

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUPERCAMPERS!

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CATHERINE MAZZARELLA AND DAVID PERLOFF

## A Cranky Old Man

...you finally got up!

*Why do I expect anything?*



by Mr.  
Hoderny,  
**Head  
Counselor;  
Cranky Old  
Man**

Got 3 Polar Bears yesterday, so there should have been roughly 20 or more today. Okay, twenty is a large number. Wait, how many is that if I use my fingers? Hmm... I think I'll need to use the webbing, and if not, one of two shoes can be removed.

Hmm... What this *New Math* system doesn't account for is the 0 which is the amount of Polar Bears today.

SIGH...

Anyway, runner-swimmers were: David Perloff, Catherine Mazzarella, Mr. Shurtleff, Beach Potato, and Mr. Smart.

### Editorial Notice

*No Front Page pictures for non-regulars.*

### Snake!

by Briana Perry & Val Adamo

Yesterday at the lake, we had been hunting for water creatures when suddenly, Elton Adamo yelled "Snake!"

Upon hearing it, the people in the area rushed in to help Elton obtain the snake. Val Adamo tried to grab the snake, only for it to slither away into the reeds.

Elton took his net and a kayak, and unsuccessfully attempted to catch the snake on watercraft. As he did this, Val successfully attempted to catch the snake, only to toss it back into the lake in fear of the snake biting her. However, the snake's return would be its last, as Elton caught the snake with his net.

### Campfire Impressions

By Catherine Mazzarella & Kristen Peik

As the week goes by, the campfire routines get better and better. The creativity level for Thursday's campfire had skyrocketed from previous nights, as we broke out with *My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean* for the fourth consecutive night.

Afterwards, everyone gets so into the sing-alongs that they become lost in the music – literally. Campers and counselors alike love the music so much that they want to sing in every key at the same time. Quite impressive. If Nick Roth has taught us anything [*that has nothing to do with an entourage*], he illustrated that it's not about how well one sings: it's about the entertaining memories you create.

The most enthusiastic participants aren't afraid to go up there even when they don't know the words much less the tune. Then there are the ones who enjoy singing but are just too shy. But we know they still want to express themselves. If you ever see someone like this just call everyone's attention to them: they'll lose their shyness in no time and will really appreciate your kind gesture.

### Thursday's Morning Run

by David Perloff & Valmir Adamo

This morning, we had one of the wildest runs ever with Mr. Shurtleff. During the run, we first saw a small deer in the middle of the road and we came to check it out. Suddenly, its eyes turned red and it tore itself apart with its mouth and it turned into a *Terminator* machine. We ran for our lives until it couldn't catch up with us. Later on, as we turned around by the end of the first mile, the dog farmer fell asleep and ended up letting all his dogs come out and chase us. So again we ran for our lives to avoid the dogs and also managed to sneak around the *Terminator*. By the end of

our run, we got chased by a madman with a chainsaw from his own lone house. After a long time we managed to reach the camp safely because the madman ran into the machine and stopped chasing us. However, it wasn't all bad. We ended up breaking the world record time for 2 miles with a time of 9:17.

Mr. Shurtleff, oh my goodness he was unbelievable. He kept on beating us badly every time we sprinted away from our encounters. We just couldn't believe that a 50-year old could absolutely destroy us with his super fast speed. So we asked him how he was still so fast. In about 3 seconds, he turns into a *Terminator* machine.

### Interview With A First Time Counselor

Georgia Shurtleff interviews Ms. Vileniskis

**Q:** What's it like being a counselor for the first time?

**A:** Um...it's kinda hard. It's fun because I get to choose what classes I go to, but at the same time I'm watching a bunch of teenage girls...

**Q:** How many years were you a camper?

**A:** I was a camper for three years.

**Q:** So what's better? Camper or counselor?

**A:** They both have their advantages. I can't choose right now.

**Q:** What's the best part of being a counselor?

**A:** Probably getting to know the other counselors, because when you're a camper, you don't really know them.

**Q:** What's your favorite campfire song?

**A:** Pigeons in the Park. I like Edelweiss, but no one can sing it.

**Q:** What's your least favorite campfire song?

**A:** My Bonnie. I hate that song so much!

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# News and Announcements

## Schedule for Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

6:30 Polar Bear Swim/Run – Mandatory  
7:00 Wake up!  
7:50 Flag Raising & Devotions  
8:00 Breakfast  
8:30 Staff Meeting – Camp Director (Mr. Shurleff)  
9:00 Clean up; Pack up; Leave by...  
11:00 A.M.

**CHLOE INGEBRETSON**

...has been replaced...

...by Hon. Paul Ingbertson (rep., NH)!  
We miss you, Chloë! ☹

### **A Pair of Limericks**

as retold by John F. McManus

I once had a friend named Gesser  
Whose knowledge grew lesser and lesser  
It soon grew so small  
He knew nothing at all  
And now he's a college professor

There once was a girl named McBride  
Who ate a green apple and died  
While father lamented  
The apple fermented  
And made cider inside her inside

### A Brief Sketch of Ronald Reagan

by Joe Morton

A frequent anecdote that finds its way in most Ronald Reagan biographies is an illustration of his optimism:

When told a story about a young man given a Christmas present. A young man is pointed to the door of a room by his parents. When he opens the door, he discovers room is full of manure!

