

# **2001 CAMP NEWSPAPER**



**SEASONS OF LIFE**

**Lake Ossipee Conference Center  
Freedom, NH**

# SATURDAY

**DATE:** August 18, 2001

**WEATHER:** Bright, sunny day... warm... beautiful stars

**DINNER:** baked ziti, garlic bread, salad, cookies, fruit

## **A NEW CAMP... A NEW BEGINNING**

Our 44th year of camp began at noon today as 345 campers and 70 staff members assembled in the parking lot of The Weymouth High School - Pleasant Street Campus to begin their 3 hour journey to the Lake Ossipee Conference Center in Freedom, NH.

For 25 years, beginning in July of 1957, our camp week was held at The Geneva Point Conference Center on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. "Camp Winni" was a wonderful place and our program began to blossom. The counselors at "Camp Winni" were often the parents of campers. The Morning Program was taught by the ministers and was often referred to as "Sunday School Under The Pines." T-shirts and gym shorts were not considered appropriate attire. Rip, Don and Terry were all involved in the program at Winni. Rip, our director, has missed only one year of camp in its 44 year history. Don, our assistant director, first attended camp as a camper in 1958 followed by many years on the staff at "Winni." Terry joined the "Winni" staff in 1972. Bill Ferguson and Donna (Ripley) Fallon were both campers and counselors at "Winni." Glenn Holt and Laura (Mills) Hathaway were "Winni" campers. Geneva Point Center decided that they wanted to focus their attention on adult groups. Therefore a search was started for a new home for our camp week.

In August of 1983 camp moved from "Winni" to Camp Kingsmont in West Stockbridge, MA. Our camp program really began to grow. With the new camp came a number of great changes. The counselors were mostly young former campers - college students and young adults. Morning Group became much more creative and interactive. The Talent Show and Skit Night became very popular evening activities and camp dances continued to be the highlight of the week. We enjoyed 18 wonderful years at Camp Kingsmont, but Kingsmont wanted to move in a new business direction which meant that we again had to find a new home.

2001 will be our first summer on the shores of Lake Ossipee - we hope it will be the first of many! Yes, things might be different, but if you have been involved in camp before, you know it's not the place that makes this a great week... it's the people, and the program and the spirit that make camp what it is. We are looking forward to an awesome week.

## **CHAPEL**

The daily chapel service was held after dinner because we were later than expected arriving at camp. The Old South Union Church Youth Group led the service with the assistance of Glenn Holt on guitar. The scripture reading was the story of the final judgment from Matthew's gospel (Matthew 25:31-46) followed by a story titled *Wilbur's General Store*. Kindness done to strangers is kindness done to Jesus Christ.



## **EVENING CAMPFIRE**

Mike Miller and Rob Waugh hosted our first "virtual" campfire by the beach. Each of the staff members had the opportunity to introduce themselves to the camp. The most veteran cabin counselors are Laura Hathaway and Norma Magrane with well over 20 years at camp. Many other staff members are celebrating their "decade" at camp. This year's staff features 20 rookies, perhaps the largest group of rookies we have ever had. All the rookies are former campers. In addition to the introductions, a number of the staff shared their talents. Among those who sang were: Matt Fiander, Glenn Holt, Jeff Kobel, Sarah Zerbonne, Jon McCabe, Greg Zopatti, Alex Doyle, Bridget Madden, and Kevin Worth. Once again we have an incredibly talented group of counselors and a staff that is filled with energy and enthusiasm.

## **THE HARD-CORE BELT**

A brief video presentation attempted to trace the "HARD-CORE Championship Belt" which was in Rip's proud possession at the end of the 2000 camp season. The Most Reverend John Castricum, "Protector Of All That Is Good and Holy", chastised the would be belt thieves and sent them with tires screeching into the darkness of the night. Who knows where the belt may end up during our 2001 camp season?

## **MORNING WATCH**

An important part of our camp day is Morning Watch, a ten minute quiet time following breakfast that the whole camp participates in. The 2001 Morning Watch theme is *Growing Up*. The scripture readings are all from the gospel of Matthew and highlight the life of Jesus. Morning Watch also includes stories written by or for teenagers about growing up, questions to ponder, prayer seeds, and a poem.

## **OPINION POLL**

After 24 hours at camp we asked some of the campers and staff about their initial reactions to the new camp:

**Kelly Ryan** - "Nice view... I like the lake!"

**Ron Seely** - "Food is good!"

**Lauren Aiello** - "Nice bathrooms... I can shave my legs in the shower."

**Brad Whyte** - "I like it... food is better... and I can shave my legs and my pits in the shower."

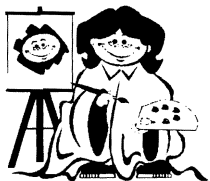
**George Raymond** - "It's beautiful!"

**Tom Flanagan** - "My cabin is cramped... showers are better."

**Rob Waugh** - "Great!"

## **WHAT IS MORNING GROUP?**

The heart of our daily program is Morning Group. The campers are divided into small groups of about 10 - 12 with two leaders. From 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. each morning they meet in these small groups to share a very carefully designed program that the staff has been working on all year. The camp theme is usually chosen by October. The 2001 camp theme is: *Seasons Of Life*. We will be exploring the various stages of human life from birth to death and beyond. The 90 minutes daily program includes: brainstorming, discussions, games, Bible Studies, a Camp Journal, and other creative activities designed to trigger our minds.



## **QUIZ YOURSELF**

- What was the 2000 camp theme?
- Who were the rookies in 1999?
- What was the 1999 camp theme?
- Who were the rookies in 1998?
- What was the 1998 camp theme?
- Who ran the canteen in 1998?

Why did Rip miss one of the 44 years of camp?

What current staff members were campers at Winni?

