



CELEBRATING OUR 40th YEAR

CAMP WINNI 1958 - '82

CAMP KINGSMONT 1983 - '97

South Shore Congregational Youth Conferences, Inc.

COMPASS

Our 1997 camp theme is *COMPASS - The Points*

That Guide Our Lives. Our theme was taken from a song written by Dave Holt, a former camper and counselor. Dave has written a number of songs based on his experiences. *COMPASS* was written when Dave first headed west on the Mass. Turnpike to be a member of the camp staff. He stopped at the Burger King and wonderful thoughts and ideas filled his mind. On a Burger King napkin, which he still has, Dave wrote down the words to the song that our camp has come to love and has made our theme for 1997.

COMPASS by Dave G. Holt (copyright 1987)

I once was guided by intuition
but your clues are never flawed
I followed the laws of common sense
but the world of emotions changes these laws
I tried playing it by ear, but now I know
That life's too short to take that road.

I NEED A COMPASS ON THE OPEN SEA
A COMPASS WHEN I'M CLIMBIN' HIGH
WHEN I CLIMBIN' FREE
I NEED A COMPASS, FOREVER GUIDING
ONE STABLE SIGN
A COMPASS

You're my reference, and my guide
On my journey through life
You're my compass, my guiding light
Leading me on to something right...
I NEED A COMPASS...

And in the heat of the desert
When the glaciers break down to the sea
All this time, you are my guide

And the only stable thing to me...

YOU'RE MY COMPASS ON THE OPEN
SEA
MY COMPASS, WHEN I'M CLIMBIN'
HIGH

WHEN I'M CLIMBIN' FREE
YOU'RE MY COMPASS, FOREVER GUIDING
ONE STABLE SIGN
MY COMPASS
When I'm on this stage
When I'm on display
Lord, please bless these words I say
'Cause all this time, you are my God
And the only stable thing to me...
YOU'RE MY COMPASS...



40 YEARS OF CAMP

by Jean Hopkinson

Did you know - In 1958, our own Rev. Robert Ripley (then of East Congregational Church of Milton.) along with ministers from Wollaston Cong., Quincy Point Cong., and First Church of Squantum got permission from the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference to begin a camp program at Camp Winni in New Hampshire. Their first program was a huge success (despite the fact that the camp was made up entirely of junior high campers, and none were from Weymouth or Braintree). The next year, senior high campers came on the scene, and the camp's numbers increased to 206 campers (from 116) and 61 staff members (from 22).

In 1960, the South Shore Youth Conference was formed, with Rip as president, and First Church of Weymouth and Union Cong. of Braintree joined the camp family. Camp just kept growing and growing...

After 25 years at Geneva Point Center (Camp Winni), the Conference found a new home here at Kingsmont. We are now in our fifteenth year at Kingsmont, which gives us an excuse to call our dance "LORDY, LORDY, CAMP IS 40!" and a chance to reflect on the years of the friendship, fellowship, and the ongoing camp spirit that has kept camp alive for the past forty years. Happy Birthday Camp!!!

Then counselors were parents (and much older)
Now counselors are former campers (and much younger)
Then girls wore skirts and boys wore dress shirts to dinner.
Now everyone wears shorts, t-shirts, etc.
Then "Morning Groups" were lectures by pastors, etc.
Now "Morning Groups" are discussion groups.
Then there were other guests at camp while we were there.
Now we take over the entire camp facility.
Then planning for the week was done just before camp.
Now our staff plans for a full year before camp.
Then adults were called Mr. ____ or Miss ____.
Now everyone is called by their first name or a nickname.
Then camp was about \$30 for the full week.
Now camp is \$175 for the full week.
Then there was only one dance.
Now there are two dances
Then seniors did not come to camp
Now we honor our seniors at camp.
Then camp was just after school closed (late June - early July)
Now camp is just before school opens (mid to late August)
Then "Rip" was the heart of our camp life.
Now "Rip" is still the heart of our camp life. Alleluia!

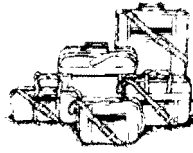
**ALWAYS IT'S BEEN THE SPIRIT THAT HAS MADE
CAMP SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS!**



SATURDAY

TAKING OFF

The first of the eager campers arrived at the Old South parking lot at 8:15 A.M., more than an hour ahead of schedule. By 9:30 A.M. the parking lot was filled with campers, counselors, parents, guitars, luggage, sleeping bags and cars. It didn't take long for our eight "rookie" counselors, with the aid of some veteran staff members, to load the two big trucks. By 10:15 A.M. the campers had boarded the ten buses and were anxious to hit the road. After a long, hot ride, with a leisurely stop at Burger King for lunch, the passengers shouted for joy as the buses made their way down the dirt road to Camp Kingsmont. Arrival time was 2:45 P.M.

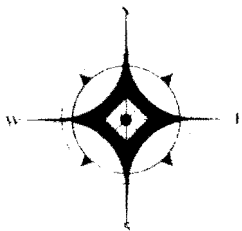


WELCOME

The Rev. Robert J. Ripley, Pastor of The First Congregational Church of Braintree and our camp director, welcomed the campers and staff to Camp Kingsmont for our 40th anniversary. "Rip" has only been absent for one of the 40 years of camp. The first year of camp was 1958 at "Camp Winni." 1997 marks our 15th year at Camp Kingsmont. This is our biggest camp ever with 354 campers and a staff of 66. After Rip's welcome, packets were given to each camper with their cabin assignments and the rules and schedule for our week together. There was a rush to the cabins to claim the best bunks and to see if the toilets and showers actually were in working order this year.

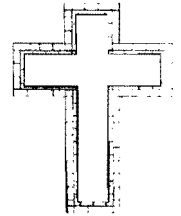
THE DON AND GLENN SHOW

After all the campers had found their cabins and all the luggage was accounted for, everyone gathered in the Council Ring to be welcomed by our Assistant Camp Director for the past 20 years, Don McGibbon. Don introduced the entire staff and briefly reviewed the rules for the week. Glenn Holt, celebrating his 15th year on our camp staff, then read the names of the "Morning Group" leaders and the campers in each group. There will be 34 "Morning Groups" this year... 4 for seniors and 30 for the rest of the campers. Each group has 2 leaders and about 10 campers. (Senior groups have only one leader.) For the next 6 mornings the groups will meet from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. Our theme for this summer is **COMPASS - The Points That Guide Our Lives**. During the week we will be discussing: friends, family, school, morals, faith and self-esteem in our groups.



CHAPEL

Before supper each day, the entire camp meets in the Council Ring for a worship service led by either our campers and staff. Worship services always include songs, prayers, scripture readings and a special thought. Today the worship service was led by Old South's Youth Group. The theme of the service was choosing who or what to follow. Mike Waugh read Joshua 24:14-15 and Kathryn O'Kane read Matthew 4:18-22. Terry Martinson then shared the story of The Contest on Mt. Carmel from I Kings 18:20-39. At some point in our lives we must choose our god... we must choose what we will put *first* in our lives... our god is whatever or whoever we put *first* in our lives. The only true God is our Creator who we come to know through Jesus Christ.



SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER



Baked Chicken	Corn On The Cob
Steamed Rice	Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls	Chocolate Pudding

T-SHIRTS

After supper everyone received two t-shirts designed by Annmarie Bendix, one of our counselors. The t-shirt design can also be found on the cover of this newspaper.

BIRTHDAY CAMPFIRE

Our opening campfire was a "birthday bash" celebrating the 40th birthday of camp. In addition to the songs led by Dave Krall and Glenn Holt, the campers decorated 8 birthday cakes and created original songs to celebrate our 40 years. The cakes were awesome! The songs were super! In the opinion of judges Terri Wilkinson and George Nightingale, the seniors "took the cake" for their creativity. Emcee, Tom Remsen, asked each counselor to introduce himself or herself and to say how many years they have been on staff. Most of the staff has been with us two, three or four years, but we have a handful of counselors who have been with us for more than five years. Bob Gohl has been a counselor for 27 years! Bob "takes the cake!"

Happy Birthday!

VESPERS

We end each evening around the campfire with *vespers* - a brief story and the singing of the Lord's Prayer while holding our neighbors' hands. Tonight Terry shared the story of Darrell Loomis, the truck driver. "He wasn't much of a man..."



