

THE FIFTIETH EDITION

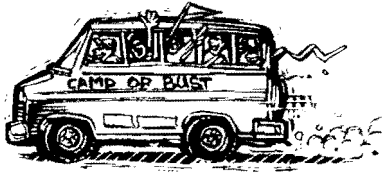
CAMP NEWSPAPER



AUGUST 18 – 25, 2007

This history of camp was written by “Rip” to celebrate the 50th year of camp.

“A Vacation with a Purpose”



During the Fifties the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference sponsored the Pilgrim Fellowship Camps and conferences for Junior and Senior High youth. The only problem was that only 2 young people from a church could attend one of these week long sessions.

On a cold February morning, the following ministers met at the Hollow restaurant in Quincy to discuss holding their own Camp in 1958. They were the Rev. Bedros Baharian and the Rev Richard Roper of Quincy Point Congregational Church, The Rev Roland Nye of the Wollaston Congregational church, The Rev. William Gray of the 1st Church of Squantum and the Rev Robert Ripley of the East Congregational Church of Milton. We were told that there was a week available at Geneva Point in Moultonborough New Hampshire and the cost would be \$30 per person. After some discussion, we voted to go ahead and began making plans for a week in July. We decided that for the first year we would just take Junior High young people, Grades 7-9. That first year was a great success with 116 young people and a staff of 22. The following year 1959, we ran 2 sessions, one for Junior High and the other for Senior High. In 1960 they were combined into one camp. Also that year, Union Congregational Church of Weymouth and Braintree joined the group and have continued for the past 49 years. The four founding Churches are no Longer a part of the Group.

In May of 1960 it was decided to incorporate as the “South Shore Youth Conferences.” Over the past years 15 south shore churches have been involved in the program. The current members are the Old South Union Church, 1st Church of Braintree, 1st Church of Weymouth, Union Congregation Church and Bethany church of Quincy,



Over the 50 years there have been 3 homes. The first 25 years were at Winni, the next 18 years were at Camp Kingsmont in West Stockbridge, Mass and for the past 7 years we have been at the Ossipee Lake Conference Center, also known as Camp Cody.

During the first 15 Years the Program and activities were planned by the Ministers. Things were much more “formal “. Campers always wore name tags and addressed the staff by Mr. Mrs. or Miss. The original counselors were the parents or people who adults that were the same age as the parents of the campers. Everyone dressed for dinner, campers took one required class and one elective each Morning. Missionaries came from

different countries to share their experiences. It was really like "Sunday School under the Pines" with ministers teaching the classes.

The year 1969 was the low point in attendance with only 115 campers attending. There was some consideration that the program be dropped, however there was a decision made to extend the program for one more year. The next year 1970 attendance was back up to close to 200 campers. Since then we have never considered ending the program. In 1972 we initiated a new approach to morning program and started to involve the staff more in the planning and running the program. Also in 1972 music became more a part of the program with the addition of the Rev Terry Martinson from Old South Union. In 1977 we had our first group of gradating seniors, before those seniors were involved in a separate camping program



We celebrated our 25th anniversary in 1982; however it was our last year at Winni. Our numbers had continued to increase and at that point we decided we needed a larger facility to hold Camp. We were fortunate in locating Camp Kingsmont in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts. In 1983 our theme was "a New Beginning." At Kingsmont could accommodate more campers our attendance rose steadily. In 1997 the Last of the original churches (Quincy Point Congregational church dropped out after 39 years. Bethany Congregational Church took their place in 1998.

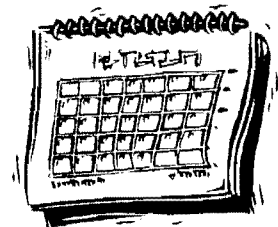
The year 2000 marked our 18th and final year at Kingsmont. Needless to say we were faced with the problem of relocation again. We needed to find a site that could accommodate 425+. At the recommendation of Carl Oren, the director of Camp Calumet, we visited and decided upon the Lake Ossipee Conference Center in Freedom, New Hampshire.

As we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary, we have 400 campers (a new high) with a staff of 74. A gala reunion is planned for Saturday, November 3rd at the Lantana in Randolph. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been involved in the program for the entire 50 years.

The Rev. Robert J. Ripley "RIP"

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3rd AT THE LANTANA... for more information**

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SATURDAY



YEAR #50 - 2007

The fiftieth year of camp began in the parking lot of Braintree High School when eager campers started arriving just after 9:30 A.M. to load tuff boxes, and trunks of

assorted sizes and shapes into the three luggage trucks and board the ten yellow school buses for the "endless" journey to Camp Cody in Freedom, NH. The buses departed at 11:15 A.M. and arrived at camp a little more than three hours later. This year 400 campers and a staff of 74 will share an amazing week together.

