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Greetings!

Warm greetings from Camp where, although we hear spring is just around the corner, it definitely still feels like winter. We are excited about our upcoming NYC Reunion and look forward to a good turn out!

Spring is generally thought of as a time of renewal and that makes us think of all of the generous

Adirondackees who keep the flame burning. We would like to take this time to thank a few of those hard working people.

Kevin Porterfield and his generous fellow workers at **Pushmedia** have donated hours of their time working with Camp Owner, **Alex Levitch** to set up a special web site for Camp Scholarships offered for survivors of the 9/11 disaster. If you have a chance you can check it out at

www.COSSI.org.

The original idea came about because of one of those typical office/kitchen conversations initiated by the Culinary Queen herself, **Carol Macrini**. She is also a major support of our **Advisory Board** which meets faithfully on a monthly basis to review, reflect on and often remind us about the many issues we deal with throughout the year. The Board is composed of, but never limited to, the following people:

Nina Basinet, Shawn and Lawler Carraher-Kang, Tim Condit, Andy Dicob, Merritt and Jim Duffy, Alex Levitch, Claire and Peter Markow, Mitch and Renee Mitchell and Maurine Paishon.

Of course our main support continues to be the ongoing participation of our Adirondack families, both current and past. This summer we have five new Alumni families joining us with a second generation of Adirondackees. The letters, the visits, the telephone and email contacts are what keep us going and continue to reaffirm our faith that "the spirit of the eagle never dies."

Thank you!

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Crazy Kate's Kettle.



Cat-Attraction

Does your cat always want to snuggle with the one person in the who hates it? Of course it does - after all, cats are usually attracted to people who dislike them, right? Wrong! Researchers decided to explore this commonly-held belief to see if it rang true. They recruited eight cats, eight men who liked cats, and eight men who didn't. With a video camera rolling, each cat met each man once. The men were told not to pet or talk to the animals, but were allowed to watch or ignore the cats as they pleased.

There were differences in the way that the two groups of men behaved and also in the way the cats reacted to the two groups. The cat-lovers spent far more time watching the animals. The cats responded by gazing back and sometimes raising their tails, which means "hello!" in cat language. On the other hand, the men who disliked cats tended to look away from them. They received far fewer cat gazes and greetings in return. Although most animals feel threatened by direct eye contact, pet cats have learned that people who look at them are far more likely to be a good source of food or attention. The cats in this case , at least, seemed to like the men who liked them back.

Winter Wish List

Remember! when you clean out your closets, garage or basement and think you might have some items that Camp could use - just give Carol or Linda a call at the office. (518/547-8261)

Special thanks to Gordon Hurst (1940 to 1948) for his contribution of a telescope to Adirondack Camp. "HOW" Gordon! We understand our Program Director, Andy Dicob, is an avid star gazer and will be hosting "Heavenly " activities this summer!

Quote:

They will be gone before you know it. The fingerprints on the wall appear higher and higher. Then suddenly they disappear...

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We Started Out!

Alumni & Staff Notes:

