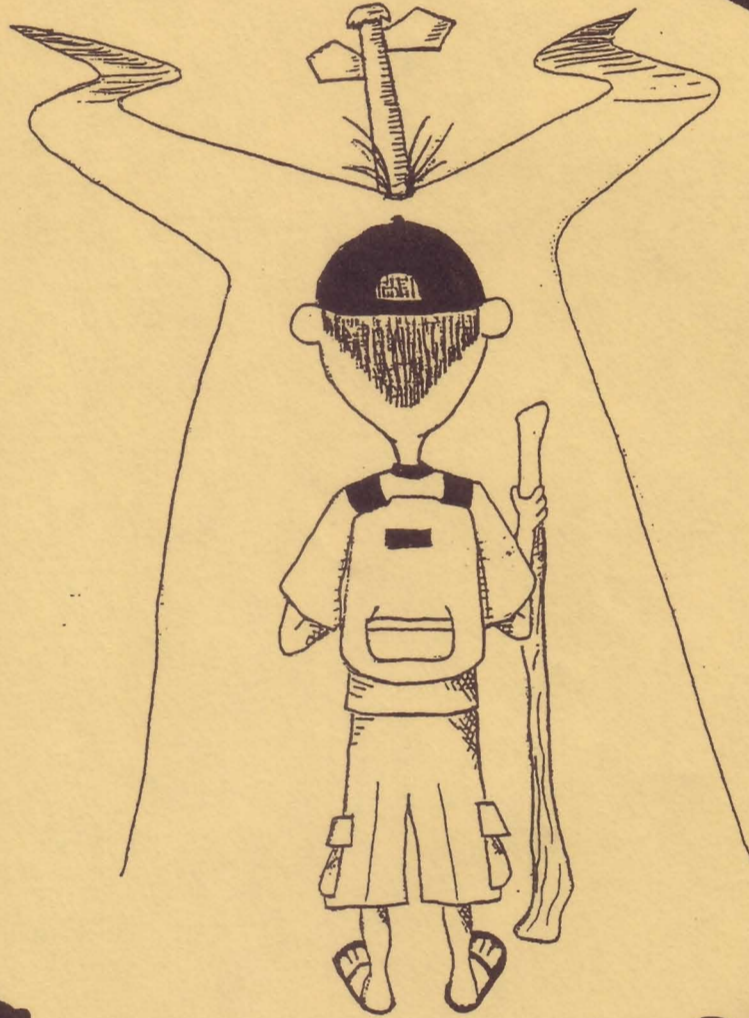


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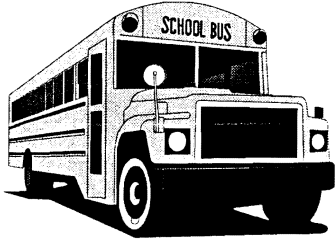
CAMP 2003

NEWSPAPER

SATURDAY

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

The 46th year of camp began officially in the parking lot of Braintree High School shortly before 10:00 A.M. today. 323 campers and a staff of 65 jammed their trunks and sleeping bags into the two large luggage trucks. By 11:00 A.M. everything we might need for the week was in the trucks and the campers found seats in one of the eight buses for the 3 hour



journey to The Lake Ossipee Conference Center in Freedom, NH – about 135 miles from the South Shore.

The camp is located on the eastern shore of beautiful Ossipee Lake. This is our 46th year of camp, our third at The Lake Ossipee Conference Center. The first 25 years of camp were hosted by The Geneva Point Conference Center and were known as "Camp Winni." We spent the next 18 years at "Kingsmont" in western Massachusetts.

Upon arrival the campers received their cabin assignment and raced to reserve their bunks. Smaller cabins hold 8 junior high campers and 2 counselors. Larger cabins hold about 2 dozen senior high campers and 4 counselors. Not all cabins have all the modern conveniences, but they will be our home for the next week.

Scrambling to find trunks and sleeping bags as they tumble from the trucks is the first official camp activity. This year everyone seemed to find everything that they had brought with them – that's a first! Usually we have several missing sleeping bags and at least one missing trunk.

ORIENTATION MEETING

At 4:45 P.M. the entire camp met at the Council Ring for opening words from "Rip" and to review the guidelines with Don McGibbon.

"Rip" has missed only one year of camp since it's very beginning 46 years ago. He has developed, directed and dedicated himself to a camp that young people from the South Shore have come to look forward to with great anticipation year after year. Originally "Rip" was the managing director of the Geneva Point Conference Center – "Camp Winni" – as well as directing the week of camp for The South Shore Congregational Youth Conferences.

Don McGibbon has been the assistant director of the camp week since 1976. Like many of our current staff, Don was once a camper – one of the only campers left from the Camp Winni days. Don was also a counselor at "Winni" for 3 years in the 60's before returning to camp in 1976.