## **DID YOU KNOW**

In 1957 camp began at Geneva Point Center with 116 campers. In our final years at Kingsmont we had just over 350 campers and a waiting list. Today at the Lake Ossipee Conference Center we have grown to a camp with 345 campers and a waiting list of about 20.

In the earliest years campers had to dress up for dinner.

In the first years of camp, counselors were addressed as Mr., Mrs., or Miss... never by their first names.

Currently there are 5 member churches of the South Shore Congregational Youth Conferences - can you name them?

## **GOOD ADVICE FOR GRADUATES AND OTHERS**

*(From a graduation speech by Mary Schich)*

Sing!

Don't be reckless with other people's hearts... don't put up with those who are reckless with yours.

Don't waste time on jealousy... sometimes you're ahead... sometimes you're behind... The race is long, and in the end, it's only with yourself.

Remember the compliments you receive... forget the insults... if you succeed in doing this, tell me how.

Dance - even if you have nowhere to do it but your living room.

Do not read beauty magazines... they will only make you feel ugly.

Get to know your parents. You never know when they'll be gone for good.

Be nice to your siblings. They're your best link to the past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.

Respect your elders.

Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on.

## **FROM A NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER**

*GREAT SPIRIT, GIVE US HEARTS TO UNDERSTAND:*

*NEVER TO TAKE FROM CREATION'S BEAUTY MORE THAN WE GIVE;*

*NEVER TO DESTROY WANTONLY FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF GREED;*

*NEVER TO DENY TO GIVE OUR HANDS FOR THE BUILDING OF EARTH'S BEAUTY;*

*NEVER TO TAKE FROM HER WHAT WE CANNOT USE.*

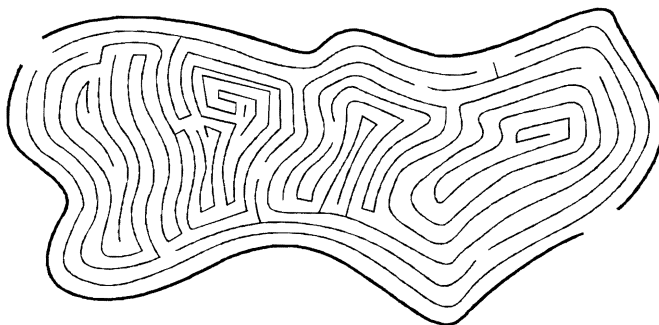
*GIVE US HEARTS TO UNDERSTAND:*

*THAT TO DESTROY EARTH'S MUSIC IS TO CREATE CONFUSION;*

*THAT TO WRECK HER APPEARANCE IS TO BLIND US TO BEAUTY;*

*THAT TO CALLOUSLY POLLUTE HER FRAGRANCE IS TO MAKE A HOUSE OF STENCH;*

*THAT AS WE CARE FOR HER SHE WILL CARE FOR US. AMEN.*



# SUNDAY

**DATE:** August 19, 2001

**WEATHER:** Hot! Bright sun... nice in the shade...

**THEME:** Spring! (Birth and childhood)

**BREAKFAST:** scrambled eggs, hash browns, french toast stix, juice

**LUNCH:** Pizza, salad bar, brownies

**DINNER:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, salad bar and "hoodsies"

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## MORNING PROGRAM

Today's morning program captured memories of our childhood. We introduced ourselves to our small groups by sharing what we know about our own births.

As we remembered what it was like to be a child, we played a few of our favorite childhood games. We also talked about the meaning of baptism and tried to remember our own baptism.

A few of the questions from today's program were:

*What was your favorite tv show when you were 6?*

*What was your favorite game when you were 8?*

*What did you want to be when you were 10?*

*Where did you sit at the family dinner table?*

*What can you remember about your first day of school?*

*Who was your first grade teacher?*

## AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Sunday's afternoon program was a huge Birthday Party for the entire camp. We assembled on the field by Morning Groups for 16 contests. The goal was for each team to win as many stars as they could by beating the competition. Contests included: water balloon throwing, three-legged race, cake eating, shoe shucking, musical chairs, and spoon race. As we go to press we are still waiting for the computer results of this wild competition to determine a definite winner. Many thanks to Kristyn Mills for organizing this afternoon event.

## CHAPEL

The young people and counselors of The First Congregational Church in Braintree were our worship leaders. The Rev. Bill Ferguson spoke about the people who come into our lives: some come into our lives for a reason - to meet a need... some come into our lives for a season - they are with us only for a brief time... others come into our lives for a lifetime - they are the ones who make a real difference in our lives with their love, their kindness and their care. The people who come into our lives for a lifetime are the ones we will never forget.

## SPREE TIME

Lunch is followed by Spree Time when a variety of activities are offered. On a hot day like today, swimming in Lake Ossipee is very popular. Other Spree Time activities include: hiking, juggling, kick boxing, soccer, tennis, sunbathing, talent show rehearsal, basketball, and a great new game called GAH GAH - it's like arena dodge ball.

## THE BEACH DANCE

From 8:00 to 10:30 P.M. our campers and staff danced the night away in the Rec Hall. The theme for the first of our two camp dances was "Beach Party." Many of the dancers wore brightly colored shirts or dresses. Neon Glow Stix added color to the evening. Tom Remsen provided the tunes. Another great feature was a huge video screen that displayed colorful images throughout the dance. *Stairway To Heaven* brought the dance to a close.

## VESPERS

We end each evening at camp with vespers, a brief meditation under the stars. On our first night of camp John Castricum led vespers. Tonight First Cong's campers read a wonderful story titled: *The Morning Of The World*, followed by a special message from Rip. At the close of vespers the entire camp joins hands and sings the Lord's Prayer together. The singing of the Lord's Prayer has been a tradition for all 44 years of camp no matter where camp has been held. Some things never change!