BREAKFAST

Juice... Fresh Fruit... Asst. Cereal...
Scrambled Eggs... Bacon... English
Muffins

FROM MORNING WATCH

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness:
Come into his presence with singing" (Psalm 100)

Bill wanted a car for graduation... he got a Bible... he never spoke to his father again... after his father's death he opened the Bible he had received on the day of his graduation and the check for the car fell out... (from Chicken Soup For The Teenage Soul)

MORNING PROGRAM

In our morning groups today, after introductions and a game or two to get started, we discussed friendship... What do you like best about your friends?... What kind of friend are you?... What makes a good friend?... Why do our friends change? "Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." (Woodrow Wilson)

LUNCH

Grilled chicken breast on bulkie rolls... lettuce, tomato and pickles... chips... watermelon



CARNIVAL

The Morning Groups worked together as teams this afternoon competing against one another in more than a dozen games organized by Jay Stella and Al Samuelian and their committee. The contests included: egg tossing, bean bag throw, pyramid building, wheelbarrow racing and musical chairs. Three of the contests involved our first year counselors in a rather messy way: Paul Hopkinson and Al Doyle served as "greased pigs"... the other "rookies" were involved in face painting and a very disgusting trivia contest which left them covered with a delightful mixture of old food... If you've seen "slime" or "gak" on the Nickelodeon Network, this was 100 times worse. Rain fell upon the carnival but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the participants.

DINNER

Baked Ham ... potato au gratin ... green beans... rolls... ice cream (with an extra scoop of love!)



SUNDAY

WORSHIP AND VESPERS

Rip and the counselors from The First Congregational Church in Braintree were our worship leaders today. Wet ground forced us to have chapel in the rec hall. The speakers shared stories and scripture readings on the theme of friendship. Brian Harrison sang "*Friends Are Friends Forever*" with many of the campers joining him on the chorus. Rip spoke briefly about the importance of friendship in our lives. Vespers were led by Chrissy Worth and Mal Hunt. Chrissy shared a story about a beautiful friendship that saved a life and Mal read a selection from *The Prophet*. The evening ended with the traditional singing of the Lord's Prayer.

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

by KRISTYN BLUME

The air finally cooled down as campers filled the studio of "Let's Make A Deal" Sunday evening. The game of gags and laughs hosted by "Monty Hall" (aka: Terry Martinson) was a fun night for all.

Amazingly the audience numbered over 400. Spectators, dressed in costume or who had brought something to trade, were chosen through a lucky number drawing to participate in the games.

Some of the dealers were Shannon Kiely, Mark DiLillo, Michelle Primo, and the "Salsa Girls" (Jen LoPorto and Chrissy Worth.) These and other participants went home with such items as socks, locks, candy, teddy bears, money, prunes and balloons.

The camper that went home with the "BIG DEAL OF THE DAY" was Kristen Derec. Kristen won more than Swedish Fish, a stuffed cow and some play money. She won a stereo Boom Box with both a CD and cassette player. The "BIG DEAL OF THE DAY" was worth over \$100. (Mark DiLillo won a giant tooth)



Everyone in attendance participated by shouting their input and suggestions to the dealers. It was an all together fun evening, full of laughs and surprises. We all thank "Monty Hall" for coming to host this great event.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF CAMP? Lauren O'Donnell

Spree Time - You can do anything (Amanda DiSpinto)
Vespers - you get to hold people's hands (Brooke Lutfrell)
Evening Program - it's always fun (Stefanie Zopatti)
The People - everyone is so nice! (Emily Sullivan)
The boys in Cabin 5 Jr. High - they're hot (Cabin 6 girls)
All the meals - I like to eat (Meghan Foley)
Morning Watch - it's "sell" time (Adam Wentworth)
The Hug Line - you meet new people (Andrew Bober)
The Counselors - they're wicked nice! (Sean McCabe)
All the friends you meet (Jeff Chmielinski)
The dances - it's fun to "get down" together (Rick Fournier)

MONDAY



BREAKFAST

Apple Juice... French Toast Stix...
Sausage...Asst. Cereal... Fresh Fruit

FROM MORNING WATCH

A friend is someone...

- who is honest - when it would be easier to lie...
- who cares for you - when no one else seems to...
- who forgives you - even when it's hard to forgive yourself...
- who trusts you - when you don't deserve to be trusted...
- who will be with you - even when you're wrong...

A friend is - someone like you...



SENIOR PICTURE

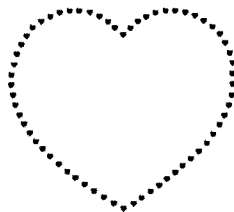
We have 54 seniors at camp this summer. That's more seniors than we have ever had before. This morning the seniors gathered to have the traditional senior photograph taken.

Each senior will be given a plaque with the photograph at "Camp Graduation" on Friday afternoon.

MONDAY'S MORNING GROUP

The theme for our discussions in Morning Group today was home and family... One group created the following "10 COMMANDMENTS FOR FAMILIES" -

- (1) Respect the privacy of others
- (2) Listen without prejudice
- (3) Give others room to grow in
- (4) Be open to the ideas of others
- (5) Share your stuff
- (6) Always be honest
- (7) Work together selflessly
- (8) Watch out for each other
- (9) Accentuate the positive qualities
- (10) Don't take your family for granted



LUNCH

DELI DAY ON SUPER
SUB ROLLS + GREEN
APPLES FOR DESSERT

CHAPEL

Before they began the chapel service, the campers and staff from First Church of Weymouth distributed puzzle pieces to everyone. Harry LaCoste began chapel by talking about the importance of being a piece of the puzzle and discovering where you belong. Harry found his place because of the support and encouragement he has received at camp. First Church campers shared scripture readings and a story in addition to leading us in "Father Abraham."

SUPPER

Chicken Pic... biscuits... green salad... red jello with whipped topping...



CAMP WIDE RELAY

Laura (Mills) Hathaway, Kristyn Mills and Scott Mills created another blockbuster event for our afternoon program. For 1997 they created a relay race that may make it into the Guinness



Book of World Records. The entire camp was involved on one of 7 teams. There were relay stations all over the Kingsmont Campus with a variety of activities at each station. The relay raced us through a typical day at Camp Kingsmont beginning

with wake-up, breakfast and Morning Watch, and ending with dinner and the big dance. The race was very close, but at about the midway point the experience of the seniors (the green team) began to payoff and they moved out to an unbeatable lead. The green team "dragged" across the finish line a full minute before the red team. It really didn't matter who the winner was in this great relay created by Laura, Kristyn and Scott. Everybody had a great time and everybody was a winner! (Please see the related story by Sports Editor - Adam Scott - elsewhere in this edition.)

DANCE

"Dance Through The Decades" was the theme for our first dance of the week. The rec hall was hot, rocking with tunes of the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. Many of the campers and staff dressed in the clothes of the past decades. The fast dances like "The Y.M.C.A.", "Macho Man" and "Love Shack" had everyone up and on the floor. The slow dances rekindled some old romances and started some new ones. D.J. Tom Remsen and his crew did a great job of setting up the sound equipment and decorating for the dance. When the dance ended at 11:00 P.M. the hot and tired dancers headed to the campfire for vespers. The great success of this first dance has everyone looking forward to Thursday night's "formal" dance which will celebrate the camp's 40th birthday.

WHO'S THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

Reported by Stacy Mafera

"My parents - They taught me all I know" - Billy Harding

"The Lord - The Lord watches over us" - Terry Steel

"Estelle Geddy" - Matt Funder

"Stacy Mafera - she's ambitious & admirable" - Lynne Harrington

"My parents - They taught me everything" - Hailey Sarkissian

"Melanie Wadsworth - she's a great role model" - Stephanie Wadsworth

"Chris Humphrey - he taught me how to sing" - Missy Grassia

"Faith - it's the glue of everything" - Kristyn Blume

"Parents, friends and family - they're always there" - Adam Wentworth

TUESDAY



BREAKFAST

orange juice... fresh fruit... asst. cereal...
egg & cheese sandwiches

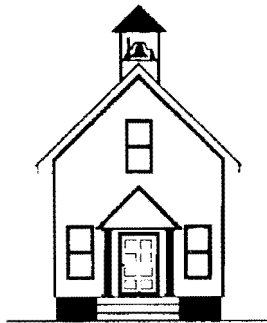
FROM MORNING WATCH

"I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS - FROM WHERE
WILL MY HELP COME? MY HELP COMES FROM THE
LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH." (Ps. 121)

"It was then that I realized that life is not always based on the
answers we receive, but also on the questions we ask."

MORNING GROUP

"School" was the theme of our
discussions in Morning Group today....
What do you remember about
kindergarten and kindergarten
crayons?... What makes a good
teacher?... If you could pick a grade to
return to, what would it be?... What's
the best thing about school?... What's
the worst thing about school?... What
lessons about life does school teach us?...