The campers left the Council Ring by Morning Groups with their pair of leaders to choose their meeting places for Morning Group for the next 6 days.

CHAPEL AND VESPERS

Each evening the camp gathers for worship before supper and for vespers around the campfire just before the close of the day. During the week our chapel services will be led by a variety of campers, counselors and senior staff members. Each church has the opportunity to lead a worship service. The opening worship service was led by the young people from Old South.

Vespers on Saturday were led by Terry Martinson who talked about all the opportunities we will have at camp this week – including the opportunity to hear Christ in others, see Christ in others, and be like Christ to one another. Vespers traditionally ends with the singing of The Lord's Prayer with everyone joining hands.

THE ACOUSTIC CAMPFIRE

On Saturday evening Matt Fiander and Mike DeGagne hosted a campfire which featured the musical talents of many of our counselors and campers, plus the story of "Rinderella who slopt her dripper racing away from the bancy fall at midnight." Harry LaCoste was the master storyteller.

Musical talent was presented by: Greg and Stefanie Zopatti, John Fiander, Caiti Meaney, Kevin Worth, Katharine Neville, Joe Candler, Brendan Pires, Pat Duggan, Jacqueline Graziano, Alison Meaney, Mike DeGagne, Jon McCabe, Laura Frado, and Adrienne Perfetuo.

Other campers and counselors will share their talents later in the week at the talent show.



TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Who is the only staff member who was a camper at both Camp Winni and Kingsmont and a counselor at both Kingsmont and Lake Ossipee?

How many current staff members were never campers?

NEW SONG LEADERS

With the absence of Glenn Holt this summer, Greg Zopatti and Jon McCabe will be sharing the song leading responsibilities at our worship services. They have worked hard to learn all the songs that Glenn has made popular throughout the years and they've added a few new songs of their own.

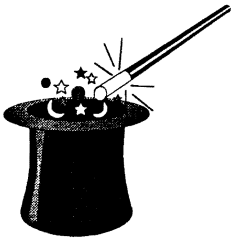
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"THE TRUE TEST OF CHARACTER IS NOT HOW MUCH WE KNOW HOW TO DO, BUT HOW WE BEHAVE WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO."

(John Holt)

STAFF TRIVIA

- Which counselor just became a nurse and which two male counselors are studying to be nurses?
- What is the name of the 2003 camp nurse? Who's mom is she?
- Who is the "rookie" on the Executive Staff? Which church does he represent?
- Which counselors have siblings at camp this summer?
- Which counselor went to college in Virginia?
- Which counselor has the most speeding tickets?
- At least 10 counselors attended the same elementary school... Which school was that?
- Which counselor has the most pets?
- Which counselor is a park ranger?
- Which counselor attended college in Canada?
- Which counselor most recently returned from Canada?
- Name 3 counselors that drive a Ford Taurus?
- Which college has the most representatives on the current camp staff – Stonehill, U. Mass, - Amherst, Roger Williams University, Union, or Bridgewater State?
- How many ordained ministers are currently on the camp staff?
- How many counselors are studying for the ministry?
- Which former counselor got married earlier this month?
- Which current counselor will be next to be married?



THE "ROOKIES"

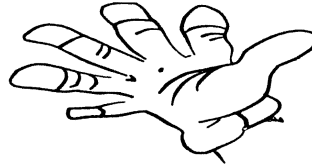
We have a very strong first year staff of counselors this summer who are adding their special magic to the camp week.

Our fourteen "rookies" are: Billy Harding, Dan Sachetti, Andrew Bober, Erin Ryan, Caroline Walsh, Christine Fiander, Lindsay Scott,

Erika Goldstein, Meaghan Smith, Lynne Harrington, Linda Anderson, Holly Archer, Amy Gordon, and Liz Leuchte. We also welcome to camp Pastor Dick Hotchkin and Kathy Giachetti.

MEMBER CHURCHES

Our camp week is sponsored by The South Shore Congregational Youth Conferences, Inc. The five current member churches are: First Congregational Church of Braintree, The Bethany Congregational Church in Quincy, The Union Congregational Church in Weymouth/Braintree Landing, First Church of Weymouth, and The Old South Union Church of Weymouth. All five churches pay a membership fee which, in addition to the campers' fees, covers the week of camp. Though other churches have belonged to the corporation, these five churches have been the consistent members for the last six or more years. The South Shore Congregational Youth Conference welcomes donations and solid ideas for fundraising projects to enhance our program and to help others. We would love to be able to avoid raising the camper's fee each year.



THANKS TO OUR HELPING HANDS

The Executive Staff thanks the following campers for helping us to prepare for camp: Amanda Vogel,

Heather Vogel, Rachel Lydon, Hannah Weldon, Jen Corey, Jill Walsh, Madeline Lena, Brittney Cameron, Nicole Dabene, Belle Donofrio, Samantha Hill and Danielle Thompson.

