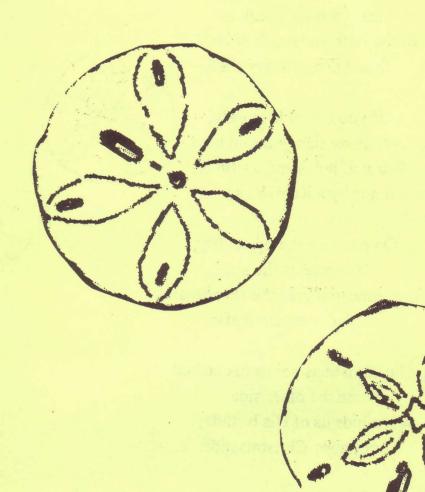


CMMP KINGSMONT '99



PARADISE

THE LEGEND of the SAND DOLLAR

There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell of the birth and death of JESUS found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here four nail holes and a fifth one made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star that appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side reminds us of His birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open and here you will release the five white doves awaiting to spread Good Will and Peace.

This simple little symbol,
Christ left for you and me
to help us spread
His Gospel through all eternity.



SATURDAY IN PARADISE

PACKING FOR PARADISE

Ni Hi Liu and Dan Mott were the first eager campers to arrive in the parking lot of the Old South Union Church to prepare to head to camp. They were soon joined by two trucks for luggage, ten buses, 353 campers and a staff of 68. With a bit of effort, all the trunks and sleeping bags were squeezed into the trucks and the campers boarded the buses. With tearful parents waving good-by and the campers blowing kisses out the windows, we began our journey to Paradise shortly after 10:00 A M. We drove through the rain, stopping at the Burger King on the Mass. Pike, and arrived at Kingsmont around 2:30 P.M. Kingsmont may not be paradise, but its pretty close to paradise for most of the campers and staff. They wait anxiously throughout the year for this one week at Kingsmont.

PUDDLES IN PARADISE

The afternoon rain forced us to be flexible when we arrived at camp. The campers went directly from the buses into the Rec. Hall to receive their cabin assignment before beginning the search for their luggage. Because of the rain, much of the luggage was piled up on the porch of Cabin #1 in the Senior High camp and Cabin #1 in the Junior High camp. Struggling

up the hill to the Senior High girls' cabins with a trunk filled with a week's worth of clothes and goodies is not easy. Of course, the boys are more than willing to be helpful. Our 353 campers



are assigned to 26 cabins and The Paradise Hotel.

After everyone had a chance to get settled and meet their cabin counselors, the campers and staff returned to the Rec. Hall where they were greeted by "Rip", our Camp Director. This is our 42nd year of camp - the 17th at Camp Kingsmont - and "Rip" has only missed one of those 42 years. "Rip" is confident that this is the largest group of campers and staff that we have ever had at camp.

Associate Director, Don McGibbon, reviewed our camp guidelines and expectations. Glen Holt then read the names of the campers in each of the 32 Morning Groups. The campers had the opportunity to meet very briefly with their Morning Group leaders.

The 1999 camp theme is *PARADISE*. We anticipate that this will be a great week. The staff has been working for 11 months to develop the theme, create the Morning Program, and prepare exciting programs for both the afternoon and evening. We rely on the full participation of the campers to make it a great week - even when there are puddles in paradise.

WORSHIP

Before dinner each evening the camp gathers for worship. Each of the five camp churches takes a turn leading the service. Our opening worship service was led by the Youth Council members of the Old South Union Church. It included the reading of the story of the Good Samaritan (from Luke 10) and a brief message from the Rev. John Castricum about the importance of kindness and caring.

SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Spaghetti & meatballs... green salad... chocolate ice cream...

THE CAMPFIRE

Mike Miller and Rob Waugh organized one of the best opening campfires in our 42 year history of camp. Though the



ground was damp and the wood was wet, we were able to hold this event outside. Mike and Rob wanted this campfire to be like a coffehouse featuring a variety of singing and quiet entertainment. The program opened with the introduction of the camp staff and singing led by Glen Holt. Kate McAllister used the

participation of the entire camp to create a powerful storm. Stephanie Lewis, accompanied by Kevin Worth, sang Sweet Child 'O Mine. Emily Bongarzone and Andrea Giachetti sang Secure Yourself. John Fiander played the guitar and sang Someday. Stephanie Zopatti, with Josh Giachetti on guitar, sang an Oasis song. Never Is A Promise was sung by Sarah Zerbonne and Courtney Doyle. Mike DeGagne entertained us with his guitar. Mike Miller and Matt Fiander sang San Dimas High School Football Rules. Lauren Chambers and Andrea Giachetti sang Married With Children. The rookies performed a medley: I Want To Be The Coolest Rookie and Two Cookies. Dave Krall led the entire camp in "Flee-Fly." Special guest entertainer, Keith Verney shared an original, soon to be released ballad titled I Like Pizza! Jon McCabe and Josh Giachetti sang I Could've lied. Kevin Worth and Al Doyle closed the program with their rendition of Sometimes 1 Run. Thanks to Rob and Mike and all our talented campers and staff the opening campfire was a huge success.

VESPERS

Each evening at camp ends with vespers - a brief meditation followed by the singing of The Lord's Prayer. The Rev. Terry Martinson led vespers. He shared a story about kindness. Kindness is always rewarded!

CAMP CHURCHES - 1999

Bethany Cong. (Quincy)
Union Cong. (Braintree)

First Church (Weymouth)
First Cong. (Braintree)

Old South (Weymouth)

THE ROOKIES OF '99

At the opening campfire the rookies sang *I Want To Be The Coolest Rookie!* Its difficult to choose the coolest rookie they're <u>all</u> awesome and we are very, very proud of the contribution our first year staff members are making to the camp. This year there are 14 rookies.

