Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

It has been a very busy winter at Adirondack Camp. Tim and Steve are busy working on their spring projects, including our usual maintenance and spring plantings. Our NYC Camper/Alumni Reunion was a great success. We thank all of you who attended and especially those who stayed for our first official planning meeting for our 100th Reunion. “How! Braves.” We remind our Alumni that our annual Memorial Day Work Weekend is quickly approaching and they are all invited.

All camper parents should have received their Parent’s Handbook by now. If for some reason you have not gotten yours, please call the office and let us know. There are several important forms included, which need to be completed and returned to us. Because there are several forms to be returned, it is helpful if you return them as they are completed rather than waiting for all of them to be finished. We realize that many of you have completed these same forms in the past, however we do not keep them on file and things do change, so “One more time please.” We are always available and happy to answer your questions.

We have supplemented our already qualified staff with some special new people and prepared another exciting program for the summer of 2001. We happily look forward to the arrival of our campers.

Warm wishes to you all.

LINDA L GOODWIN
OWNER

SIR MATTHEW BASINET
DIRECTOR
Warm weather will be here soon! So dust off your racket and get ready to play!
The courts are waiting for you!

Quote
What is life?
It is the flash of a firefly in the night.
It is the breath of a buffalo in wintertime.
It is the shadow which runs across the grass
And loses itself in the sunset…

ALL ALUMNI INVITED
Our annual MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND will begin Friday, May 25th and will go through Monday, May 28th. This event is an enjoyable way to reconnect with your Adirondack Camp experience and see fellow alumni. It is also a greatly appreciated contribution to the Camp. This year we will not only plant flowers, rake leaves and do our usual cleanup but we will also be starting the recording of alumni interviews for our 100th Reunion. For those of you who have been thinking of attending, why not make this the year? We always have an enormous amount of fun.
We Started Out! Alumni & Staff Notes:

JJ & Darsa Morrow recently gave birth to a little boy named Max. How future Adirondackee! Kevin Porterfield has set up an email exchange for use in planning the 100th reunion. It is called adk100th@yahoogroups.com and pls. email him at kpmd@pushmedia.com if you are interested in being a part of this fantastic future 2004 event that we are working on now. Special thanks to Gus Fanjul who sent us his Adirondack Camp Song Book for our “History Files”. He believes that “The book probably dates from the 60’s.” It was great to hear from former Adirondack Camp Director, Bob Clark, who is still coaching at Riverdale Country Day School. These days he coaches two basketball games against his son, Kevin Clark who currently coaches at Trinity School. Daughter, Suzanne Clark, who lives in Connecticut with her husband and two daughters, is an accomplished graphic designer. Finn Isdahl, who was visiting the states from Norway, stopped by Camp to say hello and reminisce. He is currently attending Medical school in Bergen. Thanks to mom, Pam for our latest Wetherhill update. Dan was married to Princeton classmate, Veronica Moran in August of 1999 and works at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Washington DC. Doug will be married this June 23rd to Jen Mason in Algonquin Park, Canada. He is working as Director of Admissions at the White Mountain School in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. Bill Kerchof, whose 5 grandchildren, (Carolyn, Clay, Diane, Donny and Robert) currently attend Adirondack, writes us “…having been a full-term camper for the years 1937 through 1943 and then a counselor in 1948 upon returning from the Army, I would relish the chance to tell stories about my experiences. I still have my hard-earned Gold Eagle…” Congratulations to Peter Tothy and Alison Siegel who were wed on April 21st at 6:30 PM at the Harold Washington Library in Chicago. We understand that Jason Adkisson recently flew from Atlanta, where he works as an attorney for the firm of Smith, Currie and Hancock, to attend a Bachelor Party for Peter. Rumor has it that Jim Beckman also took time out from his busy doctoring schedule to attend. Emily Adkisson is currently living in Ann Arbor, Michigan and working as a day Supervisor at the Arbor Brewing Company. (How about that visit, Em?) Wedding bells seem to be ringing everywhere. Susan Gilmer, who lives and works in NYC, will be wed in Newport on August 11th to Matt Grinell. And our own Director, J. Matthew Basinet will marry lovely Nina Marie DelFavero at Adirondack Camp on Saturday, August 25th, 2001.

