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CAMP TED

As many of you know, at the end of the 2009 camp season, my family and I relocated from a suburb of Minneapolis out to Boise, Idaho. Without a doubt, moving is a very stressful undertaking. It is, even if you ignore the hundreds of hours that it takes to pack up your home and all of your possessions. It is, even if you ignore the enormous amount of work it will take to get your house ready to be put on the market. It is, even if you ignore the fact that, given the state of the housing market, you are going to get far less than you should. It is, even if you ignore the mountains of paperwork and red tape involved in enrolling your children into a new school. It is, even if you ignore the tremendous hassle of changing your address on every credit card, every mailing list, and every piece of Camp Nebagamon letterhead and envelope. Even if you set all these things aside, moving one's family to a brand new location would still be incredibly stressful because, in moving, one must create an entirely new social network and support system....and this is, perhaps, the most stressful part of all.

The creation of a new social network and support system brings up many of our own personal insecurities. Am I outgoing enough? Am I too outgoing? Am I warm enough? Am I nice enough? Am I smart enough? Am I funny enough? Am I tall enough? (Ok....some of us have our own individual personal demons to deal with!). All of these questions and self doubts plague us to a certain extent when we move to a new place. Ultimately, each of us are who we are, and, in virtually all cases, find that that is good enough.

In these new situations, despite these fears, we steel ourselves and jump in with open minds and, yes, an excitement about what our new connections will bring. For the most part, it is our responsibility to get out there and make it happen....so we dive in. Game on....

Still, the game does require that the other participants be open to the idea of extending their social circle and creating new connections. In order for us to be able to get out there and make new friends, there needs to be

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



As all of you sit down to read this month's Arrowhead, Adam Kaplan and I will be smack dab in the middle of a 4500-mile, 8-day reunion blitz of the southeastern United States. I'll be departing Boise, ID soon, stopping in East Troy, WI and the Root River where I'll be "recruiting" Steelhead and Brown Trout. Then I'll be picking up Adam in Cincinnati and continuing on through Nashville, Atlanta, Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Grand Lake (Lake Trout), the Colorado River (Rainbows and Browns), and finally back to our winter base in Boise. As with all reunion road trips there will be a little fishing, some healthy eating (Oklahoma Joe's Ribs), Adam Kaplan singing (the Itsy Bitsy Spider), and, of course, sharing photos and watching the sweet summer video. Hope to see you in your city soon!

Seeing that we won't be able to reach everyone, I still need your help in reporting "News of the Camp Family." So pick up that phone, shoot me an email, or teleport yourself to the Nebagamon office and let me know about that 12 inch bluegill you caught, your role in your school's play, sports that you are playing, or anything else that I can put in print! I look forward to seeing you hovering in the Boise office soon. Till next time, enjoy the last of fall and wish me luck with landing some Idaho Steelhead!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **David Clarke** (Memphis) is staying busy with cross-country, fencing, and joining a new competitive basketball team. **Matthew Lazarov** (Memphis) has been playing golf and playing basketball. **Matthew** is also keeping his CNOC skills fresh in Cub Scouts and is excited for duck hunting to begin. **Andy Cohen** (St. Louis) is on the board of the Temple Israel youth group and they are currently planning a regional convention at their temple. Fellow camper **Sam Feldman** (St. Louis) will be attending. **Jamey Sharp** and **Noah Stein** (Chicago) have a radio show called *Beefn' Stein* at New Trier High School.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Kristin Ahlberg** (Bennett, WI/D.C. '92-'98) is a historian for the U.S. Department of State. **Jon Desenberg** (Detroit '78-'82) is a Policy Director at The Performance Institute, a government think tank. **Brian Goldman** (Raleigh '77-'79, '81, '84, '87) organized a youth swim team this past summer for 80 kids ages 4-18. **Joel Aronoff** (Louisville/Denver '89-'94, '96-'97, '02) works as a Clinical Content Analyst for Mckesson Medical Provider Technologies. **Emily Cole-Kelly** (Shaker Heights, OH/New York '96-'98) is the Director of Events for the Battery Park Conservancy. **Dylan Perry** (Boston '06-'07) is working for the National Institute of Health in the National Human Genome Research Institute.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS: **Michael Singer** (Glencoe '92-'96, '98-'01) and **Sarah Broder** (Detroit, family camper, daughter of **Hugh Broder**, and sister of **Ben** and **Jake Broder**).

