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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Do you remember when Fornear and I came to your house to talk about camp with you and your family for the first time? Or was it Roger and Judy? Or Nardie and Sally? Or, as was it....as was the case last night when I visited a family in Chicago and the boy's grandfather showed up to see the presentation and told me about his "New Boy" presentation....by Muggs Lorber himself?!

Believe it or not, Fornear and I have already hit the road this fall to meet with families that are interested in Nebagamon for the upcoming summer. We have spent the past week driving throughout the Chicagoland area doing our "New Boy" presentations. Now I realize that late September seems a bit of an absurd time to start up recruiting efforts again, but, well, why not?!?! These visits are really fun!

People unfamiliar with Nebagamon are often surprised that we attempt to visit every family that is interested in camp. While the cynics out there would attribute this to a shrewd marketing effort, the truth is, we view these visits as really important for making sure that a boy's first summer at Nebagamon starts out the right way.

This visit lays the groundwork for success. It is important for the boy and his family to get a real sense of camp's leadership, and it is important for us to get to know the boy and his family since our relationship with this family may very well last seven years and more. It takes a village.

During the slideshow, the prospective camper gets to see what his summer home will look like - what his cabin will look like, what his bed will be like, and where he will keep his belongings. It is during this visit that families learn about Nebagamon's unique system of choosing one's own activities, every day. It is during this visit that a future camper can start to daydream about the fun stuff he wants to do at camp. It is during this visit that he begins to learn about the myriad of wilderness tripping opportunities that he will be afforded at camp. It is during this visit that he gets introduced to the idea that the strength of friendships forged at camp are unlike any other. It is during this visit that families learn about the strong support system that exists for campers AND parents; if they are ever worried or need something, they should never hesitate to call us. And during this visit they learn that Camp Nebagamon's directors are personally invested in them...and approachable.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



My fall off-season has been off to a great start. While I miss the energy of a busy Nebagamon summer, I do enjoy taking a little time for myself to get out on trail every fall. When I was growing up, my parents would take my brother and me to Isle Royale, Quetico, the Brule River, and other various paddling destinations for our family vacations. Now I send out those same trips for campers at Nebagamon and, much of this fall, I will be taking vacation to those same spots. I've come full circle. There's something magical about our backcountry trips at Nebagamon.

The last week of August I was able to take the new (to me) boat and blast over to Isle Royale for four days of fishing for Lake Trout, Salmon and Steelhead. I love making the trek across the 15 miles of open water, and this was the best crossing yet (due to my new boat). The trip from Grand Portage to Windigo was a bit bumpy with three to four foot waves. (An entertaining journey in a 20 foot fishing boat.) Sometimes we would hop from one wave crest to the next, but occasionally we'd hit a wave pretty hard, jolting the back. Don't worry though, we had two other boats traveling with us since that's a safer way to travel on Lake Superior. Overall it was a blast. We ate amazing food every meal. One of the days it was pouring rain and the island was socked in with fog, so we made a quick run up to Windigo to check out the visitor center and all of the moose antlers they have right at the dock. While there, the Voyageur big boat came into dock and dropped off backpackers. This is the same boat that most of our 8th graders take out to the island for their Big Trips. While at Windigo, I met one of the rangers who knew of our trips and she had great things to say about Nebagamon campers. Of course we caught loads of fish that we cooked up and, in fact, I have a Steelhead fillet that I'll be cooking for dinner tonight. The motor back to the mainland at the end of the trip was really smooth allowing us to cruise back at 29mph which made for a quick crossing.

I can't wait to travel back to Isle next year. When the Arrowhead gets published, I'll be on my next adventure, an eight day paddle to the Quetico with Jon Fawcett, Dave Weber and Steve Weber. Look for a fishing report next month...I'm hoping to find that special Walleye hole that the early Quetico Big Trip found this summer!

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 (forneat@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 give a shout if you want to talk Quetico or Isle Royale adventures.

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Ben Hanson-Kaplan** (Boise) went on a wilderness camping trip in Idaho last week. While out there, the camp stoves stopped working and BHK came to the rescue and fixed them. Nice work Ben!

