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COMING IN 2010: NOT ONLY THE BIRDS WILL TWEET AT CAMP!

As I have written many times, one of the tricks of serving as the director of Nebagamon is finding a way to, at the same time, respect and preserve the 82 year old traditions and history of Nebagamon, and to keep the place current so that today's kids will be able to relate to the happenings at camp. This tension requires us, when something new comes along, to evaluate it and try to ascertain whether or not the "next big thing" is compatible with Nebagamon and what it continues to stand for 82 years after Muggs and Janet Lorber founded the place.

Before I introduce the changes that we are planning for this summer, it is important that we spell out, as a baseline, what it is that we believe Nebagamon is all about. It behooves us to enumerate the values and ideals that are incumbent upon us, as stewards of the institution, to promote and to protect.

Nebagamon is an institution that is all about connections. It is about fostering children connecting with each other. It is about connections with role models. And finally, it is about a connection with nature. It is the goal and role of Camp Nebagamon to promote and nurture these connections for everyone that passes Paul Bunyan, for even the first time, on their journey into the camp family.

It is with these lofty ideals and goals in mind that we are proud to announce that we are embracing one of the most important tools for "connection" that has ever been created....social networking. For those of you that are still unplugged and in the dark ages, social networking has revolutionized and streamlined communication and connection like nothing ever has. Through online chatting, Twitter, and Facebook, it is now possible for people to engage in their interpersonal relationships without ever having to go through the trouble to physically go and see their friends. All that they simply need to do is to connect through a computer virtually. This enables people to constantly be connected to their friends and to know what they are doing almost all the time. Want to know when

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



Finally, the Idaho Fish & Game office considers me worthy to purchase a resident fishing and hunting license...Wahooooooooo! You wouldn't believe how big of a deal this has been for me. I have an Idaho driver's license, I pay Idaho utility bills and Idaho state taxes, yet, in the name of protecting Idaho's natural resources, one has to wait six months to be worthy of a resident hunting and fishing license. Anyhow...the time has come for me to wet a line as a resident, and I cannot be happier.

The excitement for the move back east, and the purchase of nonresident WI and MN fishing licenses (yikes...I think I need a new hobby), has arrived. Mentally for me, the planning has begun. First, I will drop down into the depths of the trip room for the rich and memory inducing smell of canvas young and old. I simply love the smell that only our vast canvas supplies can produce. Flashes of campers shouldering Duluth packs across portages, setting camp with the wilderness tents (incredible that you alumni used to use those tents!), and catching memorable sunsets on trail, these pictures run through my mind. I vow to never rid the Big House basement of any canvas. I also plan to head to the B.W. for a weekend of drag peeling - rod double overed - fishing extravaganza! I hope to break in the shoulders (paddle/portage) and also hook into another 39 inch northern, just like last summer. The lake trout will be shallow and walleyes on the spawn...so the fishing will be great. Needless to say, I am very excited for even the shortest of paddles in the B.W. After that it will be time to welcome our staff and campers. I look forward to putting the docks in, putting the finishing touches on the trip schedule, attempting to clap to the beat of the bus arrivals (I have no rhythm) and everything else that makes the summer so great! I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of months.

The office is bustling with energy, mailing out camper packets, staff packets, contracts, and answering various camp related questions, i.e. "Do you enjoy Adam Kaplan's jokes?" Thank you for sending news of your whereabouts and happenings. Remember that there are only two more Arrowheads to be sent out before the summer, so please keep sending news and I will publish it before the summer. Till next month, enjoy your spring and get excited for a wickedly sweet 82nd summer!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that two of Nebagamon's trippers recently completed the 52km American Birkebeiner Ski Race in Hayward, WI. **Emily Prud'homme** finished with a time of 4:40 and **Bjorn Larsen** crossed the finish line at 5:05. Nice Work! **Jackson Byck** (Salt Lake City) took fourth place overall in the YSL State Championship ski race in Utah. **Jackson** brought home a gold medal in the Slalom and fourth in the GS! **Andy Cohen** (St. Louis) made the JV baseball team. **Dan, Sam, and Adam Quiat** attended the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics with their parents. They enjoyed many events like speed skating, hockey, and freestyle aerials, but their favorite was curling!

