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WINTER CAMP

While our move to Boise, Idaho several years ago was undoubtedly a great choice for our family, this time of year proves to be challenging. With our family, like so many others spread out over thousands of miles, getting together for the holiday season requires some sacrifice. And so it was that we packed up our things and made the trek out to Minnesota for a two week stay in winter...sacrifices indeed! Truth be told, I look forward to our bi-annual holiday trip to the Midwest. Not only is it a great opportunity to spend some legitimately quality time with family, but also, there is something really appropriate about spending this time of year in the quintessentially winter holiday climate of Minnesota. So it was a shock to all of us when we arrived in Minnesota to nearly 50 degree temperatures and not a trace of snow anywhere. Sunny and 50 degrees in mid December? Crazy stuff...reminded me more of the first day of waterproof swim tests this summer than it did of December in Minnesota! Admittedly, I was not too bummed about missing out on the "quintessentially winter holiday climate of Minnesota" concept that I had been working so hard to sell to my family!

In addition to getting a chance to spend time with family, we love heading out this way for the holidays because it means that we will get to take a trip up to Camp Nebagamon for a couple of days. While I certainly prefer camp in the summer, the magic of the place is almost as strong in the winter. Every year, we all look forward to our arrival at a Little House decorated outside with huge piles of snow that have been lovingly shoveled out of the way for us by our awesome caretakers. We look forward to trudging through the feet of snow that have fallen all over camp. We anticipate the amazing sledding runs down the Swamper Hill that await us. We relish the beauty and silence of the place when it is encased in its winter blanket...and so it was that we arrived at camp on December 27th to a 45 degree day with absolutely no snow anywhere! The disappointment in the car was palpable. The snowy winter playground was not to be. Still, the weather earlier in the season had been cold enough for Lake Nebagamon to become totally frozen over. With a twelve inch thick coat of ice across the entire lake, it becomes home to small ice houses and an occasional highway for ATVs and pick-ups alike. Now, virtually every other time we have been up to camp in the winter, Lake Nebagamon has been frozen over, but also covered with at least a foot of snow. This year, it was a sheer sheet of glass....beautiful and intimidating. Our first

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



I don't know about you, but I love this time of year! Sure I wish there was snow, but it is awfully nice to just take some time off over the holidays midway through the "off" season. I'm willing to bet that those of you in school are going to take this time to relax, catch up with family, and either register for the upcoming camp season or sign a contract to come back and work at camp. We are sitting at the phones waiting for those calls! Along with waiting for a phone call from you, because it's the winter I have been thinking about fishing for steelhead. Yes, it's that time of year when the glorious steelhead start to make their pilgrimage up the river in which they were born a couple of years back. Every fall and winter, steelhead, whether they're in the Pacific Ocean or one of the Great Lakes, swim upstream for the winter, hang out, and then find their favorite gravel bed and spawn in the spring. While they are in the rivers they are a little easier to catch (only because of the size of the water) with your favorite fly or little cleo spoon. Well, on the last reunion tour road show, I was able to do a little bit of steelheading in Wisconsin and New York. While I got skunked in the Wisconsin tributaries of Lake Michigan, it was a different story in western New York. I landed four chromers and missed two in a shale-lined trib of Lake Erie. It was a spectacular afternoon of fishing. All four of the fish I landed fought hard, pulled lots of line off the fly reel, and put a smile on my face ear to ear! The only downer of the day was that the temp never rose above 42 degrees. But really who cares; the steelhead were on the bite! Now that I'm in Boise, I can still get my steelhead fix right in town or just a couple of hours north with the steelhead making an 860 mile swim from the Pacific. Anyhow, that's the fishing report from the camp office. If you ever want to talk fishing, give me a call during business hours!

