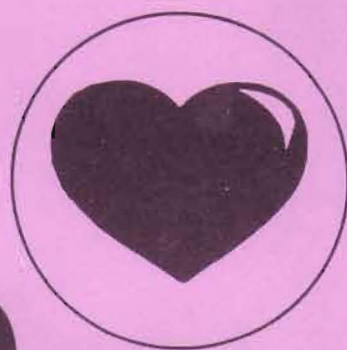
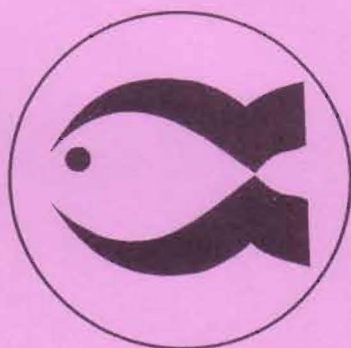


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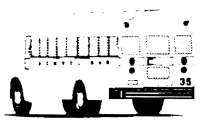
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SATURDAY - AUGUST 19, 2000

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

And the winners are - Dan Mott and Ni Hi Liu - for the second year in a row they were the first eager campers to arrive at the parking lot of the Weymouth Junior High School for the long journey to Camp Kingsmont in West Stockbridge, MA. Before long two trucks, ten buses and over 350 campers joined them. The rookie counselors were responsible for jamming every inch of space in the two trucks with trunks, suitcases, sleeping bags, guitars, amplifiers, boom boxes, and boxes of edible goodies.



The campers boarded the yellow school buses at 10:30 A.M., leaving many grieving parents in the parking lot, and headed west under sunny skies for the trip to camp, arriving

around 2:30 P.M. with a shout of joy and a mad dash to the bathrooms.

CAMP 2000

This year we have brought together 357 campers and a staff of 65 for our 43rd year of camp. This is year #18 at Camp Kingsmont. The first 25 years of camp were at Camp Winni (Geneva Point Center) in New Hampshire. For all but one of the years of camp "Rip" has been our director. With his fashionable red hat perched on his head, "Rip" welcomed the campers and staff before sending them off to unload the luggage trucks and find their cabins. There are 25 cabins + the deluxe hotel reserved for only the most elegant campers. At the cabins, the campers were welcomed by their counselors - all of whom are former campers.

When everyone had claimed a bunk and unpacked their wardrobe for the week, the entire camp gathered in the Council Ring where associate director Don McGibbon reviewed the camp guidelines and invited Glen Holt and Alex Doyle to read the names of the campers in each of the 33 morning groups.

Everyone anticipates an awesome week - it's always an awesome week at Camp Kingsmont!

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The camp theme for 2000 is *SIGNS OF THE TIMES*... six signs (symbols) were chosen for our focus for the week: the heart, the dollar sign, the male & female symbols, the comedy & tragedy mask, the fish - a very Christian symbol, and the handshake.

WORSHIP

Before dinner each evening the camp gathers for worship. Members of the Old South Union Church Youth Group were this evening's worship leaders. The worship service focused on I John 4:17-23 and *The Warm Fuzzy Tale*. Campers were given warm fuzzies to freely share with one another during the week ahead.

ON THE TABLE TONIGHT

Boneless BBQ Chicken Breasts, corn on the cob, oven roasted potatoes, and macaroni salad...

Martha, who has been the chef since our very first year at Camp Kingsmont has retired. A food service, similar to the ones used by many schools, has taken over the kitchen.

THE CAMPFIRE

On a very, very cool evening, we had to gather close to the campfire and close to one another to keep warm. We gathered at the Council Ring as darkness began to surround us for a campfire planned by Mike Miller and Rob Waugh. The campfire featured many wonderful songs and a story or two introduced by the cabin counselors. Among the very talented campers who entertained us with their music were:

Mike DeGagne, Amanda DiSpirito, Holly Archer, Matt Fiander, Sean McCabe, Stefanie Zopatti, Alison Meaney, John Fiander, Kristen Joyce, Dave Snell, Stephanie Lewis, Caiti Meaney, and Andy Richards. A number of the counselors also shared

songs with us and Glen Holt led the entire camp in *Compass*, *Lord Of The Dance* and *In His Love*.



VESPERS

The Rev. John Castricum of the Old South Union Church led the vespers around the campfire. He taught us a song in latin that is translated - "Where there is love and caring, God is there."

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God be with you. May God walk where you walk; guide where you must make choices; comfort where you hurt; and surprise you by continued love for you and for what you are and for what you do. Amen.

