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A Not-So-Scary Halloween

Last night was Halloween. (Ok, yes, I admit, I am a bit late in writing my article this month!) Certainly for kids all over the country, this is one of their favorite nights of the year. Imagine being a child and having an entire night dedicated to the collection of CANDY!!!! The very thing that your near perfect summer camp prohibits and enforces with Stalinistic vigor....ranging from mail inspections to personal property searches and seizures. The very thing that the adults that control you throughout the rest of the year attempt to deny you at every turn. Except for on Halloween. It is the one night of the year when the adults say, "Here you go, Ben. Here is a giant, king-sized pillowcase. Why don't you head out into the neighborhood and fill it up to the very top with as much candy as you can possibly collect?!" For a child, what night could possibly be better?

Yet, last night I was struck by another unique aspect of Halloween. Our neighborhood was so different than normal. Like many (most?) neighborhoods around the country, usually our neighborhood is a relatively lightly trafficked area...particularly by children. Certainly there are a fair number of kids that walk to and from school each day, but, for the most part, kids are driven to school, and then after school, picked up and ferried home, or to their activities for that day. Long gone are the days when a neighborhood was a hive of activity with kids running hither and yon after school. For the most part, sidewalks are empty most of the day....

In addition to the lack of foot traffic on the sidewalks, we seem to be less connected to our neighbors. Growing up, it felt like I knew every family on my block and most within a several block radius. Not only did I know them, but I knew the insides of their houses because I had been in there. This, too, has certainly changed. While my kids have met some of our neighbors, without a doubt they have met fewer than they have not met, and have seen the insides of even fewer of their homes.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



Soon after waking up at the Echo Lake Campground, myself, Dave Weber, Steve Weber, and Jon Fawcett loaded up and drove the short distance to Crane Lake where we rode the shuttle boat to Zups Lodge. I was grateful to have been invited by this group of guys that I met back in the mid-90s while on trip staff together. We zipped across Crane Lake to Canadian customs, then to a four mile truck portage (had to unload and load boats and gear onto a 1990 suburban), drove across the Dawson Portage, then transferred back onto another power boat (I enjoy a good, fast boat ride as much as a silent paddle in the middle of the wilderness.) and arrived at Zups Lodge. There we gathered our permits, had two more cups of coffee and a giant

cookie, and returned back onto the boat to our first portage into the Quetico. This was the way to start off a paddling adventure. Once to the portage we unloaded the boat, shouldered our packs and canoes, and headed into the woods. We were finally there...in the quiet woods of southern Ontario.

Paddling the Quetico during the first week of October can be risky as you can encounter any kind of weather. We lucked out as the temps were perfect, we had only one evening of rain, and not one day with a head wind. Ninety percent of our meals were cooked over a fire on the 16 inch cast iron fry pan that we carried. We had fresh pesto one evening from former Nebagamon Director, Judy Wallenstein, and fresh fish for a couple of meals. On the second day, Dave Weber and I were paddling across Wicksteed Lake, and off to our left we could hear a pack of wolves howling away. We just sat there and enjoyed the spectacular music of the Quetico. Day after day we paddled, portaged and paddled some more. To make the already amazing scenery that much better, the fall colors were at their peak. The aspens were aglow, and the red maple leaves and tamaracks lit up the shoreline giving so much texture to the terrain of the park. It was fantastic. Paddling up to pictographs, camping at sites that our campers camped at this summer, and, of course, catching a ton of fish! It was truly a trip to remember and one that I hope to go on again in the future.

As always, I would love to publish all of your news in the Arrowhead, so if you have some news, please shoot me an email to fornear@campnebagamon.com. Also, keep your eyes open for the Camp Nebagamon Reunion tour that begins in a week. If you cannot make it to a reunion, check us out on Facebook or Instagram [camp_nebagamon](https://www.instagram.com/camp_nebagamon). Hope to see you this winter!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Finn Sher** (Philadelphia) is staying busy with soccer while his older brother, **Simon**, will be soon be starting squash. **Harrison Reichert** (New York) is the starting point guard on his school's basketball team. **Sam Reichert** (New York) continues to play the guitar and is also eagerly awaiting the start of the traveling basketball season.

