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Welcome to the holiday shopping season!

It's that wonderful time of year when our email inboxes are filled every single morning with, "The greatest deals of the year for 24 hours only!" (Of course, that same online vendor will send us almost the exact same email about "The greatest deals of the year for 24 hours only!" every day for the next month!) It is that splendid time of year when a simple trip to Target will require that the wise person bring a backpack, hiking boots, and a camp stove since they are likely to have an arduous hike to the store from the enormous distance they were forced to park their car! It is that magical time of year when Jingle Bell Rock becomes so repetitive that those first few electric guitar strums at the beginning of it sends me into a Pavlovian rage that sends my children running for cover. It is that meaningful time of year when every other Fox News segment addresses the pervasive and incredibly damaging "War on Christmas" that endangers the very fabric of civil society. (Oops...sorry about that. I promised myself that I would never go political in the Arrowhead!)

On top of those annoyances, many are turned off by the whole gift giving part of the holiday season because it is so indicative of how pervasive the commercialization of our culture has become. Without exaggeration, many businesses are entirely dependent on all of us buying into the whole holiday shopping season concept. Businesses either thrive or are destroyed based solely on how successful they are at getting us to buy gifts during this time of year. Whether you are a religious person or not, I suspect that there are very few of us that are not on some level really turned off by the garish homage to commercialism and consumption that the holiday season represents.

Many also despair at the arrival of the holiday shopping season because they are presented with the daunting (and often incredibly expensive) task of procuring gifts for long lists of friends and family. There are parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and children that have to be addressed. Without a doubt, this can be an extraordinarily stressful task, and one that, for many, is so intimidating that they dread the holiday season for this reason alone.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



It seems that any moment of the day, I can be reminded of what a wonderful community the camp family is. I was at the chiropractor recently and was chatting with my doctor as he twisted, cracked, and realigned my neck. (It hasn't been a graceful start to my early 40s with a big mountain biking crash a couple years back and the infamous wheelie stunt of 2016...It was, for the record, a sweet wheelie.) The chiropractor asked me how we get campers and staff to return year after year, and, without missing a beat but wincing in pain from the deep tissue pressure, I responded, "It's The People." I could rattle off all of the projects and wilderness trips we offer, and how the boys are able to return year after year to hone their skills, but the bright and shining light of Nebagamon's program is truly the community. I proceeded to brag about my fall canoeing

trips with friends that I met 20 years ago at Nebagamon, hanging out with the caretakers during the off-season, and all of the off-season reunions scattered across the country. Needless to say, he was impressed, and I found myself impressed as well. We don't take for granted that our Nebagamon family connections run so deep and true. Just a couple of minutes before sitting down to write, I had shared a phone call with Jim Feldman that was half inside jokes and old stories from our time on trip staff in the early 90's. The other half was spent answering questions about how camp has changed, or hasn't changed, since Jim was last at camp. The stories, skills developed, and, most importantly, the friendships created during Nebagamon summers are with you forever. We are truly fortunate to be a part of this great camp family!

Miles on rental cars and airplanes are really stacking up with this year's reunion tour. I logged 2,500 miles behind the wheel already with six days of travel. But, Adam Kaplan has that total beat with a flight to China for the first ever Shanghai reunion. Of course, along with our reunion tour comes loads of camper news as you can see below. With that said, if you want me to publish your accomplishments below, please send me any info via the interweb, snail mail, or carrier pigeon (I guess they used to do that on canoeing trips at camp way back in the day). Email me (Fornear) at fornear@campnebagamon.com. Thanks for reading and now go call or text that camp friend for a good laugh!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that in Kansas City, Spencer Cross and Henry Freilich both play soccer for the Pembroke Raiders. Ben Wolf keeps busy with tennis, basketball and the guitar. Jesse Chan recently hiked down to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back with his family all in the same day! The next day we rolled into St. Louis and learned that Griffin Scissors plays the trumpet for his school band (and hopefully Taps next summer) and is also a member of a Hip Hop Troop (I'm hoping for some lessons next summer...). Orion Kornfeld continues to excel at cross country while his older brother, Max, stays active with debate for his school. Wyatt Fox is playing competitive squash and Dylan Fox is starting a Jewish Culture Club at his school. Ethan Kalishman is playing tennis and taking his driver's test shortly. After a short side trip down to Bentonville, AR, I connected with the Memphis community. There I learned that Ben Hackney is staying active with basketball, soccer, tennis and cross country. He was ranked 12th in state for cross country in his age bracket. His PR in the mile is 5:06...right on! Matthew Lazarov is president of his youth group. Drew Sklar plays lacrosse for Lausanne while Ari Weiss plays lacrosse for Christian Brothers. Isaac Weiss is the kicker for Christian Brothers football team.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: Jeffrey Cohen (New Orleans/CT '85-'88) is the News Director for WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio. Jeff is currently reporting on Puerto Rico and the recent hurricane. Follow the link for some great reporting! <https://theislandnextdoor.wnpr.org/>.