CAMP KINGSMONT - CLASS OF 2000

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs @ Camp</u>	<u>Youth Group</u>	<u>This Fall</u>
Christine Allen	3	Old South	U. Mass - Dartmouth
Holly Archer	4	Bethany Cong	University of Vermont
Alison Baker	3	Old South	Assumption College
Doug Bjorkman	7	First Cong - Brt	Work
Peter Brennan	6	Old South	Syracuse University
Lisa Burke	6	Old South	Bentley College
Meghan Campbell	6	Old South	Providence College
Tara Conway	6	Old South	Stonehill College
Lauren Chambers	6	Old South	Massasoit Community College
Lauren Creswell	5	Union Cong	Assumption College
Chris Desmond	6	Old South	U. Mass - Amherst
Jen Driscoll	6	First Cong - Brt	Bridgewater State College
Josh DuBois	4	Old South	Massasoit Community College
Matt Fiander	6	Old South	Elon College in North Carolina
Rob Gorham	2	First Cong - Brt	U.S. Army
Amy Gordon	3	Bethany Cong	Bridgewater State College
Annie Hanlon	3	Old South	Ithaca College in N.Y.
Kathy Joyce	3	Bethany Cong	Sara Lawrence in N.Y.
Liz Joyce-Brandt	3	Old South	Hofstra University in N.Y.
Chris Julian	5	Old South	Bentley College
Lisa Kenneally	4	Old South	Roger Williams University in R.I.
Jill Leitao	2	Old South	U. Mass - Amherst
Elizabeth Leuchte	4	Bethany Cong	U. Mass - Amherst
John Lundrigan	6	First Cong - Brt	Work
Jess Lynch	4	Bethany Cong	Univ. of New England
Russ Mercon	3	First Cong - Brt	Work
Aly Parker	5	Union Cong	Boston College
Amanda McGibbon	6+	Old South	Curry College
Steve Ricardo	3	First Cong - Brt	Coast Guard
Courtney Smith	6	Old South	Bentley College
Alex Stylien	2	Old South	Mt. Ida College
Kim Rennie	6	Old South	U. Mass - Dartmouth
Melanie Wadsworth	6	First Cong - Brt	Work



SUNDAY - AUGUST 20, 2000

WEATHER: Bright sunshine, cool...

THEME: Friendship & Love

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: Charity Auction

P.M. PROGRAM: Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?

Breakfast: egg & cheese bagel sandwiches
corned beef hash, cereal, juice

Lunch: hot dogs & rolls, baked beans, baby
carrots & dip, popsicles

Dinner: lasagna, salad, bread sticks, fresh fruit

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MORNING WATCH

A very important part of each day at camp is Morning Watch. As the campers and staff leave the dining room after breakfast, they are given a "Morning Watch Sheet" which always includes a scripture reading, a brief story, a few "prayer seeds" and a number of questions to think about. The campers spread out on the hillside and then spend about 10 minutes in silent reflection and prayer. At the end of the week when we ask the campers their favorite thing about camp, Morning Watch is always high on their list.

MORNING GROUP

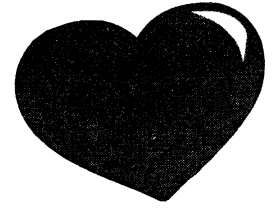
The entire camp is divided up into 33 Morning Groups. Each group of 11 meets daily with two leaders from 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. In their groups, the campers and their leaders share a variety of questions and experiences related to the theme of the day.

The theme of the Morning Group session today (Sunday) was friendship and love. One of the wonderful parts of today's theme was the creation of a huge banner. Each member of the camp family wrote one thing that they truly cherish on a colorful foam shape - either a hand or a star. All of the shapes were then glued upon the banner titled - *"ALL... IN HIS HANDS."* When completed, the banner was truly beautiful, not because it was colorful and bright, but because it expressed so many wonderful thoughts. Our campers and staff have so much to be thankful for... and all that we have is in God's hands. Thanks be to God for the many and varied gifts that He bestows upon us.



CHAPEL & VESPERS

Sunday's chapel and vesper services were led by the Youth Group members and staff from the First Congregational Church in Braintree. At the chapel service before dinner group members read I Corinthians 13:4-13 and the Rev. Bill Ferguson talked about the greatness of love. He reminded us that we are all looking for a sign to reassure us of God's love for us. At the vesper service around the campfire, group members read from Psalm 69 and "Rip" spoke about time, reminding us once again that "for those who love, time is eternity."



THE CHARITY AUCTION



Sunday's afternoon program was an auction. We raised just over \$2,000 for the Make-A-Wish Fund of the Weymouth Elks. Some of the items that were generously donated by the staff included: Dinner for Two on the *Odyssey*, New England Patriots tickets, Red Sox tickets, baskets & boxes of food, water guns, autographed photos of Alex Doyle, mystery gifts, disposable cameras, vintage t-shirts, stuffed animals, and folding camp chairs. **Cabin #7** (Jr. High girls) bid \$160 for a huge basket of edible goodies. Two Jr. High boys spent \$20 each for Brittney Spears posters. It was a Kodak moment when Mike Miller modeled a 46 DD "manzier" with the helping hands of auctioneer Terry Martinson. Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed toward helping to fulfill the dreams of terminally ill children.

