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CHANGEOVER: OFF-SEASON STYLE

I have to admit, this is one of the more challenging times of the year for me. It is really difficult to go from spending nearly 100% of each day outdoors, spending tons of time in nature, and being engaged with hundreds of children and adults nearly every minute of the day, to spending nearly 100% of each day sitting in my basement, spending time sitting in front of my computer, and engaged only with Joe Briggs! Admittedly, each year, during these first few weeks of being back in Boise after a summer in Lake Nebagamon, I find whatever excuse I can to get myself out of the basement and find something to do upstairs or about town.

This is very similar to the experiences that so many parents recount to me about their son's reintroduction into home life after a summer up at camp. These boys go from living in a room with ten other people, to living in a room by themselves (or perhaps a sibling). They go from an environment in which they are playing outdoors nearly all day, to an environment in which they spend nearly all day in a classroom. They go from a place where their exposure to electronics and video entertainment consists pretty much of ONE movie a week, to a world in which televisions and computers are around every corner and the only thing that limits their exposure to these things is their own self-regulation (and perhaps a rule or two around the house!). They go from a world in which each day they choose exactly which activities they will engage in, to a world in which they have far fewer choices. They go from a place where they are one of 220 boys, to a place where they are one of very few (or maybe even the only) kids.

This is very similar to the experiences that so many of our staff members recount to me about their reintroduction into their other lives as well. For most of them, they shift from a world in which they are asked to serve as role models for hundreds of boys, to a world in which they are asked to keep up to date with their assigned readings and write lots of essays. They move from a world in which they are given tremendous responsibility for the health, safety and happiness of other people's children, to a world in which they are often reminded that **THEY** are considered children.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



Now that the docks are put away, MOCA fridge emptied and all the leftover push up pops eaten, I've been able to take a little time for myself and step away from the computer. So far my two mini trips have been somewhat Nebagamonesque. My first trip was a quick two night/three day foray out to Isle Royale. As many of you have experienced, the 18 mile crossing on the Voyageur to McCargoe Cove makes you really feel like you are out there. We spent those couple of days trolling for salmon and lake trout. We caught some big lakers (19lbs was the biggest), met some great people (the mayor of Two Harbors), and all in all had a great time. Camp is lucky to have a beautiful resource like Isle Royale so close for us to visit.

My second excursion was filled with a ton of laughter and camp stories dating all the way back to the early 1990s!!!! I know, I know, the early 90s really isn't that long ago, but I was just a pup back then. This year was the 18th annual weekend Boundary

Waters trip. Jim Stewart, Jim Feldman, Sam Kohn, Adam Braude, Peter Braude, Randy Needleman, Billy Pekin and I made the trek north for an entrance into the BWCA on East Bearskin. Andy Mack was missed, but our mock duck curry dinner still came out delicious and some elk steaks that I brought for the fire were incredible. We had great weather, tasty food, and stories from the past that had us laughing till we couldn't breathe. With the exception of Billy Pekin (although he's connected to a ton of camp families), we all worked together at camp in the early 90s. Randy was my co-counselor in 1992, Braude, Kohn, and myself have all been associate directors, and we all have great memories of being at Nebagamon. We've started to plan year 20 of this trip, but until then we are looking forward to next year's trip.

As you can see below, I don't have a ton of news to share as of yet. Reunions don't start for a bit and I can only spend so much time on Facebook in the office, so *PLEASE* help me out and send me news of you! Please email (forneare@campnebagamon.com), text, carrier pigeon, Facebook (sorry – I don't tweet...yet) or IM any awards, athletic participation, theatrical roles, or other accomplishments that you want to share, and I promise you will make the next edition of *"In the News!"* Until next time, enjoy the day and get ready for what hopefully will be a great winter for skiing.

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Jack Gordon** (Chicago) is acting in the local production of Mary Poppins. **Ben Hanson-Kaplan** (Boise) is playing soccer while his older brother, **Josh**, plays for his high school team. **Josh** is also starting to log some more hours driving with mom and dad.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Peter Blair** (Memphis/Charlotte '85-'87, '90, '92-'98, '01) is CEO at Levine Jewish Community Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Jason Kander** (Kansas City/Columbia, MO '92) is running for state senator in Missouri.

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a girl, **Sella Liron**, for **David Jadwin** (Chicago/Minneapolis '91-'97, '00) and Shanna Baumgarten (Minneapolis).

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to **Mike Goodman** (Denver '95-'99, '01-'03) and Amy Berenbaum (Denver).

