

CAMP KINGSMONT '98



A SPACE ODYSSEY

"ALWAYS REACH BEYOND YOURSELF..."

SATURDAY

COUNT DOWN

Members of our camp staff spent ten months preparing for our 1998 week at Camp Kingsmont. **A SPACE ODYSSEY** was the theme chosen for our 41st year of camp, our 16th year at Camp Kingsmont in West Stockbridge. During the week campers will be space pioneers moving through a very exciting morning program and sharing some very unique experiences during the afternoon and evening programs. Bob Gohl will surely capture the *entire* week on video tape so that we can relive our camp memories again and again during the cold months of winter.



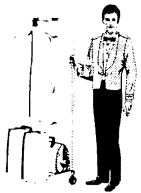
BLAST OFF

Andrew Cullum, a junior high camper from Bethany Cong. won the gold medal for being the first camper to arrive in the Old South Parking lot on Saturday morning. Allison Naper and Katie Lewis from Old South captured the silver and bronze medals. All three arrived well ahead of 9:30 A.M. Dave Nicholson, eager to impress the senior staff, was the first counselor to arrive. The parking lot quickly filled up with enthusiastic campers and equally enthusiastic parents. The twenty-two first year counselors worked hard to load the two trucks with the great assortment of trunks, suitcases, and duffel bags. With the trucks fully loaded, the campers scurried to find seats with their friends on the 10 buses for the "long" trip to Camp Kingsmont. We departed from the parking lot around 10:30 A.M. and arrived at camp around 2:30 P.M. after a stop at our favorite *Burger King* on the Mass. Turnpike.



IN ORBIT

Our week at camp began with a very brief welcome by the Rev. Robert J. Ripley. "Rip" has been the director of our camp program for 40 of its 41 years. He missed one year for the Boy Scout Jamboree. After being welcomed the campers were given their packets with cabin assignments and all the information needed for a successful week. The toughest part of the first hour at camp is to find a good bunk and then to locate your own luggage and sleeping bag. Each cabin holds from 8 to 20 campers and two staff members. A number of the Ninth Grade girls are housed in the **HOTEL** but it's not as glamorous as it sounds. The cabins and hotel are "rustic" with a unique charm that we adjust to during the week. After the settling in process, all the campers met in the Council Ring. Assistant Director, Don McGibbon, introduced the staff and reviewed the guidelines for the week. Glenn Holt and Bill Harding then read the names of the Morning Groups and successfully scattered campers and counselors in every direction.



CHAPEL & VESPERS

The first chapel service of the week was led by the Youth Council Members of Old South's Youth Group. Glenn Holt led several spirit filled songs and the Rev. John Castricum shared a message titled, "What Is A Miracle?" based on the story of The Feeding Of The 5,000.



At the end of the day, when all the activities were over and it was just about time to go to bed, the Rev. Terry Martinson told the story of Stone Soup at vespers. Vespers ends with the singing of the Lord's Prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Spaghetti & meatballs
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Italian Ice



THE CAMPFIRE

Tom Remsen, Amanda LaCoste and Harry LaCoste planned a great campfire for our opening night of camp. The festivities began with the entire staff marching down the hill toward the campfire. Each counselor introduced themselves and shared one truly amazing "fact" about their life. After the introductions, the camp was divided into eight teams. Each team was given a box of props and was challenged to create a skit using all the contents and involving every camper in the group. Some truly amazing presentations were made by the groups. The eight judges determined that TEAM "C" had the most spirit and did the best job meeting the challenge. The prize for winning? - Team "C" gets to go into breakfast first on Sunday morning. The campfire was greatly enhanced by the songs of Glenn Holt and Dave Krall's rendition of "Flee... Flee Fli... Flee Fli Flo..."

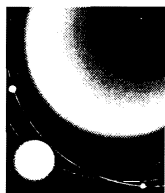


TRULY AMAZING "FACTS"

Test yourself... Which camp counselor ...

- (1) has met Fred Savage?
- (2) has never had a cavity?
- (3) had 13 current counselors as campers?
- (4) has been at camp for the most years?
- (5) was proposed to in kindergarten by Terry Steel?
- (6) has had 3 current campers in her first grade class?
- (7) has nothing pierced on her body?
- (8) went topless on the French Riviera?
- (9) claims to have Matt Verney's children?
- (10) has a tongue ring?
- (11) robbed the South Weymouth Savings Bank
- (12) recently completed her first triathalon?

SUNDAY



WEATHER: sun... some clouds... warm & buggy...

BREAKFAST: juice, fresh fruit, cereal, cheese 'n apple breakfast pizzas, coffee bread

MORNING WATCH: God - the Creator... "Puppies For Sale" (understanding)

MORNING GROUP: name game... motor mouth... don't get burned... too gross... astronaut quiz... planets... moon trip... it's not bragging... scripture encounter... space log...

LUNCH: chicken fajitas, nachos, rice crispy treats

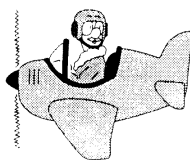
DINNER: baked chicken, corn on the cob, rice, garden salad, hot rolls, chocolate pudding

STAR WARS IV

The senior high afternoon program was "STAR WARS IV - THE CHALLENGE TO RESCUE PRINCESS LEIA." Game creators Sandy O'Donnell and Dave Krall divided the campers into 16 teams. Each team had to complete 16 tasks to earn the 16 puzzle pieces that would lead them to Princess Leia. The tasks included: kicking a field goal, answering Star War trivia questions, frisbee tossing, singing, human pyramid building, croquet, etc. The team led by freshman counselor Theresa Walsh completed all 16 tasks and rescued Princess Leia first. Congratulations to the winners and congratulations to "the crew" for a great game!!! Everyone enjoyed it!!!