### A FRIEND

A friend is someone who gives you time

Yet asks for no time,

Who serves

When there seems to be no reason for service,

Who is honest

When it would be easier to lie,

Who cares for you when no one else seems to,

Who understands you

Even when you don't understand yourself,

Who accepts you for who you are

Even when others try to change you,

Who will be with you even when you're wrong,

Even when no one else wants to,

Who forgives you

Even when it's hard to forgive yourself.

Who trusts you

When you don't deserve to be trusted.

A friend is someone like you.

(Unforgettable Closings... Group Publishing)



# THE CAMP 2001 SENIOR SURVEY



<u>NAME</u>	<u>YOUTH</u> <u>GROUP</u>	<u>YEARS</u> <u>@ CAMP</u>	<u>PLANS FOR THE FALL</u>
Adam Aiello	Old South	6	Roger Williams University - RI
Ashley Andrews	Old South	4	Suffolk University - MA
Katie Atkins	Old South	4	Bryant College - RI
Hope Bickel	Old South	6	Barton College - North Carolina
Chris Bruce	Old South	5	Massasoit College
Liz Caliri	Bethany	5	Fitchburg State College
Maura Carney	Old South	4	University of New Hampshire
Allison Carroll	Old South	5	The Art Institute Of Boston
Kerrin Clark	Old South	3	Westfield State College
Jackie Crowell	Old South	5	Univ. of New Hampshire
Mike Degagne	First Cong.	7	Dalhousie Univ. - Canada
Kristen Deree	Old South	5	Colby-Sawyer - NH
Amanda DiSpirito	Old South	6	Returning To High School
Jeff Ellis	Old South	6	U. Mass - Dartmouth
Lauren Emery	Old South	4	Univ. of New Hampshire
Katelyn Fournier	Old South	6	Northeastern University
Laura Frado	Old South	5	Boston College
Hillary Francis	First Cong.	7	Bryant College
Josh Fredrickson	Old South	3	Wheaton College - MA
Erika Goldstein	Old South	5	Bentley College
Lynne Harrington	Old South	6	U. Mass - Amherst
Matt Hathaway	First Cong.	4	Berklee School of Music
Scott Hohmann	Old South	6	St. Michaels - VT
Kristen Joyce	Old South	5	U. Mass - Amherst
Meghan Leonard	Old South	4	Union College - NY
Stephanie Lewis	Old South	5	University of Delaware
George LoCascio	First Cong.	6	Massasoit College
John Lydon	Union Cong.	4	St. Leo - Florida
Christine Lynch	Old South	5	Providence College - RI
Eric Martinson	Old South	6	Union College - NY
Jason Margaca	Old South	6	U. Mass - Amherst
Renee Maziarz	Old South	6	Providence College - RI
Katharine Neville	Old South	6	Ithaca College - NY
Adrienne Perfetuo	Old South	4	Roger Williams - RI
Walter Purcell	First Cong.	4	Work Force University - RW
Mike Stewart	Old South	5	U. Mass - Amherst
Brad Thompson	First Cong.	6	Drew University - NJ
Katie Whyte	Old South	6	Bridgewater State
Dave Wooten	Old South	5	Tulane - Louisiana
Stefanie Zopatti	Old South	6	U. Mass - Dartmouth



# MONDAY

**DATE:** August 20, 2001

**WEATHER:** Rain, Rain go away...

**THEME:** Early Summer (Teen Years)

**BREAKFAST:** pancakes, eggs, cereal, juice

**LUNCH:** hamburgers, Curly Fries, Fruit

**DINNER:** beef burittos, rice, salad bar, ice cream sandwiches

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## **MORNING PROGRAM**

In our morning groups today we focused on the teenage years, a difficult time not only for teens, but often for their parents as well. We discussed the fears, the frustrations and the stress of

being a teen. We talked about our relationship with our parents. We graded our parents and ourselves on the way we listen to one another, treat each other, trust each other, and respect each other. We also completed a survey of the top ten priorities of today's teens. Items on the survey included: health, happiness, family, friends, money, etc.

Other discussion topics in today's program were school and confirmation.

A few questions from today's program were:

*Which tv or movie teen do you wish you were most like?*

*How would you describe a typical teen?*

*What makes you unique?*

*What do you enjoy doing for kicks?*

*What is your relationship with your family like now?*

*Do your parents treat you fairly?*

## **THE SURVIVOR GAME**

The rain forced us to cancel Spree Time today and move the afternoon program into the Rec Hall. Erin Spurling created a great Survivor Game to be played on the athletic field. Moving the program inside limited some of the things she had planned, but it did not ruin our fun. Each Morning Group provided one volunteer to participate in the game. The 32 volunteers were divided into two tribes that faced off in a variety of relay races and competitions. The losers of each contest had to vote one player off their own team. The contests included: True or False Counselor Trivia, limbo contest, balloon relay, tug-of-war, etc. There were also two contests involving very tasty treats liked pickled pigs' feet and octopus. Many thanks to Erin for her energy and enthusiasm and to the players for their efforts.

## **WORSHIP AND VESPERS**

First Church in Weymouth and Union Cong combined efforts to lead both worship and vespers today. At the worship service Harry LaCoste shared a story titled: "To Read When You're Alone Letters." The story was about teenage rebellion and how much comfort one person got from the letters of encouragement he received regularly from his mother.

At vespers Dan South spoke about his own teenage years. He spoke about the years when he doubted his Lord, his parents, and his friends, but in spite of his doubts, they never doubted him and were always there for him. Real love has a way of doing that!

## **THE GREEN GUY CREW**

Tonight's evening program could very well be the greatest production in our 44 year history. Harry LaCoste, Kevin Worth, and George Raymond, with great support from many staff members, created The Green Guy Crew - a take off on *The Blue Man Group*. They worked for months preparing tonight's production. With the House Band (Greg Zopatti, Jon McCabe, and Matt Fiander) playing in the background, The Green Guy Crew entertained us with creative drumming, wildly funny skits, great audience participation, and several videos. They were aided by PVC pipe instruments, neon green drumsticks, leaf blowers and miles of toilet paper. The 75 minute show ended with a spontaneous standing ovation from all the campers.