Marisa Aldouplois - student @ U.Mass - Amherst Stacy Bauer - student @ Tufts

Emily Bongarzone - student @ Univ. of Oregon

Theresa Briggs - student @ Boston Univ.

Jen Ducie - student @ Boston College

Corinne Duffy - student @ Bridgewater State

Kelly MacMillan - student @ U. Mass - Amherst

Liz McLeod - employed by Harbor Medical

Stefanie Nye - student @ Clark Univ.

Rene Poupolo - student @ Boston College

Kelly Ryan - student @ Mass. College of Pharmacy

Cory Gunther - licensed electrician

Keith Verney - student @ Stonehill College

Kevin Worth - student at Savannah College

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<u>WELCOME BACK</u> to two returning staff members:

Holly Hanson - massage therapist

Paul Hopkinson - student @ Stonehill

APOLOGIES to STEFANIE NYE who is not listed on the goldenrod staff page... Stefanie lives @ 98 Apple Tree Ln. in

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Weymouth, 02188... her phone number is: 335-5889 (781)

SPECIAL THANKS - Every staff member deserves our thanks for the incredible contributions they make to our successful week at camp. We especially thank Missy Sweeney for the hours she spent helping to place our campers in their cabins. Special thanks also to Terri Wilkinson for the hours she spent preparing the 1999 Camp momentos.

<u>WELCOME</u> to Carolyn Leuchte who has joined our staff to assist Carol Harding as a nurse in the infirmary.

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OUR MISSION

"Camp is organized to provide the youth of the cooperating churches a chance to have fellowship with each other in a

Christian setting. Through chapel, vespers, morning watch, discussion groups, organized recreation and a well rounded social program, we hope that we will fulfill the purpose of camp - 'A vacation with a purpose.'"



-1958-

We hope that you will catch the *Spirit* of camp and share it with others.

OUR CAMP SENIORS OF '99



Twenty-three graduating seniors have joined us for our 42nd year of camp. Throughout the week they will share some of their special experiences and memories

with us. The Camp Kingsmont class of '99 includes:

<u>Name</u>	Yrs. @ Camp	<u>Future</u>
Doug Bjorkman	6	U.S. Navy
Jeanne Canniff	2	Cosmetology P.G.
Lauren Cronin	5	U. Mass - Amherst
Ryan Donohue	6	work
Courtney Doyle	6	U. Mass - Boston
Jason Ellis	6	U. Mass - Amherst
Lee Ann Evans	4	Massasoit
Emilie Flemer	5	Smith
Josh Giachetti	6	Massasoit
Mike Hamilton	6	Dartmouth
Doug Joyce-Brar	ndt 6	Roanoke
Kelly Lewis	4	Syracuse
Greg Madden	6	Western New England
Jonathan McCab	e 5	U.R.I.
Sarah McGibbon	6+	Massaoit
Erin Monohan	4	Hofstra
Jody Moore	5	Fairfield
Noelle Nee	4	Quincy Jr.
Kathryn O'Kane	6	Northeastern
Michelle Primo	6	Fairfield
Amy Savage	6	Syracuse
Kate Smith	4	Roger Williams
Sarah Zerbonne	4	Colby



We congratulate all our seniors and wish them the very, very best with their plans for the future.

CAMP T-SHIRT

The design for the 1999 camp t-shirt was created by senior Jason Pereira. Jason could not attend camp this summer. He is starting classes this week at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY where he will be studying art. Jason was a five year camper from the Youth Group at Old South. As the designer of the 1999 t-shirt Jason was promised a free week at camp. Since he could not be with us for the week, he will be rewarded in another way. Jason, we thank you!

CAMP BANNER

Again this year Lorrie Wing's mother designed a marvelous banner to celebrate our week at Camp Kingsmont. We believe that this is the sixth year that she has created a banner noting our camp theme. Thank you, Lorrie's mom!!!



SUNDAY IN PARADISE

WEATHER: Cool, cloudy, damp with light shower ON THE MENU:

Breakfast pizza, bagels, sausage, cereal Tacos, nachos, salsa, green apples chicken, rice, corn O-T-C, chocolate pudding MORNING WATCH: Where Do The Mermaids Stand? MORNING GROUP: New Beginnings WORSHIP/VESPERS: First Cong. - Braintree

SPREE TIME

What do you do after lunch at camp? Its <u>not</u> nap time, though a nap would be nice! Its SPREE TIME - a variety of activities the campers can choose from. Some of our 1999 Spree Time activities are: kick boxing, hiking, ultimate frisbee, *extreme*



tetherball, basketball, movies, juggling, massage, rap session, space beads, tie dying, talent show rehearsals, newspaper, rugby (with the captain of the Union College Rugby team, Steve Flaherty), softball, soccer, tennis, jogging and four square. On nicer days the pool and the lake are open for swimming and sunbathing. There's plenty to choose from! Spree Time is time for fun!

KING KOMEAMEA COMMANDS

Today's afternoon program came from the creative genius of Laura Hathaway and Kristyn Mills who have provided more games for camp than Parker Brothers. The stated goal of the game was to save Camp Kingsmont the smoking volcanoes that surround it by closely following the commands of King Komeamea (aka: Al Doyle.) Following the king's instructions, uttered in a foreign tongue, the campers formed groups by eye

color, lined up by height, created two huge pyramids, and accomplished many other unusual tasks. The actions of the campers pleased King Komeamea and the camp was saved from ruin. The real goal of today's game was also accomplished - the campers had a golden opportunity to mix with one another and meet



campers from other cabins... other churches... other Morning Groups and even the other side of camp. We have the largest camp "family" ever. By the end of the week we'll know one another well!

