



# THE ARROWHEAD

## CAMP NEBAGAMON'S MONTHLY NEWSPAPER

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### **Keeping the Fires Burning**

As hopefully you all know, much of my winter is taken up with travels around the country meeting with prospective families and participating in camp reunions in about 20 different cities. That's right, 20 different cities sharing the exact same slideshow, the exact same jokes (some of which are the exact same jokes as the year before!), and the exact same video. If one didn't know me (despite my fondness for repetition), one might think that I would grow weary or bored with the camp reunion. But the truth is....I love them. I love every one of them. There is just something really special about putting Nebagamon folks together and getting them to talk and think about camp. I hope you made it to one of these events this year....if not, make a point of it next year...I promise to write some new jokes (but will keep the 2-3 that people historically laugh at....forgive me!).

With all of that said, I have been particularly aware of other types of camp reunions that have been taking place and planned these days. The independent reunions. This winter alone, I have heard about an entire cabin of 9<sup>th</sup> graders from the summer of 2015 that decided to all get together for a weekend in Chicago. This reunion included boys from Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Raleigh, New York, Chicago, and Atlanta. I also heard stories about bar-mitzvahs in which boys travelled across the country to be together and celebrate with their cabinmates. To these boys, the one or two months a year when they get to hang out in Wisconsin with their camp brothers is simply not enough....they want more.....and they make it happen.

But it isn't just kids that arrange for these independent reunions every year. My inbox is full of stories of them. I know of a group of incredibly close friends (who live in Texas, Rhode Island, and Minnesota) that have been taking a Quetico canoe trip together every summer since they were campers in the 1970s. Earlier this year, a group of my cabinmates from the class of 1982, got together in Chicago to take in the final playoff game of the year for the Cubs (this was in October....the Cub's last game will be in November this year!!) I was clued in to, and even invited to join a group of cabinmates from the 1970's for a weekend in Jackson Hole (I did not attend....I mean, who wants to hang with the camp director when there are naughty camp stories to be told!!!??

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## NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



For the third year in a row I skied the 10K Book Across The Bay “ski race” from Ashland, WI to Washburn, WI. For this amazing event, one skis across the iced over Chequamegon Bay of Lake Superior. Hearing that alone should make you want to head north for this incredible weekend! As the horn sounded, all 2500 skiers, runners, and snowshoers took off across the starting line. By the third kilometer, the crowd kind of thinned out and I found myself in a rhythm of passing skiers in the tracks ahead of me. I was surrounded by all these other people and a great star filled night sky; there were no headlamps, aid stations every two kilometers and, lastly, the entire course was lined with luminaries made from five gallon buckets. To top off the evening, once I crossed the finish line, there was a huge heated tent (it was 0 degrees out) and I enjoyed a bowl of chili while listening to a live band. It is hands down one of the greatest large events that I participate in all year.

Following that weekend was the American Birkebeiner (the Birkie) ski race in Hayward. I had skied it back in 1994 and 2004 and felt it was time to help out other skiers at an aid station. (Plus skiing 56K doesn’t sound that much fun anymore.) The volunteers at the Boedecker Aid Station were a ton of fun to work with. We, the camp family, also had two Nebagamon alumni ski and finish the Birkie this year. Emily Prudhomme came all the way from Seattle, WA and Chris Willett made the drive up from Osceola, WI. They both had solid times for a warm day of racing.

With the reunion tour season wrapping up for the season, I’m going to need your help. 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! ‘Till next time, enjoy the day, and get excited for a sweet summer in the northwoods!

**IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW** that in Atlanta, **Jake Miller** is president of his dorm at Emory. **Jacob Greenwald’s** basketball team came in 4<sup>th</sup> place this winter and he will be gearing up for golf and tennis this spring. **Aidan Capes** plays on the Golden State Warriors basketball team. **Ian Herbert** enjoyed his senior season of football, making the all-region team. Ian is also playing soccer this winter. **Jacob Kassel** is an assistant teacher in his religious school and plays soccer. **Eli Asher** is wrestling this winter and plays lacrosse. **Erik Montag** is running the 800, 1600 and 3200 for his track and field team. **Chase Herbert** is a shooting guard for his basketball team.

**IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT:** **Scott Greenwald** (Atlanta ’87-’93, ’95, ’97) is the IT at Swift School an elementary/middle school for kids with dyslexia. **Raul Portillo** (Atlanta ’96-’97) works in finance for Delta Airlines. **Adam Capes** (Atlanta ’83-’88) is co-founder of Gateway to Give which helps charities raise money. **Ned Montag** (Atlanta ’78-’84) and **John Montag** (Atlanta ’78-’83, ’86) just celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> year of being in business together.

**IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT:** It’s a girl, **Sydney Elizabeth**, for Andrea Kramer and **Brian Kramer** (East Troy/Chicago ’88-’93, ’95-’00). It’s a boy, **Andrew Richard**, for Karen Lombardi Bernstein and **Todd Bernstein** (Memphis/San Francisco ’85-’90, ’92-’94).

**BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS** go to **Ben Montag** (Atlanta).

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

## STAFFING NEEDS REMAIN!

Know someone looking for a great Summer 2016 experience? 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**  
**Photography Specialist**

## SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS SUMMER

The summer is getting closer, and enrollments are still rolling in to the office. We still do have some spaces available in each session for 2016. If you know of any prospective new campers, please have them contact the camp office soon to ensure that they can register for the summer. Listed below are boys that registered in February. New campers have an asterisk before their names, and their hometowns are in parentheses.

**2nd Grade Campers:** \*Sy Kessler (Washington, DC), \*Liam Mann (Chicago, IL)

**3rd Grade Campers:** \* Oliver Gray (Chicago, IL), \*Michael Kotcher (Chicago, IL), \*Jamie Mandelbaum (La Jolla, CA), \*Wesley Schwartz (Highland Park, IL), \*Asher Sigman (Birmingham, AL),

**4th Grade Campers:** \*Griffin Barnett (St. Louis, MO) \*Jonah Rontal(Huntington Woods, MI), Owen Rosenthal, \*Zachary Ruwch (St. Louis, MO), \*Eli Zelvy (Cincinnati, OH),

**5th Grade Campers:** \*Adam Eberhard (Chicago, IL), \*Mathew Kotcher (Chicago, IL), \*Josh Lechter (Encino, CA), AJ Sherman, \*Kaden Stone (Chicago, IL)

**6th Grade Campers:** Jackson Goldblatt, \*Daniel Sabados (New York, NY)

**7th Grade Campers:** John Bellaire, Rohan Dhingra, Jackson Fogelman, \*Nathan Maybach (Boise, ID), James McCreary, Corrado Mosconi, Ryan Patterson, Marc Rosenthal, \*Alec Silver(Scottsdale, AZ)

**8th Grade Campers:** \*Dante Garderet (Carmel, CA), Jessie Herzog, Jacob Kassel, \*William Lenz (Germantown, TN), \*Samuel Shapin (London, UK)

**9th Grade Campers:** Tommy Bellaire, Arthur Brook Young, Matthew Campbell, Andrew Guest, Luke Herzog, Lucas Jalenak, Zack Lechter, William McCreary, Conor Seely

## PARENT PREPARATION PACKET COMING YOUR WAY!

One certain sign of spring is the arrival of the packet of information to help you plan for the summer. This year all the paperwork for you camper will again be available in an online-only format. We will still be mailing the Parent Handbook and the official Nebagamon luggage tags, so please look for them in the mail. (If you want to go ahead and contact Travel One, Camp Nebagamon's official travel agency, please call them at 800-245-1111.) This important mailing will leave camp's winter office by the end of March. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact us at 208-345-5544 or [briggs@campnebagamon.com](mailto:briggs@campnebagamon.com) with any questions you may have about getting ready for a wonderful 2016 season!