One of the best things about tonight's show was that the staff kept it a complete secret from the campers. There were hints that "Green Was Coming" which led campers to guess that Tom Green or Kermit The Frog or several of the Boston Celtics would be visiting camp.

Special t-shirts were created for The Green Guy Crew which will be available for campers and staff to purchase.

Harry, Kevin and George, we thank you for your hard work. We salute you for your creativity. We will never forget the show you put on tonight and the laughter that you put into our hearts.

What are you going to do next year to top this?



# TUESDAY

**DATE:** August 21, 2001

**WEATHER:** Sunny & bright, not too hot...

**THEME:** Summer (Turning 21 & the adult years)

**BREAKFAST:** french toast, bacon, eggs, cereal, juice

**LUNCH:** Chicken nuggets, steak fries, salad bar

**DINNER:** ham, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, salad bar, popsicles

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## MORNING PROGRAM

As we met in our small groups this morning we talked about what it means to be an adult. We discussed adult choices, adult responsibilities, marriage, family life, careers, and the role of the church in our lives as adults. We began the morning program with a game called "Four Ball" which stresses the importance of teamwork and communication - two very important factors in positive relationships.

Sample Questions from today's morning program:

*Does turning 21 make you an adult?*

*What makes a person an adult?*

*What are some of the important decisions adults have to make?*

*What do you think your life will be like at age 30?*

*How will you measure your own success?*

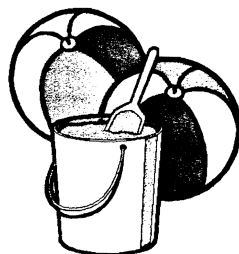
*Will you go to church?*

*Will you get married?*

*How will you be different from your own parents?*

## THE BEACH PARTY

Following Spree Time, Lynne Thompson and Mal Hunt organized a great beach party for the whole camp. We "hiked" to The Point Beach, a location that is usually out-of-bounds for our campers. On the beach we enjoyed a tug-of-war, limbo contest, relay races in the water, frisbee, sand castle building, and throwing the staff in the water. The party ended with our own version of "Sink Or Swim" as seen on MTV. It was a beautiful afternoon to spend on the beach just relaxing and having fun.



## WHAT IS A WINNER?

I know that being a winner is not about winning whatever race faces me in the moment. I recognize I am a winner just by pushing myself every day and by waking up each morning feeling blessed by the day that lies ahead of me. Through this I am winning in the most important race ever, the race I entered at birth - the race we call life. (Amy Huffman)

## WORSHIP

Seniors Adrienne Perfetuo, Katelyn Fournier, Eric Martinson, Renee Maziarz, Steph Lewis, Hope Bickel, Kerrin Clark and Laura Frado led the worship service today. Hope and Kerrin shared marvelous stories of being caring and accepting. Renee shared "The Greatest Commandment" - *"Love one another as I have loved you."* (Matthew 22:35-40.) Steph Lewis sang *I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever*.

At Vespers Lauren Emery and Stef Zopatti, two more members of the Class of '01, shared *Oh The Places You'll Go* by Dr. Suess before we all joined hands for the singing of The Lord's Prayer.



## SKIT NIGHT

Andy Smith and Greg Zopatti hosted a night of creative channel surfing. Each cabin was assigned a cable television station (MTV, Comedy Central, The Food Channel, etc.) and they had to create a skit based on that channel. About half the skits were video taped during the day and shown on a big screen. The other half of the skits were presented live on the stage. One of the more creative videos was a segment of *UNSOLVED MYSTERIES* produced by Chalet North. The Executive Staff also created a video segment and The Rookies presented a live skit. As usual, imitating counselors was a popular theme for several of the skits, and our new friend, Ollie, also found himself in several of the cabin productions.

## WORDS THE EXECUTIVE STAFF ARE LEARNING FROM ZOPATTI'S DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE -

SWEET	FLY
DUDE	DIESEL
PHAT	DOPE
WORD	RABID

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HAVING A DREAM ISN'T STUPID... IT'S NOT  
HAVING A DREAM THAT'S STUPID.

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

# WEDNESDAY

**DATE:** August 22, 2001

**WEATHER:** Mostly sunny & bright... a few afternoon showers

**THEME:** Fall (growing old)

**BREAKFAST:** waffles, eggs, cereal, fruit

**LUNCH:** hot dogs, rolls, mac & cheese, salad bar

**DINNER:** lasagna, vegetables, garlic bread, salad bar, brownies

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## MORNING PROGRAM

Groovy Grandparents and growing old were the focus of Morning Group today. We talked about the challenges of growing old and the tough decisions that older folks are faced with. A passage from *Tuesdays With Morrie* was included for our study.

A few questions from today's program were:

- *Who is the oldest person you know?*
- *How old is old in your opinion?*
- *When you're married and have your own family, could your aging parents move in with you?*
- *What are your fondest memories of your grandparents and great-grandparents?*
- *How can a person grow old gracefully?*

## FOUR WAYS TO GROW OLD GRACEFULLY

FEAR LESS... HOPE MORE

EAT LESS... CHEW MORE

TALK LESS... SAY MORE

HATE LESS... LOVE MORE

## ROSE'S LESSONS FOR LIFE:

- "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing."
- "You have to laugh and find humor every day."
- "You've got to have a dream... when you lose your dreams, you die."
- "There's a huge difference between growing older and growing up... the idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change."
- "Have no regrets... the only people who fear death are those with regrets."

## WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP

Mal Hunt and the campers from Bethany Cong. led both worship and vespers on Wednesday. A highlight of the worship service was Erin Kennerly singing *THE ROSE* accompanied by Dan Sachetti on the guitar.