CHAPEL

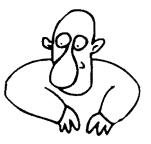
First Cong. of Braintree led the worship service before dinner. John Ferguson offered the Call to Worship. Tracey Christmas read the scripture - Genesis 1:1-5. Hillary Francis read a poem titled *Broken Dreams*. The Rev. Bill Ferguson then shared with us some thoughts about destiny. He told a wonderful story about God creating birds and the birds learning to carry their burdens (wings) on their backs, using them to take them to new places. We all have burdens but God promises to help us carry them. Gretchen Ripley closed the service with a blessing. Thanks to Glen Holt for the music: *Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of The Lord* and *Lord Of The Dance*.

The Rev. Robert J. Ripley continued the theme of the worship service at Vespers. "Rip" told us a story of a father and son saved by their kindness from the destruction of Hiroshima. Yes, kindness is indeed rewarded!

KINGSMONT SQUARES

The Evening Program Committee did a SUPER job of producing our very own version of *The Hollywood Squares* for the Camp Kingsmont audience.

An awesome set was created by Tom Remsen and crew. The nine squares were filled with an amazing group of celebrities including: Senator Ted Kennedy (Terry Steel): Tom Green (Kevin Worth); Joan Rivers (Amanda LaCoste); Stone Cold Steve



Austin (Dave Nicholson); Austin Powers (Harry LaCoste); Susan Powter (Tracey Christmas); The Pillsbury Doughboy and Cow (Mike Miller and Alex Doyle); The Back Street Boys; and The Spice Girls. Dave and Sandy Krall, the camp's newlyweds, hosted the program.

Sample Questions:

- Which is the only state capitol without a McDonald's?
- Who said, "Let your conscience be your guide?"
- Which is the only continent with no reptiles?
- Which president said, "I'm too stupid to lie?"
- Where is The Forbidden City?

(editor's note: Rookie Counselor Kevin Worth could serve as Tom Green's double... his performance was flawless!)

NEW ROLE

You may have noticed that veteran counselor Bob Gohl has a new role this summer. Bob is now "The Camp Historian." He is creating a slide show and video to document our week at Kingsmont.



MONDAY IN **PARADISE**

WEATHER: bright 'n sunny... warm ON THE MENU:

- (B) Scrambled eggs, bacon, english muffins, cereal
- (L) Chicken Fingers with dippin' sauces, cole slaw
- (D) Stuffed Shells, green beans, salad, ice cream MORNING WATCH: "Friendship is the best gift you can give anyone."

MORNING PROGRAM: Heaven 'n Earth WORSHIP/VESPERS: First Church - Weymouth



POLYNESIAN RELAY

Danielle Fournier and Erin Spurling of the Afternoon Program Committee planned a wild event for our campers. The Polynesian Relay

required the campers to complete a number of challenging and sometimes gross - tasks. The campers were divided into 16 teams by Morning Groups. They raced from task to task with a tiki torch and a skewer on which they collected a colorful piece of "fruit" for each challenge successfully met. Everyone participated with enthusiasm. Events included:

(1) Body Painting

(11) Basketball Free Throw

(2) Sandy Treasure Hunt (12) Gilligan's Island Trivia

(3) Tennis Ball Game

(13) Sloppy Treasure Hunt

(4) Deep Sea Diving

(14) Eating Contest

(5) Noodle Race

(15) Jello Through A Straw

(6) Sun Tan Cover Up

(16) The Perfect Jump

(7) Obstacle Course

(17) Surfing

(8) Name That Tune

(18) Hula Hoop Contest

(9) Grass Skirt Making

(19) Greased Pigs

(10) Chubby Bunny

(20) Hula Dancing

The twenty events were spread all over camp - from the lake to the basketball court in the Junior High Camp. "Creative Game Playing" (cheating) made it difficult to determine the true winner of this contest, however everyone won because everyone had fun!!

THREE COOKIE NIGHT

The generous "lunch room ladies"- in spite of the opposition of Maureen Moline - declared that tonight would be a three cookie night at snacks.



WORSHIP AND VESPERS

Campers and counselors from First Church in Weymouth led both the worship service and vespers on Monday evening. The worship service, which was held before dinner, focused on individuality. Harry and Amanda LaCoste opened the service

by leading the campers in King Jesus Is All. Several campers shared scripture readings from I Peter and Romans. Amanda LaCoste then read a marvelous story - A LITTLE BOY - about a youngster in school learning the importance of individuality. Carissa



Marlowe, a Jr. High camper, shared her thoughts about the story. Jeanne Canniff offered a prayer. The campers, with Glen's help and guitar, sang Change My Heart, O God and You Are Living With This Love.

At vespers, held after the dance, Harry LaCoste focused his message on being an individual - being who you are called to be. Our busy day closed with the singing of *The Lord's Prayer*.

HAWAIIAN HOP

Dances are highlights of our week at Kingsmont for many campers. Our first dance had a Paradise theme. The Rec Hall was decorated with colorful streamers and balloons. Flaming tiki torches lit the pathway to the dance. This was the most colorful dance we have ever had at camp. Most campers wore very bright Hawaiian shirts or dresses. Others were attired in grass skirts and straw hats adorned with parrots and lizards.

The dance was even visited by a tropical chipmunk in a grass



skirt. "Tommy Tunes" provided the music for an evening of dancing under the indoor stars. The rec hall really rocks with 350 campers moving to the beat and the hills around camp echo with the music of the dance.

Following the dance the Jr. High cabins were alive with the chatter of new found romance and of love that will truly last 4-eva or at least until breakfast, whichever comes first.

Many thanks to the Evening Entertainment Committee for a wonderful evening and for the stories that will last for weeks.

HEAVEN

Heaven is a place of mystery.

Some envision steps of gold and clouds of white.

Others see family and friends who greet and welcome you.

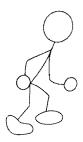
I think of openness and freedom,

Soft wind and willow trees,

A place of happiness and protection,

But I don't really understand how.

Sarah Zerbonne



HEAVEN

I hope there is a place when we are gone.

I hope it's peaceful and violence is nowhere to be found.

