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LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Luge? Bobsledding? Biathlon? Skeleton? Cross country skiing? Curling? You cannot be serious. What self respecting sports fan could possibly get excited about these fringe sports? I mean come on....let's face it. The only reason that athletes get involved in these sports is because they are not good enough to play basketball, baseball, and football.....right?

Admittedly, it was with this level of cynicism and skepticism that I went into this year's Winter Olympic Games. Given that I am a fairly hopeless sports junkie, and this is undoubtedly the weakest time of the year in the sports schedule, I still decided to try to get my sports fix through the Olympics.

First off, please indulge me as I justify my love of sports. (I have been trying to get Steph to buy into this logic for years, and I am hoping if I can get my ENORMOUS readership on my side, it will buy me a modicum of credibility on the issue!) I love sports because it allows us to view legitimate drama played out in real life where the consequences are basically harmless. I love to see how people perform when they are in pressure packed situations. I love to see whether they can maintain their skills under pressure, whether their skills improve or fold under pressure. I love to see how they react in victory, and how they react in defeat. And ultimately.....none of it really matters. This is not the case in the real world dramas that we are afforded the opportunity to view through the news of the day. And watching actors play out a drama on the stage or screen, is just that....actors playing out a drama....not the real deal. Watching sports is always a great ride. (If this has swayed you into my camp on the sports issue, please write Steph stephanie@campnebagamon.com) as soon as possible. With the NCAA tournament coming up, I need to justify the HOURS of television that I hope to watch! If you don't agree, and still think sports is a waste of time.....who asked you!?!?)

And so it was, that in order to get my sports fix during this lull in the conventional sports calendar, I was going to be forced to watch ice dancers, bobsledders, and curlers! I did not have high hopes. I was absolutely expecting to

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



With fresh snow falling in the mountains, I am going to have to make this quick and then try to sneak out of the office for some quick turns in the fresh powder atop Bogus Basin Mountain!

At the end of January, I made the trek back to Lake Nebagamon for Fish 'O' Rama and had a blast ice fishing and hanging out with the many camp alumni who dropped on by. Attending the Rama for 2010 were myself, Troika Brodsky, Henry Pulitzer, Todd Blatt, Thomas Blatt, Andy Mack, Leo Mack, Daisy Mack, Amy Mack, Anne Rowe, Ben Cronin, Max Wise, Micah Ross, Cody Haavik, April Turner, Nate Ahlberg (plus family), Jeremy Nordin-Berghuis, Dawna Diamon, Robbi Welty and Beth Kessler. It was great to have a reunion of sorts on the ice! Don't worry, we are not planning on moving the Chicago Reunion outdoors for next year, although I'm sure the jelly donuts would taste the same. There were stories told, prizes won, and bellies filled with delicious treats (thanks Anne Rowe)! Also a big thank you goes out to Todd Blatt for the snowmobiles and four wheelers and to Jeremy for the air boat. It was a bit strange traveling across a frozen lake in a boat, but way easier than paddling a canoe in the grips of a Wisconsin winter. Many took the time to hike around those wonderful 70 acres taking some great photos. There is one photo in particular that is burnt into my mind. Imagine standing at the scoreboard (looking to the dunes), the upper diamond is covered in a smooth, two-foot blanket of snow, the trees are sagging from the weight of a fresh snowfall, and across the way, there is the lone white pine at the top of the dunes standing tall just waiting for campers and staff to come hang out underneath it. It was an incredible shot that summed up the magic of Camp Nebagamon.

The reunion tour has now concluded and we are putting the final touches on everything for the summer. We had a wonderful time seeing all of you and hearing how excited you are for the summer to begin. Now that the reunions are over, I will need your help in submitting Arrowhead news. I will be making phone calls, but if you have something to share with the camp family, please email me at fornear@campnebagamon.com or call 208-345-5544.