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to **Emily Cole-Kelly** (Shaker Heights, OH/New York '96-'98) and Nathan Appfel (Seattle/New York).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to **David Clarke** (Memphis).

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people out there that are interested in making new friends. I have been sad to learn, that there are folks out there that are not open to new connections.

Now to be clear, to a certain extent, I understand some of this. We all certainly live very busy lives, and the effort and time that it takes to make new friends and new connections is not insignificant. It takes work. Many folks out there simply say that they are already too busy and are satisfied with their circle of friends and family. In their minds, there is neither the time nor the need for new connections.

I would argue that this is a mistake. In choosing to stand pat with our existing circles, we cheat ourselves out of what could be valuable relationships. We lose out on the freshness, new ideas, new perspectives, and excitement that new friendships offer. It dulls us...

To be honest, we just moved from a place where it felt like many of the people living there did not feel the need to reach out and be open to new connections. For the most part, the folks living there had been living there since childhood. They had their friends...their family was nearby....they didn't need new friends. For us, that wound up feeling like, frankly, a fairly isolating experience.

So...it was with some trepidation that we headed off to a new town to try it again. We had some concerns that perhaps our last experience would repeat itself and that we would find ourselves feeling like we were in yet another place where we would not find people that were willing to extend themselves. Perhaps we were destined to live yet another few years with few friends. Perhaps, in fact, it was not the place where we were, but, in fact, it was us that had become so unpleasant that no one dared even approach us anymore.

And then Ted stuck out his hand.

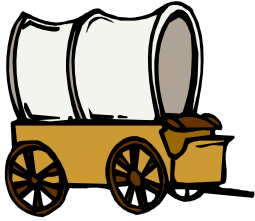
It was the first day of school, and we, like many parents were hovering around the outside door to one of our kids' classrooms. I had been there for about two minutes, when a complete stranger (they all were!) walked up to me and said "I don't think I recognize you...my name is Ted." (Ok, he didn't use the ellipses in his sentence, but, hey...it's what I do!) Within a week, I was at Ted's home with my three year old playing with his three year old, and walking home with a bunch of fresh vegetables from Ted's garden. Emblematic of what I believe communities should really be about, Ted proved to me that we had moved to the right place.

Events like this have repeated themselves over the course of our first three months here. He have been treated to homemade caramel rolls from one neighbor, a GIANT load of fruits and vegetables from the folks next door to us, invitations to various parties, and even a *Welcome to Boise* gathering, just for us, from another group of folks.

It occurred to me, as I marveled at how lucky I felt to be here, that the parallels to camp are remarkable. (This transition to camp should not surprise you....after all this is the camp newsletter, not the Adam Kaplan Catharsis Journal!) Similar to some cities around the country where people are very established and rooted, the camp community is also certainly composed of campers who have returned for many years with established, long lasting friendships. And although there may be the temptation to be satisfied with one's tight circle of friends at camp, the Nebagamon community knows how important it is to reach out to the new campers, because otherwise we cheat ourselves out of potentially significant friendships. For at camp, at some point, each one of us arrived for the very first time....without deep connections already in place. At camp, we understand how important it was to be accepted into the community when we were the new camper and how important it is to pay it forward and welcome other new campers into the community. Established campers reach out to new campers through programs such as the Big Brother/Little Brother program. And, informally, returning campers reach out to new campers in their cabin groups. Certainly the same is true when a staff member, new to Nebagamon, arrives at