Reagan was said to have responded by smiling, instead of shrinking back in disgust. He explains that he would dive into the manure pile and start digging vigorously; his reason was that because "there must be a pony in there somewhere!"

## Quick Quotes

"Never miss a good chance to **shut up**."  
—Will Rogers

"Mr. Galvin, please do not hesitate to observe the above quote"  
—Mrs. Harper

"Excessive Energy doesn't equate Enthusiasm."  
—Mr. Isaiah Childs

"The United States is so [censored]."  
—Mr. Kamps

"What Mr. Kamps said."  
—Mr. Ingbertson

"At any one joke, I laugh three times: when I first hear it; when someone explains it; when I finally get it."  
—Elyse Smith

"When people say that government spends like drunken sailors, it's a slur: Sailors spend their own money."  
—John F. McManus

"Irony is totally lost on state representatives."  
—Mr. Ingbertson

"I'm very quotable. Most things I say can be written and published. In fact, write this down."  
—Mr. Isaiah Childs

"This quote is filler."  
—Mr. Galvin

"Whatever it is you're thinking, you may not do it."  
—Mrs. Harper before being asked an editorial question by Mr. Galvin

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**Q:** What do you think of the editor of the newspaper?  
**A:** Ahhh, Mr. Galvin. I can't figure him out, but he's a pretty funny guy.

**Q:** What's the worst part of being a counselor?  
**A:** Making sure everyone's where they're supposed to be.

**Q:** What would you do to get people to write articles[for the camp paper]?

**A:** Pretty much anything...I would use an axe to threaten them, but I have none.

**Q:** Will you be a counselor in future years?

**A:** Well, I'm not gonna be a camper. So, yeah. I'll come back and be a counselor.

# The Critics' Notebook

There were three inspectors during the Thursday round. All cabins had point deductions for not having Mr. Hoderny's flash drive.

## Bethel Cabins

*Cabin 1:* Wrinkled covers were only defining characteristic.

**Score: 16 (out of 40)**

**Cumulative Final: 96 (out of 170)**

*Cabin 3:* Your flag was hung incorrectly but it was right in the mirror! We left one chubby leg-challenged camper in the room when we were done. We saved the leis for our luau in the Jacuzzi later. There were Oreos and red, white, and blue child-labor braided ornamentations. Tickets to Hawaii would have put you over the top. Pinwheels provided us with *hours* of entertainment.

**Score: 27**

**Cum.: 125**

*Cabin 4:* The three chocolate men Transformed... Now he has ears. We're glad to see you forestalled your foreclosure and got your repo'd possessions back. Is the chair in the closet for time-outs? The *Riesen* your score was not higher was due to the fact that towels all over the bathroom floor.

**Score: 26**

**Cum.: 117**

*Cabin 5:* How Not To Decorate: We have before and after shots of your fan in case you want them for future reference. The streamers need to be secured better next time. Try duct tape. Two or three rolls would have done it; you never want to skimp on the duct tape. If we thought walking through streamers in the doorway was weird, wait until we turned the

fan on, and all your hard work starts coming apart. The gumballs were trying to communicate with us.

**Score: 24**

**Cum.: 109**

*Cabin 6:* Your creativity disappeared...we guess it went home early. Charming origami serving cups improved the junk food—not that we have anything against junk food.

**Score: 23**

**Cum.: 120**

## Dothan Cabins

For door repairs call 1-800-Miss Ingbretson.

*Cabin 1:* The service at your little one table restaurant is atrocious (as in, "very bad") we couldn't even get seated – mostly because there were no seats to be found. We searched all over and never found a menu. Come to think of it, there were no waiters either. It's almost as if this wasn't a restaurant at all.

**Score: 20**

**Cum.: 94**

*Cabin 2:* Ok, who are you and what did you do with the real guys from Dothan 2?!?! There were streamers and decorations in here. Did you guys finally come to the realization that there is pizza at stake here? Nice job.

**Score: 28**

**Cum.: 109**

*Cabin 3:* Neat and clean – your moms would be proud. However, we're not.

**Score: 20**

**Cum: 88**

*Cabin 4:* Extra points for dirt on the UN flag. Good job.

**Score: 29**

**Cum.: 116**

## Mashal Cabin

Decorating the fridge with flags – now this is starting to feel like home. Now if you could only raise the 5 foot ceilings. Oh, and if you close the door next time the lawnmower most likely won't fill your cabin with grass. Just a thought...

**Score: 24**

**Cum.: 119**

## Ajalon Cabin

The second floor was great. Those campers are nice and clean. Not so much the first floor residents though. New and improved book display – nifty. Miss Ingbretson can fix that screen door for you, by the way. No job too big or too small. We stared the eye down – it finally blinked! We win.

**Score: 20**

**Cum.: 101**

## **CABIN INSPECTION WINNERS:**

Boys Cabins — Mashal  
Girls Cabins — Bethel 3

# FICTION

## **Think About it** by Val Adamo

Once there were two prisoners in a dungeon. One prisoner looked out the window, and said "oh my, oh my, there's such a lot of sky."

The prisoner just sat on the ground, and said "oh my, oh my, there's a lot of dirt."