Either way, it would be great to hear from all of you! Have a great month of March and enjoy the news that follows!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that in Chicago, **Ryan Zimmerman** is a percussionist for his school's advanced and jazz bands. **Ryan** is also playing auxiliary percussion for his school's production of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Lastly, he is attending The Paul Green School of Rock Music and is prepping for a Jimi Hendrix tribute. **Steven Glick** has started a small business called *Steven's Balloons*. He is starting with birthday parties, but is planning to reach out to corporate America soon. **Jeffrey Burnstine** runs track and field for New Trier High School. **Noah Stein's** cross country team went undefeated this year. **Josh Hoffman** ran track and field this past fall. **Graham Straus** was a forward for an indoor soccer team. **Teddy Blumberg** hosted **Jonathan Friedman** and **Khyle Eastin** for New Years this year. **Reid Kahn** plays center for his hockey team. **Sam Levis** plays basketball and guitar.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Kyle Hopkins** (Kansas City '02-'06, '08-'09) is writing a cooking column for the KC Free Press online newspaper. Please go to www.kcfreepress.com to read all of his incredible creations! **Rand Shapiro** (St. Louis '65-'69, '71-'75, '08-'09) is teaching marketing at the Digital Arts and Technology Academy in Albuquerque, New Mexico. **Dawna Diamon** (Maple, WI '07-'08) graduated from Bethel University with a B.A. in International Relations, Third World Studies, and Political Science. **Dawna** is headed to Korea this spring to teach English.

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a boy, **Zachary Orion**, for Geof Koss (D.C.) and **Jen Daskal** (Phoenix/D.C. '91-'92, '96, '99).



MANY FAMILIAR FACES RETURNING FOR 2010!

There have been many phone calls from veteran staff and from others who wish to become first year junior counselors. We have enjoyed talking to all of you and can't wait to share the summer of 2010 with you!

We are pleased to say that our counselor positions are quickly being filled. Our first year junior counselors are Joel Saslawsky, Aaron Rosenbluth, Ike May, Alex Harkavy, Joey Notowich, Ben Davenport, Ben Klein, Brian Mounce, Ben Goldfine, Benno Stein, Brooks Allman, Jeremy Kustoff, Ben Muller, Reid Spitz, Tom Rosenblatt, Joel Sachnoff, Sam Horvath, Adam Bloom, Ben Kersten, Mark Fischgrund, Jacob Kayes and Brandon Snow. Senior Counselors returning back to the North Woods are Sam Woolf and Brett Lewis. We also have a new senior counselor, Omri Masasa, who is coming all the way from Israel.

Leading our Axeman Village will be Peter Orner. This will be Peter's 8th summer at camp. At the Craft Shop, we have Rose Mendelsohn as one of our art specialists. Nature Lore will once again be directed by Matthew Santner. Dean Einerson will be spending his first summer at Nebagamon, as our Climbing Wall Director. Making the switch from cabin staff to trip staff, we have Michael Jorgensen and Julian Katz. Also new to our trip program this summer is David Becker and Maggie Horvath.

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STAFFING NEEDS REMAIN!

Don't let the above prolific list of staff members lead you to believe that we've filled our staffing needs. Below you will find a list of positions that remain open. As always, the best source of new staff is the camp family. If you contact the camp office with a referral, we will follow up quickly, or you can have interested individuals contact us directly.

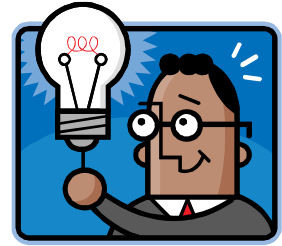
Wilderness Trip Leaders
Climbing Program Specialist
Office Staff
Kitchen Staff
Trip Driver
Nurse
Nurse Assistant
Riflery Director
Quartermaster
Senior Cabin Staff

PARENT PREPARATION PACKET COMING YOUR WAY!

One certain sign of spring is the arrival of the packet of forms and information to help you plan for the summer. This important mailing will leave camp's winter office around the end of March. If you are a 2010 camper or parent, please look for this mailing, which will include cabin preference, goals and objectives, and medical forms, as well as our camper conduct policy form and a Parent Handbook. You also will receive travel information. If you want to go ahead and contact Travel One, Camp Nebagamon's official travel agency, please call them at 800-245-1111. Staff members for this summer will get their mailing in April.

