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LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

Many of us will be doing some traveling during the next few weeks. With school vacations, as well as several national holidays, many folks take some time during this season to go places and see people. That is part of the plan for the Hanson-Kaplan crew as we will be traveling back to the Midwest to spend some time with family in Minnesota. To be honest, after spending a good deal of time on the road already, the prospect of another trip does not appeal to me very much....particularly when the airports are likely to be extremely busy and chaotic.

The only thing that I enjoy about traveling during this time of year is the trip to the newsstand in the airports. Now in general I am not much of a magazine reader, but I have to admit that all changes during this time of year. This is the time of year when so many magazines come out with their "year in review" issues. I love these issues. Whether it be Sports Illustrated's *Best Moments in Sports*, or Time Magazine's *Person of the Year*, or Life Magazine's *Year in Review*, or Camping Magazine's *10 Hunkiest Camp Directors of the Intermountain West*, I always enjoy sitting down and thinking about the year past, and remembering what has taken place over the course of the last twelve months around the world.

So too, it is kind of fun to spend a bit of energy looking back on the past year at Nebagamon. This past year has been a really exciting one for camp. It saw the construction of a brand new caretakers' shop (which is the envy of my camp director buddies far and wide!) which allows our year round caretakers to be much more productive in the off season. 2009 also witnessed the introduction of our new four week counseling program for first year junior counselors. This new program allowed us to get a chance to see more talented young staffers and gave camp a boost of super positive energy right at changeover. Of course, 2009 was also the first summer of our climbing program which was highlighted by the construction of our brand spanking new 50' climbing wall! This has been a great new program at camp and has opened new doors to self confidence and achievement for all of our campers.

In addition to having the chance to reflect about the year just passed, this time of year also beckons for us to think ahead to what will be in the coming year, and what things we would like to do differently. This is such a common practice that we give these forward looking promises a name. They are called our *New Year's Resolutions*.

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY

Simply put...the West is amazing! At the end of our latest 6000 mile and 15 state reunion tour, I spent a couple of days in the mountains of Colorado. Of course I spent it fishing, and the first day was spectacular. Not only was the fishing great, but the scenery was incredible. There I was sitting on a pickle bucket on the ice (yes, to me comfort is EVERYTHING!) in the middle of one of Denver's sacred reservoirs in a wide open valley, surrounded by towering snow covered peaks. Add in a doubled-over jig rod with a 20 inch rainbow trout peeling out drag...pure magic! The bite was on for the first couple of hours until a wall of wind pushed in, bringing my buddy and I a windchill that would make Lake Superior shiver! We toughed it out for a while longer, but then retreated to the car once my whole body started aching from the cold. I could

not have asked for a better day of ice fishing!

As I stated earlier, it was quite the reunion tour. We were warmly greeted with great attendance and gigantic spreads of food in every city. With the East coast tour beginning at the start of 2010, both Adam and I hope to see everyone in their respective cities! Now seeing that we cannot make it to every city this off-season, I would still love to make you famous in the Arrowhead. So pull out some of that leftover letterhead from this past summer and write to me in Boise with NEWS OF YOU! If you choose to save the trees, then please email me at fornear@campnebagamon.com. 'Till next month, enjoy the outdoors with your favorite pair of skis, fishing pole or hiking boots.

