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A D I R O N D A C K C A M P

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WINTER 2001

Greetings from Camp

Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

It has been a busy fall and early winter at Camp. The weather has been great, allowing us to get much further on our septic system project than we had anticipated. However, I must say, that I was delighted when our first snow arrived. It was as if Mother Nature were letting us know that her house was still in order!

Enrollment for summer 2002 is nearly complete. We do have some places still available, so let your interested friends know about Adirondack.. We will be participating in several Camp Fairs again this winter. Stop by and say hello and bring a friend. We thank our many families who have already sent us referrals.

We are pleased that most of our staff will be returning this summer, including our Chef and Head Nurse. Matt has been busy filling in the holes and is quite excited about our new additions.

We will be holding our annual Winter Camper/Alumni Reunion again in New York City on the 23rd 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 re-connect during the winter but also a great way for new campers to meet fellow campers and their families. Please join us. (Following this event we will have a 100th Celebration planning meeting. Any interested alumni are invited.) An RSVP to Carol at Camp would be appreciated.

Best wishes for a happy holiday and a peaceful new year!

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SIR MATTHEW BASINET
DIRECTOR

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DID YOU KNOW...

That the idea for Velcro came from seed burrs stuck to a man's clothing in 1948 as he walked through his field of weeds. After studying the burrs stuck to his jacket under a microscope, George de Mestral recognized the potential for a practical new fastener!

Or that the first pair of **Levi's Jeans** were made out of the same brown canvas used for tents and to cover the Conestoga Wagons traveling west to California for gold in 1849. They were so strong and durable that they immediately became popular with miners.

Or that **Post-it Notes** were a scientific mistake? In 1970 Spencer Silver of 3-M was working on an adhesive and instead of it being very strong it turned out to be too weak for anything. It sat on a shelf for 10 years and when a friend Arthur's bookmarks kept falling out of a book – he spread some of it onto the markers. They stayed in place, yet could be lifted off without a mark. Voila! And the rest is history!

Winter Wish List

Camp is really interested in acquiring a telescope, so please let us know if you may have one that you are no longer using. 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.

Special thanks to the de Mello family who, due to a shipping mixup, recently received a duplicate of a waterski that they had ordered. Instead of returning it to the manufacturer, they very graciously donated it to Adirondack Camp. "HOW" de Mello family!

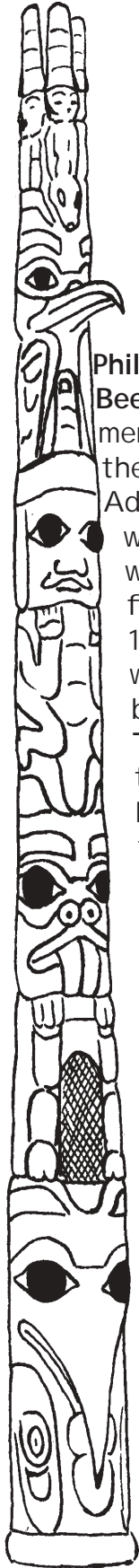
Quote

"When one door closes, another opens. Seize the opportunity while the path remains lit."

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We Started Out! Alumni & Staff Notes:

Philip Walsh (1928- 1930) recently stopped by Camp with his sister in law, **Eugenie Beeman** to reminisce. He was kind enough to write us about some of his Adirondack memories. He told us that "I was so homesick for the first week of my first year there that I just lay on my bunk and cried....." and he ended with "I dearly love Camp Adirondack. After I ceased going there I dreamt about it for years. The dreams were always happy. I am so glad to see it again now and to see it thriving - even with girls!" We also had a visit from **Peter Hoffman** (1969 - 1972) along with a friend on a recent blustery day. We have heard from **George Reilly** (1971- 1973) who must have been at Adirondack with Peter. He remembers attending winter reunions at the Armory during his Adirondack years. We hope to entice him back this February. His niece is **Lili Anderson**, who also attended Adirondack. **Tony Saloman** (1970 to 1980) emailed us to let us know that he is excited about the 100th get together.

Many of us "big kids" have taken in the new **Harry Potter** movie and give it a big thumbs up! The editor is, of course, always partial to the book, but is not afraid to admit that she is looking forward to the next one too! **Monsters, Inc.** was also great. "Kitty" was the best don't you think? **Chris Imberrato '01** visited camp again a few weeks ago to rock climb with his friends off of Anthony's nose. **Neil Mundie '96-'00** travelled to the USA recently for 12 days and spent time with **Merritt** and then onward north to see Camp and **Tim & Steve & Dolly**. He also visited with **The Dicob** at the local Ticonderoga Highschool football game. Dolly knew where to find him! **Jeff Jockel** checked in before he started his road trip from California to Aspen, Colorado where he will be wintering with brother **Chris**. There's a good bit of snow out there already and we look forward to hearing about their adventures this winter. **Nicki Youroukos** says this semester is tough and has been thinking about the summer a lot especially since there is over 2 feet of snow where she is, in Thunder Bay.