Vespers was held at Sandy Beach around a campfire. Liz Caliri read scripture and Mal Hunt offered 2 stories.

## THE CRADLE TO GRAVE RELAY

After a a few brief afternoon rain showers, the campers gathered on the field for a huge relay race. The campers were divided into 6 teams by Morning Groups. Everyone had to participate in the great race which began with birth (diapering and drinking from a baby bottle) and ended with death (being carried to the grave.) Though the awesome BLUE team crossed the finish line first, the YELLOW team earned enough bonus points to give them the victory. Kristyn Mills created this afternoon's activity.



## THE TALENT SHOW

For almost three hours we were entertained by some outstanding talent in the Rec Hall...

Mike Miller and Jon McCabe produced an awesome show, assisted by an hardworking

stage crew and the golden voice of Alex "Scratch" Doyle... The acts included:

- (1) Bulldogs With Mayo Band
- (2) Jen, Gena & Heather - *All Or Nothing*
- (3) Dave Snell - *Let Her Cry*
- (4) Jess Busa - *Fallen*
- (5) Bill, Dave, Pat, & Andy - *Baby On Board*
- (6) Caiti & Allison Meaney - *I Am Your Angel*
- (7) The Katie Whyte Dance Company
- (8) Allison Carroll - *If We Hold On Together*
- (9) Dave Snell & Kristen Joyce - *Be Like That*
- (10) Andy Shefflin & Allison Meaney - *Music Of My Heart*
- (11) Colleen Fennessey - *Right Kind Of Wrong*
- (12) Annie & Emily Northridge - *Can't Fight The Moonlight*
- (13) Kerrin Clark - *Lose Your Way*
- (14) Mike DeGagne & Caiti Meaney - *Take My Picture*
- (15) The 3 M Dance Team (Meaney, Murphy, McGrath)
- (16) Jen Corey & Lindsey Meyers - *I Believe*
- (17) Allison Meaney & John Fiander - *But I Do Love You*
- (18) Caitie Markesich - *Piano Man*
- (19) Katharine, Laura & Kristen - *Cowboy, Take Me Awat*
- (20) Harry LaCoste & Kerrin Clark - *Suddenly Seymour*
- (21) Dave Snell - *Push*
- (22) Laura, Emily & Sean - *Forever Yours*
- (23) Laura & Katie Frado - *Wide Open Spaces*
- (24) Kim Wadsworth - *Cry*
- (25) Jenny Piaskoski - *Friends Are Friends Forever*
- (26) Bill Candler - *Cellophane*
- (27) John Fiander - *Saints And Sinners*
- (28) Jackie Graziano - *I'll Stand By You*
- (29) Greg & Stef - *Stand By Me*
- (30) Mike DeGagne - *Waste*
- (31) Lynn Smith & Bill Candler - *A Whole New World*
- (32) Walter & Matt - *Rockin' In The Free World*
- (33) Katharine Neville & John Fiander - *If I Am...*
- (34) Stephanie Lewis & Mike DeGagne - *Elderly Woman...*
- (35) Amand DiSpirito - *Every Time*

# THURSDAY

**DATE:** August 23, 2001

**WEATHER:** "Best Day Ever!"

**THEME:** Winter (Death)

**BREAKFAST:** french toast stix, eggs, sausage, cereal, fruit, juice

**LUNCH:** bbq chicken, rice, veggies, salad bar

**DINNER:** roast beef, roasted potatoes, veggies, salad bar, cookies

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## **MORNING PROGRAM**

The Morning Program tackled a very difficult issue today - death. The young people were encouraged to share their fears and their beliefs about death. We began the session by talking about loss. "Life is a series of losses, but also a series of gains - in order to gain things in life we have to let other things go. Death is the loss of our earthly life, but it's also the gain of a heavenly life." We used a death survey as an outline for our conversation. We talked about what happens to a person when they die and why so many people fear death.

Some of the questions from today's discussion were:

- How would you define life?
- What is the relationship between life and death?
- Do teenagers think about death a lot?
- Is death desirable sometimes?
- Does faith affect your views on death?
- Do you believe in heaven? What is it?
- What did the resurrection of Jesus mean?



## **MORNING WATCH**

Morning Watch posed a few very interesting questions this morning:

- HAVE YOU EVER FELT ABANDONED BY GOD?
- DOES GOD EVER ABANDON THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN HIM?
- DOES JESUS CHRIST MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE?

## **THE GAME OF LIFE**

Bill Ferguson and Donna Fallon created a huge game of *LIFE* on the athletic field for our afternoon program. Our game was just like the board game that people have played for many years. Each Morning Group was a player in the game of *LIFE*. Important decisions had to be made about college or career? Single or married? With or without children? Etc.... This was not a race. The winner was determined by the amount of money earned by the end of the game. It's very interesting that our 3 senior morning groups finished the game #1 (Terry), #2 (Rip) and #3 (Don.)

## **WORSHIP & VESPERS**

What a treat! Our first year counselors, who have been doing an OUTSTANDING job all week, were our worship leaders today. At the chapel service they shared the marvelous story of *The Littlest Christmas Tree*... they related the story to our purpose in life.

At Vespers, following the dance, Jon McCabe, Emily Northridge and Matt Fiander sang *Forever Young* followed by the entire camp singing *The Lord's Prayer*.

## **THE 2001 PROM**

Our second dance of the week was a "formal" dance - THE 2001 PROM. Originally we had planned this to be a dinner dance in the rec hall, but the logistics of serving dinner to 425 campers and counselors in the Rec Hall could not be worked out. Therefore dinner was in the dining room at the regular times and then the campers returned to their cabins to get ready for the Prom which began at 8:00 P.M. and ended at 11:00 P.M. Though the Rec Hall gets incredibly hot during a dance, everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Tom Remsen played the tunes and everyone seemed to be out on the dance floor.