At Camp**CARETAKER JOE HAS A BRIGHT IDEA**

I think I was about the age of a Junior Counselor. I'm pretty sure I was in 11th grade when I first became aware of the need for conservation and environmentalism. I was in a required speech class and two of my classmates gave speeches on the subject. A lot of people were starting to stand up and sound the warning call that we were destroying the planet (many water ways in the eastern United States had been suffering huge fish kills, and lakes had been so polluted with chemicals that they literally burst into flames), not just for ourselves but for our children and our children's children. Well, this had all struck home with these two classmates of mine, and they both composed very moving and informative speeches on the subjects which still affect my behavior to this day. One speech addressed the conservation and preservation of the fresh water supply, and the other speech addressed air quality and how, if left unchecked, the air pollution, and specifically CO2 emissions in the 21st century, was going to start wreaking havoc on long term global climate patterns. I think that the speeches had such an effect on me for two reasons. First, they both described their individual topics with concrete, real world examples of things that we were doing in our everyday lives that were contributing to the growing problems. Secondly, they both had done their homework well, and left us with lists of things we could personally do to curb and aid in the reversal of the problem. I personally stopped letting the water run while brushing my teeth, I became obsessed with turning off unused lighting, and I even went so far as to sign a pact with one of my close friends that I would never buy a car and would only use public transportation or my bicycle to get around. Well, reality eventually set in on that one; it turns out that a lot of places don't have public transportation and some jobs are just too far away to ride a bike to, so I had to amend that pact to only buying cars that had the best fuel mileage of their model year.



Those speeches have had a big impact on my behavior as a caretaker at camp as well. I remember the first season I worked here and we went about setting up the Jops (restrooms) just before the counselors came in for Staff Week. I was astounded to find that the water conservation message must have missed camp. We went to each bathroom and cleaned toilets that were still, in 1995, swallowing five gallons per flush. I was stunned when the head caretaker at the time showed me how to set up the four foot wide trough style urinals in the four Jops. None of them had flush handles, instead they had regular water valves that fed a pipe that sprayed water over the entire trough length. He took a square key thing, turned the water on so a hard spray was flowing, and that was that. For the next ten or so weeks, the water would be flowing 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Was he serious? Did he have any idea of the thousands of gallons of water that would be wasted during all of those hours when no one was peeing? Was he the least bit aware that in many parts of the world it was the full time job of a camper aged child to walk several miles to draw water so the family could survive? Was anyone here aware of how much pollution was being created to power the big camp pump to bring all of that wasted water to the unused urinal all night? You can bet that I spent the rest of that summer complaining about all of the water waste and turning those valves down to just a drip every time I saw them turned up high. And you know, one of the first big jobs I undertook was to replace those water guzzling toilets with 1.5 gallon/flush models. Unfortunately, the urinals had to wait for the Jop remodels we started to do in 2000, but the water was routinely set to a drip until then. My next push is to change camp's lighting away from power sucking incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs. The first wave happened two seasons ago when we converted all of the Jops over (you didn't even notice did you?), and this year I got permission to start conversion of the village cabins, Big House and staff housing. The Big House and staff housing will be easy because I can just switch the bulbs over. But the village cabins will be tougher. Some of the cabins have very low ceilings that will require strip lighting which means installing new fixtures. And, of course, there is the problem of potential bulb breakage, so I won't be able to just swap out new CF bulbs for the old, but will have to invent and or purchase protective cages. So, after consulting with the camp's directors, we have decided to do a test cabin in each village to figure out the best method for each cabin ceiling style, as well as the best way to light the various parts of the cabins (counselor quarters vs. camper quarters). So next summer make sure to seek out the test cabin in your village and have a look at your future (or hopefully the present in your own home!). And if you are lucky enough to stay in a test cabin next season, let me know what you think. Is this a bright idea or not?!?

Reminding you all that the future you save may be your own, your children's, but definitely your children's children's, it's Caretaker Joe, At Camp.

15TH ANNUAL ICEBREAKER CONTEST READY TO GO!

It's time for the annual icebreaker contest, Camp Nebagamon! Spring is "officially" beginning this month, which means (drum roll, please) it won't be long until the blue waters of Lake Nebagamon once again replace the thick ice. But when exactly will the ice break? That's the question facing us as we begin this year's contest. Last year's winners were Elliot Gutman, Oliver Hirt and Leo Mack with their guess of April 17th, the closest entries to the actual breakup date of the 16th.

