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There are many wonderful things about the Thanksgiving holiday. Families and friends gather together sharing good food and the company of each other. It is also a time when we think of others not so fortunate and reach out to them.

I think it is an especially nice holiday because it is one of reflection on how lucky most of us are. So many of our lives are busy and filled with endless things that need to get done. The Tom Tom has to get out, bills have to be paid and several people are owed return phone calls. How nice that the first item on my list is the Tom Tom, because in the process

of putting it together I have a lot of wonderful things to reflect about, (along with a certain amount of frustration about my lack of newspaper skills). Working on the Tom Tom reminds me of how thankful I am to be sitting here in the beautiful Adirondacks, looking out of my window at Lake George, how fortunate I am to share this peninsula each summer with so many wonderful children and staff, to hear the sounds of their laughter filling the air, see their smiles and hear the roar of their Blue/White cheers for their team-mates. I think about how thankful these campers should

be that their parents are able to send them to such a special place to spend their summers. I think about the numbers of those campers who return again as adults to visit and share their experiences and how proud I am to have been a part of all of this. I give my thanks to my husband for bringing me to this special place. I give my thanks to Matthew for his immense contributions to Adirondack Camp and to our tireless Advisory Board for the giving of their time, month after month.

This Thanksgiving as I sit with my family reflecting on the blessings of my life you should know that I will be thinking of all of you and will be giving my thanks to you for your help in keeping the spirit of the Eagle alive and well.

Linda L Goodwin

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Courage by Kate Berger & Amanda Clark

Courage is a plaque that means a lot to this Camp. Courage makes you do the interesting and exciting things that 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 you know. It's doing Polar Bear on cold days and it's doing Skit Night. But most of all – you have to have courage to live life to its fullest.

Little Green Frog submitted by Nicole Markow

UM AHT!

Went the little green frog one day

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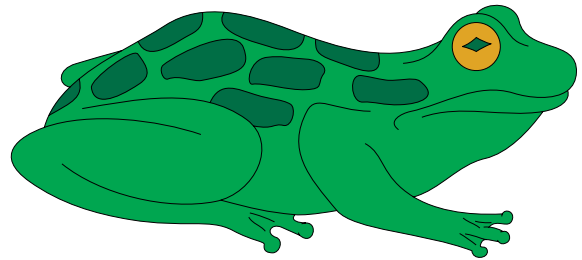
Went the little green frog one day and his eyes went

UM AHT UM AHT AHT!

“BEEP! BEEP!” went the big bad truck one day

Squish Squash went the little green frog
& his eyes didn't go UM AHT! any more
'cause they both gotten eaten by a dog

“WOOF! WOOF!”

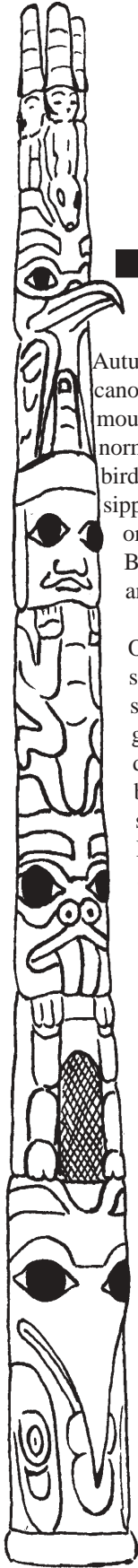


The Pink Pen by Johanna Levy

Once there was a pink sparkly pen. It was magic pen. This magic pen was owned by a funny counselor named Andy. The magic pen made everything beautiful. It also controlled the weather. When Andy wrote “Sunny” with the magic pen, it became sunny outside. If he wrote “Cloudy”, it became cloudy. One day Andy lost the magic pen, and now no one controls the weather.

