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SPRINGTIME

When I first came to Boise, I will admit I was surprised at what a brown place it can be. I guess I figured that moving to Idaho meant nothing but granite rocky mountain peaks and endless pine-green forests. This preconception was only bolstered by my learning that the nickname of Boise is *The City of Trees* (a truly hilarious nickname for those of us from the Midwest or the East... or most poignantly for those of us that have spent a summer at camp, the REAL *City of Trees*!). But in reality, Boise is a high desert biome. Much of the year, our rolling foothills are one shade of brown or another (though, folks around here spin it as a "tranquil amber hue"). Now don't get me wrong, I truly believe that Boise is a beautiful place and I find it to be visually stunning every day... but still... visually stunning in a brownish way!except for late April and early May. This time of year, our rolling foothills turn green for just a short while. Those of us that are fans of spring know there is something different about the green that comes with springtime... it is bolder, more vibrant, and almost glows. This ultra-green against our normally brown backdrop here in Boise is particularly beautiful. It is a great time of the year.

The greening of the foothills means something else to us here in the camp office...a new camping season just around the corner! Spring is the season when the world is fresh. After a long winter of dormancy (and not a lot of skiing... curse the snow pixies!), Spring brings new life, new possibilities, and a freshness that buoys all of our spirits. Although for camp, Winter is not a season of dormancy (as our amazing caretakers are working like mad year round to keep camp in tip-top shape), Spring certainly brings newness and possibility into camp office. In spring, we finish hiring staff for the summer. Some staff will be new to camp and will have completely new experiences there. Some will be former campers trying cabin-counseling for the first time. Some will be veteran staff members returning to camp for new challenges in a familiar job. Others will be veteran staff members in new positions with added responsibilities. For each of them, the summer of 2018 is a blank slate... a completely fresh start... Springtime.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



Not to make all of you current campers and staff jealous but I was lucky enough to spend afternoon last week eating my way through a food show with our Food Service Director, Anne Rowe. We all know Anne and the crazy good food she creates with her staff all summer long. Anne goes to two food shows a year, but my doctor said I was only allowed to attend one of them because what one does at a food show is...EAT! And eat we did...well Anne had a bit more restraint than me and if it was a contest who could eat more... then I totally won. Aside from eating too many cheese curds, coconut shrimp, and pizza, it was great to see all the different, delicious meals available for our Rec Hall during the summer. What was even cooler was watching Anne in her element and already thinking of what is going to be served up this

summer. I can tell you all one thing about that and as always the food is going to be delicious!

Lots of prep is happening as I sit here and type away. More Isle Royale permits are being acquired, project equipment purchased, and loads of aged cheddar for trips is on order. We are stoked for the summer to begin. I'm really excited for the move out to camp next week. Andy will be putting water back in the Big House and my commute from the range to Big House might even be able to happen walking on the still frozen Lake Nebagamon. It'll be close though...as warm temps have finally arrived and the rush of summer (we seemed to have skip spring this year here in the northland) is knocking on our door.

Alright, time to wrap up the rest of my sections in this month' Arrowhead as there are more phone calls to make and emails to send out! Please keep the news coming as we have one more Arrowhead before the summer. So if you win a marathon, build a sweet fort, or act in your first play, please be sure to send the news to fornear@campnebagamon.com. Hope everyone is excited for the start of camp and ready to tackle some new adventures! We can't wait to see you get off that bus!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Daniel Sabados** (New York) is a midfielder for his schools soccer team. **Daniel** is also playing the role of Kenickie in his schools rendition of Grease Lightning Revue. **Max Kennedy** (Minneapolis) is playing club soccer. **Tate Gell** (Chicago) just finished up a solid season of flag football, where he was a big playmaker on offense and defense. **Jesse Gell** (Chicago) is staying busy playing tennis. **James McCreary** (NYC) is currently in a production of the musical, Side by Side, at the Trinity School.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Jason Hirschhorn** (LA/San Diego '00-'02,'08-'13,'15) teaches math for grades 5th through 8th at the San Diego Cooperative Charter School – Mountain View. **Jaime Hensel** (Atlanta/Seattle '05-'09,'11-'13,'17) recently returned from the South Pole (literally) where she was a Nurse Practitioner for the U.S. Antarctica program all winter (their summer). Also spending his winter on the ice, was **Graylan Vincent** (Seattle '17). **Graylan** was a communications specialist based out of McMurdo Research Station in

Antarctica. Before returning to the states Jaime and Graylan are making a quick stop to visit **Sarah Feinstein, Larry Held, Oliver Held, Katrina Held and Ari Held** in Kiev, Ukraine. **Trevor Wallace** (Boise/NYC '12-'13) is a filmmaker and video editor in NYC. Currently working on completing "Some of Her Parts", a short sci-fi film about the lengths we go to extend our lives and what we lose along the way. Look for it at the next film festival near you and learn more about it at...<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/589991247/some-of-her-parts-a-short-film-by-radical-rhinocer?ref=11beb2>.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS go to...Joel Saslawsky (Memphis '02-'08,'10,'12) and Stephanie Perlman (Memphis).