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While, as paragraph two and three of this article suggest, I am not without a certain degree of cynicism when it comes to this time of year and many of its gift giving trappings, I have to say that I am a real believer in the aspect that requires each of us to think about a gift for each of the important people in our lives. I think it is a really healthy exercise for each of us to take some time out to think about each person in our lives that is special to us. To really think about them...to think about what they like. To think about what they love. To think about what they need. To think about what makes them special. To think about what things they are interested in. Our lives are so busy these days that we rarely take the time to think about those that are so special in our worlds. If we do it right, the holiday season forces us to take time and do so.

Now to be clear, I am not being paid by the folks at Macy's to use my profound influence on my voluminous readership to boost sales. In fact, I am one of those that believes that a personally made piece of art, or a thoughtful note make the best gifts. In truth, these handmade and personal gifts speak even more strongly to my point about spending time thinking about people personally.

But regardless of whether you purchase a gift or hand make something for those on your list this year, let's all reshape our thinking about the task of tackling our holiday lists this year. Give each of those folks the most precious gift you can give them...your time and your thoughts.

Have a great holiday!

(The preceding article was brought to you by the United States Chamber of Commerce and its affiliates.)

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 2017-2018 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
New York City	December 3	4:00 PM
D.C.	December 5	7:00 PM
Detroit	December 7	7:00 PM
Twin Cities	TBD	
Chicago	January 7	Heller Nature Center, 2:30 PM 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
San Diego	TBA	
Los Angeles	TBA	
San Francisco	TBA	
Denver	TBA	



At Camp

CARETAKER JOE RIDES THE INVERSION



We experienced a complete inversion this month, in both the weather pattern and our seasonal work routine. In a typical year, November high temperatures start out in the mid-to-upper-40s and finish in the low-30s, and the low temperatures usually begin in the mid-30s and end the month in the upper teens. This year the exact opposite occurred! The month started with a 32-degree high and 21-degree low, and today, November 30th, saw a morning low of 27 (a typical high for this date) and the weather app predicts a high of 40. The precipitation has also been reversed this November. We started the month with seven inches of snow on the ground and today it's melted away. Typically we are just starting to see accumulating snow at the end of November that builds through the rest of

the winter to our seasonal average snowfall of 83 inches. This year we had all of the month's accumulation by the end of the second week. Approximately 12 inches of snow fell, getting us a good start on that seasonal average, but now we have nothing! All of this has been pretty hard on our psychology as you can imagine. It was pretty tough to wake up to -6 degrees on November 10th, and now that our biological calendars are expecting such temperatures, we are faced with days in the 40s and nights still in the upper-20s!

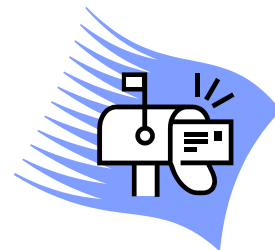
You may recall, in last month's article I was wondering if we were going to be able to finish the big fall chore of leaf blowing due to all of the snow we had on the ground at the end of October. Well, with the weather reversal we were finally allowed to finish clearing the leaves, but not until the day before Thanksgiving break! When the snow came we were stopped in the Axeman Village just past the push shack and were working toward the woods behind A6 and A7. We also had the area from the Rec-Hall Road to the Range Road left, including the Lower Diamond and tennis courts 1-5, all covered by snow. By Friday the 17th, the acreage between the Rec-Hall Road and the Range Road was completely snow free and the Axeman Village area had only a few spots of snow, but the Lower Diamond still had a large patch of snow an inch-or-so deep. With temperature predictions of 40s through the weekend and the start of Thanksgiving week, we decided to go for it and see what we could get done before the holiday break started on Wednesday the 22nd. Things moved along pretty well, though we did encounter some patches that were a bit frozen; leaves were coming up in sheets just past the CNOC shack, and there were a few patches of snow in the Axeman Village that we had to blow through. Things were questionable on the morning of the 21st with a temperature of 12 degrees, but we were able to wrap up the chore right at the end of the day.