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THE ROAD SHOW ROLLS ON



Adam Fornear and Adam Kaplan will head on the road after Thanksgiving to begin the 2009-2010 Camp Nebagamom reunion circuit. Listed below is their schedule, which, as usual, is subject to change. (Please note that we already have made some changes.) About three weeks prior to each reunion, we will mail 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
Cincinnati	Dec. 1	Schimberg's, Tues., Dec. 1, 7 PM 3055 Legacy Terrace, Cincinnati
Nashville	Dec. 2	May's, Wed., Dec. 2, 7 PM 4418 Wayland Drive, Nashville
Atlanta	Dec. 3	Balser's, Thurs., Dec. 3, 7 PM 3895 The Highlands NW, Atlanta
Memphis	Dec. 4	Boshwit's, Fri., Dec. 4, 7 PM 6549 Massey Lane, Memphis
St. Louis	Dec. 5-6	Center of Clayton, Sun., Dec. 6, 2 PM 50 Gay Avenue, Clayton
Kansas City	Dec. 7	Kahn's, Mon., Dec. 7, 7 PM 4824 W. 144th Terrace, Leawood
Denver	Dec. 8	Quiat's, Tues., Dec. 8, 7 PM 5801 S. Birch Court, Greenwood Village
Minneapolis	Jan. 3	Muench's, Sun., Jan. 3, 10:30 AM 9355 Talus Circle, Eden Prairie
New York City	Jan. 6	Meyer's, Wed., Jan. 6, 7 PM 1 Lexington Avenue #11A, New York
Philadelphia	Jan. 7	Diamond's, Thurs., Jan. 7, 7 PM 610 Yale Road, Bala Cynwyd
Washington DC	Jan. 8	Nissenbaum/Colman's, Fri., Jan. 8, 7 PM 3047 Oliver Street NW, Washington DC
Chicago	Jan. 9-11	West Ridge Center, Sun., Jan. 10, 1:30 PM 636 Ridge Road, Highland Park
San Francisco	Feb. 2	Levy's, Tues., Feb. 2, 7 PM 3134 Naranja Dr., Walnut Creek
Los Angeles	Feb. 6	Hirschhorn's, Sat., Feb. 6, 7 PM 560 Toyopa Drive, Pacific Palisades
Phoenix	Feb. 7	TBA
Dallas	Feb. 23	TBA
San Antonio	Feb. 24	TBA

ENROLLMENTS COMING IN FAST

Enrollments continue to arrive to our Boise office. If you haven't enrolled yet for this summer, we encourage you to do so soon! We are also excited to welcome new campers to Nebagamon 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.

3rd Grade Campers: *Charlie Moog (Chicago), *Kai Sulkin (Tokyo, Japan)

4th Grade Campers: *Tony Bogolub (St. Paul, MN), *Seth Friedman (Cincinnati), Charlie Fromm, Josh Hanson-Kaplan (8), Matthew Lazarov, Sacha Pritzker (8), Henry Quinn-Pasin (8), Nate Schwartz, Michael Seigel, Alex Swett (8), *Avery Zimmerman (Chicago)

5th Grade Campers: Jake Abrams (8), Alex Aronoff (8), Jackson Byck, Justin Cutler, Eli Fraerman, Quincy Hirt (8), *Sam Mellow (Montclair, NJ), Ben Michel, Max Moog (8), Louis Olswang (8), Spencer Porter (8), Michael Rivkin (8), Matthew Saslawsky, Meier Werthan

6th Grade Campers: Josh Abraham, Harry Critchfield-Jain (8), Jordon DeGroot (8), Jonah Domsky (8), Adam Hirschhorn (8), Leo Mack, Mark Rodgers, Nathan Salon (8), Jack Trachtenberg, Ben Werthan, Ben Wolf, Ryan Zimmerman (8)

7th Grade Campers: Louie Bogolub, Lewis Burik, Jake Friedman, Walt Fromm, Brett Golden, Ben Huston, Noah Kanter, Will Kolbrener, Sam Levin (8), *Joey Levy (Highland Park, IL), Sam Lucas (8), Caleb Miller (8), Ezra Miller (8), Jake Miller, Isaac Rosenzweig, Adam Schimberg (8), Max Slosburg, Noah Steinbaum, Graham Straus (8), Stephen Yoffie (8)

8th Grade Campers: Grant Chukerman (8), Ian Diamond (8), Max Learner (8), Matthew Myer (8), Harry O'Gorman (8), Neal Shulman (8), Zack Stern (8), Nathan Weiskirch

9th Grade Campers: Daniel Blumberg (8), Jeffrey Burnstine (8), Eli Fromm (8), Daniel Kaminsky (8), Josh Lansky, Bennett Levis (8), Sam Levis (8), Zach Muzik (8), Brian Ringel, Maximilian Rorsted (8), Grant Sachs (8), Loren Scheman (8), Jamey Sharp (8), Andrew Shutzberg (8), Noah Stein (8), Sam Werthan (8), Alex Yoffie (8)