LUNCH

Pizza... Garden Salad...
Rice Krispie Treats &
Brownies



"IN HONOR OF LUCY" CAMP CHARITY AUCTION

Camp Kingsmont is an awesome place where campers and staff know they will experience a vacation with a purpose. At camp, and throughout our lives, we learn through experience, that we can help to make a difference in the lives of others. It is with this in mind that David Krall and Erin Spurling organized and conducted the 1997 Camp Auction. This special event was in honor of an outstanding woman and teacher in the Braintree Public Schools who created a lasting legacy in the lives of everyone she taught and who's life she touched. Her name is Lucy Ciesla and she suffers from the incredibly crippling effects of Lou Gherig's Disease (A.L.S.). She is so young and debilitated, yet her spirits and attitude are to be admired. At the suggestion of Gretchen Ripley, treasurer of A.L.S. Foundation, it was decided to contribute the proceeds of the auction to the A.L.S. Foundation in Lucy's Honor. Campers and staff were enthused.

Under a clear, bright, sunny sky at Kingsmont, the afternoon

was perfect. Following a thoughtful and moving introduction by Rip, the auction was underway. Auctioneers Terry Martinson, Dave Krall and Erin Spurling took turns conducting the bidding. Donations consisted of many awesome items including: inflatable swimming pools, limo rides to the dance, gift certificates for cabin cleaning, snacks, Red Sox tickets, etc. All campers and staff eagerly participated in the bidding pushing the prices higher and higher. The "coin drop" for an AM/FM Stereo Boom Box and a giant teddy bear was exciting and successful. The grand total of the proceeds amounted to \$1,075 which will be donated to the A.L.S. Foundation in Lucy's honor.

The 1997 auction was a fun and productive effort by all at Camp Kingsmont. Hopefully in some way, this donation will help to make a difference in the lives of those who are afflicted with Lou Gherig's disease. (Reported & Written by C.H.)

CHAPEL & VESPERS

Eight graduating seniors led our worship service this evening. They shared with us scripture readings, stories and prayers. Jess McDonough read *The Giving Tree*. Mike Ellis and Krysia Chmielinski chose readings from the New Testament. Other participants were: Sean Kiely, Amanda Jewett, George Raymond, Matt Ings and Amy Horick. Together we sang *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands* and *Jesus Loves Me*. Seniors Dan Ellis, Steve Flaherty, Theresa Walsh, Christina Meola, Stephanie Girard and George Raymond shared their thoughts during vespers.

DINNER

Spaghetti... meatballs... garlic
bread... tossed salad and Italian ice



CABIN SKITS

Tonight was Cabin Skit Night, a favorite evening program of the campers. Each cabin presented a takeoff on a television show, an advertisement, or a "promo" that one might find if they were channel surfing on their own tv. The Hotel began the evening with a display of fashions that have been worn during the 40 year history of Camp. Cabin 13 - Sr. High ended the evening with a wonderful rendition of *No Long, Farewell* from the *Sound Of Music*. In between the opening and closing acts there were 22 other acts including: *The Y.M.C.A.*... A "Rookies Anonymous" Meeting... a promo for "Men In Black"... A promo for COPS... An ad for Mentos.... Eileen White and Jen LoPorto shared their eclectic wisdom and answered philosophical inquiries between the skits.. Thanks to the Evening Program Committee and all the performers for a great night of "Theater!" (see related article...)

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

fruit & juice... asst. cereal...
scrambled eggs... bacon...
hash brown potatoes... bagels



FROM MORNING WATCH

"O Lord, You have searched me and known me ... Where can I flee from your presence?... Lead me in the way everlasting."
(Ps. 139)

It's not about how we had a chance to beat the system and took it, but about how we did the right thing and were forever strengthened.

MORNING GROUP

Today's Morning Group focused upon morals... Where do our morals and values come from?... Is it ever okay to lie?... How many of the 10 Commandments can you list?... Can you think of any commandments that should be added to the original 10?



LUNCH

Tomato Soup
Chicken Patties on Rolls
Tomato & Corn Salad
Fruit Ambrosia

THE COUNSELOR QUERY

The campers all met in the rec hall as the counselors found hiding places all over camp. Not only was it the campers job to find all the counselors, but they also had to find answers to some questions about them. The competition pitted each Morning Group against all the others. Each counselor was assigned a different point value - some of them had negative values. Many of the counselors found great hiding places - about 10 of them were never found. Gretchen, Tracy and Sandy hid in trash bags in the woods. Alex rolled himself into a ball and hid under a porch. Paul, Andy and George found hiding places on the roof of cabins. Eileen and Lynne would not disclose their hiding places, but it must have been a good one - they're still among the missing. At the end of the program, when Tracy Christmas and Terri Wilkinson tallied up the points, it was determined that

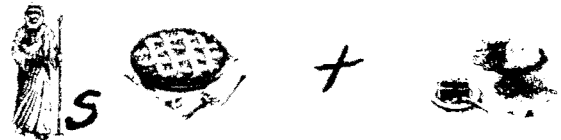


TEAM #16 (two of our Senior Morning Groups) were the winners in a very close competition. They found the most counselors and solved the most "mysteries."

CHAPEL AND VESPERS

With the guidance of the Rev. Bill Harding, the campers from Bethany Cong. and Union Cong. were today's worship leaders. They chose selections from Philippians 4:4-9 and I Corinthians 13:4-13. Bill spoke about the importance of the spirit of love and acceptance that are so evident at camp. "We love because God first loved us." We sang *This Is The Day* and *Amazing Grace*. Bethany Cong. is new to our church family this year. We welcome them and their new pastor, Bill Harding, who is a long time member of our camp family. Vespers had to be held in the rec hall because of the rain. Lorrie Wing chose a wonderful story about always doing the right thing!

DINNER



THE TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA

During tonight's rain, a number of our talented campers entertained us in the rec hall. The annual TALENT SHOW was everything the campers anticipated and more. It was awesome! Jean Hopkinson and Kelly Myatt did a wonderful job of coordinating the acts - that's no easy task! Harry LaCoste and Eileen White did a super job filling in between acts. Harry is an outstanding juggler and entertainer. Eileen will soon be moving

to NYC with the goal of breaking into the entertainment business. Tonight our audience was treated to the music of several rock bands, the sweet sounds of several marvelous singers, the acoustic guitar playing of some very talented musicians, a marvelous dance by

Heidi Keller, and some amusing impressions by Trevor Craven. The musicians and singers included: Matt Fiander, "Buckwheat" (Band from Cabin #4 - Jr. High), Stephanie Girard, James MacDonald, Dave Pereira, Brian Harrison, "Sweet C" (Courtney Doyle), Jason Ellis, John McCabe, Josh Giachetti, Jeff Kobel, Jon Boyer, "The Magic School Bust" (Alex Doyle, Chris Katides, Dan Ellis, Mike Ellis, Jon McCabe), Missy Grassia, Emily Northridge, Alicia Roberts, Emily Bongarzone, Andrea Giachetti, Dave Krall, and Emily Sullivan. *(Editor's Note: We apologize if we left any names out.)* Many thanks to all who shared their talents with a very appreciative audience.



THURSDAY

THURSDAY'S MENUS



Breakfast: Fruit & Juice, hot cereal,
Croissants & muffins

Lunch: Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked
beans, cole slaw, chips, watermelon

Dinner: American Chop Suey, rolls,
ice cream

FROM MORNING WATCH

"O Lord, our sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8)

"I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world... This is the meaning of my life."

FROM MORNING GROUP

Faith, God and the Church were the focus of today's Morning Groups: How would you explain God to an alien from another planet?... Why do you (or don't you) believe in God?... If God is so loving, why does God allow people to suffer?... Where does faith come from? *"Faith is not believing that God can... it is knowing that God will."*



KINGSMONT PALOOZA



Our stubborn campers refused to allow the cool weather and the raindrops to dampen their enthusiasm for the First Annual Kingsmont Palooza - a great festival of music, crafts and other activities - planned by Dave Krall & Co. to entertain the "Kingsmont Krowd" on Thursday afternoon. Plans were for this great festival to be held outdoors. Though the rain had stopped by noon, it was decided

that it would be best to move the music into the rec hall... good decision - the rain returned in mid-afternoon. While Kristyn and Laura did face painting on the stage and many campers created bracelets with beads and embroidery thread, a number of our talented musicians "rocked the rec hall" with their tunes. For two hours the campers listened to the music provided by: "The Magic School Bust," "Buckwheat," Josh G. & Crew, "Sweet C. & Sarah Z.," Brian Moore, Tim Clark, Brendan Smith, Jon Bean, Krysia Chmielinski, Courtney Jewett, Amanda Jewett, Jon Boyer, Greg Zopatti, Brian Cronin, Adam Scott, Jeff Chmielinski, and others. The *PALOOZA* ended with an outstanding Counselor Jam with: Glenn, Dave, Jeff, Brian and James.

