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Statue of Liberty

As I write this, Fornear and I are on our annual trip to the East Coast, and today, to the big daddy itself....New York. As a part of that trip, one of my favorite things to do is to visit the Statue of Liberty. I find it really inspiring to view Lady Liberty and to imagine the experience that millions of immigrants had as they arrived in America to begin their lives anew. I like to imagine what that first day was like for the immigrants, approaching New York harbor and being completely daunted and awed by the incredible New York skyline. I am sure that many of them found the sheer size and magnitude of that cityscape to be incredibly intimidating. Many must have wondered if they would be able to cut it in that massive city. It is just...so...big. And then, as the boat moved into the harbor, they ultimately approached the Statue of Liberty. I am betting at this moment their fears were greatly diminished as they gazed upon her welcoming face and read the words at her base. They were comforted to know that despite the fact that there would obviously be challenges ahead, America was a place that welcomed them, wanted to help them, and wanted to make them a part of their society.

Every year, as I look out at the Statue of Liberty and imagine the scene above, my thoughts turn to camp. (Well, let's face it, if you know me at all, I simply cannot go for more than a few minutes without my thoughts turning to camp!) This year, in particular, I was struck by the incredible similarities of a new camper arriving at Nebagamon and an immigrant arriving in America. Much like the daunting skyline of Manhattan must have made the immigrants feel dwarfed, so too must the first time arriver at Nebagamon feel diminished upon arrival by the sheer size and stature of the 18 foot Paul Bunyan statue staring down at them. (Yes, I am trying to equate our Paul Bunyan statue with the Manhattan Skyline which is a bit of a reach, I know, but I am making a point here ok?! Work with me!!!) However, just as the immigrants, arriving in the United States through New York Harbor, found comfort in the Statue of Liberty's reassuring words, so too are new campers at Nebagamon comforted by what they see after the Paul Bunyan statue (well, after lice checks!), which is a sign that states in 27 different languages that *This Shall Be A Place Of Welcome For All*. So, despite the intimidating nature of that GIANT fake lumberjack at our entrance, I believe that this sign communicates, despite the fact that there will obviously be challenges ahead, that Nebagamon is a place that welcomes them, wants to help them, and wants to make them part of our family.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



Finally we had our first snowstorm up in Duluth last week. (Since then it has rained and all of the snow disappeared, but nonetheless I was still able to start my mental transition to winter.) I love winter...skiing, mountain biking, sledding, driving Duluth hills (seriously fun with the right vehicle), ice skating on Lake Superior and a tiny bit of ice fishing with Andy Mack. To kick off the start of winter, I joined my brother, Ben, sister-in-law, Katey, and their two boys, Niko and Leo, at the Christmas City of the North Parade in downtown Duluth. One task at hand was to help collect as much candy as possible for Niko and Leo (it's what uncles are supposed to do) and carry Leo when he decided he was done walking for the night. The wind was howling and snow was accumulating which made for a great winter parade. It was awesome just to hang out with my nephews and watch how they enjoyed and reacted to the parade. They danced to the music, cheered on the floats, and ate a ton of candy that I kept passing their way. Afterwards we headed back home and proceeded to have an awesome snowball fight, shoveled the sidewalk, and broke out the sleds for the first time of the winter. It was a blast! Let winter begin!

My bags are packed and tomorrow I connect with Adam Kaplan for a portion of the east coast reunion tour. I'm excited to get back to NYC for a giant slice of pizza and to cruise around the big city on those sweet bikes! We hope to see you there! If you cannot make it, please shoot me an email with any news that I can put in next month's *Arrowhead*! (fornear@campnebagamon.com or call 208-318-3962) Have a great day and enjoy the start of your winter!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that in Kansas City **Henry Freilich** is staying busy with basketball and golf. **Jesse Chan's** leg has healed and he has started playing basketball as well this winter. **Ben Wolf** is staying active with basketball and **Charlie Fromm** continues to excel at wrestling. **Adam Salem-Atia** played baseball this past fall and has started fencing. While in St. Louis, **Ethan Kalishman** informed me that he was a sound tech for a school play and continues to play lots of tennis. **Griffin Scissors** played football this past fall while **Orion Kornfeld** ran cross country. **Patrick Meehan** stays busy with baseball and basketball. **Danny Horowitz** (Chicago) passed his test and is now a black belt in karate. Extra cool was that camp buddy, **Daniel Heller**, was visiting that weekend. **Nate Hohner** has been preparing to compete in a regional climbing competition.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Alan Halpern** (CT/Boulder '80-'82, '85-'86) is the new Executive Director at Congregation Har HaShem in Boulder, CO.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS go to **Emily Jodock** (Northwood, ND/Denver '05-'07, '09-'15) and **Jason Yale** (Denver '94-'00, '04-'08, '10-'15) and **Ben Gerber** (Dallas/Chicago '98-'01, '04-'06, '08) and Logan Zinman (Chicago).

