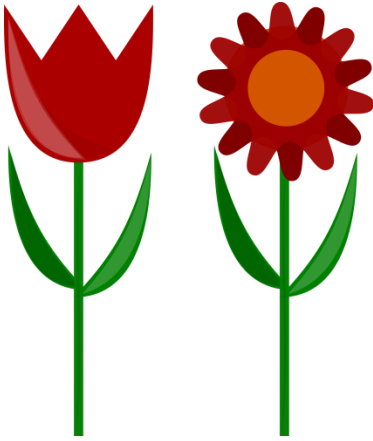
5th Grade Campers: Aidan Capes, Andrew Condrell, Anthony Gutierrez, Phillip Hall (8), Justin Munoz, Zachary Troeller

6th Grade Campers: Aidan Buford

7th Grade Campers: *Cian Duffy (Park Ridge, IL), Drew Klearman, Edoardo Longo, Aron Pacalso, Jashua Sanabria (8)

8th Grade Campers: Bryce Johnson (8), William Lenz

9th Grade Campers: Eric Portillo (8), Nick Schumann (8), Conor Seely

At Camp**CARETAKER JOE PULLS OUT THE RAINCOAT**

For most of you March is a month of spring. The temperatures become sustainably warmer and the spring flowers begin to emerge. The trees bloom and the heavy jackets get moved to the less accessible corners of the closet. The clutter of snow boots is exchanged for the clutter of tennis shoes in home entries. But here, nearly in the farthest north location of Wisconsin where our beloved Camp Nebagamom is located, March is a month of climatological uncertainty. The temperatures become erratic; one day it is spring, the next day we are plunged back into the heart of winter. The spring flowers begin to emerge, only to be stunted and often have their tips frosted off before they can come to full bloom some time, perhaps in April. The tree buds may bulge a bit, but the heavy jackets of winter stay at the front of the closet, which gets rather congested as they are joined by the spring jackets, and well, the raincoat must be at the front too. Discipline must be maintained at the house's entry, or it would become

impassable, because you still need those snow boots, as well as the tennis shoes and, yes, the Wellies or galoshes may be needed too. And the March we experienced this year was a Northland classic! We had the perfect mashup of all four seasons. Our high temperatures ranged from 21 degrees to 64 degrees, and our lows ranged from 0 degrees to 43 degrees, arranged erratically throughout the month! Though hot dry breezes blew early in the month, we also had our biggest snowstorm of the winter, a wet 7 ½ inches (our largest snow event previously was about five inches) smack dab in the middle of the month. We've had rain, snow, sleet, drizzle, snizzle (snow drizzle mix), freezing rain, and snow that melted on contact with the ground, fog, pristine clear blue skies, and whole days that were grey and dreary too! This March we have had days that started warm and sunny, switched to cool and rainy and then finished cold and snowy.

All of this climatological uncertainty keeps us caretakers on our toes. Though we want to take advantage of all opportunities to get out of the shop after being shut in all winter, we have to be careful not to be fooled by the appearance of "spring" like conditions. We have to stay flexible with our project choices because, though we may be able to get out in the warm sunshine in the morning, we may be chased back in at noon by a blowing and cold snowstorm. For example, last week, Caretaker Jack took advantage of three forecasted days in the 50s to do some work on range cabin "Birch." The plan was to get the living room floor sanded and put on a few coats of finish. All started off well enough. The weather was warm and, though he needed to run an electric heater to take the edge off in the morning, by midday things warmed up so much that he adjusted his plan to include a fresh coat of paint on the walls. The next day the forecast held true and he was able to get the floor sanded. On the third day the forecast failed, and things turned too cold to apply the finish. Plans had to be altered again. So Jack closed up the cabin to wait until the weather turns warm again. And here it is the last week of March, and things are still up and down. We started the week with temperatures in the lower 60s, with the last of the snow almost gone, and, believe it or not, the weather is supposed turn cool and rainy in the middle of the week and then change to cold and snowy at the end of the week. That's right we are supposed to have a high of 30 degrees and a chance of snow on April 1st. Mother Nature's little April Fool's joke I guess.

Taking the opportunity to say "climatological uncertainty" one last time in this article, just because I like the way it bounces out of my mouth, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp

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Happy Birthday to our Birthday Crew!

April

1	Josh Levitas Max Rontal	1524 Crabtree Lane 10525 Talbot Avenue	Deerfield, IL 60015 Huntington Woods, MI 48070
2	Jake Novack Ben Shacter Jason Shacter Charlie Woodman	540 Lincoln Ave 1930 W. Grace St. 1930 W. Grace St. 4760 Mystic Dr NE	Glencoe, IL 60022 Chicago, IL 60613 Chicago, IL 60613 Atlanta, GA 30342
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