

THE ARROWHEAD

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A PIECE OF HISTORY

This will be the final **paper** Arrowhead that we publish. To be honest, I am surprised that we are making this decision. I will admit, for years I have defended the paper Arrowhead. I had always argued the point that it was really cool to get a piece of REAL mail once a month. (Not to mention the fact that most people told me that the paper Arrowhead was very handy given the location where they normally like to read it! Yes...I have been told that it is the perfect size to sit very nicely right on top of the commode tank!) Additionally, I will admit, that much like it is kind of fun to see a coal fired steam locomotive chugging down the train tracks every now and again, it is a nice throwback to receive a real piece of paper mail every once in a while that is not just offering me a brand new credit card! Still, in my heart, every time I see one of those locomotives barreling down the tracks, I realize that ultimately, that bit of nostalgia is polluting tremendously, and is an environmentally unsound way to move people and things around.

So, after a good deal of discussion over the course of the past few years, it became clear that if we really wanted to stand for being good stewards of the environment, we should be more deliberate about the choices that we make in that respect. It may surprise you to know that each time we publish an Arrowhead we use over 2,000 sheets of paper. That means that over the course of a year, we are using over 18,000 sheets of paper! Can you imagine that? 18,000 pieces of paper a year?!?!? And as much as I would like to believe that all of those sheets are being read and put to good use, I think we all know better! Truth is, we can reach just as many (if not more) people by sending the Arrowhead electronically.

The new format will allow us a lot of flexibility, and the ability to do some new things with the Arrowhead.....not the least of which will be some photos. We are all really excited about creating a new and better Arrowhead for all of you!

So...for those of you nostalgic types, this Arrowhead is a keeper. Admittedly, it marks both a sad parting from the past but also an optimistic look forward at better ways of doing things. Procedurally speaking, please make sure that the camp office has a working email address for you so that you will be able to receive the new and improved electronic Arrowhead beginning this October.

(Please direct all approving notes about this change to adam@campnebagamon.com and all complaints to stephanie@campnebagamon.com!)



NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY

This past weekend I was lucky enough to spend four days in the Boundary Waters. Of course the trip's main focus was to wet a line and attempt to catch some walleye, northern, and lake trout, but it was also nice to do some pre-season paddling. The fishing was great and the walleye we had for dinner was spectacular. Clear skies, loons talking to each other all night long, and wolves howling off in the distance made it a memorable trip. The bear hang took about 12 throws and my tautline hitch is second to none. As many of you can attest, any amount of time spent in the Boundary Waters is time well spent. It's all great fun...the scenery, fishing, tent set-up, cooking dinner, hanging a food pack, doing the dishes, and portaging. It's a great way to travel independently through our beautiful country. For those of you that will be heading north this summer, I hope to see your name on a trip list soon.

Even though the Arrowhead is going to hibernate for the next three months, I could still use some news for the first publication in the fall. So if you win an award, catch a giant fish, sing in a play, or paddle some new water...I want to hear about it! Thank you for your contributions and I look forward to sharing news of the camp family with you after the summer. Till next time, enjoy your summer and don't forget to take a few minutes every Sunday to enjoy your peaceful surroundings.

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW Gabe Colman (Washington, D.C.) competed on the varsity tennis team as an 8th grader. Ezra Miller (Chicago) and Caleb Miller (Chicago) both attended Reid Kahn's and Sam Levin's Bar Mitzvahs. Josh Hanson-Kaplan's (Boise) soccer team, the Blackhawks, took 2nd place in the end of the season tournament.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: Jim Cohen (Washington D.C./Laredo, TX '89-'95, '97-'99, '04) will be an assistant professor of Botany at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, TX this fall. Patrick Goldstein (Miami Shores, FL '63-'66) is a film critic and columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS: Tim Batten (Australia '05) and Jess Proctor. **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** go to Jim Cohen (D.C./Laredo, TX '89-'95, '97-'99, '04) and Caroline Kellogg (Ithaca/Laredo, TX)

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to Adam Hirschhorn (L.A.), Reid Kahn (Chicago), and Sam Levin (Chicago)

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010 GRADUATES



June is Graduation Month for many campers, staff, and alumni, and we want to say "Congratulations!" Obviously this list is not exhaustive, so please let us know of other members of the camp family that you know who have graduated this year. We'll include those names in the October *Arrowhead*. Also, this newsletter is a great place to note which colleges people are attending so that they can connect with other members of the camp community who are attending the same school. So please e-mail us that information as well.

High School Graduates: Max Alpert, Bradley Ringel, Lucca Bacci, Jake Hoffman, Will Meyer, Charlie Felsenthal, Ric Best, Louis Coppersmith, Max Sapiro, Spence Myer, Dan Quiat, Michael Cohen, Michael Weinberg, Joel Hensel, Nate Mendelsohn, Christine Kessler, Michael Jorgensen, Lewis Kopman, David Becker and Julian Katz.

