

# THE ARROWHEAD

## CAMP NEBAGAMON'S MONTHLY NEWSPAPER

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### **BREAKING THE ROUTINE**

'Tis (or was) the season once again. The holiday season has just completed its annual massive disruption of our lives. Depending on who you are, and what your experiences in life have been, this time of year is either one that you are passionately excited about or passionately unhappy about. Either you are one of those folks that gets excited about all of the family time, parties, copious eating, gift exchanging, and bright lights, or you get sweaty and anxious even reading about those things in this article! (Yes, I realize that there are folks that lie somewhere in between these two extremes, but it works best for the article if I categorize everyone into these extremes.) No matter what your take on the intense holiday season that we experience annually, there can be little doubt that it affects us all.

My recent trip to the mall and the subsequent HOUR sitting in traffic just to get into the parking lot availed me with a good deal of time to think about the whole concept of holidays in general. While admittedly, the frustration of sitting in my car waiting to enter the parking area did not predispose me to positive holiday feelings, I actually found myself feeling good about the whole idea of holidays.

Holidays can serve as the routine-breakers in our lives. Don't get me wrong; I am a firm believer in the value of a routine. We are all comforted and stabilized by set practices and routines that we can expect from most of our days. In fact, one of the best ways to help a new camper get past his homesickness issues is to get him settled into the routine of camp life. Once he learns that routine, he is comforted because he understands that things at camp are fairly predictable and operate on a set schedule; he knows what to expect. Having said all of that, if our lives were strictly routine and never varied from that set schedule, they would be boring.

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## NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



So far, winter in the northwoods is off to an ok start. I wish we had a bit more snow, but some is better than none. The ski trails are groomed, the mountain bike trails are packed and riding really well (winter mountain biking is a blast!), and ice has covered all of the lakes except Lake Superior. I was fortunate to get out and paddle the Brule River last week on the third to last day of 2016 with Andy Mack and one of my college professors. While we had hoped to paddle from Winnie to Highway 2, we had to cut it short at the ranger station campground (where our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade campers camp out on their first cabin trip) as the rest of the river was frozen over. It is such a beautiful paddle any month of the year. Our campers are truly fortunate to paddle this amazing waterway

during the summer.

The rest of December was filled with New York reunions, lots of family time over the holidays, and now I'm getting back to that full inbox of work emails. Many of them were from staff signing on for next summer and others from hopeful 1<sup>st</sup> year staff completing the application process. From the looks of those emails, staffing is going to be pretty sweet this summer!

So far the reunions this "off season" have been awesome! Thank you for taking the time to join us in your respective cities! You've shared some great news that I have been able to put into print on this page. With that said, I still have a couple of months to report news of the camp family, so keep on sending me info via email ([fomear@campnebagamon.com](mailto:fomear@campnebagamon.com)), snail mail or the telephone (208-345-5544)! Hope to see you next week in Minneapolis and Chicago for the next two reunions!

**IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW** that in New York, **Jasper Braunschweiger** is busy skiing while **Randy Ventura** spent the fall playing cornerback for his school football team. **Gavin Stern** is also staying busy skiing this winter. **Gavin** races on two different teams specializing in Slalom and GS events. **Mark Ramirez** is busy playing soccer. **Drew Bender** took 4<sup>th</sup> place in a 10 and under tennis tournament this fall. **Gabriel Heller** stays active with Tae Kwon Do while his brother **Daniel** continues to play basketball. **Nicky Fleisher** played baseball this fall and has now switched over to his winter sport, playing center for his hockey team. **Daniel Sabados** broke his finger this fall playing football but should be all better by the time summer comes along. **Sam Reichert** is a small forward for his basketball team and his brother **Harrison** is also playing basketball. **Camden Blumberg** spent the fall rowing crew while his brother, **Justin**, played defense for his soccer team. **Ben Platt** continues to excel on his school's debate team. While in Detroit we learned that **Simon Topf** was recently certified in SCUBA and is on his school's marching band. **AJ Sherman** is on the swim team while **Jack Wineman** plays basketball and hockey. **Max Rontal** competes on the local ski team while younger brother Jonah competes on a climbing team. **Jay Winegarden** played Papa Bear in a community theater production of Shreck. **Noah Yaker** starts for his school's basketball team. In Boston we were informed that **Zakary Zewel**, **Isaac Frankel** and **Nathan Starhill** all play soccer. At the start of the D.C. reunion, **Oliver Held** informed us that he played wide receiver for his football team. **Simon Kessler** stays busy with basketball, soccer and playing the piano. **Michael Cohen** plays basketball and the guitar. **Steven Weeldreyer** plays basketball, practices Tae Kwan Do, and plays the trumpet for the McLean Youth Orchestra while his brother, **Lawson**, stays busy with basketball, soccer and piano. **Emmitt Gerstein** competed in his school's robotics competition, and plays tennis and basketball during the off season. **Colton Bogucki** runs cross country for his nationally ranked high school.

**IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT:** **Dale Glasspiegel** (CT/D.C. '01-'06,'08-'10,'12) teaches pre-calculus for Wilson High School in Washington D.C. **Tristan McCormick** (Minneapolis/New York '10) works for a literacy startup call Newsela in NYC. **Jay Sternberg** (Baton Rouge, LA/D.C. '82-'86,'89-'90,'95) is the Senior Director of Marketing and Brand Operation at Homefront, a veterans advocacy group. **Rick Spero** (D.C. '91-'97) earned his PhD in biophysics and is now founding a biophysics company. **Jon Desenberg** (Detroit/D.C. '78-'82) works for mitre.org, a federally funded research outfit that studies cyber security.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENT of Joel Sircus** (Chicago/NYC '01-'07,'09-'10,'14) and Stephanie Rivkin (Chicago).

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** go to **Judd Rosenblatt** (NY/Marina del Rey '99-'04,'06-'08,'11) and Melanie Plaza (Marina del Rey)

**BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS** go to **Benjamin Bakal** (Chicago) and **Max Rontal** (Detroit)

### **BREAKING THE ROUTINE** (Continued from Page 1)

That is where holidays come in. They shake things up. They force us to stop the routine, think about new ideas, and do different activities for a while. This is really healthy for all of us. Taking a break from the routine serves as a sort of punctuation mark in our lives. These punctuation marks give us opportunities...

We pause and look back at what we have done and how our lives have progressed until that point. We take stock in our accomplishments and figure out what we could have done better. These punctuation marks also give us time to think about the future, to plan out how we would like to either subtly tweak our lives or maybe radically change them. Without holidays, without these punctuation marks in our lives, we might get so caught up in the routine and our day to day schedule that we might not take the time to reflect on our lives.

Camp, as a microcosm of life, proves this point as well. At camp, we work very hard to establish a routine early on in the summer. As I mentioned earlier, this routine is comforting to people who are away from home for the first time. And, truth be told, the routine is comforting for the rest of us as well. We like to know what to expect from life. At the same time, at camp we need times when the routine is shaken up a bit. We need events to help us reflect, consider, and plan how our time at camp is being spent. With that in mind, we build "holidays" into the camp calendar. Certainly, every Sunday we have something of a "holiday" and a break in the routine as we settle into our wonderfully reflective Sunday Services and Council Fires. Every Wednesday is also a "holiday" at camp with exciting Cruiser Days. And then we make sure that each session is peppered with other types of "holidays" to keep things fresh at camp. Whether it be Paul Bunyan Day, the Fourth of July, the Garbage Auction, the Chef's Cap competition, a visit from A.K. Agikamik, or the Northwoods Invitational, the camp schedule is full of these special events. These events not only are a ton of fun for us all, but also help to punctuate our camp season, give us time to take stock of all that is going on, and allow us to fully appreciate how fortunate we all are to have this time at camp.

## MORE REGISTRATIONS FOR SUMMER 2017!



It's 2017, and registrations continue to roll in to our inbox! If you are planning on returning to Nebagamom this summer, please register soon so we can make sure you have a spot for the 2017 season.

Parents, you can enroll your campers by heading to the online form at <https://nebagamon.campintouch.com/v2/camper/application/app0.aspx> ! Listed below are the boys who are currently enrolled. New campers are denoted with an asterisk before their names, while eight-week campers are indicated with an (8).