This is a very special year for our camp program – year #50. South Shore Congregational Youth Conferences – "camp" – was founded in 1958. For the first 25 years the camp week was held right after school got out. The location was The Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepausakee. After 25 years at "Winni" the camp week was moved to the end of the summer and Camp Kingsmont in the Berkshires became our home for the next 18 years. In 2001 the camp program was moved to Camp Cody on Lake Ossipee. 2007 is our 7th year at "Cody" and it is our biggest year ever. 399 campers are the most we have ever had and we still had 40 disappointed teens on a waiting list for the week. At a time when many youth programs are shrinking, we are still growing.

Upon arrival, the campers were greeted by "Rip" in the Council Ring just as they were in 1958. The Rev. Robert J. Ripley has been a part of camp for 49 of the 50 years. He skipped one year to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree.

First thing on the campers' agenda was to find their cabins, meet their counselors, and gather their belongings for the week.

Everyone returned to the Council Ring at 4:00 P.M. Our Assistant Director, Don McGibbon, introduced the entire staff including the 19 "rookie" counselors and all the returning veterans. Don has been an important part of the camp program for about 40 years. He started as a camper at "Winni" in 1959.

As the campers moved from the Council Ring they were divided into 35 Morning Groups. Each group has a dozen campers and two counselors who will spend much quality time together during the week. Morning Group is a most important component of our program.

Our 50th year is off to a good start... the campers are enthusiastic... the staff is well prepared... the weather is cool... the Cody staff is very welcoming... LET'S GO!

WHO IS CAMP?

- ❑ Camp 2007 is 399 campers and 74 staff members from the five participating churches: First Congregational Church of Braintree, Union Congregational Church of Braintree, Bethany Congregational Church of Quincy, First Church of Weymouth, and The Old South Union Church of Weymouth.
- ❑ Camp is teens in grades 7 – 12.
- ❑ Camp is a caring staff ranging in age from 19 to 60+... all of the counselors are former campers.
- ❑ Camp is teens and counselors coming together for an amazing week of sharing, growth and fun...
- ❑ Camp is a wonderful, international Cody staff that tries to meet all our needs...
- ❑ Camp is "Rip" and Don and Tom and so many others who work throughout the year to make sure that our week will be a success...
- ❑ Camp is a Spirit that comes to everyone who spends the week together on the shores of Lake Ossipee...
- ❑ Camp is you! Thanks for being a part of it!



YOU HAD TO BE THERE!

The 2007 Camp Theme is *YOU HAD TO BE THERE!* Our morning groups focus in on a daily theme. This year we will be talking about: change... values... relationships... individualism... the future... and the now.

The Morning Group program was put together by about a dozen of our counselors. There is ample material in each day's program to easily fill the 90 minutes that the groups are together. The program includes: a way to begin, a way to dive in, a way to play, a way to be creative, a way to affirm one another, a way to reflect, a way to journal (with invisible ink) and a way to end.

Morning Group is one of the campers' favorite parts of the day. It is not unusual for the relationships formed in Morning Group to continue well beyond the camp week.

THERE'S MORE ABOUT OUR
SATURDAY PROGRAM ON THE
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SATURDAY CON'T

WORSHIP

Each evening before dinner we meet in the Council Ring for worship. Our first night's worship was led by Terry Martinson and several of the young people from Old South. Terry shared some thoughts about "The Lost Son" (Luke 15:11-24) and how Mister Rogers might encourage us to treat one another. Mister Rogers, a Presbyterian minister, writes, "Every person is made in the image of God, and for that reason alone, he or she is to be valued – appreciated."



CAMPFIRE

The first evening program of our week together was a campfire featuring the musical talents of our camp staff. More than a dozen counselors shared songs and were able to get the entire camp singing with them. Featured entertainers

were: Kevin Worth, "The Bread And The Cup," Mike and Melissa Degagne, John and Rachel McCabe, Stef and Greg Zopatti, Adrienne and Gabi Perfetuo, Emily Northridge, John Fiander, Conor Pedro, Ashley Hazleton and Caiti Meaney, and Rachel Dentino (Johnny's sister.)

VESPERS

At the end of the evening the campers draw closer to the fire for vespers. Terry led vespers which built upon the theme of acceptance from the chapel service earlier in the evening. The words of the poem/song – *Don't Laugh At Me* – that Terry shared are can be found below.

