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FEELING "CAMPY"

Every year we publish nine issues of the Arrowhead. Nine times a year I am faced with the challenge of coming up with something relevant and interesting to write about. (Those of you that know me are well aware of how rare it is that I am able to speak about things that are relevant and interesting, let alone write about them... needless to say, the monthly Arrowhead articles are a challenge!) Compounding this challenge is the fact that I am forced to write eight of those articles in the basement of my house, with little camp gestalt to inspire me. But the June Arrowhead is the exception. Every year I get to write the June article sitting in the Big House dining room. There is something about sitting here that just makes it easier to think on a "campy" level.

Perhaps it has to do with the fact that, as I sit here, an enormous photo of Muggs Lorber (Nebagamon's founder), standing in front of the Paul Bunyan statue, stares at me from its place above the fireplace in the Big House dining room. Perhaps it has to do with the fact that, as I look around this room, I can take in many photos of Nebagamon over the years. Perhaps it has to do with the fact that, being up here at camp presents my other senses with inputs that are totally unique to being here. Camp has a certain smell to it, certain sounds associated with it, and that water in my glass (particularly from the Big House kitchen) has a certain taste to it that we all know!

More likely, it has to do with the folks that are sitting around the table right now as I write this article. Our pre-camp crew arrived on Wednesday to transform this place from its state of winter dormancy... dock-free, boat-free, and whirligig-free (those REALLY cool Herb Hollinger creations that are placed around the Hill and do cool things when the wind blows)... to its more natural state (natural in the minds of so many thousands of campers that is!), a space that screams for the infusion of that unbridled energy that can only be provided by hundreds of BOYS! It is sitting around the table with these folks that allows me to think so single-mindedly about camp.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



It's a bluebird day here at Nebagamon and the pre-camp crew is running all over camp getting our sweet 70 acres set up for the arrival of 200 campers! The knee high grass is no longer knee high around camp. The h-dock, rowing dock, canoeing dock, waterskiing dock, and fishing dock are all set up making one sweet waterfront... dare I say the best summer camp waterfront in all the land! Shortly Paul Bunyan will be getting some new pants and shirt painted on and all of the whirlygigs will be whirling like crazy... camp is going to look amazing when you all show up on June 18th! Soon the paddles will be organized on the rack, the Buddy Board open for business and of course Monday Night Cookouts will be happening. It will all soon be set up just waiting for your arrival. Then that's when the real adventure can begin. It's a great time to

be at camp... to see 15 staff hustling around in safety glasses for weed whacking, grass cutting and scraping some old paint off of Paul Bunyan. Get ready for a wicked sweet summer!

Even though The Arrowhead is going into hibernation for the next three months, please keep on sending any news of the camp family. Thank you for your contributions and I look forward to sharing updates with you after the summer. With the pre-camp crew hard at work this very second (and while you read this at home), rest easy knowing that all 70 acres of Camp Nebagamon will be ready to knock its 87th season out of the park!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Nathan Susser** (San Francisco) is staying busy with soccer and baseball this spring. **Ethan Kalishman** (St. Louis) and his sister recently worked with the JCRC of St. Louis to promote the annual outerwear drive for new Americans. **Ben Hanson-Kaplan** (Boise) is staying busy with soccer.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Brian Kramer** (East Troy, WI/Chicago '88-'93,'95-'00) is the Director of Global Sustainability for PepsiCo. **Evan Dorfman** (Chicago '99-'04) also known as Gilligan Moss in the electronic music world is traveling around the world opening up for the band Glass Animals. **Ben Cronin** (Chicago '01-'04,'06-'12) is also playing with Gilligan Moss on the synthesizer. They'll be playing at spots such as First Ave in Minneapolis, Crystal Ballroom in Portland and also played recently at Sasquatch Festival.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to: **Troika Brodsky** (St. Louis '87-'93,'95-'07) and Elle Potter (St. Louis)

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPT: It's a girl, Seneca Vhaness, for Danielle Brinker and **John Kramer** (East Troy, WI/Midland, MI '90-'95, '97-'02). It's a girl, Lucia Sade, for Marissa and **Cody Zalk** (Denver/NYC '91-'96,'99-'01,'03-'04).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to: **Jacob Kassel** (Atlanta).

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 GRADUATES



June is Graduation Month for many campers, staff, and alumni, and we want to say "Congratulations!" Obviously this list is not exhaustive, so please let us know of other members of the camp family that you know who have graduated this year. We'll include those names in the October *Arrowhead*. Also, this newsletter is a great place to note which college's people are attending, in order to connect with other members of the camp community at the same school, so please e-mail us that information as well.