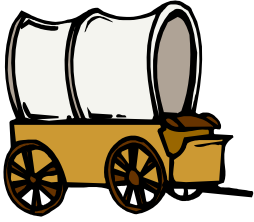
IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Danny Cohen** (D.C./Los Angeles '95-'01, '03-'07, '10-'11) is the new District E Representative on the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council in Los Angeles. **Jacob Kayes** (Duluth, MN 05-'07, 10-'11) summited Denali in July as a assistant guide on a trip for the Alaska Mountaineering School. **Noah Saag** (Baltimore '00-'04, '06-'09, '11-'12, '14) is the Director of Operations for the women's basketball team at Loyola University Maryland.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to **Mark Wittcoff** (St. Louis/L.A. '73-'78, '80-'85) and Laura Scherck Wittcoff (Los Angeles)

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a girl, **Adele Nan**, for Jeana Foxman and **Brad Foxman** (Dallas '95-'98, '01-'05)

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

HOME IS WHERE YOU LAY YOUR HAT!



As always, the Camp Nebagamon road show will be headed for the highway! We are looking forward to seeing many of you during our travels. Listed below is a tentative schedule. Look for news about the rest of the travel schedule in the coming Arrowheads or at www.campnebagamon.com. Rest assured that we will email invitations to members of the camp family in the cities that we are visiting approximately three weeks prior to each reunion. Please be courteous and RSVP to the host families.

City	Dates	Reunion Details
St. Louis	November 8	Center of Clayton, Sun., Nov. 9, 3:00 PM 50 Gay Avenue, Clayton
Cincinnati	November 10	Blatt, Tues., Nov. 10, 6:30 PM 6590 Tupelo Lane, Cincinnati
Memphis	November 13	Weiss, Fri., Nov. 13, 5:30 PM 230 Cloister Green Lane, Memphis
Kansas City	November 15	Fromm, Sun., Nov. 15, 4 PM 5601 High Drive, Mission Hills
Boston	December 2	Bellaire, Wed., Dec. 2, 7 PM 136 Highland Ave., Winchester
Katonah, NY	December 3	Braunschweiger, Thurs., Dec. 3, 7:00 PM 163 Cherry St., Katonah
New York	December 6	Kagan, Sun., Dec. 6, 4:00 PM 30 E. 71 st Street, 8B, New York
Washington DC	December 7	Cohen, Mon., Dec. 7, 7 PM 4120 17 th St. NW, Washington, DC
Pittsburgh	December 9	Harrison, Wed., Dec. 9, 7 PM 200 Springhouse Lane, Pittsburgh
Detroit	December 11	Topf, Fri., Dec. 11, 7:00 PM 12750 Vernon Ave, Huntington Woods
Chicago	January 17	Heller Nature Center, Sun., Jan. 17, 1:30 PM 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
Twin Cities	TBA	
San Diego	TBA	
Los Angeles	TBA	
San Francisco	TBA	
Dallas	TBA	
Houston	TBA	
Oklahoma City	TBA	
Denver	TBA	

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE TACKLES AUTUMN

Looking back at the month of October, the only word that comes to mind is delightful. Now that is a word you don't see often enough these days. (Unless of course your favorite Cruiser Day item at the Lake Nebagamon Dairy Queen happens to be the Brownie Delight.) "Delightful (adjective): giving great enjoyment and pleasure, especially by being pleasant, good to look at, or amusing." Yep, a perfect word to describe the month. The absolutely stellar fall weather (unusually warm, bright clear azure skies, and very little rain) that started last month, has continued this month and befits the "giving great enjoyment and pleasure, especially by being pleasant" part of the definition.