## Caretaker Joe Needs a Tow

This winter's record setting El Niño event has wreaked havoc on our winter here in the far northern reaches of Wisconsin. The last weekend of January saw temperatures hit the lower 40s, and February only had one week of normal temperatures! The first weekend of the month brought temps in the mid 30s, the third weekend of the month brought temps in the 40s and the last weekend of the month bumped the 50 degree mark. It was kind of odd though because the midweeks all had days that were at or near normal; it was just the weekends that saw the much higher temperatures. All of this up and down weather has left us with a lot of icy sidewalks, deeply rutted roads, horrible ski trail conditions and very iffy ice conditions out on the lake. The only saving grace is that the forecast is calling for a very warm March, and with any luck this wimpy winter will end soon!



You may recall in last month's article that it wasn't until the first week of January that we even had enough snow to groom the ski trails at camp. Well the melt down at the end of January almost put an end to the ski season, but a small snowstorm and a brief return to cool temps managed to extend the season for another week. After the warm weekend the first week of February though, the areas of trail under tree cover became so icy, that I thought I would try grooming out on the lake where it looked like the snow survived a bit better. Though it appeared that the lake was still sporting six to eight inches of snow after the warm weekend, below the snow were patches of two to four inches of standing water! I was able to get about 50 yards down the shore towards the waterski dock when my snowmobile and grooming sled hit the first patch of water-concealing snow, and within five yards my machine and I came to a rather wet end to our ride. Luckily I was only 30 feet or so away from the one plowed and maintained ice road on the lake this year, and with the help of my friend, Tony, and a good samaritan in a plow truck, we were able to pull the machine out of the center of what turned out to be a 50 foot puddle on top of the ice. Talking to the plow man revealed that the puddle I had happened into just off the beach of camp was one of several spots on the lake that had snow-hidden water. Further discussion revealed that the ice depth was not consistent either, with thickness ranging from eight to twelve inches, which was well below the average of 20 or more inches this late in the winter. With the lake a mess and most of the trails through camp thin and iced over, I hung the grooming sled up in the three car garage for the year and thus ended a short five week ski season at camp, one of the worst since I started grooming trails here some ten or so years ago.

In the shop, the weather has been a consistent 65 degrees all winter long and we have been making good headway on all of the repairs we had collected up in the Wanegan for the winter. I built seven new tables for the Axeman porch of the Rec-Hall; they are the same style as those on the Lumberjack porch and will replace the nearly destroyed folding tables. Ironically I refurbished those same folding tables some 15 years ago with new tops and edge banding. Currently, Caretaker Andy and I are pushing hard to get the Wanegan emptied of its worn, broken and peeling camp accoutrements, so if the early spring predictions come true, we will be ready to tackle the many outdoor projects that await us.

Giving up on this El Niño winter and hoping for an early spring, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

## KEEPING THE FIRES BURNING (Continued from Page 1)

If they thought it wouldn't hurt my feelings, I think they would have send me a thank you not for my non-attendance!). There was also the ski weekend in February that included a group of camp brothers from the 1960's. This weekend included folks from New York, Atlanta, Chicago and New Mexico (it also happened to include one of our waterfront directors for this summer who had never been on ski's before! I secured a Llyod's of London policy on him ahead of time.....all good!). And even in my own life, these little informal camp reunions are prevalent. I am just coming off of a week in which two of my closest friends, both Nebagamon guys, flew to Boise to spend time here....it was a great week.

So what is it about Nebagamon that fosters these kinds of longitudinal friendships? Why is it that folks with a shared experience at camp, whether it be last summer, thirty years ago, forty years ago, even fifty years ago, find such meaning out of getting together that they travel thousands of miles, use up their precious vacation time, and expend significant spousal political capital, to get together and reconnect?