CHAPEL & VESPERS

It was the counselors' turn to lead us in chapel and vespers today. The chapel service, which was held in the rec hall because of the rain, gave us a chance to listen to some thoughts about faith and finding God, shared with us by: Annmarie Bendix, Stephanie O'Connell, Beth Murphy, Kristyn Mills, Erin Stracuzzi, Brian Harrison, Harry LaCoste, Amanda LaCoste, Jay Stella and Jean Cratty. Jay helped us to reflect upon bridges and Jean shared with us some thoughts about pennies. Liz Boyer, with Glenn Holt, sang *"Amazing Grace"*. We enjoyed singing *"King Jesus Is All"* and *"Shine, Jesus, Shine."* Vespers, after the dance, was led by counselors: Dan Condon, Jean Hopkinson, Brian Harrison and Kelly Myatt.

LORDY, LORDY CAMP IS 40

Dance... Dance... Dance

For the second time this week the campers gathered in the rec hall to dance the night away. Tonight's dance was a celebration of our camp's fortieth birthday. Many of the girls wore skirts or dresses. Many of the boys wore shirts and ties. The Thursday night dance is *always* the "dress up dance." The music was provided by "Tommy Tunes" (aka: Tom Remsen) who has a real knack for choosing absolutely the best

music for our dances. Tom also takes requests and does his best to keep everyone on the floor. A special feature of tonight's dance was the opportunity to have a Polaroid picture taken. Though it drizzled throughout the evening, nobody seemed to be bothered. Everyone was inside having too good a time dancing to their favorite tunes. After the dance, as soon as the lights are snapped off in each cabin, there's bound to be talk about who danced with who more than once, who walked who back to the cabin after vespers, and who *loves* who.

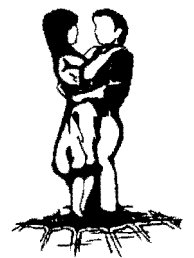
SPECIAL THOUGHTS TO TAKE HOME

"If you want something you've never had, you'll have to do something you've never done."

"We make a living by what we get... We make a life by what we give."

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

"Experience is a hard teacher. She gives the test first and the lesson afterward."



BRIEFS (AND BOXERS)

WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING A "ROOKIE"?

Rachel - "THE best experience of my life!"

Missy - "It's AWESOME - Thanx!"

Lauren - "It's been a HUGE bonding experience!"

Anne - "It's pretty FUN - I'd love to do it again!"

Alicia - "It's GREAT fun!"

Alex - "MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY!"

Paul - "It's a PRIVILEGE!"

Andy - "I can't get ENOUGH of it!"



SPREE TIME

Volleyball... juggling... Ultimate Frisbee...
arts & crafts... Talent Show... newspaper...
Sun Bathing... soccer... Rap Group... board
games... basketball... massage... tennis...
rugby... swimming... folk... hiking...
running... hacky sack... Uno... chess...
movies - WHAT DO THEY ALL HAVE

IN COMMON? They're all choices for SPREE TIME each afternoon. The campers can choose any one of these counselor led activities or they can choose to just "chill" outside their cabin. The only rule for Spree Time is that no one can be in a cabin.

MY FIRST YEAR AT CAMP

Anonymous

I wasn't sure if I wanted to go to camp. After the first night I still wasn't sure if I had made the right decision. Now, after a few days have gone by, I am very glad I came. I am having a great time.

This camp is a great experience! I love the time when I am by myself and have time to think, to find myself and to discover who I am. I have never really thought about my beliefs before. I have really connected with my Morning Group and I enjoy chapel.

I have many friends that are going to college and this is my last week with them. This is good for both the friends I will lose touch with after this week and the ones who will always be there. I love them all!

This camp absolutely saved a friendship for me. I had lost touch with my best friend and almost threw away our friendship. Now we are the best of friends again and that is very special to me. Most people don't think of me as a sentimental kid but no one really knows who I am when I am by myself.

Anyway, camp brought me closer to my girlfriend, restored some strong roots with good friends, and saved a special relationship for me. This week couldn't have been any better.

A REFLECTION

by Shawn Kittredge

Everyone has their own problems - that goes without saying! I know I've had my share. However, there is a place that is perfect - a place where everyone is who they want to be - "a place where everybody knows your name"... For me, Camp Kingsmont has been a shelter from the storm, so to speak.

Now the day is fast approaching when all of the seniors have to part with the lives they've become accustomed to and set out on a sea of confusion and unfamiliarity. This week is probably the best remedy for the "illness" of worrying. The love that surrounds this place is magical! I am scared. I think and hope it's only natural. However, when the feelings of loneliness come, I will have this place to remember and use in my defense.

I love you all! Please, if you would pray for the seniors who are going off to school or work... Lord knows we need it!

OUR SENIOR STAFF

The Rev. Robert J. Ripley - Pastor, First Cong. in Braintree

*Mr. Don McGibbon - Asst. Camp Director - from Old South

The Rev. Terry Martinson - Pastor, Old South Union Church

The Rev. Bill Harding - Pastor, Bethany Cong. in Quincy

The Rev. John Castricum - Pastor, Old South Union Church

*Mr. Glenn Holt - Youth Minister - First Baptist in Braintree

Mrs. Carol Harding, R.N. - Quincy City Hospital

*Mrs. JoAnn Krall - Clerk of South Shore Youth Conf.

*Ms. Lorrie Wing - Youth Leader - Union Cong.

*Ms. Gretchen Ripley - Youth Leader - First Cong. - Braintree

(*former camper)

Together we have over 160 years experience of Camp leadership with the South Shore Congregational Youth Conferences.

You have never seen God, my friend?

Then you've never watched the dawn silently, swiftly swallow up the night.

You've never seen the splendor and the beauty radiated in the heavens as the sun bursts forth on the horizon.

You've never sat in the solitude of the early morn and listened in rapture, all else forgotten, to the melodious warbling of the birds

You've never stooped to see the dew-kissed rosebud, nor marveled at the wonder of it all.

For earth mirrors the image of the Almighty Creator as surely, as beautifully, and as perfectly as the peaceful, crystal lake reflects the towering mountains and the stately pines.

Rise at early morn and be still. You, too, can see God all around you (Norma Turner)

FRIDAY

EDITORS' NOTE - Because we had to send this newsletter to the printer early on Friday Morning, the reporting of the events for today and tomorrow may not be 100% accurate.

FRIDAY'S MENUS

BREAKFAST: Fruit & juice... Bacon & eggs... muffins

LUNCH: Nacho Salad



DINNER:

Roast Turkey & Gravy

Dressing... Mashed Potato

Peas... Rolls... Apple Crisp

FROM FRIDAY'S MORNING WATCH

"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want...

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

(Ps. 23)

"Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself first to get anything done in this world." (Lucille Ball)

FRIDAY'S MORNING GROUP

Friday's Morning Group is always special... it begins with a "Guided Meditation" and ends with a "Strength Bombardment" experience. The "Guided Meditation" gives us an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ and to imagine what Jesus might say to us. The "Strength Bombardment" experience offers us the opportunity to understand how the other members of our Morning Group see us, especially our gifts. Veteran campers, especially those in Senior High, really look forward to Friday's Morning Group - it makes everyone feel special!



THE CAMP HANDSHAKE

(aka - "The Hug Line")

Tears, smiles, laughter, kind words, firm handshakes and even bear hugs are very much a part of our final afternoon at camp. The entire camp, campers and staff, form one long, l o n g line, then led by the seniors everyone has the

opportunity to shake the hand or hug every other member of our camp family. Many of us love the "Camp Handshake" because it gives us the opportunity to say some things that

we might not otherwise say to one another. It's a way of saying good-bye to the seniors who are heading away to college or to work and to say "thanks" to the counselors who work so hard to make our week together a success.



The camp assembled this afternoon to honor our camp seniors, to present certificates to the members of the cleanest cabins, to award "Golden Apples" to several campers and counselors for their accomplishments, and to say "thank you" to our super, super staff. Don McGibbon has been responsible for the "Graduation Ceremony" for many years. His sense of humor adds much to the ceremonies. This year at camp we had 54 seniors, the largest group of seniors we have ever had. They have been an outstanding group of young people and we hope that many of them will return to be members of our staff. On behalf of the seniors, Steve Flaherty (a senior from Old South who is heading to Union College in another week) spoke to the camp about the impact his 6 years at camp has had on his life.