We Started Out! Alumni & Staff Notes:

Neil Mundie in mid-October was on the south island of New Zealand, stayed at **Leanne's** house in Tauranga. She is working a regular job and misses traveling. Last weekend he finished a 4 day trek along the Milford Track even though it rained a lot...”Made for some amazing water falls in the Fiorland National Park...then I went on an overnight cruise of the Milford Sound...most beautiful scenery I have ever seen. Most of the people on cruise were from America and had some good conversations about USA – makes me miss the place more...Off to Australia on Monday for the rest of the time before returning to USA...” **Aunt Jeanne** says school is tremendously busy, but challenging and “I love it”.. she will try to visit camp this winter for an advisory meeting and says hi to everyone. **Baby News!! Mitch & Renee Mitchell** proudly announce the birth of their second baby (a girl) named Alice born October 28th at 8lbs 9oz.. Her brother is Hugh. **Shawn (Goodwin) & Lawler Kang** are also expecting a spring baby. How! Future Adirondackees!



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Season of Splendors excerpted from Anne La Bastille Woodswoman Living Alone in the Adirondack Wilderness

Autumn in the Adirondacks is a season of splendors. By early September, all the cacophony and motion of summer – canoers, backpackers, sunbathers – abruptly cease since most of the annual nine million transients through our mountains try to cram their visits in between July 4th and Labor Day. Now, the mountains and lakes return to their normal tranquility and wildlife again appears. Otters may be fishing, a sudden breeze and a ruby throated hummingbird pokes its head into a hardy red and white petunia bloom in my flower box on the deck. This may be his last day sipping nectar from my flowers in the Adirondacks. By September 20th – he’ll leave for Florida, Central America, or Panama. The only flying creatures that impress me more with their strength and mobility are the Monarch Butterflies and as I sprawl soaking up the weak fall sunshine, they waft past the somber spruces as gaily orange as any autumn leaf, yet infinitely more fragile.

On clear frost mornings, I am awakened by the honking of Canada Geese flying low over my sleeping loft. They sound slightly hoarse, as if having just risen from their slumber on some cold and misty lake. All day skein after skein wedge southwards. As each chorusing group passes, I run down to the dock to count their numbers goodbye. By nighttime, still flying, the birds are unbelievably high. I listen from the dock again bundled into a down jacket gazing up. Their honking has the haunting quality of distant French horns. My spirits soar up beside them. I imagine the mighty Adirondack mountains dwindling with dark humps interlaced with quick-silvered streams and moon-spangled marshes. How I wish I could fly with the geese away from these dreary November days and miss the freeze-up and cruel winter. Most every local person I have talked to grudgingly admits to this autumn apprehension. It is part a parcel of an adirondacker’s psychological make-up. The geese contaminate us with this strange depression on their southbound flight and cure us of it again in the Spring on their return northern flight and in between we try to tolerate winter each in his or her own way. As the sun loses its warmth with each autumn afternoon I begin the process lying up fire wood for the winter.

The freeze-up on Black Bear Lake is a prelude to Winter. The freeze-up is a prelude to hardship for all animals and people alike. The freeze-up is a prelude to loneliness. It begins on a November evening. As a filigreed fingerling of ice along the edge of the shoreline. It greets me in the morning as a rim of ice around the boat hull and a skim of ice atop of the ice buckets. Some nights the ice forms halfway across the lake, but come morning, it shatters into a trillion thin shards beneath waves and wind. The freeze-up takes its time. There is no stopping it. It is an event as important in Nature as the solstices, full moon, and eclipses.

It affects the living patterns of many fish and wildlife and it dramatically changes my lifestyle on this lake where I live alone in the log cabin that I built my self all those years ago. Motoring down the lake in my small aluminum boat I “feel” how heavy the water has become, how dark, how turgid. The propeller seems to churn syrup and the boat handles sluggishly. At a few degrees above freezing the water is actually denser than at 32 degrees. God help me if I fall out of the boat...

Sometimes I sit in my log cabin as if in a cocoon, sheltered by the swaying spruces from the outside world. From traffic, and noise, and pollution. Life seems to have no beginning and no ending. Only the steady expansion of trunk and root, the slow pile-up of duff and debris, the lap of water before it becomes ice, the patter of raindrops before they turn to snow flakes. Then the chirp of a swallow winging its way over the lake reminds me that...come Spring there is always a new beginning.