I hope the sun always shines

And all the food and drink is divine.

I hope there is no better or best.

I hope we aren't always trying to impress.

I hope we are all treated equal.

If that is heaven, we would have a great sequel

To our time here.

But most of all, I hope we are all there.

Greg Madden



HEAVEN

Heaven is a place where all saints live
Unto which their souls they give.
Heaven is a place where you see those who have died
Your sins are forgiven like for when you have lied.
Heaven is a beautiful, wonderful place
For the entire human race.

Anonymous



GOALS AND WHY THEY EXIST

A reading shared by Kelley Lewis at the chapel service led by the seniors on Tuesday evening.

Winning is only an excuse to play the game, so we must learn to appreciate the daily practice that prepares us even when it's a grueling workout. Remember, happiness is not in the destination, it's the journey. Having said this, let me say a few words about motivation.

I was asked to speak to a group of fathers and sons about setting goals. We were in an auditorium with no basketball standards around, so it was a perfect place to show the guys how important goals are.

One of the boys in the audience had a basketball with him so I had him come forward with it. I told him to dribble a few times and to shoot a basket. The boy followed my instructions, shaking his head. He shot.

"Did you make it?" I asked.

"No," he said grumpily. "There aren't any baskets. There isn't anything to shoot for!"

With that simple answer I had made the point I wanted to make. Nobody would want to play any basketball without any hoops to shoot for. There would be no point to it, no way to keep score. And everybody wants to know if they have won or lost.

Life is the same way. You need goals if you want to score and feel good about life. Targets show us where we've been and where we still have to go. It's always comforting to see the finish line so we know how far we have to run.

Remember, if you go through life without ambitions, you'll never make the grade. There is really only one way to play the game - whether it's basketball or the game of life.

AIM FOR SOMETHING AND SHOOT TO SCORE!

(from: *Puppies For Sale...*)

"I've learned that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person."

"I've learned that a kindness done is never lost. It may take a while, but like a suitcase on a luggage carousel, it will return again."

"I've learned that when you're in love, it shows!"

"I've learned that just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day."

"I've learned that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world."



TUESDAY IN PARADISE

WEATHER: warm 'n sunny ON THE MENU

- (B) egg 'n cheese muffins, cereal, fruit
- (L) pizza, green salad, jello
- (D) shepherd's pie, tomato slices, chocolate cake MORNING WATCH: A Friend Of Mine Is Dead MORNING GROUP: Gilligan's Island A Paradise? WORSHIP/VESPERS: Seniors

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

We were confused, but we were creative! And creativity is what made Tuesday's afternoon activity such a great event. MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE was a scavenger hunt created by Terri Wilkinson and the Afternoon Program Committee. Campers were divided into 16 teams by morning groups. They retrieved a bottle in which there was a message with the first of 16 clues. They were also given a map to complete using their creativity and the various items given as rewards for solving the clues. The clues directed the teams to a variety of stations spread throughout the camp. At some of the stations a challenge had to be completed before the needed map item was given. At other stations the campers had their pictures taken to paste onto their treasure maps.

There's good news and bad news! The BAD NEWS is that the game didn't work quite as planned - the clues got a bit mixed up and not all the teams received everything they needed to complete their treasure map. The GOOD NEWS is that the mix up led to lots of sharing and creativity.

The sixteen completed treasure maps were really all very, very excellent and no one seemed to mind the confusion or the chaos. Congratulations, campers for a job very well done! Winning teams were: The Morning Groups of:

Raymond/Ryan/Remsen/Nye Sweeney/Petrelli/Bendix/South

CHAPEL

Jason Ellis opened the worship service on Tuesday evening which was led by the class of '99. He read a portion of scripture from the Gospel of Matthew. All the seniors - all 23 of them - then led the campers in the singing of *Friends Are Friends Forever*. Kelley Lewis shared a reading about the importance of having goals. Doug Joyce-Brandt then shared some thoughts about the importance of change - it's not always easy, but it's usually good. Jon McCabe closed the brief worship service with an original prayer.

VESPERS

Vespers were led by seniors Amy Savage and Lauren Cronin. They shared in the reading of *Desiderata* by Max Ehrmann.

SKIT NIGHT '99

According to esteemed Camp Historian Robert Gohl, the 1999 was the first SKIT NIGHT in the camp's 42 year history to be held under the stars (outside) and, according to many of the campers, counselors and critics, it was by far the very best SKIT NIGHT we can remember. Kelly Myatt and Mike Miller, masquerading as Boris and Natasha, were the hosts for the evening's program. They kept the crowd alive with South Shore Trivia, corny jokes, and an imitation of a Russian walrus.

Each cabin was assigned a theme for their skits. The themes were all "snapshots of life at camp." The best skits were performed by Cabin #1 from the Jr. High Side of camp-"What Kids Are Really Thinking During Morning Watch" and Cabin #5 from the Sr. High side of camp - "Failed Camp Themes"



Many of the other skits were excellent. The Hotel did a great job with "Breakfast Crowd Control." Cabin #8 (Jr. High) performed -"How The Camp Appreciation Fund Is Really Spent." Cabin #15 (Sr. High) did a great job of - "Junior

High Boys Preparing For The Dance." Other skit themes were: "Camp Food Preparation"... "Staff Spree Time Counselors"... "Shepherd's Pie"... "Staff After Lights Out"... "Staff In 15 Years"... "Rip Preparing His Speeches"... "Junior High Inspection"... "Scrambled Eggs"... "Rookie Introductions." There were many more skits too!

It is clear that our campers really enjoy imitating the counselors and executive staff. We trust this imitation is based on admiration and respect. The annual "Dan South Award" presented each year to the counselor imitated in the most skits, goes this year to Rookie Kevin Worth who made an appearance in 14 skits.