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT...It's a boy, **Bernie Moe**, for **David Jadwin** (Chicago/Minneapolis '91-'97, '00) and Shanna Jadwin (Minneapolis). It's a boy, **Jacob Jules**, for **Scott Abramson** (Chicago '94-'99,'01-'03) and Brittany Abramson (Chicago). It's a girl, **Lucy Hall**, for **Jacob Kessler** (St. Louis/D.C. '99-'04,'06-'09,'11-'12) and **Chole Ahmann Kessler** (Baltimore/D.C. '12).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to...Jake Paderewski (Savannah, GA).

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR CAMP FORMS BY MAY 15!

With the 2018 camp season quickly approaching, we'd like to issue a few reminders that will help to answer questions and make the transition into camp run as smoothly as possible.

- ❖ All families should have received our packet containing the Parent Handbook and instructions for completing your camper forms. All of the forms need to be submitted by May 15. If your doctor can't schedule the physical exam until after May 15, that's OK, but please shoot us an e-mail at briggs@campnebagamon.com to let us know. We read every form in its entirety, and the information helps us provide a fun and healthy summer for each camper. Please be diligent in filling them out.
- ❖ If your son will be using any daily medication in pill form, please note the due dates for *CampMeds*, a prepackaged medication service. (May 18 for first session and eight-week campers, and June 16 for second session campers.) This information was mailed to you in April and can also be found in the Parent Handbook.
- ❖ The camp office is moving to Lake Nebagamon on May 7th this year, and we expect to be up and running by May 10th. After May 10th, we can be reached at 715-374-2275.
- ❖ Please make travel arrangements as early as possible. If you are using the Official Travel Agency of Camp Nebagamon, Travel One, contact them at 1-800-245-1111 and work with Liz Egge or Sonni Banks. If you are not using Travel One, we need to know your plans by the May 15 deadline.

MORE CAMPERS ENROLL FOR 2018 SEASON

We'd like to welcome some more campers who have enrolled for the 2018 season in the last month. We are VERY excited to see this at camp this summer. **Fourth Grade:** John Bermudez, Marshal DeWoskin, Davin Lewis, and Ryan Mack. **Fifth Grade:** Sam Apple, Jacob Gonsky, Michael Kotcher, and Henry Sohn. **Sixth Grade:** Will Needlman and Zach Ruwitch. **Seventh Grade:** Kosten Goldberg. **Eight Grade:** Justin Pagan and Misha Patent. **Ninth Grade:** Rohan Dhingra and Parker Johnson.

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SPECIAL TRIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER 2018!

CLIMB ABOVE LAKE SUPERIOR!

Back by popular demand, Camp Nebagamon is offering a rock climbing trip on the North Shore of Lake Superior this summer!

We will be offering one trip during first session, July 1 – July 3. Campers will set up a base camp at a Minnesota State Park and then climb during the day at multiple climbing locations. We will have spots for eight campers who will be guided by one our Nebagamon trip staff and two instructors from the University of Minnesota-Duluth Climbing Center. The trip is open to grades 7-9, although older campers will have first preference. The cost of the climbing trip will be \$325.

SEA KAYAKING ON LAKE SUPERIOR!

Camp Nebagamon is offering an awesome sea kayaking trip on Lake Superior. Sitting in a 17-foot sea kayak on the world's largest freshwater lake is an experience that you'll never forget. On this trip you will paddle and camp on the Apostle Islands near Bayfield, WI for three days. The first day of the trip will be spent training on Lake Nebagamon.

We will be offering one trip during first session, June 21 – June 24. We will have spots for five campers who will be guided by one Nebagamon trip staff and one instructor from the University of Minnesota-Duluth Kayak & Canoe Center. The trip is open to grades 7-9, although older campers will have first preference. The cost of the sea kayaking trip will be \$425.

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If you have questions regarding either of these exciting trips, please contact Adam Fornear. All 7th - 9th grade parents will receive an email this week with further details on registration. Fornear can be reached at fornear@campnebagamon.com, 208-318-3962 or 715-374-2275 (after May 10).

