

# THE ARROWHEAD

## CAMP NEBAGAMON'S MONTHLY NEWSPAPER

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### ADJUSTMENT ISSUES

Two years back, I remember receiving an email in which a first year parent was sharing some feedback about our handbook. She was a straight shooter and told me exactly what she thought worked and didn't work. (The kind of feedback you are afraid to get sometimes but that always has an impact.) She pointed out that one of the most commonly used terms in camping, "homesickness," was perhaps not a wise term to use. First off, it takes a totally normal and, in my opinion, positive experience and turns it into an illness. It is normal and a good thing to experience some new challenges and situations...so why call it a "sickness?" It is a negative moniker and the pervasive use of the term only serves to heighten any anxiety that kids may have in the important time leading up to camp. She was totally right of course, and I made a promise to myself to try change the way I speak about what I used to call "homesickness"....."adjustment issues?" (Yes, I realize that "issues" is not a particularly positive word either, but I just needed something catchier than "adjustment experiences," which is probably the most appropriate term.)

There are a great many positive things that come with re-entering the "real world after camp." You see, camp life is such an all consuming existence that re-entering the "real world" after the camp season can be complicated for campers (...and camp directors). One comment that we hear over and over again is how the boys that return home from camp are so different from the ones that were sent to camp. Sure, over and over again, we hear about how they are dirtier and know all sorts of new words, but we also hear about other changes. We hear stories about boys clearing their own places at the dinner table. We hear stories about boys taking showers without being forced to do so. We hear tales of boys speaking empathetically about the kids in their classes that are not treated well. We are treated to moments of profound maturity when it comes to responsibilities around the house and at school. In short, we are asked, time and time again, "What have you done with my real son?"

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## NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY



As I sit down to write this, it has been one week since I departed the village of Lake Nebagamon. I really enjoyed my final week in Lake Nebagamon, as much of it was spent catching up with good friends and family in the area. My parents made the trip up to see me (well that's what they said, but I believe a stronger pull was from their 1<sup>st</sup> grandson that was in Duluth) before I headed west. So before they went to hang out with Niko, my nephew, we squeezed in a day float down the Namekagon River and then spent the next morning paddling, rowing and fishing around half of Lake Nebagamon. My dad was in his solo canoe with the fly rod while my mom and I were in the row boat with a spinning rod and two dozen crawlers. I've forgotten how fun it is to row around in a row boat! As a child, I spent many a day with my good friend Paul catching turtles on Lake Belauh from a row boat. From painted turtles the size of a quarter to snappers pushing 25 lbs., a row boat was instrumental to a good day of turtle "hunting." Anyhow, it was a beautiful morning; Nebagamon was like glass and the fish were on the bite. We caught a ton of bluegills, a couple of bass and just had a great morning on the lake. I'm already looking forward to some row time on Lake Nebagamon next summer, and, if you're interested, I will be offering Turtle Catching from Row Boats for the first S.I. of 2012!

Seeing that I don't have the luxury to wander the Rec Hall, swing through CNOC, or attend an off season reunion to gather news of the camp family, I will need your help. Please call (208-345-5544), email (fornear@campnebagamon.com), text, carrier pigeon, facebook (sorry – I don't tweet) or IM any awards, accomplishments, sports, or theatrical roles that you want to share, and I promise you will make the next edition of *"In the News!"* Till next time, use some of your Nebagamon skills and cook pesto carb for the family!

**IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW** that **Max Goldsmith** (Chicago), along with some friends, recently created wristbands to honor and deal with the passing of their close friend. Max hopes to raise money as well as help unify and heal the Evanston community. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to a scholarship fund set up in the young boy's name. **Carl Fohran** (Chicago) is the goalie for his high school's J.V. soccer team. His younger brother, **Marc**, will hopefully soon be trying out for an upcoming school play. **Paul Willett** (Osceola, WI) is running varsity cross country for the Osceola Cheiftans.

**IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT:** **Lee Evangelakos** (NYC '08-'09,'11) has begun working for Microsoft in Seattle as a Software Development Engineer. **Cody Zalk** (Boulder/NYC '91-'96,'99-'01,'03-'04) recently graduated from Columbia University with a Masters of Architecture. **Henry Pulitzer** (New Orleans '92-'98,'00-'09) is owner/operator of Geaux Plates. Geaux Plates is a food truck serving up hot eats all around New Orleans. **Charlie Baldwin** (Chicago '98-'02,'05) is a research analyst for Technomic, INC., a firm that specializes in food service research. **Charlie** does consumer research on food and menu trends. **Zack Colman** (Detroit '94-'99,'02-'06) works for Disney Corporation. **Bill Friedman** (Evanston, IL '85-'89,'91) is a senior producer for original programming at the Big Ten Network. **Chris Cabatbat** (Portland '08) is a business intelligence developer for MercyCorps.org. He provides technology solutions for fundraisers and marketing groups of nonprofits, Chris also serves as a field photographer for MercyCorps.org.

**IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT:** It's a girl, **Carla**, for Tiffany (Houston) and **Ken Broda** (Houston '81-'84,'85,'87). It's a boy, **Holden Kennedy**, for Emily Scott (Memphis) and **Jonathan May** (Memphis '94-'98,'00-'01,'05-'06).

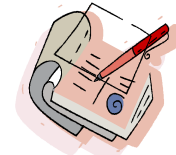
**BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS** go to **Jonah Domsy** (Chicago).

**WHERE THEY ARE NOW IN COLLEGE AND GRAD SCHOOL:** Elise Muench has started classes at Chapman University. Brooks Allman is attending Sewanee University. Adam Bloom goes to Rice University while Ben Davenport goes to Oberlin College. Sam Horvath has started classes at Colorado College.

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## MAKE PLANS NOW FOR THE 2012 SEASON



Re-enrollment materials for the 2012 camping season went into the mail this week as we began to prepare for Nebagamon's 84<sup>th</sup> season.

Returning campers are guaranteed a place for next summer if they enroll by **December 1**.

Please also remember that there have been years when spaces in various age groups and sessions fill by the deadline, so send in your enrollment early to ensure a spot for 2012. If you're not sure about your plans, or if you'd like to discuss next summer with us, please call rather than let the deadline pass.

If you don't receive the enrollment materials within the next week, please contact us, and we'll send you the mailing.

### ADJUSTMENT ISSUES (Continued from Page 1)

But I have to admit, even though there are a few bright spots that can be appreciated in the afterglow of a summer at camp, I am sure some of you are just as aware of other moods that may overcome your child. I am reminded of this after every summer, with my own family, which includes two camp directors, a camper, and two younger camp mascot children that get treated like royalty by the camp family each summer. (The mood change for these two is clearly the most profound, which I guess is understandable. I mean, Steph and I are supportive and kind to them, but we are consistently reminded by our eldest child that we are not as cool as the people at camp!) Coming home is tough for everyone. The first few days can be the roughest. Sure, there are the animated and exciting conversations in which campers share stories about adventures (or mis-adventures!) from the summer just ended. But then there are also those melancholy hours when their eyes become glazed and there seems to be no penetrating through. When despite their physical location at home, it seems that they are emotionally, psychologically, and cognitively still back at camp. By the way, when I am asked about adjustment issues, my description is "despite their physical location at home, a camper feels emotionally, psychologically, and cognitively still back at HOME." So, when I think about how we feel sometimes, when we get home after a summer at camp, it is like having adjustment issues in reverse. (With deference to the proper term that I acknowledge should be used, it sure would have been nice for this article if the term was still homesickness because it would have made for a much better finishing line to my article. I could have written something along the lines of, "If we have done things right at camp, it is not homesickness in reverse at all....it is straight up homesickness. The boys are melancholy because they are missing their other home.")

I think I will go with that finishing line anyways.