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that in Cincinnati, **Zack Halpern** has been keeping busy with cross country and playing the electric bass for his school's jazz band. **Adam Schimberg** plays the guitar with "Hey Joe" being his favorite song to play. Heading south to Nashville we learned that **Sam May** has been staying active with basketball. **Jake May** ran cross-country this fall for the University School of Nashville. **Zack Stern** also runs cross country for USN and plays soccer. **Bennett Jacobs** is keeping busy playing lacrosse. After another day of driving we found ourselves in Atlanta, and while there I found out that **Blake Balser** is wrestling for his school. **Alex and Reid Balser** are both playing basketball. **Reid** recently played the role of the Judge in the *Nutcracker*. Both **Andrew Shutzberg** and **Michael Deutsch** are wrestling for their schools. **Michael Cohen** has really been enjoying playing badminton. With a short drive to the west we were in Memphis. **Jeremy Boshwit** informed us that he has been playing soccer. **Benji Ballin** is playing basketball for his school. **Matthew Saslawsky** played football for Lausanne Collegiate School in the position of cornerback. Heading west once again we arrived in St. Louis. After eating many pounds of donuts we learned that **Stephen Yoffie** plays the clarinet and **Nachi Santa Cruz** is wrestling and playing basketball. **Jack Holds** has started hockey this winter. **Mark Rodgers** continues to play tennis. **Sam Feldman** is the small forward for the Parkway Central basketball team. **Grant Sachs** was a starting linebacker for the Ladue Rams this fall. For the winter, **Grant** will be wrestling at the varsity level. **Harry O'Gorman** was on the swim team and plays basketball at the Crossroads School. Back in the car, we headed for Kansas City. There I learned that **Natty Crenner** is playing lacrosse and **Charlie Fromm** has been playing tennis and basketball. **Eli** and **Walter Fromm** are both wrestling for Pembroke Hill. **Jake Goldman** has been spending most of his free time golfing. Lastly, with Kaplan flying and me driving, we made it to Denver. **Elliot Eisen** informed me that he is playing basketball and tennis. **Ben Huston** loves skiing at Winter Park (I agree 100 percent!). **Sam Quiat** has begun playing hockey. **Dan Quiat** played golf this fall and is also active with DECA. **Sam Allen** lettered as a cornerback for the ThunderRidge football team. **Max Sapiro's** ultimate Frisbee team played against **Max Ciaglo's** team. You'll have to contact them to see who won. In other news, **Spencer Porter** (Chicago) will be performing a Diablo act in the Chicago Youth Circus.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Sam Barrows** (Chicago/Denver '96-'01, '03-'06) is working for Representative Ed Perlmutter of Colorado's 7th Congressional District. **Joe Crain** (Lake Nebagamon '95 - present) has groomed the first tracks at the Camp Nebagamon Cross Country Ski Trails last week. **Robert Schiff** (Piedmont, CA '93-'94) is a consultant with McKinsey & Co. **Jay Heyman** (Chicago '42-'44) is a founding board member of Steppenwolf Theatre Company in Chicago.

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WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to **Robert Schiff** (Piedmont, CA '93-'94) and Harper Matheson (Piedmont, CA).

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a boy, **Max**, for **Lisa Kelly Willman** (Minneapolis '89-'90, '93-'02) and Wade Willman (Minneapolis). It's a boy, **Jacob Tarleau**, for Marnie Shifrin (St. Louis) and **Jeff Shifrin** (St. Louis '78-'83).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to **Jake Friedman** (Cincinnati) and **Alex Balsler** (Atlanta).

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(Admittedly, it would be tough to come up with more of a cliché article for the Arrowhead than a *New Year's Resolution* article! And, while it is certainly a bit cliché to discuss the whole *New Year's Resolution* thing, I actually believe that it is a very healthy thing....and since I get to choose the Arrowhead topics....you are just going to have to deal with it!) In my experience, the *New Year's Resolution* gets a bad rap. The entire concept of the *New Year's Resolution* is the butt of jokes, and more so, simply something that people say they don't have the time, energy, or desire to deal with. This leads us to develop and ignore bad habits. The group put-down of the *New Year's Resolution* concept, gives us all an excuse to avoid the introspecting needed to uncover what we need to do better.