Wow! This past December - just before Christmas we heard from “**Moose**” **Stephen Salomon** (late 70’s-’82), long lost CIT living in San Francisco, CA! And, he reads his Tom Tom! Moose wanted to let us know that he is engaged to be married (her name is still a mystery to us - more to come in next issue after the Editor obtains it...) and also to give us his new address so he can continue to get this wonderful newsletter from Camp. He has given me a written promise (and you all are witnesses here) that he and **Tony** (1970’s) along with **Bobby Havecotte** (early 80’s) will be attending the 100th reunion. Exciting! Yes! So all of you Alums out there that we have not heard from or maybe a fellow Adirondackee that you assume keeps in touch with us - double check because we need to hear from all of you - no matter what decade you are from. Summer 2004 is just around the corner! **Amy Seldin** (1980’s) is also engaged to be married (her fiancé’s name is Doug) and will be married this coming summer (congrats!). **Katie Bradley** leaves for New Zealand soon to visit the Kiwis for a few months and **Leah Brown** has also been enjoying the warm weather down under. She is loving it she says. **Patryk Rudski** checks in to say that he is planning his vacation in the USA up at camp and can’t wait to see everyone - we’re excited to see him as well. **Elizabeth Lester** (Ibis) recently won a writing contest for a nature essay and is also in the process of getting a play she wrote published. How! She is coming to Philly, PA very soon from her home in Utah and hopefully we will get to see her. **Nicki Youroukos** spent the holidays in Montreal with **Ian Cohen** and misses camp like crazy and will make sure to keep Adirondack in her journeys around the states this summer. **Neil Mundie** emailed from Rome this week and is busy touring the Vatican City, St. Peter’s, and the Coliseum. After that he is off to Venice for its Carnivale (wonder if its anything like ours?) and is looking forward to his first gondola ride through the canals. **Finn Isdahl** of Norway recently asked the Tom Tom why there were not more tidbits about the foreign campers - well - good question - the answer - all of you living outside of the USA and reading this Tom Tom need to check in with us! Curious readers WANT TO KNOW! Thanks Finn for your question and I promise we will work on that. If anyone needs Finn, JR’s or Kristen’s new address - pls. contact Carol at Camp. Please email your tidbits to merritt@adirondackcamp.com.

Most Wanted List

Artie Blight, Sean and Kyle Casey, Ed Jaekel, Dave Norman, Andy and Jimmy Cohen, Juan Portella, Steve Foss, Federico and Armando Carmona, Bruce and George Long, and Lionel Thacker.

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Camper Tidbits:

Sarah Carlin was selected to participate in a Girl Scout Wider Opportunity Program! She and 30 other scouts from all over the country spent President's Weekend in Michigan doing all sorts of Winter sports -even ice fishing! How Sarah!

Bailey Miller is playing soccer after school these days. He says he can't wait to be back at Camp windsurfing and cooking up delicious dishes in Culinary Fun! Adirondack is happy to welcome several new campers to our summer family. These include **Tina Milani**, friend of 2001 camper, **Elsa Vreeland**. **Tina** is taking ballet and also does horseback riding after school. She joins friends **Victoria Brown** and **Annie Devlin**, also sent to Adirondack by the **Vreeland Family**. "HOW" It will be the first time away for **Hillary Hosier** and although she already knows current campers, **Gina Doria**, **Leah Tunney**, **Nadia Jafar** and **Sara McCarty**, we still want to make sure that she feels welcome! **Hillary** is very busy after school with tennis, soccer, volleyball and basketball. Her basketball team is doing well and they may make it into the playoffs. **Harry Bradford** also plays basketball after school. He is looking forward to joining his friends, **John Breen** and **Steven Revelli** this summer and enjoying windsurfing and water skiing. This summer Adirondack welcomes triplets (a first?) **Alexander**, **Oliver** and **Rebecca Kagel**. They are all very excited and very much looking forward to making new friends. **Schuyler Tise** is new to Adirondack also this summer. He enjoys sports and wants to partake of tennis and archery this summer. He is hoping that his friend, **Ben Prownal** will get off the Wait List and into Camp.

CAMPING

Common Sense



DONT FORGET!

that our first Parent's Visit occurs on the Fourth of July weekend (July 5th and 6th), therefore, please make your reservations now! Call Camp if you need places to stay.

We will no longer be doing airport runs to JFK, LaGuardia, or Newark Airports. We will be asking that parents book their campers to Montreal, Albany, or Burlington Airports only. Camp will continue to pick up campers via the bus in NYC and Tarrytown locations as usual. Please read the transportation forms carefully when your Parent's Packet is sent to you in the Spring and as always feel free to contact us with any questions or problems.

