

The Places You Will Go

Camp 2002

SATURDAY

CAMP 2002

The 45th year of camp began in the parking lot of Weymouth High School at 9:45 A.M. when the first camper, Katie Frado, unloaded her gear from the trunk of her mom's car. Nineteen "rookie" counselors greeted her with great enthusiasm. About an hour later the other campers started arriving - 324 in all. With the hot sun beating down upon them and working as a team, the staff loaded the trucks and tried to solve the problem of



where to put all the stuff that would not fit into the luggage trucks. Eight yellow school buses and one motor coach arrived to provide the necessary transportation to camp. By

noon the buses were filled with eager campers and stuffed with the remaining sleeping bags and other soft luggage. The 136 mile journey to camp took just under four hours.

2002 is our second year at The Lake Ossipee Conference Center (LOCC) in Freedom, NH. Already it feels like home. We've adjusted well to eating in two shifts and to a few cabins without showers. We've taken care of the biggest complaint from our first summer at LOCC by building a Council Ring around a fire pit. Looking out across Lake Ossipee to the mountains in the west is an awesome sight. The hot weather promises that the lake will be well used by the campers and staff.

Upon arrival at camp, Rip briefly welcomed the campers and staff. Cabin assignments were made and everyone went off to find their cabin, select the best bunk, and locate their luggage. We are not quite as crowded this summer as we were in 2001. It appears that there is a bed for everyone. That's always good news!

At 4:45 P.M. everyone met together to review the camp's rules. Assistant Director Don McGibbon reviewed our guidelines for the week and introduced "Ollie" from the LOCC staff to go over the camp's rules and the safety procedures. Next on the agenda before dinner was to read the Morning Group assignments and give the campers a brief opportunity to meet the leaders of their groups.

SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Ziti with cheese and sauce
Garlic bread
Peas
Salad Bar
Fruit
Cake



CHAPEL AND VESPERS

Sunday's chapel service was led by members of Old South Union's Youth Group with musical help from Glenn Holt and Greg Zopatti. The theme was growth and potential. "It's important to know who you are, but it's also important to know who you yet may be."

Before the traditional singing of the Lord's Prayer at Vespers, Terry Martinson shared with the camp a simple prayer written by Father Mychal Judge, chaplain of the NYC Fire Department. Father Judge was one of the first people killed on September 11th, but he died doing what he was called to do - ministering to people in need. Father Judge's prayer is:

Lord, take me where you want me to go.

Let me meet who you want me to meet.

Tell me what you want me to say...

And keep me out of your way. Amen.

Father Judge knew the importance of serving God by serving others.

THE EVENING CAMPFIRE



Tom Remsen led a Saturday evening campfire filled with song and laughter. Glenn and Greg served as our song leaders. They mixed in a few new songs with a number of our old favorites.

A highlight of the campfire was breaking out into the eight colors that will be our teams for the week. Every camper and counselor has been assigned to one of the eight teams: red, green, yellow, white, maroon, gray, royal blue, and navy blue. Each team had to develop a cheer to be performed for the camp.

A second highlight of the campfire was the introduction of the entire staff. Staff members shared their years of experience as both a camper and a counselor. They also shared their favorite movies.

NAME YOUR FAVORITE

movie...	hot dog topping...
holiday food...	trick to stop the hiccups...
girl scout cookie...	Dr. Suess book...
Nascar Driver...	Name for a doll...
One Hit Wonder...	Olympic Sport...
Muppet...	item on a salad bar...
Olsen Twin...	Counselor...
Gatorade Flavor...	Extreme Sport...
Time to party...	Story to have read to you...

COOL CAMP T-SHIRTS

Brian Downey, one of the campers from Old South designed the 2002 camp t-shirt. Brian graduated from Weymouth High School in June and soon will enroll as a freshman at The University of Hartford where he will major in art. Brian recently designed t-shirts for the Post-Prom Party at WHS and for Great Esker Park. Brian is one of many talented campers.



CAMP DIRECTOR, BOB RIPLEY

The South Shore Congregational Youth Conference has been sponsoring a week of camp for 45 years. Bob Ripley, our director, has been a part of the camp for all but one of those years when he attended the Scout Jamboree in New Mexico. "Rip" has served as a pastor at The East Milton Congregational Church and at The First Congregational Church in Braintree. Currently, in addition to serving as our camp director, "Rip" teaches at Quincy Community College, substitutes in the Braintree Schools, and does supply preaching at several churches on the South Shore.

For the first 25 years the camp week, which was in early July, was held at The Geneva Point Conference Center and was called "Camp Winni." From "Winni" camp was moved to Camp Kingsmont in Western Massachusetts for 18 years. That moved also meant changing the camp week to late August. Two years ago we found a new home for camp - The Lake Ossipee Conference Center. We'd like to celebrate our 50th anniversary of camp at Lake Ossipee. The year will be 2007. Our current seventh graders will be our seniors in 2007 and hopefully a number of our current campers will be on the staff.

DR. SUESS

The stories of Dr. Suess were chosen for our 2002 camp theme. Dr. Suess writes children's stories with grownup themes. Dr. Suess is Theodor Suess Geisel (1904-1991.) He is credited with bringing fun into the process of learning to read. He wrote and illustrated 44 books. The simple but wise words of Dr. Suess have helped many a child and grownup along the complicated path of life. During our week together we will be reading and exploring:

<i>Horton Hears A Who</i>	<i>The Lorax</i>
<i>Yertle, The Turtle</i>	<i>The Sneetches</i>
<i>Thidwick</i>	<i>Oh! The Places You'll Go</i>



THE BLEACHERS

Tom Remsen designed and built our new council ring with a great assist from a number of our counselors. The council ring was paid for by donations from Old South's campers and their families. Many, many thanks to Ron Pompeo's construction company for transporting the six sections of bleachers to camp.

The fire pit was created and donated by Lloyd Barber of the Alvin Hollis Oil Company.