I think this is a mistake. Virtually any successful person, whether they be a successful athlete or a successful business owner, will tell you that one of the keys to their success was to be able to evaluate themselves and identify areas which needed improvement. Here are some examples. When Michael Jordan came into the NBA he had a decent outside jump shot, but it was certainly unremarkable. After he identified this as an area in which he could improve, he worked hard at it and eventually turned himself into an excellent outside shooter, thus dramatically improving his game. Also, whether it be a restaurant, a hotel, or a pet sitter, almost every successful business uses tools such as customer surveys and internal evaluations to evaluate itself and identify areas for improvement. Without this introspection, there would be very little growth. Finally, when seeking to improve his game, professional golfer, Tiger Woods,well...um.....nah....too easy.

Certainly we all know that success, when it comes to our professional lives, is dependent upon us casting a critical eye on our operations and making the changes necessary to improve. So why is it then that we sometimes resist applying the same concepts of introspection and active change to our personal lives? Much of the time we simply fall back on excuses. "I am too busy." "I never follow through with my resolutions anyways, so why start?" "I am already stressed enough." "I am who I am; there is no way I can change that." "How could I ever hope to become chiseled enough to compete with that camp director I read about in Camping Magazine's year-end edition?" Admittedly, I often adopt one of these lines and therefore successfully avoid having to take a hard look at myself.

Not this year.

This year I resolve to make some *New Year's Resolutions*! The nature of these resolutions is best kept to myself. (The editors of Camping Magazine begged me to do whatever I could to keep the illusion alive!). Though I think it unlikely that the result of these changes will garner me my own line of tennis shoes, I am hoping that I will have the willpower and stick-to-itiveness to actually affect these changes and continue to grow.

All of us here at the Off-Season Camp Nebagamom Headquarters (ok....my basement!) wish you all a great holiday season and a New Year filled with happiness, exciting adventures and successful introspection.

REGISTRATIONS STILL COMING IN



It's almost 2010, and registrations keep coming in to our winter office in Boise. If you are planning on returning to Nebagamon next summer, please register soon so we can make sure you have a spot for the summer. *This is especially true for any eighth- or ninth-grade campers that plan on attending for eight weeks.* 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), *Charlie Moog (Chicago, IL), *Kai Sulkin (Tokyo, Japan), Isaac Weiss

4th Grade Campers: Nathaniel Arkin, *Tony Bogolub (St. Paul, MN), Nicholas Booker, *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, Alex Swett (8), *Jackson Weil (Northbrook, IL), *Avery Zimmerman (Chicago, IL)

5th Grade Campers: Jake Abrams (8), Jack Arnstein, Alex Aronoff (8), Jackson Byck, *Luke Conrad (Chicago, IL), Justin Cutler, Daniel Finan, Eli Fraerman, Adam Goldenberg, 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), Adam Hirschhorn (8), Joseph Liesman, Leo Mack, Mark Rodgers, Nathan Salon (8), Jack Trachtenberg, Ben Werthan, Ethan Winters, Ben Wolf, 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, 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, Jacob Schechter (8), Adam Schimberg (8), Andrew Schwartz, Max Slosburg, Josh Spitzer-Resnick, Noah Steinbaum, Graham Straus (8), Andrew Yanishevski, Stephen Yoffie (8), Matt Zitlin

8th Grade Campers: Gregg Booker, Grant Chukerman (8), Gabe Colman (8), Michael Deutsch, Ian Diamond (8), Elliot Eisen (8), Zack Halpern, Max Learner (8), Dan Michel (8), Mo 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, MO)

9th Grade Campers: Alex Alpert, Daniel Blumberg (8), Jeffrey Burnstine (8), Andy Cohen (8), Sam Feldman (8), Elliot Frank (8), Eli Fromm (8), Jonathan Gerstell (8), Josh Hoffman (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)

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE RELEARNS A LESSON...AGAIN!