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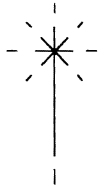
## **LOOKING AHEAD**

As this week at camp draws to a close, our executive staff will be meeting with The Lake Ossipee Conference Center Staff to begin planning for the future. We will be returning to The Conference Center in August of 2002 and we are already building on this year's experience and sharing ideas for the future. One of the things we want to do is to build an outside chapel or council ring. We will be bringing a group of campers to camp in the spring to work on this project. The Conference Center is planning to increase the size of some of their smaller cabins, adding showers to those that do not have showers. They will also be doing some work on their Rec Hall to improve both the sound and the air flow.

One of the things that is very clear is that The Lake Ossipee Conference Center has really enjoyed our campers and staff and they want us to return. They're impressed with how cooperative our campers are and they are very impressed with the program we run.

At this point I want to thank all of you - campers and staff - on behalf of the Executive Staff for an awesome week. We were a bit apprehensive about how things would go this week, but with everyone's enthusiasm, energy and cooperation it has been a great week.

(T.O.M.)



## **A SENIOR'S CAMP REFLECTION**

by Stephanie Lewis '01



I came to camp in eighth grade on a yellow bus  
Back pack on, trunk in hand, a teddy bear a must.  
After riding for 3 hours - McDonalds stop on the way  
We arrive in a place called Kingsmont for 7 fun-filled days.  
Those first few days brought nervousness, but lots of excitement too  
We were having tons of fun without a clue what to do.  
First thing's first, that's Morning Watch - think, pray, and get a tan  
After that there is Morning Group; for 3 years I had Dan and Ann  
Run back to your cabin and drop of your things, now it's time for lunch  
Most of the time it wasn't edible so you didn't eat that much.  
Dismissed from lunch and it's Spree Time where you do where you want to be  
The soccer fields, or at the pond or just give it up and go make beads.  
It's 3:15 - pack up your things and head down to the fields  
Afternoon program is ready to start, I think it's *Let's Make A Deal*.  
Return to Cabin #10, shower, cleanup a bit  
Chapel service is about to start, you must find a place to sit.  
We listen and pray and sing songs led by this guy, Glenn  
He's really good at the guitar; he has a son named Ben.  
Chapel is over, time for supper - I wonder what it will be?  
No American Chop Suey, pizza or tacos - just Shepherd's Pie for me.  
Sprint back to your cabin as fast as you can, the dress up dance is tonight  
I wonder who will scoop on who, or which preteen couple will fight.  
After *Stairway* go down to the fire and let's sing the Lord's Prayer  
The Jr. High campers have to go back early - "Dude, it's just not fair."  
Back in the cabin we sit around and talk as girls do  
Who'd you dance with? Who'd you talk to? Who do you think is cute?  
Our poor counselors they got no sleep but they loved us just the same.  
Now I only have the memories and pictures from that first year I came.



Five years later I am back at camp but we are all in a new place.  
It's not the same but it's kind of cool, the food has better taste.  
There are lots of trees here and dirt paths and a big lake to swim in.  
We dressed up in thug-like gear to represent the top floor of our cabin.  
I have Rip for a morning group leader; the group is mad sweet.

I still say we won the birthday game because we didn't cheat.  
At the dance we all got together and danced on the tennis courts.  
Maybe it's because we're all so close now, there was no scoopage to report.  
The Talent Show, Survivor, Green Guy Crew, Skit Night -  
It's not the place, it's the people here that make camp just right.  
Camp is a final week to spend time with all your friends,  
And just like true sisters, we're there for each other 'til the end.  
Next year we won't be together; I know it won't be the same.  
But such is life; change is inevitable, there is no one to blame.  
Thank you Terry, thank you Rip and to all the counselors here -  
You've made my week at camp full of happiness and cheer.  
Camp has taught me many lessons I will need for life;  
Be yourself, love your neighbor, always do what's right.  
To the younger campers, enjoy your years - just don't run amuck.  
To my best friends who are moving on - Thank You and Good Luck.

Besides "Did you survive?" one of the most common questions parents ask me when we get back is, "what happened to our kids?" They are amazed that so much growth can happen in one week.

But it does!

This is a poem I wrote about how this amazing transformation happens. I hope you like it.

- John

### What shall we say?

John Castricum

*What shall we say of all this beauty?  
Can words express the strength of a tree,  
the sharp blue of the sky,  
the solid mountains rounded majestic,  
the stars piercing the black sky,  
so clear, so bright?*

*What shall we say of all this beauty?  
Can words express a glance,  
when eyes meet  
and all is said, and passes away so fast,  
when the shared silence  
paints the canvas of friendship  
with new color and shape,  
when walking side by side  
makes solid the foundation of caring.*

*What shall we say of all this beauty?  
Can we speak the meaning  
of a candle aflame in holiness  
defying the dark,  
of campfires reflecting orange glow  
on faces with solemn eyes looking  
into the depths of the night,  
of prayers sung in hushed tones  
lifting up and out  
joining creation in the constant song of praise.*

*What shall we say of all this beauty?  
Who can tell us why we laugh at jokes  
never told before, disappearing into the  
memory of the week,  
why a song so familiar brings a flood of  
feelings we never seen within ourselves,  
why a place is drenched with life and meaning,  
more than anywhere else on earth?*

*What shall we say of all this beauty?  
When we return to parents, friends, siblings,  
and they see a depth of spirit,  
a love grown rich,  
a joy of life  
a growth no one expected,  
what shall we say?  
All we have is ordinary words,  
too flimsy for the awe of it all.  
We will try - try so hard to make them  
understand,  
to hear as we heard and see as we saw.  
We will try and fail.*

*So what shall we say of all this beauty?  
Everything and nothing, and all in between.  
We shall be proof that miracles are real,  
we shall be bearers of mystery,  
we shall show the world  
the unspeakable beauty of love,  
leaving them only to be thankful  
for whatever happened.*

*Nothing will do except living a life for others.  
The glow of our lives is all that we will have  
to let people know  
what happened.*

*What can we say of all this beauty?  
In the end, all we can do  
is lift up a silent, grateful prayer,  
to our God, the Holy One from whom  
all beauty flows  
into the silent mystery of our lives.*

## **AN INTERVIEW WITH "RIP"**

**Editor:** Rip, what are your first impressions of our new camp, The Lake Ossiipee Conference Center?

**Rip:** "I'm very impressed... the food is very, very good... the congeniality of the LOCC staff is great... I like the location - the lake, the mountains... I think this new camp has many advantages... it reminds me quite a bit of Winni."