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a girl, **Hildy**, for Abby Dan and **Charles Dan** (Memphis/London '93-'99, '01).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to **Nate Woldenberg** (Chicago).

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Having said all that, we at camp are very aware that the sign outside of the Big House which states This Shall Be A Place Of Welcome For All is absolutely meaningless unless we embrace that ideal. Our beautiful and inspiring sign is only truly beautiful and inspiring if it actually represents who we are at Nebagamon. Every summer it is up to all of us who live on those 77 acres to dedicate ourselves to those words, to make sure that This Shall Be A Place Of Welcome For All applies to every soul that comes through those gates.

The truth is, this doesn't happen without a great deal of conscious effort and commitment to this ideal. It would be easy for those of us that have been around camp for a few years to reject the newcomers. We loved camp last summer, and the summer before, and the summer before that...we like it how it IS. We already have great friends at camp and sometimes the prospect of new folks coming along is uncomfortable and makes us wonder if their mere presence will make things different.....worse. Nonetheless, the ideal that This Shall Be A Place Of Welcome For All supersedes any of that anxiety. We know that not only is this an ideal that we cherish to our cores, but ultimately, Nebagamon has been made better and better in each successive year because we ensure that This Shall Be A Place Of Welcome For All. One would be hard pressed to find a beloved activity, or song, or tradition at camp that wasn't new at some point. Camp grows and gets better by working hard to make sure that everyone that enters feels a part of our family, and feels valued. So, each summer, it is our sacred responsibility at camp to make sure that each individual feels acknowledged, respected, cared for, and.....welcomed.

At Nebagamon, we know that This Shall Be A Place Of Welcome For All is more than just a sign. It is a value that has to be lived every single year through conscious effort, a choice to truly accept different people, and a willingness to be open. (Please stop reading now if you want to avoid some serious soapbox grandstanding.)

Likewise, I am hopeful that we, as Americans, understand that, without conscious effort, a choice to truly accept different people, and a willingness to be open, the Statue of Liberty, which represents one of the most fundamental ideals that makes America great, is completely meaningless.

For many, this particular moment in history feels like a delicate one. This is a moment in which there are voices out there that are encouraging us, as Americans, to stick with only our old camp friends. These voices are encouraging us to revert back to a time when our circle of friends was a much smaller one and one that included pretty much only friends that were just like us. But, as ever, the Camp Family has something important to share with the world. We know that excluding people from the Camp Family is not only unkind, but also limiting...even stifling. We at camp know that our Camp Family is made better by keeping our circle of friends broad and welcoming new friends into that circle. We know that our Camp Family is made better by welcoming in friends who look different than us, speak different than us, and even have different ideas about things. This diversity and inclusivity broadens our pool of skills and ideas, making us more forward thinking.....better.

Indeed this feels like a delicate moment for us all. A moment in which we need to once again dedicate ourselves, as humans, to making sure that we don't just admire that statue out in the New York harbor, but LIVE the words that she exhorts, and DO the hard work that is required to make sure that, to paraphrase the Statue of Liberty in the best way I know how to, This Shall Be A Place Of Welcome For All.

REMEMBER CN CHARITIES THIS SEASON

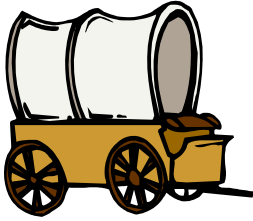


In this season of giving, don't forget about these two great charities that send kids to camps.

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>.



THE ROAD SHOW ROLLS ON



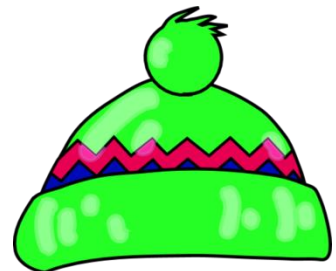
Adam Kaplan and Adam Fornear are traveling the East Coast for December's leg of the 2016-2017 Camp Nebagamon reunion circuit. Listed below is the schedule, which, as usual, is subject to change. A few weeks prior to each reunion, we will email invitations to members of the camp family in the communities we'll be visiting. Please be courteous and RSVP to the host families.

