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Giving Back

Camp Nebagamon has many traditions that are worthy of recognition and pride: spaghetti on the first night of camp, Paul Bunyan Day, Wednesday afternoon walks to the Dairy Queen, our always moving and poignant Keylog Ceremony every Sunday night at Council Fire, and many more. We Nebagamonites (not sure that is the appropriate term!) are creatures of habit.

An often overlooked yet absolutely defining tradition within the Nebagamon community is the tradition of giving that the camp family has nurtured for many years. Nebagamon and the camp family have a remarkable track record for generosity. The most obvious example of this is the fact that we actually pay our staff a salary to get to come up to camp and play with kids for an entire summer! What could possibly be more generous than to actually give someone money to spend a summer in paradise!?!? (Ok....a bit of a stretch I know....but, after all, this is the summer staff recruiting season!)

This tradition of giving also manifests itself in the two charitable organizations most prominent in our community, The Camp Nebagamon Scholarship Fund and Camperships for Nebagamon. Often there is some confusion about the two organizations so I thought I would take some time this month to talk about both of them.

In 1948, Muggs and Janet Lorber founded the Camp Nebagamon Scholarship Fund (CNSF). Contributions to the Camp Nebagamon Scholarship Fund support tuition scholarships at non-profit summer camps that specialize in serving youth who experience poverty and disability. The Camp Nebagamon Scholarship Fund has been doing this great work for 70 years and currently contributes significantly to sixteen different camps across the United States. The opportunity to give the gift of camp to kids who would absolutely not have the chance to have such an experience is truly a special one, and one that undoubtedly makes a lifelong difference in the lives of all of these kids.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



I get to return to the Boundary Waters every fall with a group of buddies from my early years at Nebagamon. Randy Needlman was my co-counselor in Logger 6 when I was a silent 17-year-old junior counselor. Sam Kohn was the head of fishing when I worked on the dock. Adam Braude handed off the Associate Director position to me, and then there was Andy Mack, Jim Feldman, Jim Stewart, and Peter Braude who were all on trip staff at some period of my CN trip career. This was our 21st fall trip and it was another one for the books. The shopping at Super One Foods in Two Harbors, donuts in Grand Marais and many, many familiar stories told every year – but they just don't get that old. The route was a classic...Round to Round (with an entry

on Missing Link and taking out through Brandt). The leaves covered every portage and due to a wet fall, the low sections were wet and muddy. Of course, we had Mock Duck curry for the first night... why not, when we have done the same for probably the past 18 years, and it always hits the spot. Of course, first morning breakfast is always (and I mean, 21 years straight) egg glop – the name doesn't do it justice. Just like the stories, our trip food is repeated year after year.

We paddled, portaged and found great sites both nights. Oh yeah, this trip, its always only two nights and three brief days due to everyone's busy schedule. Saturday morning brought for interesting conversation as we started to boil coffee water...you see earlier in the morning when I climbed out of the tent I was surprised to see a fresh half inch of snow on the ground! It was beautiful...sitting on the shores of Tuscarora Lake sipping coffee in a totally snow-covered campsite. Just awesome. The trip continued on with great success even though we changed our route through Snipe Lake and back up to Round Lake. Due to the cold temps we even got to paddle through some skim ice on a couple of the smaller bays...totally sweet.

Alright, now back to why I started telling you all about my canoe trip. On the second portage of this trip, which was a mile long onto Tuscarora, someone asked if our younger campers would do a route like this, speaking of the mile-long portage. I quickly responded, "Absolutely!" Now, we wouldn't send 5th graders back into Tuscarora but I know we have had 6th graders go on this route. I reminded our crew that there is no rush out on trial, so if those 6th graders knock out two portages in a day on top of some paddling, they have succeeded. Getting out on these Boundary Waters trips for our campers is an experience of a lifetime and they are going to learn something new about themselves every trip.

With the reunion tour starting next week I could still use your help with news for the arrowhead! If you want me to share all that you are up to please send news of anything my way! Hope your fall is off to a great start and we look forward to seeing you at a reunion near you.