Camper Tidbits:

We are saddened to hear that neither **Akane Akiyama** nor **Amadeo Moretti** will be with us this summer. They will both be off to boarding school and unable to return to Adirondack for the summer. We wish them both well. They know they will be in our thoughts and we assume they will keep in touch....We are happy to pass on an email from **Niccolo Gregoratti** who says he has “good and bad news....The good news is that he has “read the Tom Tom and the bad news is that he is “coming back next year!!!!!!” He says “I practice Judo and tennis and I love camp!!!! Please send him email at niccolo.gregoratti@tin.it **Betsy Hamilton** is still having camp withdrawal and keeps her memories alive by reminiscing with fellow camper **Emily Shechtman**. School is going well for **Emily Allen....** She has been busy making Christmas presents and has just finished Dance Camp....**Max Baird** will be going to Florida in December. He is hoping to improve his kayaking skills this summer. Maybe he will go kayaking in Florida....Archery is what **Olliver Dallas** hopes to concentrate on this summer. He just got a snowboard and is going to be spending the holidays in New Zealand....**Hannah Sadwith** and her family recently moved from California to Vermont. she is going to be getting a horse soon. She can't wait to see her Camp friends and also to go waterskiing....**Sara Reed** loves to waterski also. She is going to California for her vacation

Please call or email us with what is going on in your life for our next TOM TOM.

Crazy Kate's Kettle.

What does it take to crumble the largest rocks?

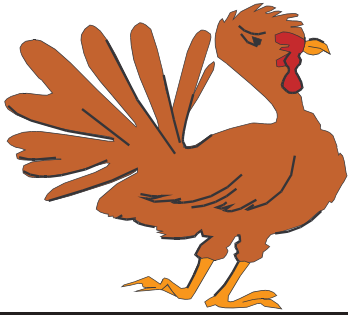
A rootless plant called *lichen* is pretty effective. Rocks begin to crumble when the lichens spread themselves over them and produce an acid that actually dissolves part of the rock! Pretty amazing for a flat growing plain grayish green plant (not to be mistaken for moss) that looks like small lettuce stuck to most of the rocks all around camp. The bits of the rock then mix with other decayed matter such as leaves to form new soil. How! Recyclers!



CAMPING Common Sense

Layers for warmth! Wear clothing in separate multiple layers. Like the construction of a house, the spaces between layers trap air to keep you warm. Two lighter layers are almost always a better clothing choice than one heavy layer, since multiple layers are more adjustable in terms of regulating body heat. A final tip: keep your Superman costume closest to your skin in case someone needs to be rescued!





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Herbie's Hints for Hooks, Lines, and Sinkers!

There's no need to get squeamish about putting a worm on a hook. Done right, it's fast and simple! Take the worm in your fingers. Starting with one end, slide the worm over the full length of the hook, past the jagged part known as the "barb". Drape a little of the leftover worm over the end of the hook. Placed this way the worm will not fall off the hook when you cast it into the water. Good Luck!

Types of fish caught this summer in Lake George:
Yellow Perch Brook Trout Lake Trout Bass and Pike



JOIN! A great organization for Herbie lovers! Certificates of membership and ID cards will be sent to you upon post card registration to:

WORM HUNTER'S INTERNATIONAL
Attn: Silver E. Minnow
286 Baxter Street
Tolland, CT 06084

CAROL'S CULINARY FUNSTERS CORNER

HOLIDAY BERRY WREATH RING

2 CUPS FLOUR
1 CUP SUGAR
6 TBS. COLD BUTTER

Pulse the above ingredients in a Cuisinart until blended.

Wisk ONE EGG with 2TBS. MILK and 1 TBS ALMOND EXTRACT.

Pulse into dry ingredients for about 30 seconds or until it forms a ball.

Form into a roll, join ends and make a ring. Sprinkle SUGAR on top and bake on parchment paper in a 350 degree oven or until lightly browned. (about 15 minutes)

TOPPING

Heat together 1 1/2 pints each of BLUEBERRIES, BLACKBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES with 1/4 cup SUGAR and the juice of one LEMON. Simmer a few minutes until softened.

To serve cut a slice of the ring, place on a plate, spoon over the berry compote and add a dolop of fresh whipped cream. For the holidays you may want to decorate with some fresh holly leaves. (Do Not Eat Them!)
Enjoy!





