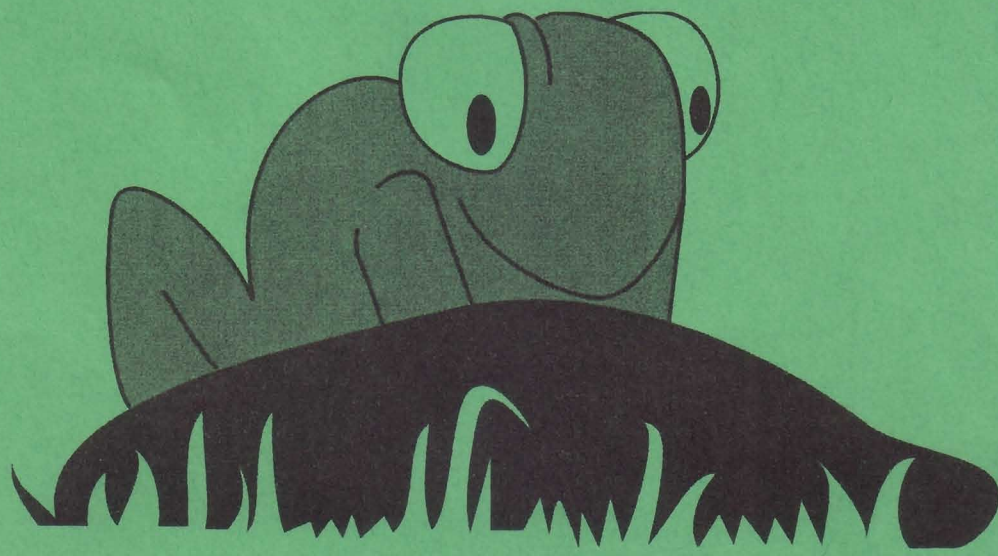


CAMP 2008



It's not easy being green

SATURDAY

YEAR #51 BEGINS

The 51st year of "Camp" began in the parking lot of Braintree High School shortly after 9:00 A.M. when Dave Lewis arrived before anyone else. Dave prides himself on always being the first camper to arrive. Within the hour he was joined by 414 campers and 72 staff members all looking forward to a great week at Camp Cody on Lake Ossipee in Freedom, NH.



Ten yellow school buses and 3 trucks, loaded with almost everything we might need for camp, departed from the BHS parking lot at 11:15 A.M. and arrived at Camp Cody about 3 hours later where the campers were welcomed by "Rip" before being given their cabin assignments. Within an hour, and just before it rained, the campers were settled into their cabins.

2008 is our 8th year at "Cody." The first 25 years of camp were held at "Winni" - The Geneva Point Center on Lake Winni[esau]kee. The next 18 years of camp were at "Kingsmont" in the Berkshires. We moved to "Cody" in 2000. Our camp director, "Rip," claims that "Cody" is the very best location camp has ever had. "Rip" should know... he has been part of camp for 50 of the 51 years - He missed only one year to attend The Scout Jamboree.

At 4:00 P.M. everyone gathered in the rec hall to be welcomed by the Camp Cody staff and to receive their Morning Group assignments. There are 36 Morning Groups with two counselors and a dozen campers in each group. They will meet together each morning for ninety minutes.

The 2008 camp theme is: *It's Not Easy Being Green*. During the week our Morning Groups will explore the "life thoughts" of Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets. Jim Henson has lots to say not only to the children who watch *Sesame Street*, but to teens and adults as well. The two "lessons" that will be stressed the most this week are: (1) The importance of being yourself; (2) The importance of living your dream.

WORSHIP AT CAMP

Morning Watch, Chapel, and Vespers are all important parts of our daily camp program.

After breakfast the entire camp gathers for Morning Watch - 10 minutes of quiet time. Morning Watch papers, prepared by Terry, serve as a guide for this quiet time. Included each morning is a parable of Jesus, a modern parable, questions to think about, prayer seeds, and quotes from *Kermit* and friends.

The Rev. Dick Hotchkin coordinates worship at camp.

The chapel service is held before dinner each evening in the Council Ring. Chapel services are led by various campers, counselors, and senior staff members. The best part of chapel is the great singing led by Glenn Holt and Greg Zopatti ("The Bread and The Glenn.")

Vespers, are held around the campfire just before the campers head back to their cabins for the night. Vespers always end with the singing of The Lord's Prayer. The campers hold hands and sway gently back and forth, as they sing softly together.

CAMPFIRE

The first evening activity of the week was a super campfire program put together by Kevin Worth. Kevin's goal was to make the opening campfire a "real world example of pure awesomeness." It was an incredible display of talent by many of our staff members and a few of the campers. Later in the week the campers will have the opportunity to showcase their talents at Wednesday night's Talent Show.



The campfire featured: Brian Hickox, Kevin Worth, Glenn Holt, Greg Zopatti, Danielle Walsh, Ashley Hazleton, Andy Sheflin, Cole Burton, John Fiander, Tim Hickey, Tom Crosby, Jimmy McClafferty, Vanessa Conners, Mike Degagne, Donal Magrane, The Perfetuo sisters (Adrienne, Gabrielle and Isabell,) Tiffany Smith, juggling by Harry LaCoste, and an amazing display of artistic talent by Ricky Martin.