MUSIC AT OSS�PEE

A most important part of our week together is music. We sing at chapel. We sing at vespers. We even sing for our supper sometimes. We enjoy the musical talents of both campers and staff at the campfire and the talent show. We even have special music that's been written just for camp. A number of years ago Dave Holt wrote a song titled "Compass" which has become our camp theme song. At the end of last year Jon McCabe and Greg Zopatti wrote a song titled "Take Me Down To Ossipee" which seems to be catching on quickly.

We polled the camp staff about their favorite camp song. "Lord Of The Dance" had the most votes. Other songs that received a good number of votes were: "Pharaoh, Pharaoh", "Lean On Me", "Rise 'N Shine", and "Pass It On." Rip's favorite is "Rise 'N Shine."

We thank Glenn Holt for teaching us so many wonderful songs in years gone by. We also thank Greg and Jon for carrying on the camp's wonderful music tradition.

There are easily a dozen guitars at camp this summer (also drums and an electric piano.) There are literally dozens of talented campers and many talented staff. Emily Northridge is especially gifted on the keyboard. Thanks to all for sharing their gifts. That's what the journey is all about – sharing what God has given!

A THOUGHT OR TWO ABOUT THE JOURNEY

What does it mean to be a Christian?

"Being a Christian means having the opportunity to join other ordinary people on an extraordinary journey – being a witness to God's love for every person." (The Carmelite Fathers)

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty." (Mother Theresa)

"Little deeds of kindness, little words of love, help to make the earth happy." (Julia A.F. Carney)

"There will always be people who appear to be handsomer, prettier, richer, luckier, and better-educated than you. What's the point of comparing? We are all created equal. We are all created to serve in a special way." (Sol Gordon)

I'll be a friend to someone who needs one!



SUNDAY

MORNING WATCH

For many campers the few moments of silence right after breakfast are a favorite part of each camp day. Morning Watch is a time for meditation and prayer. Campers may use these moments as they choose, but each morning they receive a Morning Watch sheet which includes a scripture reading, a story, questions for reflection, and a sprinkling of prayer seeds.

The scripture readings for 2003 are all taken from "The Sermon on The Mount" (Matthew 5 – 7.) Toward the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus was followed to the top of a hill near Capernum by his disciples and many others. Jesus sat them before him and shared with them the teachings that we call "The Sermon on The Mount." The Beattitudes ("Blessed are...") begin "The Sermon On The Mount."



Most of the stories in this year's Morning Watch are from The Chicken Soup For The Teenage Soul series of books. The stories all deal with relationships.

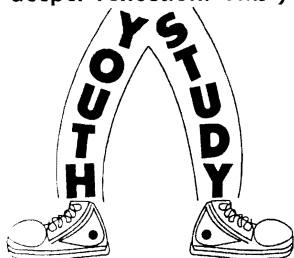
THE JOURNEY

The 2003 camp theme is THE JOURNEY. Our focus is not upon where we are going or how long it may take us to get there, but upon the relationships that we may develop along the way.

The logo for the 2003 camp (see the newspaper cover) was designed by Joe Lapinski, a senior from the Old South Youth Group. Mark Fricker, another senior, also designed an awesome logo, but it was a bit too complex to print on our t-shirts. Many thanks to both Joe and Mark for sharing their artistic talent.

MORNING PROGRAM

The entire camp is divided into 32 morning groups with 10 campers and 2 leaders in each group. The groups spend 90 minutes together each morning at a location of their own choosing to explore our theme – The Journey – together. The carefully crafted program includes games, discussion questions, Bible Studies, suggestions for journal entries, and daily insights for deeper reflection. This year each camper will create his or her own journal.



The goal of the Morning Program is to encourage the young people to explore their faith and deepen their relationships by learning from one another. Morning Group is fun. Morning Group

is educational. Morning Group is spiritual.

The 2003 Morning Program will focus upon the following 6 topics: family, friends, communication, trust, "romance" and faith.

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:

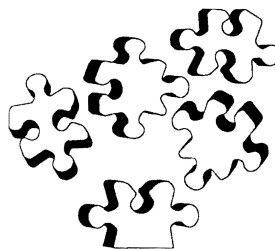
- Good weather – plenty of sun... plenty of warm
- Scrambled eggs & home fries
- Cabin clean-up
- Pizza & potato puffs
- Spree Time with too many great choices (see below)
- The Grand Opening of the canteen with "Canteen Boy" – Brian Thompson
- Counselor Trivia Hunt created by Matt Ings
- E.R. visits by Mark DePari and Lauren Finnerty
- Worship led by Gloria Carlson and the campers from First Church and Union Congregational Church
- Shepherd's Pie
- The 80's Dance with "Tommy Tunes" and lots of wild outfits and lots of great music!!!! Super dance!!!!
- Vespers led by Harry LaCoste around a roaring fire

SPREE TIME

After lunch campers are encouraged to choose among a list of activities offered by our counselors. The choices include swimming, boating, tie-dye, volleyball, tennis, four-square, newspaper, kickball, lacrosse, peak-ball, massage, basketball, ultimate frisbee, wiffle ball, soccer, and talent show practice.