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Andy Cohen** (St. Louis/Austin '05-'10,'12-'15,'17) is a member of the Pre-Opening Management Team for the new Fairmont Austin Hotel. **Zach Muzik** (St. Louis '05-'10,'12-'15,'17) works with logistics management for Anheuser Busch. **Sam Feldman** (St. Louis '05-'10,'17) is a financial advisor for Edward Jones in St. Louis. **Nick Copeland** (Spokane/Portland/Boise '15-'17) is a Residential Supervisor at the Riverstone International School in Boise, ID.

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a boy, Julian Stanley, for Marissa and **Cody Zalk** (Boulder/NYC '91-'96,'99-'01,'03-'04). Its TWO boys, Alexander Grant and Theodore James, for Michelle Bagi Block and **Brian Block** (Beechwood, OH '88-'93,'95-'98,'00).

WHERE THEY ARE NOW IN COLLEGE AND GRAD SCHOOL: Andrew Trenton (Kansas City) graduated last spring from Syracuse University with a degree in Industrial Design. Also now graduated is Sasha Kahn from the University of Denver. Sasha will be pursuing graduate studies in fine arts at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore. Daniel Finan (Memphis) attends the U of Michigan while Reid Balser is at the U of Texas. Adam Isaacs goes to Washington University.

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR THE 2018 SEASON!

Re-enrollment materials for the 2018 camping season were emailed out to parents mid-August as we began to prepare for Nebagamon's 90th season. To register for the summer, simply go to <https://nebagamon.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/camper/App> .

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 2018. 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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Which leads me to a little digression while I share a favorite story from one of these visits. A family in Chicago had been kind enough to put together several families for a "New Boy" presentation. Fornear and I had just finished the formal part of the presentation. We had moved on to the part of the meeting when Fornear takes the kids to a separate room to talk about kid-focused camp stuff, and I stick with the parents to give them the opportunity to ask questions that they might not want to ask in front of their kids. A few minutes into this second phase of the meeting, I realized that I had left a folder I needed with Fornear, so I excused myself from the parents and darted towards the playroom to which Fornear and the kids had retreated. When I opened the door, I was treated to the sight of four 4'3" boys, each with a toy light saber in their hands, pounding on the poor defenseless 6'3" Adam Fornear. You see....every visit is so different. We never know what to expect. Despite the fact that over the 15 years that I have been doing this job, I have given that presentation literally hundreds of times, I still really love it. I love the questions, excitement, wide eyed enthusiasm, and, yes, nervousness. The opportunity to share some of that, and work through it with a boy and his family, is a very special one.

So....why not start sooner rather than later?! To the trail!!!

And, if you know anyone from your community that might like one of these visits, please let us know. We would love to help in their Jedi training.....

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

The 2018 CAMP SEASON WILL BEGIN JUNE 18!

We're already getting excited for the 2018 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 2018 season are as follows:

Session	Start	End
New Staff Orientation	Monday, June 11	
Staff Orientation	Tuesday, June 12	Sunday, June 17
Full Season	Monday, June 18	Saturday, August 11
First Session	Monday, June 18	Saturday, July 14
Second Session	Monday, July 16	Saturday, August 11
Family Camp	Monday, August 13	Sunday, August 19

NEBAGAMON'S 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 year. We look forward to seeing you at one of these reunions!



2017-2018 TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE			
Kansas City	November 1st	New York	TBA
St. Louis	November 2nd	Chicago	TBA
Memphis	November 4th	Minneapolis	TBA
Atlanta	November 5th	Los Angeles	TBA
Nashville	November 6th	San Francisco	TBA
Cincinnati	November 8th	San Diego	TBA
Washington DC	TBA	Denver	TBA
Detroit	TBA	Please contact the camp office with any questions!	

Camp Prepares for 90th Reunion

Alumni should have received a save the date postcard. If you did not please contact the camp office at 208-345-5544 or briggs@campnebagamon.com to update your contact info!

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>.

2018 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 2018 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).