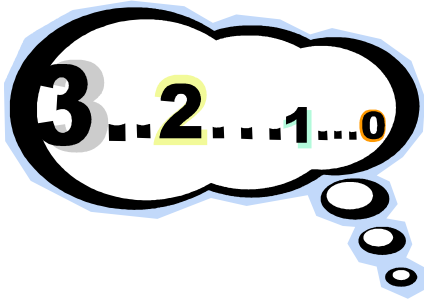
At Camp

Have you ever had the experience of getting to much of your favorite thing? It doesn't seem possible, I know, but I think it happens to all of us at some time or other. It could be that you're at the movies and that popcorn smells so good while you're in the concession line that when your turn comes you blurt out "Give me the biggest buttered popcorn you have!" and your Mom or Dad says to you "That's pretty big, are you sure you can eat all of that, the movies only going to be a couple hours long?" you confidently respond "I love popcorn, there can't ever be too much!" And even after the clerk hands over the barrel sized container to you, you think to yourself, "This is going to be awesome, every Marvel hero in one movie and all of the popcorn I want!!" But then halfway through the movie you have reached your popcorn eating capacity, but have only made it halfway to the bottom of the barrel! Or maybe the first time it happened for you was on a Cruiser Day at camp. All week long you were daydreaming about your absolute, all-time favorite, ice cream treat, the chocolate chip cookie dough blizzard! You may even have been bragging to your cabin mates how much you love chocolate-chip-cookie-dough Blizzards and that you are going to get the biggest one they sell because you know you can't get enough of the delectable treat! And then it happens, it's your turn to order and you blurt out, "Give me the largest cookie-dough Blizzard you make!", and your counselor says to you "That's pretty big are you sure you can eat all of that?" and though what he has said to you sounds strangely familiar, you respond, "I love cookie-dough Blizzards, there can't ever be too much!" And even after the clerk has to open the serving window as wide as it can go in order to push out the bucket sized container of Blizzard to you, you think to yourself, "This is going to be awesome!" But at about ¾ of the way down the bucket, a sort of queasy feeling creeps into your stomach, and you realize that a gallon of your favorite ice cream treat might indeed be too much!

Well that's how this winter has sort of turned out for me. You regular readers of this article may have come to know that I am a major snow and cross-country ski lover! I'm so bad that I even enjoy shoveling the white stuff, and if you had asked me before if I thought I could ever get enough skiing in I would have said, "NO Way!" I'm such a winter lover that when others are planning their winter getaways to Florida or some other ridiculously warm tropical place, I'm planning a trip deeper into winter, where there is even more snow than we get here in Northern Wisconsin! You also may recall in my October "At Camp" article that I was so delighted by the big fall snow storm we had, that I got the ski season started right then and there by marching my skies to the Upper Diamond and skied laps, even though the snow was thin and sticky! I was thinking to myself, "This is going to be the most awesome ski season ever!" But when April rolled around this year and there was still 8 inches of snow left on the ground and about 30 inches of ice on the lake, I was starting to think maybe there was such a thing as too much winter. Of course, I did go out on the lake and enjoy some of the best crusty snow skiing I have ever done, but it just didn't seem right somehow! Could it be that I had reached my capacity for skiing in one season? And then, when I had put up my skies for what I thought would be the last time this season, on the weekend of April 14-15, we were hit with a blizzard of epic proportions. And in a 24-hour period we received 14 INCHES of snow! And though I can hardly believe it myself, I was totally uninterested in skiing it. I kept hearing from friends who knew of my love of skiing, "Oh you must be so happy for the bonus snow!" Well it turns out I wasn't, but though reluctant at first, I did enjoy some great skiing that week, and I didn't have to stop until April 21st!!

So, very happy that the weather has finally turned and almost all of the snow has melted, but really excited that roller ski season is finally upon us, it's Caretaker Joe, At Camp. (Hmm, I guess I really can't get too much skiing in, maybe I was just tired of white!)

JUST A SAMPLE OF OUR AMAZING STAFF!!



Less than two months from now, camp will be filled with roughly 350 incredible individuals. I have been talking to campers, parents, and staff, and they all share one thing in common: enthusiasm for the upcoming summer! Our hiring is 99.9% complete, and between the returning staff and new staff, we have a great lineup! Meet a sampling of our outstanding staff below. We'll publish a complete list in next month's *Arrowhead*.