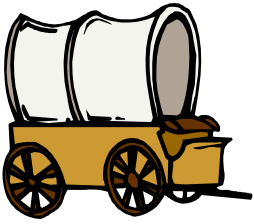
At last, a winter like condition has descended on the Northland, but it wasn't until the second week in December. While the mid-section of the country was blasted by the first big storm of the season, those of us up here in the Northland were watching the Weather Channel in utter disappointment as all of the snow and glorious nasty winter weather missed us well to the south. But just as hope was all but dashed, the winds came around and started to blow from the north-east, down Lake Superior, and brought us beautiful lake effect snow. Unlike the areas at the east end of the Great Lakes that can see lake snow events that last for days at a time due to the prevailing westerly winds, here at the western end of the Great Lakes we have shorter lived, though just as intense, lake snows. Where the east end of the Great Lakes will often see several feet of snow, here lake events usually only produce 10-15 inches. But it comes down hard while the wind is in the right direction, with one to two inches an hour quite common.



Well, as you can imagine after the snow stopped falling, the only thing I could think about was getting out my old 1975 Arctic Cat Pantera snowmobile and packing that fluffy mass of snow into a skiable track. I was so excited about grooming up the trails that I forgot a couple of things about old snowmobiles and deep snow that has fallen on bare ground in really cold temperatures. First off, I forgot that in 1975, snowmobile manufacturing was still in its relative infancy and the fancy geared pull start mechanism had not been invented yet. This meant that my 34 year old Arctic Cat, while still in excellent running order, is not that easy to start when the temperature is in the single digits. It all came back to me as I nonchalantly yanked at the starter rope, and the rope didn't move as far as the tendons in my wrist did! Oh yeah, cold weather starts require both hands, feet firmly planted, and a hard long full body tug that results in the motor turning about three revolutions by the end of the stroke. After about eight of these full bodied, two handed pulls, the motor starts to receive enough gas oil mix that you get about five revolutions per pull. Imagine, if you can, starting a lawnmower with molasses in the engine instead of oil, and you will begin to get a glimpse of what starting my snowmobile was like. So, after about a gallon of sweat and approximately 30 tugs at the starter rope, just when I thought I could tug no more, the motor jumped to life for its 34th winter season. As the motor warmed up to operating temperature, and I cooled down to my operating temperature, my excitement again built to a judgment clouding level. So, I hooked up the sled and set off down the trail toward the bike shack and tennis courts at the bottom of the Hill. Now, I hope that I'm not the only one, but do you ever have something you do annually, and annually make the same mistake the first time out? Well, every year I set out on the first deep snow trail groom with the sled attached, and every year when I come to the first hill on the course, I get the machine stuck due to the fact that the deep fluffy unpacked snow is so loose that it is being piled high on the sled, thus turning it into a large drag at the rear of the snowmobile. Have you ever seen one of those tractor pulls on TV where the farther the tractor pulls down the track the harder the sled it is pulling drags at the ground until the tractor stops moving and just starts to shoot dirt out from its back tires? Then you know exactly what happens to me and my 34 year old cat at the first incline we meet. I am also quickly reminded that in 1975 snowmobiles were made of heavy American steel...REALLY very heavy American steel! But, after another gallon of perspiration and temporary abandonment of the tracker sled, I am able to turn the machine back down the hill and am on my way down the trail for a first snow packing pass. One of these years I'll remember to be less excited and clearer headed. (Yeah, right!)

Looking forward to a holiday break filled with Nordic Skiing at camp, and wishing you and yours a Happy Holidays and fantastic New Year, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

THE ROAD SHOW ROLLS ON



The two Adams just returned from a fun-filled reunion trip in the South and Midwest. They saw lots of Nebagamon families, ate some great barbeque, and got to catch up with some alumni too. Just after the holidays, they will head out to the East Coast after a stop in the Twin Cities. Listed below is the entire reunion 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
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. 5	Hirschhorn's, Fri., Feb. 5, 7 PM 560 Toyopa Drive, Pacific Palisades
Phoenix	Feb. 7	TBA
Dallas	Feb. 23	TBA
San Antonio	Feb. 24	TBA

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