SATURDAY TIME CAPSULE

Weather: Sunny with an afternoon rain storm... cool at night... full moon

Dinner: BBQ Chicken & "Hoodsies"

P.M. Program: Campfire

Quote of the Day: "You can do anything if you put your focus on how to do it rather than on why you can't." (Bob Templeton)

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WHO/WHAT IS CAMP?

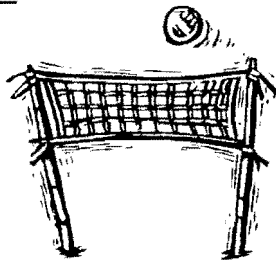
- Camp 2008 is 414campers and 72 staff members – an awesome "family" of 486 from the five participating churches:

First Congregational of Braintree
Union Congregational of Braintree
Bethany Congregational of Quincy
First Church of Weymouth
Old South Union Church of Weymouth

- Camp is teens in grades 7 – 12.
- Camp is an incredible staff ranging in age from 19 to 60+... all the counselors are former campers.
- Camp is people coming together for an incredible week that we started planning for in September of 2007... it is an amazing week of sharing, growth, and fun.
- Camp is a wonderful Spirit that embraces everyone that spends the week together on Ossipee's shores.
- Camp is YOU... thanks for being a part of it.

SPREE TIME

Several afternoons following lunch the campers enjoy Spree Time – an opportunity to choose between a variety of great activities. Steve Flaherty is the director of Spree Time. The campers' choices include: tennis, volleyball, basketball, swimming, boating, kickball, ultimate Frisbee, tie-dye, gimp, sunbathing, massage, juggling, talent show practice, etc., etc., etc. The one Spree Time rule is that campers may not be in their cabins. Spree Time is also a great time to visit the canteen to fill up on candy, chips, and cold sodas.



CAMP CARES

Two projects at camp this summer show our concern and care for others.

Project #1 is the collection of the "snap tops" from aluminum beverage cans. The "snap tops" are donated the The Shriners, a Masonic organization that funds the Shirner's Burn Hospital in Boston. The "snap tops" are melted down and sold. The money raised is used to fund 100% of the medical treatment at the hospital. Our campers collect "snap tops" throughout the year and bring them to camp.

Project #2 is a raffle to support Team Kermit – one of the many teams that rides in the Pan-Mass Challenge to support the Jimmy Fund. Our raffle features some great grand prizes:

- A pair of Red Sox tickets for Sept. 22nd
- A "Dice-K" autographed baseball
- Ricky Martin's painting of Kermit
- A jewelry basket valued at \$250
- Autographed items from the Boston Bruins

The raffle also included more than 75 gift cards donated by the families of our campers. We thank you for your generous donations. We were overwhelmed by your willingness to help us help others.

Please check the final page of this newspaper to see how many pounds of "snap tops" we collected and to see how much our raffle raised.

WHERE'S ELMO

You've heard of *Where's Waldo?*

At camp we're wondering *Where's Elmo?*

Elmo loves camp, but Elmo often gets lost. Elmo doesn't like being alone. Each day the campers have to find Elmo and bring him safely to lunch.

The camper who finds Elmo is rewarded with seven raffle tickets for the Team Kermit raffle.

Elmo feels very fortunate that he has been found each day. Elmo thanks the campers who have hunted for him. Elmo loves you!

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"The words say, 'It's not easy being green,' but the song is also about knowing who you are. Jim believed that people are good and that they want to do their best and that no matter how or why we may differ from anybody else, we should learn to love who we are and be proud of it." <Ray Charles>

SUNDAY

SUNDAY TIME CAPSULE

Weather: Lots of sun... afternoon clouds... nice, moonlit evening.

Breakfast: Pancakes

Lunch: Grilled Cheese

Dinner: Spaghetti & meatballs

Afternoon Activity: American Gladiators

Evening Activity: Cartoon Character Dance

Quote of the Day: "It doesn't matter if you're a frog or a pig or a bear or even a person. It doesn't matter if you're a big fish in a little pond or a small fish in a big pond – you're you and you matter." <Kermit>

AMERICAN GLADIATORS

This year's first afternoon activity was inspired by the return of an old TV classic, the game show "American Gladiators." The campers competed as morning groups, moving together through 18 grueling stations that challenged them in a variety of ways.



Some stations featured old Gladiator classics like "PowerBall," "The Joust" and "Assault," while other stations showcased some camp favorites like "The Human Knot" and "All Aboard." No game was

as simple as it seemed, though, as each station boasted some ferocious "gladiator" counselors who used all their strength and wits to defeat the campers from each competing morning group. The winner of each head-to-head match-up received a gold coin, and in the end, experience proved the key: Brian and Rip's senior morning groups tied for the title with 16 coins apiece. Morning groups rallied and cheered each other through the battles, and the counselors showcased their typical spirit, creativity and showmanship in fully embracing their gladiator personas. Everyone had a great time on this hot and cloudless Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to Colleen MacNeil for creating today's awesome program.

SOME OF THE CONTESTS: Assault; Power Ball; Jousting; Balance Beam; Football Run; Lifesaver Pass; Human Tic-Tac-Toe; Gladiator 4-Square; Flag Run; Poison River and more...