WATER WARS I

Freshman counselor Liz LoCascio organized the afternoon program for the junior high camp. Liz planned a number of games and challenges using water balloons, the preferred weapon of junior high campers, but the games soon turned into a wet, wet war. Over 1,000 water balloons were launched all too quickly bringing a sudden end to the planned program. No one seemed to mind getting drenched under the afternoon sun. "The Crew" then resorted to old favorites like "Doctor Spy" to keep the kids entertained. Thanks to Liz and "the crew" for their energy, enthusiasm and courage. Great job!!!



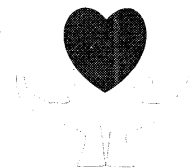
QUICK CAMP FACTOID #1

We think we've broken a record in 1998 with twenty-two first year counselors on our staff. We believe the previous record was 17 "rookies" in 1994. Many of the rookies from 1994 are still on our staff. How many of them can you name? Counselors are chosen by the executive committee to be responsible, positive role models for our campers. We're proud of our staff.

CHAPEL AND VESPERS

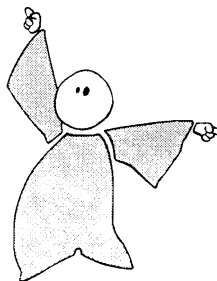
Campers and counselors from First Cong. in Braintree led the Sunday chapel service. Their theme was love. Tracey Christmas read the story of the Good Samaritan from the Gospel of Luke. Three campers shared in a reading of Jesus' thoughts on love from the Gospel of John. Kristyn Mills and Laura Hathaway chose their own favorite readings to share with the camp. Gretchen Ripley talked about her recipes for life - love is the most important ingredient.

After the dance, "Rip" continued the chapel theme at vespers around the campfire. He spoke about the camp spirit and of the great importance of loving both God and your neighbor.



ALIEN NATION

"Tommy Tunes" provided the music for a great dance on Sunday night. The dance theme was ALIEN NATION. Lorrie Wing coordinated the space age decorations with the help of a good number of volunteers from "the crew." Strobe lights and fog enhanced the alien atmosphere. Campers were encouraged to dress in alien costumes and be prepared for a "far out" experience. Indeed the dance was attended by Jedi Warriors, an assortment of aliens, and a few unidentified creatures. This first of our two dances at camp ended at 10:30 P.M., but the stories of "new romance" and "young love" continued into the wee hours of the morning.



NEW FASHION IDEA

Veteran counselor Bob Gohl tried creating a new fashion trend today by painting the tip of his brand new sneakers fluorescent orange. Though this new idea made Bob much easier to find, we doubt that others will be bold enough to follow his example.

SPREE TIME CHOICES

Many organized activities are offered for SPREE TIME. Among the activities campers can choose from this year are:

Soccer	Football
Tye Dying	Space Beads
Rap Session	Board Games
Ultimate Frisbee	Volleyball
Hiking	Running
Techno Dancing	Talent Show
Sunbathing	Swimming
Massage	Movies
juggling	basketball

MONDAY

WEATHER: hot and sunny with a few brief sprinkles...

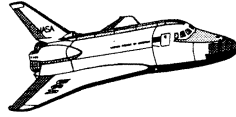
BREAKFAST: juice, fresh fruit, cereal, scrambled eggs, bacon, english muffins

MORNING WATCH: God - the Father... "Pay Attention" (listening)

MORNING GROUP: the stadium... trust... lost on the moon... knots... teamwork... dune buggy... trust weeble... moving to mars... scripture encounter... space log

LUNCH: grilled chicken sandwiches... lettuce & tomato, red jello with whipped topping...

DINNER: sausage, tortellini with pesto sauce, green beans, garden salad, ice cream sundaes



WORSHIP AND VESPERS

Thanks to the campers and counselors from the First Church in Weymouth for their very innovative worship service. They distributed M & Ms to everyone and then talked about the ways we are different and the ways we are alike - just like M & Ms. Hailey Sarkissian read Luke 9:57-62. I Corinthians 12:4-11 was read by Will Cushing. Worship leaders included: Shannon Kiely, Carissa Marlowe, Jason Demmons, Erin Kennerly and Dan Cushing.

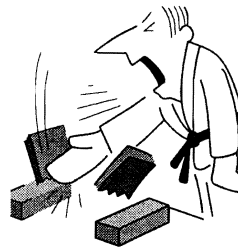
Harry LaCoste spoke about courage and camp at Vespers and Beth Murphy shared a beautiful poem titled, "The Journey."



GO TO THE EDGE

Mr. Robert J. White, a well known motivational speaker and world class hypnotist, entertained, inspired and challenged the camp with his address on Monday evening. Mr. White challenged the campers to summon their courage, move to the edge and be bold enough to make their dreams come true. We listened to his powerful story about the Masai Warrior and her baby. We listened as he told us about John F. Kennedy, Joan of

Arc, and Martin Luther King, Jr. We were amazed when he called volunteers from the audience to overcome their doubts with positive thinking. The volunteers were Kelly Learning, Kelly Heffernan, Steve Riccardo and Dave Nicholson (aka: "Goldberg"). The highlight of the evening was junior high camper Michael Brickhouse smashing through



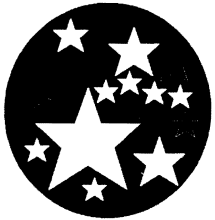
a one inch pine board with his hand. Michael and all the volunteers received a wild standing ovation for their participation. Mr. Robert White concluded his emotional, inspirational message by encouraging all present to unchain their hearts and to envision a wonderful world. We are the ones who can make the world a better place.

CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated with veteran counselor Liz Boyer today! She received a phone call offering her a job as a staff chemist with Covalent Associates in Woburn. Liz is a 1998 graduate of Wellesley.

DO YOU KNOW?