Camp wants to hear from you with address changes or just to say hello. So drop us a line at merritt@adirondackcamp.com or adigood@capital.net. What’s new in your life?
A good basic rule of thumb when packing your back pack is to make sure that items you might need in a pinch such as a water bottle, sunscreen, or bug repellent are accessible and conveniently placed in the side pockets of the pack.

When most of us look at the big, open and empty space we just start filling it up with gear not giving much thought to where the items should be placed. A poorly stuffed pack will not only make you feel lopsided & “tippy”, but can also be hazardous when trying to cross a stream bed or slippery area. It’ll tire you out faster too because your body has to work harder to keep you upright.

By noting the picture: Heavy items (such as tent, etc.) should always be placed nearer to the top of the pack centered between your shoulder blades and lower neck because this is where a person’s strongest and largest muscles are located. “Think” before you pack for comfort, balance, and ease of movement. Your trip will be the best it can be!

Lizzie Aaron likes to cook and draw. She is looking forward to being independent and “getting away from her twin sister.” Joe Steiner is on the Swim Team of his High School. This is their first winning season since the late 70’s. He is also on the Swim team of the Legonier Valley YMCA. He made the finals and placed 16th. Ed Seelig enjoys football, baseball and volleyball, swimming and canoeing and making new friends. He should have a great first summer at Adirondack. Rebecca Hudson participates in her chorus at school. She likes tennis and wants to spend her summer at Camp working on her water-skiing skills. She hopes “to get the green this year.” Thomas Wunderlich recently went to Italy with his father on a business trip. While visiting a cathedral in Sienna, he looked up to find Adirondack Camp bunkmate Geoffrey Dobbs. Kelly McGinty plays La Crosse at her school and likes to swim a lot. She is looking forward to spending time this summer with her friends the McMillan girls. Christopher Golson has been riding his scooter around his neighborhood. He wants to go camping this summer and do lots of water sports. Sarah McCarty can’t wait for the summer and the opportunity to spend time with her friends Nadia Jafar and Leigh Tunney. Lily Mortimer plans on taking “Culinary Fun, Water Skiing, Tennis, Kayaking, Drama, Rock Climbing, Windsurfing, Creative Arts, Fishing and Fencing this summer.” (We love her enthusiasm!) Russell Bradley plays Intermediate tennis on Saturdays and is a big Yankee fan, (GO YANKEES!), He is looking forward to seeing his Adirondack pals from last summer.

Please call or email us with what is going on in your life for our next TOM TOM.


**“Sir” Peter’s Ponderings**

**Why are Rain Clouds dark?**

Rain is water and clouds are made entirely of water. On warm sunny days the particles of water in the clouds are tiny. This causes them to appear white and fluffy like cotton to us because and they reflect light when they are this small. But as the water particles get big enough to form rain drops they then absorb all the light and look dark to us when we look up at them.

**Thanks to our campers for attending the Reunion in NYC and thanks also to those parents and alumni who attended.**

**Attending Campers:**

NICK CLARK  
DREW SAUNDERS  
JESSE HOFFMAN  
GEORGE SAUNDERS  
DANIELLE WITTNER  
ANDREW WITTNER  
JB LANKALIS  
JEANNE SAUNDERS  
KELLY ANNE TULLY  
CAT EMIL  
DANNY FREEMAN  
RANGER MACK  
SARAH SMITH  
DAISY MARISCAL  
WILL CAREY  
MATTHEW MACRINI  
KENNY SILVER  
ROBERT HOFFMAN  
REBECCA HUDSON  
ALEXANDRA KEEGAN  
PAIGE MEDLEY  
BEN PHELPS  
MIRANDA DOBBS  
BRENT ELLMAN  
NICOLE MARKOW  
ERIC MARKOW  
SAM SCHWARZ  
EMILY MEJER  
NICOLE MONTELLO  
ALEX KRAVITT  
EMILY ALLEN  
MATT AMSTERDAM

A big HOW to the winners of the drawings.

