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THE INSIDE SCOOP

One of the really enjoyable aspects of this job is the great trips that we get to take every winter to visit with the various constituencies of the camp family spread across the United States. While one might think that travelling to 25 cities every winter to deliver the same slideshow (complete with the exact same jokes night after night....which I still find absolutely hilarious each time!) and watch the same video could get a bit tiresome and monotonous, nothing could be further from the truth. Every city that we visit has its own flavor, energy, and level of excitement. Plus...in the middle of winter, what could be better than to spend a couple of hours reliving the summer and reconnecting with that place that makes us so happy....camp!

In most cities, we hold just one event. It is our traditional reunion. The evening consists of the aforementioned slideshow and a showing of the previous summer's DVD. While one might think that an event like this would only appeal to campers and staff from just the previous summer, we have found that the images (and, of course, the jokes) are universal and speak to a Nebagamon soul from 2009 and from 1929. As evidence, at our most recent New York reunion, we had representation from seven decades of Nebagamon campers and staff.

Despite the universal appeal of the slides and DVD, some of our alumni in Washington DC have been gathering for several years now for a post reunion get together...leave it to those folks inside the beltway to insist on special treatment huh!?!? In truth, this is one of the evenings of the reunion circuit that I look forward to the most. First off, many of the folks that gather that evening are my camp contemporaries. As so many of you know, there are few things as fun as getting together with some old camp friends. I also really look forward to the evening because so many of these folks have such interesting jobs. Just a sample from this year's gathering included some prominent Washington lobbyists, significant watchdogs in the human rights arena, the Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan, international election supervisors, key political pollsters, a senior editor at the *New Republic*, and the Deputy Director of Policy and Government Affairs for AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee).

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



My idea of a seasonal transition has recently become very confused. For the past 34 years, I have made the transition from fall into winter by getting out the winter boots, putting 2 lb. test line on the fishing reels, and testing the thin ice on local lakes. Then, six months later, the boots are put away, I go back to 6 lb. test, and I am launching a canoe. The move to Boise has changed this process for me because now it seems I have to make these seasonal transitions on a daily basis. You see, in Boise there are two seasons competing with each other on a daily basis. For example, this past weekend, I, Emily Jodock, and Tucker Slosburg drove 16 miles out of Boise to Bogus Basin Mountain. We proceeded to carve turns for much of the day in white-out conditions. It snowed most of the day at

the mountain and temperatures hovered in the low 30's. This was winter. Then, on the drive home, after nine miles of zigging and zagging down the mountain, we exited the snowline and found ourselves in what I consider to be spring. It was in the upper 40's and sunny! This doesn't make any sense! I drive 16 miles and I find myself in a different season? I kind of miss the predictability of having winter around for a couple of months. Before Boise, when it was winter, I only had to plan for cold conditions, and the off chance of colder conditions. Now don't get me wrong, there's a silver lining to my transitional tales of woe. I have to admit there is something nice about skiing up in the mountains for the day, and then 30 minutes later being able to roll down the car window and jam to some Fleet Foxes.

I want to thank all of you that were able to attend the reunions this past off-season. I must say that the attendance was simply spectacular! There are only a couple reunions left, so if we are coming to your neck of the woods, we hope to see you there! Remember, if you have any news let me know and I will send the messenger pigeon to retrieve it. Or, I can be reached at fornear@campnebagamon.com or 208-345-5544. Till next time, enjoy your current season...or seasons!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that in Minneapolis, **Adam Goldenberg** is a point guard for a traveling basketball team and he also played in his first USTA tournament. **Frank Culhane** is staying active with snowboarding, his favorite trick being a 720. In New York, **Jordon DeGroot** is playing basketball. **Ben Schwed** has started taking flying lessons. **Andrew Meyer** is a center/forward for the Poughkeepsie Day School basketball team. **Henry Allman** is playing football at Central Park and loving his move to New York. **Charles Meyer** competed in a geography bee at school. **Joseph Tisch** played a role in the play, Hamlet. While in Philadelphia, we saw **Ian Diamond's** newest project, building a replica of the HMS Bounty sailboat. **Gabe Sher** is training for a children's triathlon this summer. **Jonathan Perlman** was a defensive end for the Bala Cynwyd Knights football team. **Morgan Perlman** has been keeping a detailed account of what birds are visiting the various birdfeeders in his backyard. **Nathan Posener** ran cross-country this fall and is now running indoor track.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Jim "JK" Koretz** (Chicago '74-'79,'81-'84,'86-'88,'06) started a new job with Ring Central, based out of his home. **Rand Shapiro** (St. Louis '65-'69,'71-'75,'08-'09) is an assistant speech and debate coach for Ladue High School. **Mikael Rorsted** (Denmark '78-'82) was elected president of the Association of Provincial Theatres and Concert Houses in Denmark. **Josh Goldman** (St. Louis '86-'91,'92-'95,'98,'00,'02-'04) is the founder and director of *Succeeding with Reading*, a program giving children guidance in reading and writing skills. **Michael Gordon** (Cincinnati/D.C. '79-'84,'86-'87) serves as counselor to the general counsel of the U.S. Treasury. **Jen Daskal** (Phoenix/D.C. '91-'92,'96,'99) works for the Department of Justice.