WHERE THEY ARE NOW IN COLLEGE AND GRAD SCHOOL: Bob Campbell is attending Portland State University and Alex Balsler has begun classes at the University of Texas. Louis Bogolub is at the University of Denver and Jake Friedman can be found at the University of Pennsylvania. Walter Fromm headed west to the University of Puget Sound, Danny Hoffman also went west and is at USC, and Reid Kahn is attending Miami University of Ohio for his freshman year. Noah Kanter's freshman year will be spent at Dartmouth while Ian Kuria can be found at North Dakota State. Sam Lucas has begun classes at Davidson College, Isaac Murray Stark at the University of Minnesota, and Adam Schimberg is beginning his freshman year at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Teddy Shapira headed south to Tulane University while Graham Strauss is at Brown University and Paul Willett is studying at the University Wisconsin Eau Claire.

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR THE 2016 SEASON!

Re-enrollment materials for the 2016 camping season were emailed out to parents mid-August as we began to prepare for Nebagamon's 88th season. To register for the summer, simply go to <https://nebagamon.campintouch.com/v2/camper/application/app0.aspx>.

Returning campers are guaranteed a place for next summer if they enroll by **December 1**.

Please also remember that there have been years when spaces in various age groups and sessions fill by the deadline, so send in your enrollment early to ensure a spot for 2016. If you're not sure about your plans, or if you'd like to discuss next summer with us, please call rather than let the deadline pass.

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Without a doubt, for each of us that spent a month or two up at camp during the summer, the transition from camp back to our other homes is a significant change. The lives that we lead at camp are dramatically different from the ones that we lead at home. It should come as no surprise to any of us that this transition can sometimes be a jarring and difficult one. All of us can relate to this challenge. How many of you have gone red faced after having shouted "HOW!!" in your classroom or at a social gathering? (I did it at my children's school production just last week!) How many of you have been sitting at the table during a meal at home and found yourself humming a camp song that we used to sing in the Rec Hall? How many of you have been walking home from school, suddenly feeling the call of nature, and NEARLY pulling up to that big oak tree next to the sidewalk. These are the humorous sorts of situations that we all experience as part of our transitions to home. Then there are the times that you find yourself just sitting in your room, feeling melancholy, and just missing it. Missing your friends, missing your counselors, missing the singing, missing your cabin, missing swimming in the lake....missing camp.

Certainly these transition times are challenging and difficult, and, as anyone with even a little bit of life experience would tell you, a natural and inevitable part of life. All of our lives are punctuated with periods of transition. We all experience the childhood transitions from infancy to elementary school, the transition from elementary school to middle school, the transition from middle school to high school, the transition from high school to college, or the transition from a carefree college life to the world of "what are you going to do with your life?" So too, many of us will experience or have experienced the transitions from single life to married life, married childless life to having babies, having babies to having them become children, having the kids leave the house to...(well you can fill in the rest).

Among the many lessons that we learn from our experiences at camp are the ones about how to cope with and accept transitions. We learn that we can in fact work through these tough times and that there is nothing wrong with struggling with it a bit. It all works out...

Well, enough of this basement for now, I have to get outside for a few minutes....

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

The 2016 CAMP SEASON WILL BEGIN JUNE 18!

We're already getting excited for the 2016 season here in our winter office! Although last summer still is fresh in our minds, we're busy making preparations for next summer. Our dates for the 2016 season are as follows:

Session	Start	End
New Staff Orientation	Friday, June 10	
Staff Orientation	Saturday, June 11	Friday, June 17
Full Season	Saturday, June 18	Tuesday, August 11
First Session	Saturday, June 18	Thursday, July 14
Second Session	Saturday, July 16	Thursday, August 11
Family Camp	Saturday, August 13	Friday, August 19

NEBAGAMON'S 2015-2016 ROADSHOW

One of the more fun tasks of the off-season is creating the travel schedule for the upcoming year. Every year, we traverse the country meeting and reconnecting with members of the camp family to give them a little taste of the North Woods during the school year, just to keep them going! Here is the tentative schedule for the 2015-2016 year. We look forward to seeing you at one of these reunions!



2015-2016 <u>TENTATIVE</u> TRAVEL SCHEDULE			
St. Louis	November 8	New York	TBA
Cincinnati	November 10	Chicago	TBA
Memphis	November 13	Minneapolis	TBA
Kansas City	November 15	Des Moines	TBA
Nashville	TBA	Denver	TBA
Atlanta	TBA	Houston	TBA
Detroit	TBA	Los Angeles	TBA
Pittsburgh	TBA	San Francisco	TBA
Philadelphia	TBA	Phoenix	TBA
Washington DC	TBA		

CAMPERS BENEFIT FROM CFN AND CNSF SUPPORT

CAMPERSHIPS FOR NEBAGAMON *Truly Making Camp A Place of Welcome For All*

Founded in 1995, Camperships For Nebagamon (CFN) supports children who otherwise would not be able to enjoy a private camping experience. These children, from a diversity of backgrounds, enjoy life-changing experiences and enrich the camp community with their diverse cultural perspectives. CFN aims to support campers for multiple years, giving them sustained access to a summer community in which to build friendships and identity.