Cat Emil ($50.00 gift certificate to the Camp store)  
Eric Markow (Dinner at the head table with Matt & Nina)  
Matthew Macrini (Early morning fishing expedition with the Water-front Director.)

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**CAROL’S CULINARY FUNSTERS CORNER**

**CRANBERRY COFFEE CAKE**

3 Cups fresh or frozen cranberries  
1 Cup chopped walnuts  
2 Cups sugar, divided  
3/4 Cup butter or margarine, softened  
3 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1-1/2 Cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  

**Topping:**  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a greased 9-in. square baking pan, combine cranberries, walnuts and 1 cup of sugar. In a mixing bowl, cream butter. Add the remaining sugar. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Combine flour, baking powder and salt, add to creamed mixture and mix well.

Drop batter by large tablespoons over cranberry mixture: carefully spread to cover. For topping, Combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over batter. Bake at 350 for 50-60 minutes. Yield: 8-10 servings.

A special thanks to Jen Maxam, our office assistant, for this recipe. It was a big hit with the Advisory Board!
Spring can come like a cyclone, change a barren world today into a green and leafy one tomorrow. But it isn't that way in the north, where spring comes on little unmarked steps. Between the end of winter and the full growth of spring is a long patient wait for the leafing out. What happens during these days happens so slowly and by such minute stages that unless a watcher notes the changes hourly, the wonder works almost magically without being seen.

Through these days the woods are bare and barren, without a leaf anywhere except on the witch hobble in the thickets. Yet the days before leafing out add their own color to the woods. Except for the new ruddy tone on the white birches they do not show close up, but at a distance. They are not the garish colors of autumn. What covers the hills on the horizon hills is a wash of pastel shades of pink and lilac, lavender and rose, from the swelling maple and birch buds and the new life in their bark. Here and there reddish tones blend with the faint jade of the tamaracks. The mistiness of those pastel colorings joins the with the mists that rise from the earth and lake, something like the mists of creation, to half conceal the wonders working in the world.

Close up, on the floor of the woods, the shift from browns and blacks of winter to the full greenness of spring is just as slow. The clumps of moss on the rocks green as soon as the snow has gone and the lichens on the trunks of old trees lighten. Everywhere else the earth’s floor is brown with dried leaves, but whenever a wind lifts them the live green underneath flashes in the morning sun. Red Partridge berry and ground pine are freshening even as the giant white pine above them. The first spears of trillium, lady slippers, and jack-in-the-pulpit pierce the carpet. The clumps of fern still seem dead and droop with last year’s bracken. These leaf out late.

Thickets in the woods and by the roads are still gaunt, but the branches have swollen nodes and carry the faintest hint of color. More than the leaf swells in their buds. In a week or so, just as leafing out begins on the trees overhead, these shrubs of wild cherry and shadbush, will break out their blossoms in almost indecent lavishness and whiten the roadsides, hills, and meadows. For the week when they are abloom the north is a lovely land, white as with snow in winter, but with a living white that moves and shimmers in the wind. Their flowering is the first deep surety of spring coming north to the Adirondacks.