---REPORTED BY NOELLE NEE & LEEANN EVANS

OUR MISSION

"Camp is organized to provide 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."* -

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

MORE SUNDAY NEWS - OVER

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

The evening program on Sunday night was "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" The show took place on the new outdoor stage built by the evening committee. The show was hosted by Terry Martinson who occasionally gave some helpful - and some not so helpful - hints to the contestants. Prizes included "Canteen Cash", camp chairs, the ability to be first in line at the next meal, a cabin pizza part, and finally, a free week at camp in 2001. Five campers' names were picked at random to participate in a "fastest finger" contest: example: put these four staff members in order by age from the oldest to the youngest: Bob Ripley, Don McGibbon, Kelly MacMillan and Terry Martinson. (No one got this one correct.) Once the contestant was chosen to play the game, they were given two lifelines: a 50/50 and ask a counselor. The contestants who ended up on stage to play "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" were: Russ Mercon, Kevin Taylor, Bill Candler, Joe Candler, the "all knowing" Chris Lewis, and the Rev. Bill Ferguson. No one was lucky enough to win a free week at camp. This program was unlike any other in Kingsmont history. The evening committee did an awesome job on planning for this evening. Everyone enjoyed it!

- Reported by Noelle Nee and LeeAnn Evans

WEeping WILLOW

A Poem by Heather Moore

Weeping Willow hears my cries
He sees my pain, though he has no eyes
He feels what is really inside of me,
although his pain I cannot see.
He helps me when I see no hope,
and in times that I feel I can't cope.
Weeping Willow helps me through and through,
and at times I can help him too.
I can't express how I feel deep inside,
but from Weeping Willow cannot hide.

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**"Don't grow up too fast. You get one shot at being
a kid, and you'll be grown up for 80% of your life.
Why rush it?"**

Chad Gervich



THE ROOKIE STAFF

We welcomed sixteen first year counselors to our outstanding camp staff this year. The "rookies" were quite easy to spot wearing their bathing caps in the dining room as they passed from table to table collecting the trash. "Rookies" are given the opportunity to do quite a few little extra chores to help them feel welcome and appreciated by the more veteran counselors. The first year counselors this year were:

KATELIN CHMIELINSKI (OSU)
LAUREN CRONIN (OSU)
LEEANN EVANS (First Cong)
MATT INGS (OSU)
BRIDGET MADDEN (OSU)
SARAH MCGIBBON (OSU)
NOELLE NEE (First Cong)
KATHRYN O'KANE (OSU)
RON SEELY (First Cong)
ANDY SMITH (Bethany)
KATE SMITH (OSU)
BRIAN THOMPSON (First Cong)
LYNN THOMPSON (First Cong)
MIKE WAUGH (OSU)
SARAH ZERBONNE (OSU)
GREG ZOPATTI (OSU)

JUST FOR FUN

Usually when a proper name is entered into the computer SPELL CHECK attempts to reject it and offer a more accurate spelling... Can you identify the last names of these staff members as corrected by SPELL CHECK?

NOBEL
EVENS
FALLEN
MOURNER
MEAL
WAUGH
VERY
SEEDY
GOAL
HARMING
HOT
SPIRALING



MONDAY - AUGUST 21, 2000

WEATHER: bright sunshine, a bit warmer

THEME: Money (The Dollar Sign)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: Treasure Hunt

P.M. PROGRAM: Mardi Gras Dance

Breakfast: french toast, cereal, bananas

Lunch: hamburger, rolls, chips, whoopie pies

Dinner: Chicken cutlet, scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, rolls, fresh fruit

MORNING GROUP

The Morning Group theme for Monday was "MONEY"... it featured a "Price Is Right" game and some interesting questions to prompt discussion from the campers including:

- What is the origin of the dollar sign?
- What would it be like if there was no money?
- Where do teens get most of their money?
- What do teens spend most of their money on?
- What do you expect your parents to buy for you?
- What do you buy for yourself.



THE TREASURE HUNT

Kristyn Mills and Laura Hathaway planned a marvelous Treasure Hunt for the Monday afternoon program. The game was similar to Stratego. Campers were divided into teams by their Morning Groups and were given colored beads. They were challenged to chase one another in order to capture all the beads of their own color. The beads had letters on them which were needed to solve several clues. The clues led the teams toward a hidden treasure. On the Junior High side of camp the game was won by the RED TEAM which included the Morning Groups led by Ron Seely & Sarah Zerbonne, Kathryn O'Kane & Kara Rennie, and Kelly MacMillan & Lauren Cronin. The PINK TEAM won the game on the Senior High side of camp with a "sudden death dash." Pink Team Morning Group leaders were: Lorrie Wing & Dan Cushing, Maureen Moline & Bridget Madden, Bill Ferguson & Jenn Ducie, and John Castricum & Liz LoCascio. The camp has become accustomed to the very active games designed by Kristyn and Laura. We don't always know the rules or the object of the game, but we enjoy it anyway.

WORSHIP AND VESPERS

Campers from The First Church in Weymouth were the leaders of worship and vespers on Monday. The chapel service included several new songs led by Glenn Holt and the reading of Matthew 6:19-21 by several campers. Carisa Marlowe told a brief story encouraging us to take a very close look at what we already have - it just may be what we really want.

At vespers, following the dance, we all huddled especially close to the fire and one another to listen to a story read by Tom Remsen. The story reminded us that life's greatest treasures can never be bought with money. As we held hands and swayed gently back and forth, we sang The Lord's Prayer together, as we always do before heading back to the cabins for the night.