Dave Knoepfle (Springfield, IL '87,'89-'99) returns to our glorious 77 acres as our Lumberjack Push! Those of you who were fortunate enough to be at camp during Dave's previous summers all know how lucky we are to have Dave returning for his 13th summer. Dave is one of those larger than life personalities that has contagious energy and an amazing educator. Dave has been a middle school math teacher for the past 25 years and also a father of three children with his wife Robin. The dream of returning back to camp has never gone away and Dave cannot be more ecstatic to be returning back to Nebagamon. Needless to say we can't wait to be working with Dave. Asking Dave about why such a strong desire to return and he quickly responded with a "Those G.T.C.'s changed my life", along with being able to interact with both campers and staff. He also likes to brag about all the friends that he made at camp who he still stays in touch with to this date (who of us can't say the same?). Looking to the future, Dave cannot wait to work with the staff in all facets of camp counseling and being there to support them any way he can, and of course get up on that G.T.C. stage! There is no doubt that at some point Dave is going to make you laugh this summer and he looks forward to sitting down at his first council fire of the season.

Andy Rolfe (Highland Park, IL/Santa Fe, NM '71-'73,'75,'77-'79) heads back north for his eighth summer on staff and his first summer as our Axeman Village Director. Joining Andy this summer will be his wife Cynthia and their two labs (I'll introduce Cynthia below). Andy is beyond excited to return to Camp Nebagamon this summer! Andy has been a long time camper, counselor and family camper which means he knows camp really well (so well that he taught his two Labradors to jop up...too funny). Andy is well suited for leading the Axeman Village as he has raised three children and has owned and lead a successful consulting firm. When not proofing parent letters or planning cruiser days, Andy enjoys playing tennis, baseball, reading, cooking and hanging out with the labs. Long ago Andy recognized the benefit of camp from seeing how it shaped his father and himself. The independence of growth at camp, learning new skills and new experiences to name a few. He cannot wait to share the new experiences with his staff and campers in the Axeman Village. There is no doubt that Andy is going to be a sweet addition to our staff this summer.

Cynthia Rolfe (Delaware/Santa Fe, NM) returns to camp for her first full summer as the Nature Lore Director. I say returning to camp because although this is her first summer on staff, Cindy has been to Nebagamon Family Camp. She already knows the lay of the land and has many great ideas for exploring our sweet property and surrounding areas. Cindy can't wait to lead campers in the discovery of everything nature this summer -- we are already talking about building bird and bat houses. Cindy is no stranger to the outdoors as she was raised on a farm and grew up with the readings of Aldo Leopold. She is very excited to "open" the door to nature for the boys on hikes around the property and most definitely on field trips to local waterfalls, Lake Superior, and the fish hatchery. When Cindy is not leading nature walks or playing with animals in the woods she likes to play tennis, practice yoga, cook, and work out. Cindy is really excited to head up north and become a part of Nebagamon family!

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SPRINGTIME (from page 1)

The same holds true for the 300 boys coming to camp this summer. For many, heading off to sleep-away camp for the first time is a bit intimidating. And still, their heads are no doubt filled with all of the possibilities that a completely fresh and new experience will offer... a completely fresh start... Springtime.

Other campers are returning to a place that is as comfortable to them as their own homes. Yet as anyone who has spent more than one summer at camp knows, each summer has its own feel, its own stories, its own nature... a completely fresh start... Springtime.

For all the camp community, campers and staff alike, every camp season is an opportunity to be who they want to be... an opportunity to be better, to be more adventurous, to be more accepting, to try new things, and so much more. It is a place and a time when all of the labels and habits that we have been given and formed during the rest of the year can be discarded and we can create a new us... a completely fresh start... Springtime.

Personally, we here in the office are extraordinarily excited about the fresh season to come. Each summer brings **us** just as many possibilities for growth, laughter and friendship as there are for the campers and staff. In just a few short days we will be shutting down our Boise office, bidding adieu to the faux *City of Trees*, and packing our things for the real *City of Trees*, for another summer at camp. What could possibly be better?

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ATTENTION PARENTS OF 9TH GRADE CAMPERS!

If your son is a 9th grader and is **planning on going to Quetico** this summer for a two-week Big Trip, we will need a copy of his **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** to get him across the Canadian Border legally. **(Sorry, but copies of passports are frowned upon by the U.S. Customs office when we re-enter the states.)**

I will be sending out a generic permission letter that will need to be completed along with more information about these incredible trips. Both forms can be snail mailed (P.O. Box 429, Lake Nebagamon, WI 54849), faxed (208-345-5454), or emailed to forneare@campnebagamon.com.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to forneare@campnebagamon.com.
Get excited for another great summer of wilderness trips!

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