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PACKING DAY...WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE MORE FUN!?

On Tuesday of next week, Fornear, Emily, Stephanie and I will begin packing up the office for our annual move to camp. Believe it or not, packing up the office each May is one of my favorite annual activities. Now, I realize that to many of you, packing, whether it be for a vacation, for your son's summer at camp, or for a full-on house move, is about as appealing as paying taxes or a root canal. For you, packing may simply be a necessary means to an end, an annoying and tedious prelude to an adventure yet to come...full of monotony and frustration. For us in the camp office, the packing is an exciting part of the adventure...full of possibility and opportunity. (Yes cynics, you may begin to roll your eyes....I am about to write an entire article putting a positive spin on packing!)

For those of you that are still with me, believe it or not, this is not just spin. I really do believe that packing is a great part of any journey. The way I see it, packing is just a way to extend that adventure on the front end, a way to allow the adventure to start even sooner. To me, packing is one of the more optimistic and exciting things that we get to do. Packing is all about looking to the future. The mere act of packing says, "I am about to embark on some new adventure and I am going to be as prepared for this as possible."

While packing, we all think about what is in store for us on the coming adventure. We get to daydream about what treats and challenges our new adventure will hold for us. We get to think ahead and try to plan for what will be coming. As you pack for camp, you will be asking yourself, "what should I bring along to make this the best possible experience?" Certainly, some things are a given. Socks and underwear, swimsuits, bedding, shampoo and other items are the basics, stuff that we absolutely know we need to bring. But after we have finished with the necessities, we get to enter into the more interesting and esoteric choices in packing. Given our move to Boise this

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



This past weekend I spent three days floating and fishing down the Green River in Utah. The scenery was incredible...Pronghorn Antelope, amazing rock formations, and hundreds of trout swimming underneath our raft. I thought to myself how magnificent this part of the country was and how relatively close it was to my new home of Boise. Then I thought there is nothing like this anywhere near my hometown of East Troy, WI. Well, on my eight hour drive home I began to think about what amazing places are within an equal distance from East Troy. I concluded that there are many. The dunes at Pictured Rocks, numerous bluffs overlooking Lake Superior, and crystal clear water of the Muskegon River near Grand Rapids, MI to name a few.

So, even though those Rocky Mountains reach over 14,000 feet or the western rivers flow through million year old rock formations deep into a canyon, there is awe inspiring beauty right out your back door, no matter what part of the country you live in. My message to all of you is get outside and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds you. One doesn't have to go on vacation to a National Park to see amazing natural wonders. All you have to do is throw on a pair of shoes and step outside!

We have one more Arrowhead to send off before the summer, so if you win that Nobel Peace Prize, catch a 15lb Steelhead, or go on a camping trip, please be sure to send the news to fornear@campnebagamon.com. 'Till next time, enjoy the fresh air of the great outdoors!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **J.B. Garfinkel** (St. Louis) was named Athlete of the Week in the St. Louis Post for being the area's leading scorer for the Clayton water polo team. Twice this season he scored ten goals in one game. **Danny Sickle** (Chicago) and **Zach Rozen** (Palm Beach Gardens) crossed paths in Florida this winter. **Leo Mack** (Lake Nebagamon) completed the Fitter's 5K and the UMD Spring Into Shape 5K. He ran both with a broken wrist encased in a blaze orange cast. **Quincy Hirt** (Chicago) is playing baseball for the Wrigleyville Eagles. **Neal Shulman** (St. Louis) and his dad spent a few minutes visiting and taking pictures with Hockey Hall of Fame member, Al McGinnis, at the St. Louis Blues and Chicago Blackhawk game. **James Atkinson** (Australia) ran a 'Survivor Camp' for 37 scouts.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Brad Herzog** (Pacific Grove, CA '78-'83,'85-'86) has a new book coming out, *Turn Left at the Trojan Horse*. It was one of a handful of books chosen to be listed on the *Indie Next Great Reads* list. **John Kander** (Kansas City, MO '37-44, '48) has written the music for the *Scottsboro Boys*, a musical which opened at the Vineyard Theatre.

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a girl, **Holland Elizabeth**, for Caroline and **Josh Gray** (Chicago '87-'92,'95). It's a girl, **Abigail Lee**, for Monica and **Jonah Klein** (Toledo/Mobile, AL '86-'88). It's a girl, **Phoebe Kaplan**, for Katie Crouch and **Peter Orner** (Chicago/San Francisco '87-'88,'90,'92,'97,'01).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to **Max Slosburg** (Omaha) and **Josh Spitzer-Resnick** (Madison).

ICE BREAKS UP ON LAKE NEBAGAMON!