Thank you to all that have made it out for a camp reunion. You've shared some great news that I have been able to put into print on this page. With that said, I still have a couple of months to report news of the camp family, so keep on sending me news via email, snail mail or the telephone! 'Till next month, have some fun with family and friends, and if you have any extra snow, UPS it to the Idaho mountains!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that in Chicago this past fall, **Will Oppenheim** organized 40 kids to clean up the Chicago Beach along Foster Ave. They collected 25 giant bags of trash! Nice work Will! **Marcus Berg** (Minneapolis) ran for 724 yards this season for the Blake Bear football team. He was awarded MVP, All Conference, and All Section. In Pittsburgh, we learned that **Will Kolbrener** is on his school's swim team. **Ben Harrison** plays soccer. His brother, **Eli**, plays soccer on the same team as **Eli Amshel**. **Bryce Endrizzi** keeps busy with basketball. New York was our second stop on the second half of the 30-day, 7234-mile reunion tour. While there, we were informed that **Peyton Meyer** continues to play tennis. **Peyton** was instrumental in helping us set up the New York reunion this year, showing us the best location for displaying slides and the summer video. Thanks Peyton! **Charles Meyer** is playing the guitar and exploring his interests in photography and video filming. **Eli Hecht** participates in theatre after school. **Brandon Troeller** plays tennis and baseball in a couple of leagues and **Sam Mellow** plays bass guitar. **Ben Platt** spent the fall playing baseball. **Henry Susser** plays hockey all winter long. **Sam Reichert** played football this past fall. Lastly, **Isaac Weiss-Meyer** was in a play that was an adaptation of *Animal Farm*. He played the role of Snowball. The following morning Adam, Stephanie and I headed south to Philadelphia. There I was told that **Gabe Sher** and his brother **Simon L'Tainen** are playing ice hockey this winter. **Jonathan Perlman** runs the one mile event for indoor track and was on the J.V. cross country team this past fall. **Ian Diamond** also ran cross-country this fall and he will be running the 5k race for his school's indoor track team this winter. **Ian** will be rowing crew this coming spring. The next day, Stephanie, **Jessie Stein Diamond** and I went for a great run and then it was off to Washington D.C. While I was unable to attend the D.C. reunion, Steph and Adam told me there was a great turnout. **Ian Bogucki** told Steph he was playing basketball for Western Loudon basketball team. **Colton Bogucki** was also playing basketball and is in a running club at his school. **Jonah Docter-Loeb** just finished up his soccer season. **Gabe Colman** recently broke his thumb and wrist playing basketball and he played defense on the varsity soccer team. **Jimmy Scharff** plays defense for the McDaniel College lacrosse team. **Noah Saag** writes a sports blog, which can be found at getjuiced5.wordpress.com. From D.C. the three of us headed our separate ways. Adam was off to North

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Carolina, Stephanie back to Boise, and I headed north again to Boston. In Boston, **David Grossman** couldn't stop talking about Throck and also informed me that he participated in a FIRST Robotics program. **Jesse Huggins'** baseball team took 3rd place this fall. Early the next morning I was back in the car headed west to Boise. Thank you again for making it out to the reunions!

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Liam Clements** (UK/Sydney '09-'11) is an exploration geologist in Sydney, Australia. His main task is searching out new sources of coal to be mined. **Ben Thomas** (Boise/D.C. '05-'09) is a digital media and communications specialist for an international design firm. **Daniel Wasserman** (Denver/Boston '96-'02,'04-07) is a competitive market analyst for Atlantic – ACM, a consulting firm based in Boston. **Clayton Schmidt** (NY '98-'03,'05-'07) is a communications planning assistant for MediaCom, a media specialist company. **Justin Barstein** (Dallas /NY '01,'04-'05) is an associate for a private equity firm in New York. **Jon Chait** (Detroit/NY '84-'87,'89) is a writer for *New York* magazine. **Jim Gerstein** (Chicago/D.C. '82-'85,'86-'89) is the founder and partner of GBA Strategies, a company that specializes in public opinion research, strategic planning, communications and project management.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS go to **Clif Ashley** (Kansas City/June Lake, CA '03-'06) and Jessica Horn (June Lake, CA).

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a boy, **Garrett James**, for **Cary (Gregor) Davis** (Boise/Seattle '01-04,'07) and Scott Davis (Seattle).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to **Quincy Hirt** (Chicago).

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walk out there was quite the experience. We started our lake walk out by the Range, about fifty yards out onto the lake, and made our way around The Point, to the Waterfront...probably about a third of a mile walk. I am pretty sure that at some point, each member of our intrepid exploratory crew bit it hard on the ice! And then there were the noises. About five minutes into our walk we started occasionally hearing cracks and eerie almost metallic sounds emanating from beneath our feet. We had been warned about these "pressure cracks" and knew not to be scared...but still...well...we were scared! Steph and I exchanged the "I can't believe that the next newspaper headline about a tragic accident resulting from irresponsible parents" was going to be about us. Then she reminded me of what Andy and Amy Mack had told us about those cracking sounds. Turns out that as the lake freezes and the ice grows, it expands and makes pressure fractures in the ice. The cracks are actually a function of the ice growing...not shrinking. We pressed on....

When we finally reached the Waterfront, Steph, Josie and Ben headed back up to the Little House to warm up and get the hot chocolate going. Our son Josh asked if we could stay out. I asked him how long he wanted to stay, and the response, appropriate to all of us that are in love with that lake and the sacred ground that is Camp Nebagamon, was "As long as you are willing to stay out." Needless to say....we stayed a while.

