

# BEAVER CUTTINGS

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# Farewell to Tamakwa's 65th Summer

by: Vic

When I rounded the bend for the first time coming to Tamakwa in 1967, no way did I envision in the year 2000, the 65<sup>th</sup> Tamakwa season, that I would be celebrating my 30 year Tamakwa anniversary, 20 years as co-owner with Dave Bale. It was also mine and Ronda's 10 year wedding anniversary, and our son (Max's) first birthday. Certainly Tamakwa 2000 was a milestone in so many ways in my life, but more importantly this millennium summer was one where each of you experienced your own incredible milestones. Such is the essence of a Tamakwa summer.

I am writing this article immediately after the return of our second session long trips. In true Tamakwa tradition, the whole camp was assembled at the trip dock. The welcoming energy was only exceeded by the enthusiasm of those returning from navigating Algonquin Park's magical waterways for some 8 - 15 days. The joy of uniting the entire Tamakwa family to end the season and sensing the thrill of accomplishment, adventure and closeness of each and every trip returning is a scene second to none and certainly one of my favorite moments of the summer. Canoe trips, and particularly long trips have become the essence of the Tamakwa experience. It is hard to fully describe the smile of one who has returned from a long Tamakwa trip. Suffice it to say, that you know it when you see it.

The summer of course will again end with a spectacular color war program. It is the culmination of one's entire summer experience at Tamakwa. I am always overwhelmed particularly at the water boiling event at the end of our camp wide medley marathon seeing our senior campers serving as team captains so grown up and in leadership positions. If your Tamakwa experience has led to life long friendships, made you a more responsible and independent person, has taught you new skills, and most importantly to truly care about others, then all the hard work and yes, the challenges of camp directors have been worth it for each and every one of my 30 Tamakwa years.

However, as I look about camp and at all of you as the summer of 99 unfolded, I do feel a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment. Tamakwa seems to mean so much to so many. What a great feeling. I continue to be grateful that Tamakwa continues to be a place that allows kids to truly be kids.

It is often said Tamakwa is a people camp. Tamakwa is an ambitious camp. Tamakwa is special...different than all other camps. And so all the expressions go. Who knows for sure or who can actually describe what makes this place and these eight weeks so special. Even if we can't accurately describe it, we will all be feeling this very special feeling long after camp is over. Of course, everybody at home will say "back to reality". Sometimes I feel what we experience here is far more real than so much of our city lives.

It was with incredible vision that 65 years ago Unca Lou founded, built, and brought young boys and girls to this secluded and magical sight on South Tea in the Algonquin wilderness. His spirit continues to shine on this very special place. Each of you have now become Tamakwans forever. Like the generations before you, you will probably look back and say these were the best days and times of your lives. Memories and friendships forever. Campfires, activities, canoe trips, laughs, camp "shticks" shrecks and star gazing. The view of the islands from the slope. No matter where your lives may take you, these Tamakwa days will be with you forever.

Unca Lou called Tamakwa a "children's village" in the wilderness and would often say we started building in 1936 and haven't stopped yet. That still holds true some 65 years later. Tamakwa sets very high standards in all respects from counselling to the diversity of activities offered and to keeping our physical site and facilities up to date. When I first came to Tamakwa there were but seven activities, we now have 19. There is simply so much to do here and everybody seems to take advantage. This year with the rebuilding of camper cabins, new biffies, the addition of our water trampoline, the Voyageur "war" canoe, the newly renovated ball field, new sail boats (including a "Hobie Cat", new ropes elements —there was simply more to do than before. Even the new shuffleboard courts were a big hit. Pure and simple, Tamakwa is a very fun place to be.

In addition to saying that Tamakwa is a people place, it is of course, first and foremost a children's place. The finest of Tamakwa traditions is every camper being able to be the best they can possibly be. Learning skills, having fun, being adventuresome, laughing, camp shticks, and learning to share and care in the most beautiful camp site anywhere in the world is part of every camper's experience. We enjoyed a record number of campers and were full both sessions. The smiling faces of so many campers is truly Tamakwa's lifeline. The camp spirit particularly in the dining hall was at an all time high.

I hope each of you feel Tamakwa 2000 has been a wonderful chapter in your book of life. You are now all part of Tamakwa history. Use your "Tamakwaness" well throughout all the days of your life. Never give up your dreams. A big How! How! to all of you for all that you accomplished and experienced in this special millennium summer. The summer of 2000, the 65th year of camp will be tough to beat. Yet, we can all look forward to Tamakwa continuing to be a timeless domain for children and staff alike for many years to come. See you for "Tamakwa 2001"!

## **WITH HEART FELT THANKS**

**By: Vic**

This Beaver Cuttings would be incomplete without taking an opportunity to thank and acknowledge those responsible for Tamakwa 2000. I think it's fair to say no one makes very much money at camp jobs but we do hope the rewards are great nevertheless. My deepest appreciation to all of you for working 24 hours a day and being so dedicated to providing our campers the best possible Tamakwa experience. Although nothing I say can truly reflect the depth of my appreciation I do feel it important to make the following acknowledgements.