CAMP BY THE NUMBERS

45	Years of camp
44	Years "Rip" has been at camp
31	Don McGibbon has been a camper or on staff
83	Times <i>STAIRWAY</i> has been played at dances
324	Campers in 2002
67	Staff members in 2002
19	First Year Counselors ("Rookies")
12	"Rookies" returning from 2001
42	Seniors at camp
5	Seniors leaving camp early for college
4	Campers with beards
6	Counselors with beards
1	Counselors trying hard to grow a beard
5	Gospel preachers.....
1464	Screws in the new Council Ring
1600	Dollars spent at BJs for snacks for the canteen
4	Counselors who attend UMass
2	Counselors who attend Syracuse University
1982	Year Dave Holt, Glen's brother, wrote <i>Compass</i>
352	Days 'til Annmarie Bendix gets married
365	Days 'til Camp 2003
3.7	Average number of hours Tom Remsen sleeps
7	Times "Ollie" said "Foire, Foire, Foire!" (fire)
8	Junior High boys who took showers

FOR SALE

Dave Snell has recorded his first musical CD. It's available for \$5.00. The CD features Dave on acoustical guitar with his own vocals.

PONDERINGS

When bad things happen, is God punishing us?

Of all the problems in the world, what problem do you think saddens God the most?

If there's only one God, why do you suppose there are so many religions?

Do you ever see God's presence in others? If so, in what ways?

WHO'S WHERE????

<u>NAME</u>	<u>years</u>	<u>years</u>	<u>at the moment</u>
	<u>camper</u>	<u>staff</u>	
Adam Aiello	6	1	Roger Williams Univ.
Annmarie Bendix	6	8	Art Teacher - Brockton
Hope Bickel	6	1	Barton College in N. Carolina
Nicholas Bruce	5	2	Fitchburg State
Jeff Burns	5	5	B.C. Law School
Meghan Campbell	6	2	Providence College
Gloria Carlson	0	1	Andover Newton Theological
Allison Carroll	5	1	Art Institute of Boston
Lauren Cresswell	5	2	Assumption College
Mike DeGagne	7	1	Dalhousie University
Mark DiLillo	6	2	U. Mass. - Amherst
Donna Fallon	6	18	Medical Asst.
Matt Fiander	6	2	Elon University
Steve Flaherty	6	5	Biological Research
Laura Frado	5	1	Boston College
Josh Fredrickson	4	1	Wheaton College
Andrea Giachetti	5	1	Massasoit
Bill Harding	0	22	Pastor - Bethany Cong.
Carol Harding	0	22	R.N. - Quincy Medical Center
Glen Holt	4	21	Gordon Conwell Seminary
Mal Hunt	2	6	College Fundraiser
Matt Ings	6	3	Team Leader
Karen Jackson	1	2	Harvard University
Erin Joyce	3	1	St. Anselm College
Kristen Joyce	5	1	U. Mass. - Amherst
Liz Joyce-Brandt	3	2	Champlain College
Meredith Kelley	6	2	Bridgewater State
Shawn Kitteridge	5	1	U. Mass - Boston
Jeff Kobel	6	7	Engineering Technician
Harry LaCoste	2	6	Actor
Mike Larsson	5	2	Boston College
Liz Leuchte	4	1	U. Mass - Amherst
Kelley Lewis	4	2	Syracuse University
Stephanie Lewis	5	1	University of Delaware
John Lydon	4	1	Stt. Leo College
Jessica Lynch	3	1	Univ. of New England
Greg Madden	6	2	Technical Advisor
Norma Magrane	5	11	At Home
Andrew Martinson	6	4	Tuition Insurance
Eric Martinson	6	1	Union College
Terry Martinson	0	29	Pastor - Old South Union
Kate McAllister	2	5	Tutor
Jon McCabe	5	2	Quincy College
Amanda McGibbon	7	2	Curry College
Don McGibbon	2	29	Technical Advisor
Sarah McGibbon	7	2	Massasoit
Mike Miller	6	5	History Teacher - Weymouth
Kristyn Mills	6	14	Art Teacher
Jennifer Mullin	1	2	University of Vermont
Katharine Neville	6	1	Ithaca College

Emily Northridge	5	2	University of Connecticut
Adrienne Perfetuo	4	1	Roger Williams University
George Raymond	3	5	Mix 98.5 Radio Personality
Tom Remsen	0	10	Engineer
Bob Ripley	0	44	Pastor/Teacher
Amy Savage	6	2	Syracuse University
Courtney Smith	6	2	Bridgewater State
Kate Smith	4	3	Roger Williams University
Carolann Snowdon	0	1	Youth Pastor - Union Cong
Erin Spurling	6	8	Teacher - Marshfield
Mike Stewart	5	1	U. Mass. - Amherst
Rob Waugh	6	5	Federal Law Enforcement
Katie Whyte	6	1	Bridgewater State
Kevin Worth	7	4	Animator
Greg Zopatti	6	3	U. Mass. - Amherst

Words to Ponder...

Dr. Seuss was an incredible person, and sometimes I even feel a special connection with him, in that we both make up words. (Meep Maap!)

In all seriousness, if you take the time to really look into what he is saying among his crazy rhymes and farfetched creatures, his messages are profound.

A perfect example of one of these messages can be found in the following quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter."

Some people are more comfortable than others in living by these words, whether it be due to shyness, or just because they have yet to give it a try. If you fall into that category, camp seems to be the perfect place to begin.

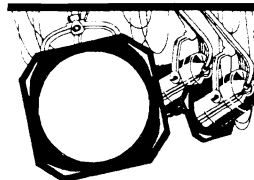
This is really a place to be yourself and to not be overly concerned with what others think of you to the point where it has a negative effect. Look around at all the kids walking about in pajamas, or carrying creepy wooden dolls, and listen to how some campers speak so openly in morning group. These people are having fun and fully being themselves.

Many people spend far too much time trying to be who they think other people expect them to be. They may think this makes them happy and that they are having fun, but if they tried being who they truly wanted to be, they would soon realize how much time was wasted by trying to impress.

Dr. Seuss was who he wanted to be. He had imagination, creativity, and strong beliefs which he colorfully shared with the world. If only more people could take their own path, they too would lead more colorful lives.

-Jillian Vento (OSU)

YOUR FAVORITE TWIN



Reporter Courtney Smith polled a number of boys to find out which was their favorite Olsen twin - Mary-Kate or Ashley...

"Mary-Kate because she's sporty!" (John Fiander)

"Mary-Kate because hyphenated names work like a charm every time." (The Boys in Arapaho)

"Ashley because she seems sweeter and more compassionate." (Pat Dunlea)

KUDOS (*Special Thanks*)

Tom Remsen - all your energy, enthusiasm and everything you do...

Donna Fallon - for running the canteen...

Jen Mullin and Karen Jackson - for the recycling bins...

Glenn Holt - without your music and spirituality camp just wouldn't be camp...

Carol Harding - for being our nurse and to Kathy

Giachetti for filling in at the end of the week...