After we had had wandered a good 500 yards out into the middle of the lake and soaked it all in for a while, we decided it was time to head back. As we made our way back, we noticed what appeared to be four figures on the shore making their way in our direction. Given the fact that we had seen nobody since our arrival, we were very curious. Several minutes later we were face to face with four members of our staff from last summer! Turns out they too made a pilgrimage to Lake Nebagamon to take in the winter feel of the place. (Their travel arrangements were certainly simplified by the fact that two of them had grandparents with the last name of Stein...and a third with great grandparents named Lorber!) After we exchanged hugs and pleasantries, one of them said, "I just wanted to make sure that I delivered this." She then handed me

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MORE REGISTRATIONS ARRIVE!



It's already 2012, and enrollment forms keep coming in to our winter office in Boise. If you are planning on returning to Nebagamom next summer, please register soon so we can make sure you have a spot for the 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: *Ben Hanson-Kaplan (Boise, ID), *Joshua Yang (Hong Kong)

4th Grade Campers: *Ridley Angrist (Mission Hills, KS), Jonah Docter-Loeb, *Ben Dubinsky (University City, MO), Nate Hohner, Jordan Hornick, *Jacob Kassel (Roswell, GA), Ben Lindy, Carson Lubin, Isaac Miller, Ryan Philip, Ben Platt, Jack Rogen, *Charlie Steinbaum (St. Louis, MO), Henry Susser, Ari Weiss

5th Grade Campers: Eli Amshel, Tommy Bellaire, *Matthew Campbell (Lake Oswego, OR), Charley Cunningham, *Jason Eisen (Burke, VA), Bryce Endrizzi, Andrew Frisch, *Matthew Grosman (Germantown, TN), Andrew Guest, Eli Harrison, Eli Hecht, Daniel Hochberg, Lenny Kaznachey, William McCreary (8), Charlie Moog (8), Joey Rivkin (8), Christopher Rosenthal (8), Brett Schoppert, Levi Solomon, Isaac Weiss, *Charlie Woodman (Atlanta, GA)

6th Grade Campers: Seth Alexander, *Ethan Angrist (Mission Hills, KS), Joey Apter, Eli Asher, Tony Bogolub, Colton Bogucki, Ethan Cohen, Max Fleischer, Seth Friedman (8), Charlie Fromm, John Golden, Josh Hanson-Kaplan (8), Christopher King (8), Teddy Lambert, Josh Levitas (8), Erik Montag, Henry Quinn-Pasin (8), Sam Rezaei (8), Michael Seigel, Nathan Shapiro, Ethan Strull, Alex Swett (8), Harrison Thomas, *Eric Yang (Hong Kong), Avery Zimmerman, Abe Zuraw

7th Grade Campers: Jeremy Berkowitz, Nate Berman, Luke Conrad (8), *Robert Doane-Solomon (London), Daniel Finan, Eli Fraerman, Ben Harrison, Quincy Hirt (8), Adam Isaacs (8), Jack Kanterman, Jamie Lindy, Richard Lottes, Sam Mellow (8), Max Michel (8), Max Moog (8), Louis Olswang (8), Michael Rivkin (8), Matthew Saslawsky, CJ Schwab, Max Steinbaum, William Susser, Brandon Troeller (8), Eli Weiskirch

8th Grade Campers: Josh Abraham, Alex Barshop (8), Charlie Billings (8), Ian Bogucki, Harry Critchfield-Jain, Jordon DeGroot (8), Jonah Domsy (8), Ben Eisen, Ian Herbert, Mark Rodgers, Nathan Salon (8), Jack Trachtenberg, Ben Werthan (8), Ethan Winters (8), Ben Wolf, Ryan Zimmerman (8)

9th Grade Campers: Louie Bogolub (8), Bob Campbell (8), Frank Culhane (8), Jake Friedman (8), Walt Fromm, Reid Kahn (8), Noah Kanter (8), Will Kolbrener, Danny Koretz (8), Sam Lucas (8), Sam May (8), Caleb Miller (8), Ezra Miller (8), Jake Miller, Ben Nelson (8), Jonathan Perlman, Isaac Rosenzweig (8), Ben Rubin (8), Jacob Schechter (8), Adam Schimberg (8), Teddy Shapira, Josh Spitzer-Resnick (8), Graham Straus (8), Saul Woolf, Andrew Yanishevski, Stephen Yoffie (8)

