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We are currently in the throes of our winter travel season. As most of you know, from November through March, Adam Fornear and I travel to more than twenty cities for a grand total of more than seven weeks on the road. That feels like a LOT of time. Now don't get me wrong. The road trips have a great deal going for them. We get to see the entire country display its amazing fall colors as different geographies show their colors at different times during the travel season. We get to visit some of the most interesting and exciting cities across the nation. And, most of all, we get to eat at the "it" restaurants everywhere we go and enjoy some truly amazing regional delicacies. Whether it be the biggest pastrami sandwich on the planet in New York City, or ribs in Memphis, or ribs in Kansas City, or ribs in Atlanta (yeah...we like ribs...don't tell my dad huh?), or our favorite Indian restaurant in Washington D.C., there can be little doubt that one of the true perks of the road is the culinary tour-de-force that the country offers up every year.

Having said all of that, as a father of three, I have to admit that prior to the travel season I look ahead with more than a little dread at the prospect of being away from my family for that long. I am at that age when one comes to realize that their days with their children under their roof are numbered. There are only so many more days that I will get to wake them up in the morning and coax them into good moods with a homemade breakfast and a healthy dose of dad jokes. There are only so many more of their basketball games that I will get to attend. There are only so many more evenings of plowing through homework in trigonometry, physics, and other foreign languages (!) that I will be needed for. There are only so many more times that I will get to beg them to tie some yellow ribbons around the trees in the neighborhood in an effort to prove their commitment to me. My days with them are numbered.....and I feel it.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



It's been a sweet winter so far up here in Duluth, and from the looks of it, I'm not the only one experiencing colder than usual temperatures. As I sit here typing, I can see eight big freighters semi-locked in the frozen waters of Lake Superior...it's quite the sight. Anyhow, on occasion I catch the local weather on the news and, during the winter, the newscasters always seem to speak negatively of approaching snowstorms and stretches of cold, cold air. I'm not sure why they do this because it's a well-known fact that this is what happens here during the winter. Many of us living in Duluth actually cheer for snow and cold air for a couple months of the year. We enjoy the outdoor winter activities...better than sitting inside watching hours upon hours

of Netflix or playing Xbox! With our cold snap, and snow on the ground, I've been able to cross country ski, mountain bike on the same trails our kids do during the summer, and telemark ski at the local "mountain." Just yesterday a friend and I took our fat tire bikes (my tires are 4.8 inches wide) and rode the beach and iced-over shoreline of Lake Superior and then rode across the frozen waters of the harbor. It was cold but so cool that I didn't mind my cheeks freezing! So if you're kicking around the house saying it's too cold outside, remember what one of our favorite northland writers, Sam Cook, said..."taste the wind, feel the rain..." and then put that extra layer on and get outside!

It's been a long holiday break and with 2018 having begun, it's time to get back on the road, write many contracts for returning staff, and submit reservations for some of our sweet wilderness trips! Friday we head to Chicago for a great weekend of camp talk with the reunion on Sunday (don't forget...**donuts!**) Hope all is well with you, and I wish you a great 2018! Remember, if you want me to publish your accomplishments below, please send me any info via the interweb, snail mail or passenger pigeon. Email me (Fornear) at fornear@campnebagamon.com. Thanks for reading and now get that jacket on and head outside for some fresh air!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that, in New York, **Matan Siegel** (thanks for coming to both reunions!) had a busy fall baseball season. **Jash Sanabria** is active with the art, theater and cooking club. **Randy Ventura** ran a 5.2 second 40-yard dash and, even though his football team, where he is a wide receiver and safety, went 0-9, he still had a fun season. **Gavin Stern** continues to get faster in the GS and Slalom downhill ski races. **Gavin** also ran cross country this fall. **Nicky Fleisher** was a winger for his hockey team and has started playing basketball this winter. **Daniel Heller** played center mid for his soccer team this fall. **Sam Reichert** plays on his school's J.V. basketball team. **Ben Platt** is an opinion writer for his school's newspaper while **Syd Rosenbloom** stays busy playing lots of soccer. A couple days later we found ourselves in D.C. and learned that **Jonah Docter-Loeb** is on his school's debate team (and will most likely cross paths with other campers in competitions this winter). **Emmitt Gerstein** competes on his school's middle school wrestling team. **Sy Kessler** stays busy with soccer, baseball, track and cross country. He recently placed 2nd in cross country out of all 4th and 5th graders in the D.C. public schools. After a much longer drive (Adam Kaplan actually let me drive a stretch!) we arrived in Detroit. There we learned that **Simon Topf** went on a sweet backcountry backpacking trip to Pictured Rocks with his dad this fall. **Jack Wineman** broke his collar bone so he's sitting out the hockey season but he's super excited for the Quetico this summer! **Jonah Rontal** recently competed in a bouldering competition in Chicago while his older brother **Max** is tearing up the GS and Slalom courses for his school's ski team. **Jesse Herzog** (Pacific Grove, CA) is the founder and president of an ultimate (disc) team at his high school and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. **Luke Herzog** (Pacific Grove, CA) was one of about 170 American high school students to be named a finalist by the National YoungArts Foundation across ten artistic categories ranging from theater to jazz to cinematic arts. Luke was one of 20 writers selected, having submitted an excerpt from his upcoming sci-fi novel *Fishbowl*. The honor earned him a trip to Miami to participate in master classes during YoungArts Week.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Spencer Brown** (Phoenix '96-'00,'02-'07,'09,'13,'16-'17), who will be our Tennis Director for his 3rd summer in 2018, won a \$5000 grant from the Fiesta Bowl Foundation to use for his students and was honored at halftime of the Cactus Bowl on December 26. **Ellie Sweeney** (San Francisco '16) will be starting her new job as a Clinical Nurse with the Pediatric Critical Resource Pool at Duke University Hospital. **Ike May** (Nashville/New Jersey '03-'08,'10-'11) works for a finance firm in New Jersey. **Ben Falik** (Detroit '94-'97,'00) is the Community Impact Manager at FCA North America. He coordinates volunteering opportunities for the employees of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles of America.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS go to **Justin Blue** (Denver '87-'93,'95-'96) and Bonnie Harris (Denver).