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"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." - Sally Koch

"I sought my soul
But my soul I could not see.
I sought my God
But my God eluded me.
I sought my brother
And I found all three." (source unknown)

KINGSMONT

It came out of nowhere
Seemed like any other camp
But once you're there
You feel it's power
It takes over your soul
Fills your heart with love
And throws out all your fears.

The Council Ring puts you at ease
Everyone's at home
Laughing and singing
New friendships ignite
As old friends keep their fire burning
Stronger than ever
It's aura lures people back
Year after year.

It's a time of joy A time of sadness But most of all A time of love.

The staff watches
As years come and go
Welcoming new campers
As they bid farewell to the past
The memories will never die
As Camp Kingsmont lives on.

by Kate Wentworth

Camper - Grade 9

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"Come you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me." The righteous will then answer, "When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you. or naked and clothe you?..." The King will reply, "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of these least important of these brothers of mine. you did it for me!" (Matthew 25:34-40)

It's the little things we do, not the great big things, that makes the place where we are a better place to be - maybe even paradise. Please read with understanding the following story...

IT MATTERS

Along the coast of the vast Atlantic Ocean there lived an old man. Each day when the tide went out he would make his way along the beach for miles. Another man who lived not far away would occasionally watch as he vanished in the distance and later notice that he had returned. The neighbor also noticed that, as he walked, the old man would often stoop down to lift something from the sand and then toss it away into the water.



One day, when the old man went down to the beach this neighbor followed to satisfy his curiosity and, sure enough, as he watched, the old man bent down and gently lifted something from the sand and threw it into the ocean. By the time the old

man made his next stop the neighbor had come close enough to see that he was picking up a starfish which had been stranded by the retreating tide and would, of course, die of dehydration before the tide returned. As the old man turned to return it to the ocean the neighbor called out with a degree of mockery in his voice, "Hey, old timer! What re you doing? The beach goes on for hundreds of miles, and thousands of starfish get washed up every day! Surely you don't think that throwing a few back is going to matter."

The old man listened and paused for a moment, then held the starfish in his hand out toward his neighbor. "It matters to this one," he said.

Jeff Ostrander from Stories For The Heart

TIME IS TOO SLOW FOR THOSE WHO WAIT
TOO SWIFT FOR THOSE WHO FEAR
TOO LONG FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE
TOO SHORT FOR THOSE WHO REJOICE
BUT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE, TIME IS ETERNITY

A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift, A friend is someone we treasure for our friendship is a gift. A friend is someone who fills our lives with beauty,

joy and grace,

And makes the world we live in a better and happier place.



WEDNESDAY IN PARADISE

WEATHER: Beautiful day... bright sunshine ON THE MENU:

- (B) French toast stix, ham, cereal juice
- (L) Outdoor Luau...

(D) Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, ambrosia MORNING WATCH: What Color Is God? MORNING PROGRAM: Sin WORSHIP/VESPERS: Union Cong

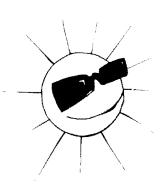
FUN IN THE SUN

By design, Wednesday afternoon was a very relaxing afternoon - an opportunity to "chill" in the warmth of a bright, summer sun.

At noon we gathered for a buffet luau eaten on the hillside. Martha prepared a variety of scrumptious food including a delicious fruit salad and a not-quite-so-delicious cake ("The cake was good... the frosting was gross!") The chicken wings and the sweet 'n sour pork were excellent.

After filling our bellies on the hillside we moved to the field for an afternoon of relaxing activities. After two afternoons of running all over camp, this opportunity to be in one place was quite welcome.

Featured at the "Fun In The Sun Luau" were pinatas filled with goodies, coconut bowling, a limbo contest, frisbee.



horseshoes, painting body tattoos, juggling, hula hoop competitions, a volleyball tournament with a huge beach ball, hula dancing to Christmas carols, soccer, etc. Many of the campers participated in the activities. Others took this opportunity to improve their suntan or catch up on their rest. The

Canteen, run by Gretchen and John and their mini-helpers, did a booming business selling bottles of ice water, cold soda and candy. Spree time was canceled for Wednesday afternoon so that campers could continue to relax before the final 3 days of camp. The pool and the lake both attracted quite a crowd after the activities on the field came to a close.

At the field there were a variety of totem poles decorated by each cabin. The totem poles, crafted from long rug tubes, gave the campers another opportunity to demonstrate their incredible creativity and imagination.

CHAPEL

The campers from the Union Congregational Church in Braintree led Wednesday evening's worship service. Participants included: Tanya Cassidy, Stephanie Lydon, Lauren Cresswell, Shawn Cassidy and Amanda Kordis. Amanda read a story about heaven and hell.

Dan South talked at vespers about the real difference camp makes in his attitude toward life and the people around him.

TALENT SHOW

The campers were treated to an awesome talent show under the stars tonight. Coordinated by Kelly Myatt and hosted by Alex Doyle and Kevin Worth, the show lasted almost 3 hours and showcased much of the musical talent assembled at camp. For the first time ever, the Talent Show was held outside in the amphitheater at the near end of the tennis courts.