CONSECRATION SERVICES

Our week at camp builds towards Friday night's Consecration Services. The Junior High campers and the Senior High campers have separate services. John Castricum and Glenn Holt put together a very meaningful service for the Jr. High camp. The seniors, working closely with the four Senior Morning Group leaders (Rip, Don, Bill and Terry) are responsible for the Sr. High Consecration Service which always includes communion. Nine of the seniors shared scripture readings and stories. Jon Boyer shared his musical talent. Eight of the seniors served as deacons and another half dozen were responsible for distributing the candles and the camp momento for 1997.

SENIOR CIRCLE

It's very important to give our seniors the opportunity to say good-bye to their camp friends. So many of our seniors have been campers for 5 or 6 years and the most important friendships they have made have been formed or strengthened during their summers at Kingsmont. At a very special "Senior Circle" all the seniors who wanted to share their thoughts, feelings and memories were given an opportunity to do so. As always, there was cause for laughter and reason for tears. Not all the seniors choose to speak on our final evening together. Some of them prefer to say their good-bye and thank you during the "Hug Line" or at some other special moment.



**OUR CAMPERS ARE OUR
GREATEST ASSET!!!**

Thanks for a great week!

FINAL THOUGHTS

SATURDAY'S FAREWELL

My trunks has to be packed... the laundry must be squeezed into the laundry bag or stuffed back into the trunk with the one t-shirt and two pairs of socks I only wore once so they're still pretty clean... the knot on the sleeping bag keeps coming untied



- maybe I can stuff that into the laundry bag too... did I take my toothbrush?... did I brush my teeth?... I wonder if anyone wrote anything about me on the "gossip pages" of the newspaper?... I know they gave me two t-shirts - I can't find either one of them... maybe I should leave these sneakers here - they're soaked and they really do smell pretty bad!... the truck just pulled up in front of the cabins... I hate the truck - it means we're on our way home soon... I love my home, but I love camp too... it's been a great week!... the turkey dinner was awesome... the talent show was great... the dances were fun... my Morning Group was the BEST!... next year I have to get more sleep and bring more water balloons... I wonder if I'm the "knock out" champion of camp this year?... I'm glad I saved the Morning Watch sheets - I want to read them again... the chapel services were really good this year... I've never sang so many songs... I love the way we sing *The Lord's Prayer* together at vespers... I've never laughed so much either... my counselors were so funny and so caring - I could tell them anything... nights in the cabin are fun... the showers were cold, but who cares - this is camp and it wouldn't be the same if the water was warm and the toilets flushed... last night was tough... I cried... good-bye is never easy to say... the truck's horn is honking - it's either Derek or Connor or else it's time to load all my stuff... where's Tyler?... where's Ben? - I hope we didn't pack them with the trunks... Ben's cool, and his dad is really great! I love the way he makes us all sing... 40 years - that's a long time... 354 campers - that's a lot of kids... I wonder how many kids' lives Rip has touched in his 39 years at camp... I have the greatest respect for that man... oops - Don and Terry and John are yelling - I really do have to put my stuff on the truck... I don't want to leave... I wonder if I'll have the same kids in my cabin next year?... camp teaches me so much - like how to be a friend, and how to have fun, and how I can be myself and still be accepted by others... I wonder what we'll have for brunch - last year it was sausage gravy - yech!... I bet I know what Rip will say in our final Friendship Circle... he'll say - "we've had a great week! - the camp spirit is still alive and it's our job to keep it alive - and in just 51 more weeks..." they're dragging my trunk out of the cabin... they're dragging me out of the cabin... I guess it really is time... thanks everyone - I loved it!



FAVORITE CAMP MEAL

(reported by Steve Flaherty)



- C. Neville - "French toast stix"
- J. Cratty - "I love to carve the turkey!"
- M. Primo - "Me, too!"
- M. Kelley - "I'll eat nothing but chicken wings and potatoes."
- P. Canty - "Pizza, no... spaghetti, no... I like it all!"
- L. Rowe - "I have no clue... I just wanna stuff my face!"
- A. Martinson - "Shepherd's Pie. Dude!"
- C. Worth - "Bread..."
- J. Moore - "Seriously? The spaghetti."
- J. Ellis - "Shepherd's Pie - I love it!"
- B. Smith - "Shepherd's Pie... well, actually the turkey dinner."

COUNSELOR CLUES...

There were 60 clues in the Counselor Quest... here's a sample... how many of these did you get correct?

- (a) Has a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from B.U.
- (b) Favorite author is Stephen King.
- (c) Paid \$5.95 to see the Beatles at Suffolk Downs.
- (d) Owns a Welsh Corgi.
- (e) Plays Strong Wing #14 in rugby.
- (f) Studying to become a Physician's Assistant.
- (g) Went to the prom in a wheelchair.
- (h) Born the same day as Paul McCartney.
- (i) Wants to be an OB/GYN doctor and deliver babies.
- (j) Took ballet for 10 years but gave it up for rugby & kick boxing.
- (k) Wants to be a singer instead of a teacher.
- (l) Has no sense of smell.
- (m) Wants to become a reporter and editor.
- (n) Rows crew in college.
- (o) Lived in Fairfield, CT for 7 years before moving to MA.

Answers:

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|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Shannon Carroll | b. Kristyn Mills | c. Bob Gohl |
| d. John Castricum | e. Jen LoPorto | f. Karen Furze |
| g. Amanda LaCoste | h. Don McGibbon | i. Missy Sweeney |
| j. Mal Hunt | k. Erin Spurling | l. Dan Condon |
| m. Lauren Richenburg | n. Andy Martinson | o. Lynne Geoghan |

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Jean Hopkinson
Terry Martinson

Thanks to all who submitted articles and shared ideas!

AN EDITORIAL

by Terry Martinson

As a parent of two teenagers and as a pastor who works with many, many teenagers I want to express my concern about the amount of underage drinking that goes on in our communities and by our youth group members. It's a sad thing to see the great number of deaths that are attributed to alcohol poisoning or to accidents caused by drunk drivers. It's sad to see the number of teenagers who think that they have to drink to "belong" or to be accepted. It's sad to see the breakdown of trust in our families because young people are choosing to do what they know is wrong. It takes great courage to leave a party where drinking and other questionable activities are taking place, but sometimes we have to gather our courage and say, "This isn't for me... I'm outta here!" The young people that I respect the most are those who refuse to bow to peer pressure - the ones who don't apologize for drinking a Pepsi or Mountain Dew when everyone around them is drinking a "Bud." Life is too precious to be destroyed or ended by using and abusing alcohol.



The following poem, *DEATH OF AN INNOCENT*, was sent to me by one of last year's seniors with the hope that I would share it with as many young people as I could. I'm happy to share it with you. The author of the poem is not known, but someone took the effort to write this poem... Please give it to as many people as you can... Together we can make a difference.

I went to a party, Mom, I remembered what you said.

You told me not to drink, Mom, so I drank soda instead.

I really felt proud inside, Mom, the way you said I would.

I didn't drink and drive, Mom, even though the others said I should.

I know I did the right thing, Mom, I know you're always right.

Now the party is finally ending, Mom, as everyone is driving out of sight.

As I got into my car, Mom, I knew I'd get home in one piece,

Because of the way you raised me, Mom, so responsible and sweet.

I started to drive away, Mom, but as I pulled out onto the road,

The other car didn't see me, Mom, and hit me like a load.

As I lay there on the pavement, Mom, I hear the policeman say,

The other guy is drunk, Mom, and now I'm the one who will pay.

I'm lying here dying, Mom, I wish you'd get here soon.

How could this happen to me, Mom? My life just burst like a balloon.

There is blood all around me, Mom, and most of it is mine.

I hear the medic say, Mom, I'll die in a short time.

I just wanted to tell you, Mom, I swear I didn't drink

It was the others, Mom. The others didn't think.

He was probably at the same party as I.

The only difference is, he drank and I will die.

Why do people drink, Mom? It can ruin your whole life.

I'm feeling sharp pains now. Pains just like a knife.

The guy who hit me is walking, Mom, and I don't think it's fair.

I'm lying here dying and all he can do is stare.

Tell my brother not to cry, Mom. Tell Daddy to be brave.

And when I go to heaven, put "Daddy's Girl" on my grave.

Someone should have told him, Mom, not to drink and drive.

If only they had told him, Mom, I would still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter, Mom. I'm becoming very scared.

Please don't cry for me, Mom. When I needed you, you were always there.

I have one last question, Mom, before I say good bye.

I didn't drink and drive, Mom, so why am I the one to die?