City	Dates	Reunion Details
Katonah, New York	December 1	Katonah Village Library, 6:30 PM 26 Bedford Road, Katonah
New York City	December 4	Deborah Snyder and Jim Platt, 4:00 PM 91 Central Park West @ 69 th Street, NYC
D.C.	December 5	Carrie and Steven Cohen, 7:00 PM 4120 17 th St. NW, Washington, DC
Twin Cities	January 9	Jaye Snyder and Ken Brimmer 11505 W. Lakeview Lane, Minnetonka
Chicago	January 15	Heller Nature Center, 3:00 PM 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
San Diego	TBA	
Los Angeles	TBA	
San Francisco	TBA	
Denver	TBA	

Winter Hats Still Available

Camper Matthew Garchik (Chicago) has produced a Camp Nebagamon winter hat as a fund raiser. All proceeds will support *Camperships for Nebagamon*. You can check the hats out and get more information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/hatsforcamperships/>



At Camp

CARETAKER JOE WAITS FOR WINTER



The abnormally warm weather has continued for another month here in the north woods of Wisconsin. We continue to experience temperatures 10 to 15 degrees above average, and though we have been fortunate to receive close to the average precipitation for the month, most of it has come in the form of rain. I did get a little excited, and began to doubt my prediction of a late start for this year's ski season, when we finally saw a forecast for the first measurable snow of the season in mid-November. The forecasters couldn't quite get a handle on the storm, and predictions went from as high as 15 inches to as low as 1-3 inches for the area. All of the prognosticators seemed to be certain of the totals, but where they would land geographically remained fluid up to the day of the storm. Unfortunately, the storms "bullseye" landed quite a bit north and west of camp and we only received about six inches of very wet snow that began to melt soon after it fell. Temperatures the week of Thanksgiving were in the 40s and so only a few clods of snow still remain. With warm breezes out of the south, day time temps in the mid- to upper-40s, and overnight lows in the upper-30s, it feels and smells a lot like spring around here. With all of this warm weather, the lake remains unfrozen and the water temperatures are still reported to be in the 40s. Last year's record for the latest freeze-over may be in jeopardy! We may have to put one of camp's ski boats back in the water and do some wetsuit water skiing during Christmas break! Though not the kind of skis I want to be wearing in December, this year I may have to take what I can get.

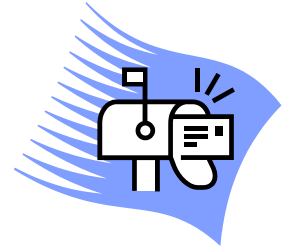
The continued warm weather did allow us to keep the Big House open for an extra month and we caretakers were able to get a few extra projects completed in camp's oldest building. I was able to get a fresh coat of paint on the walls of the third floor hallway and down the back stair well. I was also able to put a fresh coat of the ubiquitous battle ship gray enamel paint (this color is used on every painted floor in camp) on the hallway floor and down the back stairs all the way to the main floor. While I was painting above, below on the 1st floor, Caretakers Andy and Jack shuffled all of the outer office furniture to the inner office and vice versa, to get a fresh couple of coats of polyurethane on the office floors. Years of sandy feet had worn almost all of the finish off of the beautiful hard oak flooring, so a total re-sand wasn't needed. The floor got a good deep cleaning and then several coats of poly, all the way to the front entrance and the large arrowhead C/N logo with the axe. These oak floors were lovingly installed several decades earlier by camp alumnus, and more recently CNOC director, Rand Shapiro. I will have to get the full story of that project from Rand; it might make a good future article. The guys also put a fresh coat of finish on the original Maple floors of the kitchen and pantry. Caretakers Andy and Jack finished with a fresh coat of paint on the ceiling and walls of the outer office before the water was drained and the Big House was finally put to bed for the off-season.

Finally we were able to get the CNOC (Camp Nebagamom Outing Club) firewood split. For the first time in years we did a lot of the job in our t-shirts, rather than our insulated dungarees and snow boots! Gazing longingly at my skinny skis, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

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

MORE ENROLLMENTS ARRIVE

Summer 2017 registrations continue to pop up in our inbox! If you haven't registered yet for this summer, we encourage you to do so soon! We are also excited to welcome new campers to Nebagamon for a fun-filled summer. Listed below are all campers who are currently enrolled. New campers are denoted with an asterisk before their names, and their hometowns are in parentheses. Eight-week campers have an (8) following their names.



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

3rd Grade Campers: *Asher Corndorf (Minneapolis, MN), *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: 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), 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 Zhuiriktayev (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), Cian Duffy, Matthew Garchik (8), Owen Goldsmith (8), Alex Greco, Ben Hanson-Kaplan (8), Zachary Herman, 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, 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, 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), Oliver Swack (8), Peter Whelan, Zakary Zawel (8)