Everyone must choose an activity and be out of their cabins during spree time.

PUZZLE CHALLENGE



We have challenged our campers this summer to complete as many 1,000 piece jig-saw puzzles as they can during the week. For each completed puzzle we will send \$20 to The Children's Hospital in Boston. Puzzles are available to the campers to work on

whenever they have free time. Gloria Carlson is the coordinator of this project, which we hope will raise several hundred dollars.

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"Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. The third is to be kind."
(Henry James)

"God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us."
(Martin Luther)

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."
(Eleanor Roosevelt)

CAMP'S 2003 SENIOR CLASS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YTH GRP</u>	<u>YRS @ CAMP</u>	<u>AFTER CAMP</u>
LINDSEY BAUER	OSU	4	Providence College
GENA BEAN	OSU	6	Cape Cod Community College
MEGHAN BURKE	Bethany	4	U. Mass - Amherst
JOE CANDLER	OSU	5	Newbury College
KATRINA CASTAGNOZZI	OSU	3	University of New Hampshire
KATIE CONNOLLY	OSU	6	St. Anselm
JENN COREY	OSU	6	Bridgewater State College
SARAH CRESWELL	Union	6	University of New Hampshire
MELISSA DEGAGNE	Bethany	7	Fitchburg State College
AMY DESMOND	OSU	6	Cape Cod Community College
CHRIS DORMAN	OSU	6	Assumption College
GEOFF DOUGLASS	OSU	3	Northeastern University
JACLYN FELDMAN	OSU	3	Northeastern University
BILL FRANK	OSU	6	Massasoit Community College
MARK FRICKER	OSU	5	New England School of Photography
MICHELLE FRAZER	OSU	6	Franklin Pierce College
DAN GIACHETTI	OSU	6	Landscape Engineering
KERIANNE GORHAM	OSU	6	Framingham State University
MEG GRIFFIN	OSU	3	Southern New Hampshire University
ASHLEY KELLEY	OSU	6	Johnson & Wales
AMANDA KORDIS	Bethany	7	Northeastern University
JOE LAPINSKI	OSU	4	U. Mass - Dartmouth
MIKE LEAHY	OSU	4	Westfield State
ANTHONY LEFEBVRE	OSU	6	Dean College
SCOTT LONG	OSU	4	Suffolk University
ELIZABETH MACINTYRE	OSU	4	Boston University
ASHLEY MAGRANE	OSU	6	Computer Science @ Mass Hospital
MIKE MARELLA	OSU	3	Bentley College
CARISSA MARLOWE	OSU	5	Emerson College
ALANA MASTERSON	Bethany	6	Framingham State
CAROLANN McCLAFFERTY	OSU	4	Northeastern University
CAITLIN MEANEY	OSU	6	University of New Hampshire
TIM MOHR	OSU	6	Dean College
STEPHEN PAGE	OSU	6	Anna Maria College
MIKE RAYMOND	OSU	6	Curry College
AMANDA SCOTT	OSU	7	Dean College
LYNN SHEA	OSU	3	Floral Design School
COLEEN SLYNE	OSU	3	Fairfield University
GARETT VAUGHN	OSU	2	Massasoit Community College
KRISTINA VENTRE	OSU	4	Roger Williams University
HEATHER VOGEL	Bethany	8	Becker College
JILLIAN WALSH	OSU	6	Bridgewater state College

MONDAY

MONDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Sunshine... great day!!! Brief rain showers in the late afternoon...
- ♦ Pancakes & sausage
- ♦ Morning Group about friendships & cliques...
- ♦ Hot Dogs + Mac 'n Cheese
- ♦ Spree Time
- ♦ The Olympics – A Mike Miller Production
- ♦ Worship led by Bethany Church & Rev. Bill and featuring an inspiring faith journey by Jess Lynch
- ♦ Tacos & rice + popsicles
- ♦ A creative, imaginative evening program created by Harry, Kevin and many of our staff
- ♦ Vespers led by Mal Hunt

THE AFTERNOON OLYMPICS

Mike Miller organized an excellent afternoon program which involved every single camper, even those on crutches and in wheelchairs.



The eight color teams faced off against one another in eight competitions: soccer, basketball, Outburst, Trivia, Name That Tune, Wiffle Ball, Floor Hockey and Volleyball. There was exciting action at all eight venues. A late afternoon shower was not enough to cancel the keen competition. The enthusiasm of the teams and their leaders was contagious.

We have many outstanding athletes at camp and many sharp individuals who excel in challenging games like Outburst and trivia.