CARTOON CHARACTER DANCE

The first dance of the year is always a great chance to meet up with your old friends and open the door for new ones. With a different theme and loads of distinctive costumes each year, the theme dance always has something for everyone. This year was no different as the campers for 2008 warmed up the cool Ossipee night with plenty of energy and great music.

The "Cartoon Dance" was the theme that offered campers and staff a great chance to display their creativity and their love of all the great cartoon characters we grew up with. From old school cartoons like Popeye, Olive Oil, Mickey Mouse, and the Man in The Yellow Hat, dancing along to great camp classics, all the way to perfect Cinderella's and even one Pocahontas jamming out to techno tunes, it was a great night!

Some of the creative Arapaho Senior Boys came dressed perfectly as the Batman villain's gallery, while the Junior high girls came dressed to impress as the Wiggles, Minny Mouse, and the Care Bears. No matter what the costume each camper wore, the dancing was on as Tom Remsen and Carolyn Burns did a great job organizing and running the dance.

The two and a half hours of fun came to an end with the campers finishing the night, as always, to the classic "Stairway to Heaven". After this last dance, the campers drifted down to the campfire under a starry night to cool off, say the Lords Prayer, and think about Thursdays dance!

MONDAY

MONDAY TIME CAPSULE

Weather: Beautiful, bright & sunny

Breakfast: waffles & bacon

Lunch: chicken patties on rolls

Dinner: tacos

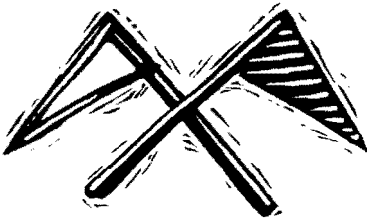
Afternoon Activity: Stratego

Evening Activity: Are You Smarter Than A Camp Counselor

Quote of the Day: "Only love can make you rich." <Kermit>

STRATEGO

Today campers gathered in their 16 color teams for a competitive game of Stratego. The game started out in the fields, where color teams were paired off and sent to various home bases located across the grounds, including the soccer field, the four square court, and the front of the dining hall. The challenge for each team was to acquire the other teams through strategic "warfare." The warfare was, in this case, a water fight. Teams rushed to take water from their base and dump it into buckets held by the opposing teams. If a bucket was filled, the losing team joined forces with the winning team to take on the remaining bases. The only thing to stop or slow a team down was the hope held in a one-on-one match between two water-carrying players.



Each carried a playing card, and if a match was called by either player, they would show

their cards, with the high card winning and walking away free while the loser had to dump their water and return to base. But the matches and inter-base water warfare were only enough to slow down the inevitable victory of the Teal team, who took the victory, acquiring the most teams at the end of the game.

CANTEEN

For sale in the canteen this week, in addition^{The} to candy, chips, cookies, soda and water, we had a variety of t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. Raffle tickets were also sold in the canteen.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A CAMP COUNSELOR?

On Monday at 8:00 P.M. the campers gathered in the rec hall for the evening program: "Are You Smarter Than A Camp Counselor?" with the "hilarious comedy of the Rev. Tery Martinson. As the host, he explained how each camper contestant had the chance to win up to \$100 in "canteen dollars." The camper contestants had to answer questions ranging from easy (first year staff) to extremely difficult (veteran staff) with only three life-lines and a veteran staff member to assist them.



The first to accept the challenge was Maddie Manning, assisted by Kevin Worth, Andrea Giachetti, Steph Zopatti, George Raymond, and Steve Flaherty. Maddie played well, but not well enough to walk away with any money.

The next contestant was Christiana Bianco who played with the assistance of Mike Degagne, Mike Miller, Allison Carroll, Hope Bickel, and Caiti Meaney. Using the very new math and creative thinking, Christiana won \$20 "canteen dollars."

Representing the senior class was Ron Boretti who was aided by Adrienne Perfetuo, Harry LaCoste, Heather Vogel, Eric Martinson, and Greg Zopatti. Ron also won a fistful of "canteen dollars."

John Tevnan and Maggie Holland were the last two camper contestants. Both played the game well, but neither earned any prize money. Maggie ventured a guess on her final question after exhausting all her life-lines. Her risk was not rewarded.

An awesome job was done by the five contestants, the 15 veteran staff members, and by Colleen MacNeil who produced the game. Thanks to all participants for a fabulous night of fun.

<Reported by Katie Smith and Rachel McCabe>

"IT'S NICE TO BE IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE NICE." <Jim Henson>

TUESDAY

TUESDAY TIME CAPSULE

Weather: Rainy start to the day... afternoon & evening were clear and cool

Breakfast: scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries

Lunch: pizza (cheese & pepperoni)

Dinner: chicken, rice, veggies

Afternoon Program: Olympics

P.M. Program: Skit Night

Quote of the Day: "Dreams are how we figure out where we want to go." <Kermit>

OLYMPICS

With Michael Phelps and Nastia Liukin providing appropriate inspiration from Beijing, the stage has been set for our campers to up the ante and step into the spotlight in 2008. This year, with an unprecedented 16 color teams, the now annual afternoon Olympics was hotly contested. In addition to old favorites basketball, soccer, tennis, and track, indoor games Catchphrase, Trivial Pursuit, Crazy Eights, and Name That Tune were added to provide a balance of talent and skill. The top four places in each event were scored (5-3-2-1) and the winners were tallied at the end.