- Who won two gold medals at the Empire State Games in July?
- Who is a student at Georgetown University?
- Who is a student at James Madison University?



SPACE STATION

Kelly Myatt and her crew designed a unique experience for the camp that would be both fun and educational. The entire camp was divided into eight groups. Each group had to create a brand new community in outer space. The challenge came from the fact that some of the groups were very, very rich and seemed to be able to create whatever they needed. Other groups were very, very poor and were really unable to build anything. Some groups had all the supplies they needed. Other groups had to beg or steal the needed supplies.

The SPACE STATION game was greatly enhanced by a super cast of characters. Amanda and Matt served as building inspectors. Dave, Dan and Jeff were the "repo" men. Andy ran the hardware store and Beth managed the bank. Laura and Kristyn were the planning board. Terry served as the chief of police. Mal and Dave were the wardens. Dan Condon was the easily corruptible governor. Harry was the ever-smiling tv news reporter aided by Bob and Jean. Everyone in camp was involved.

This game or experience was a reflection of what happens in real life, but often we don't recognize what's happening beyond our own community. One camper observed, "It's interesting that no team (community) chose to share what they had!" Another camper, from one of the poor communities, said, "Nobody listened to us! It's not fair!"

QUICK CAMP FACTOID #2

Martha has been the cook at Camp Kingsmont for 19 summers - 3 more summers than we have been coming here. Martha has only one rule in her kitchen - "Martha is the boss!" Martha has a great staff working with her including young adults from Turkey, Egypt, Latvia and Russia.

TUESDAY

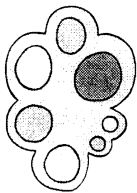


WEATHER: hot & humid... bright sun...
BREAKFAST: juice, fresh fruit, cereal,
sausage, egg 'n cheese biscuits...
MORNING WATCH: God - The Friend...
Goals (goal setting)... One Step At A Time...
MORNING GROUP: The Contagious Game...
I Never... What does it mean to be human?...

Where did we come from?... Where are we going? How's
Yours?... So What?... Scripture Encounter... Space Log...

LUNCH: pizza, garden salad, assorted cookies

DINNER: shepherds pie, cucumber and tomato slices, chocolate
cake...

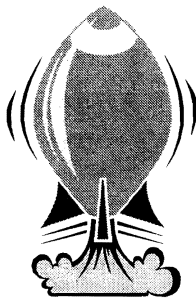


QUICK CAMP FACTOID #3

Lorrie Wing's mother, Linda Wing, is the wonderful volunteer who has created the awesome camp banners for our last five years of camp. She makes the banners without being asked. Each banner is designed with the camp's theme for the week.

HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

Laura Hathawy and Kristyn Mills were the creators of this afternoon's incredible action game - THE HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY. The entire camp was selected for a challenging and dangerous mission. Famous Doctor of Alien Linguistics, Dr. Aurora Borealis, was reportedly on the verge of unraveling the mystery of the century by translating the Ancient Ancestral Glyphs, when suddenly she disappeared. It was suspected that the code she had been working on was destroyed. Without the code, it might be well into the next century before we are able to unmask the ancient messages our ancestors have left us. All that remains of Dr. Borealis' work is a fragment. Authorities did find a strange object with unknown markings which scholars are certain came from one of the six galaxies in our intergalactic community. The mission of the camp, divided by their morning groups, was to discover the strange object's origin, find and decipher the mysterious code and locate Dr. Borealis. The teams crisscrossed the intergalactic community numerous times collecting clues and completing the tasks that would lead them to the missing doctor. The morning group led by Dave Nicholson was the first team to decipher the code and successfully rescue Dr. Borealis from the evil Dr. Wormhole and his dastardly accomplices.



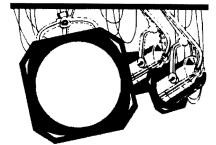
CHAPEL AND VESPERS

It was the staff's turn to lead both the chapel and the vespers this evening. Beth Murphy coordinated the chapel service. The readings shared by Terry Steel, Rachel McGregor, and Dan Condon were especially good. Dan's story talked about the importance of having loyal friends to help share your burdens. Harry and Amanda LaCoste led the camp in one of their favorite songs, "King Jesus." Glenn Holt also taught us a swingin' new song with great hand motions - "Jesus is my rock and he rolls my blues away..."

At vespers, Jean Hopkinson, Erin Spurling and Kelly Myatt shared readings and Liz Boyer sang "Amazing Grace." It was truly amazing!

CABIN SKIT NIGHT

Tuesday night at camp means it's cabin skit night. Each cabin has to create and present a brief skit on the rec hall stage. This year's skits were awesome! The first year counselors (rookies) opened the show with a great skit featuring Matt Foley, motivational speaker. Mike Miller, in the role of Matt Foley, was definitely on the right track! The skits presented by the campers were great. Some cabins danced. Some cabins sang. Some cabins impersonated staff members. Some cabins created some very, very original skits. Terry Steel and Stephanie Kelly did a marvelous job as the hosts of the show.



COUNSELOR QUIZ

Match the counselors with their astrological sign.

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| (1) Rob Waugh | _____ Aquarius |
| (2) Theresa Walsh | _____ Aries |
| (3) Beth Murphy | _____ Cancer |
| (4) Kelly Myatt | _____ Capricorn |
| (5) Lorrie Wing | _____ Gemini |
| (6) Liz LoCascio | _____ Leo |
| (7) Dan South | _____ Libra |
| (8) Danielle Fournier | _____ Pisces |
| (9) Amanda Jewett | _____ Sagittarius |
| (10) Dave Nicholson | _____ Scorpio |
| (11) Dave Krall | _____ Taurus |
| (12) Alex Doyle | _____ Virgo |



WEDNESDAY

WEATHER: Sunny and hot... late afternoon rain...