IN THE BIBS and DIAPERS DEPARTMENT! It's two girls, **Caroline Jane** and **Julia Kate**, for Elizabeth Moss and **Bill Dubinsky** (St. Louis/New York '75-'80).

THE INSIDE SCOOP (Continued from Page 1)

As a person who stresses out about whether or not we need to replace the toilets in the Swamper Jop that have been clogging too easily, it is really interesting to talk to folks whose stresses include determining how many troops to send into Afghanistan. As a person who is primarily concerned with how best to decommission some of our aging rowboats, it is really interesting to speak to someone that is primarily concerned with how to best decommission Guantanamo Bay. As a guy that is worried about how to keep the peace amongst the Paul Bunyan Day devotees when he changes the handball lineups to exclude sixth graders (yes boys...it is coming), it is fascinating to engage with someone that is worried about how to best keep the peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians. As someone that tries to think of the best way to implement a safe and fair dodge ball game, it is quite a thing to chat with someone that tries to think of the best way to implement a safe and fair election in a troubled nation, even as he dodges bullets! Not only is this really interesting stuff, but, needless to say, it helps me keep my stresses in perspective!

The rhythm of the night is always the same. We arrive close to 10:00 PM (anyone that has been reading the news at all knows that no one in DC can seem to do ANYTHING before 10:00 PM!) and are warmly greeted by the crew. Then I get a chance to circulate around the room. With so many truly interesting folk all around the place, it is REALLY fun. Conversations are always quite interesting. I get a chance to feel like an insider and speak with some of the key players involved in some of the legitimately important issues of our day (toilet replacement notwithstanding!).

I have to say though, I feel like, ultimately, they are just humoring me. They patiently answer my questions about their jobs and about the work that they are doing. They kindly allow me to naively put out my camp directorly perspectives and opinions on global issues. And they give me that insider feeling that I find so exciting. Just for one night a year, I get to be a DC player. I want the Beltway inside scoop....and they always indulge me....

But...ultimately they are just biding their time....waiting me out. Inevitably, a group of them will corner me and then the questions come. "What were the really good pranks this summer?" "Who won Paul Bunyan Day?" "Tell us about the scariest trip evacuation of the summer." "Who was A.K. Agikamik?" (This is a question that I don't really understand....What does "Who was A.K. Agikamik" mean?...He is the chief of the Yo Yo Islands, of course!) "Who was the craziest staff member?" "What happened on time off that should not have?" "Did anyone get fired?"

For years, I found this to be amazing. These folks are people with some of the most geopolitically important jobs out there. These are people whose work and decisions have significant impacts on the lives of so many. And what is it that they want to know? They want to hear about pranks, and stomach flu, and GTC acts, and Paul Bunyan Day.....and.....camp. They want to be insiders. They want the Little House inside scoop....and I always indulge them...

This is not just a DC phenomenon. I get a chance to experience this wonderful excitement and interest about camp all over the country, in a least 25 cities a year, as I travel. In every town there are alumni and current campers that will talk for hours and hours about Nebagamon. They want to talk about how Nebagamon was when they were there, and they want to know about how it is today. They want to connect to the place. They want to feel like they are insiders.