College Graduates: Bailey Aro (University of Minnesota – Duluth), Dustin Damrow (University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point), and Joe Hutchence (University of Central Lancashire).

MEET THE 2010 NEBAGAMON STAFF!

We had an excellent year recruiting staff for the upcoming summer. Saying that we are proud of our 2010 staff lineup would be an understatement! Many of them have a wealth of experience working with kids and everyone is excited to continue the tradition of counseling amongst the tall pines! Their experiences vary from finishing their junior year of high school to being a retired lawyer. Whether they are from California, Memphis, Boston, Australia or the UK, they all have one common goal, to create a positive experience for the 340 campers coming to camp this summer!



(* denotes a new staff member)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND PROGRAM SPECIALISTS: Max Wise (Program Director), Guy Sachs (Swamper Village director), Alex Gordon (Logger Village director), Peter Orner (Axeman Village director), Bob Sher (Lumberjack Village director), Frank Sachs (Director of Counseling), Jeremy Nordin Berghuis (Waterfront Director), *Andrea L'Tainen (Assistant Waterfront Director), Rand Shapiro (CNOG Director), Matthew Santner (Nature Director), *Katsu Iwashita (Artshop Director), Tovah Goldfine (Art Specialist), *Rose Mendelsohn (Art Specialist), Bailey Aro (Photography Director), *Maddie Scharff (Photography), *Claire Willet (MOCA Director), Joseph Hutchence (Sailing Director), *Ralph Greil (Riflery Director), Cody Haavik (Bike Specialist), *Dean Einerson (Climbing Wall Specialist), Karley Brown (Climbing Wall Specialist), *Elena Stein (Windsurfing Specialist).

SENIOR COUNSELORS: 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, Sam Woolf, Brett Lewis, Drake Johnson, *Michael Brodsky, Mitch Lakeland, *Max Herz, *Jamie Lau, Field Leisner, Danny Cohen, *Tristan McCormick.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS: Max Alpert, Bradley Ringel, Luca Bacci, Jake Hoffman, Will Meyer, Charlie Felsenthal, Ric Best, Joel Sircus, Louis Coppersmith, Max Sapiro, Spence Myer, Dan Quiat, Michael Cohen, Michael Weinberg, Joel Hensel, Nate Mendelsohn, *Joel Saslawsky, *Aaron Rosenbluth, *Ike May, *Joey Notowich, *Ben Davenport, *Ben Klein, *Brian Mounce, *Ben Goldfine, *Benno Stein, *Aaron Phillips, *Tom Rosenblatt, *Brooks Allman, *Jeremy Kustoff, *Ben Muller, *Reid Spitz, *Joel Sachnoff, *Sam Horvath, *Adam Bloom, *Ben Kersten, *Jacob Kayes, *Brandon Snow, *Mark Fischgrund.

TRIP STAFF: Adam Fornear (Director), *Theresa Fox (Assistant Director), Terry Beltezore (Driver), Mike Denny (Driver), Paul Schutz (Driver), Julie and Chris Hunter (Quartermaster), Bjorn Larsen, Henry McKenna, Robby Balikov, Michael Jorgensen, Julian Katz, Lewis Kopman, David Becker, Maggie Horvath, *Elise Schiffman, *Dustin Damrow, *Nina Slote, Jason Yale, Rose Lenehan, *David Scott, *Eric Sommer, Tucker Slosburg.

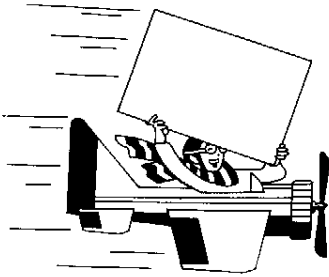
FOOD STAFF: Anne Rowe (Food Service Manager), Donna Bell (Morning Cook), Elizabeth Kessler (Evening Cook), Ann Pellman, Christine Kessler, Nolan Anderson, Zana Ericksen, Cody Keys, Brandon Keys, *Frank Keys, Ashley Lahti, *Angela Snow, *Amber Hoyt, *Rebecca Austin, Hannah Bell, *Tyler LaRouse.

MEDICAL STAFF: *Alan Rozen (Medical Director), *Kelly Blackley (Nurse's Aide), *Kaitlyn Martins (Nurse's Aid), Betsy Murray (M.D.), Trent Rosenbloom (M.D.), Mitch Cohen (M.D.), Michael Cooperstock (M.D.), Bea Murray (M.D.), and Sam Friedman (M.D.).