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Adam Frapart** (Dallas/NYC '94-'00) is an investment banking analyst at Royal Bank of Scotland in New York City. **David Glattstein** (Louisville '89-'91, '93-'95) is teaching business English to graduate students while pursuing a Ph.D. at Qinghua University, Beijing, in Business Administration. **Ted Isaacs** (St. Louis '75-'82) serves as a referee in the NAIA Heart of America football league. **Jed Tucker** (New York '85-'90) teaches anthropology at Bard College. **Dan White** (St. Louis '83-'86) is a partner in the Bryan Cave law firm while working as an adjunct professor at Washington University Law School.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENT of **Brad Foxman** (Dallas '95-'98, '01-'05) and **Jeana Plas** (Dallas).

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a boy, **Mason**, for **Melissa and Justin Rosenblatt** (New York/LA '83-'87, '90).

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your buddy is reading the newspaper? He can simply post “Reading the newspaper” on his Twitter account. Dying to know when your pal is about to brush his teeth before bed? Simply log on and he will likely have posted that information. Just got to know if dinner resulted in some gas for your girlfriend? Well, not only can she tell you about it through words, but Twitter even has the option for some audio updates.....What better way to stay connected?

Starting this summer, when each camper hops off of the bus, they no longer need to be worried about having to get an uncomfortable hug from Steph, instead they will each be issued a Netbook computer along with Facebook and Twitter accounts. Instead of wasting time down at CNOC learning wilderness skills, campers will be offered tutorials on how to best share all of the details of their lives with the entire cyber world, both within their cabins and with the world at large. Talk about life skills!!!

For the skeptics out there, one needs only look back at our camp goals from the third paragraph of this article to see how this new program perfectly supports those goals. The first goal, connecting children with each other, is obviously fulfilled by their ability to electronically get together without ever having to do more than click a mouse. Plus, an added benefit on this front is that it allows the kids to avoid physical contact with each other, ensuring a healthier camp. Not to mention how much easier it will be for kids to sleep since there will be none of that annoying “talking” going on in the cabin....just typing.....and what better than the rhythmic tapping of keys to put one to sleep.

The second goal, connecting with role models, will be supported by this new program because, in addition to the boys being able to follow their counselors’ Twitter and Facebook accounts, we will help the boys connect with other tweeting role models out there. With hourly updates from countless athletes and pop music stars, I have no doubt our boys will benefit from their tutelage. Why, just today I was reading tweets from my Twitter buddy and role model, Paris Hilton, where she commented about her current vacation to New York and Florida. She says, “*Was a beautiful, sunny day in NY today. Went shopping at Top Shop today, so many cute things!*” and “*Beach Bunny in paradise!*” Great stuff to learn from.....great stuff.

Our connection to nature is fostered through our new social networking program because our adoption of this program shows, once again, Nebagamons’ commitment to protecting the environment. The fact that campers will largely stay in their cabins throughout the summer and won’t be tramping all over camp, all day long, will decrease the erosion issues we face at camp and allow the grass to grow at a much faster unhindered rate. Also, given that the new program will be replacing the tripping program, think about how many hundreds of gallons of gasoline will be saved, how many Boundary Waters portages will be left in their pristine untrodden state. Finally, I mentioned before that the computers will mean that the children do not need to speak at camp. This will result in a marked decrease in carbon dioxide emissions. No need to thank us. Just doing our part to save the world.

I know that I speak for all of us here at camp when I say. ***OMG...this is gunna be so fun. i know ur sooo excited cuz its gunna be soooo fun. i cant wait 4 it. Gunna luv it. ROFL...LOL. TTYL!***

And, oh yes....Happy April Fool’s Day from the camp office!

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THERE’S STILL TIME TO ENTER THE ICEBREAKER CONTEST!