Vespers ends with the entire camp joining hands for the singing of *The Lord's Prayer* – a tradition as old as camp itself.

DON'T LAUGH AT ME

Written by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin
Recorded by Peter, Paul & Mary

I'm a little boy with glasses,
The one they call a "geek";
A little girl who never smiles
'cuz I've got braces on my teeth;
And I know how it feels to cry myself to sleep.

I'm that kid on every playground
who's always chosen last;
A single teenage mother
tryin' to overcome her past;
You don't have to be my friend,

but is it too much to ask

*Don't laugh at me. Don't call me names.
Don't get your pleasure from my pain.
In God's eyes we're all the same
Some day we'll all have perfect wings
Don't laugh at me.*

I'm the beggar on the corner
You've passed me on the street
I wouldn't be out here begging if I had enough to eat
And don't think I don't notice that our eyes never meet

*Don't laugh at me. Don't call me names.
Don't get your pleasure from my pain.
In God's eyes we're all the same.
Some day we'll all have perfect wings.
Don't laugh at me.*

I'm fat. I'm thin. I'm short. I'm tall.
I'm deaf. I'm blind.
Hey aren't we all.

*Don't laugh at me. Don't call me names.
Don't get your pleasure from my pain.
In God's eyes we're all the same
Some day we'll all have perfect wings.
Don't laugh at me.*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As a camp, we do want to make a difference in the world starting with the community around us. An ongoing project for the campers is the collection of snap tops from aluminum beverage cans. The tabs are melted down into ingots and sold by the pound. All the money goes to The Shriners' Burn Hospital where all patients receive free medical care. Our goal for 2007 was to gather 1,000,000 snap tops.



A second project for our week at camp was to raise \$1,000 or more for the Mullin Family to honor the life of young Joanna Mullin. Campers were asked to make a donation as they came to the dance on Sunday night. Joanna has two cousins at camp this year. The Mullin family will remain in our prayers.

AN APOLOGY IS A GOOD WAY TO HAVE THE LAST WORD.

IT IS BETTER TO FORGIVE AND FORGET THEN TO RESENT AND REMEMBER.

SUNDAY

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Cool and breezy with sunshine

Breakfast: Pancakes & Sausage

A.M. Group Theme: Change

Lunch: Chicken Sandwiches & French Fries

Afternoon: Morning Group Inferno

Dinner: Spaghetti and salad bar

P.M. Program: Decade Dance

THE MORNING GROUP INFERNO

Sunday's afternoon program was "The Morning Group Inferno" created by Heather Maconochie, Jess Rizzo, Colleen MacNeil, Steph Jensen and Caitlyn Myers. This was a fierce competition between the 35 Morning Groups. Exciting events included: Water Balloon Toss, The Memory Game, Tug-O-War, High Hurdles (over the tennis net), Tic-Tac-Toe, Jigsaw Puzzles, Bucket Brigade, and Square Stand.



The tapes of the events are being carefully reviewed by the commissioner and the rules committee, however it appears that the Morning Group meeting with Stef Zopatti and Kevin Worth

were the winners. In a final battle they faced off against a team of Rookie Counselors for the "Cody Cup" and came out victorious. Winning team members were: Eric Chishol, Dan Gleason, Josh Ledin, Chris Rogerson, Jennifer Bell, Sarah Collins, Katie Finn, Jenna Keaney, Danielle Meuse, Kylie Quinn, and Becky Walsh.

THE DECADE DANCE

Sunday night's DECADE DANCE was a great success. Each grade was assigned a different decade to represent with their attire. Grade 7 came dressed as the "2000's"... Grade 8 dressed as the "1990's"... Grade 9 represented the "1980's"... Grade 10 attired themselves as teens from the "1970's"... Grade 11 looked just like kids from the "1960's"... and the seniors costumed themselves as folk from the "1950's." The counselors also wore appropriate decade attire. There were some absolutely awesome outfits, including several senior girls on roller skates. The staff really outdid themselves with their incredibly creative outfits.



Tom Remsen played the songs all night long – a great combination of current tunes and popular "golden oldies."

The best news is that our generous campers and staff donated close to \$1,600 for the fund in honor of Joanna Mullin.

It seems like everyone enjoyed the first dance and is eagerly looking forward to Thursday night's Black & White Dance.

CHAPEL AND VESPERS

Sunday's chapel service was created by Rebecca Fritz with the help of Kelsey Fritz, Theresa Reaney, and Christa Hewson. The theme of their service was faith. The scripture reading was Hebrews 11:1-6. Rebecca delivered the message, which was a wonderful reflection on her seven years at camp. She wore the t-shirt from each of her years at camp beginning with 2001 and peeling them off one by one until ending up with this year's shirt.