NEWS AND VIEWS

SKIT NIGHT

(reported by Cabin #9 - Jr. High)

Skit Night was a total success! Thanks to all the great acts, everyone had a really fun time. The "Christian Brothers" entertained us with "Jerry Springer." In this skit, people really showed their true colors!!! The Junior High boys did an amazing performance of YMCA! They really got all the girls' attention. For the second year in a row, the Junior High boys of Cabin 5 had a funny Top 10 list that made the audience laugh. (Fiander! Fiander!



Fiander!) The Men In Black skit by the boys in Jr. High Cabin 1 was awesome! They showed a great deal of creativity in producing this skit. We also enjoyed all the F.Y.I.s they held up for us to see. We would like to thank the Sr. High girls from Cabin 15

for their depressing description of their *NEW* cabin!!! And a final thank you to Jen and Eilene, our MCs for the night. Congratulations to everyone for a great job!

TOP 10 MISTAKES MADE BY PARENTS OF

TEENS - Reported by a Senior Morning Group

- #1 - Not being open minded enough...
- #2 - Not setting strong rules...
- #3 - Being too overprotective...
- #4 - Poor communication...
- #5 - Losing faith in their children...
- #6 - Setting expectations too high...
- #7 - Not being supportive enough...
- #8 - Comparing generations...
- #9 - Not being sensitive enough...
- #10 - Caring too much about image...



"FROM THE NURSE'S PERSPECTIVE"

by: Carol Harding, R.N.

When I think of being a camp nurse for a week for more than 300 teenage campers at Kingsmont, I view it as an invigorating and refreshing experience. It is truly a challenge, however, entirely different from routine hospital nursing or the critical care nursing of which I am used to. It is a field of nursing all of its own and is rewarding beyond compare. I certainly receive far more satisfaction and fulfillment from this experience than I could ever give.



When I was asked 15 years ago to be the camp nurse for South Shore Youth Conference, I questioned whether or not I would fit in at a camp where all of the staff had been veteran campers

themselves. I questioned how effective I could be in a camp with healthy teenage children. Would I be useful? Would I be bored? I thought again and decided I would give it a try, and hopefully I would be able to add something worthwhile to the Camp Kingsmont experience. I was excited by the thought of being a part of a Christian camp which had programs aimed at supporting and enriching children's lives.

Fifteen years later, as I reflect upon all my years as camp nurse, I know I have a place at Camp Kingsmont and I enjoy every minute I am here.



My duties cover a wide spectrum ranging from offering TLC to a homesick camper to understanding and diagnosing medical situations and knowing what requires further medical attention, as well as responding to true emergencies. It is also my responsibility to administer prescribed medications to any camper who is under a doctor's care. I have cared for many campers who have had recent surgery - changing dressings and removing sutures. The situations I have encountered have been as simple as an abrasion or blister to occasional life threatening situations. Although, overall, most campers have a safe and healthy camp experience, there are some who have presented a real challenge in my nursing career... when I knew my presence helped make a difference. We have had a camper with a ruptured appendix, a child with an obstructed airway, a camper with a deeply lacerated kneecap, as well as a camper with anaphylaxis. Each of these were true medical emergencies, and required quick, sound judgment and immediate medical attention. Other scenarios of the infirmary have included epidemics of stomach viruses or flu or strep throat. With God's help we have survived each situation and are always prepared for anything we need to face.

I wouldn't trade my week at Camp Kingsmont for anything in the world. It is a place where God's gifts surround us - the environment, the children, the spirit and the love and acceptance. It is a place where I love to be.

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SENIOR SKETCHES

JAIME ADAMS - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Stonhill College... "I love morning group!"

LAUREN AIELLO - 4 year camper from Old South... will attend Westfield State College... "My favorite thing is the hug line... hugs make people feel good and secure."

JONATHAN BOYER - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend The Univ. of Southern Maine... "Camp is music!"

JENNIFER BRAGEL - 5 year camper from First Church... will attend U.V.M.... "My favorite part of camp is Morning Watch!"

PAMELA CANTY - 6 year camper from First Church... will attend U.R.I.... "The mornings of camp are thought provoking!"

KRYSIA CHMIELINSKI - 4 year camper from Old South... will attend Wellesley College... "I enjoy renewing friendships and making new ones."

TIM CLARK - 3 year camper from Old South... will attend Massasoit... "My fondest memories are of talking to friends before we sleep."

LISA CURRERI - 6 year camper from Old South... will be working before attending a school for communications... "Camp is people! Making friends and being a friend is so important."

ANDREA DANIELS - 4 year camper from Old South... will attend Bridgewater State... "Camp is home away from home... welcoming you with open arms and embracing you with a warm farewell when you leave."

JULIE DANNER - 4 year camper from Old South... will attend Univ. of Oregon... "Every year it seems that time stops here at camp, then when we return, it starts right back up as if we never left."

TIMOTHY DONOVAN - 6 year camper from First Cong... will attend Quinnipiac... "Being yourself is my favorite thing about camp."

JESSE EARLE - 3 year camper from First Church... will attend UNH... "I am at peace here!"

BRUCE EATON - 5 year camper from First Church... will attend UNH... "I love the campfire and the daily activities."

DAN ELLIS - 5 year camper from Old South... will attend Fordham Univ.... "I enjoy the presence of the campers and the staff. Everyone is very friendly and open to each other's differences."

MIKE ELLIS - 5 year camper from Old South... will attend U. Mass - Amherst... "My favorite thing is the talent show!"

MEREDITH FAGAN - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Northeastern... "I love the late night talks and jokes with cabin mates."

STEPHEN FLAHERTY - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Union College... "I love the time after the campfire... being able to talk to people I don't usually talk to... bonding is the best part of camp and always has been."

STEPHANIE GIRARD - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Boston Conservatory Of Theater... "I love the fact that people care about you even if they don't know you..."

TODD GOUTHRO - 2 year camper from First Cong... will attend U. Mass - Boston... "I enjoy meeting new people from all around."

AMY HORICK - 4 year camper from Old South... will attend Westfield State... "I have really enjoyed Morning Group and vespers... without them camp would not be the same."

MARCO IGNAGNI - first year camper from First Cong. - will attend Mass. Communication College... "I like Morning Group because we get to talk to each other and express what we have on our minds."

MATTHEW INGS - 6 year camper from Old South - will attend Babson College... "What I like most about camp is the hug line... I love hugging people!"

AMANDA JEWETT - 6 year camper from First Church - will attend Colby-Sawyer College - "I enjoy vespers and the campfire."

CHRIS KATIDES - first year camper from Old South... will attend URI... "It's my first year, but it's awesome!"

SEAN KIELY - first year camper from Old South... will attend Boston University... "I like how everyone is always happy and how it feels like we are all just one big family."

SHAWN KITTREDGE - 4 year camper from Old South... will attend U. Mass - Amherst... "My favorite thing about camp is the friendships you re-discover."

JACQUELINE KLIER - first year camper from Old South... will attend Springfield College... "Even as a 'rookie' camper as a senior, everyone makes you feel welcome - like you've been there for years."

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ELIZABETH LoCASCIO - 7 year camper from First Cong.... will attend Bridgewater State... "Morning Group has always been the best part of camp."

HEATHER MAHONEY - 3 year camper from Old South... will attend Worcester State... "Being together with friends and always having fun & laughing are the best things about camp!"

BRYAN MARGACA - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend U. Mass - Amherst... "I like becoming closer to people... everything at camp is pretty special and pretty fun, but Morning Group is my favorite thing."

SARAH MARKESICH - first year camper from Old South... will attend Stonehill College... "I like Morning Group!"

KATE McALLISTER - 2 year camper from First Cong... will attend James Madison College... "I enjoy Morning Watch and time by the campfire."

JESSICA McDONOUGH - 4 year camper from Old South... will attend U. Mass - Amherst... "Camp is a place where I get to know my friends better, but I also get to know myself a little more each year... I appreciate everything when I'm here."

CHRISTINA MEOLA - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Springfield College... "I enjoy late night impersonations and dance parties in Cabin 13!"

EDDIE MOHR - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Massasoit College... "I like Morning Group!"

BRIAN MOORE - 3 year camper from Old South... will attend Marist College... "I love camp...!"

EILEEN MURRAY - 2 year camper from First Cong.... will attend Georgetown Univ.... "I like the chance to be with my friends..."

NICOLE MYATT - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend U. Mass - Boston - "My favorite part of camp is peace."

SCOTT NIGHTINGALE - 7 year camper from First Cong.... will attend St. Thomas More College... "The friendships are the greatest thing about camp."

ROBYN PERRY - 5 year camper from First Cong.... will attend UNH... "My favorite things about camp are Morning Watch, Morning Group, and my cabin."

GEORGE RAYMOND - 3 year camper from Old South... will attend Stetson Univ.... "Camp brings out the very best in everyone... it helps to be with your friends at this time in your life."