OFFICE STAFF: Emily Jodock (Associate Director/Office Manager), Linnea Moss (Town Driver), Elisa Nordin-Berghuis, Mary Stang, Lilli Cain, and *Haley Haavik.

MAINTENANCE STAFF: Andy Mack (Head Caretaker), Joe Crain, Rueban Risley, Cathy Fries (Big House Housekeeper).

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR CAMPER FORMS!



With camp just around the corner, our office has been busy checking in forms and getting ready for the first round of campers to arrive on June 18th. Regardless of which session your child is attending at camp, please send back his required paperwork if you have not already done so.

Make sure the following items are mailed or faxed (715-374-3310) to the camp office as soon as possible (you may also email them to emily@campnebagamon.com):

- * **Medical Form & Copy of Health Insurance Card:** Parents, make sure to sign the surgical release on the front page and attach a copy of your child's health insurance card! Also, if your child needs prescription medications, please place your order with **CampRx** at www.camprx.com or by calling 1-877-302-3881. Ordering deadlines are May 31 for first session and eight-week campers and June 31 for second session campers.
- * **Camper Information Form:** This is a vital part of our records system.
- * **Camper Conduct Policy Form:** Please read, sign, and return **one** copy. Keep the other for your files.

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MAX WISE RETURNS "HOME" AFTER THE OFF-SEASON

Each spring, in late May, a group of hard working, ambitious staff members, tired of their off-season lives and anxious to get to camp to start their summer away from the stresses and intensity of the "real world," (and make a few extra bucks!) arrives for Pre-Camp. Pre-Camp is basically a two week work party during which the docks are installed and the final touches are made to prepare camp for the upcoming summer. It has become a tradition to have one of these folks write an Arrowhead article about what that experience is like. This year our guest journalist is our summer's Program Director, Max Wise.

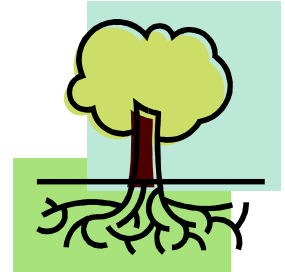
It's only a short eight-hour drive that separates the sky-scraping giants of downtown Chicago and the calming beat of the Nebagamon shore, but during the arduous off-season that most consider their "real life," the grandeur of camp feels impossibly far. Bumping along I-90, past the Sirens' call of ButterBurgers and Double-Downs, it seems that the real world may never recede and one might forever be caught in the land of honking horns, smog, and algebra assignments. However, I'm here to assure the dozens of people who actually read the Arrowhead that, indeed, Camp Nebagamon still stands tall and proud.

As I emerged from the confines of Paul Schutz' car and stretched my legs before the mighty Paul Bunyan, the palpable sweetness of the Wisconsin air flew up my nostrils and washed away my anxieties like a hot tub filled with melted Snickers and Cookie Dough Blizzards. Within seconds, the stresses of city life melted off my shoulders, dripped down my back, and splashed onto the newly paved driveway. No longer worried about the thread count on my Egyptian cotton sheets, Kaplan's oppressive restrictions on the length of Caretaker Joe's articles, the status of the island on LOST, how to color coordinate my shoes and lunch, or the price of aluminum, I realized that I've arrived truly "where I want to be." BIG HOW!

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE PUTS THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON CAMP

As I am writing this, the 2010 pre-camp crew is in the water putting up camp's many docks. Just after noon, I got a report from Caretaker Rueben "The Rizz" Risley that the lake was much warmer than in years past and that he had yet to turn blue this morning! I'm not sure how common a phenomenon it is, but when Rueben's core temperature drops, his skin turns a really mellow shade of bluish pink. It's pretty cool, though you do feel a bit sorry for the guy as he stands in front of you, teeth chattering and his skin blued. But not this year. The weather has been warm since March, and the pre-camp work crew loves it. And I don't want to jinx them by saying this out loud, but with little to no chance of rain in the forecast, 80 degree highs and relatively warm lake temperatures, I think this may be the best weather and water conditions for a pre-camp since I started in the spring of 1995. If any of you know Al Gore, let him know I may have found another sign of global climate change! Maybe he'll send a film crew and Lake Nebagamon will be in his next movie.



Being an old-school caretaker, I'm glad to say that I am spared from having to take the early season plunge into Lake Nebagamon. For me, this time of year means tying up a lot of loose ends from the off-season projects. For the last couple of days, I have been going from building to building changing over all of the staff housing, as well as four camper cabins, to energy efficient lighting. Wow, we have a lot of light bulbs throughout camp! With this bulb conversion our carbon footprint will shrink to the size of a first year Swamper's foot. Be sure to poke your head into any of the #1 village cabins (Annex in the Axeman Village) and check out the future of all of camp's camper cabins. Our power needs may drop low enough that, with a little arm twisting and a lot of pushing, we can get Adam and Steph to spring for some solar panels and a wind generator next (well maybe in the next 10 years at least, lol)! I keep hoping that President Obama will announce a "New, New Deal" and all Americans will get a solar panel on every house and a wind generator on every garage! You history buffs know what I'm talking about.