BREAKFAST: juice, fresh fruit, cereal, french toast sticks, sausage

MORNING WATCH: God - The Judge... Discipline (self-discipline)... Love Is A Miracle

MORNING PROGRAM: What's It?... alien... Famous Firsts... Explain It Please... Scripture Encounter... Space Log...

LUNCH: "Deli Day" - make your own sub sandwich, chips, fresh fruit...

DINNER: ham, potato au gratin, peas, cake



THE CONSTELLATION GAME



Campers worked hard this afternoon under bright, sunny skies to earn stars for their Morning Groups at 22 different stations. The stations included: a burping contest, a bubble blowing contest, an egg tossing contest, a sketching contest, ring tossing,

three legged racing, etc., etc., etc. Campers spent two minutes at each station. Successful contestants won stars which they took back to their morning group to complete constellations on a big sky map. The winning morning group was the group led by Alicia Petrelli and Missy Sweeney. Tracey Christmas and Donna Fallon were the designers and developers of this excellent afternoon program. Like all of the afternoon programs, this one was a success because of the full cooperation of the staff and the great enthusiasm of the campers.

MORNING WATCH

Right after breakfast each morning the campers are quiet for 10 minutes of "Morning Watch" - a time of meditation and prayer. The campers receive a Morning Watch Sheet with scripture readings, a story or two, some thought provoking questions and some "prayer seeds." The campers truly respect these quiet moments at the beginning of the busy day. It is a time to draw closer to God and to reflect upon our relationship with God and with one another.



QUICK CAMP FACTOID #4

We have 350 campers at Kingsmont this week and a staff of 65 for a total camp family of 415. This is the maximum we can accommodate at camp for the week.

WORSHIP AND VESPERS

The Rev. Earl Alger, senior pastor of the Union Congregational Church, visited the camp today and helped the campers and staff from Union Cong. lead an excellent worship service. Late afternoon rain caused the service to be held in the rec hall - not the greatest venue for a service of worship. The theme of the worship service, which had numerous participants, was taking the risk to grow. They shared with us the story of the two seeds and a scripture reading about the last judgment. Vespers at the campfire was led by Dan South, who shared a story, and Brian Harrison who shared a personal reflection.



TALENT SHOW

The Wednesday night talent show is a camp highlight every year and this year's show was no exception. The show featured over two dozen acts which truly demonstrated how very talented our campers are. Harry LaCoste was the host for tonight's entertainment which featured a great variety of musical acts. "Kingsmont Trash" opened the show and "Four Guys" brought it to a close. In between there were outstanding performances by more than 50 campers and staff members. Andy Alchorn did a great job singing "Walkin' In Memphis." Carolyn Smith and Stefanie Zopatti combined their voices on "The Rose." The guys from Cabin 5 'n Friends dedicated their song to Jay Stella. The Brothers Deux dedicated their song to the original Brothers Deux. Emily Northridge played keyboard for several of the acts and Jeff Kobel provided the guitar music for several other performers. Both Dave Krall and Matt Schraut sat in on drums. A new group, "Dr. Pepper", took the stage for the first time tonight singing "I Want To Be A Punk." Matt Fiander sang "If I Had A Million Dollars" with the help of Rachel McGregor. "It's Raining Men" brought relief to the sweltering rec hall audience. Holly Archer, Kristen Joyce,



Kate Wall, Emily Bongarzzone, Sarah Zerbonne, Andrea & Josh Giachetti, John Bean, Courtney Doyle, Alison Carroll, Stephanie Lewis and an all female band from Bethany were among the other performers who filled the night with music. Tom Remsen, Danielle Fournier and Jeff Kobel are to be thanked for the great effort it takes to coordinate such an outstanding show.



ODDS 'N ENDS



CANTEEN QUEEN

Cub reporter (panda cub) Amanda DiSpirito took time out of her busy camp schedule to interview the Kingsmont Canteen Queen, Gretchen Ripley.

A.D. - What's it like to run the canteen?

G.R. - It's a blast!!!

A.D. - How many years have you been doing this?

G.R. - 14 years.

A.D. - How long do the supplies you buy last?

G.R. - Throughout the week.

A.D. - Do a lot of people buy things?

G.R. - Most do, but some just window shop.

A.D. - Does anybody help you? If so, who?

G.R. - Thanks to Sandy O'Donnell, Heather Vogel, Melissa Degagne, Katie Connolly, Amanda Bickel, Brad Thompson, Dave Nicholson and others for their help!

A.D. - Do you enjoy doing this?

G.R. - Absolutely! I get to meet most of the campers at least once during the week.

A.D. - How much stock do you have this year?

G.R. - Alot! \$1,500 in supplies.

A.D. - Have you ever run out of supplies?

G.R. - No! Never!

A.D. - Are you friends with most of your customers?

G.R. - I'm friends with everyone at camp.

A.D. - Do you take in as much as you spend on supplies?

G.R. - Yes!

A.D. - Do you help with other camp activities?

G.R. - Yes! I help with afternoon programs and I have a morning Group.

A.D. - How often is the canteen open?

G.R. - Twice - during spree time and after dinner - about 3 hours each day.

A.D. - Do you buy different items every year?

G.R. - Yes! Soda, candy, water, chips, gum, etc., etc.

A.D. - What's the hottest selling item?

G.R. - Pictures of Dan Cushing and Camp Kingsmont key lanyards - there are two left.

A.D. - Is it hard work to do all this?

G.R. - No!



DIRECTOR FOR A DAY

We asked our counselors to complete this sentence: IF I WERE THE CAMP DIRECTOR FOR A DAY, I'D...

Kate M. - Stay in a cabin with hot, running water.

Stephen F. - Not let anybody eat my candy.

Tracey C. - Let everyone sleep in and have spree time all day.

Sandy O. - Take the camp on a trip to Tanglewood.