A FANTASTIC JOURNEY

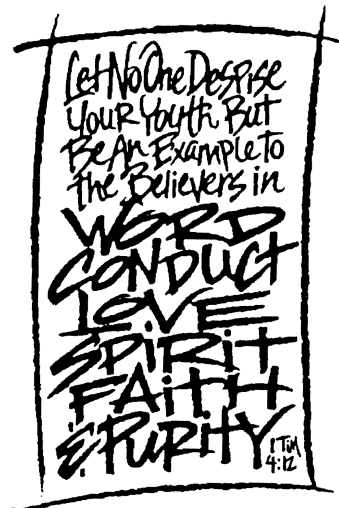
Harry and Kevin were responsible for a very creative, colorful, and imaginative presentation that followed the journey of Finn (played by Kevin Worth) to the Seven Wonders of the World: Sight, Sound, Smell, Hearing, Touch, Laughter and Love. Finn had worked hard all his life and was never aware of any of these things. The world frightened him and everything was new. On his journey he encountered characters that brought his senses, taught him to laugh and love, and find the courage to face his fears. The characters were played by Steve Flaherty, Mal Hunt, Kate McAllister, Mike Miller, and Eric Martinson.

Incredible "puppets", created by Kevin Worth greatly enhanced the production, as did the juggling of Matt and Harry, the dancing of Katie and Adrienne, and the music of Matt, Greg and Jon. During the production we created a rain storm and using our imaginations, we even made it snow.



This was a very ambitious program that took many, many hours to produce. It also taught a valuable lesson about using all our gifts to give life it's full beauty and joy.

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AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS:

Tell them that you are going to read their mind...
Tell them to...

- Choose a number between 2 and 9...
- Multiply that number by 9...
- Add the two digits of the answer together...
- Subtract 5 from that answer...
- Take that answer and count down that many letters in the alphabet... A – B – C – D – E – F
- Think of a European Country that begins with that letter of the alphabet...
- Go to the next letter and choose a circus animal that begins with that letter of the alphabet...
- Think of the color of that animal...
- SAY – "I would guess that your gray elephant is from Denmark!"

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Can you name the 10 body parts that only have three letters in them?

(Hint – 5 are below the neck... 5 are above the neck)

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"Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do but how much love we put in that action." (Mother Theresa)

"Parents – they're strict on you when you're young, and you don't understand why. But as you get older, you understand and you appreciate it." (Grant Hill – NBA)



THOUGHTS FROM NORMA MAGRANE

I have loved spending 19 summers at camp – 5 as a camper, 8 as a counselor at Kingsmont, and 6 as “Ashley’s helper.” I have been at all three locations where camp has been held – “Winni,” “Kingsmont,” and “Ossipee.”

I always wanted my children to experience youth group and camp, and this year I get to see Ashley graduate from camp as a 6 year camper, and Donal begin what will hopefully be a 6 year “camp career.”

Camp, to me, has always been about the people – Bill, Terry, Rip, and Don – and about the program, making new friendships, and ending the summer on a “high note”, and trying to take the camp spirit with me into the fall. I love how nice everyone is to everyone at camp. It’s hard to describe what it is about camp that is so special – but no matter where camp has been held, the camp spirit has been there.

Not much has changed since I started camp back in 1979 as an 8th grade camper, except maybe that the campers all have cell phones now. But the camp spirit is still very much alive, and I hope that it will continue to be alive for a long, long time.

Norma Magrane

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE 1979?

- ✓ In the 70’s camp was held in July... we moved to August when we moved to Kingsmont
- ✓ The counselors were older – many were parents of the campers
- ✓ The counselors, though older, were not as involved as today’s counselors... they were also not as well behaved
- ✓ The Morning Program was not nearly as strong as it is now
- ✓ Music was not as much a part of our camp in
- ✓ Worship was led by the ministers, not the campers or the staff
- ✓ Bog Gohl videotaped E-V-E-R-Y-T-H-I-N-G back then
- ✓ We all ate together – the split meal times started when we moved to Ossipee
- ✓ The camp had other guests while we were there... they didn’t always enjoy our youthful enthusiasm
- ✓ Rip always wore a red hat in the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s – so where’s the hat, Rip?
- ✓ Campers smoked...
- ✓ Don’s hair was red then, too...