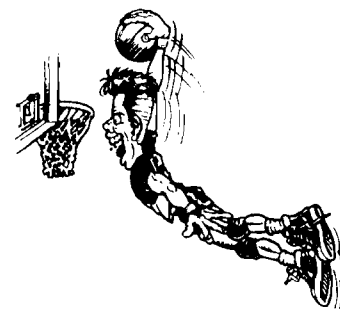
Following the dance, Mike Miller led vespers in the rec hall. Since the day's theme was *change*, Mike talked about how camp can change you if you allow it to.

SPREE TIME

Each afternoon following lunch the campers enjoy "Spree Time" – a choice of activities coordinated by Adam Fiander and Conor Pedro, and run by the counselors. Spree Time choices include:

volleyball, swimming, boating, whiffle ball, basketball, arts & crafts, talent show rehearsal, sunbathing, juggling, "death ball," boating, soccer, tennis, etc.

The one "rule" of Spree Time is that everyone must be out of the cabins. During Spree Time the Canteen is opened so that campers may purchase candy, chips, and a variety of cold beverages.



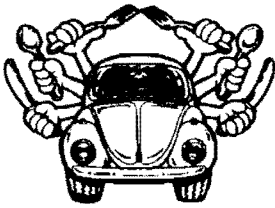
DON'T WORRY ABOUT KNOWING PEOPLE – JUST MAKE YOURSELF WORTH KNOWING.

MONDAY

MONDAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Bright & Sunny, and warmer!
Breakfast: scrambled eggs & bacon
A.M. Group Theme: Values
Lunch: grilled cheese sandwiches & soup
Afternoon Program: Bagged Lunch
Dinner: chicken stir-fry, veggies, rice
P.M. Program: Skit Night '07

BAGGED LUNCH



George Raymond, Conor Pedro, and Adam Fiander created a marvelous competition to keep the campers busy this afternoon. Divided into 8 teams, sporting different colors

of t-shirts, the campers had to race around camp filling their lunch bags with all sorts of treats being distributed by our kindly "lunch ladies." Of course the treats were not for free. They had to be earned by singing songs, answering trivia questions, completing certain physical challenges, and performing various stunts. The "lunch ladies" were our first year counselors. They took great joy in giving out the treats, just as much joy as the two bullies – Tom and Eric – got from cruelly taking the treats away. The game was much like Supermarket Sweep.

When all eight teams were "cashed" out" it was determined that the teams finished in the following order:

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|------------|------------|
| 1 – red | 5 - lime |
| 2 – orange | 6 - navy |
| 3 – yellow | 7 - purple |
| 4 – forest | 8 – sky |

WORSHIP & VESPERS

Kori Gorham and Krystal Duffy took the responsibility for this afternoon's worship service. They were assisted by campers Maria Opie, Lizz Elliott, and Kerrie Keenan. The girls shared a story and a poem from a *Chicken Soup* book and led the camp in song. Krystal spoke about the things we value like sunshine, a smile, and especially yourself.

Vespers around the fire on Monday night were led by Andy Sheflin. He talked about values and the ways we might want to be remembered. Andy asked, "If you sat down to write a letter that would be opened after you're gone, what would you write?"

SKIT NIGHT

The Rookie Counselors hosted Skit Night in the rec hall and entertained us with a number of very funny skits of their own.



Several boys from Pawnee kicked off the show with "The Subway Skit" featuring Curtis Linden.

The girls from Wapita were up next with their own "Counselor Fashion Show."

The senior girls presented "Man Vs. Cody" – a very, very funny skit based on The Discovery Channel's *Man Vs. Wild*.

"The Martinson Brother" sang *The Junior Birdman Theme Song* with the appropriate motions, of course.

The Pawnee Boys were next dancing to *Call On Me*. Many thanks to the girls who donated clothing for the Pawnee skit.

The boys from Cheyenne conducted an amusing memorial service for their four little gnome friends who were decapitated, but they rejoiced in the fact that they still had Mike.

A group of eleventh grade girls helped the rookie counselors better understand "The Ten Commandments For Rookie Counselors."

A courageous group of Junior High girls did a cute skit titled "Better Than Chuck Norris."

The night ended with a great skit by the rookies!

PLEASE LOOK DEEPER

Please don't judge me by my face, by my religion or my race.

Please don't laugh at what I wear, or how I look or do my hair.