**2nd Grade Campers:** \*Logan Hoffman (London, UK), \*Coulson McConnell (Columbus, OH), \*Arron Zelzy (Cincinnati, OH)

**3rd Grade Campers:** \*Asher Corndorf (Minneapolis, MN), \*Levi Gladstein (Prospect, KY), \*Charles Goshko (Washington D.C.), \*Gavin Gray (New Wilmington, PA), Simon Kessler, \*Jonah Kleiman (Northbrook, IL), \*Ben Laytin (Chicago, IL), Liam Mann, Micah Rosenbloom, \*Jonathan Schiff-Lewin (Oak Park, IL)

**4th Grade Campers:** Ethan Blatt, Oliver Brenner, \*Matthew Gordon (Deerfield, IL), Noah Horowitz (8), Ryan Kessler, Michael Kotcher, Jaimie Mandelbaum, Sam Montag, \*Auden Osburn (Wilmette, IL), \*Raphael Posen (Los Angeles, CA), Jacob Rolfe (8), \*Matan Siegel (Stamford, CT) Asher Sigman, Kobi Silver, Milo Solomon (8), \*Micah Stone (Chicago, IL), Leo Susser

**5th Grade Campers:** Alexander Averbuch, Jasper Braunschweiger, Will Dupont, Joel Fisher, Mark Gingiss, Gabriel Heller (8), Chase Herbert, \*Jacob Lutsky (Los Angeles, CA), Hudson McConnell, Patrick Meehan, Sam More, Will Needlman, Jake Novack, Milo Peterson, \*Ben Polonsky (Deerfield, IL), Jonah Rontal, Owen Rosenthal, \*William Schwarz (Woodbury, MN), Griffin Scissors, Lawson Weeldreyer, Josh Wells (8), Eli Zelvy

**6th Grade Campers:** Sebastian Alderman (8), Michael Cohen (8), Adam Eberhard, Nick Fleisher, Emmitt Gerstein, Jacob Greenwald, Ben Hackney, Thomas Harrison, Matthew Kotcher, Jacob Laytin (8), Simon Mann, Josh Marcus (8), Nelson Mendels (8), Isaac Saffold, Finn Sher (8), Nathan Starhill (8), Jack Tierney, Steven Weeldreyer, \*Nurali Zhuriktayev (Almaty, Kazakhstan)

**7th Grade Campers:** Benjamin Bakal, \*Sam Bloch (Oberhausbergen, France), Justin Blumberg (8), Jesse Chan (8), Charlie Cohen, Daniel Cohen (8), Charles Davis, Ben Effress (8), Nick Friedman (8), Billy Galpern (8), Jesse Gell (8), Jack Goodman (8), Jack Gordon, Tyler Gray (8), Daniel Heller (8), Matthew Hooper, Danny Horowitz (8), Gabi Huberman-Shlaes (8), Julian Jackson, Jonah Karafiol (8), Ben Kessler (8), Adam Lewis, Miles Lokken, Eli Moog (8), Joshua Naranjo, \*Jake Paderewski (Savannah, GA), Brady Rivkin, Jack Rivkin (8), Daniel Sabados, Ben Shacter, Jason Shacter, Gabriel Sloan-Garcia, Nate Wells (8), Solomon Wexler, Nate Woldenberg (8), Noah Yaker

**8th Grade Campers:** Eli Aronson, John Bellaire (8), Grady Clark (8), \*Spencer Cross (Leawood, KS), Rohan Dhingra, Cian Duffy, Matthew Garchik (8), Owen Goldsmith (8), Alex Greco, Ben Hanson-Kaplan (8), Zachary Herman, Zach Joseph, Orion Kornfeld (8), Ben Montag (8), Matthew Naranjo, Will O'Brien, John Osburn, Ryan Patterson, Fletcher Redondo (8), Max Rontal (8), Marc Rosenthal, Isaac Schiff-Lewin (8), Sam Shapira (8), Jesse Shapiro (8), Finn Sher (8), Gavin Stern, Theo Tannahill, Ben Weiner, Jed Whalen Stewart, Eli Whiting, Jack Wineman (8)

**9th Grade Campers:** Andrew Bahn (8), Camden Blumberg (8), Jonah Docter-Loeb (8), Micah Franzel, Elliot Heldman, Jesse Herzog (8), Nate Hohner (8), Jordan Hornick, Bryce Johnson (8), Ethan Kalishman, Jacob Kassel (8), Coby Keren, Sebastian Klein (8), Ari Krupnick (8), Ben Lindy (8), Henry Lokken, Narique Lowe, Jeremy Margolin (8), Isaac Miller, Jack Rogen (8), Ben Serwer (8), Benjamin Sklar, Drew Sklar, Charlie Steinbaum, Henry Susser (8), Nathan Susser, Oliver Swack (8), Peter Whelan, Zakary Zavel (8)

**At Camp**

**CARETAKER JOE GROOMS THE TRAIL**

Though the temperature logs for the month show barely a taste of winter, two key things did take place this December indicating that winter has come to the north woods of Wisconsin. First, our beloved lake has frozen over solidly once again, and, secondly, the cross country ski season has begun!