The highlights were plentiful. There was Tom Deegan's Royal Blue dominance on the old-time Rec Hall basketball court, a dream run to the finals by upstart Chestnut

in soccer, a frantic finish in the track and field mile between Rob Keegan and newcomer to the scene Ricky Martin (who may have been hiding in the woods for much of the race), and, in a rare showing of sportsmanship, a light blue-gold tag-team victory in the Catchphrase final, with Maggie Holland's performance akin to watching Derek Redmond's father carry him across the finish line in the 1992 Olympic 400 meter dash. When the dust settled, four teams stood above the rest. Tied for third were lime and royal blue, while maroon and light blue were deadlocked in a tie for the

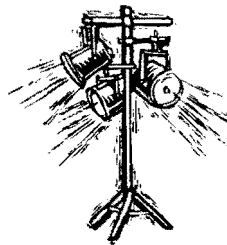


championship. Really, it was fitting that there was no clear-cut winner, since everyone who fought so valiantly from each and every team was victorious on this day.

Reporting on loan from the Weymouth News, I'm Mike Miller.

SKIT NIGHT

It was amazing to see how focused the 16 color teams were as they prepared for "skit night." On two afternoons, Monday and Tuesday, the teams spent time creating and perfecting their four minute skits to be presented on the rec hall stage.



Produced by Carissa Marlowe, the 2008 skit night was one of the very best ever! In spite of the constant "heckling" of Statler and Waldorf (Tom Flanagan and Eric Martinson) the show ran smoothly and quickly.

The skits included great impressions of favorite counselors and senior staff members, lots of good humor, an abundance of undiscovered theatrical talent, and the very creative use of the assigned props.

One of the very best things about skit night is that it encourages all the campers – from grade 7 to grade 12 – to work together. It's a chance for young campers to get to know the older campers and a wonderful opportunity for the older campers to lead by example. The energy and enthusiasm that goes into putting together a great skit is truly awesome.

Thanks to everyone for a truly great show!

THE MAGIC OF BELIEVING

I'm not old enough to play baseball or football. I'm not eight yet. My mom told me "when you start playing baseball, you aren't going to be able to run that fast because you had an operation." I told my mom, "I won't need to run that fast. When I play baseball, I'll just hit them out of the park. Then I'll be able to walk." (Edward McGrath, Jr.)

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY TIME CAPSULE

Weather: Cool and breezy...

Breakfast: French Toast and bacon

Lunch: "deli day"

Dinner: chicken & ziti

Afternoon Program: Cabin Chaossipee

P.M. Program: Talent Show

Quote of the Day: "Simple is good." <Jim Henson>

CABIN CHAOSSIPEE

On Wednesday it was time once again for the camp-wide middle school games tournament. Each cabin entered the double-elimination competition with a brand of outrageous spirit and enthusiasm that was once an exception and seems to have become a rule. Nearly every cabin adopted a

theme for their attire and chants: examples ranged from camouflage and black-and-white uniforms to polo shirts (with popped collars, of course) and creepy clown masks.



Divided into junior high and senior high divisions, the cabins chanted and cheered their way through some classic challenges: "No Trash in My Backyard," "Bat Spin," Dodgeball," and "Object Find," among others. When the dust settled it was the junior high boys from Cabin 18 and the senior boys from Arapaho paired in a championship match-up that could only be described as David vs. Goliath. The support of the whole camp was behind the young boys, and the counselors' water balloons were zeroed in on the seniors during the high-stakes championship game of "Water Fill." Cabin 18 managed to capitalize on a devastating, bucket-spilling wipeout by senior Brian Hickox and capture an amazing win. The upset established Cabin 18 as the first junior high cabin ever to triumph in the cabin contests. Special thanks are owed to Greg Zopatti for organizing such a great program, and to Mike Miller and Ashley "Vanna White" MacNeil for their terrific contributions at the scorer's table.