IN THE BIBS & DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a girl, **Juno Bee**, for Amanda Lattanzio and **Michael Faber** (Durham '93-'98,'00-'02,'04).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to **Michael Cohen** (Washington D.C.) and **Noah Yaker** (Detroit).

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So, at times it can be difficult to get fully motivated for each trip as I am about to embark on it. I mean, how many times can someone look at the exact same photos, watch the exact same video, and tell the exact same jokes? (Although Fornear still laughs uproariously at each of them.) Admittedly, there are times when I am heading to a reunion, concerned about how much fun it is going to be.

And then I arrive at the home...

The genuine warmth and welcome from each family that hosts a reunion never fails to immediately turn my spirits around. The excited faces of the campers and alumni as they arrive at the reunion to get their little taste of Nebagamom in the winter moves me every time. That excitement turns each slide of the slideshow into a brand-new image for me. The smiles, laughs, and cheers that the video produces at each showing, turn it into a world premier movie event for me each time. Truth is, being at a winter reunion is as close to being at camp as is possible...and I love little more in the world than being at camp.

I apologize for not sharing too profound of a message in this month's edition of the Arrowhead. I really just want to let everyone know how much I appreciate the efforts that you all make to attend our winter reunions across the country. (If you have not been to a reunion in a while...PLEASE COME!!) I want to thank everyone for sharing such genuine enthusiasm, warmth, and hospitality with us as we come to your towns. It feels great...and makes it all worthwhile.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in the coming months. Yellow ribbons are optional...

Happy New Year!

MORE REGISTRATIONS FOR SUMMER 2018!



It's 2018, and registrations continue to roll in to our inbox! If you are planning on returning to Nebagamon this summer, please register soon so we can make sure you have a spot for the 2018 season.

Listed below are the boys who are currently enrolled. New campers are denoted with an asterisk before their names, while eight-week campers are indicated with an (8).

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)

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE GROOMS THE TRAIL

Although we started the month off with no snow on the ground, open water on the lake, and temperatures well above average, by the time the Winter Solstice arrived there was 10 inches of snow, the lake was iced over, and temperatures had fallen below normal.

Caretaker Andy and I were just finishing splitting the wood pile on the warm 46-degree afternoon of Monday December 4th when the weather turned first to rain and then to snow as the temperature plummeted to 16 degrees by the next morning. Unfortunately, the storm put out more rain overnight than originally forecast and we awoke to only three inches of snow on top of a very thick coating of ice. The cold and snow have persisted for the rest of the month with only one additional day above the freezing mark; the snow has accumulated to a well settled 10-inch base. That was just enough for me to get out the "Miracle on Snow", my 1975 Artic Cat Pantera snowmobile! Once again the "Miracle on Snow" came to life for its 43rd season, with only a little sandpaper buff on its spark plugs, and 15 pulls of the starter rope. I attached the ski trail groomer and together we made this winter's conversion of the Camp Nebagamom Bike Trail (CNBT) into the Camp Nebagamom Ski Trail (CNST). This year I was able to incorporate all but two sections of the CNBT into the CNST and with loops through the Axmen village and the Homes on the Range was able to groom a 4.5 mile ribbon of single track through camp. I've been able to ski the track several times since and though it is a bit thin in spots things are in good shape for the coming winter holiday break.