THE MARDI GRAS DANCE

From 8:00 to 10:30 P.M. the campers and staff danced the night away in the Rec Hall. The dance theme - Mardi Gras - prompted many campers to wear masks and adorn themselves with beads. There were even a few outstanding costumes. Even Superman visited the dance to make sure that there would be no trouble. Tom Remsen, our favorite DJ, played all the songs that the campers have come to enjoy: *Sweet Caroline*, *Y.M.C.A.*, *Love Shack*, and *Like A Prayer*.



This year the music was enhanced with a huge video screen and a fog machine. The traditional final song - *Stairway To Heaven* - sent all those who had found new love and true

love so early in the camp week hurrying into each other's arms. We're confident that the cabins will be buzzing into the wee hours of the morning with stories of romance and broken hearts.

A THOUGHT

The best thing parents can spend on their children is time, not money.... Tracy's parents buy her anything she wants - clothes, make-up, jewelry, all the latest CDs. Tracy's friends think she's really lucky. But what if they knew that Tracy's parents hardly ever spend any time with her?.... Do your parents spend time with you? You have a right to some of their time and attention. If you're not getting enough, speak up.... Sometimes parents just need reminding.

COMING SOON TO A YOUTH

GROUP NEAR YOU...

The Year 2000 Collectors' Video Series will soon be available at a Youth Group near you. The *MILLENNIUM COLLECTION* will include:

(A) HIGHLIGHT VIDEO - 2+ hours of our week at camp...

(B) THE TALENT SHOW - in its entirety...

(C) CABIN SKIT NIGHT - in its entirety...

(D) WOODSTOCK DAY - in its entirety...

Tapes A and B are \$15 each or \$25 for both... Tapes C and D are \$8.00 each... all proceeds go towards the 2001 camp program... Order blanks will be available from your Youth Leaders this fall... The 2000 camp video series was filmed, directed and produced by Bob Gohl.

THE CAMP FEELING

by Steve Flaherty

Camp to me means a lot of things.

Camp to me means memories of talent shows, skit nights, and dances.

Camp to me means the feeling you get as a senior when you stand in front of the whole camp to say your last good-by.

Camp to me means helping everyone who is here now to have as much fun as I did when I was a camper.



The feelings we have at camp and for the few weeks following, that comfort which no one around us could possibly understand - how could anyone know what camp

means if they have never been here? If they truly wanted to know camp, I would show them one event - a night around the campfire, a million stars in the infinite sky, 425 people hand-in-hand, swaying, simply happy. That moment between verses of the Lord's Prayer when no words are spoken, as everyone breathes in to begin the next verse. You can see the Spirit in the air, and all you can hear is the crackling of the fire.

That is what camp is to all of us - a silent moment. Simple and powerful. Simple.

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Which of the following is not a fish?

(a) guppy (b) shark (c) whale (d) tuna

Bob Gohl has been a counselor for how many years?

(a) 20 (b) 25 (c) 30 (d) 35

DARE TO DREAM

This is the last part of Bob Gohl's speech on Friday - please read it and always remember it...

I recently taped a concert for work and was struck by the message of one of the songs. The words are beautiful!

There's a dream that's in you and a dream that's in me and a dream that makes a difference and allows us to be all that we can be.

It's a road that shines before us if we would only see and that the power of our dreams can change our thoughts completely.

Dare to dream, dare to fly, take a chance, don't let life pass you by

There's a world that's waiting for you if you would only try.

Dare to dream... dare to fly.

Life is full of choices of who we want to be.

There's a chance to touch a life and leave a legacy.

It takes courage to stand out and strength to lead the way and realize that's why we're here today.

Dare to dream, dare to fly, take a chance, don't let life pass you by.

There's a world that's waiting for you if you would only try.

Dare to dream... dare to fly.

So you leave your dreams and set new goals then just follow through so you see your life in a new light, the choice is up to you.

Dare to dream, dare to fly.

There's a world waiting for you if you would only try.

Dare to dream.

CAMP FRIENDSHIPS

Friendships happen all over the place
Whether you notice it or not.

In one week at camp you meet a lot of people.

Most of them remain your friends when you go home.

No matter what, we always remember where we met

And where we started to get really close.

- Amanda DiSpirito

CABINS

The cabins are large.

Filled with campers' trunks.

Sometimes there's still room to move.

Other times you have to make room.

We keep them as clean as we can.

But sometimes we end up cleaning the buses.

- Amanda DiSpirito

TUESDAY - AUGUST 22, 2000

WEATHER: Bright sunshine... warmest day so far!

THEME: Sexuality (being male... being female...)

AFTERNOON: Variety of planned activities

P.M. PROGRAM: Skit Night

Breakfast: yogurt, mini-muffins, cereal, juice

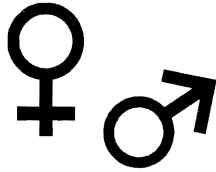
Lunch: pizza, veggies for dipping, brownies

Dinner: salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed
veggies, fresh fruit

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MORNING GROUP

In Tuesday's Morning Groups we explored our roles as males and females.



- What does it mean to be a man?
- What does it mean to be a woman?
- In what ways are man and women different?
- In what ways are they the same or equal?
- What will your spouse be like?
- How do you experience disrespect from the opposite sex?

THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM

A variety of activities were planned for the campers on Tuesday afternoon. All the Junior High campers met on the field for 10 activities organized by Missy Sweeney and the Junior High Counselors. The Senior High campers met with their Morning Groups for activities planned by their Morning Group leaders. The three senior Morning Groups (Rip, Don and Terry) joined forces and hiked over the mountain into New York. A few groups enjoyed a pizza party, and another devoured ice cream. Several groups met in the shade for discussion and others played games in the bright sunshine. Allowing each Senior High Morning Group to "do it's own thing" for an afternoon program was something new this year. It seemed to go well with most groups.



The winners of the games for the Junior High Camp were the Morning Groups led by Sarah Zerbonne & Ron Seely and Kate Smith & Matt Ings. The Junior High competition was lots of fun and was enjoyed by all.

SPREE TIME

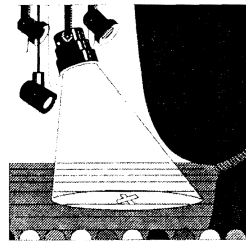
Each afternoon from 1:15 to 2:15 the campers enjoy "Spree Time" - an opportunity to choose an activity. Choices include: volleyball, talent show, juggling, hiking, running, sunbathing, rap sessions, chess, ultimate frisbee, soccer, space beads, kick boxing, swimming at the lake and board games. "Spree Time" has always been a regular part of the daily schedule at camp.

WORSHIP AND VESPERS

The Class of 2000 served as the leaders for both worship and vespers this evening. Participants in the worship service were: Chris Julian, Jill Leitaio, Christine Allen, Annie Hanlon, Amanda McGibbon and Courtney Smith. The scripture readings they selected were Psalm 104 and Matthew 19:13-19. Jill Leitaio read a marvelous story from the *Chicken Soup* collection titled - "How Easily We Forget." Lauren Chambers wrote and shared the following prayer: "Lord, please give us the strength to stand tall and say good-bye in this time of change. Help us to realize that for every door we close, a window opens that, combined with your love, will lead us into our future."

At vespers, around the campfire, Jen Driscoll shared a story and then Matt Fiander talked for a few moments about how camp changes people and prepares them to move forward in their lives. Excellent job, Matt & Jen!

SKIT NIGHT



Tonight we gathered in front of the new outdoor stage for the annual Skit Night. Each cabin was assigned a theme for their skit. Several of the skits were video taped earlier in the day and were shown on a large screen. Other skits were performed live on stage. Among the more memorable skits were: *The Blair Witch Trial*, *Tom-Bo*, *The International Weightlifting Championship*, *The Most Forgetful Cabin*, *Brittney Spears Background Singers* and *The Spanish Language Commercial*. The "Rookies" also performed a very funny skit about the *Real Wednesday Night Meeting Before Camp*. Though all the skits are not funny or good, or memorable, the real purpose of Skit Night is to get the members of each cabin to work together.

A PRAYER

Written by Matt Fiander



I pray for all those going off to college or starting a new year of school - may they take change in stride with the belief that it is for the best.... For those who are in an argument with a friend, sibling, parent or anyone else - may they realize that all

problems can be solved through understanding and that all problems are petty next to caring for one another.... Also, I pray for the names and the faces crowding my head right now - may they stay there so that they may bring comfort and may everyone have thoughts to comfort them like I do.... Finally, I pray for all those who are about to or will ever face uncertainty, for there is nothing scarier than the unknown, except facing it alone.

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A REFLECTION

by Glenn Holt

About 25 years ago I spent my first week at camp. I remember it clearly because it was a major turning point in my life. Bill Ferguson, now the Rev. Bill Ferguson, was a rookie counselor and my Morning Group leader. One of the first things he told us was that we could be anyone we want to be; we could all have a new beginning at camp. I could be a new person in a new place. Few people knew me there - so I could be totally different from the shy, quiet introvert I had been. I decided, right then and there, that I was going to be someone different, at least for one week.

Those of you who know me now know that change was permanent. I liked my new self, and so did most everyone else.

The Bible says that if anyone is in Christ, he (or she) is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come.

Working through your camp experience, God can make you into a new creation. He can make a change in you that can last for eternity. (Romans 5:8)

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"SELF-ESTEEM (noun): a confidence and satisfaction in oneself; self-respect." That's a pretty simple definition. Too bad self-esteem isn't as easy to develop as it is to define. But anyone can develop it, including you. One way is by trying something new. If you succeed, great. If you don't, you still had the courage to try. Either way, you build self-esteem.

THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry this cross in my pocket
To remind me of who I can be.
If I take up my cross and follow
Wherever my Savior leads me.

The cross is not there as a token
Or a prize I can brag about.
It's there as a personal reminder
Of something I can't live without.

It reminds me of Jesus my Savior
Who died for me and now lives.
Each day I remember my new life
And the blessings and gifts He gives.

I carry this cross in my pocket
Along with my money and keys.
I keep it close to remind me
Of what's most important to me.

This cross is also a reminder
Of the love that I feel in my heart
For all of my fellow believers
A family of which I'm a part.