### CAMP HISTORY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

*Keeping the Fires Burning: A History and Memoir of Camp Nebagamon* by Nardie and Sally Lorber Stein is now available at Amazon.com, as well as an independent book store through [www.campnebagamonbook.com](http://www.campnebagamonbook.com). Sally and Nardie directed Camp Nebagamon for 30 years, and Sally's parents, Janet and Muggs Lorber, were the founders of Nebagamon in 1929. Having grown up at camp and directed the place for so long, there are no more appropriate people on the planet to share both the history of camp and their perspectives on the evolution of Camp Nebagamon, including how cultural changes over the course of the past 80 years have affected (or not affected) Camp Nebagamon. Alumni, staff, and campers will enjoy the many stories and anecdotes, as well as almost 300 pictures from all eras.

## The 2012 CAMP SEASON WILL BEGIN JUNE 18

We're already getting excited for the 2012 season here in our winter office! Although last summer is still fresh in our minds, we're busy making preparations for next summer. Our dates for the 2012 season are as follows:

Session	Start	End
New Staff Orientation	Sunday, June 10	
Staff Orientation	Monday, June 11	Sunday, June 17
Full Season	Monday, June 18	Saturday, August 11
First Session	Monday, June 18	Saturday, July 14
Second Session	Monday, July 16	Saturday, August 11
Family Camp	Monday, August 13	Sunday, August 19

## NEBAGAMON'S 2011-2012 ROADSHOW

One of the more fun tasks of the off-season is creating the travel schedule for the upcoming year. Every year, we traverse the country, meeting and reconnecting with members of the camp family to give them a little taste of the North Woods during the school year, just to keep them going!



Here is the tentative schedule for the 2011-2012 year. We look forward to seeing many of you at a reunion near you!

2011-2012 <u>TENTATIVE</u> TRAVEL SCHEDULE			
Memphis	November 12-13	Minneapolis	January 3
Nashville	November 14	Kansas City	January 4
Atlanta	November 16	St. Louis	January 5-6
Cincinnati	November 17	Chicago	January 7-9
Pittsburgh	November 29	Denver	TBA
New York	Nov.30 – Dec. 1	Phoenix	TBA
Philadelphia	December 2	Los Angeles	TBA
Washington DC	December 3-4	San Francisco	TBA
Raleigh	December 5-6	Seattle	TBA

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**NEWS** (Continued from page 2)

**WHERE THEY ARE NOW IN COLLEGE AND GRAD SCHOOL:** Willy Kerber goes to the College of the Atlantic and Ben Kersten attends Pomona College. Ben Klein begins at Lewis & Clark College while Peter Stein starts Law School at Lewis & Clark College. Aaron Phillips has started at the University of Utah. Thomas Rosenblatt and Ike May both attend Bowdoin College. Benno Stein goes to Williams College, Aaron Rosenbluth is at the University of Vermont and Joel Sachnoff goes to Denison University. Lastly, Charlie Barrows begins graduate school at the University of Washington.

## CAMPERS BENEFIT FROM CFN AND CNSF SUPPORT

### CAMPERSHIPS FOR NEBAGAMON *Truly Making Camp A Place of Welcome For All*



Camperships for Nebagamon (CFN) was established in 1995 to provide financial aid to families whose children would otherwise be unable to participate in an independent summer camp program, to diversify independent camp populations, and to assist alumni who otherwise might not be able to send their sons to Nebagamon. Camperships are based on need. CFN created the Muggs and Janet Lorber Endowment, which has raised more than \$1 million to help fund these goals.

Leveraging income from the Muggs and Janet Lorber Endowment Fund and individual donations, CFN provides partial tuition for more than 20 boys attending Camp Nebagamon each year. Since 2002, CFN has also funded partial tuition for girls attending Camp WeHaKee, located in the Chequamegon National Forest of northern Wisconsin. As funds allow, CFN plans to identify other "partner" camps to fulfill its charitable goals.

CFN depends upon continued contributions to sustain current campership levels and to be able to increase the aid available each year (both to keep up with the rising costs of private camps and to increase, as possible, the number of camperships provided each summer).