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POEM

**Going Back
When I get back
to the high bright world
of the windblown sun
and the meadowed rock
things will be alright.**

**When I return
to the mountain wild
on a turning trail
through a summer rain
my rhythm will return.**

**When I can escape
to a land left wild
on a starred night
drowned deep in peace
my life will turn around**

**When I get back
to the wilds again
and the easy peace
of a dreaming fire
I'll be content again.**



CAROL'S CULINARY FUNSTERS CORNER



CHICKEN CACCIATORA ala Carolina

1 whole chicken (Cut up)
1 28oz can plum tomatoes (no puree)
4 or 5 cloves of garlic
1 large onion
1 pkg. sliced mushrooms
fresh Italian flat parsley a good hand full
fresh basil, a good hand full
fresh oregano (or dry)

Brown the chicken in. olive oil, remove and put in a colander to drain.
Saute garlic, chopped onions and mushrooms, add the tomatoes and with a fork break up the plums When it comes to a boil add the parsley, basil and oregano and some salt and black pepper to taste, you can also put in a pinch of red pepper flakes if you like.
Add the cut up chicken and simmer for about 1 hour till he chicken comes away from the bones.

This is best served with linguine pasta.

This works well in an electric fry pan.

2004 is only 3 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 out on a committee. Look for the special 100th Reunion insert in the next Tom Tom. Suggestions are always welcome!

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Beavers as excerpted from *Woodswoman* by Anne la Bastille

...I sighed and rose to my feet. The entertainment was over. It would be hours before the family of foxes was reunited. But I'd come back to take pictures and watch the little ones grow. Backtracking quietly so as not to disturb the female, who was almost certainly hidden just a short distance from me, I bumped into a tree by mistake. At once, a hawk plummeted off a branch and swooped at my head. A blur of pearl-gray breast and slate-gray back rocketed past my ear. A female Goshawk. Unlike the female fox who defended her young with stealth and cunning, this feathered bombshell made direct attacks on intruders.

Fortunately, I was protected by my felt guide's hat; yet the persistent swoops of the hawk were unnerving. I took to my heels and jogged into a dense grove of balsams to lose my attacker. My escape path took me to Beaver Pond's western edge and I continued around its shore to check for any new beavers. The old dam looked neglected and grass was growing out of the lodge; yet a few freshly peeled white sticks floated on the lake. That was a good sign. Then at the far end of the pond where a small stream rippled into the inlet, I found a short, narrow, new dam. Behind it the forest had been flooded. This looked like the work of a new two-year-old couple and by impounding their own pond they could now cruise the edges for fresh untouched yellow birches, alders, and poplars. I knew the couple would quickly make use of these trees for instant breakfasts, lodge poles, dam timbers, and winter feed piles. Then they'd need more... What looked like a pitifully weak dam had all the potential of becoming a grandiose structure. The beavers would make it higher to raise the water level and also to accommodate a family in the lodge. Struggling through the lush grass and ferns I wondered if they had young inside. In my mind I could picture them inside the lodge on the sleep-eating platform a few inches above the water line with their mother. Born in May or June, the babies should be bright-eyed, well-furred, and able to swim and dive by now. I tried to guess how many might be inside. Two? Four? Six?

Just then the water at my feet seemed to rise imperceptibly. I held my breath. The male had probably slipped down the plunge hole from the lodge and was swimming underwater. He swan right past me, not catching my scent, and headed for a narrow canal. Moments later he headed home with a branch in his mouth. I could see his sharp orange incisors glistening in the sun. His teeth constantly grow and re-sharpen as he chews and gnaws on wood. The male dove and disappeared toward the lodge and then re-appeared a short time later. He headed for the distant shore and I watched him waddle up the little slope, clasp a yellow birch trunk in his front paws and start gnawing at its base. I looked at my watch - 4:15pm. His back was to me, but I could hear the sound of wood being cut. Five minutes passed and I wondered which way the tree would fall since beavers have no way of controlling this. I hoped it would topple towards the water and sure enough seven and a half minutes from when he started, the branches quivered and the tree fell smoothly into the pond. The splash sent waves across the placid water. Perhaps this was signal because minutes later the mother and five tiny replicas were making V-wakes towards the birch.

