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90 Years

After 90 summers of hosting boys from all geographies, backgrounds, and interests, there can be little doubt that Camp Nebagamon really works. Nebagamon provides an experience, a venue and a community that fosters social and emotional growth, lifelong friendships, and fun for boys ranging in age from 9-15 years old. Of that I have never had a doubt.

Despite this level of confidence in what we have been doing at camp for nearly a century, as our 90th Reunion approached over Labor Day weekend, I admit that I wondered if the place was capable of delivering that same experience to grown-ups as well.

The first hurdle was getting the word out and seeing whether there was enough interest from our alumni to make the trek up to the North Woods over a holiday weekend. Although I was not surprised at the level of interest, I was shocked at how quickly the registration filled and we found ourselves in a waitlist situation. With over 200 alumni signing up to live in cabins, and nearly another 200 registering to attend the event but stay offsite (perhaps those folks had not heard about our upgrade a few years ago to 100% plastic coated waterproof cot sized mattresses!), we were overwhelmed by the response. Registrants included folks from 24 states, as well as several international attendees.

To be honest, this only increased the stress we felt about delivering a special weekend. While the planning had been going on for a couple of years (thanks to a wonderful Minneapolis based Reunion Committee including Frank Sachs, David Sachs, Mark Segal, Jeff Goldenberg, Chad Goldenberg, and David Zalk), we knew expectations were high and we hoped we could meet them. Would the weather be ok? Would the food work? How would camp look to our alumni? Could we offer programming that would be interesting enough, nostalgic enough, and fun enough to honor our 90th season appropriately and serve as a good enough tribute to Nebagamon?

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



As many of you know I really enjoy fishing...a topic I field a lot of questions about, at the 90th reunion, catching up with my parents, and seeing Facebook Friends – in person (what a concept huh?). Yes, I do love fishing, whether it's trolling for salmon on Lake Superior or fly fishing for steelhead out west. But what I really love more than fishing is being on boat. Being on a boat typically means you're on the water – though I have sat in a canoe on bad ice while ice fishing a time or two – but 99% of the time I'm on the water. Being on a boat is rewarding, peaceful, exhilarating and adventuresome. Now I have many friends that are all about one style of boating...some sail, some only paddle, some row, and then some fire up a motor. I find myself in all of those groups...I never want to miss out on any chance to sail, canoe, row, or motor across the water. Ultimately, whatever type of boat I'm

traveling on gives me access to amazing experiences. I'm lucky to be here at camp and to share my love of boating with the Camp Family. I love going down to the waterfront on any given day and seeing our boats head out on the lake. Any given afternoon, a few minutes into 3rd period, you'll find 12 sailboats hoisting their sails, kayaks departing, rowboats filled with campers headed towards Lorber Point, ski boats jetting off looking for flat water to carve up, and of course canoes departing for their five-mile paddle. It's awesome!

Every time a boat leaves shore - at camp or on trail – a new adventure is beginning. And camp is a summer packed full of a million little adventures. Some may not carry the same weight of Lewis and Clark headed west, but I bet our campers and staff still share a similar bit of curiosity, and a wondering of the unknown leaving the shoreline. The Nebagamon fleet gets to help fulfill that curiosity and be the really fun mode of travel for that adventure. There is just something special about traveling by boat.

With our fleet and mine up and out of the water it is time to chase some off-season adventures. I hope you are doing the same...three days from now I'll be rowing a drift boat down the Kenai River in Alaska chasing rainbow trout and silver salmon. I'm really looking forward to battling those fish but I'm even more excited to get on the sticks (oars) and finesse the drift boat down some big water.

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! You can reach me by email (forneare@campnebagamon.com), text, carrier pigeon, Facebook (sorry – I don't tweet...yet) or IM, and we'd love to share any awards, athletic participation, theatrical roles, or other accomplishments with the Camp Family, and I promise you will make the next edition of **"In the News!"** Until next time, get outside and create some mini adventures this off season for yourself!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Gus Peters** (Durham, NC) has earned a spot on the Air Force Academy climbing team. **Henry O'Connor** (Chicago) has been keeping busy with his local rowing club, playing the base clarinet and took an amazing school trip to Yellowstone National Park. **Jonah Kleiman** (Chicago) plays baseball for a 10 ua travel team, and playing lots of tennis are **Rush Slivjanovski** (New York) and **Gabe Sloan-Garcia** (Albuquerque, NM). Gabe is coaching on his school's tennis team!