TALENT SHOW

#1 – Tim Hickey, John Tevenan, Justin Walsh – **Sweet Home, Alabama**

#2 – Mike Lanoue, Dan Lane, Mike Tise, Donal Magrane – **Paper Planes**

#3 – Mackenzie, Julia, Ashley, Ricky – **Styling Pop Medley**

#4 – Maria Opie – **Stole**

#5 – Zach, Donal, Dan – **Heart Shaped Box**

#6 – Michaela Burton – **I Hope You Dance**

#7 – Corey Maiden, Brian Valovcin – **Realize**

#8 – Brett Julian, Kevin Whalberg – **Touch The Sky**

#9 – Nicole Hunt – **Good Enough**

#10 – Taylor Norve – **Fighter**

#11 – Ben Miele, Leeanne Piepiora – **Everything**

#12 – Brandi Moore – **Breathe**

#13 – Dave Lewis – **Camp Cody Blues**

#14 – Paul D., Brian H., Mike D., Greg V. – **Thunder Struck**

#15 – Brian, Christine, Kerri – **Love Song**

#16 – Ricky Martin – **Beat Box with Puppet**

#17 – Lauren W., Eileen M., Kelliane M., Olivia W., – **Evolution of Dance**

#18 – Justine & Janelle, Molly, Emma & Sarah – **Prima J**

#19 – Jill, Amy, Caryn, Alex, & Michaela – **Heartbreaker**

#20 – Harry & Ricky VS. Carrie, Jenna, Hayley – **Dance Off**

#21 – Tim Fergason – karate demonstration

#22 – Harry & Friends – juggling

#23 – Cheyenne – **I Can't Help Falling In Love**

#24 – Kelsie & Danielle Walsh – **Change**

#25 – Jenny Shellin & Donal Magrane – **Someone, Somewher**

#26 – Christian & Corey – **Change**

#27 – Mike, "Steen, Mandy – **Lola**

#28 – Isabella Perfetuo – **Bubbly**

#29 – Colin & Kevin – **Total Revenge**

#30 – Maddie Manning – **Jesus, Take The Wheel**

#31 – LeAnne Piepiora – **Tuesday**

#32 – Kelsey Fritz – **Elsewhere**

#33 – Becky & Friends – **Lunch Lady Land**

#34 – Maggie, Harry, Ricky, Curtis, Rob – **I'm Yours and**

Rainbow

#35 – Mandy, Hilary and

Steen – **My Own Worst Enemy**

#36 – Dave, Hilary, Steen –

TBD X 2



THURSDAY

THURSDAY TIME CAPSULE

Weather: Great day... sunny and warm

Breakfast: pancakes & sausage

Lunch: chicken nuggets, mac 'n cheese

Dinner: roast pork with all the trimmings

Afternoon Program: "Chill"

P.M. Program: Dance ("Dress Up")

Quote of the Day: "Follow every effective action with quiet reflection. From the quiet reflection will come even more effective action." <Peter F. Drucker>

BACK TO THE SWEET



Thursday afternoon was "chill time" – an opportunity to rest, relax, and enjoy one another's company.

Some campers tossed Frisbees. Others spent time juggling. Many sat in small groups just talking. A few strummed their guitars. Some took a nap in the sunshine.

At mid-afternoon everyone was treated to delicious ice cream sundaes. Many, many thanks to the Oringer Family for donating all the toppings for the sundaes. Their generosity is much appreciated.

SENIOR DAY

Thursday was declared "Senior Day" at camp. No, it wasn't a day to honor Rip and Terry. It was a day to recognize the Class of 2008, the largest senior class we have ever had at camp.

Seniors were given special hats so that they could be easily recognized by the younger campers. They were given the opportunity to put comments and pictures on a graffiti board. The seniors acted as counselors at the Junior High lunch at noon, sharing their camp experiences and encouraging the 7th and 8th graders to talk about their experiences.

In the early afternoon, before the sundaes were served, the seniors had a special gathering on Sandy Beach.

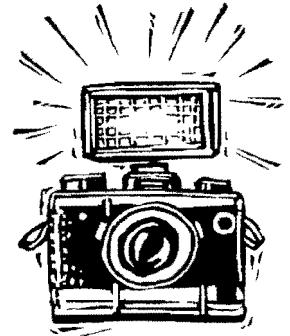
The seniors led chapel before dinner and vespers following the dance.

THE DANCE

The Thursday night "dress up" dance is one of the most highly anticipated events on the camp schedule. The "buzz" starts two or three days before the dance. Who's going to dance with whom? Which ninth grade boy is the hottest? Which tenth grade girl is the cutest? Who's on the "Mint List?"

The "dress up" dance this year was combined with a masquerade theme. Many campers decorated masks and wore them proudly to the dance.

The gentlemen looked handsome in their shirts and ties. The ladies looked very pretty in their dresses. Flashbulbs were popping left and right. But once the music started ties and shoes were quickly discarded. It gets pretty hot in the "rec hall" on dance nights.



The dance ran very smoothly and ended with *Stairway To Heaven* – a song that has ended all camp dances in modern history. Many thanks to Tom Remsen for his outstanding DJ work at both dances and for his technical direction throughout the week. And – what a pleasure it was to have Mrs. Remsen (Tom's wife, Michelle) visit on Thursday night!

BEARLY BELIEVABLE



While searching for Elmo deep in the woods, a camper reported seeing a small black bear. Nick Robbins, the resident director of Camp Cody, said, "He undoubtedly saw a bear. They are in the woods, but they would never wander into camp with this many people around." Also around camp are deer, moose, fox, skunks, and "Barclay" – the camp dog.

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the official camp website
news, t-shirts, sweatshirts, photos, etc

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY*

***NOTE** – Because of our publication deadline, which is very early on Friday morning, we can only describe the final 36 hours of camp as we think they will take place... sometimes weather and other factors have an affect on what really happens.

THE "HUG LINE"

Soon after lunch on Friday all the campers and counselors gathered on the field for the "hug line." The "hug line," led by the class of 2008, gives each member of the camp family to hug or shake hands with every other member of the camp family.



For many of the campers and for a handful of the staff, this is the most emotional part of the camp week. Sometimes "goodbyes" are very, very difficult. And even though the week isn't over, the "hug line" is the beginning of the end.

How long does the "hug line" take?" It takes almost two hours for everyone to say "goodbye" to one another.

GRADUATION

The second Friday afternoon program is The Graduation, which honors our camp seniors. Each one of them is introduced and is presented a framed photograph of the class.