Brian H. - Stage a monster truck rally for afternoon program.

Kara H. - Be totally overwhelmed!

Erin S. - Have all vegetarian meals.

Melissa S. - Have a day of just games.

Kara R. - Cry! Too much pressure!

Glenn H. - Pray like mad!

Amanda L. - Serve jello everyday.

Mike M. - Allow people to sleep through breakfast.

Andy M. - Make "Son Of A Preacher Man" our camp anthem.

Annmarie B. - Have a nervous breakdown.



Dan C. - Make wake-up call at noon.

John C. - Take the camp to Disney World.

Mal H. - Talk alot on the P.A. system.

Julie S. - Have more time by the campfire.

Lauren A. - Cry, because I'd have no clue what I'm doing.

Jean H. - Thank all the little people.

Robyn P. - Figure out an answer to this question.

Terry S. - Nap time!

Erin S. - Visit each morning group.

Beth M. - I wouldn't change a thing.

Dave K. - Have everyone sing at every meal.

Lorrie W. - Raid the canteen.

Danielle F. - Let everyone sleep in.

Alex D. - Let the kids have 4 cookies at snack time.

Teresa W. - Have cabin wars.

Liz L. - Have more water balloons in junior high.

THURSDAY

WEATHER: bright sunshine... very warm

BREAKFAST: juice, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, bagels and english muffins...

MORNING WATCH: God - The Rock... Work For The Company (vision)... The Business Of The Day...

MORNING GROUP: Wind Your Watch... Counselors late for Morning Groups... Survival On A Barren Planet... Bible Break... Space Log...

LUNCH: hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, tomato slices, watermelon...

DINNER: chicken pot pie, broccoli, rolls, chocolate cake

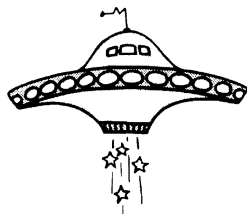
THE MYSTERIOUS ORB

Starfleet Command received reports from an archaeological and mapping team conducting routine excavations on Delphi 4, an uninhabited planet near the outer perimeter of Federation space. After monitoring unusual sensor readings, the team discovered a small subterranean temple. Inside, a luminous sphere - exactly 15 centimeters in diameter - hovered mysteriously above a crystalline structure of unknown composition. This sphere is presumed to be the legendary ORB OF KNOWLEDGE.

Until now, the Orb was believed to be a mythical creation of legend. It is said to be a vast repository of universal knowledge, possessing extraordinary powers, including the ability to correctly answer any question it is asked. The benefits of such knowledge are beyond comprehension. Properly utilized, it could resolve all conflict, foster enormous technological advancements and change the nature of the universe. Conversely, if it were to fall into the wrong hands, the Orb could be used as an instrument of destruction.

The campers, divided into 8 teams, were instructed to change course and proceed to Delphi 4 immediately at warp 6. Upon arrival remove the Orb from the temple and bring it on board the U.S.S. Enterprise for delivery to the Vulcan Science Academy. All was going smoothly until the Orb was found to be missing. The campers had the opportunity to question eight members of the AWAY team to try to locate the Orb and solve the mystery of who was behind its theft.

Don McGibbon coordinated this incredible mystery with the help of some terrific acting by the AWAY team members: Bill Harding, Erin Spurling, Gretchen Ripley, Alex Doyle, Missy Sweeney, Matt Verney, Mal Hunt and Dave Krall. Unfortunately no team was able to solve the mystery, but it was still fun!



WORSHIP & VESPERS

The young people from Bethany Congregational Church in Quincy were today's worship leaders and their pastor, The Rev.

Bill Harding, delivered a brief message about allowing Christ into your life. Andy Cullum read from the Book of Job and did very nice job of explaining to us who Job was. Jessica Lynch read a good story titled "No Hair day." Billy Harding

read from John's gospel. Other worship leaders were: Brian Lynch, Elizabeth Caliri, Holly Archer and Kelly Mackie. Glenn Holt taught us a new song: "Where do I go when I need a shelter... where do I go when I need a friend... where do I go when I need some helpin'... where do I go? Back on my knees again."

The Rev. Bill Harding, assisted by Harry and Amanda LaCoste and several campers from Bethany, also conducted vespers.



GALACTIC BALL

The campers pulled on their best clothes for tonight's semi-formal Galactic Ball in the rec hall. The dance, which went from 7:30 to 10:45 P.M. was as successful as any camp dance. Our campers love to dance! Tom Remsen provided the music and the staff decorated the rec hall for the festivities. Lights, strobes and fog helped to add to the atmosphere. The temperature rises quickly as the campers keep pace with the music. And again tonight there will be great stories of true love which will surely last 4-eva or until the buses get back to the South Shore, whichever comes first.



QUICK CAMP FACTOID #5

Camp Kingsmont has been a camp since 1913 but its original name was The Silver Birches Camp. In it's earliest days, The Silver Birches Camp was primarily for Jewish children. Now Camp Kingsmont is a camp for overweight children for the first six to eight weeks of the summer. We rent the entire camp for our week at the end of August. Keith Zucker is the current owner and director of Camp Kingsmont.

OVERHEARD

"Alex Doyle makes me boil!!!"

"Simultaneously at different times..."

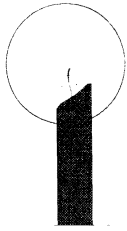
"Let's do it!!!!... We are rookies, so we will do it!"

SPECIAL THOUGHTS

THE KINGSMONT SPIRIT

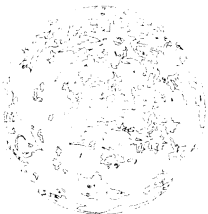
by Chas Dorman

Each person who sets foot on this camp is quickly introduced to the Kingsmont Spirit. From the time we set foot upon these grassy hills on Saturday until we disembark for the voyage back home, we are constantly reminded that there is a Spirit here that is not and can not be found anywhere else. It may take us awhile to realize just what that Spirit is, but I guarantee that by the Consecration Service on Friday night we all have found it.