High School Graduates: Walter Fromm, Adam Schimberg, Graham Straus, Isaac Murray Stark, Alex Balsler, Teddy Shapira, Noah Kanter, Reid Kahn, Paul Willett, Danny Koretz, Josh Spitzer Resnick, Sam Lucas, Daniel Hoffman, Isaac Rosenzweig, David Woldenberg.

College Graduates: Richard Whiddington (Columbia University), Adam Bloom (Rice University), Joel Sachnoff (Denison University), Jason Hirschhorn (Harvard University).

MEET THE 2015 NEBAGAMON STAFF!

We had an excellent year recruiting staff for the upcoming summer. Saying that we are proud of our 2014 staff lineup would be an understatement! Many of them have a wealth of experience working with kids and everyone is excited to continue the tradition of counseling amongst the tall pines! Their experiences vary from finishing their junior year of high school to elementary school teaching. Whether they are from California, Memphis, Boston or England, they all have one common goal, to create a positive experience for the 320 campers coming to camp this summer!



(* denotes a new staff member)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND PROGRAM SPECIALISTS: Adam Fornear (Associate Director/Program Director), David Sachs (Swamper Village Director), Alex Gordon (Logger Village Director), Larry Held (Axeman Village Director), Max Wise (Lumberjack Village Director), Jeremy Nordin Berghuis (Waterfront Director), Maggie Horvath (Assistant Waterfront Director), Rand Shapiro (CNOG Director), Matthew Santner (Nature Director), Amy Rusch (Artshop Director), Ellie Berler (Art Specialist), Jason Hirschhorn (MOCA Director), Ralph Greil (Riflery Director), Joe Briggs (Climbing Wall Specialist), Margeaux Settineri (Climbing Wall Specialist), Angie McCormack (Waterskiing Specialist), Katie Mahoney (Waterskiing Specialist), Jaimee Johnson (Photo Specialist).

SENIOR COUNSELORS: Sasha Kahn, Zach Muzik, Gabe Colman, Grant Chukerman, James Tune, Noah Stein, Ben Sickle, Zach Stern, David Pilsk, Matthew Myer, Eli Fromm, Joel Hensel, Louis Levin, Andy Cohen, Jeremy Boshwit, Adam Bloom, Benji Ballin, Sam Prince, Grant Rosskamm, Sam Werthan, Geordie Mungavin, *Keir Harvey, Nate Locke, Jonathan Gerstell, Richard Whiddington, *Max Settineri.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS: Walter Fromm, Adam Schimberg, Graham Straus, Isaac Murray Stark, Alex Balsler, Teddy Shapira, Noah Kanter, Reid Kahn, Paul Willett, Danny Koretz, Josh Spitzer Resnick, Sam Lucas, Adam Hirschhorn, Jonah Domskey, Nathan Salon, Ben Wolf, Ian Kuria, David Woldenberg, Louie Bogolub, Zach Pearson, Ryan Zimmerman, Jake Friedman, Isaac Weiss-Meyer, Jacob Miller, Isaac Rosenzweig, Ben Werthan, Alex Derrick, Jake Beren, Daniel Hoffman.

TRIP STAFF: Jason Yale (Trip Director), Lewis Kopman (Assistant Trip Director), Austin Christensen (Driver), Clynt Schmidt (Driver), *Ron Gaare (Driver), Allen Bennett (Quartermaster), Jamey Sharp, Grant Sachs, Bob Campbell, Jake Davis, Nick Wilson, Lindsey Aronson, Ryan 'Ole' Olson, Ada Leavitt Phibbs, Stephen Nelson, Noah Hartnett, Nick Copeland, Troy Donovan, Joel Sachnoff, Kyle Scully, Rose Lenehan.

FOOD STAFF: Anne Rowe (Food Service Manager), Cody Keys (Cook), Beth Kessler (Cook), Ann Pellman, Frank Keys, Grant Pearson, Katie Taylor, Alex Fuller, Elissa Skaggs, Daisy Mack, Leo Mack.

MEDICAL STAFF: Amber Burvall (Nurse), *Sarah Brenner (Nurse's Aide), *Becca Haseman (Nurse's Aide), Betsy Murray (M.D.), Trent Rosenbloom (M.D.), Mitch Cohen (M.D.), Bill Strull (M.D.), Greg Cohen (M.D.), Alan Rozen (M.D.), Andrew Gordon (M.D.)

OFFICE STAFF: Joe Briggs/Emily Jodock (Associate Director/Office Manager), Linnea Moss (Town Driver), Julia Scharff, Lilli Cain, Katie DeCramer

MAINTENANCE STAFF: Andy Mack (Head Caretaker), Joe Crain, Jack Raatz, Cathy Fries (Big House Housekeeper).