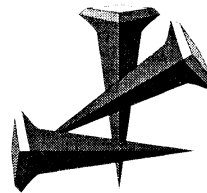
So I carry a cross to remind me
That along with my family and home,
I take with me the love of Christ Jesus;
With that I am never alone.

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FRIENDS

Michael W. Smith

And friends are friends forever
If the Lord's the Lord of them.
And friend will not say never,
Cause the welcome will not end.
Though it's hard to let you go
In the Father's hands we know,
That a lifetime's not too long
To live as friends.



SUPER HEROES

What super power would you most like to have?

Bill Ferguson - to fly

John Castricum - to be invisible.

Katharine Neville - to see through walls (and clothes)

Meg Leonard - "I just want to wear the tight pants like super heroes do!"

Sheila Hamilton - to breathe fire

John Danahy - to teleport myself

Kathryn O'Kane - super hearing

Marisa Aldoupolis - to pass through walls

Terry Steel - to know the future



WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 23, 2000

WEATHER: Cloudy with afternoon rain

THEME: The drama of life

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: Kangaroo Court

P.M. PROGRAM: Rainy Day Variety

Breakfast: juice, pancakes, sausage, cereal

Lunch: chicken patty sandwiches, cookies

Dinner: baked ziti, meatballs, tossed salad,
bread sticks, fresh fruit

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MORNING GROUP

Using the comedy/tragedy mask as our symbol for Wednesday, today's theme for Morning Group was The "drama of Life." Each camper completed a timeline of his or her own life from birth to today with all its positive and negative experiences. The quote of Carl Bard - *"Though you cannot go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending!"* - was at the heart of today's theme. We talked about the roles we each play in life and about how we try to mask (hide) who we really are.



KANGAROO COURT

The campers didn't seem to mind sitting outside with a light rain falling upon them to watch this afternoon's activity - "KANGAROO COURT." The "kangas" (court officers) were Judge Bill Ferguson, Public Defender John "Hot Sauce" Castricum, and Bailiffs: Terry Steel, Donna Fallon and Maureen Moline. On behalf of the camp, a variety of charges were brought up against a number of the campers and staff... Steve Harvey was charged with never being able to find a chair in the dining hall, the second year counselors were charged with being the biggest whiners in camp, Jess Busa was among those charged with having the healthiest appetite (Jess can really pack away those *Twinkies*), Katharine Neville was charged with talking too much, Chris Dorman was charged with being too nosy, Mike Reilly was charged with receiving too many letters in one day, Dan & Liz and Steve & Linda were charged with being too inseparable, Cabin #14 was charged with spending too much time in front of the mirror, etc., etc. **(continued)**

Justice from Judge Ferguson was fair and swift. Public Defender Castricum advised each hardened "criminal" to throw himself (herself) upon the mercy of the court. The campers served as the jury. When they voted that a defendant was guilty - which they did 100% of the time - the bailiffs administered an appropriate punishment to fit the crime. Many thanks to Bill Ferguson and his fellow "kangas" for reviving "Kangaroo Court" so tastefully! It was a great event!

CHAPEL & VESPERS

The campers and counselors from the Union Congregational Church took their turn leading worship and vespers on Wednesday. The worship service before dinner was held in the Rec Hall because of the rain. Matthew 5:13 was the scripture they selected and The Legend Of The Three Trees was the story they chose to share. The message of this story is that God has a plan for you and God's ways are the best.

The rain stopped in time to allow vespers to be held outside in the Council Ring. Dan South spoke about the joy that comes from being part of a caring, Christian community like camp.

A RAINY EVENING

Heavy afternoon rains caused a change of plans for Wednesday evening. The Talent Show was postponed and in its place we all gathered in the Rec Hall for an evening of activities. The activities began and ended with dancing. In between the dancing, the Cabin #3 video was shown, a documentary on The Kingsmont Hardcore Championship Belt was shown, and five pairs of brothers and sisters competed in a game similar to the Newlywed Game. Contestants were: Ryan & Kathryn O'Kane, Liz & George LoCascio, Lynne & Brad Thompson, Steve & Megan Flaherty, and Greg & Stefanie Zopatti. The Zopatti team won easily, but we learned some interesting things in the course of the game: Kathryn O'Kane was pretty sure that Ryan had never kissed a girl... Brad Thompson was pretty sure that his sister Lynn has never had a boyfriend... Greg and Stefanie Zopatti agreed that their dog was the best looking member of their family. Megan Flaherty seemed to be a bit uncomfortable on stage until brother Steve held her hand and reassured her that everything would be okay - such wonderful love!!!

ROOKIE REFLECTION

by Katelin Chmielinski

After six years away from camp, I boarded a bus on August 19th with as much apprehension as any first year camper. Here I was, a college graduate, coming back to camp as a rookie. What would camp be like? How would things have changed?



I quickly came to the realization that although things have changed - the people, the camp, infrastructure (we miss you, Martha) and my role in the camp family - they have generally stayed the same. The girls still "call" showers, the boys still sit out on the porch of cabin #4, and tears are still shed as seniors leave to begin a new phase of their lives. Most importantly, however, remains the fact that camp is still made up of a group of eclectic individuals who come together for one week a year to worship their God. As a whole, we may not spend much time together outside of this microcosm of society we call camp. We all have our separate lives and friends, but for one magical week we join as a community. We are all friends, equal not only in the eyes of God, but also in the eyes of one another.