There is still time to give us your guess! All you need to do is send in your best guess of the date you think the ice covering Lake Nebagamon will break up. Keep in mind that the earliest breakup since 1943 was March 26 (just about too late for that) and the latest was May 14. While spring has made a few rumblings in the North Woods, the lake still has several inches of ice. Don’t forget to send an e-mail to emily@campnebagamon.com with your estimate of the date when open water will return to the lake. Our very own Andy Mack is still keeping close tabs on the ice and will let us know EXACTLY when it breaks up. The winner will receive a mountain of Nebagagifts, so enter today!

LAKE SUPERIOR TRIPS TO BE OFFERED

A sailing and sea kayaking trip on Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay and around the twenty-two Apostle Islands have been scheduled again this summer for older Nebagamom campers.



The sailing trip is scheduled for June 29 - July 2. The trip has room for six campers on the 30 foot *Wind Rider*. Dreamcatcher Sailing Adventures sponsors the trip, supplying the boat and captain. The trip is open to grades 7-9, although older campers have first preference. This will be our 4th year with Dreamcatcher Sailing. John Theil, owner of Dreamcatcher, has many years experience sailing on Lake Superior. The boys will gain valuable knowledge of sailing and rigging, charting a course, and reading weather, all the while enjoying an exciting experience on Lake Superior. Registration for the trip will be determined before camp begins, and campers must indicate interest by returning a form (from your Parent Preparation Packets) or sending us an e-mail. The cost of the sailing trip will be \$530.

We have one sea kayaking trip offered this summer on June 22 - June 25. You will paddle 17-foot sea kayaks on Lake Superior for four days, camping on different islands each night. This is truly an amazing experience paddling the world's largest freshwater lake! We will have spots for five campers, one Nebagamom Trip Staff, and an instructor from UMD's Canoe and Kayak Institute. The trip is open to grades 7-9, although older campers have first preference. The cost of the sea kayaking trip will be \$325. If interested, please return the registration slip found in your Parent Preparation Packet.

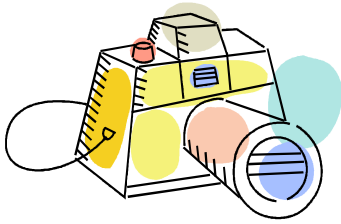
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STAFFING NEEDS REMAIN!

Although we are close to filling our staffing needs for this summer, we still have a few remaining open positions. As always, the best source of new staff is the camp family. If you contact the camp office with a referral, we will follow up quickly, or you can have interested individuals contact us directly.

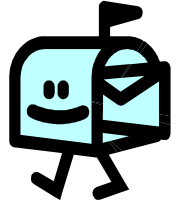
Climbing Program Specialist
Office Staff
Kitchen Staff
Trip Driver
Nurse
Nurse Assistant

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT SEEKS CAMERAS



It's the season for spring cleaning – time to remove the cobwebs and clear out the closets as we prepare for warmer weather! Have you found that your old camera is just lying around collecting dust? If so, please consider donating it to camp's photography project! We are in need of additional 35 mm single-lens reflex (SLR) cameras, as well as interchangeable lenses. Please contact the camp office at 208-345-5544 with any questions.

DO YOUR PART: RECEIVE THE ARROWHEAD VIA E-MAIL



For those of you environmentally-friendly members of the camp family, we hope you will choose to receive the Arrowhead via e-mail instead of traditional "snail mail." Not only will this save on the amount of paper we use, but it will also allow you to receive the Arrowhead the ABSOLUTE MOMENT it is finished!

To sign up to have the Arrowhead e-mailed to you instead of sent through regular mail, **just send a message to alumni@campnebagamon.com with the subject "Electronic Arrowhead."** Then you will automatically be signed up to receive the electronic version in your inbox the day the Arrowhead goes to press. Otherwise you will continue to receive the Arrowhead as you always have.

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SPOTS REMAIN FOR THE SUMMER

We would like to welcome the campers listed below who enrolled during March for this summer. We have more openings available, but please contact us soon if you're still considering coming to camp this summer. New campers have an asterisk (*) before their names, and their hometowns are listed after. Eight-week campers are indicated with an (8).