Spring came early to Lake Nebagamon this year! Under the careful watch of head caretaker, Andy Mack, the ice on Lake Nebagamon broke on Wednesday, March 31st. BIG HOW to Andy’s son, Leo Mack, who miraculously came up with the exact date of the ice break – congratulations on another big win, Leo!

When examining our list of 2010 Icebreaker entries more closely, I noted that next in line for the closest guesses were none other than Adam Fornear, Anne Rowe, Jeremy Nordin-Berghuis, Emily Jodock, and Elisa Nordin-Berghuis! Perhaps next year the Associate Directors should be discouraged from gleaning any information on the weather while having their daily phone conversations with caretakers Joe Crain and Andy Mack. Furthermore, barring residents of northwest Wisconsin may have to be on the docket as well! (Anne Rowe, our Kitchen Manager, resides in Lake Nebagamon and the Nordin-Berghuis crew is just a short jaunt away in Shell Lake.) Thanks again to everyone who submitted a guess to the 2010 Icebreaker Contest!

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR CAMP FORMS BY MAY 15

With the 2010 camp season quickly approaching, we’d like to issue a few reminders that will help to answer questions and make the transition into camp run as smoothly as possible.

- ❖ All families should have received our usual mailing of information and forms that was mailed in late March. All of the forms need to be returned to us by May 15. If your doctor can’t schedule the physical exam until after May 15, that’s OK, but please shoot us an e-mail at emily@campnebagamon.com to let us know. We read every form in its entirety, and the information helps us provide a fun and healthy summer for each camper. Please be diligent in filling them out. If you’re missing a form, let us know and we will be happy to email one to you or you can get them off of our website at www.campnebagamon.com/parents_forms.htm. Also, we recently mailed information on CampRx, a prepackaged medication service – please take the time to review this letter and note the due dates for ordering.
- ❖ The camp office is moving to Lake Nebagamon on May 5 this year, and we expect to be up and running by May 10.
- ❖ Please make travel arrangements as early as possible. If you are using the Official Travel Agency of Camp Nebagamon, Travel One, contact them at 1-800-245-1111 and work with Leann Krenz, Lisa Nelson, or Marie Gunwall. If you are not using Travel One, we need to know your plans by the May 15 deadline.

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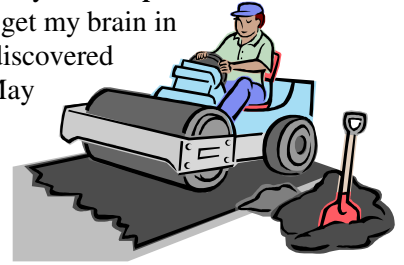
MORE CAMPERS ENROLL FOR 2010 SEASON

We’d like to welcome some more campers who have enrolled for the 2010 season in the last month. New campers have an asterisk (*) before their names and their hometowns are listed after. Eight-week campers are indicated with an (8). **Second Grade:** *Isaac Miller (San Antonio, TX); **Third Grade:** *Eli Hecht (Brooklyn, NY), *Jack Lazarov (Germantown, TN); **Fourth Grade:** Jonathan Dixon, Matthew Dixon, *Marc Fohran (Chicago), *Charlie Gordon (Highland Park, IL – 8), Josue Grassi (8), *Jake Lescher (Nashville, TN), *Benjamin Levin (Beverly Hills, CA), Zach Rozen; **Fifth Grade:** Adam Grassi (8), Kelvin Kuria, *Nathaniel Margerum (Waukegan, IL), Francis Pacia, Rashaun Phillips, *Antonio Reed (Lombard, IL); **Sixth Grade:** *Jesse Huggins (Brookline, MA), *Austin Kowalski (Glencoe, IL), Arjun Pillai Hausner, *Andrew Reed (Lombard, IL), *Harry Smith (Bryn Mawr, PA); **Seventh Grade:** *Bob Campbell (Lake Oswego, OR), Carl Fohran, *Cole Miller (Evanston, IL), Julian Pacia, Cole Strauss, Jeremy Turley (8); **Eighth Grade:** Noah Davis, *David Grossman (Nashau, NH), Neil Mason, Devyn Nevels (8), Adam Schwartz (8); **Ninth Grade:** Madison Baer (8), Matthew Filderman, Gabriel Padilla (8), Ravi Pillai Hausner.

At Camp

CARETAKER JOE DESCRIBES THE GREAT WALL OF...

