

The Tom-Tom

Adirondack Camp



Summer Season Update 1997

DIRECTOR'S LAKE VIEW

Dear Adirondack Families,

We are hoping that as many of you as possible will join us this summer for our Parents Weekend celebrations. Parents are invited to arrive in Camp on Friday evening for Awiskini. Please park your cars at the top of the hill and walk down the hill. There will be staff to direct you. Immediately after the ceremony, all parents

will be asked to say good-bye to their children at the top of the hill and to leave Camp. Please do not ask to take your child out of Camp for any reason as this is not fair to other campers.

On Saturday morning you may arrive after breakfast and have the opportunity to share the entire day with your camper. The day will attempt as much as possible to be a typical day at Adirondack. During the day there will be time to reconnect with your child, chat with his or her counselors and perhaps test your water-skiing skills.

For those parents who have children in our 2/4 week program there will be ample opportunity to enroll in the second two weeks of the session.

On Sunday morning parents may take their campers out of Camp but they must be back in Camp by 12:30 PM. This time is a good time to remember those campers whose parents were not able to attend the weekend and to invite them to join you for a trip to Stewarts (our local ice cream parlor).

A BIT OF EVERYTHING !

Some fun things to think about bringing to Camp -

Your favorite recipe (for the Adirondack Camp Cook Book)

Your Pet Gerbil (all animal visitors must have prior approval)

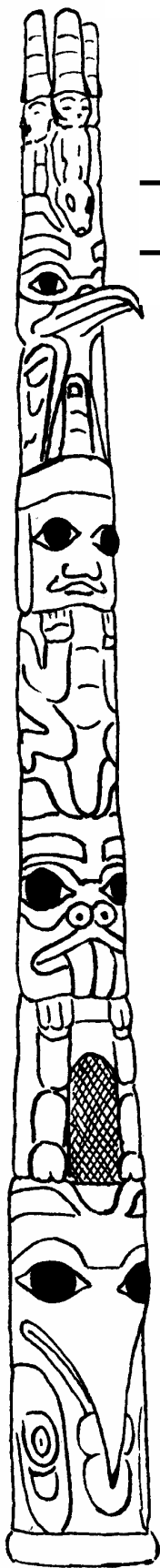
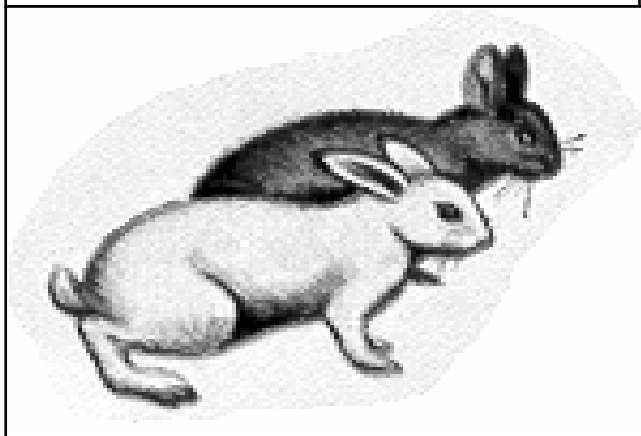
Your Banjo (all musical instruments will be stored at the Main House)

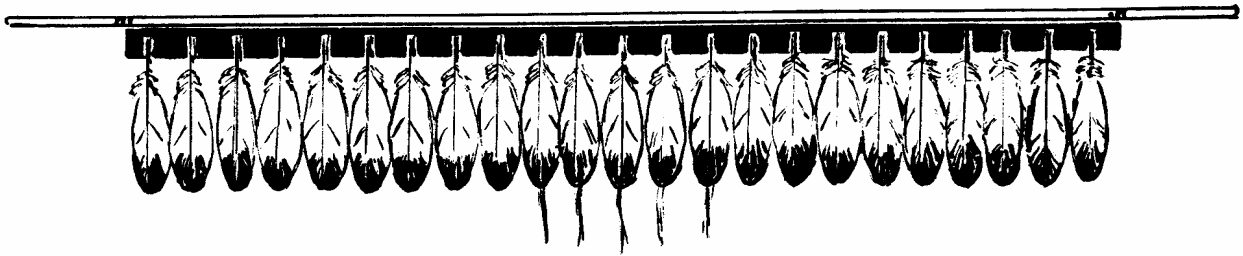
Your Fishing Rod (Two separate 2 day Fly Fishing clinics will be held this summer)