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW **Levi Whalen Stewart** (Portland) has been catching largemouth bass at local secret spot near his home. **Jack Krupnick** (Charlottesville, VA) is keeping busy with squash and basketball. **Jasper Braunschweiger** (Katonah, NY) and **Matan Siegel** (Stamford, CT) recently had a sweet adventure on a high ropes course.

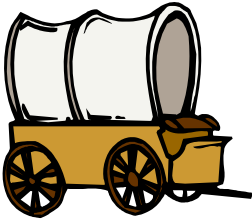
IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Jason Yale** (Denver '94-'00,'04-'08,'10-'15) is the National Program Director for Big City Mountaineers. **Benji Ballin** (Memphis '06-'11,'13-'16,'18) is starting a graduate program with XPO Logistics in Memphis.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to Dale Glasspiegel (CT '01-'06,'08-'10,'12) and Imani Lewis (CT).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to Will Needlman (Chicago) and **Jack Krupnick** (Charlottesville, VA)

IN THE BIB'S AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT CONGRATULATIONS It's a boy, **Oliver Otis**, for Samantha and **Scott Rosen** (St. Louis/New York '96-'00,'02-'04,'07).

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. Please contact the camp office at 208-345-5544 if you need any specific reunion details. Please be courteous and RSVP to the host families.

City	Dates	Reunion Details
St. Louis	November 2nd	Scissors, 7:00 PM
Memphis	November 3rd	Cohen, 10:30 AM
Nashville	November 4 th	Averbush, 4:30 PM
Atlanta	November 5 th	Greenwald, 7:00 PM
Louisville	November 7 th	Gladstein, 6:30 PM
Detroit	November 10 th	Wineman, 4:00 PM
Denver	November 13 th	TBA
Katonah, NY	November 29 th	TBA
New York	December 2018	TBA
Washington D.C.	December 2018	TBA
Twin Cities	January 2019	TBA
Chicago	January 13th	Heller Nature Center, 3:00 PM 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
Los Angeles	February 2019	TBA
San Francisco	February 2019	TBA

At Camp

Caretaker Joe Enjoys Fall

Here in Lake Nebagamon, the cold, damp weather trend that started in September has continued into October. Both the high and low temperatures have stayed 10 to 20 degrees below average, so I'm talking day time temperatures that have barely made it to 40, and overnights reaching deep into the 20's – ouch! Basically we are having November weather in October, and just as is normal in November, we also enjoyed a few snow storms the first half of the month. Luckily, none of the snowfalls exceeded an inch or two, and didn't stay on the ground for long, just long enough to get the winter-haters grumbling, and my ski feet itching for the first skiable snow of the season. I try hard to act glum and upset around others when the first snows come early to the Northland, but deep inside I'm excited to know that I will soon be gliding down the range road on my skinny skis. For me, the hardest part of this year's chilly fall has been the lack of sun. It was reported on the local news that we had endured cloud cover for 14 days straight. Now that's a long time to be under cloud cover, no matter what the temperature is. Ironically, many of those sunless days were preceded by cloudless nights of brilliant stars and moon shine! On the few occasions when the sun did shine the temperature rose into the 60's, but then the next day the gray, gloom, and cold would return.



The saving grace in all of this cool damp October weather was that it gave us a long and especially colorful fall foliage display. The leaves turned early, and with the abundant moisture, stayed on the trees longer than usual. On those few days that the sun did break through the persistent cloud cover, the display was dazzlingly brilliant! Strangely the long lasting color seemed to be a phenomenon centered around Lake Nebagamon! Our seasonal caretaker Jack Raatz, who also drives a school bus for the local district, reported that most of the leaves were down throughout the county about a week ahead of the immediate area around camp. Caretaker Andy and I had to run one of the camp trucks over to Copp's Tire in Brule for a new set of treads, and although a mere 9 miles to our east, sure enough as soon as we were about a mile outside of Lake Nebagamon the trees were bare!! Stranger still, the maple tree that sits off of the front of the nature shack, half way between LJ .5 and Throck, was still green, though surrounded by trees in their normal fall regalia. Now this tree is almost always the last tree to drop its leaves, but it usually turns to its bright yellow color along with the rest of the forest. Just one more oddity in an unusual fall!