Please look a little deeper – way down deep inside.
And although you may not see it, I have a lot to hide.
Behind my clothes the secrets lie. Behind my smile I softly cry.

Please look a little deeper, and maybe you will see
The lonely little girl that lies inside of me.
Please listen carefully to her – she'll show you that she's insecure.

Please try to be a friend and show her that you care.
Please just get to know her and maybe you will see
That if you look just deep enough, you'll find the real me.

From: *Chicken Soup For The Teenage Soul Journal*

TUESDAY

TUESDAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Gorgeous day! Sunshine & warm.
Breakfast: French toast & sausage
A.M. Group Theme: Relationships
Lunch: mac 'n cheese, chix nuggets
Afternoon Program: Cody Olympics
Dinner: tacos (a real favorite!)
P.M. Program: Reflections – An Ode To Camp

THE CODY OLYMPICS



Mike Miller, formerly of the NFL, NBA, MLB, and WWE, was the “Olympic Organizing Committee” and head referee for the afternoon’s Olympic Competition. The eight color

teams went head-to-head in 8 competitive events including: basketball, hockey, Name-That-Tune, volleyball, Catch Phrase, soccer, track & field (6 events) and whiffle ball. The competition was incredibly intense with everyone participating in one of the 8 contests. Some teams loaded up their basketball roster. Others loaded up their hockey teams. Some teams just went for a good balance in each competition. The basketball games were especially close with four strong teams fighting it out for the gold. Purple dominated the hockey action. In track & field the events included: the 100 meter dash, low hurdles, 800 meter run, softball throw, javelin throw, and long jump. The races were very, very close.

Hours after pouring over the statistics (or maybe it was only about ten minutes) Commissioner Miller was able to announce the results.

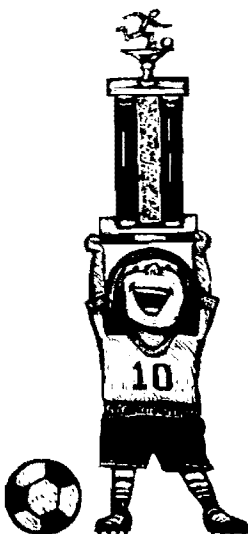
Lime and Orange tied for 7th place.

Purple and Red tied for 5th place.

Navy finished in 4th place.

Yellow and Sky tied for second... and they were only 1 point behind the winning team: FOREST.

Congratulations to all the teams and all the competitors for a great afternoon. And thanks to Mike Miller and his staff for organizing and running the annual Cody Olympics!



WORSHIP AND VESPERS

The Tuesday chapel service was created by Angela Castagnozzi and Meg Noonan with help from Ashley Hazleton and Leigha Conant. They chose the theme of friendship and used a gospel reading from John 15:12-17 as their foundation. They also included three great songs: *Pass It On*, *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*, and *Lord of the Dance*.

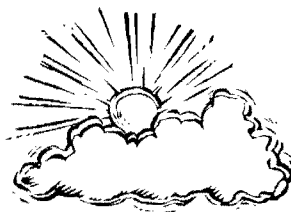
At vespers around the fire five of the seniors shared their reflections on camp. The seniors were: Corinna Graham, Jen Giampaolo, Lauren Finnerty, Katie Smith and Ashley Hazleton. All are leaving in the middle of the week to go off to college.

REFLECTIONS – AN ODE TO CAMP

The Tuesday Evening Program – REFLECTIONS: AN ODE TO CAMP – was one of the best evening programs that we have ever had at camp. Created by

Adrienne Perfetuo and the entire staff, the show was a reflection on what camp has meant for 50 years. Through music, storytelling, dance, skits, and a slide show the campers were treated to a journey down memory lane. A chorus and the band performed throughout the evening, sharing songs familiar to all current campers. Jeff Kobel shared a story of what camp has meant to him. Harry LaCoste involved the camp in his story about bear hunting in Alaska. Terry Martinson told the story of Stone Soup – “Soup from a stone, fancy that!” He said that in a sense, camp is like soup from a stone... and we’ve been doing it for 50 years. Gabi Perfetuo and Emily Northridge performed a beautiful song. Two dozen counselors shared their favorite quotes as a way of reflecting on the meaning of camp.

The evening ended with everyone singing and dancing together before we all retreated to the campfire with glow sticks. We were certainly warmed by the camp spirit... and we are looking forward to year #51.