The "good to look at" part of the definition was covered by the brilliant, rich colors of the fall foliage this year which, I think, was one of the best and longest lasting fall color displays we have had in years. The fantastic weather conditions allowed the leaves of each tree species to reach their richest colors. The aspens, birch, and cottonwoods turned the brightest yellows; the various maple species became brilliant mottled yellows and oranges (some individual leaves I studied had reds, greens, and various yellows all on the same leaf); the oaks attained deep saturated oranges. With little to no frost and not much wind, the display lasted for several weeks and pushed back our usual leaf blowing around camp by about a week. Each day we would speculate that this must be the peak, and then, to our delight, the color display would become even richer!

The "amusing" part of the definition was covered by the jobs that the extended period of pleasant weather allowed us to work on. It is normally too cool and damp in October for us to do any painting on the cabins. But this year, Caretaker Jack was able to carry on his cabin façade project, which he started in September, all the way into the 3rd week of October. Despite the setback of having to replace the front floor joists of Logger 2, Jack was able to scrape and paint the fronts of eight cabins that had badly peeling paint around the front doors.

Caretaker Andy, for his part, used the extra outdoor time to do some needed rehab work on camp's pontoon boat "The Keeper." She was starting to get some soft spots in her deck, her rails were pretty battered and in need of some repairs, and the 25 year old deck carpet was getting mossy and very pile bare. So, Andy removed all of the boats rails, and, with a visit to YouTube, was able to pull off the captain's column and steering mechanism. He then completely removed her moldering plywood deck leaving a rather naked looking pair of pontoons connected by rather skinny looking aluminum rails. A new treated plywood deck was installed, and, with another trip to the glorious internet, some fresh carpet has been ordered from, you guessed it, www.pontoonstuff.com.

For my part, I took advantage of the extended fall by doing some stump chopping and expansion work on the Camp Nebagamon Bike Trail (CNBT). I was able to finish the Tall Timber Trail which starts behind the caretakers' shop, winds its way down the hill, and then runs along County Road B for a few hundred yards to its previous end at the intersection with the Tundra Trail. Now Tall Timber continues on crossing Tundra and enters the woods at the foot of "The Sand Dune" and then follows the bottom edge of the Upper Diamond hill to the west almost to the trip trailer parking area where it takes a sharp turn south up and over a tough but short hill crossing the Upper D Ridge Trail just before its northern exit at the range road. Tall Timber then continues on along the hill base and exits just before riflery. It was a lot of work, but after a few test rides, I think it was well worth the effort and will open up some nice trail blending options for camp's mountain biking program, and will delight family camp trail walkers as well.

Looking forward to the soon to come transition of the CNBT into the CNST (Camp Nebagamon Ski Trail), it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

Halloween (Continued from Page 1)

I am not sure exactly why neighborhoods have changed this way over the course of the past thirty or so years. My suspicion is that the change has come about from a combination of a certain level of anxiety about the safety of our children, and the very tightly packed schedules that our kids are subjected to these days. (Both of these factors merit their own Arrowhead articles.....so stay tuned!) But, there can be no denying that something has changed.

Except for on Halloween. On Halloween, our neighborhoods take on a life unlike any other day during the year. Every home up and down the block has enthusiastically prepared for the arrival of guests and welcomes them with bright smiles and.....CANDY! The sidewalks are filled with families, not walking by their neighbor's homes as they usually do, but actually stopping by each of them, greeting them and yes....talking to them! The sidewalks themselves become meeting places as families stop to chat with each other as they sojourn. Along with the families travelling together, there are groups of unchaperoned kids roaming the streets. Really...think about that one. Can you ever imagine dusk rolling along and your child saying, "Bye folks, I am going to roam the streets with my friends for the next couple of hours. See you later!" It just would never happen...except for on October 31st. On October 31st, a day that is all about ghosts, monsters, and other scary things, our communities transform into their most friendly iterations. Go figure.