2nd Grade Campers: *Sagiv Siegel (Stamford, CT)

3rd Grade Campers: Tate Gell, Ari Held, Logan Hoffman, *Gibson Kapp (Chicago, IL), Will Livers, Coulson McConnell, Danny Schottenstein, *Seth Starhill (Arlington, MA), *Judah Thacker (Chicago, IL), *Tanner Toback (Chicago, IL), Aaron Zelvy

4th Grade Campers: Levi Gladstein, Charlie Goshko, Jackson Green, Sy Kessler, Jonah Kleiman, Ben Laytin, Drew Malk, Liam Mann, Myles Rontal, Micah Rosenbloom (8), Syd Rosenbloom, Jonathan Schiff-Lewin, *Dylan Scissors (Olivette, MO), Benji Solomon, Asher Toback, Levi Yaker

5th Grade Campers: Atlas Barnes, Oliver Brenner, Matthew Gordon, Oliver Gray (8), Noah Horowitz, Ryan Kessler, Charlie Livers, Ezra Maidenberg, Sam Montag, Auden Osburn, Jacob Rolfe(8), Eli Samuels, Asher Sigman, Kobi Silver, Milo Solomon (8), Micah Stone (8)

6th Grade Campers: Alexander Averbuch, Jasper Braunschweiger (8), Will Dupont, Joel Fisher, Mark Gingiss, Gabe Heller (8), Chase Herbert, Jack Krupnick, Jacob Lutsky, Hudson McConnell, Sam More, Milo Peterson, Ben Polonsky, Jonah Rontal, Griffin Scissors, Matan Siegel, Lawson Weeldreyer, Josh Wells (8), Eli Zelvy

7th Grade Campers: Sebastian Alderman (8), Michael Cohen (8), Adam Eberhard, Emmitt Gerstein (8), Thomas Harrison, Nurali Kuanyshbek, Jacob Laytin (8), Simon Mann, Josh Marcus (8), Rolando Martinez, Nelson Mendels (8), Henry O'Connor, Jake Paderewski, Drew Smith (8), Nathan Starhill (8), Jack Tierney (8), Steven Weeldreyer

8th Grade Campers: Benjamin Bakal (8), Michael Bayer (8), Sam Bloch, Justin Blumberg (8), Jesse Chan (8), Charlie Cohen (8), Daniel Cohen (8), Ben Effress (8), Nick Friedman (8), Billy Galpern (8), Jesse Gell (8), Jack Goodman (8), Jack Gordon, Trevor Harriman, Daniel Heller (8), Matthew Hooper, Danny Horowitz, Gabi Huberman-Shlaes (8), Julian Jackson (8), Jonah Karafiol (8), Ben Kessler (8), Adam Lewis (8), Miles Lokken (8), Coleman Madland, Sean McSherry (8), Eli Moog (8), Jake Powers, Brady Rivkin (8), Jack Rivkin (8), Daniel Sabados, Ben Shacter, Jason Shacter (8), Gabe Sloan- Garcia (8), Ocean Wang, Nate Wells (8), Solomon Wexler (8), Nate Woldenberg (8), Noah Yaker (8)

9th Grade Campers: John Bellaire (8), Grady Clark (8), Spencer Cross, Henry Freilich (8), Owen Goldsmith (8), Ben Hanson-Kaplan (8), Oliver Held, Zachary Herman, Zach Joseph, Orion Kornfeld (8), Owen Marchant, James McCreary (8), Ben Montag (8), Charles Naranjo (8), Will O'Brien, John Osburn (8), Fletcher Redondo (8), Max Rontal (8), Isaac Schiff-Lewin (8), Finn Sher (8), Mickey Silins (8), Gavin Stern (8), Jed Whalen Stewart, Jack Wineman (8)

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE GRABS HIS BRUSH

In a typical year, I would be writing my first 'At Camp' near the end of my annual two week September vacation. This year, my much needed period of R&R had to be postponed to the cooler month of October so we could get some extra painting done for camp's 90th reunion next fall. (Alumni, you should have received a save the date post card by now. If you didn't, please contact the camp office to update your contact information.) Well, as you can imagine, with 88 buildings on site, we have a lot to keep up with in a normal off-season. (Yes, I said 88! That's all of the cabins, jops, program headquarters and shacks, support headquarters, and staff housing. Eighty-nine if you count the O-Tent which head caretaker Andy Mack includes because it needs to be put up and taken down every year.)