THE CAMP CLASS OF 2007

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>YRS @ CAMP</u> | <u>YOUTH GROUP</u> | <u>MOVING ON TO...</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Chris Adduci | 6 | Old South | U-Mass – Dartmouth |
| Lauren Beecher | 5 | Bethany | Bridgewater State |
| Kristen Bohn | 1 | First Church | Mansfield |
| Brett Burton | 4 | Old South | U-Mass – Amherst |
| Vanessa Conners | 6 | Old South | Massasoit |
| Leigha Conant | 5 | Old South | U-Mass – Dartmouth |
| Angela Curry | 4 | Bethany | U-Mass – Boston |
| Nick DiNatale | 3 | Old South | Fairfield University |
| Amanda Ducie | 6 | Old South | Boston College |
| Lauren Finnerty | 5 | Old South | Mt. Ida |
| Rebecca Fritz | 7 | First Cong | Art Institute of Boston |
| Sarah Geden | 6 | Old South | UNH |
| Emily Gendrolis | 3 | Old South | Massasoit |
| Jen Giampaolo | 6 | Old South | Assumption |
| Corinna Graham | 6 | Old South | Stonehill |
| Ashley Hazleton | 4 | Old South | U. Conn |
| Ryan Harrington | 3 | First Cong | U-Mass – Amherst |
| Christa Hewson | 7 | First Cong | Working |
| John Hickey | 2 | Old South | U-Mass – Amherst |
| Jim Jarzyniecki | 6 | Old South | Wentworth |
| Nicole Jensen | 6 | Old South | Emmanuel College |
| Rachel Lydon | 6 | Union | Bridgewater State |
| Kaitlin Mazzilli | 4 | Old South | Trinity College |
| Rachel McCabe | 6 | Old South | Lasell |
| Frank McPhee | 6 | Old South | Northeastern |
| Katie O'Connell | 5 | Old South | U-Mass – Amherst |
| Libby Prior | 4 | First Church | Blane |
| Kelsey Quinn | 6 | Old South | Western Connecticut |
| Theresa Reaney | 5 | First Cong | Bridgewater State |
| Laura Regan | 5 | Old South | St. Joseph's (Maine) |
| Jess Ruvido | 6 | Old South | Providence College |
| Marissa Sargent | 5 | Old South | U-Mass – Dartmouth |
| Kathleen Smith | 6 | Old South | Roger Williams |
| Terrance Spain | 6 | Old South | Wentworth |
| Marc Spinella | 6 | Old South | Endicott |
| Steve Trudeau | 4 | First Church | U-Mass – Amherst |
| Amanda Vogel | 8 | Union | Massasoit |
| Danielle Walsh | 5 | Old South | New York University |

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Beautiful Day!!!

Breakfast: waffles & bacon

A.M. Group Theme: Individualism

Lunch: "Deli Day"

Afternoon Program: THE Game

Dinner: pork, roasted potatoes, veggies

P.M. Program: Talent Show



THE GAME

It was called "The Game," but it was really a war and in war there are never any winners. The eight color teams went to battle in a contest carefully planned by Mike Miller and Company.

But sometimes games do get out of hand and unplanned things happen. Today's game was called off before anyone got seriously injured.

The game plan was like this: each team had to follow the clue to find their special object and then build a fort to protect their treasure... so far so good – the objects were found and great forts were created. Then teams had to "buy" water balloons to use in attacking the other team's forts... still so far so good. – each team was well armed. And then the attacks started, players were "wounded" and sent to the medics... other players were captured and sent to jail... and then things got a bit carried away... It became necessary to put an end to the competition without a winner.

The really good news is that all the teams worked together to clean up the field!

CHAPEL AND VESPERS

It was awesome to have six sets of siblings from our staff lead the evening worship: Kate & Maddie Lena, Stef & Greg Zopatti, Melissa & Mike Degagne, Adrienne & Gabi Perfetuo, Tom & Liz Flanagan, and Kori & Kerriane Gorham. Their theme for worship was *individuality*. Readings from the 100th Psalm and the Book of Genesis were enhanced by a poem titled "Ability" and a very personal prayer. Greg reminded the campers to always allow their light to shine.

Jeff Kobel led vespers following the talent show. Danielle Walsh also included her senior speech at the vespers!

FIVE BOX TOPS... FOUR BOTTLE BOTTOMS... THREE WRAPPERS

**AND 605,500 tabs from beverage cans
collected by our campers for the Shriner's
Burn Hospital. Thank you!**

THE TALENT SHOW

The highlight of Thursday evening as the annual talent show featuring 31 acts. The performers were:

Caiti & Steen...

John, Donal, Conor & Mike...

Brandi Moore...

Alex & Leanne...

Cassie & Rachel...

Maria Opie...