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### CAMP NEBAGAMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND *A Path Toward Success for Disadvantaged Children*



The Camp Nebagamon Scholarship Fund transforms the lives of at-risk children, helping them attend not-for-profit camps where they learn to overcome challenges including poverty and violence in their home communities, and cognitive, psychological or physical disabilities. Recipient camps are uniquely qualified to change the lives of troubled children – not only through recreation and friendship, but also by teaching those skills and values needed for success in life. Through these CN Scholarship Fund-supported camping experiences, disadvantaged children form life-changing relationships with peers and staff members who share their challenges and can serve as powerful role models and mentors in coping with adversity.

The generosity of Camp Nebagamon alumni and friends has helped thousands of disadvantaged children since the CN Scholarship Fund was established in 1947 by Muggs and Janet Lorber. It was administered by Sally and Nardie Stein from 1958 until 2010, and Jessie Stein Diamond now serves as president of the board. Donations serve children in their own communities in many of the cities where Nebagamon campers and alumni live. Thousands of campers have benefited from this fund throughout the years. CNSF now awards contributions to approximately 25 agency camps around the country annually.

**Contributions to both funds are fully tax-deductible. More information about the funds and how to contribute can be found online at <http://cncharities.org> or [http://www.campnebagamon.com/camp\\_family\\_giving.htm](http://www.campnebagamon.com/camp_family_giving.htm).**

At camp

**CARETAKER JOE HITS THE BEACH**



We have been enjoying a great fall season at camp. The trees are approaching full color and the weather has been mild. Though we did get our first frost not long after September started, it has been seasonably warm. And, best of all, those blood sucking mosquitos have finally subsided! The biggest change this fall is that the lake level has finally dropped and camp once again has a beach.

As those of you who were here all season know, Lake Nebagamon behaved rather oddly this summer. Instead of the lake level gradually falling throughout the summer, it continued to rise month after month. As a matter of fact, camp's docks went under the water a couple of times this season and had to be disassembled and moved in towards the shore twice during the eight weeks that camp was in session. As well, out at the range, the pilings that were the base of the old Weyerhaeuser lumber mill that was situated between the two range docks, never breached the surface of the water. Not that it means much historically, but this is the first time in my 16 seasons that they have not been above water at all for a whole summer.

Well, all of that changed this month. Camp went from having a one foot beach at the start of the month to nearly ten feet of open sand by the end. Unfortunately, though we noticed the lake was dropping, we didn't notice that "The Keeper," camp's pontoon boat, was gradually becoming dry docked. You see, at each season's end, we bring all of the docks in and just park the Keeper on the shore, thinking that we will take her out for a cruise now and then. Well, wouldn't you know it, this year, none of us lucky few that get to stay at camp long term ever took the old girl out. And, never having been pushed off the shore line and then re-parked, she never got any farther out, though the lake kept receding. Being busy with our fall chores, we didn't realize that she was gradually being dry docked until the other day, when we decided it was time to put her away for the winter. To our surprise, we found that she had drifted sideways before the water dropped and had about two feet of one 24-foot pontoon still in the water. Luckily Boomer, camp's trusty tractor, and a large nylon tow strap was all it took to drag the old girl back out into the lake. We all breathed a sigh of relief as she slid out into the lake, no worse for the wear. It's strange, but even though the lake has dropped enough to dry dock the Keeper, the water level is still quite a bit higher than normal and all of the mill pilings are still under water.

The rest of the fall chores have been going smoothly though. Caretaker Jack has worked his way through all of the cabins doing the annual cabin repair. He thinks that maybe we need to install "To: From: " dispensers in each of the counselor's quarters. His thinking is that maybe we will hear about more of the repairs that are needed at the time things break. (Yes, that is an attempt to guilt trip you counselors who duct tape rather than report needed repairs. We are also thinking of banning duct tape from camp altogether. Why did that guy ever write the book "A Billion Uses for Duct Tape?" The stuff is a repairman's nightmare!) Caretaker Andy has drained all of the water lines throughout camp, and I have started painting the interior of the Axeman porch in the Rec Hall. And we are all being dazzled by the fall colors.

Looking forward to this evening's walkies through camp, it's Caretaker Joe At Camp.

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