And that friendly iteration of a neighborhood is precisely what we strive to make a reality at camp every day. Camp is a place where the "sidewalks" are always filled with people headed in all different directions. Day or night, there are always neighbors to be found wandering the community (even when they are supposed to be in their homes!!!) They virtually all know each other's names and rare is the situation when they walk by each other without saying a word. (Something that we all must sheepishly admit is relatively common in our home communities.) Instead, they greet each other, and more often than not, engage in conversation. Camp too is a place in which we all know what the inside of each others' homes looks like. Perhaps this is because most of our homes look virtually identical at camp (except for different levels of mess and different degrees of stinkiness!), but it is also because, more often than not, we have actually been inside each other's homes for some sort of social engagement.

I admit, I found it more than a little surprising that, as I walked up and down the streets of my neighborhood last night greeting five year old girls dressed as witches and 14 year old boys dressed as Freddy Kruger, my thoughts turned to camp, and the warm, friendly and welcoming community that we build there. But that is precisely where my head went. Who am I kidding....my mind always goes there!

I wonder what sort of goodies I will be treated to as I knock on the 9th grade cabin doors this summer. Beware guys, I am coming.....without a mask.

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Yep...it's autumn in the Chicagoland area....otherwise known as Mud-Season. You know how the families in your carpool draw their shades and turn the lights down when your car pulls into their driveway? That is because it is **FILTHY** and a disgrace to the Mighty Mites Hockey Club Carpool Association (MMHCCA). Well, now is your chance to clean up that rig and help out some of Camp Nebagamon's favorite charities!

Waterway Carwash (2300 Waukegan Road, Northbrook, IL.) is celebrating their new, and very first Chicago area location, on November 14th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM by donating ALL CAR WASH REVENUE to the Camp Nebagamon Scholarship Fund, Camperships for Nebagamon, and Camp For All Kids.

Go get your car washed! It's a great way to do some good in the world and get back into the good graces of the MMHCCA!

(Learn more about these charities at <https://cncharities.org/> and <http://www.campforallkids.org/>)

MORE 2015 ENROLLMENTS ARRIVE!



Our inbox has continued to see new registrations for the upcoming summer, and we are thrilled to welcome all these campers to our amazing 75 acres next June 18 or July 16. Parents, you can enroll campers by going to the online form at <https://nebagamon.campintouch.com/v2/camper/application/app0.aspx>. 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), *Jacob Rolfe (Chicago, IL), *Kobi Silver (Chicago, IL), *Milo Solomon (Deerfield, IL), *Leo Susser (San Francisco, CA)

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

5th Grade Campers: Sebastian Alderman, *Jake Brown (St. Louis, MO), Michael Cohen (8), *Adam Eberhard (Chicago, IL), Nick Fleisher, Emmitt Gerstein, Jacob Greenwald (Atlanta, GA), Ben Hackney, Thomas Harrison, Jacob Laytin, *Jason Li (Los Angeles, CA), Simon Mann (8), Josh Marcus (8), Ethan Schott, Nathan Starhill, Steven Weeldreyer

6th Grade Campers: Daniel Armstrong, Benjamin Bakal, Michael Bayer (8), Justin Blumberg, Jessie Chan (8), 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 (8), 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), Zachary Herman, Orion Kornfeld, Owen Marchant, Ben Montag (8), Will O'Brien, John Osburn, Fletcher Redondo (8), Max Rontal, Grayson Schementi, Isaac Schiff-Lewin (8), Sam Shapira (8), Jesse Shapiro, Finn Sher (8), 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, Michael Berler (8), Jake Druckman (8), Bryce Endrizzi, Andrew Frisch, Matthew Grossman, Eli Harrison, Eli Hecht (8), Lenny Kaznachev, Max Kornfeld (8), Simon L'Tainen (8), Charlie Moog (8), Joey Rivkin (8), Chris Rosenthal (8), Brett Schoppert (8), Eli Smith (8), Levi Solomon (8), Harrison Weinstock, Matthew Youkilis

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