PRE-CAMP IS...

By Lewis Kopman

Pre-camp is just like camp, except it isn't. Pre-camp is labor. The docks go in, the grass gets mowed, the cabins get cleaned. Pre-camp is quiet. A place normally humming with the excitement of a few hundred people echoes with the intermittent shouts of a dedicated few, struggling to communicate over expanses of empty lake, or with Fornear as he jovially drives in concentric circles on his favorite John Deere mower. Camp's director Adam Kaplan roams the Big House, failing to conceal his cabin fever as he takes care of last minute staffing needs and teases us in his uniquely affectionate manner, seemingly blowing off a little steam before he assumes the role of Camp Co-Director. Outside, the normally subtle and reserved Andy Mack assumes the role of pre-camp task master, driven yet benevolent in his direction of us.

Pre-camp, however, still has the thing that makes camp especially special. It has camp people. The type of men and women that could turn a parking lot into a kid's paradise instead have the opportunity to prepare seventy seven acres of the North Woods for the summer. Pre-camp is beautiful and it is weird and it is hard work. And except for all the ways that it isn't, it still feels like home, it still feels like Camp Nebagamon.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR CAMPER FORMS!

With camp just around the corner, our office has been busy checking in forms and getting ready for the first round of campers to arrive on June 18th. Regardless of which session your child is attending at camp, please submit his required paperwork if you have not already done so.

Please make sure the following items are completed as soon as possible:

- ***Cabin Preference Form:** We need this information within the next few days in order to work on cabin placement before the season begins.
- ***Health History Form:** Parents, make sure to complete all sections of this form (including medications and vaccination records) so that we are able to accurately understand your camper's health history and prepare for his arrival. If your child needs prescription medications, please place your order with CampMeds, Inc. at www.campmeds.com. The ordering deadline is **30 days** prior to your son's arrival at camp.
- ***Physician's Examination Form:** We need paperwork showing that your son has received a physical exam within the past 12 months. You may download our physician's examination form for your child's doctor to complete or submit a copy of similar documentation from the doctor's office. Please note that any immunization records provided by your doctor should also be entered in your son's online health history form by you.
- ***Medical Treatment Authorization Form:** This form **MUST** be signed by a parent/guardian prior to camper arrivals. A copy of his health insurance card should also be attached.
- ***Objectives & Personality Form:** This information helps our counselors prepare to guide your son towards completing a happy and productive summer. You may also email a more detailed letter to his counselors at info@campnebagamon.com.

Last, but not least, when you have logged in to the camper forms system, make sure **YOUR** contact information is up-to-date and that you have listed two emergency contacts besides a parent/guardian. You may do so by clicking on "Update Addresses/Phone Numbers" under the *Your Family* section.

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE GOES “GA GA”

The month of May at camp is always a time of mixed emotions for us caretakers. A blend of anxiety and excitement over the fast-approaching camp season starts to set in at the start of the month and continues to build as June approaches. Luckily, as the jobs get finished and are crossed off the list, the anxiety diminishes and the excitement grows. I'm sure it is much the same for many of you campers as your school year winds down and your preparations for the upcoming camp season intensify. With each final test and project at school that gets crossed off your list, your anxiety starts to drop away and with each camp form sent in and each pre-camp requirement fulfilled, your excitement grows a bit.



This spring has been a bit more intense for us, doing a number of jobs that took a lot longer than anticipated. There was the bathroom remodel at Q's corner taking twice as long as anticipated, as I described in last month's article, and a lot of "out of our hands" issues that are dependent on the actions of others to get finished. Two jobs that have us concerned at the moment are the rebuilding of the Swamper push shack, and the finishing of the new refrigerator install in the Rec Hall. The push shack job had to be contracted out, due to the insurance company's requirement in order for the claim to be filled. (If we could have done it in-house, we would have done that job last fall.) You adults can just imagine how hard it is to get a contractor to put a 10 foot by 20 foot "push shack" at the top of their priority list over finishing up 6 months' work on a \$200,000 home. You can imagine our relief when the contractor finally showed up on May 28th to start the demolition part of the project. My anxiety returned quickly when I asked him where the rest of his crew was and he informed me that he would be starting the job alone, as his crew scrambled to finish the aforementioned house build. Now I'm starting to worry that he won't leave enough time for us to put the final touches we will need to do to get the push shack ready for the season. The new refrigerator install has been plagued by the ever-present problem we have here of fitting new things of modern design into old buildings. And I can tell you that after 86 seasons of serving camp's culinary needs, the Rec Hall has gone through a lot of additions and "settling" that make installing a large perfect rectangle a real challenge. But our anxiety over that job diminished 90% last week, as all but a few of the jobs it required got wrapped up, and the last 10% will go as soon as the contractor performing the refrigeration equipment install shows up to do his part. We have a long history with this serviceman and he has never left us hanging, so I think we can safely downgrade that anxiety to 5%.

