



# TOM TOM

## Adirondack Camp

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### Noonway...

...and welcome to the first Parents' and Visitors' weekend of the summer! We have a lot planned for you and your families over the next two days, and we're sure you're going to love it

so much here that you'll want to stay for the rest of the summer yourself! While you wander around Camp, please remember that your little ones are the bosses when it comes to Camp rules—they have been here for two weeks and know the ropes about such things as water safety and other dos and don'ts about Adirondack. If you every have a question about anything Adirondack, please tell a staff member (usually wearing the trademark white shirt) and they will be happy to help you or point you in the right direction. And now, without further ado, may we present to you the third Tom Tom of the summer—a sample of our campers' true creativity and spirit...

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### An Awesome Canoe Trip

By Andrew Damhuis

We started out...from canoe dock on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We paddled to Roger's Rock which is about two and a half miles from Camp. We had lunch at the landing area. From Roger's Rock we paddled about three miles to Hague. At Hague we played on and swam at a beach. Then we paddled all the way back to Camp. It was very hot that day and the paddling was exhausting, but we sure had an A-1 Adirondack day!



### An Interview with Whitney Lucas

By Heather Duffy

**Q. What's your favorite nail polish color?**

A. All colors, but it depends on my mood.

**Q. What's your favorite kind of music?**

A. R&B and Rap

**Q. Why do you listen to music?**

A. Because it is relaxing and it keeps me occupied.

**Q. What are your future plans?**

A. Well, I am going to keep coming to Camp and going to school!

### Hawk Cabin Overnight

By Will Carey

We started out...packing, then during adventure period, we got on the ski boat and went to our destination in two groups. The first group to arrive called tents, went around the island and climbed some rocks. Then the other group arrived and we all collected some wood for the campfire and grill. Then we went for a swim, and ate dinner. Later on, Andy Butts told us a scary story, and after that we went to the tents and slept. The next morning, we woke up and played frisbee. Then we packed up our stuff and came back to Camp!



## **An Interview with Gemma Badini**

By Erin Bumgardner and Robin Watts

**Q. Where would your dream house be?**

A. My dream

house would be in Hollywood.

**Q. What kind of car do you want to drive?**

A. I want to drive a Jaguar.

**Q. What is your favorite music group?**

A. *The Backstreet Boys*

**Q. What would you buy if you won a million dollars?**

A. I'm not quite sure, but I think it would be a really big house and a few cars.

**Q. What is your favorite sport, and why?**

A. Soccer, because I enjoy playing it and it's a lot of fun to watch.

**Q. What is Mardi Gras in New Orleans like?**

A. Mardi Gras is so much fun. You get to see the best floats and there are tons of people scrambling all over the place for beads.



## **Courage**

By Kate Berger and Amanda Clark

Courage is a plaque that means a lot to this Camp. Courage makes you do the interesting and exciting things you do. Courage is the part of you that makes you strong and helps you achieve goals. But if you don't just *have* courage, you build it up through experience and by taking healthy risks. It is the strength to overcome adversities. Courage makes you the interesting and active person that you are.

You have to have courage to do a lot of the things you do. Courage is going on a trip with no one whom you know. It's doing *Polar Bear* on cold days, and it's doing something on Skit Night. But most of all you have to have courage to live life to the fullest.



## **An Interview with Katie Frisbie**

By Charlotte Johnson

**Q. If you had a choice, what wacky design would you paint on your toe nails?**

A. Spirals and stars

**Q. When you grow up where would your dream house be?**

A. Hawaii or Florida

**Q. What's your favorite music group or singer?**

A. *The Backstreet Boys*

**Q. What are your favorite kinds of flowers?**

A. Yellow roses

**Q. What are your favorite activities at Camp?**

A. Culinary Fun and Waterskiing

**Q. Can you ski on one ski?**

A. Nope, but I'd like to be able to!

**Q. What are your favorite magazines?**

A. *YM* and *Teen People*

**Q. Where do you live?**

A. Outside of Philly, Pennsylvania

**Q. What are your favorite things to do at home?**

A. Seeing my friends and participating in lots of activities



## An Interview with Jessica Gault

By Leigh Tunney

**Q. What is your favorite color?**

A. Blue

**Q. What is your favorite song?**

A. "Like A Prayer," by *Madonna*

**Q. How long have you been coming to Adirondack?**

A. Two years

**Q. What is the best part about Camp?**

A. Being with all of your friends all of the time.

**Q. What do you do outside of Camp?**

A. I don't have a job but I am going to be a senior in high school.

**Q. Where are you from?**

A. Saint Claire's, Michigan

**Q. What are your favorite numbers?**

A. 16 and 2

**Q. How did you find out about Camp?**

A. Through the Internet

**Q. What is your favorite movie?**

A. *Mary Poppins*

**Q. What do you think the future will be like?**

A. I think there will be more technology that will help us get through life more easily.

**Q. What is your favorite thing to do?**

A. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and watching hockey.