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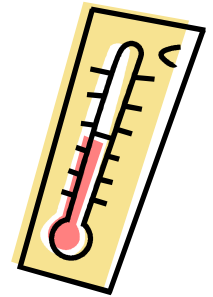
camp for the very first time. They are welcomed into the family and made to feel a part of the community. Surely camp is a place where we practice the ideals of acceptance and welcoming. The sign outside the Big House sums it up, THIS SHALL BE A PLACE OF WELCOME FOR ALL. Nebagamon practices the vision of how communities SHOULD be.

In short, Nebagamon is a place that is populated with hundreds of Teds every summer.

So...during this Thanksgiving holiday time, I want to state clearly that I am thankful not only for health, for my wonderful family, for my wonderful friends, and for the wonderful people that I work with, but also for all of the friends that I will make in the future as I promise myself to always be open to new connections. I am thankful too for being part of a camp community that embraces new people and welcomes them in with warmth and acceptance. And thankful for all the Teds of the world.

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE SWEATS IT OUT



After a cold and very wet October and first week of November, I thought that this was going to be one of those years that I would have the rare treat of being able to be out skiing on Thanksgiving holiday break. But wouldn't you know, here it is three days before Thanksgiving and the weather has turned 180 degrees and the weather man says we may see record high temperatures today. So much for wishful thinking! Those visions I had of striding and gliding down the Range Road and looping silently through the Axeman Village, and the sweet anticipation of that first thrilling blast down the Upper Diamond hill, were all dashed by a streak of unseasonably warm weather.

Of course, the warmer weather has allowed me the time to work on and better prepare the trails through camp for the coming of winter...so all is not lost. I've had time to clip back all of the face slapping branches, though this work is never really accurate until mid-winter due to the fact that with each accumulating snow the trail rises off the earth and can often be a good two feet higher by mid season. So, branches that are innocently waving a couple feet above my head during the fall groom are often smacking me in the face by the end of January! The trail has been mowed twice already. Most years only afford the time to mow the trail once to knock down the past summers overgrowth of weeds and saplings. With this November's warm up, I have been afforded the luxury of a second mow to remove the ground insulating leaves that have since fallen from the trees and which could prevent the trail from freezing up and holding that oh-so precious first snow fall. It's all dressed up but no sign of snow.

All of the warm November weather has been good for us in the caretaking department though. We have been able to start and finish some outdoor projects that often have to be halted or avoided until spring. In last month's Arrowhead I described the new *No Man's Land*. Well, with the warmer weather, Andy and Rueban were able to erect its new stairway and deck landing which was something that we thought would have to be put off until the spring thaw. They did have to endure a couple of mornings in the mid 20's, but by noon we were well up to the 40 degree mark. With the completion of the stairs, the *No Man's Land*, *A Man's Land* expansion and revitalization project is complete! We had been putting so much of our good weather time into that project that we had been unable to do any of the re-roofing we normally do in the spring and the fall. But this November's warm up allowed us to re-roof both the *Back of Swamper One*, and the roof on the *Three Car Garage*. For those of you not familiar with the buildings at camp, the *Back of Swamper One* is a room that was added to the back of Swamper One, with its own entrance, that is used to house various specialists during the camp season. I'm not quite sure why it has never been given an official name; I have always thought there should be a naming contest in the Swamper village for it. It has a smallish roof that Andy and I were able to tear off and re-shingle in three days. *The Three Car Garage* (yes another of the straight forward names here) has a large roof, but it is an old lean-to style roof and so is a very simple and flat roof that took Andy, Rueben, and I a week or so to re-do. *The Three Car Garage* is one of the oldest buildings on the camp grounds. It was built by the Weyerhaeuser family when they set up house here in the late 1800's. It is made up of very wide rough sawn planks that may well have been harvested locally from the giant White Pines. Many of the boards are well over 12 inches wide. We use the building for storage of all of our grounds-keeping gear (mowers, blowers, trimmers and the like) and long board storage.

Hoping this terrible warm weather streak ends soon, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

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