With my return as a rookie, I have rediscovered a part of myself I had lost. It was the part of me that forgot that camp, specifically Camp Kingsmont, is not just a place, but rather is a way of being in the world. The spirit of camp is all around us in the form of friendships that God has blessed us with. Be thankful for both the friendships you have and the fellowship you have experienced this week. By holding them close to your heart, you will hold God there as well.

Cabin #12 rocks!

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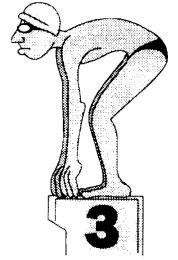
MILLIONAIRE QUESTIONS

- (1) What ingredient is not in shepherd's pie?
(a) hamburger (b) potatoes (c) corn (d) carrots
- (2) How many colors are in a spectrum?
(a) 4 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) 12
- (3) The Camp Program was founded in...
(a) 1968 (b) 1965 (c) 1958 (d) 1960
- (4) The longest dance in camp history ended at
(a) 2:00 A.M. (b) 12:00 (c) 5:00 A.M. (d) 1:00
- (5) Who was the camp's first director?
(a) George Washington (b) Rip
(c) Don McGibbon (d) Bob Gohl

THROUGH MY EYES

by Dan Ferguson

Everyone loves making fun of the rookies, especially the second year staff, but this year they may have gone too far. The rookies received swimming caps on Sunday from the hands of the second year staff. The rookies were told to wear the caps at every meal and they were instructed that no two rookies could sit together at a table.



By Tuesday noon the rookies had had enough. They staged a rebellion, throwing away their bathing caps and refusing to clean the tables. They walked out of the dining hall in a show of unity.

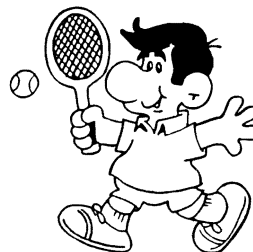
The second year staff challenged the rookies to come down to the lake for a punishment, but they chickened out and instead forced the rookies to sleep outside in the cold. (Editor's Note: This did not really happen - no one was forced to sleep outside.)

On Wednesday the second year staff were called before Judge "Kanga" Bill Ferguson on charges of excessive whining. Unidentified individuals, who were in the witness protection program, were called before the court to testify against the second year counselors.

When sufficient evidence was not found to convict the second year counselors, "Kanga" Ferguson asked if any of the second year counselors would testify against their peers. In a twist of fate, Counselors Kevin Worth and Keith Verney defended the rookies and abandoned the second year staff. The second year staff was sentenced to feed Marissa Aldoupolis strained peaches.

The story of the rookies is not over. Who knows what strange ideas are brewing in the minds of the second year staff? And who knows how the rookies will respond?

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MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED TO "SERVE UP" THIS YEAR'S EDITION OF THE CAMP NEWSPAPER. SPECIAL THANKS TO MANDA DISPIRITO, DAN FERGUSON, NOELLE NEE, LEEANN EVANS, BOB GOHL, KATELIN CHMIELINSKI, STEVE

FLAHERTY, HEATHER MOORE, GLENN HOLT, AND MATT FIANDER.

T.O.M. - '00

THURSDAY - AUGUST 24, 2000

WEATHER: Very warm & sunny... GREAT DAY!!!

THEME: Faith (The Fish)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: Talent Show

P.M. PROGRAM: Valentine Dance

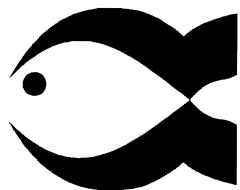
Breakfast: bagels, cereal, fruit & juice

Lunch: ham 'n cheese, pretzels, tomatoes, cookies

Dinner: Chicken Stir Fry, rice, egg rolls, fruit

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THE FISH



Morning Groups today focused upon the fish - a very Christian symbol. The fish was originally a secret symbol used to identify the location where early Christians would meet safely for worship. In our groups today we talked about

the church and our own relationship with God. We also talked about prayer and other faith related issues. We realize that many of our young people come to camp without much awareness of God's presence in their lives. One of our goals is to introduce the campers to a very loving and caring God who indeed will guide our lives if we allow Him to.

THE TALENT SHOW

Moving the talent show to Thursday afternoon because of Wednesday's rain was a great idea. From 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. the campers basked in the sunshine as they were entertained by an awesome variety of talent. The 26 acts, which were introduced by Mike Miller, were performed on the newly constructed outdoor stage. Singers, musicians and dancers included: Mike DeGagne, Brian Johnson, Chris Jackson, John Fiander, Joe Pugsly, Brian Long, Billy Frank, Dan Mott, Brendan Conners, Steve Ryan, Tony LeFevbre, Sean McCabe, the female counselors, the Cabin #14 dancers, Annie Hanlon, Christine Allen, Jill Leitao, Bill Candler & Friends, Caiti Meaney, Stefanie Zopati, Dave Snell, Heather Moore, Jenn Corey, Carissa Marlowe, Manda DiSpirito, Jenny Piaskoski, Connor Pedro, Kristen Joyce, The WJHS Singers, Cabin #1 Chorus, Annie Notrbridge, Kim Wadsworth, Melanie Wadsworth, The Katie Whyte Dancers, Lauren & Paula Chambers, Jen Klier, and Laura Kain. *(apologies to the few names we did not include)*

WOODSTOCK

Right on the heels of the Talent Show came "Woodstock," a continuation of outdoor entertainment with the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. The entertainers included: Manda DiSpirito, Stephanie Lewis, Mike DeGagne & Friends, Kevin Worth, Greg Zopatti, Jeff Kobel, Keith Verney, John Fiander, and Dave Snell. The activities around the stage included: juggling, folf, bead making, temporary tattoos, face painting, slip 'n slide, fortune telling and hacky sack.