KARA RENNIE - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Northeastern Univ.... "I love the whole atmosphere of camp, but most of all, the friendships."

LIZ RILEY - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Fordham Univ.... "I love everything at camp!"

LIZ ROWE - 6 year camper from First Church... will attend Bridgewater State College... "I love how weird people can be and no one cares anything about the weird things you do - hula hooping, toe touches, etc."

KELLY RYAN - 3 year camper from Old South... will be attending Mass. College of Pharmacy... "The best thing about camp is late nights in Cabin #13."

RON SEELY - 6 year camper from First Cong.... will attend Univ. of Hartford... "Three great meals a day in the dining hall - I love it!"

BRAD SMITH - 6 year camper from Quincy Point... will work as an electrician... "The best thing is Morning Watch, but Morning Group is right up there, along with the huge fully furnished porch on Cabin #5."

KATIE SOUTH - 6 year camper from Union Cong.... will attend U. Mass - Amherst... "I love Morning Group and making new friends."

JULIE STRACUZZI - 7 year camper from First Cong.... will attend Keene State... "My favorite thing about camp is Morning Group and hangin' by the campfire at night."

NATHAN STOCKTON - 2 year camper from Old South... will attend Western New England College... "My favorite thing is my cabin - cabin #1"

LYNNE THOMPSON - 7 year camper from First Cong.... will attend Bucknell Univ.... "Vespers is my favorite part of the camp day."

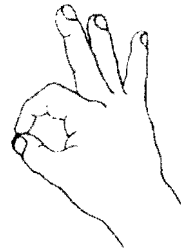
KEITH VERNEY - 6 year camper from Old South... will attend Stonehill College... "I love Morning Watch!"

TERESA WALSH - 5 year camper from First Cong.... will be attending U. Mass - Amherst... "I love the strong sense of community and belonging... to be able to make so many new friends is special."

ROB WAUGH - 6 year camper from Old South... will be attending Stonehill College... "I enjoy spending time with my friends both in and out of the cabin."

bits and pieces (gossip)

FROM #5JH: That's weak... Wah!!! Kyle Leahy, Yah Dude... Ohh! Marge, sublime 24/7... Good Morning, Wood!... T-W-I-X spells Twix... ATP... Sock it to me!... "Hey man! That weasel snagged our bee!" (A.K.)... "Dummer" (P.B.)... All hail! Great Wall Of Forks! (P.B., A.K., C.J., C.D.)... Vern and Steele - you're the best!... Joe! Joe! Joe!... More Twix for Noodles... Dennis - Thief... Money + Problems Rap Group... "Chima" and "Sweet C"... ///// "You're all going home!" - Alex Doyle... Keith Verney - Where are you? (Last Year's Morning Group)... ///// **FROM #10SH:** "There is someone under my bed!"... Rainbow Brite is awesome!... "My window is all taped up and there are bugs!"... "Why is there a wasp's nest in my bed?"... Beast!... I ran out of cheese puffs!... Can I buy a water?... See my plastic bubbles... "That's the girl who likes Paul!"... See the little puffa bellies?... I casted a spell on you!... The love sing belongs to Tom... Down by the station... Fiander! Fiander! Fiander!... Staci D., you must be the funniest kid!... ///// Thanks Anne and Alicia! You're Awesome! (#8 JH)... Boxers or briefs?... L.C. devil in reel... British Bulldogs... Christian Brothers... Bobby Waugh... DCBD Crew... Verney drooped... Ya Dog... Hello love (J.S.)... Happy Birthday B.K. 143... S.N. wears a pink tutu... J.K., J.D., K.C., J.M., E.R., L.A., C.M., K.R., A.H. 143 FF... GAP 143 - Thanx for evreything!... Cabin #13SH - Queens Of The Hill... Barbie Song... I'm Kara Rennie!... It's W.U., M.F.... Cabin #13SH Skit Night - "So long, farewell." and then some!... To our favorite rookies: Alex, Andy & Paul 143 (#13SH)... Amy - always remember about Ruby red... Shhhh! It's a secret!... A.H., L.C., K.R., K.R., L.R., L.A., K.C., A.J., S.M., J.K., J.D., S.G., J.E., 143 (C.M. '97)... You can still get grilled cheese and love God things... Missya, seniors, Riley, Bruce, Nicole, Sarah, Stephen, Matthew - love Jessica... Jackie, is that a squirrel?... Who's bringing up then food?... Steve 143... Kelleigh, Jessica, Nathan, Lauren, Greg & Sarah - love Riley... ///// **FROM #10SH:** Don't step on the pee... I feel like I'm in jail! (S.D.)... "Yes, Paul, I will marry you! (L.O.)... "D. hold my bags!"... "What's this?"... "Stacy M. - Wake Up!!!"... "Staci D - Go to sleep."... We love you, Kim and Kristyn - thanks for a great week... "Hey, Liz, what's up? I'm back."... "Yeah dog!" (L.M.)... "Your nose is long and skinny, but I love you."... "What do I do with this?" (E.N.)... "I'm singing with you, Glenn!" (L.O.)... Bring a whole trunk of twinkies next year... "Everything is good for you except ring-dings and ho-ho's"... M.I.B... Banoonoo!... Good-by, Bernard the Bat!... "Shut up, I'm trying to sleep." (L.O.)... Why are you laughing like a moose? (S.O.)... Stacy M's "Good to Go!"... We want Dave Krall!... "Paul, Andy and Alex are our dream dates! (L.O., K.F., & M.G.) ///// Jill E. is in love with Gary J... #10J - You're the best! Thanks for the laughs - Love Erin and Marie... S.H. had a baby boy for all inquiring minds!... Penny... Clapping - C.J... Walkie Talkies... Red!!! (A.G.)... #9SH girls rule!... "I don't have a Honey Bear! Yeah, right!... T.S. prancing around naked... Corey's cat Tigger... We love Courtney Doyle... Jeff waking up to the birds... Shades feels mns legs... Matt loves flying gumdrops... inflatables... Meredith, keep it zipped!... Erica, don't fall out!... Have fun!... Peanut Gallery - What a bunch of winners!... M.F. remember D.B... Seniors, best of luck in the future - Keep smiling (M.F.)... D.P.T. - How about a game of ping pong? Rematch? (M.F.)... Kara R. - Never forget Pecan Swirls and Vick's Vaporub... - love M.F... Kim, that's not a softball... "We have first showers!"... ///// **FROM #7SH:** N.N., L.E., N.M. - I love you, my best friends!!! (A.W.)... Nicky, wish you were here!... We love you Jeff Kobel... Broom Baseball!... Watch out, Noelle!... Oops!... Cabin seven - "The Bestest"... Good times chillin' at Cabin #5... We love you!... We love the kitchen staff 337, 20, 0, 5996, 4+... I miss you, Nicky!... Good-by, Seniors, Good Luck... D.T. - HOT!!!... J.L. loves C.H... L.E. loves K.A... N.N. loves M.P... ///// Smiley goldfish... happy ecstatic... singing with ya... white pumps... The forecast for tomorrow is SUNNY!... Thanks for not spilling the juice, Erin & Marie... "If you don't shut up now, you're on the porch!"... Look out below - there may be some scattered showers below... Sheila, don't fall out of your bed, asleep or not!... Don't eat the beans... "What's your name, spider - Spider?"... "Here come the men in black!"... "Hey, Kristen, how's the dog food?"... To the Vipers - Thank you for sharing - we will never forget you - Love Matt V. & Jean H... To our lovely dancing queens of cabin #9 - keep up the good work! We are so proud of you! - Love, Jean & Kelly... Turn off the head lights at Cabin #9... The Camera Case of Love... Jackie's famous jig... "Praise, ye, the Lord"... The dog must have farted... "Hey, guys - come to our circle o' chit chat"... Cabin #11, please quiet down - J.C... C.R., A.S., C.N., E.M., C.S. - know the facts of life!... Cabin 11 - thanks for the sleepover - love CN/CR... B.A. loves E.T... Props to the Peanut Gallery - Cabin #14... ALBM, you rule!... Karen, Courtney, we missed you, from your girls... Lisa, Tara, Kim, Meghan - the seniors love you! - L.B.J.M... Good luck to next year's seniors!... J.M., L.B., A.R., S.M., S.F., K.R., C.D., E.P., S.N., K.M., T.B., M.A., J.F... M.L. had POOP on his forehead... M.D. lost all his teeth except one - guess which?... "My name is Mark Lily - I love my counselor, Harry LaCoste!"... Krysia can't tell the difference between spaghetti and Shepherd's Pie... One Word: POOP, POOP, POOP... "Listen Up! Code 11"... Cabin #1JH MIB like to say "Poop, Poop, Poop!"... #11SH - Thanks J.C. and S.C... What's this?... "Sweet C." - great job singing! (K.O.)... Disco Pineapple...