OLYMPIC GAMES RESULTS

ORANGE	30
RED	27
MAROON	21
BLUE	20
GOLD	19
GREEN	15
PURPLE	11
YELLOW	7

*Every Good & Perfect gift is from above...
James 1:17*

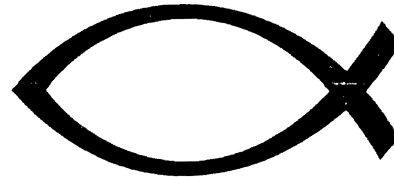
COUNSELOR & CAMPER DOUBLES

- ✓ Meg Campbell - one of the Olsen Twins
- ✓ Ashley Cameron – the other Olsen Twin
- ✓ Jon McCabe – George Michaels
- ✓ Josh Fredrickson – Richard Seymouth
- ✓ Nate Roberts – Josh Fredrickson
- ✓ John Lydon – Ben Affleck
- ✓ George Raymond – “The Rock”
- ✓ Eric Martinson – Billy Joe of Green Day
- ✓ Jeff Kobel – Steve Austin
- ✓ Josh Whipple – Reese from Malcom
- ✓ Ryan Bristol – Simon from 7th Heaven
- ✓ Harry LaCoste – Brian Daubach
- ✓ Mike Miller – Bear In The Big Blue House
- ✓ Kevin Worth – Matthew Broderick
- ✓ Rob Waugh – Woody from Toy Story

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“Respect is love in plain clothes.” (Frankie Byrne)

“It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low; but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment.” (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux)



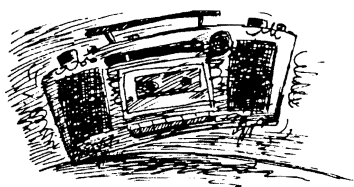
POP TOPS FOR SHRINERS’ BURNS

Campers this week have been encouraged to collect the pop tabs from their soda cans in order to aid the Shriners’ Burns Institute. The owner of The Lake Ossipee Conference Center has adopted this project and has made a significant contribution to the hospital.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ Bright & Sunny – Hot!!!
- ❑ Waffles & Bacon
- ❑ Morning Groups about communication
- ❑ Chicken Patty Sandwiches
- ❑ No Spree Time
- ❑ Rehearsal for Skit Night
- ❑ No Swimming (Boo!!!)
- ❑ 2 more to the E.R.
- ❑ No Afternoon Program
- ❑ Chapel led by the class of '03
- ❑ Pizza Casserole & Garlic Bread
- ❑ Skit Night – lots of laughs
- ❑ Vespers led by the class of '03



QUESTIONS CAMPERS ARE FOCUSING UPON JUST FOR FUN:

- Why do they call GORP, GORP?
- What does a person with 2 left feet wear to the beach?
- Why does Gooney like Sequoia Trees and not evergreens, pneumonia and not influenza?

SERIOUSLY:

- How are people like eggs?
- If God knows our needs, why do we pray?
- If God is always watching over us, why do we worry?

SKIT NIGHT

It was a joy to watch the 8 teams working together to develop the most creative skits for tonight's entertainment. They had all afternoon to "get their act together."

The hard work truly paid off. Skit Night was outstanding. Each of the 8 teams presented an outstanding skit which was judged by Don, Gloria, Dick and Terry. Each skit incorporated music and dance, improv challenges, counselor imitations, and lots of creativity.

The Red team led off with a skit about "Birth." The Green team followed with their presentation about "Kindergarten." Purple was next with their dramatic offering about "Camp." The Maroon team's skit was about "First Jobs," followed by the Yellow team "Learning

To Drive." The Gold team portrayed "The First Date." The Royal Blue theme was "Going Off To College." Finally the Orange team did "Getting Married."

It was a very, very close competition with less than 5 points separating the 8 teams. There was a four way tie for second place with 33 points between: Purple, Maroon, Yellow and Orange. Two teams tied for first place with 34 points: Royal Blue and Green.

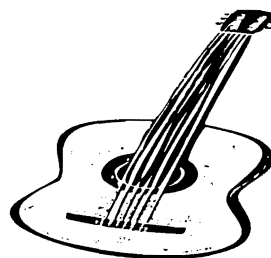
The First Year Counselors ended the evening in the rec hall with a skit of their own.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and we were thrilled by the outstanding participation of every camper and the creativity of each team.

WORSHIP LEADERS

A camp tradition is to have our graduating seniors lead the worship service on Tuesday evening. Tonight Steve Page, Caiti Meaney, Gena Bean, Jenn Corey, Amy Desmond and Mike Marella took speaking parts in the service. They were backed by the "The 2003 Singers" – the entire senior class, all 42 of them – who led the campers in "Lean On Me" and "Pharaoh, Pharaoh."

When the camp gathered around the fire for vespers, seniors Joe Candler, Michelle Frazer, and Tony LeFebvre shared their thoughts and led us in the singing of The Lord's Prayer. Joe and Michelle read stories. Tony spoke from his heart about tearing down the walls that separate us.



A CAMPER'S ADVICE

So you're back on the bus with a bag full of memories, and a pocket full of confidence to face another year of school. Remember the things you've learned and the friends you made, and use these new tools to break free from your social circle and join your old friends with your new friends. I know it's risky and it's not going to happen over night, but stick with it – you've seen it done in less than a week.