Other parts of The Graduation were: the results of the cabin inspections for the week, the drawing of the winners of the Team Kermit raffle, the presentation of the "Fabulous Frog" awards for 2008, and an introduction of our entire camp staff with applause in appreciation for their efforts.

The "Fabulous Frog" awards were the 2008 version of the "Ollie" or "Golden Apple" awards given to campers and staff in recognition of noble or humorous actions during the week.

*****T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS*****

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THE SHIRTS MAKE GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS!
Check out this website throughout the year for camp news, etc.**

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CONSECRATION SERVICES

On Friday evening two consecration services are held. The Junior High meets together in Pahaska Lodge with the Junior High counselors and Glenn Holt. The Senior High meets in the Rec Hall with Rip, Terry, Brian and Dick. There is great camper participation and lively singing in both services. The Senior High service also includes communion. At the consecration service the campers receive a memento of the week. The 2008 memento is a rock inscribed by one of the other campers.



FINAL CAMPFIRE

After the consecration service the senior high campers and staff adjourn to the Council Ring for one final campfire. At this campfire the seniors have the opportunity to share their "shout outs" and their reflections about camp. The seniors cherish this opportunity to address the younger campers.

SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday morning's schedule moves quickly. Campers are gently awakened at 7:00 A.M., as they are every morning – very, very gently.

Trunks must be packed up and loaded onto the 3 trucks and cabins must be cleaned before brunch.

After brunch, as we wait for the buses, we meet in the Council Ring for one final message from "Rip," our camp director.

The buses roll out of camp around 11:00 A.M. and arrive back in Braintree around 2:00 P.M. where enthusiastic parents are reunited with very tired campers.

THANKS

- ❑ Thanks to Tom Flanagan and Steve Flaherty for helping me to edit this newspaper and to the counselors who reported on the events.
- ❑ Thanks to all the campers for a great week – once again, "You had to be there!"
- ❑ Thanks to the staff for their dedication and leadership. Indeed you are positive role models and you did a great job.

Terry

TIDBITS

SNAP TOPS

Campers collected 265 pounds of snap tops from aluminum beverage cans during the past year for The Shriner's Burn Hospital. The Shriners visited camp on Wednesday afternoon so that we could present the snap tops to them.

TEAM KERMIT RAFFLE

The raffle for Team Kermit raised over \$1,600. We ended up with over 90 prizes in the raffle. Thanks to everyone who made this project so incredibly successful.

CAMP T-SHIRTS

Thanks to Stef Zopatti for designing the regular camp t-shirts for 2008. The regular camp t-shirts are the ones the 16 color teams were wearing in competition.

Thanks to Tom Remsen for designing the timeless camp logo for the sweatshirts and long sleeve t-shirts.

Thanks to Terry Martinson for designing the logo for the special 2008 camp t-shirts and the hats which were given to the class of 2008.

WELCOME BACK, GLENN



It has been a blessing and a true gift to have Glenn Holt return to camp for 2008 after about a 5 year absence. Glenn, teaming up with Greg

Zopatti, brought the singing at chapel and around the campfire to a new level. It has been awesome! The depth of Glenn's faith is an inspiration to both campers and staff, including those who are pastors. Thanks Glenn and Greg – "The Bread and The Glenn"

CAMP 2009

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at Camp Cody



CAMP SONGS

What's your favorite camp song? You can vote on line at: www.youhadtobethere.org. We'll share the results with you in October. Please, only one vote per person.

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CAMP QUIZ

- ☐ Not including Rip or Terry, who has spent the most years at camp?
- ☐ Name the five staff members who were never campers...
- ☐ Name the five staff members who have been to each of the 3 camp locations...
- ☐ Name the three camp locations...
- ☐ Including counselors, how many sets of twins did we have at camp this summer?
- ☐ Including counselors, how many sets of triplets did we have at camp this summer...
- ☐ Name all the "rookie" counselors...
- ☐ Before "Stairway," what song ended each camp dance?
- ☐ Which is bigger: a boat or a ship?
- ☐ How many campers visited the hospital during the 2008 camp week?
- ☐ How many Fabulous Frogs were awarded at Friday's graduation?

Answers to the quiz are on page 91

A FINAL THOUGHT

It's been a great week – one of the best! The positive energy of the campers, the dedication of the staff, the special Spirit that seems to embrace everyone at camp makes this the very, very best week of the year for many of us. As Rip always says, "There's a Spirit at camp that you just can't describe or find anywhere else." And it all starts again in just "365" days. Thanks everyone!

Love,
Kermit and Elmo
(Elmo loves camp!)