With the moon rising above the stage, the show opened with Shannon Eager & The Shpadoinkle Day Singers belting out Pop Tarts. John and Matt Fiander made the first of their several appearances singing Last Kiss. Mike, Alex, John and Jon sang Songs About Rainbows. John, Kevin and Matt performed Sample In A Jar. Allison and Steph came to the stage to sing The Ice Cream Song. Even Angels Fall was sung by Kathryn, Laura and Kristen. Heather and Jen, two of our fine junior high campers, sang Hero. Amanda dedicated I Do to Cabin #1 Sr. High and Cabin #4 Sr. High., especially to Ricky and Jeff. Rachel sang an original song titled Let Go. Shania Twain's hit Man, I Feel Like A Woman was sung by Kim Wadsworth. Another Junior High Camper, Alaina, sang an original composition titled Pictures Of You. Kerrin Clark sang On My Own from Les Miserables. Caitlin and Andrea performed You Were Meant For Me. Allison and Kerrin returned to the stage to sing together I Know Him So Well from the musical Chess. Emily and Lauren sang In My Life. Junior High camper Caiti Meaney sang Anymore, an original composition. Circle Of Friends was presented by Laura and Jen. Jeff, Emily and John performed Change. Caiti and Carissa awed the crowd dancing to Genie In A Bottle. Stephanie Lewis accompanied herself on the guitar and dedicated This Time Of Year to her sister Kelley and all the seniors. Matt Fiander was one of the busiest performers of the night. He returned to the stage solo to sing Under The Bridge. Caitlin, Kathryn and Steph. Z. sang Angel. With Andrea Giachetti on the guitar, Lauren Chambers sang Closer To Fine. The 1999 Talent Show ended with several songs by veteran Kingsmont performers including seniors Sarah Zerbonne and Courtney

We are always amazed at how many very, very talented campers we have at camp. This was a great show! Thanks to all who shared their gifts.

ROOKIE POLL

We asked our 14 First Year Counselors - "What's the best thing is about being a rookie?"

Marisa Aldoupolis: Getting hit with water balloons <u>and</u> cleaning up the slop from the messy games.

Stacy Bauer: Attracting the wolf whistles of the Junior High boys.

Emily Bongarzone: Explaining the difference to the campers between a hooker and a hippy

Theresa Briggs: Doing the Rookie Dance = The Straddle
Bunny

Jen Ducie: Having everyone ask, "Are you Laura's sister?" and setting tables at EVERY meal!

Corinne Duffy: Being back at camp.

Kelly MacMillan: Collecting trash with Kelly Ryan - we're a team...

Liz MacLeod: Spending the whole week with Dan and 353 of his best friends...

Stefanie Nye: Bonding with my "buds" and lots of new people

Rene Puopolo: Morning Group

Kelly Ryan: Collecting trash with Kelly MacMillan - we have our own system...

Cory Gunther: Getting made fun of in the cabin skits.

Keith Verney: "...because everyone is so respectful."

Kevin Worth: Having the campers try to decide whether you're hot or funny?

SUCCESS - WHAT IS IT?

"Getting all you can out of life and giving all you can to life." -Tom Remsen

"...realizing that after all of the important things you've accomplished have been accounted for, random acts of kindness are the most abundant." - Danielle Fournier

"Success to me at camp is making at least one good friend." - Terry Steel

"Success is accepting failure, and trying again." - Erin Spurling

"Success is each new year at camp - a great feeling!" - Rip

"Success is your life - you grow learning lessons and meeting people that fit into your quilt of life." - Carolyn Leuchte

"Success is living the Word and seeing it unfold around you." - The Rev. Bill Harding

"Success is living, loving and laughing and seeing the reflection of those qualities in those whose lives we have touched." - Carol Harding

"Success is: having been an example in the life of a child who is happy and is giving the best of himself every day." - Carol Harding

"Success is being who you are called to be - fulfilling God's purpose for your life." - The Rev. Terry Martinson

"Success is the ability to acknowledge your mistakes with a smile." - The Rev. Bill Ferguson

"There's no success like failure and failure is no success at all!" - The Rev. John Castricum quoting Bob Dylan

IMAGINE

Imagine...

- ... a love so pure, so strong, that all your needs are known and met.
- ... an eternal place, neverending, so vast that each minute holds new discovery of joy.
- ... days of wanting replaced by days of caring.
- ... a parent's lov, unbreakable bonds of comfort and peace.

Imagine, I do, of heaven as home, and laugh with God.

- Bill Ferguson

Happy Birthday To Carolyn Leuchte, R.N. From The Infirmary (8/25/99)





THURSDAY IN PARADISE

WEATHER: Steady rain, puddles 'n mud, cool ON THE MENU:

- (B) scrambled eggs, hash browns, bagels
- (L) hamburgers with all the fixin's, apples, cake
- (D) chicken pot pie, ice cream

MORNING WATCH: Change For A Dollar MORNING GROUP: Returning To Paradise WORSHIP/VESPERS: Bethany Cong.

BULLETIN

Executive Staff Members Don McGibbon and Bill Ferguson were involved in a semi-serious golf cart accident shortly before midnight last night. Don was driving through the tricky slalom course created by the trees in front of the hotel. Bill was serving as navigator. Bill yelled, "Left!" Don turned *right*. Bill was thrown 15' into the air from the speeding cart and came crashing down on top of his flashlight, splitting his eyebrow wide open. Senior E.R. Technician, Carol Harding, performed surgery with butterfly bandages and made everything all right. Both Bill and Don were scolded for their behavior and sent to bed without a story. New Associate Director Dan South said, "Pack your bags, Don and Bill, *you're goin' home!"*

GOOD-BY

We bid farewell today to four seniors who had to leave camp early for college. Amy Savage and Kelley Lewis headed north to Syracuse. Katy Smith headed east to Roger Williams University. Doug Joyce-Brandt headed south to The University of Richmond. On Wednesday we said good-by to counselor Liz LoCascio who is heading to James Madison University in Virginia.

GRADUATION

A time for friends and family
A time to share and remember
A time for change
A time to make dreams become reality
A time to go out into the world.

Jeanne Canniff - '99

LORD OF THE FLIES

Laura Hathaway and Kristyn Mills had created another incredible game for our campers and staff for Thursday afternoon. Lord Of The Flies was to be kind of a combination of: Capture The Flag, Doctor Spy, Flag Football. Wheel Of Fortune, and Tag. The object of the game was to gather colored beads by capturing members of the other teams.



When a team gathered all the beads of one color with letters on them, they had to figure out the message spelled out by their beads. Solving this letter puzzle would lead them to victory.