At the beginning of the inverted month of November, caretakers Andy and Jack were able to get a good head start on the planned remodel of Kozy Korner, camp's staff lounge. This will be the 3rd remodel we have done to the building since we started working as a team back in 1995. The first was a conversion from an open bunk house that housed the women of the kitchen staff to multiple rooms for coed habitation. The second changing it into the first staff lounge with a computer room, a reading/quiet room and a large TV/rec-room. And now it is being converted to a trendy open concept feel, the one large room of the original bunk house is coming back but with some modern twists thrown in. The lounge will get a completely new set of furniture and should be a sweet spot for the staff to hang on days off.

Hoping that things will straighten out and return to their proper order for the month of December, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

MORE ENROLLMENTS ARRIVE

Summer 2018 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 Nebagamom 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: *Sagiv Siegel (Stamford, CT)

3rd Grade Campers: Tate Gell, Ari Held, Logan Hoffman, *Gibson Kapp (Chicago, IL), Will Livers, Coulson McConnell, Danny Schottenstein, *Seth Starhill (Arlington, MA), *Judah Thacker (Chicago, IL), *Tanner Toback (Chicago, IL), Aaron Zelvy

4th Grade Campers: Levi Gladstein (8), Charlie Goshko, Jackson Green, Sy Kessler, Jonah Kleiman, Ben Laytin, Drew Malk, Liam Mann, Myles Rontal, Micah Rosenbloom (8), Syd Rosenbloom, Jonathan SchiffLewin, *Dylan Scissors (Olivette, MO), Benji Solomon, Asher Toback, Levi Yaker

5th Grade Campers: Atlas Barnes, Oliver Brenner, Matthew Gordon, Oliver Gray (8), Noah Horowitz, Ryan Kessler, Charlie Livers, Ezra Maidenberg, Sam Montag, Auden Osburn, Jacob Rolfe(8), Eli Samuels, Wesley Schwartz, Asher Sigman, Kobi Silver, Milo Solomon (8), Micah Stone (8)

6th Grade Campers: Alexander Averbuch, Jasper Braunschweiger (8), Will Dupont, Joel Fisher, Mark Gingiss, Gabe Heller (8), Chase Herbert, Jack Krupnick, Jacob Lutsky, Hudson McConnell, Sam More, Milo Peterson, Ben Polonsky, Jonah Rontal, Owen Rosenthal, Griffin Scissors, Matan Siegel, Lawson Weeldreyer, Josh Wells (8), Eli Zelvy

7th Grade Campers: Sebastian Alderman (8), Michael Cohen (8), Adam Eberhard, Emmitt Gerstein (8), Thomas Harrison, Ben Hackney, Nurali Kuanyshbek, Jacob Laytin (8), Simon Mann, Josh Marcus (8), Rolando Martinez, Nelson Mendels (8), Henry O'Connor, Jake Paderewski, Drew Smith (8), Nathan Starhill (8), Jack Tierney (8), Steven Weeldreyer

8th Grade Campers: Benjamin Bakal (8), Michael Bayer (8), Sam Bloch, Justin Blumberg (8), Jesse Chan (8), Charlie Cohen (8), Daniel Cohen (8), Ben Effress (8), Nick Friedman (8), Billy Galpern (8), Jesse Gell (8), Jack Goodman (8), Jack Gordon, Trevor Harriman, Daniel Heller (8), Matthew Hooper, Danny Horowitz, Gabi Huberman-Shlaes (8), Julian Jackson (8), Jonah Karafiol (8), Ben Kessler (8), Adam Lewis (8), Miles Lokken (8), Coleman Madland, Sean McSherry (8), Eli Moog (8), Jake Powers, Brady Rivkin (8), Jack Rivkin (8), Daniel Sabados, Ben Shacter, Jason Shacter (8), Gabe Sloan- Garcia (8), Ocean Wang, Nate Wells (8), Solomon Wexler (8), Nate Woldenberg (8), Noah Yaker (8)

9th Grade Campers: John Bellaire (8), Grady Clark (8), Spencer Cross, Henry Freilich (8), Owen Goldsmith (8), Ben Hanson-Kaplan (8), Oliver Held, Zachary Herman, Zach Joseph, Orion Kornfeld (8), Owen Marchant, James McCreary (8), Ben Montag (8), Charles Naranjo (8), Will O'Brien, John Osburn (8), Fletcher Redondo (8), Max Rontal (8), Marc Rosenthal (8), Isaac Schiff-Lewin (8), Finn Sher (8), Mickey Silins (8), Gavin Stern (8), Jed Whalen Stewart, Jack Wineman (8)