Camp Seniors 2008

Cory	Albanese	Old South	6	WHS	UMASS - Dartmouth
Jen	Barker	Old South	4	WHS	Lasell College
Ron	Boretti	Old South	4	WHS	University of Connecticut
Jessica	Bowes	Bethany	6	BHS	Salem State
Zachary	Campbell	First Church	6	WHS	Work & Travel
Christine	Candler	Old South	6	WHS	Massasoit
Eric	Chisholm	Old South	6	WHS	Massasoit
Paige	Chrifo	Old South	4	WHS	UMASS - Amherst
Samantha	Curtin	Old South	6	WHS	Bryant University
Thomas	Deegan	Old South	4	WHS	Bates College
Erin	Desmond	Old South	6	WHS	Quinnipiac University
Kerin	Donnelly	Old South	4	WHS	Pace University
Liam	Downes	Old South	4	WHS	UMASS - Dartmouth
Caty	Draicchio	First Cong.	2	BHS	UMASS - Dartmouth
Melissa	Feeney	Old South	5	WHS	Endicott College
Brendan	Fennessy	Old South	6	WHS	Merrimack College
Tim	Ferguson	First Church	6	WHS	Massasoit + Work
Kelly	Finamore	Old South	6	WHS	Fitchburg State
Hilary	Finnegan	Old South	3	WHS	UMASS - Dartmouth
Ryan	Fitzgerald	Old South	6	WHS	Salem State
Kerri	Flaherty	Old South	6	WHS	Worcester State
Becky	Haggerty	Old South	5	WHS	University of Delaware
Liam	Harrington	Old South	6	WHS	UMASS - Boston
Brian	Hickox	Old South	6	WHS	UMASS - Dartmouth
Dave	Hulbert	First Church	3	WHS	Work & Travel
Kaitlyn	Juffre	Old South	6	WHS	Bridgewater State
Sheila	Kelleher	Old South	5	WHS	University of New Hampshire
Megan	Lally	Old South	3	WHS	Massasoit
Dan	Lane	First Church	1	BHS	Undecided
Michael	Lanoue	First Church	2	BHS	Emerson College
Dave	Lewis	Old South	6	WHS	Springfield College
Julia	Liebert	Old South	5	WHS	University of Vermont
Dave	Lockhead	Union Cong	5	WHS	University of Michigan

Michael	MacNeil	Old South	6	WHS	Boston University
Donal	Magrane	Old South	6	WHS	Plymouth State University
Ricky	Martin	Old South	5	WHS	Monteserat College of Art
Josh	McCaffrey	Old South	5	WHS	Massasoit & Work
David	McIntyre	Old South	1	WHS	UMASS - Amherst
Courtney	McNamara	Old South	5	ABW	Northeastern University
Elizabeth	Mullin	Old South	5	WHS	Roger Williams University
Tyler	Oakes	Old South	6	WHS	University of New Hampshire
Mackenzie	O'Dea	Old South	6	WHS	Springfield College
Allison	O'Rourke	Old South	5	WHS	UMASS - Dartmouth
Dan	Parker	Old South	6	WHS	Bridgewater State
Derek	Pires	Old South	4	WHS	UMASS - Amherst
Emily	Powers	Old South	5	WHS	UMASS - Amherst
Mandy	Roach	Old South	5	WHS	UMASS - Dartmouth
Lisa	Schermerhorn	Old South	6	NDA	Stonehill College
Jenny	Sheflin	Old South	6	WHS	Easter Connecticut State
Ashley	Simmons	Old South	6	WHS	Boston University
Cassandra	Vincent	First Cong	4	BHR	Curry College
Josh	Whipple	Old South	6	WHS	Tech School for Auto Body

CAMP SENIORS

This year we have 53 seniors at camp... 51 of the 53 will be able to spend the entire week with us before going off to college or back to work.

We think that 53 just might be the most seniors we have ever had at camp. One of the things that surprises us is how many of them, including several of the boys, are planning careers in nursing.

The number before their high school in the chart above indicates the number of years each senior has attended camp.

Many of these seniors will be back with us within the next year or two as counselors.

This year we declared Thursday as SENIOR DAY at camp to honor their contributions to the camp program.

CAMP COUNSELORS

How do we choose who our camp counselors will be?

Within a week or two after camp, our senior staff members sit down to discuss the potential of each graduating senior to be a camp counselor in the year or years ahead. We talk frankly about each senior's strengths.

We choose responsible young men and women who we feel will be positive role models. Camp counselors must have good communication skills. They have to have the potential to be strong leaders within a cabin and the potential to be good leaders of a Morning Group. A positive attitude is an important quality we look for.



FAVORITE QUOTES OF KERMIT AND FRIENDS*

- "Jim believed in me... without him I wouldn't be where I am today. Thanks to Jim's dreams, I reached greater heights than I ever imagined." <Kermit>
- "It doesn't matter if you're a frog or a pig or even a person. It doesn't matter if you're a big fish in a little pond or a small fish in a big pond – you're you and you matter." <Kermit>
- "Every journey begins with a single hop." <Kermit>
- "It's nice to be important, but it's important to be nice." <Jim Henson>
- "To the world you may be one person. To one person you may be the world." <Heather Cortez>
- "I believe that we form our own lives, that we create our own reality, and that everything works out for the best. I know I drive some people crazy with what seems ridiculous optimism, but it has always worked for me." <Jim Henson>
- "The words say, 'It's not easy being green,' but the song is about knowing who you are. Jim believed that people are good and that they want to do their best and that no matter how or why we may be different from anybody else, we should learn to love who we are and be proud of it." <Ray Charles>