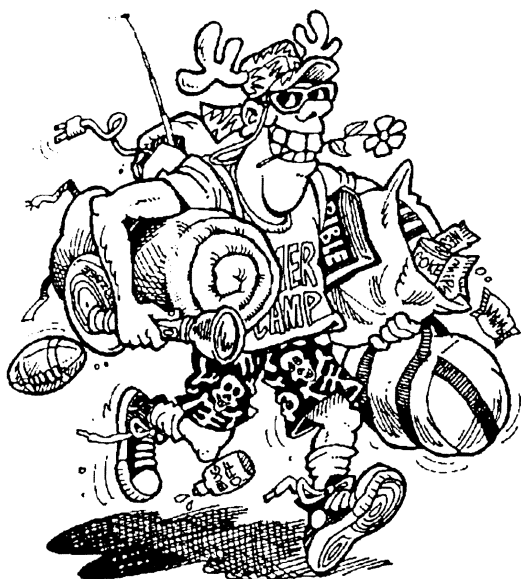
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"SOONER OR LATER EVERYONE SITS DOWN TO A BANQUET OF CONSEQUENCES."

(Robert Lewis Stevenson)

"THOSE WHO BRING SUNSHINE INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS CANNOT KEEP IT FROM THEMSELVES."

(Sir James M. Barrie)



Graduation Daze

By Stephen Flaherty

Over the last few days and through the coming weeks I'm sure that some of you will feel at a loss. You will miss the spirit of camp and the friendships you're surrounded with all day, everyday. For these reasons and more, you can see that camp is a learning experience. No matter what year you are in school, or who you have for morning group, camper and staff alike learn from everything that is camp. Now as the seniors go, I hope to offer you a few quick words of advice that I've been given by staff and campers throughout my 12 years at camp. I think that we are all a collection of teachings and experiences, a synthesis of our friends and family, and through

everyone I've met I have learned some things I'd like to share with you. Hopefully something here can offer you some spark, or happiness in the next few wild weeks.

For those seniors going off to school, I want to tell you something that I tried to follow when leaving home for the first time. Don't start college where you started high school. Don't be afraid of a new school or locker combinations, don't worry about the seniors or the new lunchroom like you did when heading off to high school. Instead of starting standing still, keep on running. You should not start college as a freshman, but instead as if it were your fifth year of high school. Remember all the clubs, sports, friends, and experiences that made high school what it was, and keep building from there. If you start school this fall as if you were continuing into your fifth year of high school, you can and will do amazing things.

For all the seniors, remember that you are both an individual and a member of the whole as well. You can achieve things that are remarkable as a person, as R.P. Warren said, "The world is like an enormous spider web, and when you touch it however lightly, at any point, the vibrations reach the remotest perimeter." Yet although your individual deeds can be felt the world over, you can encourage and lead others as well, and that is one of the greatest gifts of all. Being a part of a whole, can be the greatest expression of individuality, use the enthusiasm and leadership you all have. The positives you can achieve with a group can be the most fulfilling times of your life. Be a leader.

Spread your light, and the joy of camp wherever you end up. But make sure in doing so that you challenge yourself to be a motivator and mover during your next step through life. As we have learned here, you need to go outside that bubble, and experience new things, new people, and new places. Try to do as much as possible whether it be through travel, discussion, or any other way. You should always remember that, "A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." (Edith Wharton) So challenge yourself and enjoy your everyday victories, but remember that, "life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans." (John Lennon).

And finally, remember what Mark Twain said, "Don't let school get in the way of your education." So smile and learn from the world. Travel and find new ways to grow. As long as you are in charge of yourself, you can go in any direction you choose. And I'm sure, from knowing the seniors for the past six years and from all that we as a staff have seen of the underclassmen, that you will all succeed. Congratulations on all you've accomplished, and most of all, thank you for all you've done for me and the rest of the staff. We've been so lucky to have you here.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ Bright & Clear Skies.
- ❑ Eggs and Homefries.
- ❑ Morning Groups on trust
- ❑ Chili with Chips
- ❑ Juggling and the lake 4 Spree time
- ❑ The Lord of the Rings
- ❑ 6 more to the E.R. – at least!
- ❑ No Afternoon Program
- ❑ Chapel led by the staff
- ❑ Pizza, salad, and Potato puffs
- ❑ Talent Show – great job
- ❑ Vespers led by the staff

The Lord of the Rings Game

Outstanding Costumes worn by our staff and the creativity of Katharine Neville who created an outstanding game led to a great afternoon program involving the entire camp. Each of the 8 colors were on a quest, guided by clues hidden around the camp, to find and destroy the ring. The costumed counselors challenged them with contests and questions before revealing the information needed to lead them to the next clue.

The Orange team was first to find the ring, though they may have skipped a clue or two.



Talent Show

Once again the Campers and staff proved why the talent show at camp will always be around. The level of talent displayed on stage was phenomenal this year and even more diverse than the past few years. From the rock bands that started the night, to dancing, caustic, and *a cappella* groups, the talent show displayed the artistic talents many campers of all ages.