Mike & Kristen...

Mike & Dave...

Becky Haggerty

Christiana, Meaghan, Kara, and Corey...

Zack & Mike...

Christine, Brian, & Eric...

Meg Lally...

Libby & Dave...

Corinna Graham...

Kelsey Fritz...

Leanne Piepiora...

Ricky Martin...

"Kevin & Paul"...

Katie & Dan...

Jill Clifford...

Tim Fergason...

Jenny & Donal...

Colin McDonald...

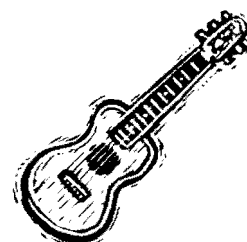
Dave Lewis...

Donal, George, Harry, Brian & Conor...

Ryan & James

Rachel McCabe

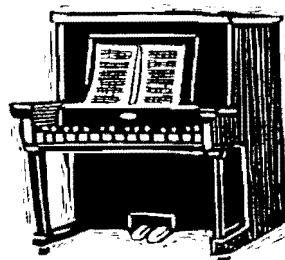
Danielle & Greg



Breanna Hewson...

Hilary, Mandy & Steen...

Greg, Mike & Dave...



Many thanks to the Fabulous Flanagans – Elizabeth and Tom – for hosting. They told us just how fantastic they are.

Special thanks to Emily Northridge on keyboard and to the entire technical crew.

Great three hours of entertainment!

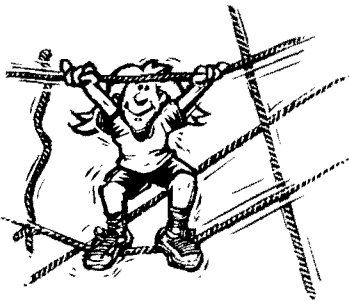
THURSDAY

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because we must send the newspaper to the printer by 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, some of the news for Thursday, Friday and Saturday is reported as planned, not as it actually took place.

THURSDAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: A bit overcast... threat of rain
Breakfast: pancakes & sausage
Morning Group Theme: The Future
Lunch: pasta & hamburg casserole
Afternoon Program: Cabin Tournament
Dinner: chicken, rice, veggies
P.M. Program: Black & White Dance

CABIN COMPETITION



On Sunday we competed with one another by Morning Groups. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday we competed as color teams. Today's competition pitted the cabins against one

another in a tournament of elementary school games. Some of the games were: Doctor Vs. Spy; Shipwreck; Dodge Ball; Parachute Scramble, and Maze Ball. Greg Zopatti was the head "gym teacher" and organizer of the competition.

A sweet treat was also part of the afternoon program.. As teams were eliminated they were invited to make their own sundaes. **Many, many thanks to R.J. Orringer's family for donating all the toppings and the jimmies.**

When asked for his opinion of the afternoon program, Greg Zopatti responded, "Sweet!"

CHAPEL AND VESPERS

Chapel and vespers on Thursday were led by The Rev. Brian Anderson of The Union Congregational Church. During his chapel message Brian talked about how Jesus always looked for the good in others. At vespers he talked about the life of Daniel and how it was constantly changing.



RETROSPECT

Following lunch today the campers were treated to a slide show of camp's first 50 years. Included were pictures of a handsome, young "Rip" checking campers into the swimming area and a picture of a young camper named Don McGibbon.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Four current members of our camp staff have been on board for more than 30 years... can you name the four?

BLACK & WHITE DANCE

The Thursday evening "formal" dance was one of the best dances in 50 years... everyone had fun... everyone danced the night away... and Harry reported that there was some major "snogging."

The campers and staff looked handsome and beautiful in their black and white attire as they came from their cabins to the rec hall. Tom Remsen was ready with the music and everyone was ready to dance.

The dance began at 8:00 P.M. and ended at 11:00 P.M. with the campers moving toward the campfire – many hand-in-hand. Isn't young love awesome!

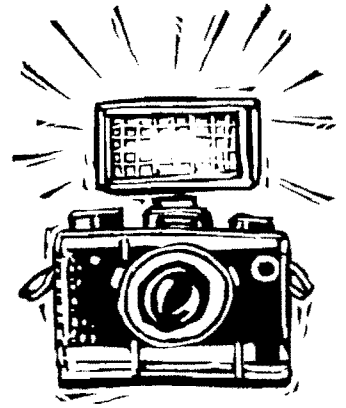
DON'T GET SO BUSY PREPARING FOR A RAINY DAY THAT YOU MISS TODAY'S SUNSHINE.