- "Green is what I want to be. Be what you want to be." <Kermit>
 - "Love is a gift. Don't ask for a receipt." <Kermit>
 - "Only love can make you rich." <Kermit>
 - "Real wealth comes from being with the people you love." <Kermit>
 - "Listening is the first step and the last step." <Kermit>
- "Follow your dreams. I did and look what I've done so far." <Kermit>
- "Success is believing in yourself, then convincing everyone else that you are right." <Kermit>
- "I believe that life is basically a process of growth that we go through choosing the situations and the problems we will learn from."
- "When I was a tadpole there was really only one thing I collected. I had a file of newspaper articles on *Frogs In Show Business*. It was a small collection, but I think it influenced me a lot." <Kermit>
- "As children, we live in a world of imagination, of fantasy, and for some of us that world of make-believe continues into adulthood. Certainly I've lived my whole life through my imagination. But the world of imagination is there for all of us – a sense of play, of pretending, of wonder. It's there with us as we live." <Jim Henson>
- "I think there are lots of good ways of leading very good lives and growing spiritually. This process of growth goes on whether we believe in it or not." <Jim Henson>
- "The attitude you have as a parent is what your kids will learn from more than what you tell them. They don't remember what you try to teach them. They remember who you are." <Jim Henson>
- "Simple is good." <Jim Henson>
- "Here's some simple advice: Always be yourself. Never take yourself too seriously. And beware of advice from experts, pigs, and members of Parliament." <Kermit>
- "If our 'message' is anything, it's a positive approach to life – that life is basically good and that people are basically good." <Jim Henson>
- "Life is like a movie, write your own ending... keep believing... keep pretending. We've done just what we set out to do. Thanks to the dreamers, the lovers, and you." <Kermit>
- "If you believe you can, you probably can. If you believe you can't, you most assuredly won't. Belief is the ignition switch that gets you off the launching pad." <Dennis Waitley>
- "Find something you love to do and you'll never have to work a day in your life." <Harvey MacKay>
- "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." <Anne Frank>
- "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." <Edward Everett Hale>
- "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does!" <William James>
- "Unless someone like you who cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not!" <Dr. Suess>
- "Love all. Trust few. Do wrong to no one." <William Shakespeare>
- "You're not a wave. You're part of the ocean." <Mitch Albom>
- "Do what you can with what you've got, wherever you are." <Theodore Roosevelt>
- "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." <Dr. Suess>



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- ❑ "Love the life you live. Live the life you love." <Bob Marley>
- ❑ "Success is believing in yourself, then convincing everyone else that you are right." <Kermit>
- ❑ "Follow your dreams. I did and look what I've done so far." <Kermit>
 - ❑ "Dreams are how we figure out where we want to go." <Kermit>
 - ❑ "All of our journeys begin with dreams – with setting goals for where we want to go and who we want to be. Every dream is unique." <Kermit>
 - ❑ "I have a dream too. But it's about singing and dancing and making people happy. That's the kind of dream that gets better the more people you share it with. And I found a whole bunch of people who share the same dream, and that kind of makes us like a family." <Kermit>
 - ❑ "If you care about what you do and work hard at it, there isn't anything you can't do if you want to." <Jim Henson>
- ❑ "From my point of view, I can only tell you what has worked for me – find something you really enjoy doing and pursue it. For me it was artwork." <Jim Henson>
- ❑ "Knowing others is wisdom; knowing yourself is enlightenment." <Lao Tzu>
- ❑ "I believe in taking a positive attitude toward the world, toward people, and toward my work. I think I'm here for a purpose. I think it's likely that we all are, but I'm only sure about myself. I try to tune in to whatever it is that I am supposed to be, and I try to think of myself as a part of all of us – all mankind and all life. I find it's not easy to keep these lofty thoughts in my mind as the day goes by, but it certainly helps me a great deal to start out this way." <Jim Henson>
- ❑ "Jim was the fellow who uncorked the bottle, you know. He not only uncorked the bottle, he also shook it up." <Frank Oz>
- ❑ "At some point in my life I decided, rightly or wrongly, that there are many situations in this life that I can't do much about: acts of terrorism, feelings of nationalistic prejudice, cold war, etc. So what I should do is concentrate on the situations that my energy can affect." <Jim Henson>
- ❑ "Unless you have moved among the peoples of this earth who have so little hope for the future of their lives, you will never really understand how Jim Henson has made a difference for them. Those desperate places where children watch their children grow knowing that they will never be educated, who will never have a chance at life as it should be, these same parents watch as Jim's creations for the first time not only put smiles on the faces of the children, but develop in the appetite to learn watching **Sesame Street**, and the ability to love because they see the love and the caring that exudes from the Muppets and the Henson family of creatures." <Harry Belafonte>
- ❑ "Over the years, television has produced a few individuals blessed with the ability to touch our hearts, our minds, and our lives with their vision. It's not so much that these special people march to a different drummer, but that they carry their own orchestras around with them in their heads. And when we allow them to play their tunes, the sound reverberates for generations. They make us think and they make us laugh." <Candice Bergen>
- ❑ "He changed our lives. He changed our world. And we'll continue his work, because that's how inspiration operates. People die, but inspiration lives and grows. Inspired by his gentleness, we'll fill the world with gentleness. Inspired by his vision, we'll fill the world with vision." Inspired by his chicken imitation, we'll fill the world with laughter." <Jocelyn Stevenson>
- ❑ "I don't believe Jim could have been such an extraordinary creator if he hadn't been such an extraordinary appreciator." <Frank Oz>



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