Keeping up with that much paint would be difficult for an average business in a typical location, but we are neither of those. First, we are located about as far north in Wisconsin as you can get, and, second, our season of operation and occupation is in the heart of perfect outdoor painting season. This far north, the painting season in a perfect weather year is from late April/early May to the end of September/early October, but we have to subtract from that camp's in-season months of June, July, and August. So, we are left with a much smaller painting 'window' of about ten weeks. But, to further complicate the schedule, you also need to subtract (in a normal year) vacation time for Andy and me, which again, due to camp's in-season dates, can't be in the summer months. Next, subtract the days when the temperature doesn't climb above 50 degrees...whoops there goes the dream of painting in late April and early October! You must also subtract rain days, and, unfortunately this year, it rained every other day! Oh, and don't forget to subtract those times that the home office needs us to do special warm weather projects. And of course you can't forget to account for the UNPREDICTABLE, and, how many days you subtract for that is, of course, unpredictable! So after all of that, if all works out and cooperates, we typically get enough time to clean, scrape, and paint one or two buildings a year! Let's see, 88 buildings divided by 2/year = 44 years. So, if you subtract my 23 years as a caretaker from that 44 years to paint all buildings in camp just once, that means I have only 21 years to go! (I might have to push back my planned retirement date.) Well, I guess that was just a long winded way of saying that we are always behind on the painting at camp.

I don't know if you have ever heard the adage: How do you eat an elephant? Answer: One bite at a time. (All of you vegans and vegetarians can substitute a colossal pumpkin for the elephant.) That adage captures my approach with our dirty and flakey paint situation. I avoid being overwhelmed by the enormity of the task and just take one stroke at a time. Bite 1, assess every building in camp; surely some of the buildings we have painted over the last 23 years don't all need paint again! Sure enough, if you look close, the majority are just dirty and not flaking paint. Oh good, we only need to eat a baby elephant, or a really giant regular pumpkin. (Yes, yes you can substitute wash for eat in that sentence.) Bite 2, caretaker Jack, in a planned effort to get ahead of the paint situation, had scraped and painted the fronts of about eight of the worst cabins just the year before last. He chose the worst looking in the most visible areas. If I focus on those same cabins, I only need to wash, scrape and paint three sides of eight buildings. That's got to add up to at least one of the elephants legs, and so we are at least 5000 bites done I'm guessing. So bite 5001, skip September vacation and devote all of the best painting month to eating elephant (giant pumpkin). Bite 5002, use an airless sprayer to paint with instead of hand brushing. As it turned out, Caretaker Andy's brother Dave had one he was willing to give us. Woo hoo, there goes another leg! So with two legs of my baby elephant already down, I fired up the power washer and went after Logger 6 and 7.

And wouldn't you know it, the unexpected happened. The company that we contracted to paint the inside of the water tower called and informed us that we had to have the water out by Monday rather than in two weeks as we had planned. They too were eager to take advantage of the good September weather! I hiccupped a few times and adjusted my bib overalls. Just more paint to scrape than I had planned, but "one bite at a time."

Well, to wrap this feast up, I was able to, with some scraping help from caretaker Jack, get five buildings completed in the month of September: L6, L7, L5, L2, and the Axeman/LJ job. The only thing that put me off my "two buildings a week plan" was a request to do a trim color change on the Axeman/LJ job, which is now looking super sharp with its green instead of brown trim, doors, and gable ends.

Hoping spring comes early (or at least on time) next year so I can chow on some more of our painting 'Elephant,' and desperately needing a week at the cabin, it's Caretaker Joe at camp.

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Camp Welcomes a New Role

Hello camp family! This is Louis Levin, camp's new Alumni and Outreach Coordinator. I wanted to take some time to introduce myself and my new role with camp.

A good number of you may already know me. I was a camper from 2005 to 2010 and a cabin staff member from 2012 to 2015. Most recently, I was the Swamper Push for this past summer of 2017, a job I loved. I grew up in Northbrook, IL, and attended the University of Chicago, studying economics. I'm a knitter, a cyclist, a jazz musician, a reader, and an enthusiastic supporter of Chicago sports -- especially the White Sox. I graduated this past spring, and could not be more excited to join the Nebagamom year round office.

So, what does the Alumni and Outreach Coordinator do? Just as we say at camp, I'll be focused on helping the camp community 'Keep the Fires Burning.' I want to help Nebagamom alumni stay connected to one another and to camp, and further engage with our current families and campers. I will also be managing camp's social media presence. After spending 11 summers at camp, I'm excited to be spending the off-season reaching out to all of you!

This is a new role, and we're excited to see how we can better engage with the camp family. Most importantly, we could use your help! If you want to get involved with our efforts, if you have ideas of how you think we could do this, please, reach out and start a conversation with me. I'd love to hear your ideas! Keep the Fires Burning!

Talk to you soon,

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