**Q. Would you rather be a camper or a counselor?**

A. A camper, definitely.

**Q. How old are you?**

A. 17

**Q. Do you think there should be a day where campers are counselors, and the counselors are campers?**

A. Yes! It would be fun, but it would also be chaos.



## Fox Cabin Overnight

By Spencer Barton

Well we started out...by meeting in the ice shed. All seven of us packed up a days worth of clothing and other necessities. We got into a van and left. At the trail we started the three-mile

hike up to our camping spot. We crossed two bridges and went up many hills. Once we got there we unpacked. Five of us slept in a lean-to, and the other two in a tent. The next morning we did the same hike down the trail, but in half the time. Since it had rained the night before there were little orange newts all over the trail. Sure it was a long hike, but it was worth it! HOW!



## Wilderness Fun

By Gillian Menaker

This year there was a new addition to our long list of activities.

*Wilderness Fun* is a double period. The class includes such activities as building shelters, debris huts, and learning survival skills. There are also skills learned that are not necessarily for survival but make groups trust each other and work together. The ropes

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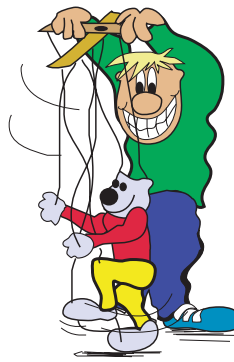
course was one thing that we worked on which made us all think about trusting each other. We worked on camouflage techniques while constructing a mud pit. We learned to walk silently with blindfolds—even over a slippery log. Overall, it was a fun and educational experience. I think most people here would enjoy it, so try *Wilderness Fun* next week!



## Adirondack

By Sybil Bunn

It drew me here, for oh, so long,  
to follow in my sister's footsteps,  
and now it draws me here each summer,  
down a trail of thought I've always crept.  
Climbing up to archery,  
my own Mt. Everest trek,  
then in art, from looking down, I strain my tired neck.  
In kayaking I learn to roll with fear,  
I'm sure I'll get better with each passing year.  
In cooking with Carol I eat till I'm full,  
But it'll wear off soon swimming the big triangle.  
In wilderness fun I see kids soaked in mud,  
but that really isn't my thing,  
I prefer the peaceful serene of snorkeling.  
Time flies like a bird flying south for the winter,  
you leave before you know you've arrived,  
but at the ending day,  
for hugs you thrive.  
Rivers of tears fill the freshwater lake,  
the love of Camp, we'll never forsake.



## Skit Night

By Trevor Kempner and  
Niccolo Gregoratti

On the night of Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, as most of you know, we had Skit Night. Skit Night is when campers make up acts to show to other people. Between Doug's British shtick and Perrin's *Austin Powers* im-

pressions, there wasn't much crowd-pleasing left for the performers to do.

All of the performers did very well. There were a few memorable acts though. First of all, *The Backstreet Boys* (especially Sandy Sherer a.k.a. Nick) got the crowd stirred up with their parody of "I Want It That Way." Then the Northwind girls did a strange version of *Madonna's* "Material Girl." After that, Cougar and Caribou cabins did an imitation of *The Spice Girls*. They used balloons in a strange way, and everyone got curious when a balloon popped backstage.

All in all, it was a lot of fun for everybody and was a great night!

**Tidbits** Grass is not for pulling—"should I pull you from your hair roots?" Sir Matt...HOW! Bucket Flush Brigade! 2 bucket flush...many hands makes light work...OPV...To the Batcave!...Yes there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run, there's still time to change the road you're on—Stairway...Go Blue, HOW White! It's all fun and games!...If you're off to see the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, make sure it's sunny...shiver me fingers!... "Try not. Do or do not. There is no try!"—Yoda...Welcome to New England...Welcome to A.D....Divide et Imperva!...Welcome to the 1900 ha ha... 'Isha Pisha'—You know the rest...I have one thousand, one hundred mL of water...hit your clanger...PDA all the way...pantied by Ben Hodgeman...Kerchof, Kerchof, Kerchof, Kerchof and Kerchof...Praise The Lord!...Perch Party...code names...Dude!!...K.I.C. lives on...out of the danger zone, danger zone!!... "tomorrow you're going to be at 9:30, PERIOD!...D-d-d-don't fall...Psycho killer chipmunks—maybe they're mating...material girls...Adventure Period? Canoeing!!...John can borrow my towel...What's up Northwind...Just when things couldn't get any—aahh!!...you stepped on my toe on purpose—oooo I'm drooling a little bit...Don't use the spray, I DON'T WANT TO GET IN TROUBLE!...Northwind '99 is the best cabin in the world... "Demonstration" (hehe Northwind)...Pink canoe...skinny dips... "Don't shut the window cause it will make too much noise"...Don't talk to boys...it could be dangerous...The perch monster!...It must be the "New England" weather...Don't you just love living next to me?... We luv Big...check-ups...midgets with Rudolph noses...ILOVE P.D.A....dancing jar jar binks



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