Camp wants to hear from you with address changes and email addresses or just to say hello. So drop us a line at merritt@adirondackcamp.com or adigood@capital.net. What's new in your life?

Most Wanted List

Please help us find the following alumni: **Charles Hinton**, 66/67, **Christopher Maytag**, 66/67, **Christian Russhon**, 69/73, **Kevin Wilkes**, 67/68, **Arthur John Murphy, Jr.**, 43/44, and **Christopher Anderson**, 60/64.

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Camper Tidbits:

Gina Doria has been very busy this fall. She is not only the Vice President of her school, the Greenwich Academy Middle School, but her dance class recently created and performed a dance for the school...**Christina Juan** takes Dance also. She says school has been hectic trying to find time to see friends and playing ice hockey, too...**Tessa Resta-Flarer** takes both violin and art lessons and plays basketball at school. She also helps out at home by walking the family dog....**Isaiah Farrow** says he really enjoyed Fencing at Adirondack last summer. He is playing soccer at school and also taking piano lessons. Hopefully he will share some tunes with us this summer!...**Molly McGowan** says she's a "pretty good player" on her school soccer team and a "not so good player" on the basketball team. We say a big "How" for EFFORT...**Katelyn Aziz** is a new camper but already knows and loves Lake George. Her family has a house in Hague. She takes Ballet, Tap and Jazz at school...**Victoria Brown** has her own horse named Trigger which she rides. She is excited about taking Drama at Camp this summer...**Marah Bragdon** enjoys reading, math and science, She also likes rock climbing so she should fit right in at Adirondack...**Ward Goodenough** plays chess after school and is looking forward to having a lot of fun playing tennis this summer...**Michelle Tafur** has heard from her step-sister, **Nicole Montello** about how much fun Camp will be and can't wait to try out all of the water sports!!!!

. Important Information!! ALERT!

Please note 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.

CAMPING Common Sense



Thanks again to all campers who participated in cleaning out the swimming area for our new Turtle Dock. It was a tough job moving the driftwood, old "Spa" feet and many rocks both large and small. We all appreciate the clean area and new steps. How!! For a job well done!



Poem

Our world changes rapidly
as we tread this transitional ground.
One day, we're private,
Still enwrapped in a leafy shroud.
The next, we are open, exposed.
We can see distant lights,
and they can see us. Rick Marsi

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

We want to know your fishing tips! Mail to:

I.M. and U.R. Smelly
c/o "Sir" Peter Markow
286 Baxter Street
Tolland, CT 06084



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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 on a committee. More to come as the months progress.

I cannot count the stars
nor touch them
but in the magic of the night
I feel their calm and glory...

The rhythm of the rolling waves
winds that whistle
roar
and whisper
are part of one great harmony
that plays within my heart

Swallows sweeping through the air
fireflies twinkling in the twilight

are all this soul of mine desires
to keep it dreaming

dreams...

Sir" Peter's Ponderings

Take a glass that is partially filled with water and drop a cork into it. The cork won't float in the center, but keeps drifting to one side and attaching itself to the side of the glass. Without swirling the water, how can you make the cork float into the center? (answer is on the fun page)

Corker

Take a glass that is partially filled with water and drop a cork into it. The cork won't float in the center, but keeps drifting to one side and attaching itself to the side of the glass.



Without swirling the water, how can you make the cork float in the center?

CAROL'S CULINARY FUNSTERS CORNER

APRICOT PECAN BISCOTTI

1 1/2 cups dried apricots (chopped)
1 1/2 cups pecans (chopped coarsely)
2 3/4 cups flour
1/4 pound butter, softened
1 cup brown sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 teaspoons baking powder
pinch of salt



Preheat oven 350 degrees

In a small bowl mix apricots and pecans with 2 tbs. of flour. Stir with a wooden spoon to coat the fruit and nuts and set aside. In an electric mixer cream the butter and brown sugar, add eggs and vanilla, mix until well blended. On low speed gradually add the remaining flour, baking powder and salt. Mix until just blended. Stir in the apricots and pecans. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface. Divide dough into three pieces. Roll each piece into a loaf about 12 inches long. Place loaves 3 inches apart on a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Bake 20 to 25 min. or until golden brown. Remove from oven. Using two metal spatulas, carefully remove the loaves from the cookie sheet on to a wire cooling rack. Cool.