The Spirit is truly something remarkable. It is able to take over 400 people from all different walks of life and bring them together. It is able to help us create new friendships and strengthen those already formed. This Spirit somehow makes a kid who doubts his own strength stand up in front of the entire camp and put his fist through a block of wood. All because he felt it inside of him.

This is where the Spirit comes from. It comes from inside each and every camper and staff member. Only so much can be said about how there is this Spirit and how it does this and that. You can only believe in the Spirit after you have seen it in action - after it has made a believer out of you. After one week here at camp, you have that Spirit in you for a lifetime. It can only be found here at Kingsmont. It cannot be bottle up and shipped all around the world. If it could be, there would be a lot less trouble in the world. It is something that will be around long after we are. If you really latch on to the Camp Spirit, you will always have something to fall back upon if times are tough. For you will know that, if you are doing your part, and you are giving your 100% to everything in life, then you are living God's will. And that is the Spirit of Camp.

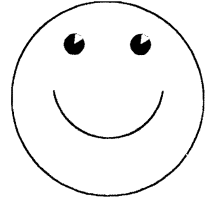


Many thanks to Jean Hopkinson, Amanda DiSpirito and Chas Dorman for their contributions to our 1998 camp newspaper. Thanks also to Donna Fallon, Derek and Connor, for their trips back and forth to the printer in Great Barrington.

T.O.M.

CAMP APPRECIATION FUND

We are proud of the fact that we once again raised about \$1,000 for the Camp Appreciation Fund. The Camp Appreciation Fund is given to Martha, the chef, to be divided among the great group of young adults who assist her in the kitchen during our week at Camp Kingsmont. Many of her kitchen staff will soon be returning to their homes in Latvia, Russia, and Turkey. Our campers and staff donate to the camp appreciation fund at the dinner table and at the canteen. They are indeed very, very generous.



NEW HOT SPOT!!!

The Pond was the camp's new hot spot this week. Perhaps it was because of the very warm weather and the pond was a cool place to be, but it's probably because of the huge, new inflatable, floating trampoline. Our campers had a great time bouncing themselves into the pond's cool water or just sitting on the trampoline sunning themselves.

CAMP KINGSMONT LANYARDS

At the canteen this week we were selling Camp Kingsmont lanyards. Many campers bought a lanyard for \$4.00. Rip announced that \$1.00 from each lanyard sold would be donated to the Diana, Princess Of Wales, Fund.



EDITOR'S NOTE #2 - We apologize for not being able to include the names of everybody who participated in every event and, as we reviewed this final edition we realize that several key performers and producers were left out of the report on the Talent Show including Kelly Myatt who had a major responsibility in organizing and encouraging the acts. Among the amazing talent we left out was Kevin Worth singing a song written by Mark DiLillo about Fred The Baker.

FRIDAY



EDITOR'S NOTE:

The deadline for going to press with our camp newspaper is 8:00 A.M. on Friday Morning.

Therefore the descriptions and accounts of the Friday and Saturday programs and events may not be 100% accurate.

WEATHER: Some sun... some clouds... chance of rain...

BREAKFAST: juice, fresh fruit, cereal, cheese croissants, bacon...

MORNING WATCH: God - The Shepherd... Fear... Benediction

MORNING GROUP: Strength Bombardment... a new name... guided meditation...

LUNCH: Chicken patties on a bun, lettuce & tomato, chips, pudding...

DINNER: Roast turkey, mashed potato, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, rolls, apple crumb crisp...

THE HUG LINE

A Friday afternoon tradition at camp is the "hug line." The entire camp lines up with the graduating seniors at the end of the line. With music playing in the background, the campers and staff make their way through the entire line with hugs, handshakes and farewells. This is a very emotional experience for everyone, but especially for the seniors. Weather permitting, the "Hug Line" is held on the road in front of the senior high boys' cabins. It takes about 90 minutes for the entire camp to move through the line.

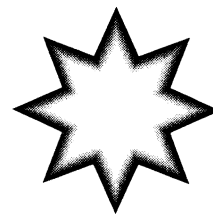


GRADUATION

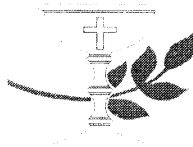
To honor our graduating seniors, we have a special graduation ceremony on the field on Friday afternoon. This year we honor 7 seniors, one of the smallest groups of seniors that we can ever remember. They're small in number, but great in potential. Seniors Jen Ducie and Emily Bongarzone shared some of their thoughts with the camp. Terry Martinson introduced each of the seniors. Don McGibbon presented each senior with a framed photograph of this year's senior class. Don also presented Golden Apple Awards to a number of campers and staff members for their achievements this week. The entire staff was introduced and heartily thanked. This has been a great week! h

REACH BEYOND YOURSELF

A special surprise at the Graduation Ceremony this year was the naming of a star in honor of the camp. Jean Hopkinson and Jeff Kobel made arrangements with the National Star Registry to have a star named "The Kingsmont Star." The National Star Registry sent a beautiful certificate to the camp with a very special message - ALWAYS REACH BEYOND YOURSELF!



THE CONSECRATION SERVICES



Friday night at camp features two consecration services, one for the junior high camp in the dining hall and one for the senior high camp in the rec hall. These worship experiences are an important part of our week together. The junior high service, coordinated by Glenn and John, includes singing, readings and an open prayer. The senior high service, coordinated by Don Terry, is led by the seniors and Rip. It also includes singing, readings, and an open prayer. The senior high service also includes communion with the seniors serving as deacons. At both services the campers receive a memento and a lighted candle. This year's memento is a star and with it goes the message we want all campers and staff to remember - ALWAYS REACH BEYOND YOURSELF!