THE FUTURE IS PURCHASED BY THE PRESENT.

PLAN AHEAD – IT WAS NOT RAINING WHEN NOAH BUILT THE ARK.

ONE OF THE REASONS GOD GAVE US MEMORIES IS SO THAT WE COULD SEE ROSES IN FEBRUARY.

THOSE WHO FEAR THE FUTURE ARE LIKELY TO FUMBLE THE PRESENT.



FRIDAY & SATURDAY

FRIDAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: Great Day – Bright, Sunny, Warm
Breakfast: eggs, bacon, bagels
Morning Group Theme: The Now
Lunch: burgers, hot dogs, chips
Afternoon Programs: “Hug Line” and Graduation
Dinner: chicken penne alfredo (excellent!)
P.M. Program: Consecration Services

SATURDAY AT A GLANCE

Weather: The sun is shining! Great day!
Clean-up: A job well done!
Breakfast: French toast, sausage, eggs
Closing Circle and newspaper
Bus ride home

PICNIC LUNCH

Lunch was served outside today so that the Morning Groups could take all the time needed to finish their strength bombardment and Faith Wandering. The opportunity to eat outside was very much appreciated.



THE HANDSHAKE

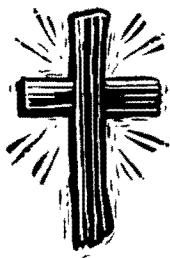
It really doesn't matter whether you call it “The Camp Handshake” or “The Hug Line,” it's very special to each and every member of the camp family. At 1:30 P.M. the entire camp lines up on the field with the graduating

seniors at the head of the line. Each camper walks down the line shaking hands or hugging every other camper and staff member. It takes two hours and fourteen minutes from beginning to end for the hug line to be completed. Tears and smiles decorate the faces of many campers by the time we are finished.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

We honor our camp seniors with a very special ceremony on Friday afternoon. This year we had 38 graduating seniors in camp. Their names and what they will be doing after camp are listed on another page of this newspaper. A number of these graduating seniors will return as counselors within a year or two. We wish them all the very, very best in whatever is before them.

At the Graduation Ceremony Don and Terry also present “The Ollie Awards,” announce the winners of The Cleanest Cabin For The Week, and recognize the entire staff.



CONSECRATION SERVICES

On Friday evening the Junior High campers meet in Pahaska Lodge for their consecration service while the Senior High campers meet in the rec hall for their service, which includes communion. Camp has always ended with the consecration service. During the service the camp memento is distributed and we go forth from the services with lighted candles. The Senior High campers move to the campfire where the graduating seniors speak about their experiences at camp.

CLOSING CIRCLE

Saturday morning is busy. The campers must pack up their belongings, load the trucks, and clean their cabins before going to breakfast. After breakfast the entire camp adjourns to the Council Circle for one final time as the 2007 (50th) camp. Rip reminds us that this group will never be together again just as they are today. He also reminds us that the countdown has already started for the 51st year of camp. We will again be returning to Camp Cody. The starting date is August 16, 2008. YOU HAVE TO BE THERE!

EDITOR'S NOTE

The editor of the Camp Newspaper is the very same person who wakes you up so gently each morning of the camp week.

I want to thank Rip, Don, Tom, and the entire camp staff for making our 50th year of camp just as special as every other year has been. The time and energy invested by our entire staff into the camp program is evident by the smiles on the camper's faces each day. Staff – you are awesome. Rookies – you did a great job and added so much enthusiasm to our week together.

And I want to thank our campers. You are a wonderful, talented, spirit-filled, and enthusiastic group of teenagers. Camp would not be what it is if each one of you didn't bring your own very special ingredient to the “camp soup.” You are a very special group and never forget that each one of you is special in God's eyes. Though I had to “lower the boom” on you during the week, I only do that because I care deeply about each and every one of you.

T.O.M.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

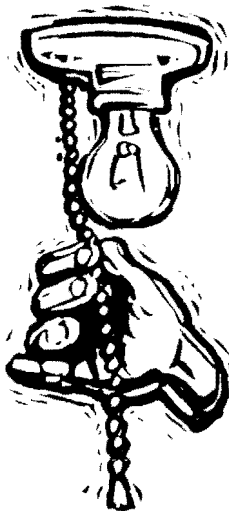
What is success?
To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a
healthy child, a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed
easier because you have lived;
This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

TELL THE WORLD FOR ME

I sought my soul
But my soul I could not see.
I sought my God
But my God eluded me.
I sought my brother
And I found all three.

Source Unknown



THANKS FOR THE *MEMORIES*



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