Even with two of the four weeks of the month experiencing high temperatures in the mid- and upper-thirties, Lake Nebagamon did manage to freeze over on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. This is only two days later than it froze back in 1948, the first year Ice On/Ice Off records were recorded locally. It is a very interesting record sheet to peruse. (It's behind the office door in "A Man's Land" if you're interested.) For instance, in the first 12 years of record keeping (1948-1959), the lake froze over in November for 11 of them. Three other interesting observations I gleaned from the Ice on/Ice Off log are: the earliest ever ice-over was on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 1975 at -8 degrees; the latest ever ice-over was on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 14 degrees; and the overall average ice-over date has shifted from mid - late November to late November - early December over the last 68years.

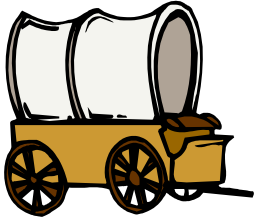
And even though the highest temperature for the month came as late as Dec 26<sup>th</sup> and reached 39 degrees, the Camp Nebagamon Bike Trail (CNBT) has made its annual conversion into the Camp Nebagamon Ski Trail (CNST). With cold temperatures early in the month, and a five inch snowfall on the 8<sup>th</sup>, it looked like the CNST would open early, but the temps turned bitter the following week and no more snow fell. It wasn't until Dec 19<sup>th</sup> that ample snow had accumulated for the first trail grooming of the year. At this point in the article, I am excited to report that "The Miracle on Snow," my 1974 Artic Cat Pantera, started again with only 17 pulls of its starter cord, for its 43<sup>rd</sup> winter season!! With the Cat roaring and my 2<sup>nd</sup> generation "Small Sled, Cross Country Ski Trail Groomer" attached, the CNST groomed into decent early season tracks. Unfortunately, I was able to ski them only twice before the temperature soared to 37 degrees on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. The weather stayed warm until the 26<sup>th</sup>, and with a Christmas Day rain/ice storm event, I thought the ski season was over before it got started. Luckily, the temps fell as fast on the 28<sup>th</sup> as they had risen on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and with consistent flurries the last four days of the month, the CNST is open once again. The tracks are shallow and the base is very hard, but with just a few icy patches to contend with (I had a few uncharacteristic falls) I was able to take my annual New Year's Eve sunset ski. It was a delightful six kilometer ski tour through camp, and there were just enough clouds in the sky that the sunset colors were spectacular as I glided through the Axemen Village!

No matter the undulations that the mercury went through this December, no matter the snow gain, which was lost and then gained again, no matter that Christmas day at my mom's was spent in awe over the torrential rains that were falling throughout the day, winter has somehow managed to come to the northland. And, with just enough snow to ski the CNST and more in the forecast, and with the Green Bay Packers able to win the NFC North, leaving us cheese heads with just enough hope that they have what it takes to go all of the way this January, it's starting to show the signs of a great winter after all!!

Wishing you and yours all the best in 2017, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

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## THE ROAD SHOW ROLLS ON



Adam Kaplan and Adam Fornear returned just a few weeks ago from the East Coast; at the beginning of 2017 the Adams will complete the Midwest section of the reunion tour. We can't wait to see more of you in the coming months! Listed below is the entire reunion schedule, which, as usual, is subject to change. A few weeks prior to each reunion, we will email invitations to members of the camp family in the communities we'll be visiting. Please be courteous and RSVP to the host families.

City	Dates	Reunion Details
Twin Cities	January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Snyder-Brimmer Family, 7:00 PM 11505 W. Lakeview Lane, Minnetonka
Chicago	January 11 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Heller Nature Center, Sun., Jan. 15, 3:00 PM 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
San Francisco	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Susser Family, 3:00 PM 41 Fort Mason, San Francisco
Los Angeles	February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lechter Family, 4:30 PM 15927 Woodvale Road, Encino
San Diego	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Effress Family, 7:00 PM 8545 Avenida De Las Ondas, La Jolla
Denver	TBA	