SENIOR CAMPFIRE

The final event on Friday's very, very busy schedule is the senior campfire, an opportunity for each of the seniors to speak very briefly to the camp. The seniors use this opportunity to say good-bye to their friends and to thank those who have touched their lives in positive ways at camp throughout the years.



SATURDAY

WEATHER: ?????

BRUNCH: juice, cereal, french toast sticks, fresh fruit, etc.

- (1) Wake-up at 8:00 A.M. (5) Brunch
- (2) Pack the trunks. (6) Friendship Circle
- (3) Load the trucks (7) Newspapers
- (4) Clean the cabins (8) Load the buses
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SENIOR SKETCHES



ANDREW ALCHORN - 7 year camper from First Cong.... attending Dean College with a major in musical theater... enjoys singing, dancing, acting, lacrosse, football and skiing.

MARISA ALDOUPOLIS - 5 year camper from Old South... attending U. Mass - Amherst with a major in communication disorders... enjoys swimming, frisbee, swing dancing and talking...

EMILY BONGARZONE - 6 year camper from Old South... attending the University of Oregon... enjoys hiking, music, reading and writing...

THERESA BRIGGS - 5 year camper from Old South... attending Boston University to study psychology and photo journalism... enjoys swing dancing, swimming and skiing

NICHOLAS BRUCE - 5 year camper from Old South... entering the Massachusetts National Guard... enjoys all sports, especially ski jumping...

BRIAN CRONIN - 4 year camper from Old South... going to U. Mass Amherst... enjoys running and swimming... certified lifeguard...

MARK DiLILLO - 6 year camper from Old South... going to U. Mass - Amherst... enjoys lacrosse, skiing, frisbee, listening to music...



JEN DUCIE - 4 year camper from Old South... attending Boston College majoring in pre-med... enjoys soccer, reading, working with kids, student government and running...

CORINNE DUFFY - 5 year camper from Old South... attending Framingham State College for elementary education... enjoys skiing, being with friends and swing dancing...

KEVIN HARRINGTON - 6 year camper from Old South... attending Bentley College... enjoys soccer and juggling...

GARY JENNER - 3 year camper from First Cong.... attending Westfield State to major in Political Science... enjoys Frisbee, soccer, singing... certified lifeguard...

JASON LONG - 3 year camper from First Cong.... will be working at Ski Market in Braintree and look into admission to an art school... enjoys drawing and snowboarding...

KELLY MacMILLAN - 4 year camper from Old South... attending U. Mass - Amherst... enjoys swimming and running and time spent in Maine with family and friends.

MARK McINNIS - 7 year camper from Old South via Quincy Point... attending U. Mass - Amherst... enjoys basketball, country music and the "Chattahoochie"...

MIKE WAUGH - 6 year camper from Old South... attending Stonehill... enjoys listening to music, reading and running...

KEVIN WORTH - 7 year camper from First Cong... attending Savannah College of Art & Design for computer animation... enjoys biking, hiking, juggling and falling down...

GREG ZOPATTI - 6 year camper from Old South... attending U. Mass - Amherst... enjoys ,music, body boarding, playing the guitar, track, and having the cutest girlfriend at camp!!!

HEARD AROUND CAMP...

JUNIOR HIGH #1 - morning watched... something doesn't feel right... x-treme teatherball... 90 mph - no head lights... put on your shoes, we're going for a long walk... I don't know what it is this year... come with me... you owe me...

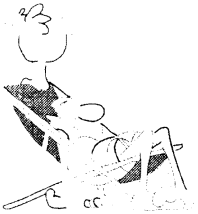


JUNIOR HIGH #2 - Hi guys! Hi gang!... Hey, Rob! There's #10 - let's get her...

JUNIOR HIGH #3 - M.C. - Where's your bed?... get dressed Mr. Bunk Bencher... da coyotes don't want to attack ya, man, they just wanna hang... flame broiled Andy anyone?... you mess with us, Mikey will bust you in half... Richards - hey! you alive?... A.C. - 2 minute quiet time in the stall... We're all in trouble - HEY!! oh, hi, Terry... if it's clogged - you flush it!... you guys - Rip's ticked - get to bed... Cabin #3 studs - thanks for a great week! - George & Dan.

JUNIOR HIGH #4 - Don't worry, eat taffy!... hook it up with the rocket blast slicer... stab me a slice of tomato... pass the salt...

JUNIOR HIGH #5 - B.M bails... clear the runway for Don McGibbon... we heard thangs... we miss you B.D.... wow! is that an airplane?... cabin #5 has some serious junk... P.B. shaves 3 times a night... Break out the brillo pads... M.S. sports a mean towel... what's on the menu, S.M.?... hey! get off our porch... If we get in trouble...



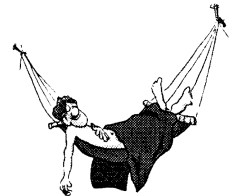
JUNIOR HIGH #6 - S.G., A.J., J.G., H.S., J.H., A.T., K.T., K.M., J.S., C.M., E.K.... it's tricky!... scrambled eggs for breakfast... Hey! Steve, get us some cute boys... I'm not a player, I just crush alot... Goodnight sexy mush... It's nothing - we're just friends... there's a full moon tonight, Cabin #5... Phenomenal women: A.D., J.B., D.S., R.W.... Thanks for the best week ever - we love you - S.G. and A.J.

JUNIOR HIGH #9 - Blue underwear under cabin #9???... where did the pillow person go?... Paradise City 4-EVA girls... Mr. Banana has no pants on... I love M.C.... P.C., your pants are too big... Katy, you snore... Kelly is the coolest chick in the cabin... please unclog the toilet one more time... these rookies survived... M.F. hates the alien bubble head... don't get up at 5:45 please!