When getting ready to write my monthly article for the Arrowhead, I often look through my *At Camp* article archive to see what I have written for the same month in years past. Just so I can get my brain in tune with the task at hand. Today, when I looked back through the past May articles, I discovered something interesting, May, it seems, is the month of Big Announcements! Last year, May 2009, I proclaimed the coming of a brand new structure and program, The Climbing Wall. The year before that, May 2008, it was that we were finally going to break ground on a new caretakers shop. In 2007, I proclaimed a near record breaking 17 inch April snow storm and plummeting spring temperatures that nearly derailed a big work party that the Kaplan–Hanson clan had organized in the Big House. In May 2006, I made the big announcement that I had become the official buoy tender for the Lake Nebagamon Lake Association, and as such would be in charge of navigational buoys on Lake Nebagamon. In 2005, I proudly announced that we had been visited that month by none other than that man of Camp Nebagamon renown, THE Bob “Blackie” Blackburn! What a thrill it was to see the man whose name was printed on so many of camp’s annual awards and trophies! And so, as you can imagine, I was struck with inspiration for this year’s May *At Camp* article, and what I have to announce this year will have an impact on you the moment you get off the buses on June 18th, if you are first session campers, or July 16th, if you are second session campers.



This one is so big that it will have an effect on every trip that heads out of camp, whether it is a short, one-day field trip with Mathew for Nature Lore, or a longer five-day bicycle trip with Cody to Madeline Island. Even if you are loading up your gear to head off for a 14-day Big Trip to the Canadian Quetico Provincial Park, you will be affected by this big announcement! I might add that the square footage of what I will be announcing in this May 2010 *At Camp* is so vast that it will even have an effect on you as you head out of camp for a visit with your guest on Parent Visit Day! It’s so big, so flat, so smooth, so dark, so warm in the sun, and so cool in the shade....as well as so overdue! This announcement is about something that will quite possibly contain the remains of the food stuffs of DINOSAURS! (That one had to give it away to some of you.) This May, Camp Nebagamon will have new (is the drum roll as loud in your head as mine?).....asphalt driveways installed for both the Big and Little houses!!! I know....Holy Bituminous Asphalt!! What could possibly be more exciting!!!

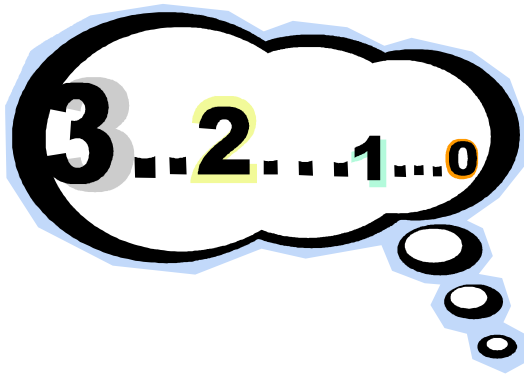
For our part, the prep work included rerouting some wires, lowering a three inch water line, and lugging all of the big white painted rocks back out of the way of all of the bulldozer and back hoe action. The local paving company we hired will be tearing up and recycling the old disintegrated asphalt and doing some much needed leveling work. Next they will put down a three inch foundation of crushed and packed foundation rock, because as with all things in life, a solid foundation is everything, topped by a two inch layer of bituminous asphalt. I love the smell of fresh bituminous in the morning! (Just a little something for you movie buffs to enjoy there.) Did you know that when you look up bituminous in the dictionary you learn about the word bitumen? And when viewing the word bitumen you come across asphaltic residue? Dictionaries and words are so cool!

Wondering what big announcement I will have for you next May, it’s Caretaker Joe At Camp.

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K E E P T H E F I R E S B U R N I N G

JUST A SAMPLE OF OUR AMAZING STAFF!!



Two months from now, camp will be filled with roughly 350 incredible individuals. I have been talking to campers, parents, and staff, and they all share one thing in common, enthusiasm for the upcoming summer! Our hiring is complete and between the returning staff and new, we have a great lineup! Meet a sampling of our outstanding staff below. We'll publish a complete list in next month's *Arrowhead*.

Our senior counselor positions have filled for the summer. Since our last publication, we have signed up Michael Brodsky, Max Herz, Field Leisner and Danny Cohen. We have also hired Jamie Lau who comes from the U.K. Jamie has a Level 1 certification in teaching tennis. On the specialist front, Claire Willet will be spending her first summer at Nebagamon as the head of M.O.C.A. Ralph Greil, an alumni from the late 60's, is directing our riflery program. Excited would be an understatement when describing Ralph's feelings about his return to Nebagamon. Bailey Aro returns for her 3rd summer as our photography director. Bailey's partner with the photography project and promotional photo will be Maddie Scharff. Audrey Wekesa is also new to camp and she will be one of our nurse assistants. Working as a nurse/office assistant is Haley Haavik. Haley is the sister of Cody Haavik. Karley Brown returns as a climbing wall specialist and Elena Stein will enjoy her first summer as our windsurfing specialist. Lastly, Max Wise is returning to camp as our program director.