SPECIAL REPORTS

ALL CAMP RELAY

*reported by Adam Scott - Sports Editor and
special correspondent to the WCW, WWF and NWO*

Monday's afternoon program was a great success. Kristyn Mills spent an enormous amount of time preparing the program - and it showed! There was absolutely no cheating during the entire event and the seniors proved that they were the best!

The campers had to race through the daily camp schedule and perform many different acts. Members of each team had to go through different stations starting with wake-up at the field. The second station was breakfast, located near the canteen. Then it was on to clean-up, morning group, lunch, spree time, first aid, dinner and finally, the evening program.

All the stations had the campers doing physical activities like running, eating, dressing up, blowing balloons, and even a jump into the pool to find pennies.

All in all, the program was an exciting and entertaining event!



NEWS FLASH: In our haste to report on Friday's Graduation Ceremonies, we left out the name of Teresa Walsh, a member of the Youth Group from First Cong. in Braintree, who also spoke to the camp as a representative of the senior class.

CAMP

*The spirit of camp is something you can't explain.
It's a special feeling that makes you happy and, at
the same time can make you cry.
But don't worry, most of us will be back soon.
And all those who won't, be happy for the times we've
all shared.
Always remember to keep the spirit with you wherever
you go,
Because no one can ever take the camp experience away.*

E.J.



MANY, MANY THANKS!

Dear Fellow Campers and Staff,

On behalf of Trina Johnson and me, we would like to thank you for your generous donation to the A.L.S. Foundation (Boston Marathon Challenge) in honor of Lucy Ciesla.

Unfortunately we were not able to reach our goal. However, we will be presenting a check to Dr. Brown in the amount of \$3,198.40 to be used for research in hopes that some day soon a cure will be found.

It will take a real team effort to find a cure for A.L.S. Thank you for being part of the team.

I am extremely pleased to announce that after today's auction, a new check in the amount of \$4,273 will be sent to Dr. Brown.

Again, thank you very much. You have shown what the camp spirit really is.

Love,
Gretchen

PREPARING FOR CAMP

1997 was a wonderful camp year... the program - morning, afternoon and evening - was excellent... the staff worked as a team... the campers were an excellent group of young people who were a pleasure to spend the week with. HOW DOES OUR CAMP WEEK GET PUT TOGETHER?

Step #1 - In just a few weeks (mid-September) the Senior Staff and the counselors meet to review the week that we just shared together... in addition to the review, we start to brainstorm new ideas and programs...

Step #2 - A small committee reviews and chooses the idea to be presented for next year's theme... often 2 or 3 themes are proposed... the choice is presented in October and approved by the whole staff... committees are appointed to develop the morning program, the afternoon program and the evening program.

Step #3 - The committees meet at least once a month from November through March to develop their portion of the program... we try to have the program finished by our April meeting...

Step #4 - In May we "fine tune" the program and make any revisions necessary...

Step #5 - In June we train our staff by going over the program in detail... and we make assignments for the many responsibilities required to make camp a success again!

THE CABIN COUNSELORS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CAMPER/STAFF</u>		<u>COLLEGE &/OR OCCUPATION</u>	<u>MY FAVORITE THINGS</u>
Harry LaCoste	2	2	Student <i>a</i> U. Mass	Dirty sock odor in Cabin #1
Paul Hopkinson	6	Rookie	Student <i>a</i> Stonehill	The campers (especially Cabin #1)
Brian Harrison	6	2	Student <i>a</i> Middlebury (VT)	Campfire
Jeff Kobel	6	2	Student <i>a</i> Roger Williams (RI)	Morning Group
Dan Condon	5	2	U. Mass. '97 // Congressional Aid	Lights Out
Dan South	4	2	Student <i>a</i> Bridgewater	Brian Harrison
Alex Doyle	6	Rookie	Student <i>a</i> Bridgewater	Being a "Greased Pig"
Andy Martinson	6	Rookie	Student <i>a</i> Union (NY)	Being A Rookie
Linda Chandler	4	2	Student <i>a</i> Bridgewater	Morning Group
Rachel McGregor	5	Rookie	Student <i>a</i> Bridgewater	Morning Watch
Stephanie O'Connell	6	2	Student <i>a</i> U.Mass - Dartmouth	Being Original
Carolyn O'Hara	5	1	Student <i>a</i> Stonehill	The people
Alicia Gray	2	Rookie	Student <i>a</i> U.V.M. (VT)	Vespers
Anne Hurlbaeus	3	Rookie	Student <i>a</i> Bridgewater	Spree Time
Annmarie Bendix	6	3	Student <i>a</i> Mass. College of Art	Morning Watch
Liz Boyer	4	2	Student <i>a</i> Wellesley	Vespers
Erin Stracuzzi	5	2	Student <i>a</i> U.R.I. (RI)	Cabin #10 - Jr. High - Great kids!
Marie Strydom	3	2	Student <i>a</i> American Univ.	Discussions in Morning Group
Mal Hunt	2	2	Student <i>a</i> Northeastern	Being captain of camp rugby team
Missy Sweeney	4	Rookie	Student <i>a</i> Fairfield (CT)	Morning Watch
Lauren Richenburg	4	Rookie	Student <i>a</i> U.N.H. (NH)	"Togetherness"
Heidi Keller	4	2	Muscular Therapay Institue	The hills... and the help...
Eileen White	6	3	Wellesley '97 // looking for work	Bonding in the evenings
Maureen Galvin	6	4	Student <i>a</i> Bridgewater	Coming in late to meals
Lynne Geoghan	5	4	St. Anselm '97 // Advertising	Pressure to think of my favorite thing
Karen Furze	6	3	Student <i>a</i> Fairfield (CT)	The many ways Rip pronounces my name
Courtney Jewett	5	3	Student at Computer School	Evening Programs
Jean Hopkinson	5	4	Providence College '97 // Publishing	The Campers
Kelly Myatt	6	4	Student <i>a</i> Syracuse (NY)	Morning Group
Kim O'Neill	6	16	Becker '81 // Accounting	All of it!
Kristyn Blume	6	2	Student <i>a</i> Boston University	The kids
Shannon Carroll	3	3	Holy Cross '93 & B.U. '97	Morning Group
Jean Cratty	0	7	Mass. Art '96 // Art instructor	My Cabin
Jen LoPorto	6	4	Springfield '97 // Teaching	Morning Group
Chrissy Worth	6	4	U. of Hawaii // Sega Game Consultant	Morning Group
Laura Hathaway	6	12	U. Mass. Boston '92// Nynex	Handshake
Kristyn Mills	6	9	Middlebury '91 // Teaching	Organizing Afternoon Programs
Amanda LaCoste	4	3	Student <i>a</i> U. Mass - Amherst	Spending another week with Harry
Beth Murphy	5	3	Student <i>a</i> U. Mass - Dartmouth	Morning Watch
Erin Spurling	6	3	Student <i>a</i> U. Mass - Boston	Helping campers to grow
Terri Wilkinson	5	10	U. Mass '93 // communications	Being with so many Terrys
Donna Fallon	6	13	Green Mountain '82 // Parenting	Running errands
Tracey Christmas	6	4	U. Mass '88 // Personal Trainer	Morning Group
Sandy O'Donnell	6	5	Fitchburg '88 // Nursing <i>a</i> SSH	Morning Group
Terry Steel	5	4	Student <i>a</i> Bridgewater	Pocketing \$9.31 for each sweatshirt
Matt Verney	5	3	Operating Room Tech <i>a</i> SSH	Helping Keith survive
Dave Krall	6	8	U. Mass '92 // High Finance	Power Trip from Crowd Control

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James MacDonald	6	4	N. Adams '97 // Grad student @ Curry	The People
Bob Gohl	5	27	Emerson '72 // Quincy Cable & WJDA	Looking at camp through a lens
Scott Mills	6	4	Sub Shop Manager	Night Creatures
Greg Pflaumer	1	5	Landscape Design	Cabin #3 - Sr. High
Tom Remsen	0	5	Northeastern '95 // Mech. Engineer	Morning Watch
George Nightingale	6	6	Merrimack '96 // High Finance	Shepherd's Pic
Eric Soulia	5	4	U. Mass '93 // Teaching	Morning Group
Al Samuelian	3	6	Skidmore '95 // Advertising	Talking with campers
Jay Stella	4	6	U.V.M. '94 // Planner & Buyer	My new cabin (#5 - Sr. High)

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