"Ollie" and the entire LOCC staff - what a great, great team!!!!

PONDERING FRIENDSHIP

If you had to choose between telling the truth (and hurting your friend) and lying to your friend, what would you choose?

On a scale of 1 to 10, what kind of friend are you?

What do you need to work on to be a better friend?

Is it hard for you to make friends? Why or why not?

SUNDAY

THE DAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Hot & steamy... bright sun...

Story: *Horton Hears A Who*

Storytellers: Stephanie Lewis & Allison Carroll

Breakfast: cereal, eggs, pancakes, home fries, bagels

Lunch: ravioli, grilled cheese, chips, oranges

Dinner: chicken stir fry, salad bar, popsicles

Chapel: First Cong, Braintree + First Church, Weymouth

Afternoon Program: Counselor Hunt

Evening Program: Western Dance

Vespers: Harry LaCoste

WESTERN DANCE

Even with all the windows open and a gentle breeze coming off the lake, the Rec Hall was hot on Sunday night when the campers enjoyed the first camp dance in spite of the heat. A number of the campers and staff were well costumed for the western theme. "Tommy Tunes" was the DJ for the night. Because of the heat, the dance ended earlier than planned, but it was long enough to spark some new romances and some late night conversations in the cabins.



THE COUNSELOR HUNT



Steve Flaherty organized the afternoon program - "The 2002 Counselor Hunt." All eight teams raced around camp under the afternoon sun searching for hidden counselors, hidden clues,

and hidden treasures. The counselors found some pretty ingenious hiding places. Matt Fiander hid above the stage in the Rec Hall. Sean Kitteridge hid in the rafters in the street hockey shed. Mal Hunt found a huge rock to hide behind. Greg Madden didn't really hide, but few teams found him. After all the points were tallied and verified, the winners were announced... #1 - Royal Blue, #2 - Maroon, #3 - White, #4 - Red, #5 - Gray, #6 - Green, #7 - Yellow, #8 - Navy.

CHAPEL

Gloria Carlson, an Executive Staff "Rookie" from First Church in Weymouth organized the Sunday worship service which was led by the campers from First Cong. in Braintree and First Church in Weymouth. J.J. Chella read the story of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37.) Andy Richards led the camp in prayer. A highlight of the service was Kendra O'Toole singing *Amazing Grace*. She did an excellent job. Gloria shared a few thoughts about her spiritual life as a teenager. She would never have guessed as a teen that one day she would be studying for the ministry. Gloria is a student at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. This is her first camp experience. Next year her son, David, will be a first year camper. We welcome Gloria to camp.

*A PERSON'S A PERSON,
NOW MATTER HOW SMALL!!!*

MORNING WATCH AND MORNING GROUP

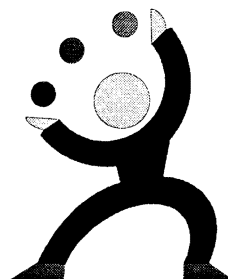
Two very important parts of our camp program are Morning Watch and Morning Group.

Morning Watch takes place right after breakfast every day. Campers and staff are given a paper which includes a reading from scripture, a story or two, a few prayer seeds, and some questions to ponder. The theme for the 2002 Morning Watch is Parables. Scripture readings are the parables of Jesus. The stories are modern parables. It is hoped that each camper will save the Morning Watch papers in his or her notebook.

From 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. each day the campers meet in small groups of 10 - 12 with two counselors for Morning Group. Morning Group is a time for bonding and growth focusing on a theme. This year's theme is six of the books by Dr. Suess which will lead to discussions on prejudice, power, ecology, acceptance, faith, and our future. Campers describe Morning Group as both fun and thought provoking. A "Bible Break" and a "Camp Journal" are both parts of Morning Group, as are games, discussions, trust experiences, brainstorming, discussion and some opportunities for creativity.

VESPERS

Harry LaCoste led vespers on Sunday Evening. Harry talked about juggling our responsibilities, our relationships, and our decision making. That's not always an easy task. The talented Harry juggled a bowling ball, a knife, and a fireball as he made his point to the campers.



CLASS OF 2002 - OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Yrs @ CAMP</u>	<u>Youth GROUP</u>	<u>THE PLACE I'M GOING</u>
Kim Babbitt	5	OSU	Providence College
Patrick Brennan	6	OSU	UNH
Wayne Byrne	4	OSU	Working
Bill Candler	5	OSU	Bridgewater State
Allison Chisholm	2	OSU	U. Mass - Amherst
Chris Collins	1	Union	Northeastern
Brendan Connors	5	OSU	Massasoit
Becky Curran	6	OSU	Providence College
Tom Curran	4	OSU	Northeastern
Jerry DeCoste	4	OSU	Nichols College
Brian Downey	5	OSU	U. of Hartford
Dave Eaton	6	OSU	Bridgewater State
Meg Emery	5	OSU	UNH
Trevor Farrell	5	OSU	U. Maine - Orono
Christine Fiander	6	OSU	Stonehill College
Meg Flaherty	6	OSU	Emmanuel College
Kristen Garand	5	OSU	Westfield State
Rob Giachetti	4	OSU	Boston College
Bill Harding	7	Bethany	Notre Dame
Pat Joyce	6	OSU	U. of Hartford
Amanda Kendall	6	OSU	Syracuse University
Jenn Klier	5	OSU	U. Mass - Dartmouth
Mark Lilly	6	OSU	Bridgewater State
Brian Long	4	OSU	Working
Sean McCabe	6	OSU	Stonehill College
Mary McCaffrey	6	OSU	Providence College
Jen Myers	5	OSU	Bridgewater State
Brian Phillips	3	OSU	Mass. College...
Jenny Piaskoski	6	OSU	Trinity College
Andrew Russo	3	OSU	Bowdoin College
Erin Ryan	6	OSU	George Washington
John Ryan	4	OSU	Boston University
Dan Sachetti	7	Bethany	Boston College
Lindsay Scott	6	OSU	UNH
Katy Shea	3	OSU	URI
Matt Sheflin	6	OSU	Bentley
Meaghan Smith	6	OSU	Holy Cross
Dave Snell	3	OSU	Northeastern
Tammy Tagg	5	OSU	U. Mass - Dartmouth
Angela Tamborella	6	First	Providence
Matt Torpey	1	Bethany	Union College
Andrea Travers	2	OSU	U. Mass - Dartmouth
Jillian Vento	3	OSU	U. of Hartford
Caroline Walsh	5	OSU	UVM