Peter Orner, who was first hired in 1987 as a junior counselor to work in air riflery, will be our Axeman Village Director this summer. Peter already has six years of Nebagamon underneath his belt and is excited for another! He will be coming with Katie Crouch and their daughter, Phoebe. During the off season, Peter is an author and Associate Professor at San Francisco State University. Peter can't wait for the summer to begin!

Alex Gordon plans on making this his 12th summer at Camp Nebagamon, and his first as our Logger Village Director. Alex will be joined by his wife Julie, two daughters Samantha and Maddie, and Charlie who will be attending camp for his first summer. All World, as Alex goes by, is ready to share the camp experience with his son Charlie.

Dean Einerson joins us for his first summer at Nebagamon. Dean is our climbing wall director this summer and is excited to introduce the world of climbing to our campers. He spent the last year as an instructor at the University of Minnesota-Duluth teaching outdoor education classes. Dean has climbed El Capitan, Mt. Blanc (France), and Denali to name a few. With this accomplished resume of climbing and outdoor education experience, we couldn't be happier to have Dean running our wall.

Trip staff is now complete. Returning this summer is Tucker Slosburg, Rose Lenehan and Jason Yale. New to trip staff is Tony Morris, Dustin Damrow, Nina Slote, David Scott and Eric Sommer. Alumni of the early 90's, Rudy and Chris Hunter are taking on the task of Quartermaster. Lastly, Paul Schutz returns to camp as our third and final trip driver.

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PACKING DAY (Continued from page 1)

off-season, and our more limited ability to move things back and forth between the winter office and the North Woods, it has become more important than ever for us to think about what items we will and will not want to have with us at camp. So too, you will be making the same kinds of decisions as you do your packing for camp. You will be asking yourself whether to bring that brand new fishing pole or your brand new 35mm SLR camera or the really cool IPOD Touch that you got for your birthday (*although this one is a no brainer since all of us have read page 11 of the parent handbook which MAKES IT CLEAR THAT IPOD TOUCHES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP!*). Each of these decisions will require you to think about what is coming, what you want to be doing at camp, and what you will need to do that best. This is a really healthy pre-camp exercise.

In addition to all of the “stuff” that we will be bringing with us on our adventure, it is also nice during the packing process to take some time to think about the non-physical things we want to take with us. If you look at a Camp Nebagamon packing list, clearly the oddest item on there (no boys...it is not the bars of soap and shampoo!) is under the heading of Miscellaneous Items. It states that all campers should bring a GOOD DISPOSITION. Now I am quite certain that when this was first added to the packing list (and I cannot tell you the exact date of its inclusion except to say that Sally Stein tells me that she thinks Muggs put it on the list!) it was added as somewhat of a joke. Yet, I am also quite certain that its inclusion has some real value as well. It reminds us all that, as important as the physical things we bring along, our mindset plays just as important of a role. If we have been feeling overwhelmed with the school year, is this a feeling we want to bring with us or one that we want to, to the best of our ability, leave at home. Should we be ambitious, relaxed, loquacious, reserved, or goofy? How about some combination of all of them? There are not necessarily right answers to any of this....but again, it is a very valuable exercise to spend some time BEFORE camp thinking about the mindset that we wish to bring with us to camp. The success of our adventure is as much dependent on which of these we bring along as anything else we pack.

Of course, in addition to all of the lofty notions that we have already explored, what discussion about packing for camp would be complete without considering all of the Sharpie pens and clothing labels that are such a dominant part of any camp packing. While some of you may be dreading the monotonous labeling of each and every pair of underwear, each and every t-shirt, and each and every sock, we here at the camp office tend to look at it differently. We see the labeling of each and every thing to be packed in a much more positive light.....I mean.....um.....well.....Ok, yes....that part stinks! Then again....in a Zen kind of a way, all of that monotonous work can really be.....um.....oh, nevermind....it does stink!

Can't wait to get up to camp!

SPACE REMAINS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR SAILING & SEA KAYAKING

Older campers still have an opportunity to sign up for our Lake Superior trips!

Sea kayaking in Chequamegon Bay is scheduled for June 22 - June 25, a four-day paddling trip complete with camping on different islands in Lake Superior. The cost of the trip is \$325.

From June 29 - July 2, campers can sail around the Apostle Islands on the *Wind Rider*. This experience with Dreamcatcher Sailing includes learning to sail and rig, chart a course, and read weather. \$530 covers the cost of the sailing trip for these days.

If you are interested, please send an e-mail to fornear@campnebagamon.com. Please note that while the trips are open to 7th-9th graders, older campers have priority.