

# Camp Constitution Today

*Toah Nipi*

Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future

## Wiffle Ball Game

On Sunday afternoon during recreational time, a very competitive Wiffle Ball Game was held amongst the campers. There were two teams formed:

"The Shurtleff Steamrollers"

Stephen Peik (Captain)

Alex Hale

Jillian Kalis

Seth Lutz

Gracie Lutz

Sam Leveille

A.J. Caldwell

Alexandra Toler

Diane Meier

Arthur Elbthal

Alex Peik

Briana Perry

Grace Ferretti

Mr. Shurtleff (All Star)

"Boston Red Sox"

Val Adamo (Captain/All Star)

Sebastian Adamo

Haley Kalis

Gabe Kalis

Zack Ferg

Gracie Kalis

Matt Rice

Sean Rice

Victoria Kiernan

Ben Leveille

Danny Hazelrigg

Nick Guineau

Melanie Fiorino

Zach Ferretti

Matt Ferretti

Gabriel Greenspan

The Boston Red Sox won 5-3 in a tight game. During the course of the game, 15 wiffle balls were broken. Thank you Mikey Lutz, Haley Kalis, and Georgia Shurtleff for writing up the game!!

## Mark Twain's Words of Wisdom

"A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way."

"All generalizations are false, including this one."

"Climate is what we expect. Weather is what we get."

"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first."

"It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech."

## Tuesday Schedule

6:30 Optional Polar Bear Swim/Run  
7:00 Wake up!  
7:50 Flag Raising  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Classes  
12:00 Bag Lunch & Field Trip: Concord + Alcott House  
5:30 Dinner  
6:30 Class  
7:20 Flag Lowering  
7:45 Class  
9:00 Campfire  
10:00 Free Time  
10:30 In Cabins  
11:00 Lights Out

### Dr. Conservative

I do not like this Uncle Sam,  
I do not like his health care scam.  
I do not like these dirty crooks,  
Or how they lie and cook the books.

I do not like when Congress steals,  
I do not like their secret deals.  
I do not like ex-speaker Nan,  
I do not like this 'YES WE CAN'.

I do not like this spending spree,  
I'm smart, I know that nothing's free.  
I do not like their smug replies,  
When I complain about their lies.

I do not like this kind of hope.  
I do not like it. Nope, nope, nope!!!

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## Polar Bear Swim/Run

Mrs. Ripley was once again the first polar bear swimmer this morning. Maryanne and Sarah Harshman apparently smacked the snooze alarm button a few times before coming down to the lake a little late, but they weren't the only ones. Mikey Lutz and Haley Kalis were the honorary beach potatoes for the second time. Three more times and they can become the official Camp Constitution Beach Potatoes for the whole week. The runner/swimmers were Katie Bartleson, A.J. Caldwell, and Mr. Shurtleff. The other snooze alarm queens were Alexandra Toler and Brianna Perry who arrived after the runners.

~ Mr. Hoderny

### Riddles of the Day

1. What do you do with dead elements?
2. He who has it doesn't tell about it. He who takes it doesn't know about it. He who knows what it is doesn't want it. What is it?
3. What weighs more - a ton of feathers or a ton of gold?
4. What two things can you never eat for breakfast?
5. Extra Difficult Riddle: Dee Septor, the famous magician, claimed to be able to throw a ping-pong so that it would go a short distance, come to a complete stop, and then reverse itself. He also added that he would not bounce the ball off any object, or tie anything to it. How could he perform this trick?

The answers to Riddles 1-5 will be posted in tomorrow's newspaper. If you think you have an answer before the correct answer is published, tell Miss Katie Peik what your answer is. The first camper to get the correct answer will receive a small prize.

## ~Speaker Highlight ~

### N.H. Representative Dan Itse

Camp Constitution is excited to introduce first-time speaker, N.H. Representative Dan Itse on Tuesday. Representative Itse believes that his "first job as a State Representative is to protect your rights from the government" and that "self-government is the foundation of our constitutional republic."

Representative Itse graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1980 and later earned a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering. He and his wife, Lisa, have homeschooled their five children while living in Fremont, NH since 1991.

Representative Itse's primary activities have been judicial reform and protection of personal liberty and property. He has also served on the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee.

Please join the Camp Constitution staff in providing a warm welcome to NH Representative Itse.