Things on the excitement scale have definitely improved with the start of the pre-camp crew on Wednesday May 27th. With each dramatic transformation of the waterfront, as the docks and rafts get put in, the excitement builds. We always start to breathe easier when the crew arrives and we remember that we have help for a couple of weeks with all of the grass mowing and other important but minor chores that we don't seem to have time to get to. Every year after the crew puts in its first week, I realize that we are going to make it! And that is when I really start to get excited to see all of the bright eager faces of the new and returning campers, and know that all of the hard work we put in over the off-season to maintain and improve our beloved Camp Nebagamon was worth it!

Anticipating the first ever game of Ga Ga Ball played At Camp, it's Caretaker Joe.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CAMPER LUGGAGE AND TRAVEL

LUGGAGE TAGS:

These should be firmly attached to every bag a camper brings with him, whether it is being checked in, carried on an airplane, or taken on the Chicago bus. This applies to everyone, regardless of airline or travel arrangements to camp. It is important that we, and airline personnel, are able to identify **all baggage** by the **yellow Camp Nebagamon tags**.



DUFFEL BAGS/LUGGAGE:

ALL Airlines: Please pre-pay baggage fees for your son's return flight. This has changed from recent years and now **includes Delta Airlines**. (Please note that if for some reason the airline does not allow you to pre-pay, we will pay the fees on the return trip and charge your son's spending money account.)

If you need to **ship** bags to camp, please notify Briggs ahead of time and send them at least one week prior to your son's arrival at camp. Camp's physical address (needed for any UPS/FedEx deliveries) is **11454 Camp Nebagamon Dr, Lake Nebagamon, WI 54849**. Please note that if you also want the luggage shipped home at the end of the camp season, it is simplest for our office (and our local UPS & FedEx drivers) if you can mail to Briggs's attention at camp (briggs@campnebagamon.com) completed FedEx/UPS tags or forms. *(Please note that due to limited storage space at camp, and our arrangement with the MSP airport, we do urge you to check bags on the trip home if possible, especially on Delta Airlines.)*

CAMPERS TRAVELING VIA AIRPLANE:

If you are booking your tickets through our travel agent, Travel One, any questions about airline tickets should be directed to Travel One at 800-245-1111. Ask for Heidi Beyer or Sonni Banks. Travel One issues electronic tickets for each camper, so do not worry about receiving a paper ticket for your child. **If you are arranging travel independently, please submit the information via the online transportation form or email the itinerary to briggs@campnebagamon.com.**

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FEELING “CAMPY” (Continued from Page 1)

This year’s crew, as ever, is a wonderful mix of old timers, first time pre-campers, and people brand new to camp. Conversation is free and easy... about goofy, camp-specific topics, sports allegiances, politics, zombie apocalypses (many of our pre-camp work crew are college students, used to noon wake up times... they would make excellent extras on the *Walking Dead* at 7:00 AM when our work day begins!) and the best brands of frozen pizza (the answer by the way... Home Run Pizza). These are the EXACT kinds of discussions that take place in every cabin in camp throughout the summer. In short, within minutes, camp goes from that surreal (and wonderful) state of silence and isolation, to full on CAMP, and all it takes is the arrival of just a few camp folks, a crew working together towards a common purpose, a big family table to sit around together, and... of course... The Pines.

Looking forward to an amazing two months of experiences, laughs, challenges, and learning with all of them... and so many more. Here we go!!!

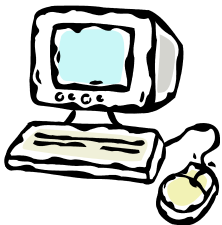
WILDERNESS TRIP REMINDER!

If you have a son in ninth grade and have not sent in a copy of his birth certificate along with the parental release form that we sent you this spring, please do so at your earliest convenience. This is necessary in order to go on canoeing and backpacking trips in Canada. Please contact Adam Fornear at fornear@campnebagamon.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

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ARROWHEAD TAKES A HIATUS...

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT ADAM’S UPDATES ONLINE THIS SUMMER



We will be taking a break from publishing *The Arrowhead* for the months of July to September, but you can still stay in the loop about what’s going on at camp this summer by checking out ADAM’S UPDATES on our website, www.campnebagamon.com. Adam Kaplan will be writing online posts regularly, enabling all of you at home to keep up on the happenings at camp throughout the summer.