Well no matter the weather conditions, there are always projects needing doing around camp. Caretaker Andy went to work shutting down the water system throughout camp a bit earlier and with a little bit more zip as the weather turned cold early, and at the same time coordinated the logistics of replacing the ancient furnaces in the 2 buildings that stay heated throughout the winter; the Caretaker's House and the Little House. Both houses were still being heated by furnaces installed back in the 1960's! They don't make them like that anymore, but to avert a midwinter disaster he felt it was time to get them replaced. Caretaker Jack, not one to love the cold, moved inside and painted the three bathrooms of Hahn Manor, and then moved into the still heated Big House and did some overdue painting of the third-floor bedrooms. I was not ready to move indoors yet, so I bundled up and did some much-needed tree trimming throughout camp for a few days and then spent a week tackling the invasive buckthorn bushes that have taken hold out in the Range woods edges. After cutting 30 pickup loads of the poke-y, tangle-y invasive, a mere dent in the invasion, I'd had enough of that and moved on to some window repairs on Range cabin Dogwood. The three of us wrapped the month up by starting the annual leaf blowing chore around camp; yes, the leaves did finally fall in Lake Nebagamon, except for that stubborn Maple between LJ .5 and Throck!

Getting in shape for the skinny ski season by roller skiing the roads around Lake Nebagamon, it's Caretaker Joe, At Camp.

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The second charitable organization that is important to the camp family is called Camperships for Nebagamom (CFN). Founded in 1995, CFN has raised well over a million dollars with the purpose of sending children to Nebagamom, and other independent camps like Nebagamom, who would not otherwise be able to attend. To date, hundreds of children have received some sort of scholarship from CFN. There are several great aspects of this scholarship fund. Most obviously, children, who normally wouldn't have gotten a chance, get to experience the growth and magic of Nebagamom (or Nebagamom-esque) summers. Secondly, the CFN scholarship comes with an assurance that, if everything goes well, the children will be provided a scholarship for the entirety of their years at camp. This provides stability and hope for children when they know they can return each summer. Third, this continued support of campers also makes it more likely that they will return and share more of themselves as staff members in the future. This completes the giving cycle.

Finally, let us not overlook the positive impact the CFN scholarship program has on the rest of the camp community. The scholarship is not intended simply to improve the life of the individual recipient of the scholarship. The scholarship is intended to improve the camp experience for everyone at camp. I cannot tell you how much I believe camp as a whole has benefited from the addition of scholarship campers throughout the years. These campers enrich, broaden, and add to our family in so many ways. There can be little doubt that Camp Nebagamom is a better place because of Camperships for Nebagamom and the kids that CFN has helped send to us since 1995.

Every summer, just outside the Big House, we erect and tarp a big board that explains not only what the two funds do, but different ways in which our campers can contribute to make a difference in the lives of other children. Whether by earning money raking leaves, contributing some of their allowance, or creating their own fund drives, campers see that THEY can participate in Nebagamom's culture of giving.

Nebagamom has many things of which to be proud and thankful. In this month of Thanksgiving, it is very appropriate to give thanks to those of you that have worked to improve the lives of others through your generosity and donations to the foundations that have a special spot in the Nebagamom experience. Thank you!

At camp's 90th Reunion this past Labor Day weekend, we introduced the book, "Thanks for the Pines: A Celebration of Camp Nebagamom." We've received so much positive feedback that we've decided to make this piece of camp history available to the whole camp family. Full of photos from Nebagamom's archives and personal expressions from many of camp's icons, this book is a must-have for the camper (or camp alumni!) in your life. You can read more about the book, take a peek inside, and order your copy [at our website](#).

To ensure your book arrives for the holidays, we encourage you to order soon. Contact the camp office with any and all questions, or email briggs@campnebagamon.com.