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2002

MONDAY

THE DAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Sunny & bright... a bit cooler, but not much

Story: *The Lorax*

Storyteller: Karen Jackson

Breakfast: eggs, bacon, bagels, cereal

Lunch: pizza, chips, salad bar, fruit

Dinner: roast beef, potatoes, veggies, salad bar

Chapel: Bethany Church

Afternoon Program: Olympics

Evening Program: Super Sloppy Double Dare

Vespers: Mal Hunt

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THE CAMP OLYMPICS

The Monday afternoon program was a version of the Olympic Games. The 8 color teams contested in 8 different events in head-to-head competitions all over the camp. The maroon team showed off their brains by taking gold in the trivia competition. Maroon also took gold in street hockey with a victory over gray. Red won the volleyball and kickball events, while Royal won the Tug-Of-War. Navy took the wiffleball title, and Yellow won a hard fought battle with Navy for the soccer gold medal. Yellow was the overall Olympic champion, with Maroon capturing silver and Navy and Red sharing the bronze.

Some highlights included Catie Whelan's four goals for Yellow in their soccer victory over all-American Drew Russo's Navy. Both teams played incredibly well and drew quite a crowd for the final match. In wiffleball, Pat O'Connor getting robbed of a walk off homerun stunned the crowd. And the five female tug-of-war silver medal winning Yellow team impressed us with their Herculean strength.

In all,, the teams competed hard, but more importantly, had a blast in the effort.

Mike Miller

OFFICIAL RESULTS

<u>WIFFLEBALL</u>	Navy	Yellow	Maroon
<u>KICKBALL</u>	Red	Maroon	Navy
<u>BASKETBALL</u>	White	Green	Gray
<u>SOCCER</u>	Yellow	Navy	White
<u>HOCKEY</u>	Maroon	Gray	White
<u>TUG-OF-WAR</u>	Royal	Yellow	White
<u>TRIVIA</u>	Maroon	Yellow	Red
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>	Red	Yellow	White

TOTAL POINTS YELLOW 30
 MAROON 29
 NAVY & RED 23

CHAPEL & VESPERS



The young people from Bethany Church were Monday's worship leaders. Amanda Kordis and Kerri-Anne Gorham shared a story. Heather Vogel read from Romans 5. Kurt Nason read the Apostles' Creed. Jim Opie led the Lord's Prayer. Dan Sacchetti and Billy Harding read Matthew 13:47-50.

Jess Lynch offered the final blessing. The Rev. Bill Harding shared some of his experiences as a U.S. Army Chaplain in Kosovo. He talked about what a powerful "weapon" faith is. Jess Lynch offered the final blessing.

At Vespers Mal Hunt asked the whole camp to sing her favorite camp song - *Lord Of The Dance* - before she read a brief poem titled "Teenagers Are Amazing."

SUPER SLOPPY DOUBLE DARE

Reported by Steve Flaherty

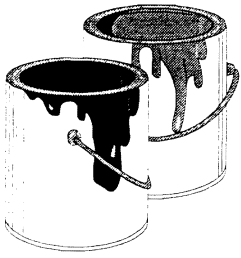
The color teams got together in force tonight for the camp version of Double Dare. As the six contestants for each team prepared to answer trivia and outduel each other during physical challenges, the eight screaming color teams were led into the rec hall for a wild time. The Maroon and Navy teams were the loudest, and followed in councilors Shawn Kittredge and Mike Miller to the front row for their efforts.

Relying on the quick minds of all six participating campers, the red team won the pop tart eating contest to start the night off right. The game was now afoot with physical challenges galore and crazy trivia to come. The audience helped with trivia, but not all the answers could be trusted, and the Navy team (led by senior Amanda Kendall) undertook the first physical challenge of the night. They were able to successfully catch 9 of 12 eggs in a bowl balanced on one participants head, and pick up plenty of points for later on. The first round ended with the royal blue team (led by senior Meg Smith) winning a William Tell style shooting contest, where participants got cans shot off their heads with a water gun.

Since each team was comprised of 1 camper from all six grades represented at camp, there was a perfect mix of participants with enthusiasm, athletic ability, and brains. This was clearly evident at the start of the second round as all eight color teams were in a close race for first. During the second round of play, physical challenges abounded.

OVER

DOUBLE DARE - CONT'D



Tom Flannagan led the yellow team to victory in water balloon popping, while the green, white, and royal blue teams were also successful in their super sloppy endeavors. As the teams finished up strong, a few teams started to break away going into the final

obstacle course.

While the extensive, slippery, and extremely wild obstacle course was being setup, the color teams showed off their spirit. The Maroon team continued the shouting and cheering that earned them a spot in the front row, while the green team was encouraged forward by fan favorite Trevor Farrell. Overall, support was gushing for all the teams, and the participants were fired up to finish strong on the obstacle course.

The red and gray teams both got the chance to run through the course and go for the big points first. With the elaborate set up, water everywhere, a slippery ketchup covered tarp, and 12 feisty campers running around, the rec hall was soon a mess. Unfortunate for the other six teams, the final obstacle course was closed down early so as to prevent injury. Yet, the scores from the earlier rounds were brought through with YELLOW winning, followed closely by ROYAL, WHITE, and NAVY!

Fun was had by all who were present, and it was most certainly a super, sloppy event.

Greg Madden did an outstanding job in creating this event for the camp and Harry LaCoste was an incredible MC... Also we thank the staff that served as the stage crew and the staff that worked into the wee hours of the morning cleaning up the mess in the rec hall.

JUST WONDERING?

Who tastes those "new and improved" dog food flavors?

Why do they call the person who invests all your money a "broker"?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why does the sun lighten our hair but darken our bodies?

Why do you have to click on START to stop Windows 95?

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CAMP

A REFLECTION BY GLENN HOLT

Twenty five years

Isn't THAT many years
if you think of the payoff
shown in happiness tears.

Yes, twenty five years

Since "seventy-five"
I've traveled and trekked
and tried to survive
stinky cabins, cold showers
tired legs and sore thighs
because God is good
and I love all you guys.

I've played silly songs

songs of hope, songs of joy,
to encourage and bring God's love
to each girl and boy.

And I think, every year

"This one's better than last!"
till another year comes
and goes
and is past.

So at the end of this week

when I sit and reflect
I'll say "Best one yet!"
and then I expect
that the next one will be
as great as before,
well maybe, just maybe,
a little bit more.