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2000 CAMPERS

Gerado & Roberto Aboumrad - Za Za & Wiley Acevedo - Matt Adams - Jaclyn Adelman - Carlos & Guillermo Aguirre - Rock Akiyama - Charlie & Emily Allen - Matt Amsterdam - Molly Ayer - Max Azzarello - Daria & Gemma Badini - Max Baird - Andy Ball - Derek Banov - Christina & Rance Barber - Meghan Barquinero - Spencer Barton - Kate & Nick Berger - Ashley Berman - Clay Blackiston - Claudia Brancaccio - Katie Bress - Leo & Spencer Brill - Max Brouillard - Darius & Ivan Brown - Eliza Brown - Erin & Simon Bumgardner - Sybil Bunn - Dan Cacarillo - Nicole Campbell - Christina Carbonell - Will Carey - Sarah Carlin - Avery Carpenter - Justin Church - Amanda & Nicholas Clark - Matt Critchlow - Antonia Croghan - Adrienne, Caroline & Margot DaCunha - Justin Dainer-Best - Oliver Dallas - Alex and Andrew Damhuis - Alexa & TJ David - Alyssa Davidian - Geoffrey & Miranda Dobbs - Jeanne Drucker - Heather Duffy - Jack & Phoebe Dunn - Brent Ellmen - Cat Emil - Chris Fara - Annie Ferrer - Beth Ferriss - Christine Fisher - Alexander & Carolyn Fox - Ken Freeburg - Katie Frisbie - Wallis & Wyn Furman - Peter Gallagher - Jeanette Gamble - James & Matthew Garufis - Mary Taylor Gibbs - Diletta Giudici - Beth Given - Alice Goldenberg - Scott Greenspan - Niccolo Gregoratti - Margaret Gustafson - Leyla Hamedi - Betsy Hamilton - Patrick Harper - Waldo - Jack & Luke Harrington - Gabe Hayon - Alex & Max Hess - Mason & Taylor Hiel - John Hilzinger - Jesse, Julie & Robert Hoffman - Doug Hohenberger - Brooks & Elizabeth Host - JR Howe - Rebecca Hudson - Catherine & Lilian Jenks - Bailey & lee Johnson - Amy, Jane & Rachel Johnston - Christina Juan - Charlotte Kaye - Alexandra Keegan - Bret Keller - Trevor Kempner - Carolyn & Clay kerchof - Diane, Donny & Robert Kerchof - James Kilduff - Defne & Leo Kocabiyik - Alexandra Kravitt - Artyom Kretoy - Allison Kudzy - Ben Kuyper - Josh Leavitt - Jordan Leger - Johanna & Mariah Levy - Suzanne Lewis - Max Licker - Zoe Lloyd - Zack Lockhart - Catherine Lowden - Whitney Lucas - Emma Mabie - Bill Macdonald - Katherine Machtiger - Ranger Mack - Domenica & Sam MacNaughton - Matthew Macrini - Ben & Patrick MacWilliams - Duncan & Will Mahood - Alexandra Manuso - Henry & Daisy Mariscal - Eric & Nicole Markow - Julianna Marwell - Theadora Mayaud - Kaitlin McAndrews - Dan & Tim McClung - Chris & Megan McDonough - Brendan & matt McEntee - Lucy McGirr - Elizabeth & Margaret McMillen - Philip Meachin - Paige Medley - Caroline Melly - Duncan & Gillian Menaker - Hannah Mecuris - Luke Moldof - Dan Monahan - Nicole Montello - Daniel & Luis Nassar - Paige Neely - Justin Newland - Greg & Sara O'Neal - Katherine Oberwager - Erkki Oman - Katie Orchard - Alexandra Oztemel - Nicholas Papadoupolis - RJ Paquet - Dana Patterson - Anton Pavlov - Doug Pearce - Paige & Peer Pedersen - Luke & Paul Pelullo - Will Peterffy - Ben Phelps - Keith Plum - Eugene Popovsky - Charlie Post - Meghan Quinn - Charles Razook - Sara Reed - Adam Scott Rettek - Katie Roberts - Matt Roosevelt - Robert Rose - Ben Rosenthal - Genieveve & Marius Rossillon - Hannah Sadwith - Thomas Samph - John Alexander & Laila Samy - Jenna Savage - Lucy & Maggy Schultz - Jack Schwarten - Isabelle & Matthew Schweich - Maren Shapiro - Anna & Emily Shechtman - Alexander & Susan Sherer - Kenneth Silver - Hilary Smith - Zach Smith - Elyssa Spitzer - Charlie & Jennifer Squier - Brian Stanley - Loukiano Stavrinos - Louis Steiner - Michael Stokvis - Matthew Sutherland - Daniel Swartz - Sarah Taylor - Collin Tebo - Katherine & Victoria Thompson - Charlotte Thompson - Price Totaro - Peter Troubh - Kelly Anne Tully - Bryan & Leigh Tunney - Irina Valoentukonis - Bryon & Oliver Vereschagin - Jacob Vreeland -