With all of the early cold in October and at the start of November the lake came close to freezing over four times but with each successive warm up and several days of blasting winds the forming ice broke up. Finally, on December 9th, with a windless night and a low of 16 degrees, the lake iced over for good. Looking through the ice-on/ice-off record that dates back to 1948, the most common dates for ice to form are in mid-to-late November, but in the past decade dates in early December are becoming more common. The latest ever recorded ice-on was December 27th in 2015, and the earliest recorded freeze over was on November 7, 1991, with a -8-degree morning!

With last Spring's early ice-off date of April 4th, this was the second longest ice-free season recorded with 248 days. The record longest ice-free season occurred in 2015 with 260 days. With the return of the cold and snow outside, Caretaker Andy and I have moved into the shop for the winter. Andy set to work building a bankers box shelving unit for the financial records store room on the third floor of the big house. He built the unit in modules in the warmth of the shop and then assembled the finished shelving unit in the frigid cold of the unheated Big House. I continued to endure the cold on the Axmen porch of the Rec-Hall for a few days to help prepare for installing a new walk-in freezer in the Spring. I stripped the old Rec-Hall freezer walls apart to re-claim the recyclable material from them and was able to get a truck load of sheet steel and a truck load of sheet aluminum separated and sent to the scraper. After that job, I had had enough of the cold and moved into the shop where I got busy re-designing camps ultra-comfortable single seat Adirondack chair into a "rocking" Adirondack chair. The new rocking design was an awesome success and I proceeded to make two of the chairs that will go into the remodeled Kozy Corner staff lounge next spring.

Looking forward to a lot of "skinny skiing" over the week long holiday break, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

The Camp Family Remembers

The camp family lost a giant last month in the passing of Ed Drolson. The following is a remembrance of Ed written by Sally Lorber Stein.

To most camp alumni, 54849 means camp. For Ed Drolson, it also meant his hometown. I always felt that the Drolson family, especially Eddie, bridged whatever gap there might have been between the village and camp. Ed's parents, Ludy and Evelyn, met on the Big House steps, and Ludy was the postmaster of Lake Nebagamon for many years. The Drolsons were the first to invite the Lorbers into their home—and I remember musical evenings there, with each Drolson playing an instrument or singing. Ed and I were buddies. We learned to walk on stilts together (I have the picture to prove it). At Friday night roller skating in the village auditorium it was a treat to watch Eddie, the picture of grace, gliding in perfect timing to the music. He also was a great dancer (I loved to dance the polka with Ed). In 1953, Ed started what would be a 20-year run on the staff. He was a senior counselor, then a village push (Swamper and Axeman), and he finished his career at CNOG. One of the highlights for Ed was being chosen to be a counselor on camp's See America Trip, and he reflected on that adventure throughout his life."

"Ed and his family were at Nardie's and my wedding—in fact his mother played the music. Then we welcomed Luise into our lives, just as Ed had welcomed Nardie, and the four of us were firm friends. Ed and Luise were fine parents who adored their children, Paul and Paula, and relished their time with their grandchildren. Ed was a fine and respected teacher. He liked helping children, as he did, winter and summer. He met people easily and readily made them feel welcome. He had courage, wit, and a fun sense of humor—and he loved telling tales of his early counseling years. Even after retirement, Ed relished any contact he had with camp, enjoyed coming to barbecues, and welcomed each new set of directors. Walking the grounds of camp at the beginning and end of each summer filled him with joy. Ed Drolson is gone and the village grieves with us. There is a hole in the atmosphere at 54849."

THE ROAD SHOW ROLLS ON



Adam Kaplan and Adam Fornear returned just a few weeks ago from the East Coast; at the beginning of 2018 the Adams will complete the Midwest section of the reunion tour. We can't wait to see more of you in the coming months! Listed below is the entire reunion 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
Chicago	January 7 th	Heller Nature Center, 2:30 PM 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
Salt Lake City	January 11 th	6:30 PM, Home of the Livers Family
San Diego	January 22 nd	7:00 PM, Home of the Effress Family
San Francisco	January 27 th	3:00 PM, Home of the Susser Family
Houston	February 6 th	7:00 PM, Home of the Silverman Family
Denver	TBA	
Twin Cities	TBA	