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Greetings from Camp

Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

We have been very busy at Camp this winter. Enrollment was full by early November so we have had more time to concentrate on filling a few places in our staff. We are delighted that Peter Markow will be rejoining the Adirondack family again as Head of the Waterfront and also pleased that our inspirational, Creative Arts Instructor, Maurine Paishon has made a long term commitment to Camp. Adirondack will also have a new Camp Cook, Don Stevenson, and we look forward to a yummy summer. We have been busy updating and improving our staff housing so that we can continue to recruit a more mature staff.

Our Advisory Board has also been busy planning an exciting program for the summer of 2001. One important change is that we have shortened our Parents Weekend so that it will now end on Saturday evening after the reception at the Main House. We know that many of you will miss Sunday morning breakfast at the Hot Biscuit Diner with your kids but hope you will enjoy being able to sleep in late or get off to an early start for home after a wonderful time spent at Camp with your children.

We will be holding our annual Winter Camper/Alumni Reunion again in New York City on the 24th of February at the New York Armory (643 Park Ave.) from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. and we invite you to join us. This event is not only a fun way for current campers and alumni to reconnect during the winter but also a great way for new campers to meet fellow campers and their families. Please join us. An RSVP to Carol at Camp would be appreciated.

See you soon!

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Quote

"It is difficult to give children a sense of security unless you have it yourself. If you have it, then they catch it from you."

Did You Know?

That the record for the most snowfall in a single storm was 189 inches on Mt. Shasta in CA in 1959 over a six day period. Or that the 24 hour snowfall record is 78 inches on Feb 7th 1936 in Arkansas of all places.

The deepest amount of snow standing in one place was 37 feet 7 inches in Tamarac, CA during March of 1911 and the tallest snowman ever made was over 97 feet tall. It took the 1995 Japanese team of people 10 days and nights to make him. Wow!

The largest snow plow (next to the one Tim uses on Cardiac Hill) measures 50 feet 4 inches wide, but is only 4 feet tall. It was made especially for JFK International Airport in New York and is still in use today.

The deepest hole drilled in frozen ice measured 10,018 feet in Greenland and took 5 years to drill it. And the largest ice-cream sandwich weighed 830 lbs., was 8 feet long and 3 feet wide. We could handle that - where are the spoons?

Most Wanted List

Although Adirondack Camp has over 3000 alumni, we only have current addresses for about a third of them. Please help us locate the following people: J. Kent Bien, Andrew Suskind, Salty Hopkins, Doug & Bruce Ikelheimer, Jim & Rob Mainzer, Mark Birmingham, Dean Vallas, Armando Carmona, Sean & Kyle Casey and Dave Norman. If you have any information as to their current where-a-bouts, please let us know.

Tom Tom Contributors:

Merritt Duffy, Linda Goodwin, Carol Macrini, Matthew Basinet, Peter Markow, Tim Condit & Sir John Halasz

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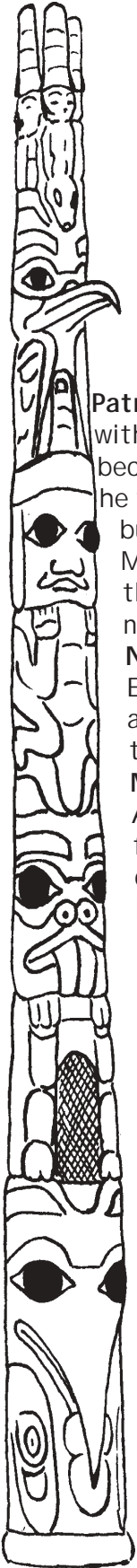
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We Started Out! Alumni & Staff Notes:

Patryk Rudski checked in with camp to say that he recently landed a very good job with the Poland arm of Arthur Anderson. It is an auditor's position and he is very excited because good jobs are very hard to come by. He also said that if he had not gotten this job he would have been back to camp for one more summer. He is sad that he will not be back, but has promised to keep in touch. Camp has his email address if you want to email him. Merritt Duffy swears she saw one of her former campmates **Paul Spellman** ('80-'82?) on the evening news as a presidential Washington D.C. correspondent for one of the major networks. "Paul if that was you - let us know!" You did a great job!! The **Kiwis (Nic E., Nic M., & Jono)** continue to enlighten us with their travelling tales abroad. They are in England and we are glad to hear that they are no longer getting up at 1:30 AM to work in a salad factory. We have gotten various email here and there of staff getting together to visit which is awesome - they make our camp family stronger. Speaking of families: **JJ Morrow** & his wife **Darsa** are expecting this Spring. How! Future baby Adirondackees! And rumor has it **Dr. Peter Tothy** will be walking down the aisle very soon - details to follow. **Sarah Dunning Brittain** ('79-'82) recently moved with her husband and two children to Lutz, Fla. And is adjusting to the heat. As we mentioned in the last Tom Tom Both **Chris & Jeff Jockel** have gotten into 3 med schools each - How Braves!! They are still going on interviews and are quite the travelling men. **Perrin Badini** is busy with SAT's and ACT's and college previews. **Brita** and **Peter** were unable to make it to Camp last year but "both dream of a cool lake swim on a hot day this summer." **Elizabeth (Ibis) Lester** is doing great in Utah and is currently filming a documentary, enjoying ice skating and cross country skiing outside her house, and has taken up auto mechanics to develop her mechanical tactile side she said. Wow! And after she graduates next year - wants to back pack through India. She never stops! "Sir" **John Halasz** was not feeling well. In his Christmas card he tells us he is recovering from a recent stroke. He was very happy to hear from many of you and I am sure if we send him more cards he will continue to get better even faster! His address is: Northern Blvd. Box 35 Oyster bay, NY 11771. Camp wants to hear from you with address changes or just to say hello. So drop us a line at merritt@adirondackcamp.com or adigood@capital.net. What's new in your life?

Alumni Alert

Don't forget to attend our upcoming NYC Reunion at the Armory on February 24th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and at 5:00 PM the 100th Planning dinner for willing volunteers.



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A special welcome back to **NADIA JAFAR** who went to Egypt over the holidays and loved it. She horseback rides 2 or 3 times a week and can't wait to be back at Camp again. She wants very much to go on a Mt. Marcy trip and go waterskiing. **PHOEBE DUNN** was traveling over Christmas also and went with her family to Saint Thomas. She has started basketball at her school and her team has already won 4 games. **HOW!** Phoebe. She loves to play the guitar and will bring it with her to Camp this summer.. **NICK SINGER** has been taking tennis lessons in NYC. He can't wait to get back to Camp and do waterskiing again. **GEMMA BADINI** was in her school play this last fall and has been busy as a J.V. cheerleader. Sister, **DARIA** has been advanced to pointe shoes after 6 years of practice. **HOW!** Daria. **ROCK AKIYAMA** emailed us to let us know that he has a miniature dachshund named Brownie. The family gave him that name because he was "really brown and he looked like a brownie." Rock says he is "cute but stupid" Rock walks 15 minutes to school and enjoys watching TV and eating snacks while sister, **AKANE**, does a lot of homework. Speaking of sisters, we have a lot of new siblings to welcome to Camp this summer. **PAIGE HOST**, sister of **ELIZABETH** and **BROOKS**, just finished learning multiplication in school and is getting ready for division. She loves to read and just finished "The Trumpet of the Swan" by E.B. White and loved it. She likes to write stories and is looking forward to water sports at Camp. **MASHA ELKIN**, sister of **EUGENE POPOVSKY**, wants very much to go sailing and swimming this summer and is interested in pottery making. She belongs to a science club at school and recently got to solve a murder mystery as part of her club events. Ask her about the end result this summer. She is very excited about attending Adirondack this summer. **ELSA VREELAND** sister of **JAKE**, spends a lot of her time visiting her horse, named Hershey Kiss and is excited about making a lot of new friends this summer. **JAMES MANUSO**, brother of **ALEXANDRA**, can't wait to try kayaking and play basketball. He thinks it's cool to attend the same camp as his sister. **WILL STOKVIS**, brother of **MICHAEL**, just "wants to have fun" playing all outdoor games.. A special welcome to new camper, **STEPHEN REVELLI**, who loves to play basketball and is on an undefeated team at school, and to **NICOLE LANGE**, who according to her proud mom, has joined a chess championship team and just finished a project on Henry Hudson at school during which she dressed up as him.

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

CAMPING Common Sense



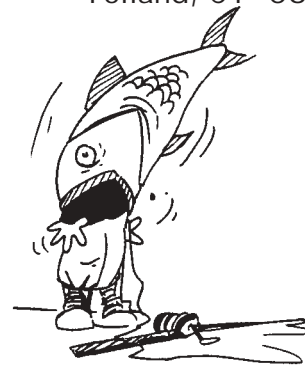
Here Are 3 Common Methods To Building A Good Campfire:
The Lean-To method is smart on windy days with the larger piece of wood used to block the wind. The TeePee method works well on rainy days and the Log Cabin method can support a frying pan or cooking pot.