And so you'll return.

Perhaps I will too.

We'll share the "Camp Spirit"

- God's love, me and you.

And we'll grow

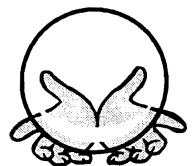
and live out
all that life has to give
for twenty-five more,
and REALLY learn how to live!

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Welcome new opportunities.

Leave past mistakes behind.

*Look to the future with excitement
and hope.*



TUESDAY

THE DAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: showers in the morning... sunny & cooler in the afternoon - great day!!!

Story: *Yertle The Turtle*

Storytellers: Mike Miller & Friends

Breakfast: eggs, homefries, waffles,

Lunch: hamburgers, fries, salad bar

Dinner: roast chicken, rice, corn, salad bar, cake

Chapel: The Class of '02

Afternoon Program: Skit Rehearsals

Evening Program: Skit Night

Vespers: The Class of '02

I know, up on top

you are seeing great sights.

But down at the bottom

we, too, should have rights.

Yertle The Turtle

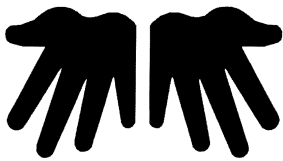
And the turtles, of course...

all turtles are free

As turtles and, maybe,

all creatures should be...

Yertle The Turtle



CHAPEL AND VESPERS

Volunteers from the Class of 2002 led the worship service on Tuesday before supper. Friendship was their

theme.

They began by enthusiastically leading the camp in *Pharaoh, Pharaoh*. Jenny Piaskoski and Pat Joyce offered a prayer. Amanda Kendall led the camp in a responsive prayer on friendship. Tom Curran shared a great story, encouraging the campers not to go through life too fast because you might miss the people who need you the most. Good friends Andrea Travers and Jillian Vento read a poem. Caroline Walsh shared the scripture reading before Dave Snell led the entire camp in singing *Friends*. Katy Shea closed the service with a wonderful blessing.

At Vespers Amanda Kendall, who will be leaving camp early to go to Syracuse University, reflected on her years at camp and the friendships she has formed.

SKIT NIGHT

The four judges for SKIT NIGHT '02 have seen over 100 Skit Nights at camp and tonight's was by far the best ever. The skits, which portrayed various school activities, were performed by the eight color teams. Their creativity, enthusiasm, and energy highlighted the show.

The YELLOW TEAM, with their portrayal of a high school dance, earned first place with 37.8 points. They used a great variety of music in their skit.

The ROYAL BLUE TEAM came in second with 36.1 points. Their skit featured Ricky Durham as a young Kevin Worth in gym class.

Third place was the GREEN TEAM depicting the first day of school. They earned 33 points for their performance.

In fourth place was the RED TEAM at recess. Their production earned 31 points.

The GRAY TEAM, with 30.3 points, was fifth. Their team was on a field trip to the zoo.

In sixth place with 29 points was The MAROON TEAM with their interpretation of detention. They did an incredible parody on *The Breakfast Club*.

The judges awarded seventh place with 28.5 points to The WHITE TEAM who had to endure a substitute teacher in health class.

The NAVY BLUE TEAM, with 26 points, portrayed a scene from the lunch room. However their skit did include an Oscar Winning performance by Tony Lefebvre in the role of "Rip."

The 2002 Skit Night ended with a skit by the First Year Counselors that earned a perfect score of 40. All week the "Rookies" have been doing an outstanding job and their energy and enthusiasm have enhanced our week at the LOCC.

Skit Night 2002 was an incredible evening of competition sprinkled with lots of laughter and fun.

FRIENDS by Michael W. Smith

*AND FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS FOREVER
IF THE LORD'S THE LORD OF THEM
AND A 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.*

THANK YOU to Donna DelloIacono for coming to our rescue as camp nurse for 48 hours to help Carol.

SPREE TIME

by Meg Ryan & Erin Smith, JV3000

Remember when every day from 1:15 to 3:15 campers could participate in activities that hearten the spirit and nourish the soul? That was at SPREE TIME.



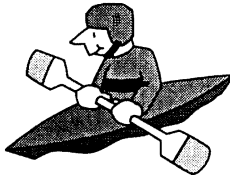
From kickball to siestas, these activities never let us down. We went intergalactic style with space beads, and even hung ten in the lake. Campers loved SPREE TIME 2002 so much that when it took a 24 hour hiatus to prepare for skit night there was much weeping and gnashing of teeth. Our only complaint was that dancing was not taught by Terry "Twinkle toes" Martinson. Courtney Smith's enthusiasm for the newspaper spread like the plague around this place, and Glenn made us go GAGA once again.

When asked about this special time, Ollie answered, "Live spree or die, mate." Once we saw Becky Curran running through camp yelling, "Spree your mind, and the rest will follow."

If you thought this year was fun, just wait until next year when we introduce a new activity - "Freezing Time" with Ben Holt.

BOATING, ETC.

A very popular new activity this year was boating. Each cabin was given an opportunity to use some of the boats at LOCC. The most popular options were the windsurfers without sails (like a surf board) and the funyaks (small kayaks.)



Other recreational activities readily available at LOCC are tennis, basketball, volleyball and swimming. There are plenty of fields for soccer and frisbee, and it's easy to find enough room for a good wiffle ball game or to toss a football or rugby ball with cabinmates.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

by Tom Greenwood - *HEAT*

by Maria Castagnozzi - *SHALLOW HAL*

by Bill Frank - *LABRYNTH*

by Kendra O'Toole - *MINORITY REPORT*

by Greg Madden - *THE BIG LOBOWSKI*

by Greg Madden - *Pig Tail Afro Puffs*

by Marie Chretien - Tuesdays With Maurie by Mitch Albom

by Kevin Worth - *DONNY DARK*

by Matt Ings - Infinite Jest by David Foster Wallace

by Mal Hunt - Catcher In The Rye by J.D. Salinger

by Meg Smith - Harry Potter - House Cup

Still More Recommendations

by Mike Larsson - don't see *RING OF FIRE*

by Emily Northridge - *Brushfire Fairytales* (CD)

by Allison Carroll - *Sha Sha* (CD)

by Andy Martinson - It's Not About The Bike by Lance Armstrong

by Terry Martinson - Cliff Notes Of The Bible by Cliff Notes

by Kate Smith - First Person Plural

ODE TO COURTNEY SMITH

by Amy & Jen

Coollest counselor eva...