This does not surprise me anymore though. I get it. After enough years at Nebagamon and enough years doing this job, I totally get it. You see, no matter who we become as adults and where our career paths lead us, camp maintains a toehold on our consciousnesses that, when allowed to, transports us back to those perfect (and sometimes imperfect!) summer days with incredible ease. To have the ability to connect back to camp and to those feelings that camp nurtured is something that so many of us thirst for intensely. Be it for a single off-season or a decades-long hiatus from camp, we all love to, and feel buoyed by, connecting to camp again.

LOOK AT ALL THE CAMPERS FOR 2010!



As the enrollments continue to come into our office, we want to keep you in the loop about who is enrolled for the upcoming summer. 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: *Simon L'Tainen (8 – Flourtown, PA), *William McCreary (New York), *Charlie Moog (Chicago), *Kai Sulkin (Tokyo, Japan), Isaac Weiss

4th Grade Campers: Nathaniel Arkin, Matthew Berman, *Tony Bogolub (St. Paul, MN), Nicholas Booker, *Andrew Brooks (Winnetka, IL), AJ Edelman (8), Royce Flacker (8), *Seth Friedman (Cincinnati, OH), Charlie Fromm, Josh Hanson-Kaplan (8), Matthew Lazarov, *Josh Levitas (Deerfield, IL), Sacha Pritzker (8), Henry Quinn-Pasin (8), Nate Schwartz, Michael Seigel, Richie Shapira, Alex Swett (8), *Jackson Weil (Northbrook, IL), *Nick Wittcoff (Westlake Village, CA), *Avery Zimmerman (Chicago)

5th Grade Campers: Jake Abrams (8), Jack Arnstein, Alex Aronoff (8), Nathan Berman, Jackson Byck, *Luke Conrad (Chicago), Justin Cutler, Daniel Finan, Eli Fraerman, Adam Goldenberg, Ethan Gould, Quincy Hirt (8), Adam Isaacs (8), Alec Jacobson, Jamie Lindy, *Sam Mellow (Montclair, NJ), Ben Michel, Max Michel, Max Moog (8), Louis Olswang (8), Spencer Porter (8), Michael Rivkin (8), Matthew Saslawsky, C.J. Schwab, Gabe Sher (8), Max Steinbaum, Meier Werthan

6th Grade Campers: Josh Abraham, Charlie Billings (8), Christopher Booker, Ted Chazkel (8), Harry Critchfield-Jain (8), Jordon DeGroot (8), Jonah Domsy (8), Jake Goldman, Adam Hirschhorn (8), Alex Kaplan, Joseph Liesman, Leo Mack, Mark Rodgers, Nathan Salon (8), Jack Trachtenberg, Ben Werthan, Ethan Winters, Ben Wolf, Zachary Zhang (8), Ryan Zimmerman (8)

7th Grade Campers: Louie Bogolub, Lewis Burik (8), Frank Culhane (8), Adam Erickson, Jake Friedman, Walt Fromm, Brett Golden, Max Goldsmith, Danny Hoffman (8), Ben Huston, Bennett Jacobs, Reid Kahn (8), Noah Kanter, Will Kolbrener, Danny Koretz (8), Sam Levin (8), *Joey Levy (Highland Park, IL), Sam Lucas (8), Sam May (8), Caleb Miller (8), Ezra Miller (8), Jake Miller, Jonathan Perlman (8), Morgan Perlman (8), Isaac Rosenzweig, Ben Rubin, Jacob Schechter (8), Adam Schimberg (8), Andrew Schwartz, Teddy Shapira, Max Slosburg, Josh Spitzer-Resnick, Noah Steinbaum, Graham Straus (8), Andrew Yanishevski, Stephen Yoffie (8), Matt Zitlin

8th Grade Campers: Jeremy Bloom (8), Gregg Booker, Jeremy Boshwit, Grant Chukerman (8), Gabriel Colman (8), Michael Deutsch, Ian Diamond (8), *Gilles Eckhardt (Duesseldorf, Germany), Elliot Eisen (8), Marco Flacker (8), Zack Halpern, Sam Held, *Adam Jorgensen (Birkerød, Denmark), Max Learner (8), Dan Michel (8), Morris Mills (8), Harrison Morof, Matthew Myer (8), Harry O'Gorman (8), David Pilsk (8), Adam Quiat (8), Nachi Santa Cruz, Benjamin Shapiro, Neal Shulman (8), Liam Sondreal (8), Zack Stern (8), Steven Weil, Nathan Weiskirch, *JJ Werdel (St. Louis)