Though Kristyn and Laura did a GREAT job of planning the game, they

did a horrible job of planning the weather. A steady afternoon rain caused the cancellation of *Lord Of The Flies*. In it's place, we gathered in the rec hall to play *The Newly-Friend Game*.

Many thanks to Kristyn and Laura and to the entire Afternoon Program Committee for all the afternoon programs this week. They were great and we appreciate the time and energy you invested in their success.

CHAPEL AND VESPERS

The campers from The Bethany Congregational Church in Quincy created the worship service which was held a bit earlier this afternoon than usual. Participants in the service included: Brian Lynch, Jessica Lynch, Liz Caliri, Amy Gordon, Liz Leuchte, Holly Archer, Elisabeth Hunt, Billy Harding and Kelly Mackey. The worship service revolved around two scriptures: Matthew 5:8 and Philippians 4:8-9. The rain caused chapel to be held in the rec hall.

DANCE FEVER

The Formal Dance was a DINNER DANCE this year. We altered our schedule so that the campers and staff could go directly from dinner to the dance in the rec hall. Dinner was at 6:30 P.M. and the dance began just about 7:30 P.M. Tom Remsen provided the music and the campers provided the energy and enthusiasm. They were "fired up" for a great evening. For some, romance filled the night! For others, the joy came from dancing with large groups of friends. Dances at camp are always special!

The Evening Program Committee also deserves our thanks for all the excellent programs they created this week to keep our campers out of mischief. Quite a bit of hard work goes into making the evening programs enjoyable for everyone.

DON'T CRY FOR ME ARGENTINA

There is a barbie in a special place and tin foil in someone's ear A little girl once shaved her face and for the bead it took a year.

This cabin is like Russia with an inflatable felt, blue couch Our favorite camper is Mona and a bear with hands in his pouch.

Our toilet flushes on its own I'll bet you that our totem pole was meaner We want to let it be known: "Don't cry for me, Argentina!"

Cabin 12 - Sr. High Girls

THINGS YOU LEARN IN COLLEGE

(shared by our young counselors)

- You learn that pulling an "all-nighter" means staying up all night to study for a test that you will sleep through.
- You learn that you can roll out of bed 10 minutes before class and go to class looking awful and no one will care.
- You learn that you really can do things for yourself without your parents looking over your shoulder but you also learn you never realized how nice it was to always have them there, just in case.
- More than anything, however, you learn how much your friends really mean to you. College friends come to mean a lot to you, but they can never compare to your friends at home. Your friends at home teach you the meaning of friendship during the college years. Distance doesn't have to change a friendship.
- College is rough. College severs some bonds and solidifies others... it puts a distance between you and the ones you love. But it teaches you so much. It forces your real friends to come to the front, while the rest take their places in the shadows of your memories.
- "If you press me to say why we were friends. I can say no more than it was because she was she and I was I." The people who fit that mold are your friends forever.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the 1999 Camp Newspaper...

T.O.M.



THE BLESSING OF "NO!"

I asked God to take away my pride.

God said, "No."

It's not for me to take away, but for you to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, "No."

Her spirit was whole, her body is only temporary. I asked God to give me patience.

God said, "No."

Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, "No."

I give you blessings... happiness is up to you.

Lasked God to spare me pain.

God said. "No."

Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

Lasked God to make my Spirit grow.

God said. "No."

You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, "No."

I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me love others, as much as He loves me. Ahhhh, finally you have the idea!

THE POSH CLUB

Before we discuss posh.
We must define posh.
Posh is a state of well-being!
You must love yourself and
be your own person, yet
still maintain a kickin' style
and be chill.

The Junior High gals

are the epitome of posh.
Yes, when the leaders of posh saw what they had to work with they knew the transition from the "norm" to "posh" would be difficult.

We did prevail!!

We live by a code which includes:

- #1 Less is more.
- #2 The water balloon bandits have more issues than a magazine stand.
- #3 Boys are still quasi evil!
- #4 Break loose on "Like A Prayer"

Kelly Ryan & Company



FRIDAY & SATURDAY IN PARADISE

<u>Editor's Note</u>: Since we have a Thursday evening printing deadline for the camp newspaper, the reporting of Friday's and Saturday's events are more of a prediction than an accurate account.

FRIDAY'S WEATHER: Some sun, some clouds... some chance of rain...

ON THE MENU:

(B)

(L) (D)

MORNING WATCH: McDonald's MORNING GROUP: Strength Bombardment and Faith Wandering

THE CAMP HANDSHAKE

On Friday afternoon the entire camp forms a long, long line on the road in front of the Senior High Boys' cabins. The members of the Class of '99 begin through the line shaking



hands, exchanging hugs, and saying good-by to the entire camp family. Before the handshake line ends, everyone has had a chance to shake the hand or hug every other camper and staff member. It takes just under two hours for the handshake line to be completed. It's an embarrassing time

for some campers, but a very emotional time for many others. Our camp really is like a family - a *very* <u>big</u> family - and it is important to have the opportunity to greet one another before we finish our week together.

GRADUATION

Later on Friday afternoon, campers and staff gather on the field for graduation - an opportunity to honor the seniors who have finished being campers at Camp Kingsmont. A number of them will return as staff members in the next few years, but they will never come back to Kingsmont as campers. Don McGibbon, assisted by Terry Martinson, is the Master of Ceremonies for the Graduation Ceremony. In addition to recognizing each senior and presenting them each with a framed photograph of the Class of '99, the Graduation Ceremony is also time to recognize and thank our staff for a

job well done! Recognition is also given to the cabins who have consistently done the best job of cleaning their cabins each morning. Golden Apple Awards are also presented by Don and Terry at Graduation. Golden Apples are given in recognition of outstanding contributions to our week at camp or in recognition of certain experiences that campers might rather forget.