There are a few other positive changes that I hope you will check out when you come to camp this summer. One is the new super duty dishwasher in the Rec-hall kitchen. Director Stephanie and Caretaker Andy have been working on this project since January, and this will be a great improvement for the kitchen. While down on the waterfront, I'm sure you will be impressed by the landscaping we did around the beautiful maple tree at the west end of the beach. Its roots were becoming dangerously exposed and it would have been a shame to lose this beautiful camp landmark. I can't tell you how many pictures I've taken of that tree, as have, I'm sure, many of you. And, as an added benefit, the timbers we installed at the trees base make for excellent lake side sitting. While up on the Swamper-Logger hill, check out the new friendship fire benches. They are huge, and, if I may say so myself, sweet! We cut, debarked, and milled the half log benches from 100 % Camp Nebagamon (bug killed) Red Oak trees. And, if you are up by the caretakers shop, be sure to check out the new "No Man's Land" and the soon to be infamous "Drubbies!" Be sure to knock first, you don't want to scare a tripper. Also, if you just want to go for a walk, but are craving something other than the usual camp tracks, check out the two new walking trails. One starts at the south side of Annex taking you to the range. And the other starts just across the range beach bridge to the north, taking you to the range gate. They give one a back country look at camp.

Looking forward to this year's Keeley Cup finals, it's Caretaker Joe, At Camp.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CAMPER LUGGAGE AND TRAVEL

LUGGAGE TAGS: These should be firmly attached to every bag a camper brings with him, whether it is being checked in, carried on an airplane, or taken on the Chicago bus. This applies to everyone, regardless of airline or travel arrangements to camp. It is important that we, and airline personnel, are able to identify **all baggage** by the **yellow Camp Nebagamon tags**.



DUFFEL BAGS/LUGGAGE (Please note changes from last year!):

***If your son is flying to MSP, **please consider SHIPPING** your bags to camp via UPS or FedEx this year. Many of you received an email from us recently (with the exception of those on our chaperoned flight from St. Louis) regarding changes at the Minneapolis airport. As we no longer have access to baggage services, we would appreciate your help in reducing the number of bags we have to search for at the baggage carousel – you may also find that it’s more convenient on the day of your son’s departure to not have to deal with baggage, and it reduces the chance for errors on that travel day. Feel free to contact Emily at emily@campnebagamon.com or 715-374-2275 with any questions.

Please plan to send any shipped bags **at least one week prior** to your son’s arrival at camp (June 11th for first session and eight-week campers and July 9th for second session campers) and note our physical address for shipping purposes: **11454 Camp Nebagamon Drive, Lake Nebagamon, WI 54849.**

NON-Delta Flights: Please pre-pay baggage fees for his return flight, if applicable.

Delta Flights: As Delta Airlines does not allow travelers to pre-pay baggage fees for return flights, please do not attempt to do so at the airport. You will be charged twice if you pre-pay at the airport when your son departs, since Delta in MSP is charging those fees to camp.

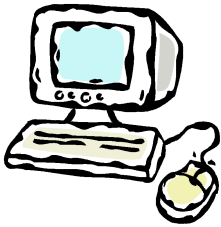
CAMPERS TRAVELING VIA AIRPLANE: If you are booking your tickets through our travel agent, Travel One, any questions about airline tickets should be directed to Travel One at 800-245-1111. Ask for Leann Kranz, Lisa Nelson, or Marie Gunwall. Travel One issues electronic tickets for each camper, so do not worry about receiving a paper ticket for your child. **If you are arranging travel independently, please email the itinerary to emily@campnebagamon.com.**

WILDERNESS TRIP REMINDER!

If you have a son in ninth grade and have not sent in a copy of his birth certificate or passport along with the parental release form that we sent you this spring, please do so at your earliest convenience. This is necessary in order to go on canoeing and backpacking trips in Canada. Please contact Adam Fornear at fornear@campnebagamon.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

ARROWHEAD TAKES A HIATUS...

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT ADAM’S UPDATES ONLINE THIS SUMMER



You can still stay in the loop about what’s going on at camp this summer by checking out **ADAM’S UPDATES** on our website, www.campnebagamon.com. Adam Kaplan will be writing regular online updates, enabling all of you at home to get a taste of the many stories that make up another great summer at Camp Nebagamon.

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