9th Grade Campers: Alex Alpert, Andrew Berliant, Daniel Blumberg (8), Jeffrey Burnstine (8), Andy Cohen (8), Sam Feldman (8), Elliot Frank (8), Eli Fromm (8), Jonathan Gerstell (8), Josh Hoffman (8), Harrison Jacobs, Sasha Kahn (8), Daniel Kaminsky (8), Cobey Koretz (8), Josh Lansky, Louis Levin (8), Bennett Levis (8), Sam Levis (8), Andrew Meyer (8), Nick Morof (8), Zach Muzik (8), Mack Pridmore (8), Brian Ringel, Maximilian Rorsted (8), Grant Sachs (8), Loren Scheman (8), Max Schwartz (8), Jamey Sharp (8), Andrew Shutzberg (8), Nathan Siegel (8), Noah Stein (8), Sam Werthan (8), Alex Yoffie (8)

LAST LEG OF 2010 REUNIONS!

After a successful East Coast and Chicago tour, Adam Kaplan will make two final jaunts to the West Coast and Southwest. Listed below are the remaining reunion details. **Please note that the February 2nd San Francisco reunion has been cancelled.** 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
Los Angeles	Feb. 5	Hirschhorn's, Fri., Feb. 5, 7 PM 560 Toyopa Drive, Pacific Palisades
Phoenix	Feb. 8	Lewis', Mon., Feb. 8, 7 PM 11148 E. Carol Avenue, Scottsdale
Dallas	Feb. 23	Koretz', Tues., Feb. 23, 7 PM 3312 Lakebrook Dr., Plano
San Antonio	Feb. 24	Kustoff's, Wed., Feb. 24, 7 PM 2 Westelm Circle, San Antonio

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IT'S 2010. DO WE KNOW WHERE OUR STAFF IS? YES!

Back in late 2009, many staff contacted us to say they would like to return. This ensures that we will have veterans in place to lead the charge into another great summer underneath the towering white pines. Many of our key positions have been filled, and cabin counselors and trip staff are coming into the fold.

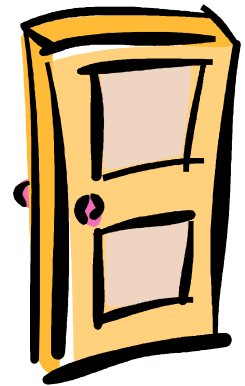
Here are the returnees for the summer of 2010. We are excited about our push lineup! Guy Sachs will head up our Swamper Village, Alex Gordon (after a 19 year hiatus) will be our Logger Push, and Bob Sher will be returning in his new role as Lumberjack Push. Frank Sachs is returning as the Director of Counseling. Donna Bell is returning as one of our cooks and joining her will be Beth Kessler as another lead cook. Christine Kessler, Zana Ericksen, and Nolan Anderson will also be working in our kitchen. Linnea Moss will spend another summer as our town driver. Jeremy Nordin-Berghuis will be directing our waterfront. Andrea L'Tainen, the wife of Bob Sher and mother of campers Gabe Sher and Simon L'Tainen, will be our Assistant Waterfront Director. We are excited to have Rand Shapiro heading up CNOC this summer. Rand's knowledge of outdoor skills will enhance everyone's camping experience. Bailey Aro will be heading up photography, Joseph Hutchence will head sailing, and Cody Haavik will be directing the biking program. Tovah Goldfine is returning for another summer in the craft shop. Elisa Nordin-Berghuis returns to the office and, after a year off, Lilli Cain joins us for 2010 in the office. Mary Stang returns to our infirmary.