So, now is the predictable point in the monthly article when I spend a couple of paragraphs extolling the virtues of Nebagamon as a place where special friendships are formed. Where people are encouraged to be themselves and connect with friends in real and deep ways. Where each of us is compelled to become our best version of ourselves and share that with our community which creates incredible bonds between all of these best versions of ourselves.....But, you know what? I am not going to pontificate and enumerate all of those incredible virtues of this very special place (see what I did there?!). The truth is, I cannot quite put my finger on exactly what it is about the place that creates such significant and long lasting friendships. I cannot pretend to have the answers to this.....I just know that I feel really fortunate and humbled to get to be a part of it. But, I don't want to leave you all hanging forever about these questions.....So, I will tell you what I will do. This summer, two incredibly close friends, one from Maine and one from Florida are planning to have their own little reunion at Nebagamon in July. Neither has passed through those gates for decades....but their friendship was born at camp (nearly 50 years ago!), so they want their reunion to be at camp. I promise to sit down with them and ask them about what it was that made the flames of friendship in them so strong that the fires were still burning so strongly half a century later...

I'll get back to you.

## 20TH ANNUAL ICEBREAKER CONTEST STARTS NOW!

It's time for the annual icebreaker contest! We're hoping spring will soon be upon us, so when exactly will the ice break? That's the question facing us as we begin this year's contest.

In 2012 Lake Nebagamon experienced its earliest icebreak on record, falling on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The latest ice breakup was on May 14<sup>th</sup> in 2013. The Official Lake Nebagamon Ice Recorder is none other than our own Andy Mack. He is already monitoring the lake for the village and will let us know as soon as the ice disappears, whether it happens mid-afternoon or at 3 a.m. Yes folks, Andy spends every waking moment (eating, sleeping, and working!) on the very shores of Lake Nebagamon to let us know EXACTLY when the ice breaks up (correct up to the second)!

To enter, simply send an email with your guess of when you think the ice will break up to [briggs@campnebagamon.com](mailto:briggs@campnebagamon.com). **All entries must be received by April 1.** Of course, it would be wise to read the fine print below before making your guess. Winners could be contacted by Bravo TV, the Cartoon Network, VH1, the Discovery Channel, and other major networks and also will receive prominent mention in *The Arrowhead*. So don't wait until the last minute. Send us your guess right away!

No purchase necessary. To enter the Icebreaker Contest promotion outlined above, follow all directions published in the offer. The Grand Prize will be awarded in one installment and will be notified by certified mail. In the case of multiple entries the grand prize winner will be selected by a random drawing among all eligible entries received. Estimated odds of winning: 1:30.

### THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO THE SWEEPSTAKES ABOVE:

Sweepstakes begins on the day you receive this Arrowhead and all entries must be received by April 1. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible or postage-due mail. Entries become the property of Camp Nebagamon LLC and will not be returned or acknowledged. Any prize notice that results from a printing, production, typographical, mechanical or other error will be void. If due to an error, more than one prize notice is issued, the prize will be awarded in a random drawing among all such notices issued and received. Sweepstakes open to the residents of the United States and Canada and to residents in selected parts of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, Mexico, North America and South America, where made available and where permitted by law. Employees (full-time) of Camp Nebagamon LLC and members of those employees' immediate families are not eligible. Select camp dogs permitted to submit entries; cats prohibited. This offer is subject to all applicable federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations and is void whenever prohibited or restricted by law. Winner selection and random drawings are under the supervision of Ostrow Reisin Berk and Abrams Ltd., an independent accounting firm whose decisions are final. Random drawings will be held within 5 days of the ice breaking, no later than 5:00 p.m. at 877 Chardie Road, Boise, ID 83702. Winners will be notified within 10 days of the selection/drawing. Any prize or prize notification returned to the sponsor as undeliverable will result in the awarding of that prize to an alternate winner in a random drawing. Prize is not transferable except to a surviving spouse. Substitution for the prize may be necessary due to unavailability, in which case a comparable prize of equal or lesser value will be awarded. In countries where cash prizes are prohibited, substitute merchandise of comparable value will be awarded. Taxes (and any expenses not specified herein) are the responsibility of the winners. Entry and acceptance of the prize constitute permission (except where prohibited by law) to use the winner's name, hometown and likeness for purpose of advertising and promotion on behalf of the contest sponsor without further compensation. If you've read this far, congratulations! The fine print is a joke, but the contest is for real!