**Editor:** You've directed the camp week for 43 of its 44 year history. What have been the highlights over that period of time?

**Rip:** "The campers have always been the highlight of camp for me... I really don't think that teens have changed very much over the last 44 years. Society has changed, but the teens still have the same dreams, concerns and goals... this is not a Bible camp, though some think it should be... the interaction between our counselors and our campers has always been important... it's not the place that makes camp. It's the people. And it's always been that way."

**Editor:** Why has camp been so successful for 44 years?

**Rip:** "It's really unexplainable... there's a special 'spirit' at camp... if you've never been a part of it, you really can't explain it."

**Editor:** Do you think that camp will continue for another 44 years?

**Rip:** "Yes!... I don't see why it can't continue... my goal is to make it for at least 50 years!"

**Editor:** Do you think we'll still be at The Lake Ossiipee Conference Center?

**Rip:** "That would be great!... I hope that this is the first of many years here... I plan to give them a deposit for 2002 tomorrow!"

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## **WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT BEING A ROOKIE?**

Ali - "You get lots of attention. I like that!"

Jillian - "Not having to participate in afternoon programs - that's the best!"

Lauren - "Bossing around little kids!"

Kelley - "I like the girls in my cabin!"

Mark - "Just being here... just being a part of this is awesome."

Mike - "All the girls think I'm hot!"

Emily - "I like meeting so many people."

Meghan - "I HATE the overflowing toilets!"

Courtney - "Waking up to Terry's smiling face each morning."

Greg - "I like being Zopatti's translator! That's sweet!"

## **FRIDAY\***

### **MORNING GROUP**

The theme was "Spring Again." We included a "Faith Wandering" and Strength Bombardment in today's morning program. Strength Bombardment is one of the *best* things about Morning Group.

### **HUG LINE (CAMP HANDSHAKE)**

The entire camp met on the athletic field for the "Hug Line" - a tradition that has come with us to Lake Ossiipee. Led by the seniors, the entire camp has the opportunity to say good-bye to one another with a hug or a handshake.

### **GRADUATION**

To honor the Camp Class of 2001, Don McGibbon was the MC for the annual graduation ceremony. Terry introduced each of the seniors and Don gave them a framed photograph of the Class of 2001. Golden Apple Awards and Inspection Awards are also a part of the graduation ceremony.

### **CONSECRATION SERVICES**

The Junior High campers with John, Bill and Glenn met in Pahawska Lodge and the Senior High campers met in the Rec Hall with Rip, Terry and Don for the Consecration Services. The 2001 camp momentos and candles were given to each camper. The Senior High Consecration Service, a communion service, is led by the seniors. In the Junior High Consecration Service there is much involvement of the campers in singing and the open prayer. Following the services, the campers made a huge circle on the athletic field and the "Circle of Light" was created.

### **SENIOR HIGH CAMPFIRE**

Our Senior High campers ended their week on Sandy Beach with a campfire. Each senior was given the opportunity to speak to the campers to share their memories and to give thanks for all the joy they have had as campers. Sandy Beach is an ideal spot for this final gathering of the Senior High.

## **SATURDAY\***

Rise 'N Shine came at the usual 7:00 A.M. hour. Before breakfast all the trunks had to be packed and the cabins cleaned.

Breakfast was later than usual.

Following breakfast we all met together for one last time overlooking Lake Ossiipee. Rip promised that we would be back.