Fascinated, I watched them line up along the floating trunk, the father and one kit on one side, the mother and four on the other. They began chewing white furrows in the bark and looked contented as a farm family enjoying a Sunday meal. Not wishing to frighten them, I sneaked backward and away across their little dam towards home. A trout rose to catch one of the myriads of insects buzzing over the new pond. Swallows swooped over the water; frogs chorused; a Great Blue Heron froze statuesquely at the inlet. All that was missing was a moose. The beaver ponds were invaluable watering holes in times of drought and also serve as barriers to forest fires. On my way back to the cabin I needed only to cross one little swamp and climb the knoll to my balsam forest. The ebony water lay like a mirror under the cow lilies. Their reflections were perfect...

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

Artyom Kretov	2/2
Nicole Campbell	2/2
Nicholas Strunc	2/2
Joe Steiner	2/11
Ranger Mack	2/11
Mary Taylor Gibbs	2/11
Emily Mejer	2/14
James Fordyce	2/14
Michael Stokvis	2/17
Katherine Oberwager	2/17
Dan Schneider	2/19
Molly Ayer	2/23
Eric Markow	2/23
Charlotte Thompson	2/24
Kelly McGinty	2/24
Juliette Brindak	2/26

MARCH

Michael MacDonald	3/1
Eugene Popovsky	3/1
Lauren Weinberger	3/2
Marius Rossillon	3/2
Timothy McClung	3/3
Mason Heil	3/4
Alexandra Keegan	3/4
Carolyn Fox	3/5
Byron Swartz	3/6
Frank Maher	3/8
Robert Spandorpher	3/9
Katie Branch	3/9
Amanda Gutterman	3/12
Ken Freeburg	3/13
Harrison Evarts	3/15
Anna Santoleri	3/18
Miranda Dobbs	3/17
Catherine Peterffy	3/18
Max Koeppe	3/18
Lizzy Aaron	3/20
Spencer Brill	3/22
Carolyn Kerchof	3/22
Drew Tunney	3/22
Emilia Papadopoulos	3/23
Claudia Brancaccio	3/23
Katie Orchard	3/27
Lauren Ellman	3/24
Katie Orchard	3/27
Chris McDonough	3/30
Megan McDonough	3/30
Jack Swarten	3/31
Charlie Squire	3/31
Andrew Sartorius	3/31
Margot Kessler	3/31



News From the Peninsula

Tim tells us this week that the ice and snow covering the ball field is so hard and smooth that you could roll a marble from the base of the flagpole all the way down to the back stop at the bottom. The lake has begun to freeze and they can hear the ice crackle and groan as it expands. Finishing touches are being completed to the newly renovated Lakeview and they are also in the process of installing the remaining pump rails and machinery into the new wells around camp for the new septic system. Tim anticipates that the equipment will be in use for this summer and renovation to the buildings for summer 2003. Winter is a slower time for them up at camp and the cold can limit their projects to indoors, but at the end of March Tim and Steve will make their annual trek south with the dogs to vacation on the warm sandy beaches of South Carolina with their family.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2002:

FULL SESSION June 23rd–Aug. 17th
SESSION I June 23rd–July 20th
SESSION II July 21st–Aug. 17th

Parents Visit July 5th & 6th
 August 2nd & 3rd

Important Dates To Remember:

2/23/02 Armory Reunion Gathering
 643 Park Avenue (66th St), NYC
(2004 Reunion Planning Meeting is Right After)

3/16/02 Advisory Meeting (Merritt's, NJ)

4/13/02 Advisory Meeting

5/24/02 Memorial Day Work Weekend

6/23/02 Campers Arrive! ☺☺☺

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