Jason Hirschhorn, Charlie Samuels, James Atkinson, Phil Dexter, John Nevins, Joe Kitchenham, Jacob Blumenfeld, Grant Rosskamm, Reid Chukerman, Liam Clements, Joey Laskin, Sam Worth, Malcolm Kerr, Dale Glasspiegel, Drake Johnson, and Alfredo Phillips are all returning as senior cabin staff. Returning after a brief hiatus is Mitchell Lakeland from Australia. Returning junior counselors include Max Alpert, Bradley Ringel, Luca Bacci, Jake Hoffman, Will Meyer, Charlie Felsenthal, Ric Best, Louis Coppersmith, Max Sapiro, Kevin Shutzberg, Spence Myer, Dan Quiat, Michael Cohen, Michael Weinberg, Joel Hensel, Joel Sircus, and Nate Mendelsohn. Bjorn Larsen and Henry McKenna are coming back to be on trip staff. New to trip staff this summer is Robby Balikov and Lewis Kopman. Terry Beltezore and Mike Denny are returning for yet another summer as trip drivers. Our assistant trip director will be Theresa Fox. Theresa is a resident of Boise and is excited for a summer at Nebagamon.

All in all, it is shaping up to be yet another GREAT staff! Can't wait until June!

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE THE DOORMAN



One of my favorite parts of working at camp in the winter is being able to work uninterrupted on woodshop projects. For me there is nothing more rewarding or satisfying than taking paper, pencil, a pile of lumber, and a well outfitted shop and creating something you design and build yourself. Over the years, camp has given me ample opportunities to sharpen my carpentry and design skills. Some of the projects I've gotten to work on have been complicated furniture designs, such as the case work in the Big House living room, or the display cases for the old wooden Paul Bunyan heads in the Herb Hollinger museum. On projects like these, a lot of time is spent in the design phase. In the Big House living room, I had to make sure that the cases would fit the space well, hold all of the picture books efficiently while allowing room to spare for future season's additions, and look good and cohesive as a group. With the cases for the Paul Bunyan heads, my carpentry skills were tested by the need to include a lot of glass for viewing the heads while incorporating enough wood to hold it all together securely and show off the camp harvested quarter sawn oak optimally. Too much of that beautiful wood, and you lose a good view of the heads. Too much glass, and the structure fails, and the heavy two foot tall carved wooden heads would roll! And some projects are mass reproduction projects like the 18 double Adirondack chairs I built some years back. That project tested my endurance as I had to reproduce hundreds of the same parts over and over again before getting to the first assembled chair. In that case, the design work was minimal because we already had a great chair design that I needed to merely copy. The only change I made there was selecting a more rot resistant wood for the parts that came in contact with the ground. A third type of ground-up woodshop project that I've faced at camp is the type that I would compare to doing laundry at home. No matter how often you do it, it's never done. Case in point, screen doors.

Around camp the screen door is the "go to" door for our 70 plus buildings and shacks. Roughly counting on my always present camp map, I count 88 screen doors. The Rec Hall alone has seven of them! If you are ever around camp during the summer and have the opportunity to go out on the lake just before the campers leave the Rec Hall after dinner, you will be able to hear almost every one of those 88 screen doors slam shut over and over as the campers make their way back to the cabins and hit the Jops before the evening's program. I was both astounded and a bit terrified the first time I experienced "The Symphony of the Camp Nebagamon Screen Doors." Over the years, I figure I have personally rebuilt about half of those doors, and I'm not going to terrify the parents (or camp directors!) amongstst you readers with the miles of screen and plastic screen we have replaced and patched on them. The very first door I rebuilt was done in my first winter here, and is still in service on Axeman Seven. At the time, I was determined not to take the path of so many caretakers before me and simply cover the rot with a sheet of plywood or hold the corners together with some iron bars. (With the vast number of doors in need of replacing, buying ready made was cost prohibitive and they required a lot of customization to fit our needs.) So, I designed and built my first experimental prototype. I have learned a lot over the years from that first door. The fact that it is still functioning 15 years later means that it wasn't a total failure, and each time I have to make a repair to it and successive versions, I learn what to avoid and improve in each new design. This year I am working on, probably, design generation 5, or as you techies would say G5. I think my G5 screen doors are going to be some of the toughest yet. But, being a realist who has over many years seen what a boy can do to a screen door, as well as having experienced "The Symphony of the Camp Nebagamon Screen Doors," I am sure there will be a G6 screen door design. Thinking up ways to record the symphony for upload to You Tube, it's Caretaker Joe, At Camp.

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