Keep in mind that the earliest ice breakup since 1943, when records were first kept, was on March 26th in 2000. The latest ice breakup was on May 14th in 1950. The Official Lake Nebagamon Ice Recorder is none other than our own Andy Mack. He is already monitoring the lake for the village and will let us know as soon as the ice disappears, whether it happens mid-afternoon or at 3 a.m. Yes folks, Andy spends every waking moment (eating, sleeping, and working!) on the very shores of Lake Nebagamon to let us know EXACTLY when the ice breaks up (correct up to the second)!

To enter, simply send an email with your guess of when you think the ice will break up to emily@campnebagamon.com. *All entries must be received by April 1.* Of course, it would be wise to read the fine print below before making your guess. Winners could be contacted by Bravo TV, the Cartoon Network, VH1, the Discovery Channel, and other major networks and also will receive prominent mention in *The Arrowhead*. So don't wait until the last minute. Send us your guess right away!

No purchase necessary. To enter the Icebreaker Contest promotion outlined above, follow all directions published in the offer. The Grand Prize will be awarded in one installment and will be notified by certified mail. In the case of multiple entries the grand prize winner will be selected by a random drawing among all eligible entries received. Estimated odds of winning: 1:30.

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO THE SWEEPSTAKES ABOVE:

Sweepstakes begins on the day you receive this Arrowhead and all entries must be received by April 1. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible or postage-due mail. Entries become the property of Camp Nebagamon LLC and will not be returned or acknowledged. Any prize notice that results from a printing, production, typographical, mechanical or other error will be void. If due to an error, more than one prize notice is issued, the prize will be awarded in a random drawing among all such notices issued and received. Sweepstakes open to the residents of the United States and Canada and to residents in selected parts of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, Mexico, North America and South America, where made available and where permitted by law. Employees (full-time) of Camp Nebagamon LLC and members of those employees' immediate families are eligible just like everyone else. Select camp dogs permitted to submit entries; cats prohibited. This offer is subject to all applicable federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations and is void whenever prohibited or restricted by law. Winner selection and random drawings are under the supervision of Ostrow Reisin Berk and Abrams Ltd., an independent accounting firm whose decisions are final. Random drawings will be held within 5 days of the ice breaking, no later than 5:00 p.m. at 877 Chardie Road, Boise, ID 83702. Winners will be notified within 10 days of the selection/drawing. Any prize or prize notification returned to the sponsor as undeliverable will result in the awarding of that prize to an alternate winner in a random drawing. Prize is not transferable except to a surviving spouse. Substitution for the prize may be necessary due to unavailability, in which case a comparable prize of equal or lesser value will be awarded. In countries where cash prizes are prohibited, substitute merchandise of comparable value will be awarded. Taxes (and any expenses not specified herein) are the responsibility of the winners. Entry and acceptance of the prize constitute permission (except where prohibited by law) to use the winner's name, hometown and likeness for purpose of advertising and promotion on behalf of the contest sponsor without further compensation. If you've read this far, congratulations! The fine print is a joke, but the contest is for real!

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SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS SUMMER

The summer is getting closer, and enrollments are still rolling in to the office. We still do have some spaces available in each session for 2010. If you know of any prospective new campers, please have them contact the camp office in Boise soon to ensure that they can register for the summer. Listed below are boys that registered in February. New campers have an asterisk before their names, and their hometowns are in parentheses.

3rd Grade Campers: *Drew Balsler (Atlanta, GA), *Adarius Cooper (Minneapolis, MN - 8), *Elliott Harrison (Pittsburgh, PA), *Jeremy Levin (Atlanta, GA)

4th Grade Campers: *Joey Apter (Highland Park, IL), *Jakob Braunschweiger (Katonah, NY), *John Golden (St. Louis, MO), *Ethan Harkavy (Memphis, TN), *David Rice (Chicago, IL), Danny Sickle, *Ethan Strull (San Rafael, CA)

5th Grade Campers: *Alex Barnett (Leawood, KS), Rodney Cooper (8), *Benjamin Harrison (Pittsburgh, PA), *Caleb Levin (Atlanta, GA), *Liem Wexler (Glencoe, IL), Ethan Woldenberg (8)