Billy Frank started the night off with “Home Sweet Home”, and the crowd was in to it from there on in. With our favorite fiery staff members, Eric Martinson and Adam Aiello hosting, things went smoothly all through out the night. Brendan Fennimore stole the show early on with his flexibility and stage presence as he showed us all how to stretch our legs behind our necks and more. While Pat Duggan was everywhere playing bass and providing vocals on three tunes during the night.

The music slowed down but Emily Babbit received the first standing ovation of the night with her singing of “It’s so Hard to Say Goodbye”, but was soon followed by

great performances from Gabby Perfetuo and Amanda Kordis. The whole senior girls cabin jumped on stage dancing to “It’s Raining Men” and the boys from Pawnee matched their performance, dancing to the classic tune from Wham, “Wake Me Up Before You Go (Go)”, kept the crowd fired up.

The show was a success as always and Jaqueline Graziano brought down the roof with her piano playing and here soulful singing of “Heaven” right before Mike and Melissa DeGagne finished off a great night with Radiohead’s “High and Dry”.



LIFE

Oh how our lives have been planned out,
Until eighteen without a doubt.
School, college, clubs and games,
Long-standing traditions, pre-given names.
Identity given and taken away,
Being yourself at the end of the day.
Parents, teachers, sisters and brothers,
All caring for you, like most others.
Degrees, qualifications, aims, and traditions,
Trying to fulfill dreams and ambitions.
Constant reminders of glory to come,
We will touch others, i.e., only some.
Remember your success is all up to you.
It’s all yours, what will you do?

Gemma Hobcraft
Chicken Soup For The Teenage Soul –
Journal

MORE COUNSELOR TRIVIA

- Which two counselors recently served in the military?
- Which morning group pair has been together the longest?
- Which counselor has actually been both a king and a jester?
- Which counselor is looking forward to a career in radio and television?

FROM THE EDITOR (Terry)

First, I apologize for the fact that the 2003 edition of the camp newspaper might not be all that you had anticipated it might be. It has been a very full week and there was not as much time to work on the paper as originally planned. Also, a great big "Thanks" to Steve Flaherty and Mal Hunt for filling in a few of the gaps. Their help has been a gift to me.

Yes, this is a camp week that I will remember. It has been like no other. We have had more hospital runs, more challenging concerns that took time to work through, and more tears with sad news from home than we have ever had before. I think several of our staff, including myself, looked a bit more stressed than usual.

But it was a good week. And we have learned some valuable lessons, I trust, and we have grown together. I am thrilled with the way some of the campers have matured this week. I am very pleased to see how supportive our campers were of one another in their time of need. I am gratified that difficult decisions were supported. I am pleased that we were able to explore the issues of trust and honesty together. We have certainly learned once again that one person's sadness touches many, one person's actions affect many, and one person's joy is contagious.

The 2003 camp memento is a carabiner clip with a compass. This memento will always be a reminder to me that no matter how young or old we are, we need Someone to guide us and Someone to hold onto us. Without that Someone (God) this week might have been a lot more difficult to face.

I thank God daily for His presence in my life and in the lives of so many people that I know. I hope that you will find God in your life and that you will allow Him to be the one to guide you and hold you.

T.O.M.

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THURSDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Glorious day... HOT!!!
- ◆ French Toast & sausage
- ◆ "Hot & Steamy Thursday" in Morning Group
- ◆ Cheeseburgers In Paradise
- ◆ Enthusiastic singing at lunch
- ◆ Spree Time – lots in swimming
- ◆ Free Flowing Field Activities
- ◆ Chapel led by First Cong. in Braintree
- ◆ Shrimp Cocktail, Prime Rib, Hot Fudge Sundaes (?)
- ◆ Informal Formal Dance



FRIDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Great Breakfast
- ◆ Strength Bombardment In Morning Group
- ◆ Great Lunch
- ◆ Chalet in SERIOUS trouble... oops.
- ◆ The "Hug Line"
- ◆ Graduation – 42 seniors
- ◆ "Ollie" Awards
- ◆ Super Supper
- ◆ Consecration Services
- ◆ Senior Campfire

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ "Rise 'n Shine"
- ◆ Pack before breakfast
- ◆ Clean cabins before breakfast
- ◆ Sumptuous Breakfast
- ◆ Parting Words from Rip
- ◆ Load The Buses
- ◆ Leave Ossipee Lake Conference Center
- ◆ Arrive back at 2:17 P.M. in Braintree

THANKS TO ALL WHO
MADE THE WEEK SUCH
A GREAT SUCCESS...
A VERY SPECIAL THANKS
TO OUR COUNSELORS WHO
WERE SO GREAT
AND
TO OUR CAMPERS WHO WERE
SO GOOD...

CAMP IS ALL ABOUT YOU –
YOU MAKE IT WHAT IT IS...