# Happy Birthday to our Birthday Crew!

## March

1	Aden Barton	1804 Blair Boulevard	Nashville, TN 37212
	Ben Effress	8545 Avenida De Las Ondas	La Jolla, CA 92037
3	Clynt Schmidt	3590 S City Road F	Maple, WI 54854
	Josh Spitzer-Resnick	430 Sidney St.	Madison, WI 53703
4	Joshua Naranjo	411 Bedford Road	Bedford Hills, NY 10507
5	Alex Derrick	800 S Market St	New Wilmington, PA 16142
	Graham Straus	1025 Hinman Ave	Evanston, IL 60202
6	Camden Blumberg	451 Goose Lane	Guilford, CT 06437
	Christopher King	2204 N. Cleveland Ave	Chicago, IL 60614
	Sam Lucas	4751 South Kimbark Ave	Chicago, IL 60615
8	Jonah Karafiol	4811 S. Kenwood Ave.	Chicago, IL 60615
9	Kyle Coppola	18 Turin Ave	Bedford Hills, NY 10507
	Ada Leavitt- Phibbs	216 Queen Ave.	Minneapolis, MN 55405
10	Jeffrey Silver	6302 E. Monterosa	Scottsdale, AZ 85251
12	Ben Werthan	1220 Monterey Ave	Berkeley, CA 94707
	Ari Weiss	264 Cloister Green Lane	Memphis, TN 38120
13	Alex Buring	6409 Wynfrey Place	Memphis, TN 38120
	Henry Lokken	2037 W. Grace Street	Chicago, IL 60618
15	Tristan Hall	3205 Elliot Ave. S.	Minneapolis, MN 55407
17	Rohan Dhingra	1808 North Wells St	Chicago, IL 60614
	Jake Lauterstein	18806 Millhollow	San Antonio, TX 78258
18	Austin Christensen	8169 86th St. SW	Howard Lake, MN 55349
19	Jackson Fogelman	231 Cloister Green Lane	Memphis, TN 38120
	Simon L'Tainen	417 W Stafford St	Philadelphia, PA 19144
	Joshua Marcus	2721 N Greenview	Chicago, IL 60614
	Zachary Philip	8055 Whisper Lake Lane West	Ponte Vedra, FL 32082
20	Doug Lescher	3722 Princeton Ave	Nashville, TN 37205
21	Drew Aronoff	11608 Sierra Nevada	Austin, TX 78759
	Wyatt Fox	21 Brentmoor Park	St. Louis, MO 63105
	Liam Mann	1108 W George	Chicago, IL 60657
	Ann Pellman	4147 S. Wuori Road	Maple, WI 54854
22	Jeremiah Geurts	401 Plymouth Road	Minnetonka, MN 55305
	Mauricio Zambrano Diaz	Sierra Nevada 139 Col. Villa Montana	Monterrey, NL 66230 Mexico
23	Josh Hanson-Kaplan	877 Chardie Road	Boise, ID 83702
	Noah Kanter	2905 Harrison Street	Evanston, IL 60201
	Brett Schoppert	2200 Kenwood Parkway	Minneapolis, MN 55405
24	Ryan Zimmerman	1443 West School Street	Chicago, IL 60657
25	Sam Reichert	91 Woodland Park Dr	Tenafly, NJ 07670
	Nate Wells	2660 M Hartland Ct.	Chicago, IL 60614
26	Michael Bayer	1948 N. Orchard St.	Chicago, IL 60614
28	Luke Conrad	1514 W Wellington	Chicago, IL 60614
29	Katie DeCramer	704 Apache Lane	Mendota Hts, MN 55120
	Owen Goldsmith	2711 Eastwood	Evanston, IL 60201
30	Emily Jodock	PO Box 98	Los Olivos, CA 93441
	Cris Leon	411 Bedford Road	Bedford Hills, NY 10507
	Abe Paley	201 Creekside Drive	Palo Alto, CA 94306
31	Ben Sklar	7092 Manor Woods Court	Germantown, TN 38138
	Drew Sklar	7092 Manor Woods Court	Germantown, TN 38138
	Eli Striker	1211 Summit Ave	St. Paul, MN 55105