Outgoing in everything she does...

Understanding about everything...

Rules the entire camp...

Terrific singer...

Nicest person ever...

Eats anything and everything

Yes, we love her too!

SOME SENIORS REMEMBER

- When "Rip" forgot the words to the Lord's Prayer...

- When Chris Carlow lost control...

- When Mr. Miller taught anatomy, not history...

- When Don McGibbon busted out his moves on the dance floor...

- When John Castricum put hot sauce on *everything*...

LIVE

Live. Love and cherish life.

Make friends, memories and plans.

Your life is about you, but life is not about you.

Fall in love.

Love the fall and winter and spring and summer.

Ski, skate, sing, and dance.

Smell the rain, and the chocolate chip cookies.

Take all the time you need, but don't waste it.

Catch the big one with your dad.

Go on that trip with your mom.

Love children, for you were once one.

Learn from your elders,

and one day you'll have their wisdom.

Seek the truth.

Find it in yourself, others, and the God of your faith.

Be patient and gentle.

Most of all, truly live.

by Emily Campagna

Stories For A Teen's Heart

WEDNESDAY

THE DAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Beautiful, Beautiful Day!! Sunny & Cool...

Story: *The Sneetches*

Storyteller: Erin Spurling & Friends

Breakfast: french toast, scrambled eggs, homefries

Lunch: hot dogs, tuna fish, chips, salad bar

Dinner: baked potatoes with tons of toppings

Chapel: The Staff

Afternoon Program:

Evening Program:

Vespers: Caroline Walsh

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STRATEGO

by Erin Spurling

During Wednesday afternoon's program campers and staff competed in a game of chance and strategy called Stratego. Each colored team met at its home base in the field and planned its tactics and strategies. Enthusiastic chants and songs echoed from all colors. Brendon Connors and the maroon team were by far the loudest!!

With cards in hand, the teams raced across camp, going on the offensive tagging opponents, and defending their territory. Kevin Worth was seen making key defensive blocks for the yellow team while the navy team's Annmarie Bendix was trying to return to the safety of her teammates.

From my neutral standpoint as moderator of the game, it looked like everyone was having a good time until a few teams started accusing other teams of cheating. The maroon team filled their bucket and thought they were the winners. Shortly after, the neighboring red team performed a sneak attack and ruined maroon's hopes of winning.

However, when all the teams gathered in the council ring to find out who won the game, they found out in the end that no one wins in war. Everyone loses. I pray that someday war will end and there will be peace in our world.

CHAPEL

by Annmarie Bendix

Tonight Mal led the staff in a very powerful chapel service on prejudice. Mal separated those who were wearing long pants and made them sit on the ground to bring home the point that we can not judge people on appearance alone. Shawn Kitteridge started off the service with a very meaningful talk on how we need to think about the slang words that we use and

how they can effect those around us. He urged us all to think before we speak and to realize that sometimes even our silence can add to prejudice views. Steve Flaherty, Harry Lacoste and Liz Joyce-Brandt continued with verses and stories to support the theme that we are all equal in God's eyes and that is what is important. Matt Fiander, Jon McCabe, Kristen Joyce, Katherine Neville, and Adrienne Perfetuo led the camp by singing some new renditions of old favorites. Erin Spurling led a responsorial psalm that reminded us that "forgiveness isn't easy" and Courtney Smith recited the lyrics to a favorite Bob Dylan song that told us that the "answers were blowing in the wind". Annmarie Bendix wrapped up the service with the following poem that she wrote to remind us in Seuss-like verse that we have to love ourselves before we can love others.



Lord, help me to see
that the way my eyes squint when I
smile
makes me ME

that the curl of my hair
or the tone of my skin
has nothing to do with
my beauty within

that the pitch of my voice
when I sing off key
is the way that my God
wanted things to be

that the K-mart sneakers
I wear on my feet
are exactly what makes
every outfit complete

that the way that I dance
or the clothes that I wear
have nothing to do with
the things I hold dear

that the me in the mirror
can smile without shame
because life would be boring
if we all looked the same

so... love all your freckles and all of your toes
be proud of your wrinkles and the bump on your nose
find beauty in those who do not look like you
because... that's exactly what Jesus would do



THE TALENT SHOW

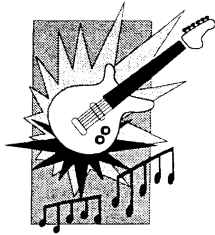
reported by Shawn Kittredge

The annual camp talent show didn't disappoint this year, and in fact was one of the best in recent memory. All participants proved to be up to the task of entertaining the entire camp.



Kicked off by a great Blink 182 cover of "Rock Show", Pat Duggan, Joe Chandler, and Brian Long got the crowd going. Followed by two other very hard, very fast, and very good songs, the show took a turn to what can best be described as a mellow/ laid back sound. Filled with some amazing acoustical guitar work by Dave Snell and John

Fiander and was accented beautifully by some amazing vocals by Meaghan O'Dea, Lindsey Meyers, Jen Corey, Gabrielle Perfetuo, as well as many others. With a few interesting acts, such as Jenny Piaskoski's inverted version of "Fandango", and a medley of Queen and The Gummie Bears song. The night came to a close with a tremendous performance by the senior boys of Pawnee, highlighted by Brendan Connor's voice and stage presence. The finale brought back some familiar green faces to the Ossipee camp much to the joy of the crowd. Another success of this week, the talent show brought to the stage some of the better acts of the past several years. Everyone did an awesome job, and helped entertain the camp with a great showing.



REEL TO REEL

A Movie Review by Bill Candler

AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER

Goldmember, the third installment in the Austin Powers series, is one of Mike Meyer's true comedic gems. Meyers takes on 4 roles in his latest spy spoof - Dr. Evil, Austin Powers, Fat Bastard, and Goldmember, a Dutch supervillan and 1975 nightclub owner. Also in the cast, Beyonce Knowles, of *Destiny's Child* fame, does a stupendous job as Foxy Cleopatra, secret agent and nightclub singer extraordinaire. There are many familiar faces in *Goldmember*, including returning cast members Seth Green as Scott Evil, Robert Wagner as Number Two, Vernon Troyer as Mini Me, and also a new addition of Michael Caine as Nigel Powers. Some of the best moments in the movie include its original and

surprising opening sequence, Cameos from Tom Cruise, Gweneth Paltro, Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito, John Travolta, Nathan Lane, Steven Spielberg and Britney Spears, along with an appropriate and unexpected ending.