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Andy Cohen** (St. Louis/Austin '05 - '10, '12 - '15, '17) is a housekeeping manager at Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington DC. **Brennan Greene** (Minneapolis '93 - '98, '00 - '05) has opened his second craft brewery, Birch's Lowertown, in St. Paul, MN. His first one, Birch's on the Lake, is in Long Lake, MN. **Sasha Kahn** (KC/NYC '05 - '10, '12 - '15) is an artist in NYC working mainly with oil painting.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to: **Joe Briggs** (Lake Nebagamon/Boise '12 - Present) and **Kate Bennett** (Lake Nebagamon/Boise '17-'18).

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a boy, **Theodore Goodman**, for Emily May and **Jonathan Louis May** (Memphis '94 – '98,'00 – '0,'04 – '06).

WHERE THEY ARE NOW IN COLLEGE AND GRAD SCHOOL: Josh Levitas (Chicago) has begun his college career at Northwestern while Matthew Lazarov is headed off to the University of Georgia. Charlie Gordon is hitting the books at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Charlie Fromm has started at Swarthmore College on the east coast.

The 2019 CAMP SEASON WILL BEGIN JUNE 18!

We're already getting excited for the 2019 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 2019 season are as follows:

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

NEBAGAMON'S 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 year. We look forward to seeing you at one of these reunions!



2018-2019 TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE			
Kansas City	November 1st	Detroit	November 10th
St. Louis	November 2nd	Boston	TBA
Memphis	November 3rd	New York	TBA
Atlanta	November 5th	Washington DC	TBA
Nashville	November 6th	Minneapolis	TBA
Louisville	November 7th	Chicago	TBA
Cincinnati	November 8th	Los Angeles	TBA
Columbus	November 9th	Please contact the camp office with any questions!	

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Of course it was going to work!

Everyone stepped up in the most perfect ways.

Our caretaking crew (with the help of a few summer staffers that extended their stays), exhausted already from a full season, kicked themselves into high gear to paint, landscape, clean, and repair a place that 300 boys had done their best to push to its limits. They brilliantly made a 90 year old institution look even better than it has looked at the beginning of each of those 90 seasons. It looked gorgeous.

Our 14 year kitchen manager, together with our culinarily-gifted waterfront director, planned breakfasts and lunches in the Rec Hall and assembled an off-season kitchen crew, so that all of our reunion goers could experience camp food the way that we do camp food. (Which is WAY better than camp food's reputation in the outside world!)

Our year-round staff delayed their post-camp tasks to throw themselves into the event completely. They worked tirelessly to organize, administer, and make sure that everything was set for our important extra session this summer.

About 20 staff members found their way back to camp to serve as the "counselors" for the event. These were some of our very best staff members from the past decade or so.

Then there was the programming to consider. After much discussion about clever new programs that we might throw into the weekend, ultimately someone bonked me on the head and reminded me that what we really should do is give our reunion attendees a weekend of CAMP! So the planning became simple. We organized projects, we organized a GTC (talent show), we organized a visit from Chief A.K. Agikamik, we organized a Countdown (an activity that we engage in at awards ceremonies to recognize the years that people have attended camp), we organized a Council Fire, we organized friendship fires, and, of course, we organized s'mores! It was to be CAMP....plain and simple.

Yet, even with all of the efforts of Nebagamon's employees, ultimately the event was going to boil down to the level of "buy-in" from our alumni attendees. I admit, I felt like this was a bit of a risk. Let's be honest, sleeping in one of those beds as a 12-year-old is a lot different from sleeping in those beds as a 60-year-old. A slumber party with eight friends is heaven to a 5th grade boy, but maybe not so much for someone whose last sleepover party was 40 years ago. What about swimming in a lake, or tackling a climbing wall, or sailing a boat that you had long since forgotten how to rig!? Would the cabin's electrical grids be able to hold up to the staggering number of CPAP machines that were on their way? The potential for problems and discomfort were daunting. Could this really work?