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE WAITS AND RECOVERS

So far it's been a tough winter to be a Northlander. If it wasn't for the fact that Lake Nebagamon did manage to freeze over officially on December 2nd, (though some claim to have seen open water in Bumbles Bay as late as the 5th) you would think it was still mid-November when you take a look around outside. We have had overnight low temperatures that should be daytime high readings, and the highs have reached the lower 40s several times this December. And, to add insult to misery, Texas and Oklahoma have had more snow in the last two days than we have seen all season so far. Last year at this same date (December 21), we had some 20 inches of snow on the ground, and in Minneapolis, just a few hours south of us, they had had so much snow that it collapsed the roof on the Metrodome and the Minnesota Vikings football franchise was trying to figure out how they were going to play the last home game of their season. In my December article last year, I was bragging about having skied through camp for the whole month of December. This December I have been stomping through camp in my hiking boots, not my ski boots! I heard an interesting statistic on the radio the other day that made it clear that we Northlanders were not the only ones suffering from a lack of snow this December. Nationwide there is 75% less snow cover this December compared to last.



For me, the lack of snow has been a blessing in disguise because in mid-November I had to have a minor surgery (hernia repair) that left me with doctor's orders that stated I was to do no lifting, exercising (other than walking or hiking), snow shoveling, vacuuming, or radical bending or twisting for six weeks after the surgery. At the time I was rather disappointed that I was going to miss the first month of the ski season. As it's turned out, everybody is missing the first month of the ski season! No snow shoveling hasn't been a problem seeing as how we have had no snow to shovel. The vacuuming hasn't been an issue because Jeeves, my I-robot vacuum, has been doing that for me for more than a year now. (I keep hoping that I-robot will come out with the laundry and dish doing models soon!) And because I'm not skiing, I'm not doing any radical bending and twisting during those spectacular, though oh so seldom, high speed downhill wipe outs on the ski trails. So, I guess the lack of snow this December has had a silver lining for me (a rather tarnished silver lining though due to the circumstances) because I would really be bumming if I was sitting here not lifting, exercising, bending and twisting and right outside my door was a tantalizing two feet of perfectly groomed skiing snow!

So, Mother Nature, if you are out there reading this, I want you to know that my six week recovery period ends on Thursday, December 24th, 2011 and that my week long winter vacation starts on December 24th this year. So, if you could be so kind as to send a MAJOR blizzard our way, on say, the 26th or so (I don't want to seem greedy), that would be great!!

Hoping Mother Nature "Likes" at camp, it's Caretaker Joe.

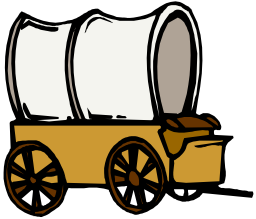
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her contract for the summer of 2012! And with that, I believe the first ever staff hire 100 yards out onto Lake Nebagamon was consummated!

That night as we were going to bed, it started to snow. When we woke up, camp had been covered by a beautiful blanket of two inches of snow. Our morning walk was absolutely gorgeous, and YOU can enjoy it too. Head to the Camp Nebagamon Facebook page and check it out! (<http://www.facebook.com/CampNebagamon>) Happy New Year from the entire camp office...

THE ROAD SHOW ROLLS ON



The two Adams and Stephanie returned just a couple weeks ago from the East Coast; at the beginning of 2012 the Adams will be joined by Emily to hit the Midwest section of the reunion tour. We can't wait to see more of you in the coming months! *(Please note that the Chicago reunion has changed its location from previous years and is now being held at the HELLER NATURE CENTER in Highland Park.)* Listed below is the entire reunion schedule, which, as usual, is subject to change. 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	Hansons', Tues., Jan. 3, 7 PM 9355 Talus Circle, Eden Prairie
Kansas City	Jan. 4	Bomba/Fromms', Wed., Jan. 4, 7 PM 5601 High Drive, Mission Hills
St. Louis	Jan. 5-6	Center of Clayton, Thurs., Jan. 5, 6:30 PM 50 Gay Avenue, Clayton
Chicago	Jan. 7-8	Heller Nature Center, Sunday, Jan. 8, 2:00 PM 2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park
Detroit	Jan. 9	Winemans', Mon., Jan. 9, 7 PM 420 Catalpa Drive, Birmingham
Los Angeles	Feb. 9	Hirschhorns', Thurs., Feb. 9, 7 PM 560 Toyopa Drive, Pacific Palisades
San Francisco	Feb. 10	Frieds', Fri., Feb. 10, 7 PM 3898 Washington St., San Francisco
Phoenix	TBA	
Seattle	TBA	

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