



Dear Camp Family,

I don't know how many people in the world are ever offered the opportunity to do the one job they've always ever wanted to do. For some kids that dream job was to be a doctor, or a carpenter, or a professional basketball player. I always wanted to be a camp director.

For generations of campers and staff, including my grandfather who attended Camp in the 1940s, Camp Nebagamon has had an enormous effect on their lives. As a camper for six summers and a staff member for ten summers - as a cabin counselor, wilderness trip leader and village director - the experiences I've had at Camp have been the most fun, meaningful, and important moments of my life, and the values Nebagamon instilled in me are the lens through which I frame my life decisions.

Camp Nebagamon provides kids the opportunity to learn to feel comfortable in their own skin, and to learn about themselves and others in a caring and supportive community. This was as true for me as for anyone. As a camper I paddled the Boundary Waters, learning to cherish nature. At Camp, scrutinizing the project board every morning to select my activities for the day taught me to make thoughtful choices and take safe risks, skills that have been invaluable in my life. Many of my strongest friendships are those I forged at Camp spending quality time laughing around Rec Hall tables or paddling to the lighthouse or singing Thanks for The Pines with arms wrapped around each others' shoulders. The warmth of Council Fires rebuilt by Keylogs on Sunday nights impressed upon me the power of kindness and empathy in a community.

Nebagamon shaped who I am today. Camp inspired me to pursue a career supporting youth and young adults as a mental health counselor, carrying Camp's values into the outside world. The experiences and lessons I gained from Camp led me to become an avid outdoorsman- spending as much time as possible in the mountains near Denver, where I live. I am who I am because of Camp Nebagamon.

Nebagamon also taught me the value of teamwork, and guiding Camp into the future will be a true team effort. I feel indescribably grateful to join Louis Levin, Joe Briggs, Andy Mack, Joe Crain and Troika Brodsky, an incredible team of folks who have each spent years dedicated to preserving Camp's values and traditions while guiding it into the future. I also look forward to learning from Steph and Adam over the next year. As stewards of Camp for the past 20 years, they have impacted countless lives, including my own.

This is the greatest honor of my life. I can't wait to get started.

Keep the Fires Burning,  
Noah Stein