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The truth is, if we had done no planning whatsoever, they would have all loved the event. All we really needed to do was throw open the gates of camp and welcome everyone in. It was like magic. It was as if we had replaced the giant statue of Paul Bunyan with one of Ponce de Leon, offering each attendee a cup of special bug juice on their way into camp, one that transformed them back to their childhoods. Back to the joys of simple things. Back to the silly jokes that characterize kids at ease. Back to Nebagamon.

The reunion was a near perfect rekindling of a summer at camp. There were laughs. There were tears. There were memories forged. There was some amazing talent on display. There was some naughtiness occasionally on display. But, most powerfully, there was the Camp Family on display. Our Camp Family that we all depend on, and rely on. Our Camp Family that accepts us and welcomes us even if we have not seen one another for decades. It was an amazing weekend.

Buoyed by the spirit and positivity of this special celebration, we head into the off-season with a renewed sense of responsibility, excitement, and enthusiasm for this incredibly special place called Camp Nebagamon. Here is to another amazing 90 years.

All is well in the North Woods!

CELEBRATE 90 YEARS WITH 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.

CFN and CNSF have opened a “Virtual Keylog” in honor of camp’s 90th summer. Contributions will benefit both originations and are tax deductible. For more information visit <https://cncharities.org/virtual-keylog/> .

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE LOOKS BACK (AND FORWARD!)

Fall has come to us abruptly this year here in Lake Nebagamon. The beautiful warm weather we enjoyed all summer continued well into the month of September with temperatures staying up in the 80's, a good 20 degrees above normal. But as the vernal equinox approached it was as if Mother Nature all of the sudden noticed what the date was and said "woops, I need to get going with fall!", and overnight we went from highs in the lower-80's to highs in the mid-50's, an over correction 10 degrees below normal! The cooler temperatures have brought out the beautiful fall colors though, which makes the chill in the air tolerable. The first cold spell of the camp off season always gets me thinking about the events of the summer that is ending, a sort of last ditch effort to hold on to the warmth of the summer, at least in my head, if not in my actual finger tips. This fall, as I look back over the past summer's camp season, I keep coming back to these 4 words: wow, unbelievable, impressive, and validating.

Wow, Camp Nebagamon has just completed its 90th season! I wonder if Muggs Lorber, as he wandered about the Northwoods looking for the perfect site to bring his dream of a boys' camp into being back in 1928, had any inkling that his dream of a place where young boys could get away from the pressures of city living and be immersed in the pleasures of nature, comradery, and self-discovery would still be thriving 90 years later? 90 camp seasons, 5,040 camper days on site, 27,810 off season days spent preparing, repairing and recruiting for the next season of boys to come, and three (and very soon four) generations of young men being guided and nurtured toward manhood. WOW!!

Unbelievable that this summer had approximately 19 inches of rainfall from June through the end of August and 18 inches of that rain fell in just two storms! 11 inches fell the weekend before camp opened and seven inches fell the weekend before the 90th reunion took place!! In my wildest weather dreams I have never imagined a scenario where the lake water level would rise nearly two feet just before the campers arrived, drop nearly three feet while the campers frolicked about the grounds, and then again rise nearly one-and-a-half feet again after they left! Unbelievable!!

All season long I was impressed by how polite and appreciative this year's campers were! From the littlest Swamper all the way up to the hard to impress veteran Lumber Jack I heard, "thanks for cleaning the Jops" or "thanks for doing all you do, camp wouldn't work without you"! You can't imagine what a morale boost it is to hear that daily to guys that have just spent their morning, to put it delicately, clearing the remains of the previous days Rec-Hall delights. You were an impressively polite and appreciative group of campers this year, thanks to you for that!

It was validating to hear from so many of you that attended the 90th reunion about how great camp still looks, 10 or 20, and for some, 60 or 70 years later! And how, although many things are updated, most of camp is just like it was when they were here as a boy. I received so many complements on the bike trails I developed, and how awesome it was to have actual "holes" for the Frisbee golf course! It was so validating to hear that all of the hard work that I, and all of the caretakers, have put in over the years at camp to preserve and improve on what Muggs set out to do 90 years ago is so appreciated, and that makes it well worth it!!

Stunned by the fact that camp's 100th season will also be the year I will be eligible for full retirement ("the good lord willing and the creek don't rise"), it's Caretaker Joe, At Camp.