CHAPEL & VESPERS

II Corinthians 5:1-10 were the verses chosen by the young people from Bethany Congregational Church as the focus of this evening's worship service. Jessica Lynch shared her thoughts on this passage. She suggested that "faith is not a leap into the dark, but a step into the light." The Rev. Bill Harding invited campers to take a pocket Bible with several verses, including John 3:16, highlighted. In addition to the young people from Bethany, three campers sang together: Caiti Meaney, Caiti Markesich and Michelle Frazier.

Jessica Lynch spoke again at vespers, sharing a story about being happy with what you have. Mal Hunt, one of the counselors, also shared a very personal reflection as we stood beside the warmth of the campfire.



VALENTINE'S DANCE

Meaghan Leahy and Mike Lake were crowned the Junior High Queen and King of tonight's Valentine's Dance held in the Rec Hall from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. Jill Leitao and Steve Ricardo were chosen as the Senior High Queen and King of the dance. The Thursday night dance is the social highlight of our week at Camp Kingsmont. Sarah Zerbonne and Kathryn O'Kane shared the planning responsibilities for tonight's event and D.J. Tom Remsen played all the campers' favorite tunes - the Rec Hall was rocking.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The afternoon and evening programs were better than ever this year. Many, many thanks to the staff who worked so hard toward their success.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Editor's Note - *The newspaper is delivered to the printer early on Friday morning, therefore the news on this page may not be 100% accurate - it's a forecast of what should happen.*

FRIDAY'S WEATHER - Meteorologist Meg Leonard promised bright sunshine... warm

FRIDAY'S THEME: Strength Bombardment

FRIDAY AFTERNOON: Handshake & Graduation

FRIDAY EVENING: Consecration Service and Campfire.

Breakfast: French toast stix, juice, cereal

Lunch: pizza, baby carrots, cookies

Dinner: Baked ham, mac & cheese, rolls, fruit

SATURDAY'S WEATHER - Meg promises more good weather for the trip home.

Breakfast Buffet - *everything* we didn't eat earlier in the week!!!

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FRIDAY'S MORNING GROUP

The final Morning Group sessions of the week were held on Friday morning. Two things always take place in Morning Group on Friday - a guided meditation and strength bombardment. The campers look forward to both. By the end of the week Morning Group members have become very close. Strength bombardment gives them an opportunity to share their positive thoughts about one another. The guided meditation gives them an opportunity to reflect again upon their relationship with God.

THE HANDSHAKE




On Friday afternoon all the campers and staff line up along the road by the Council Ring for the Final Handshake (aka: "hug line.") Led by the class of 2000, the campers

move past one another exchanging hugs and handshakes and saying their final good-bys. It takes almost 2 hours to say good-bye to everyone. Some good-bys are more difficult than others. For the graduating seniors, the final handshake can be a very, very emotional experience.

GRADUATION

Golden Apple Awards, Senior Pictures, and Cabin Inspection Awards are all part of the Graduation Ceremony which was held on Friday afternoon. Some of the seniors honored at the graduation ceremony will return as staff members. Don McGibbon served as the Master of Ceremonies. He presented Bob Gohl with several gifts in appreciation for the thirty years he has served on the camp staff. Bob was also a camper for 5 years.

CONSECRATION SERVICE

A most important part of our week together is Friday night's Consecration Services - a worship service that honors God for his presence in our lives as individuals and in our life together. The Senior High Consecration Service is held in the Rec Hall with communion. The Junior High Consecration Service is held in the dining hall with lots of singing and an opportunity for the young campers to express their feelings about our week together. At the conclusion of the Consecration Services each camper receives a memento and a candle. This year the memento was a pocket cross - one to keep and one to give away. Elsewhere in this newspaper is the poem that goes with the pocket crosses. Our evening ends together at the campfire with the singing of *The Lord's Prayer*.

SENIOR CAMPFIRE

Around the campfire after the Consecration Services, the seniors have an opportunity to share with the entire camp a few memories of their camp experiences and to thank all those who have especially touched their lives.

FAREWELL

On Saturday Morning we face our toughest task - loading the trucks and leaving camp behind. After a buffet breakfast, Rip gives his farewell message to the camp. Campers receive their copies of the camp newspaper as they head to the buses that will deliver them back to the South Shore. Many thanks to RIP and to the entire camp staff and to all the campers for a most wonderful week. Take the spirit of camp with you and share it with every life you touch.