Your Camera (Your picture could end up in the weekly summer Tom Tom)

Your Inspiration (No one has yet won the "Name The New Boat Contest" so start thinking of creative names)

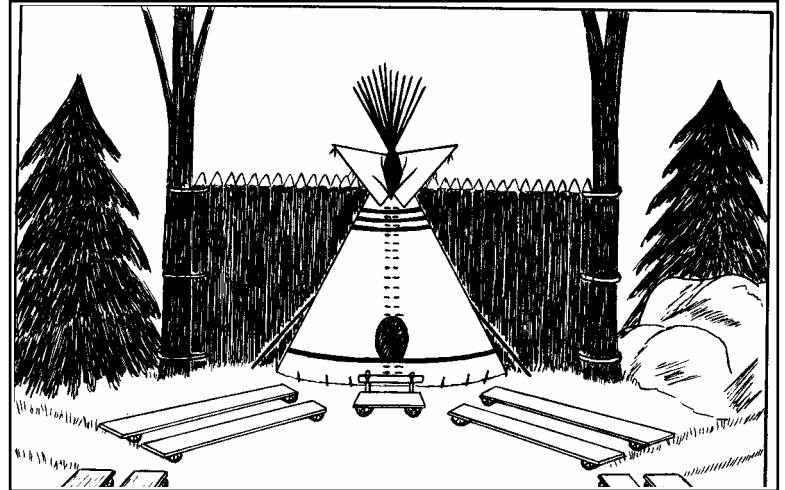
Your Best Friend (We still have a select few places open)





Family Camping

We have had several requests from parents of current campers and from parents of future campers to offer "Family Camp". Currently, our thoughts are that parents would arrive at the end of the season and stay with their family for an additional two to three days at a minimal cost. Full meal service would be provided and we would keep a minimum of Activity staff on duty to assure safety and good instruction.



FAMOUS ADIRONDACKEES

Did you know that Movie Director/Producer **Oliver Stone** was a camper at Adirondack back in 1955. Perhaps in the near future **you** will be featured as a famous alumni. This summer Adirondack will be directing our own movie and you'll have a chance to star in it. Shawna Babcock will be in Camp for approximately two weeks this summer shooting the Adirondack Camp Video.

Thanks to all of our Parents

Your prompt response to completing and returning all of the Adirondack forms is greatly appreciated. We know that for first time families the task may seem a little daunting but your input is tremendously valuable in helping us to make sure the summer runs smoothly for all.

Some thoughts for our new families: Use your common sense when packing for your camper. If she or he has never worn a bath robe before it is unlikely that they will begin now just because you buy them a new one.

Don't buy all new clothes. Even with name tags, your child won't recognize these new items and will find it harder to keep track of them.

Don't worry about the preliminary schedule. It is really to help us plan and schedule and will be modifiable should your camper change their mind.

Some thoughts for our veterans: Please make sure you send in a 1997 enrollment form and a newly completed Confidential Questionnaire for your camper. We know and care about your child. But, both children and basic information do change and redoing these forms may jog your memory for some fact that you may have forgotten to pass along to us.

For all: Please make sure that Medical Forms are signed both by Physician and Parent in the appropriate places and returned to Camp before your child arrives.

Please verify the session and date of arrival when returning transportation forms.

Sign up for Tim's Totem Team

Tim Condit, Adirondack's Property Manager will lead a new activity this summer-- to make a new Totem Pole for Camp. The last one was made 12 years ago! Can you guess what creature sits on top of it?

Parents Information

By now parents should have received a complete Parents Handbook and several forms to complete and return to Camp. These forms are important. **Please** take the time to read them carefully, complete and return them to us as soon as possible. Call the Camp office with any questions. **Please** fill out and send in the **Optional Sign up form** asap.

Change notice: Parents of two week first time campers may pick up their children or choose to extend to a full four week period on Sunday, July 13. This will allow these parents to participate in our Parents Weekend, July 12-13 with their children.

Important dates:

Sunday, June 29 -- Opening day
Friday evening, July 11 -- Parents' Weekend begins with Awiskini
Sunday, July 27 -- Session II begins
Friday evening, August 8 -- Second Parents' Weekend begins
Saturday, August 23 -- Camp ends!

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