Leveraging income from the Muggs and Janet Lorber Endowment Fund and individual donations, CFN currently provides partial tuition for nearly 50 boys attending Camp Nebagamon each year. Since 2002, CFN has also funded partial tuition for girls attending Camp WeHaKee, located in the Chequamegon National Forest of northern Wisconsin. As funds allow, CFN plans to identify other “partner” camps to fulfill its charitable goals.

Utilizing an annual evaluation process, CFN’s board has been heartened by the positive impact of its funding on individual campers and the broader camp communities.

CFN depends upon continued contributions to sustain current campership levels and to be able to increase the aid available each year (both to keep up with the rising costs of private camps and to increase, as possible, the number of camperships provided each summer).

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CAMP NEBAGAMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND *A Path Toward Success for Disadvantaged Children*



The Camp Nebagamon Scholarship Fund provides life-changing camping experiences for children who live with poverty in their homes and communities, and/or physical, cognitive or psychological disabilities. Contributions to the CN Scholarship Fund support tuition scholarships at non-profit camps uniquely qualified to change the lives of such children through recreation, friendship and experiences that cultivate skills and values needed for success in life.

Thousands of children who face such challenges have attended camps near their homes—near many cities where Nebagamon campers live—thanks to the generosity of Nebagamon alumni and friends. Founded in 1947 by Muggs and Janet Lorber, the CN Scholarship Fund was administered by Nardie and Sally Lorber Stein for over 50 years.

Contributions to both funds are fully tax-deductible.

More information about the funds and how to contribute can be found online at <http://cncharities.org> or http://www.campnebagamon.com/camp_family_giving.htm.

2016 ENROLLMENT OFF TO A GREAT START!



Since mid-August, our inbox has been filling with registrations! Thanks to all our camper families for the great responses; we are thrilled to see all the campers who will be joining us for another magical summer.

Although it is only October, we can sense the excitement for next summer! If you are a camper wishing to return to Nebagamon next summer, please contact us soon in order to ensure a place for the 2016 season. Listed below are boys who were registered when *The Arrowhead* went to press. A new camper is denoted by an asterisk before his name, and his home city is noted. An eight-week camper is indicated with an (8).

3rd Grade Campers: *Oliver Brenner (Chicago, IL), *Noah Horowitz (Chicago, IL), *Sam Montag (Atlanta, GA), *Milo Solomon (Deerfield, IL)

4th Grade Campers: Drew Bender, Ethan Blatt, Jasper Braunschweiger (8), Joel Fisher, Levi Gell, *Gabriel Heller (New York, NY), Jack Krupnick, Hudson McConnell, *Patrick Meehan (Swansea, IL), Sam More, Jake Novack, *Jack Pera (Austin, TX), Lawson Wheeldreyer, Josh Wells

5th Grade Campers: Sebastian Alderman, Michael Cohen (8), Nick Fleisher, Emmitt Gerstein, Ben Hackney, Thomas Harrison, Jacob Laytin, Simon Mann (8), Josh Marcus (8), Ethan Schott, Nathan Starhill, Steven Weeldreyer

6th Grade Campers: Benjamin Bakal, Michael Bayer (8), Justin Blumberg, Charlie Cohen, Charlie Davis, Ben Effress (8), Nick Friedman, Billy Galpern (8), Jesse Gell (8), Jack Goodman (8), Jack Gordon, Daniel Heller (8), Matthew Hooper, Danny Horowitz (8), Gabi Huberman-Shlaes (8), Ben Kessler, Adam Lewis, Miles Lokken, Eli Moog (8), Brady Rivkin, Jack Rivkin, Ben Shacter, Jason Shacter, Gabriel Sloan-Garcia, Nate Wells, Solomon Wexler, Nate Woldenberg (8)

7th Grade Campers: Eli Aronson, Grady Clark (8), Henry Freilich, Matthew Garchik (8), Owen Goldsmith, Alex Greco, Ben Hanson-Kaplan (8), Orion Kornfeld, Owen Marchant, Ben Montag (8), Will O'Brien, John Osburn, Fletcher Redondo (8), Max Rontal, Isaac Schiff-Lewin (8), Sam Shapira (8), Jesse Shapiro, Gavin Stern, Ben Weiner, Jed Whalen Stewart, Eli Whiting