CONSECRATION SERVICE

A most important part of our week together is Friday night's Consecration Service - a worship service that honors God for his presence in our lives as individuals and in our life together. Senior High campers gather with Rip, Terry, Bill H. and Don in the Rec. Hall for their Consecration Service which includes the sacrament of communion. Junior High campers gather with John, Bill F., and Glen Holt in the dining room for their service which always includes quite a bit of singing and an "open prayer." Both Consecration Services end with the distribution of the camp momento. Everyone also receives a small candle which the campers light and carry out into the night. The 1999 camp momento is a sand dollar which has great symbolism for Christians. Please see the inside front cover of this camp newspaper for an explanation of the sand dollar's symbolism. Both Junior High and Senior High campers gather with their lighted candles in the Council Ring to end the day together with the singing of The Lord's Prayer.

SENIOR CAMPFIRE

After the Consecration Service, the seniors have an opportunity to share a few memories of their experiences at Camp Kingsmont and to thank those who have touched their lives here at camp and at home.

Saturday morning, if all goes as planned, the campers will be awakened around 8:00 A.M. by the sun streaming through the windows of their cabins. Before breakfast, the campers must pack up all their belongings and clean their cabins thoroughly. The trunks and suitcases are loaded back onto the two trucks for the journey back to the South Shore. The amount of luggage appears to have grown during the week.

Martha prepares a final brunch for us before we meet at the Council Ring for the final time in the 20th Century. Rip, our beloved director, shares a parting thought.

The newspaper is distributed as the campers board the 10 buses to head back to Weymouth Junior High to be met by anxious parents, boyfriends and girlfriends.

We've had a great week. Thanks to everyone who had a part in making this week at Camp Kingsmont *P-A-R-A-D-I-S-E*.

REFLECTION

Editor's Note - Bob Gohl, Camp Historian, has been a part of the camp family for 35 of it's 42 years. Rip is the only person who has been involved in the life of our camp more than Bob. Bob is pleased to share his random thoughts and memories with us that we may appreciate our past and look forward to our future.

July 4, 1964 - My first year at camp. Lyndon Johnson was the president. The Beatles were #1 on the hit parade with the entire soundtrack album from their film A Hard Day's Night... I didn't want to go to camp. I'd never been away from home. Sharing a cabin with strangers was not my idea of good time. Reluctantly I boarded the bus for camp and guess what? Camp, after only an hour, was the best place to be. I was pleasantly surprised!

Camp Winni - 1964 was located at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepausakee. Camp Winni looked like a little town with a church, an inn, a variety store, a barn, and a Laundromat. It had all the elements of a town. The residential sections were unique. Some campers stayed at the inn in rooms of 2. Other campers stayed in cabins of various sizes. State Line cabins held seven campers and a counselor. Another set of cabins was called Dock Road. College Row was a third set of cabins and Chapel Line was another.

In 1964 many of the counselors were parents of the campers. There were some exceptions, but most of the counselors were addressed as "Mr. " or "Mrs." or "Miss." Rev. Robert Ripley was best known as "Rip" - not Mr. Rip or

> Rev. Ripley, just "Rip." He was and still is the camp's director.



I remember Winni as a picture postcard. The outstanding view of the lake and mountains was spectacular. Even more spectacular was Sunset Tryst featuring awesome sunsets and giant mosquitoes. The Green - a large field in the center of camp - was where most of the camp activities took place. I

remember I had a birthday cake made on my head on The Green. Soccer games, carnivals and huge water fights took place there too!

The indoor chapel served as a meeting place and the location for the talent shows, skits and movies.

The large softball field was the scene of an intense rivalry between the Geneva Point Staff and our counselors & campers. I recall that we won in 1964 and in retaliation their staff marched around the dining hall with food which they refused to serve. Speaking of the dining hall, it had a flat roof which was the perfect place for launching water balloons and for dumping buckets of water on the campers waiting to go into the meals. You haven't lived 'til you see 10 buckets of water come at you all at once.

Camp dances were held in the barn. The biggest attraction there was the bats. Throughout the dance they would swoop down from the rafters and scare everyone. We



had one turntable (record player) and two small speakers to provide all the sound. The music was "Top 40" on albums and 45s. The format was simple - 3 fast dances and 1 slow song. There would be a "Ladies' Choice" where the girls could ask the boys to dance. We also would have a snowball dance where the "hot couple" of the week would start dancing together. Every few seconds the music would stop and everyone on the floor had to choose a new partner. I remember counselors coming around with rulers during the slow dances to keep couples 6 inches apart - "Leave room for the Holy Spirit."

Chapel services were held in the outdoor chapel overlooking the lake and mountains. A wooden cross was on the altar. (Later we erected a 6' wooden cross behind the altar in loving memory of Everett Besse.) All the worship services were led by the ministers, not by campers or counselors.

Skit night and talent night were highlights of the week just as they are today. The skits were usually parodies of life at camp. I remember being in a skit and getting a pie in the face.

Consecration Services were much different in 1964 A candlelight parade of campers around the green was very impressive. There were no seniors at camp (camp was for grades 7 - 11) so our final night at camp was not a night for tearful remembrances. After the Consecration Service everyone returned silently to their cabins and no one was allowed to speak until the following morning. This "Code of Silence" actually worked!

As you have read, there were some differences between Camp '64 and Camp '99. I've witnessed many changes. One thing has remained constant throughout the years. We all call it "The Camp Spirit" which can not be explained to those who have not been here. The Camp Spirit grows each year. I caught it in 1964 and I've found it each year I've returned to camp. The Camp Spirit has had a profound effect on my life. I hope that it will for years to come.

CAMP VIDEO '99

Once again camp videos will be available this fall. Share almost 3 hours of camp memories with your friends and family. All the major programs are highlighted in this video. A second video of cabin skits and talent show acts will also be available. Order blanks will be given to you by your Youth Group leaders early in September. "Tapes will be delivered in I DOUBT IT! early October..." Do you believe that? Videos from previous years are still available. Special orders will be taken if you are interested.