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

Tom Tom Contributors:
Merritt Duffy, Linda Goodwin, Carol Macrini, Matthew Basinet, Peter Markow, & Tim Condit
Items for Camp that are often overlooked:

Small rug for feet next to bunk
Plastic bucket to hold shampoo & toothbrush
Flip-flops for the shower & swims
Barrettes, Pony-tail holders, & Hairbands
Extra pens & batteries
Tennis Racket
Softball/Baseball Mitt
Enough Towels
Camper’s Name Clearly printed on Each Item

Summer Wish List

We still need more Rated G and PG videos for campers to view on rainy days. Disney movies are fine and other popular features that you may have outgrown or just don’t watch anymore. Board games are always welcome (checker and chess sets too). Aluminum tennis rackets are always appreciated as well as baseball mitts you may not use anymore – small sizes especially. Please call Linda and Carol at 518-547-8261 if you have an item in mind and we can easily coordinate picking it up from you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL
RACHAEL JOHNSTON 4/1
CLAY KERCHOF 4/1
SONIA LOSADA 4/3
PAT MACWILLIAMS 4/8
JENNA SAVAGE 4/8
JUSTIN DANIER-BEST 4/10
ANDREW DAMHUIS 4/10
MATT BUERLE 4/12
DOMINO MACNAUGHTON 4/13
ROBERT SUSAR 4/13
ASHLEY KELLAM 4/13
BEN PHELPS 4/14
DIANE KERCHOF 4/14
MATT GARAFIS 4/15
WILL STOKVIS 4/15
ROBERT KERCHOF 4/25
MASHIRO TERAO 4/16
DANA PATTERSON 4/22
DOUG PEARCE 4/23
LUIS NASSAR 4/23
CAROLINE YOST 4/24
NICKI LANGE 4/27
ISABELLE SCHWEICH 4/28
WILLIAM FORGET 4/29

MAY
JOHN HILZINGER 5/1
SARA O'NEAL 5/1
DANNY FREEMAN 5/4
MITCH BURHOE 5/5
EDWARD PARKER 5/6
CARLOS DEMELLO 5/7
BRENDA M-ENTEE 5/9
KELLY ANNE TULLY 5/9
JULIE MARWELL 5/12
JACOB VREELAND 5/12
WESLEY WILCOX 5/12
DREW SAUNDERS 5/14
AMANDA CLARK 5/15
CHRIS CARBONELL 5/16
NADIA JAFAR 5/16
HILARY SMITH 5/19
ELIZA BROWN 5/22
TREVOR NEDERLOF 5/22
WILL STATTMAN 5/22
ROBERT HOFFMAN 5/24
NICK CLARK 5/24
NICOLE MARKOW 5/25
CAROLINE DA CUNHA 5/27

ALLISON BURHOE 5/28
WES PERRY 5/29
ELLIS MATHIEU 5/29
JEFF KENT 5/30
MAMI TERAO 5/31
DANIELLE WITTNER 5/31
NEWS FROM THE PENINSULA:
Camp got another eighteen inches of snow again last weekend. This storm comes on the heels of a very snowy winter up in the Adirondacks. In most places south of Camp the daffodils are beginning to bloom and animals are making their nests. At Adirondack, Spring still feels a long time coming. During the last Advisory weekend Merritt and Maurine saw Andrew Dicob and Sir Peter walking across the lake from Spider’s Rock to Senior Point and beyond (yes- they can walk on water!). Even though it is a bit late in the season – the ice was still thick enough for them to walk on. Merritt snowshoed back and Maurine was right behind her. Nina caught up on her reading and worked on another revision to the Staff Handbook while our fearless leader Sir Matt… well… he just made snowballs all weekend and threw them at us from behind the parked cars while Aunt Jeanne egged him on! Tim, Steve, Middy, & Nicki-dog have made their annual trek to South Carolina for two weeks of long overdue vacation. Instead of going after tennis balls and bits of sticks – Middy and Nicki fight over the dead fish on the beach and chase the seagulls all day while Tim & Steve soak up the rays in shorts, floppy hats, and zinc oxide… all the while dreaming of their Easter baskets waiting for them at Camp. Now that they are back, they will finish up the last details in the renovation of Lakeview and start on Spring Projects.

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