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Callie & Erenne Walsh - Catherine Warren - Robin Watts - Lauren & Stefan Weinberger - Aaron, Ketter & Noah Weissman - Nathan & Shawn Wilkinson - Ian & Noah Wilson - Christopher Wright - Edward Wrong - Claire & Thomas Wunderlich - Nicholas Yost - Amanda & Nikki Young - Zoe Zimit.

HOW! CAMPERS

ADIRONDACK currently is completely filled for the First Session and has only a few limited places available in the Second Session.



Don't forget to let us know if you are interested in our special PADI SCUBA certification program for the summer of 2000. It is only open to those campers who will be at least 12 years of age and there is an additional fee of \$450. All books and equipment are provided. It is a one week program and is offered both sessions.

Special thanks to **Jeanne Ferry** who has agreed to become our official Adirondack Archivist

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



DECEMBER

Peer Pedersen	12/1
Luke Moldof	12/3
Jack Dunn	12/5
Beth Given	12/6
Elizabeth Host	12/8
Will Mahood	12/8
Theadora Mayaud	12/10
Lucy McGirr	12/11
Max Baird	12/13
Matthew Schweich	12/15
Nic Gregoratti	12/18
Aaron Weissman	12/23
Will Carey	12/27
Emily Allen	12/29
Elyssa Spitzer	12/12
Chris Fara	12/14
Betsy Hamilton	12/18
Gerardo Aboumrad	12/20
Matt Adams	12/23
Robin Watts	12/27

2004 is only 5 summers away. Camp is gearing up for its 100th reunion and will need lots of help! Let Matt or Linda know if you would be interested in helping on a committee. More to come as the months progress

Merritt's Winter Quote

*Vow to be Valiant;
Resolve to be Radiant;
Determine to be Dynamic;
Strive to be Sincere;
Aspire to be Attuned.*

- William Arthur Ward

Tom Tom Contributors:

Matt Basinet	Peter Markow
Linda Goodwin	Nicole Markow
Carol Macrini	Kate Berger
Tim Condit	Amanda Clark
Merritt Duffy	Johanna levy

News From the Peninsula:

Camp is really making progress in getting cleaned up after the hurricane damage. Tim, Steve, and John have been working very hard. The main house trim received a new coat of paint and Nature and Food Service have also been stained. Tim is digging trenches for new underground electrical wiring and at the last advisory meeting Matt and Alex walked around deciding where new trees should be planted to replace some of the fallen ones.

Summer Wish List

Staff room couch, children's videos rated PG or G only for Dance Night alternatives, a new chainsaw blade for Tim (he wore his out on the tree clean-up), Golf Clubs, Tennis Balls (new), Costumes and Hats for Drama. If you have an item big or small that you think Camp might be able to use – please call the office.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2000:

FULL SESSION June 25th–Aug. 19th
SESSION I June 25th–July 22nd
SESSION II July 23th–Aug. 19th

PARENTS WEEKENDS July 7th–9th
August 4th–6th

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Dates to Remember!

December 10-12 Advisory Mtg.
January 28-30th Advisory Mtg.
February 12th NYC Winter Gathering
March 3-5 Advisory Mtg.
April 7-9 Advisory Mtg.
May 26-29 Memorial Day Work Weekend
June 25th 2000 Campers Arrive!!!

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