I give this movie two shagadelic thumbs up. It is by far one of the funniest and most entertaining movies of the summer.

DECIDING TO FOLLOW GOD

How can you believe in a God who doesn't seem to listen? (I decided to.)

How can you believe in a virgin birth? (I decided to.)

How can you believe the meek will be blessed? (I decided to.)

How can you believe that good wins when the bad guys always seem to? (I decided to.)

How can you believe in a heaven you can't see? (I decided to.)

How can you believe in a Savior you've never met? (I decided to.)

How can you study a book that was written centuries ago? (I decided to.)

How can you help people who don't help themselves? (I decided to.)

How can you love your enemies? (I decided to.)

How can you keep praying when you never get what you want? (I decided to.)

How can you believe blindly that there's a purpose for your life? (I decided to.)

How can you keep loving the unbelievers? (I decided to.)

If I asked God why he loves you, what would God say?

I DECIDED TO.

from *The Book Of Uncommon Prayer*



THURSDAY

THE DAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Overcast and cool...

Story: *Oh! The Places You'll Go*

Storyteller: Mal Hunt

Breakfast: eggs, sausage, english muffins

Lunch: sandwiches

Dinner: lasagna, corn, bread, salad bar, cookies

Afternoon Program: Counselor Competition

Evening Program: Informal Formal Dance

Chapel: Union Congregational Church

Vespers: *The Lord's Prayer*

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So be sure when you step.
Step with care and great tact
and remember that life's
a great balancing act.
And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.

- Oh, The Places You'll Go

COUNSELOR COMPETITION

The campers have been competing all week in their 8 colorful teams. This afternoon it was the counselors' turn to compete. Representing their teams, they battled fiercely in several contests before the rains came and brought a halt to the warfare.

The first battle was a WORD SEARCH. The team that found the 20 words most quickly in the prepared puzzles was declared the winner.

Next came a six sided TUG-OF-WAR. Each team dug their heels in so that their flag would not be the first to be dragged across the line thus eliminating them from future competition.

The third contest was a SIX LEGGED RACE with 5 competitors from each team.

Contest No. 4 was FREEZE TAG played on the soccer court. This was a good game because it included all the campers. The final competition before the event was canceled was DODGE BALL, also played on the soccer court.

Tom and Glenn had prepared an excellent OBSTACLE COURSE as the final event, but the safety of the teams was their prime consideration, so this event was postponed until August 16, 2003.

No winner was declared in the Counselor Competition.

CHAPEL



The campers from Union Congregational Church were today's worship leaders. They were assisted in planning by Gloria Carlson and Lauren Cresswell. They invited Bill Harding and Terry Martinson to give the message. They shared with the campers the advice they have shared with their own sons. Bill talked about the importance of INTEGRITY. Terry shared the three most important words he knows - "AND THEN SOME" - do *everything* that is expected of you *and then some*. It never hurts to go the extra mile.

DANCE

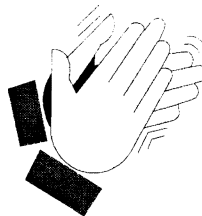
At 8:00 P.M. sharp the campers moved toward the Rec Hall in the falling rain for the second and final dance of the camp week. The second dance is always an "Informal Formal." The campers refer to it as the "dress up" dance. The boys looked sharp in their shirts and ties. The girls were beautiful in their dresses. This dance is the social highlight of the week. Many of the campers plan carefully how best to catch the attention of the boy or girl of their dreams.

Tom Remsen always does an incredible job as the camp's official DJ. He plays as many requests as he can, but there are other songs that are played at *every* camp dance including *Stairway To Heaven*.



The dance ended at 11:00 P.M. with tired campers heading back to the cabins hoping to fall asleep quickly but knowing that there will be hours of chatter about who "scooped" and who didn't before sleep comes.

SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION



Our generous campers and counselors donated over \$1,200 to be given to the LOCC staff as a token of our appreciation. "Ollie" assured us that the gift would be shared by all who had worked so hard for us and that our generosity was greatly appreciated. Much of the staff at LOCC is foreign and will be heading home in the next week or two.

SAME OLD AWARD - NEW NAME

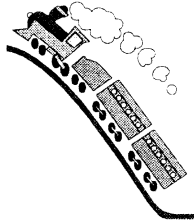
Terry and Don made an executive decision that the traditional GOLDEN APPLE awards would be renamed the "OLLIE" in honor of Ollie who serves as the liaison between our group and the LOCC. In two short years



Ollie has endeared himself to our campers, but he will be leaving LOCC shortly to return to England where he will begin his career as an officer in the Royal Navy.

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD

Sometimes simple stories teach life's greatest lessons. Always remember the story of The Little Engine That Could and the important lesson it teaches - You'll never know what you can do if you don't try...



Jesus used simple stories, called parables, to teach his followers important lessons about The Kingdom of God. The parables of Jesus were the focus of many of our readings this week and, of course, we chose the "simple" stories of Dr. Suess as our 2002 program theme. The stories of Jesus and the stories of Dr. Suess can teach us so much.

2002 CAMP QUIZ

- (1) What 3 objects did Harry juggle at vespers?
- (2) Which counselors are the "Green Guys?"
- (3) Which team donated the most money to the "appreciation fund"?
- (4) What color is Rip's car?
- (5) How old is Ben Holt this year?
- (6) What does Ollie call baked potatoes?
- (7) What was the first song played at Thursday's dance?
- (8) Who was the last camper to arrive at camp?
- (9) How much was a bag of "Trail Mix" at the canteen?
- (10) Which cabins don't have showers?
- (11) Who claims to be the oldest rookie ever?
- (12) Who were the three camp nurses this week?
- (13) On which day did the kitchen run out of plastic forks?
- (14) Who read *The Lorax*?
- (15) Which camper played "Mac" in *Yertle The Turtle*?
- (16) Who played "Yertle"?
- (17) How many times did Terry have to meet with the Junior High boys?
- (18) How many different hair styles did Greg Madden sport this week?

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

If you had to spend a week with one member of your family, who would you spend it with and why?

Which family relationship are you happiest with? Which relationship is the most challenging?

How would you describe the perfect family?

What television show portrays the best family? Why?

What one thing do your parents do or say that bugs you the most? Why do you believe they say it or do it?

How much time per day do you spend communicating with your parents? What do you talk about the most?

What do you wish you and your parents talked about more often?

What role do you play in your family?