Caution! Never light matches or build a campfire without the supervision and permission of your parents.

Herbie's Hints for Hooks, Line, & Sinkers!

For your *FREE* samples of Bait not used this summer send a self addressed envelope to:

Rod N. Reel
286 Baxter Street
Tolland, CT 06084



**Herbie Can't Wait To Get you Hooked
This Summer in Fishing!**

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Summer Wish List

We need Rated G and PG videos for campers to view on rainy days. Disney movies are fine and other popular features that you may have outgrown or just don't watch anymore. Board games are always welcome (checker and chess sets too). We are looking for old Adirondack Memorabilia for the upcoming reunion in 2004. Woolly T-Shirts with "A"s on them or Adirondack Banners. Photos, Tom Tom's, old Bazunga Bucks - anything you want to part with will be greatly appreciated. Please call Linda and Carol at 518-547-8261 if you have an item in mind and we can easily coordinate picking it up from you.

Sir" Peter's Ponderings

If Heat Rises, Then Why Does Ice Form On Top Of Water On Lakes and Ponds?

Well we know that heat rises and the Sun warms the top of the water first before the bottom. So, then it would seem that ice should form on the bottom of a lake rather than the top. Right?

Well, sort of...Water is most dense, thick, or heavy at 39.2 degrees F and this temperature is the secret to ice forming on a lake. At this temperature when the water is heavy and sluggish it sinks lower in a lake and shrinks too. As it continues its descent and continues to cool to between 39.2 and 32 degrees F (or freezing) a strange thing occurs: It changes itself and begins to stretch and expand. When this happens, the water becomes less dense and rises towards the surface. This colder, and now lighter water mixes with the even colder air at the top and more heat is then lost from the water. Ice crystals form due to the continued loss of heat and the crystals use the surrounding freezing water to "cement" themselves together. Ice is very light and remains on the surface until the air temperature warms or the Sun melts it.

CAROL'S CULINARY FUNSTERS CORNER



APPLE CRISP (apple crumble)

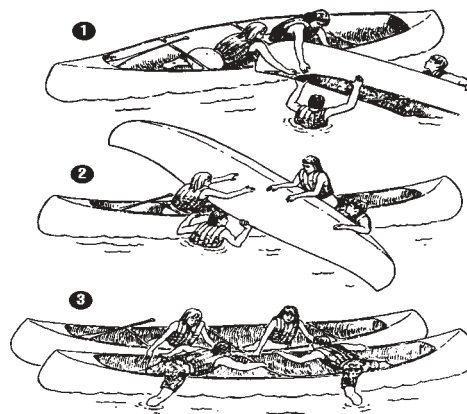
Place in a buttered 10x6x2" baking dish
4 cups sliced apples.
Sprinkle with 1 tsp. Cinnamon, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 cup water.
Sift together 3/4 cup flour, 1 cup sugar 1/3 cup butter.
Drop mixture over apples.
Bake 350 for 40 min.

Serve warm with cream.

Note: This recipe is from the well loved 1950 edition that launched Betty Crocker into millions of American Homes and made her the most trusted friend in the kitchen.

Paddler's Prefer

If a canoe capsizes in reasonably calm water you can perform a "Canoe-over-Canoe" Rescue. Always wear your lifejacket when paddling and the rescue team holds the "righted" canoe in order for the capsized paddlers to climb back in.



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The Love of a Lake

The men who tie up their boats at anchor along the Sound or in Atlantic harbors have the waters of the world to sail if their craft have sufficient size and strength. The men whose boats are tied at the docks on a mountain lake are forever prisoners of the enclosed shoreline. Not for them, ever, are the distant horizons, the new seascapes and the mystery of strange landings. For them it's always round and round the same old lake, always to come and rest at the same old dock.

Many a man prefers the sea roads that have no end but others are quite content to stay on the same lake even if it does mean round and round forever. The love of a man for a lake is a curious thing. It never alters. The lake may be a very small one, with broad shallows and little depth, but it is his lake, to which all other lakes, great and small, are compared - and always unfavorably. The lake may be one on which he spent his child hood, learning to swim, where he was first trusted out alone in a flat bottomed boat. It may be a lake he came on first as an adult, learned to know it, and returns to it each summer, perhaps for months, perhaps only a precious week or two. Whatever the manner of the finding or the time spent on it, if he loves it above all others, it is his lake.