6th Grade Campers: Jonah Abrahams, Jake Beren, *Jacob Cohen (Paradise Valley, AZ), *Benjamin Eisen (Burke, VA), *Adam Hirshorn (Chicago, IL), *Brian Powers (Riverwoods, IL)

7th Grade Campers: Julian Frankel (8), Max Frankel (8), Kiaro Kraft, Jake May (8), David Woldenberg (8)

8th Grade Campers: Mark Blumenfeld (8), Michael Fried (8), Alex Froy, Max Harrison-Caldwell, Cameron Hastings (8), Danny Hensel (8), Brayden Levy (8), Max Mehaffy, Mike Mehaffy, Ben Sickle (8)

9th Grade Campers: Dan Klonowski (8), Jeffrey Silver

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watch a bit of the first night, then get bored, and shut it off. But, I have found myself watching a tremendous amount of the Games. Not only does it give me the same drama seeking satisfaction that mainstream sports do, but there is something different and really wonderful about the Olympic events. This has to do precisely with the very things I was poking fun at in the opening line of this article. Many of the Winter Olympic events are FAR outside mainstream sports. There can be little doubt that curlers, bobsledders, and biathletes across the world do not get even remotely the attention and affection that athletes in more conventional sports do. When was the last time that ESPN did a retrospective on Frank Masley, the greatest luger in American history?

Regardless of the fact that they are not given much attention, these athletes dedicate so much of their time and young lives to their given sports. And why??? It can only be because they genuinely love their sport. Each of them has found something that they are passionate about, and they have decided to pursue it with gusto. It may not have been the sport that most of their friends were playing as they were growing up, it just happened to be the sport that they loved.....plain and simple.

It will come as no surprise to you, this is very much how I view what we do at Nebagamom. We are a place that offers MANY different options to boys when they are at camp. A day at camp can be filled with everything from conventional sports, to orienteering, to cooking, to art, to sculling, to nature. Nebagamom is a place where you are encouraged to explore your interests. It doesn't matter whether it is an activity that "everyone is doing," or if it is one that only you like to do. You are as celebrated here for hitting a home run as you are for knowing how to make home fries. You are as vaunted here for throwing a football skillfully as you are for throwing a pot skillfully. You are acknowledged here for shooting a bulls eye or a beautiful photograph. It is a place where you are celebrated no matter which arena you have chosen to spend your energies.

So, I hope the Olympic athletes throughout history will accept my apology for disparaging their "fringe" sports throughout the years. They are the embodiment of one of the ideals most central to Nebagamom. And I have no doubt in my mind that as soon as orienteering becomes an Olympic event, the champion will be a former O-Cup winner!

SEA KAYAKING AND SAILING IN THE APOSTLE ISLANDS

There you are, sitting in a 17-foot sea kayak, paddling on Lake Superior, making your way to an island in the world's largest freshwater lake, to set up camp! Once again we are offering a three-night, four-day sea kayaking adventure on Lake Superior. Before we commit to the University of Minnesota at Duluth's outdoor program, with whom we contract the trip, we need to take a sign-up of campers to ensure that we will have enough participants. As in the past, one trip will take place during the first session and one in the second session. It will first be open to 9th graders, then 8th graders and, if space allows, then 7th graders. There would be an additional charge of \$325 for each camper. We have five slots open for each trip. Those five campers will be accompanied by one Nebagamom trip staff and one UMD certified kayak instructor. If you are interested, please email Adam Fornear at fornear@campnebagamon.com or call 208-345-5544.

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Campers, this is your chance to sail a 35 foot sailboat around the historic Apostle Islands on Lake Superior. You will spend four days and four nights living aboard the boat, gaining valuable knowledge of sailing and rigging, charting a course, and reading weather. There will also be a chance to explore the lighthouses on the islands. It is a truly remarkable experience that you will not forget! The trip will take place during the 1st session, **June 29 – July 2**. The trip is open to grades 7-9, although older campers have first preference. Registration for the trip will be determined before camp begins, and campers will be able to sign up by returning a form (from your Parent Preparation Packet) or sending Adam Fornear an email at fornear@campnebagamon.com. The cost of the trip will be \$530 dollars.

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