- Peacemaker
- Caretaker
- Rebel
- Outcast

Of all your friends, whose parents do you get along with the best? Why?

Who are you most like - your mom or your dad?

Is it hard or easy for you to respect your parents?

Questions are from *Small Group Q's*

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "*doesn't* come from a store.

Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

from *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*

YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD.

YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES.

YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE.

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW.

AND YOU ARE THE GUY WHO'LL DECIDE WHERE TO GO. (*Oh. The Places You'll Go*)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

NOTE: This page was written on Thursday... it is a prediction of how the final days of camp will be...

THE DAYS AT A GLANCE

Weather: Cool and comfortable...

Friday Story: *Thidwick*

Storyteller: Katharine Neville

Menu: Pretty Good!!!

Worship: Consecration Service

THE FINAL 36 HOURS

The last day and a half at camp are pretty traditional. Things do not change much from year to year as we wind down our week together at camp.

After lunch on Friday the entire camp gathers around the perimeter of the athletic field for the world's longest handshake. Led by the class of '02, the campers have a chance to exchange handshakes and hugs with all the other campers and staff. It's a very emotional time for many, including some of the younger first year campers. The entire handshake takes about 90 minutes to complete.



Later in the afternoon is the graduation

ceremony which honors the class of '02.



Each senior is introduced and receives a class photograph. The graduation ceremony also includes the awards for cabin clean up, the Golden Apple awards for campers and staff who have

distinguished themselves by their efforts, and a final recognition and thank you to the entire staff.

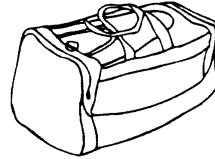
Friday evening is a very moving experience.

The Junior High campers meet in Pahaska Lodge for their Consecration Service and the Senior High Campers meet in the Rec Hall for a Consecration Service with communion. Glenn Holt and Gloria Carlson lead the Junior High service which is filled with songs, prayers and a time for sharing. The Seniors, working with Don McGibbon and Terry Martinson, coordinate the Senior High Consecration Service. Both the junior high and senior high services include the giving out of the camp memento. This year's memento is a Mustard Seed.



The evening continues by the campfire after the Consecration Services. At the final campfire the seniors have a chance to share their fondest memories of camp and to say good-bye to friends.

Though the lights are turned off in the cabins at a reasonable time on Friday night, the conversations go on almost all night long. There are so many stories and laughs to share.



All that's left to do is to pack up, load the trucks, enjoy a final meal together, and gather one last time together as a group. Rip offers his farewell and promises that in just 358 days we'll start all over, but we'll never be exactly the same. There will be new faces and new friends to meet... there will be new experiences to share... there will be more fun and laughter. Cherish what we have shared and look forward to that which is yet to be...

The 2002 camp week, our second at the LOCC was indeed a great week.... Many, many thanks to "Rip" and the entire staff... and many, many thanks to all the campers - your spirit makes camp what it is. Camp is not a place. Camp is people. Camp is you and me and all of us together.

HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!!

"...If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

2002 Newspaper editors

Courtney Smith

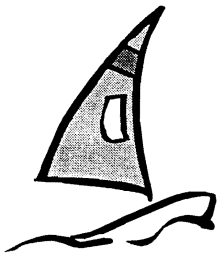
Terry Martinson

Thanks to all who contributed ideas and articles!!!

Thoughts of Camp

Stephen Flaherty

Seniors are heading off, and underclassmen leave to go home and start school. Some of you will never be able to make it back to camp, so hopefully you will have your own memories to carry inside of you forever. I suggest that you remember this quote as you head off into the world. *"A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for."* (Edith Wharton). For each and every one of us need challenges in our life. We all need to get outside of our comfort zone, and live or love with a little reckless abandon. In moving on, we must remember to challenge ourselves often.



I hope that you have all had a chance to make memories and live fully through camp. I hope as well, that you've all experienced some of the moments that make camp. I have a few favorite memories that I hope you also noticed, and they all have

to do with listening to find the camp spirit.

- The sound of the fire. As we slowly recite the Lord's Prayer each night, in between versus there is a small moment when silence shines through, and all you have is the crackle of the fire, with the weight of a million stars on your shoulders.

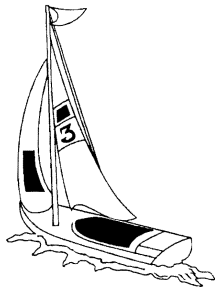
- The crushed gravel. As Rip's car inches ever closer to the quiet vesper circle.

- The total silence that occurs each morning after the words "Let's begin!" signal for morning watch to start.

- And lastly, the deafening quiet that surrounds the closing circle on the day of our departure back into the "real" world.

I hope that you have all experienced some of my favorite sounds at camp and through experiencing these moments, I hope that you have all learned, *"Silence may be as variously shaded as speech."* (unknown)

Going off into the non-camp world, we are often swept up and shuffled around by the busy schedule that society adheres to. It is easy to slowly lose that camp feeling, the camp spirit as we all call it. But, every now and then, take a minute or take an hour. Relax. Breathe. Close your eyes and remember why camp is so special. You can't easily find words to describe this feeling, but memory and a quiet moment are all that's necessary to fuel and ignite the camp spirit for you at any difficult time throughout the year.



All year long please remember to spread your camp spirit, slowly shed your attitudes, and realize how important you are. You can all do so much; Seniors have so many new faces to spread their love with as they go off and meet people at new colleges. Underclassmen have so much to still live up to and so much life to live. And staff, have so much light to spread into those dim corners of everyday life. No matter who you are, or where you go, remember the following. *"The world is like an enormous spider web. When you touch it, however slightly at any point, the vibrations ripple to the remotest perimeter."* (Robert Penn Warren).

Go out, seek and spread your love, and look forward to having camp again, but most importantly look inside and smile, for you have had and always will have camp spirit inside of you.

"Hold a friend's hand through times of trial.

Let her find love through a hug and a smile;

but also know when it's time to let go -

For each and every one of us must learn to grow."

Sharon H. Heilbrunn

Are there things in your life that seem too big even for God? Sometimes these things start to look like huge mountains. God wants to give us a living faith that is bigger than the problems around us. Faith is totally depending on God no matter what problem we see in front of us.

The Bible says that we only need faith the size of a small mustard seed to move mountains? How can that be?

Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

When we feel like our faith isn't big enough to move the mountains in our lives, all we need to do is go to God and ask Him to increase our faith, because faith is given and strengthened by God.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:2)