JUNIOR HIGH #10 - Mike Miller - the lady killer... Murray & Dionne... Phenomenal woman... Emily is boiling... men, don't be a mountain climber... next year be warned - cabin #10 is flammable...

HOTEL - Rob looks hot in a towel... L.H. loves M.S.... Green & Yellow Pride unite... sophmore boys love freshmen girls... girls, let's get in touch with ourselves... W.O.W.!!... french braids everyday... who shrunk the goldfish?... snack packs are the coolest...

SENIOR HIGH #2 - Brain transplants Rock... M.S. - you broke the bed... duct tape, duct tape, duct tape... how's the snow castle?... Hey, seriously... who's got the ammo?... something about handcuffs... Moby... that wasn't funny... Brothers Duece forever!



SENIOR HIGH #4 - M.F. - don't even fall asleep tonight... save it for breakfast... goodnight mushy, rebellious desire... K.M. - just jump!... Oh, God! I've been shaving creamed!... Zorro! - Thanks, Julie!... Thanks for an awesome week - Harry & Joel...

SENIOR HIGH #6 - Cabin # 3, 4 & 5 boys rock!... who got marlboro carton?... no clothes allowed in the cabin... happy b-day, Teresa... who scooped who?... dirty dreams... ouija... Ice Cream Lips... we're gonna be super models... can I borrow your razor?... Jacuzzi Stracuzzi... got a light?

OVER

SENIOR HIGH #7 - Get off my back - you weigh too much!... water, from the reservoir... Lauren is evil at night... sleepy Bert!... Cheez-It Mix - heaven... I know you want to see me in the shower, C.D.... Courtney, caress the trunk... D.F., did you scoop?... I'm too ditzzy!!!... Duck & Fish headbands... what's that on your upper arm?... E.O. and D.F. - you guys were awesome!!

SENIOR HIGH #8 - Emily has M.C.s... swingers rule!... floor hockey with M.C. rules... let's play the game... paperobics is awesome!... Pig Vomit... s'mores... spy tech... seniors rock!... We miss you K.R., J.F. and S.N.... Thanks Liz and Ann - you both rock our world!!!!... T.B., K.M., M.A., E.B., C.D., J.D.



SENIOR HIGH #9 - Terry S. rules!!!!... spit and see the fish jump!... Uh oh!... The balloon popped, you dumb blonde... It's okay, baby, I'm not a boy, I'm a man... Pinchin' my elbow turns me on!!!!... My sandals are too small - mine are too big - wanna switch?

SENIOR HIGH #10 - cabin quote - "Do it to me again, big daddy!... the sandbox... E.J., L.M. K.F., A.G., J.M. E.N., B.C., K.L - good luck next year in our SENIOR year - love stinky (E.G.)... thanks Amanda and Beth - we love you!... #2... Amy, Ryan's here!... "Life is a flower and I'm wilting."

SENIOR HIGH #11 - Please ban PDA at camp... late night cabin talk on Wednesday night - thanks for the advice, Terri and Steph... men should not play with gerbils... L.K. and her 11:00 bedtime... Drink Dr. Pepper... Seniors, we'll miss you all... Good luck!... Terri, please do your impression of a doggie... T.M. - lay off the corn pops... Courtney, be more graceful when picking up trash - D.I., Cabin #11 - you guys are great! We love you! - Syeph & Terri... Morning group was great!

SENIOR HIGH #13 - "Oh, baby, you got what I need!"... "We'll be sisters forever"... We love Dan South... haunch, hoist, jostle... Brazilian Fest... Am I wearing underwear?... Hallo!!

SENIOR HIGH #15 - To N.M. and A.W. - we miss you!!!!... J.K. - you are the man! We love you!... Queen B. and Super Plunger, thanks, you're the best!... Thank you, God, for sending Jess that rookie!... Brothers Deuce - the war will go on... we love you J.M., J.G., J.P., D.C., A.D., K.H.... to cabin 5 - we'll continue the jumpin' porch parties next year... "Diesel" - we love you... give it up for the mascot, Tweety!... that trampoline is a 911 waiting to happen... Rip, thanks for everything - we love you more than words can say... squeaky clean cabin 15: L..E., M.W., N.N., J.K., D.L., K.J., J.M., A.F., L.R., E.S.



THE JOURNEY - based on Robert J. Hastings... submitted by Beth Murphy

In your mind, in your heart, in your soul, in the very center of who you are, is a vision. You are on a long trip; it spans all the territory familiar to you. You look out the window and distractedly take in the passing scenes of farms and people, of children waving and grandparents on front porches, of flowers and fields and hills and lakes, of city skylines and village steeples.

But what is foremost in your mind, your heart, your soul? Your destination. On a certain day, at a certain hour, you imagine that you'll pull into that station. Bands will be playing, flags will be waving. You will have arrived!!! And when you get there, all of your wonderful dreams will have come true. The puzzle pieces of your life will magically fit together; the picture will be all you wanted it to be. And until the station arrives, you look out the window some more. You pace the aisle, you watch the clock, and curse time that passes, time that keeps you from getting there.

"When I get there - that'll be it!" you say confidently. "When I'm 21." "When I get my own Miata." "When I get a job and make my first \$100.00." "When I'm finally on my own." "When I meet the Right One." Then everything will be okay and I'll live happily ever after."

Sooner or later it will hit you, though. You'll realize that there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The whole point of the trip was the journey itself; that is where the joy is to be found. That is where the fulfillment is. The station is only a dream; it will constantly outdistance you.

Relish the moment; above all, **carpe diem**. Rejoice and be glad in this day. In the end, it won't be the stresses of today that will drive you to madness and sadness; it will be the regrets over yesterdays and the fears of tomorrow...

Life must be lived as we go along. Your station will come soon enough.