Place loaves on a cutting board. Using a sharp knife, slice diagonally into 1/2 inch wide strips. Place in a single layer on the cookie sheet and return to the oven for about 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove cookie sheet from oven. Cool toasted Biscotti on wire cooling racks. Store in an airtight container.

Yields 40 Biscotti Remember Biscotti means twice baked.

From: "Sweet Maria's Italian Cookie Tray"

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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!

DECEMBER

MATT ADAMS	12/23
EMILY ALLEN	12/29
MAX BAIRD	12/13
WILLIAM POLK CAREY	12/27
ANDREA CHARRIEZ	12/6
CHRIS FARA	12/14
BETH GIVEN	12/6
NIC GREGORATTI	12/18
DAVID LARKIN	12/7
DANNY LICKER	12/2
IAIN MacNAUGHTON	12/5
KYRSTIE MAGUIRE	12/22
WILLARD MAHOOD	12/8
MATT SCHWEICH	12/1
SARAH SMITH	12/11
ELYSSA SPITZER	12/12
GINNY STATTMAN	12/14
CELESTINE WARREN	12/4
ROBIN WATTS	12/27
AARON WEISSMAN	12/23
ANGUS WIESSNER	12/11
ZACHARY WOOL	12/19

JANUARY

LAURA BAGDZIUNAS	1/5
CHRIS BODINE	1/27
RUSSEL BRADLEY	1/2
DARIUS BROWN	1/27
JOYCE deMELLO	1/3
HEATHER DUFFY	1/12
PHOEBE DUNN	1/5
BRENT ELLMAN	1/26
CHRIS JUAN	1/14
DONNY KERCHOF	1/23
ALEX KRAVITT	1/30
DUNCAN MAHOOD	1/1
ALEXANDRA MANUSO	1/12
TRACY McBRIDE	1/29
ALEX McELROY	1/12
JUSTIN NEWLAND	1/24
ANDREW SCHRAN	1/13
RAMSAY STEVENS	1/1
CHRISTOPHE STRUNC	1/18
JANSYN THAW	1/7
BRIDGET WILCOX	1/7

We're Coming to your School this Winter!

Visit us at the camp fairs listed and we'll be glad to see you!

01/23/02
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01/27/02
02/02/02
02/03/02

Devon Fair (Conestoga HS, PA)
Dwight Englewood, NJ
Lancaster C. Day, PA
Chestnut Hill, Philly
Derby Academy, MA
ShIPLEY School, Philly
Delbarton School, NJ
Princeton Day School, NJ

News From the Peninsula

Tim & Steve are totally fed up with the boot stickin' clay in all the spots where they have been digging for the new septic system. Very clumpy stuff. Camp has gotten a bit of rain recently and since most of camp's sub-earth is clay & sand based - it can get pretty slippery and gunky walking around! A few truck loads of topsoil should eliminate the problem and they are also going to throw some seed on top before the ground freezes. This project has taken up most of their fall and we are psyched that phase I & II are almost complete. Camp is moving right along with this project even though two of the four phases have been combined. The hurricane of two years ago set them back. All of the trenches have been covered up and camp no longer looks the golf courses in "Caddy Shack" after the ground hog dug them up! The underground pumps have been delivered and should be installed soon for the various pumping stations around camp. Tim's goal is to go live with the new system for this summer and if you haven't yet gotten a picture of OK Sanitary - you better do so because we will be seeing a lot less of them this summer. Construction of new wash houses and perches is planned for fall of 2002 and beyond. Camp is now the proud owner of a new leaf blower and electric has been installed up to the barn. There is also electric in the Store and this means we may be seeing some new types of treats this summer from Claire after dinner (???cold ??sweet ??? what could it be???) hmmm - we will just have to wait and see! There have been several deer in camp on the ball field and many more on the golf course in Glen- burnie. More than usual Tim said. Their projects (in addition to the mud fights) include finishing the trim work and painting of Lake View and also drain work at the Mess Hall.
How projects!!

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

Adirondack Camp

02/02/02 Advisory Mtg., Greenwich, CT
02/23/02 Winter Gathering & 100th Mtg.
(Armory, NYC)
03/16/02 Advisory Mtg.
04/13/02 Advisory Mtg.
05/24/01 Memorial Day Work Weekend

06/23/01 Camper's Arrive!!

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