4th Grade Campers: *Max Braht (Dallas, TX), *David Mearsheimer (Chicago, IL), *Peyton Meyer (New York, NY), Jack Rosenblatt (8)

5th Grade Campers: Reid Balsler, *Levi Kohl (Los Angeles, CA), Gunner O'Reilly (8), Ethan Orchard

6th Grade Campers: *Alex Barshop (San Antonio, TX), Peyton Fryer, David Halpern, Ian Herbert, Jordan Mounce, Michael Paul, Zachary Pearson

7th Grade Campers: Alex Balsler, *Brandon Jordan (Fayetteville, NC), SaVaughn King (8), Hallvard Lundevall (8), Charles Meyer

8th Grade Campers: DeAndre King (8), Geordie Mungavin, Franklin Pera, Matthew Weston-Dawkes, Ryan Zimmerman

9th Grade Campers: Blake Balsler (8), Eli Davis

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE: THE THOMAS EDISON OF THE NORTH WOODS

The weather outside the shop has turned abnormally warm this March. It was as if someone had flipped a big weather switch and our rather normal winter suddenly flipped over to instant spring. The temps jumped 20-30 degrees above normal, and what had been a very average and rather stable 20-30 inch snow pack, was reduced to nothing in about a week and a half. Each day I would awake and think this will be the day things return to normal and the big annual March storm would hit, the temps would plunge, the snow would pile up and, most importantly, I would be able to finish out the ski season with a respectable three to four weeks of March skiing. And each and every day I was disappointed! It drizzled a little mid-month, and I did see a few snowflakes the other day, but, as if to mock me, they were so light that they appeared to be falling back up into the sky, and not even a trace of white was left on the ground. And then the final blow to my winter loving heart was landed when I saw, on the weather channel, a snowstorm develop from Texas to Iowa the weekend of March 20th, while we here in the northland roasted in 50 degree sunshine, victims of early spring and upside down weather patterns. Whether they are due to a local weather pattern abnormality, the result of this year’s El Niño cycle, or part of global climate change I will leave up to the scientists and pseudo scientists to debate.



Though the weather here at camp was quite disappointing this month, I was able to take my mind off of it with the last big shop project of the winter season. As I wrote in my article a couple months back, we outfitted the upper level of the new shop with living quarters for members of camp’s trip staff. I set about this month building personal storage units for the space. Now those of you who know camp well are probably thinking, “Oh, Caretaker Joe built some cubbies.” And those of you not so familiar with camp are probably thinking, “Oh, Joe built some dressers.” Well, each group of you would be both wrong and right, for I took it to the “next” level. I designed and built the world’s first Drubbies. That’s right, I married, mashed up, hybridized, or crossed, whichever you prefer, a cubby with a dresser. Because, let’s face it, cubbies are great for storing a camper’s stuff (iPod, books, hats, tackle box, camera, and various other absolutely necessary, can’t-be-at-camp-without items) but they aren’t that good for organizing or retrieving items of clothing. And a dresser is perfect for storing clothes so one can have easy access to that favorite T-shirt or get at those lucky fishing socks, but it gives rather poor visual, on-the-way-out-the-door access to one’s stuff. The Drubby gives today’s on-the-go-yet-wanting-to-be-neat-and-organized camper both good stuff as well as fashion storage in one unit.

The Drubby is four feet tall, three feet wide and 16 inches deep, but, of course, can be sized to fit the various needs and locations that a camp requires. These units were sized for a staff member’s needs. With three drawers and two ample shelves, the average staff member has plenty of storage for all of his or her important stuff and necessary fashion items as well. If this isn’t enough to astound and amaze you, I was able to produce the units from 100% tree stretching, domestically produced plywood. Each Drubby only requires one sheet of ¾ inch, one sheet of ½ inch, and one sheet of ¼ inch plywood, and using B/C grade plywood both keeps the cost down and gives the outside of the case a rustic pine look. And to give the Drubbies a true Camp Nebagamon connection, I used onsite harvested, solid White Pine for the drawer fronts! To finish the units, I gave each several coats of environmentally friendly water based polyurethane, to show off that beautiful pine grain.

Contemplating the infomercial for “The Drubby,” it’s Caretaker Joe At Camp.

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