For years the man who loves a lake has watched it lying quiet as gold leaf under a July moon, has seen it toss in an August wind like a child in a tantrum, has seen it catch the blue of a September sky and deepen it. Everything about the lake may be familiar, yet he knows that whenever he takes his boat out, to go round and round once more, he will see something unnoticed before. It may be the way some pine on the shoreline stands crazily against the sky or the fresh copper-plating of the water in the east cove under an unusual summer sunset. These fresh discoveries are always there to be seen so that his lake has an infinity of freshness. No wonder that when a man loves a lake, his lake is always alive. No wonder that when he visits a strange lake or hears another talk proudly of it, he listens tolerantly but with the unshaken assurance that his own lake is far more beautiful, far more interesting, far more satisfying. In fact, far more lake.

When a man comes to know one lake well, every feature has some worth and meaning. At a spot in the west bay he once saw a deer come down to the rocky edge: he never passes that point without looking to see if that deer might be back, even though it was twenty years ago when he saw it. He remembers the spot where mink used to slip into the shallows and cut their nightly furrow. They are long gone now but the man remembers as he passes by and looks for them. Each year he sees the broad float of lily pads return in the south cove, in the same shaped float each year, with the same channels through them. He can take his boat through them with no less pride than a skipper bringing his diesel yacht into a Caribbean harbor.

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He gives to the parts of the lake names with special significance that are not on public maps. A rocky point is forever Pam's Point, because a genial family by that name once camped there. Every man's favorite lake has these spots, very much like the entries in a giant memory book. There are those who know Lake Erie or Superior and love them, but they cannot know all of them nor every rock on their shores, marked by the ice lines of centuries, nor where the giant white birch stands that threatens each year to topple into the lake, yet each year manages to keep its roothold on the thin earth. It takes a smaller lake to develop this sort of intimate knowledge and, with it, the close affection. That is the return the lake pays the man whose only boating is the same familiar shores. That makes it his lake, by love if not by law. The lake may be shared by other people in other boats. No matter. For the man who loves the lake, it is his.

We're Coming to Your Town!

- 1/20/01 Derby Academy 12PM
- 1/24/01 Devon Fair (Conestoga HS, PA) 5:30PM
- 1/27/01 Greenwich Academy 11AM
- 1/27/01 Chestnut Hill, PA 11AM
- 1/28/01 Shipley Fair, PA 11AM
- 2/03/01 Delbarton School, NJ 11AM
- 2/04/01 Princeton Day School, NJ 12PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

Ramsay Stevens	1/1	Duncan Mahood	1/1
Russell Bradley	1/2	Griffin Markay	1/2
Charlie Allen	1/4	Genieveve Rossillon	1/4
Phoebe Dunn	1/5	Jansyn Thaw	1/7
Bridget Wilcox	1/7	Joyce DeMello	1/8
Ivo Fabbri	1/9	Alexandra Manuso	1/12
Heather Duffy	1/12	Andrew Schran	1/13
Courtney Mayer	1/15	Alex Sherer	1/15
Sybil Bunn	1/17	Kerry Nolan	1/17
Geoffrey Dobbs	1/17	James Kilduff	1/19
Donny Kerchof	1/23	Justin Newland	1/24
Brent Ellman	1/26	Chris Bodine	1/27
Dylan Brant	1/27	Darius Brown	1/27
Tracy McBride	1/29	Machenzie Flight	1/30
Alexandra Kravitt	1/30	Noah Wilson	1/30
Nick Singer	1/31		



FEBRUARY

Abby Lofberg	2/2	Nicole Campbell	2/2
Nicholas Strunc	2/2	Molson Hart	2/3
Louis Steiner	2/11	Ranger Mack	2/11
Mary Taylor Gibbs	2/11	Masha Elkin	2/12
Emily Mejer	2/14	Michael Stokvis	2/17
Kate Oberwager	2/17	Guillermo Aguirre	2/18
Maren Shapiro	2/23	Molly Ayer	2/23
Eric Markow	2/23	Charlotte Thompson	2/24
Kelly McGinty	2/24	Franny Archibald	2/26
Juliette Brindak	2/26		