**MANY THANKS TO A WONDERFUL STAFF AND AN AWESOME GROUP OF CAMPERS FOR MAKING YEAR #44 OF CAMP SO "MAD SWEET!"**

**\*written on Thursday...**

## **2001 CAMP STAFF**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YRS CAMPER</u>	<u>YRS STAFF</u>	<u>WHAT I DO WHEN I'M NOT AT CAMP</u>
Lauren Aiello	4	4	Student at U. Mass - Boston
Annmarie Bendix	6	7	Art Teacher in Brockton Public Schools
Nicholas Bruce	5	1	Student at Fitchburg State
Meghan Campbell	6	1	Student at Providence College
John Castricum	0	5	Pastor - Old South Union Church
Lauren Cresswell	5	1	Student at Assumption College
Mark DiLillo	6	1	Student at U. Mass - Amherst
Alex Doyle	6	5	Band Member... enjoying serenity
Jenn Driscoll	6	1	Student at Bridgewater State
Jen Ducie	4	3	Student @ Boston College
Corinne Duffy	6	3	Employed by Sager Electric
Donna Fallon	6	17	Mom <u>and</u> Pediatrics Office Work
Bill Ferguson	6	10	Pastor - moving from Braintree to NH
Stephen Flaherty	6	4	Cancer Research at M.I.Y.
Carol Harding	0	17	Nurse at Quincy Medical Center
Laura Hathaway	6	16	Employed by Verizon <u>and</u> future mother
Glenn Holt	3	20	Painter <u>and</u> Youth Pastor
Malissa Hunt	2	5	Grad Student at Northeastern
Matt Ings	6	2	'01 Babson Grad... consultant
Karen Jackson	1	1	Student at Champlain College
Liz Joyce-Brandt	3	1	Student at Bridgewater State
Meredith Kelley	6	1	Student at Bridgewater State
Jeff Kobel	6	6	Gainfully employed in Burlington, VT
Harry LaCoste	2	5	Actor <u>and</u> Substitute Teacher
Mike Larsson	5	1	Student at Boston College
Jillian Leitao	2	1	Student at U. Mass - Amherst
Kelley Lewis	4	1	Student at Syracuse University
Liz LoCascio	7	4	Student at Old Dominion <u>and</u> volunteer PT
Kate McAllister	2	4	Americorps Volunteer in Washington, DC
Amanda McGibbon	7	1	Student at Curry College
Don McGibbon	2	29	Employed by Network Plus
Kelly MacMillan	4	3	Student at U. Mass - Amherst
Bridget Madden	6	2	Ed. Tech in Freeport, Maine
Greg Madden	6	1	Landscaper
Norma Magrane	5	10	Day Care Provider <u>and</u> mother
Terry Martinson	0	25	Pastor - Old South Union Church
Christina Meola	6	4	Student at U. Mass - Boston
Mike Miller	6	4	Weymouth High School History Teacher
Kristyn Mills	6	13	After School Director
Jennifer Mullin	1	1	Student at University Of Vermont
Emily Northridge	5	1	Student at U. Conn
George Raymond	3	4	Student <u>and</u> Radio Personality (WBMX)
Tom Remsen	0	9	Employed as an engineer
Bob Ripley	0	43	Pastor - First Cong. in Braintree
Kelly Ryan	3	3	Student at Mass Collge of Pharmacy
Amy Savage	6	1	Student at Syracuse University
Ron Seely	6	2	Law Student @ Northeaster University
Andrew Smith	7	2	International Expedition Leader

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Courtney Smith	6	1	Student at Bridgewater State
Kate Smith	4	2	Student at Roger Williams
Dan South	4	6	Becoming a Braintree Firefighter
Erin Spurling	6	7	Fourth Grade Teacher - Kingston
Terry Steel	5	8	Abington Police Officer
Julie Stracuzzi	7	2	Student Teaching in Nashua
Brian Thompson	7	2	Becoming a shrimp boat captain
Lynne Thompson	7	2	'01 Bucknell Grad... "in transition"
Rob Waugh	6	4	'01 Stonehill Grad ... "in transition"
Kevin Worth	7	3	Student at Savannah College Of Art
Sarah Zerbonne	4	2	Student at Colby College
Greg Zopatti	6	2	Student at U. Mass - Amherst

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### **WHERE IN THE WORLD IS BILL HARDING?** (written by Carol Harding)

On March 9, 2001, the Rev. Bill Harding, Chaplain for the 399th Combat Support Hospital Army Reserve Unit, was deployed to Kosovo, formerly Yugoslavia. His reserve unit is now part of the Multi National Force of NATO, KFOR (Kosovo Force.) He is part of the Task Force Medical Falcon and is assigned to Camp Bondsteel Hospital, which is a tent structure. Most everyone on the base resides in buildings called seahuts, which contain five six-man rooms. He assures us that the living conditions are as comfortable as the U.S. can make it. Armies from all over the world are stationed here, including Italy, Russia, UAE, Jordan, Ireland, and the UK.

The hospital and Task Force Med Falcon provide care for this region, and receive patients of all types from all over Kosovo. Soldiers and civilians are treated and well taken care of. He has witnessed and cared for victims of mine explosions, gun shot wounds, car accidents, fires, chopper crashes and other disasters. He has said that the most difficult thing for him to comprehend is the hatred and anger among the people, but there has been some progress in their understanding the peace process and an increased concern for the children and their future.

All of us back home here, his family, friends, church, youth group, campers and all people whose lives Bill has touched, miss him greatly and look forward to and pray for his safe return home in mid-October.

### **THE FOLLOWING IS AN ARTICLE THAT REV. BILL HARDING WROTE FOR THE *FALCON FLIER* RECENTLY**

As our time goes rushing by in Kosovo, it is important that we take time to remember all the things we need to be thankful for. We make lists for lots of things, shopping, work, etc. But very few sit down and take time to list the good things that happen to us every day. I would like to list a few of the gifts of God for which I am thankful, and I know that some of you will be also.

The first is our minds; minds to think, to learn, to know. What wonderful things our minds are, beyond comprehension. The most intricate computers are crude compared to the complexity of the mind that God has given to us. Truth is also to be known, grasped and held by our minds. We also have a heart. Hearts to feel the beauty and truth of creation, to thrill at the sight of a sunset, a sunrise, a flower, a bird against a blue sky. We have hearts to feel the thrill of the majesty of creation that extends from the snowflakes to the mountains, from the smallest to the largest, all of it in harmony, all of it with fantastic beauty. We have strength to face problems and bear burdens, and love to redeem our lives and to save us. God has given us love so that we can rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep, and our hearts are brought together in a tapestry of beauty.

However, we need commitment to one another to bring this about. We need to look for the gift of joy, the deep down joy, and also its lighter cousin, laughter. I feel we do not laugh enough.

Then there is PEACE. Peace with God and peace within ourselves and with other people. This is a wonderful gift in the midst of the turmoil of today. We need to hold on to that gift. We must be willing to stand at the center of the storm and help to bring about peace and understanding. The winds blow and the earth shakes, but we must continue forward showing the way of peace through our love and commitment. We need to secure a peaceful future for the people of this land by being the examples that God would have us be.

We are part of the dream of many people of this country and therefore must help to secure a peaceful solution no matter what may happen. I ask you to take time to pray and become an instrument of God's love. Let us resolve to encourage one another and the people of this land to be forgiving and understanding so that the children can live a life with peace and love.