8th Grade Campers: Andrew Bahn (8), Camden Blumberg, Jonah Docter-Loeb (8), Ben Dubinsky, Isaac Frankel, Micah Franzel (8), Elliot Heldman, Nate Hohner (8), Jordan (JT) Hornick, Ethan Kalishman (8), Coby Keren, Sebastian Klein (8), Ari Krupnick (8), Ben Lindy (8), Henry Lokken, Jeremy Margolin (8), Isaac Miller, Peter Pfisterer, Ben Platt (8), Jack Rogen (8), Ethan Rosenberg (8), Ben Serwer (8), Benjamin Sklar, Drew Sklar, Charlie Steinbaum, Henry Susser, Oliver Swack (8), Sam Whittman (8)

9th Grade Campers: Eli Amshel, Drew Aronoff (8), Drew Balsler (8), Michael Berler (8), Jake Druckman (8), Bryce Endrizzi, Andrew Frischm Matthew Grossman, Elliott Harrison, Lenny Kaznachey, Max Kornfeld (80), Charlie Moog (8), Joey Rivkin (8), Chris Rosenthal (8), Brett Schoppert (8), Eli Smith (8), Levi Solomon (8), Harrison Weinstock, Matthew Youkilis

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE GOES TO JAIL

It's been a near perfect September here in Lake Nebagamon with lots of warm sunny days and just enough rain to keep the grass green and the trees healthy. We have done our best to take full advantage of it by doing some much needed garage cleaning, vacationing, painting, and even squeezed in some lunar eclipse viewing.

The garage cleaning and vacationing happened simultaneously. I went on vacation the first two weeks of the month while caretakers Andy and Jack cleaned out the three car garage. My vacation was split into two parts this year. I spent one week with my wife, Wanda, and our four little dogs at our off the grid 18' x 18' cabin in the woods (think HGTV's "Tiny Houses") located on the Amnicon River just 14 miles west of camp off of county road B. Any of you that have made the trip to Pattison State Park during Changeover between the 1st and 2nd sessions have come ¼ mile from our little respite in the woods. I declared week two of my vacation "Wood Week," and spent it splitting firewood for the upcoming heating season and milling logs into lumber. This year I was able to slab six Camp Nebagamon white pine logs that I selected from the many downed trees caused by the 2014 wind storm. The garage cleaning that took place in my absence was a much needed purging of the big three car garage that sits between the caretakers shop and the Wanagan. Caretakers Jack and Andy did an awesome job and were able to triple the amount of space available in that triple sized garage. (P.S. It didn't actually take them two weeks to clean out the garage.)

When I came back from vacation the weather was still uncharacteristically warm and sunny, so we jumped on the opportunity to get some much needed painting done. Caretaker Andy and I took on the peeling paint of The Jail while caretaker Jack went after the peeling fronts of Logger 6 and 7, along with a few of the Axeman Village cabin facades.

The Jail is one of camp's least noticed buildings with one of the more interesting histories. I say least noticed because it is tucked back between the Waterfront Office and the Sailing Shack. Its history is very notable though; it was the actual jail facility for the village of Lake Nebagamon back in the days when the village was a bustling lumber town and a lock up was needed. (Think lots of single men, bars, and weekly paychecks.) The building went from being a jail to a village storage facility, post lumbering boom, and went up for auction by the village in the 1960's. Those of you who know Nardie and Sally Stein, the directors of camp at that time, know that they had to try to bring such a uniquely historied building into camp! Faced with a blind bid auction, they placed a shot in the dark bid at \$208 dollars and won the Jail! After the victory, they discovered that it was going to cost nearly three times as much to get it moved from its location in the village to its present location in camp! To quote Nardie Stein, "...but it was well worth the money because it provided an interesting facility for housing various trip staff and other specialty staff members." The front of the building was in bad shape after years of blistering sun exposure and some bad repairs from the past. While Andy scraped and painted the two sides and back of the building, I replaced 150 lineal feet of cedar lap siding, repaired the window trim, and then scraped and painted the front. The building looks great again and will be used to "lock up" trippers for many years to come.

To top off the nearly perfect month of September, the weather remained perfect for viewing the lunar eclipse on the 27th. For me, the highlight of the evening came before the eclipse, at moon rise. Since the moon was at perigee (the point in its orbit closest to earth), it looked huge as it rose on the eastern horizon! As I watched the eclipse unfold, I could almost hear camp's nature lore specialist, Matthew Santner, describing how it all happens because of a perfect syzygy.

Absolutely loving that I was able to get the words perigee and syzygy into an article, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

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