### Cabin Inspections

#### Hebron A:

The general consensus among the inspectors was that it was lovely but lacked inspiration. Initial high scores for neatness were undercut by the unappealing pile of trash. You guys work so hard for your points, don't blow them like this! What the plastic tablecloth bedspread lacked in warmth it made up for in patriotism. (Survivalist Note: It's advisable that all bedding should be breathable.)

Score: 19

#### Hebron B:

You can't hide an unmade bed behind a draped flag, no matter how large the flag is. The judges see all. All was forgiven though, once we saw the Twix and Snickers "USA". A few hazards were noted that made us question the campers' intentions - the stars and stripes concertina wire that festooned the room was at such an altitude that one of the taller judges was clotheslined and almost spit out the bribery Twix bar he was munching on. Also, the spear shaped American Flag projecting dangerously from

the bunks shishkabobbed one of the judge's eyes. Note to Hebron B - that is not a Spanish onion you see. We're coming back for it once we get a hold of Dr. Harshman. Score: 21



Note to the Boys: Overall the judges are pleased with how well you are handling the difficult task of making a potentially dungeon-like basement setting into bright and inspiring abodes. The air conditioning really helps the atmosphere, but your personal efforts are very impressive. One of the judges commented that last year's Hebron A and B were not quite so inspiring. "I would have rather covered myself with honey and slept on an anthill than stay in those cabins last year." Now there's a vivid testimonial!

#### Bethel 3:

We enjoyed the Sweet Dreams pillow filled with Jolly Ranchers very much, and even shared one with Scooti the Sock Monkey. Scooti, you ask? Yes, we discovered his name by re-arranging the scraps of stick-on letter debris that you left on the window sill. (Note to Bethel 3 - don't forget to clean up after you decorate!) The judges had a lively debate about how far we could stretch the "5 Second Rule" when we discovered the corn chip on the floor. We decided that anything without mold growth and excessively clingy dust bunnies were good enough for us. Yum!!

Score: 18

#### Bethel 4:

We appreciated your USA streamer attempt. We're considering it an attempt because we could only read "US" since you tragically used white streamers on a

## Cabin Inspections - Continued

white wall. One of the judges found out the hard way that your gummy flag decorations on the window were not edible. However the sugar coated tapeworm segments on the window sill were delicious. Your room was overall neat, but there were pockets of disorder that disappointed the judges. Score: 21

### Bethel 5:

The green streamers caught the inspectors' eyes. Is this an attempt to pander to the environmental lobby or the Irish? We're hoping it's the latter. We're also hoping for more patriotic colors moving forward! We scoured the cabin looking for treats. The best we could find was the Tupperware of tortilla chips. Unfortunately they were a little stale so we just licked the salt off them and not wanting to be too greedy, put them back. Hope you don't mind! The Faith, Hope and Charity T-shirt display was lovely - unfortunately none of them fit us. (For future reference our preferred size is XL.)

Score: 20

### Bethel 6:

The photo booth was an enormous hit with the judges. Your creativity was astonishing. We had way too much fun posing with the various photo props. One of the inspectors looked quite dapper with his pink sunglasses and bowtie mustache. The Medal of the Jubilee of Liberty display was inspiring. Overall the cabin scored high for neatness and the photo booth. More decorations in our future? Score: 24

### Bethel 10:

The forlorn one eyed bear looked like he was reaching hopelessly for the pile of candy that you so generously left for us. So we gave him some. He still looks forlorn. The creepy but patriotically adorned doll kept us looking nervously over our shoulders throughout the inspection. The balloon magically mounted on the wall also proved unsettling for some. Your description-defying origami was both entertaining and perplexing. We did discover the secret to your neat



cabin and why we saw no suitcases, shoes or other detritus normally found in cabins. My, what a large a closet that is! One of the inspectors ventured deep into it and soon found himself standing in a snow-covered forest chatting with a faun. Score: 21



### A First Year Camper's Perspective

Hi, my name is Laurel, not Laura. I can understand Laurel can easily look like Laura, but I am pretty sure my name is Laurel because it is on my birth certificate. I think only my cabin mates know my right name!

Now I will talk about how fun it is being here. This is my first year here. My BFF Faith Vileniskis told me, "you have come, it's so much fun," so I did. I have been to many camps before but so far this is the best camp I've been to. I like the freedom they give you and their rules are completely reasonable. Usually camp rules are crazy! So far I have only fell 5-10 times which is actually really good for me as most people say I'm a spazz. I've also found out that I stink at ping-pong as that ball is so hard to hit!

~Laurel Daisy Smith Selch