Counselors remain the most important influences in a camper's summer. The 2000 counselling staff is the biggest reason for the success of the summer. You made this a terrific summer for each camper. You never stopped caring. There were so many outstanding counsellors this year it is impossible to thank and acknowledge each of you. The backbone of Tamakwa remains the cabin counsellors, both SCs and JCs. While Tamakwa can boast one of the most beautiful sites, one of the most diverse camp programs anywhere, its best resource will always be the counselling and friendship that goes on "behind the scenes" with your campers. Your campers are deeply indebted to you as the camp administration is as well. You should feel extremely gratified by your contributions to not only each camper's summer but their lives.

They say the CIT year is the greatest summer ever. I hope this year's CITs will likewise be able to say this after they have recovered from this year's banquet. Tamakwa depends so much upon CITs not only for many thankless jobs, but for helping to run our activities. You truly are Tamakwa's future and we hope to see many of you return in the years to come to be the leaders of camp. As important, the entire CIT group seemed to really enjoy so many aspects of camp. You were an incredibly tight knit group. I hope you had as much fun as you seemed to be having. I certainly had fun watching you.

With so many activities it is impossible to mention each activity leader and specialist individually. You worked long hours at your activities and then helped with theme days, night programs and did just about everything we asked of you. Do not underestimate the individual and collective contributions you made to camp this summer.

People who I call the "Unsung Heroes" of camp deserve a special thanks. While many of us have jobs in the sun and being at activities, being on trip, etc., others have less glamorous jobs but no less important to the success of any camp season. I offer my sincerest thanks to Jon Putman and Doug Loriman our transportation crew. To John Fiddes, you continue to endear the entire camp to you. We can't ever imagine Tamakwa without you. You do so many things for everybody. You are truly everybody's friend.

How many camps can boast a chef that can prepare some 1,200 meals a day in addition to snacks cookouts, trips, super snacks, and even work maintenance in the spring, drive camp boats and even the tractors? There is no other than Guy Tetreault who not only does an outstanding job heading up his West Park Catering Service but in contributing to the personalities at camp and again befriending so many Tamakwans. He undoubtedly has the most challenging job at camp and is always smiling and always willing to continually make his catering service the best ever. His staff was not only competent and caring, but some of the nicest and accommodating that you could ever imagine in a camp catering service or otherwise. Many thanks for the incredibly hard work day in and day out trying to please all of us all of the time to Guy, Matt Brooks, Yasmina Saiari, Amanda Petri, Keira Johnson, Michael Gallant, Kateland Atkin, Blake Brooks, Ashley Farrell, Wendy Houghton, Berangere Meiller, Francis Nadeau, Julia Nathan, Vickie Pouliot.

We had a fabulous team of nurses consisting of Angela Buehrle and Kathy Goodhue. Many thanks for all of your attentiveness, professionalism and to becoming fun camp personalities. Thanks as well to our fine camp doctors and their families: the Keidan's, the Aronovitz's, the Weiss's, the Wayne's, the Zucker's, the Gorlick's, the Obron's, and the Marks'. A special thanks as well to our other Tamakwa "family" physicians not only for their contributions to our medical program but for their

tremendous love and support, one of course being my wife Ronda, our designated medical practitioner and dear friend Ron Sherman, and to Len's wife, Laura Lewis. A special thanks as well to Glynis for helping out wherever needed.

The office is always an interesting place and certainly that was more than true for the summer of 2000. While we missed Esther's belly dancing hobby hub, her hard work and long hours in the office were so very helpful and so very appreciated. While Marilyn certainly oversees everything imaginable from her position in running our camp office, as you know she has been camp's assistant director for as long as anyone can remember and no one works longer hours on a year-round basis. She takes care of the business of Tamakwa and she does so out of her love for children and wanting to make sure everything is just right at all times. Many, many thanks for your continued commitment to camp.

A special thanks to Jamie Kudrats in his inaugural year as camp lieutenant in performing such an unappreciated role. I truly enjoyed our timely and needed laughs together and have the utmost respect for your quiet competence and seeing through your challenging position day in and day out.

I don't think anyone can boast having an activity leader, no less a head tripper for as many years as Len Giblin has held his position at Tamakwa. Tamakwa has become a premier tripping camp. We again sent out more longer trips than ever and achieved another 100 trip summer. It was an incredibly problem-free tripping program. No one can do it better. No program in camp has achieved the vision we set out to attain so long ago more than tripping due to your competence and dedication. In combination with your year-round commitment to camp on our building team, you are truly a Tamakwa MVP in perpetuity. Equally important, of course, I must thank you for being the one remaining member of the "Senior" hockey team. I cannot express enough gratitude for your continued contributions to camp and to enhancing my personal Tamakwa experience. The success of the tripping program and the rebuilding of Tamakwa go hand-in-hand with the tenure of Len Giblin.

Speaking of MVPs, there is no MVP like our own Ken Elder. No camp can boast the multiple talents of Ken and his continuing high standards of rebuilding and enhancing Tamakwa facilities. Only a camp director can appreciate the contributions of Ken Elder over the years. He turns every vision into a reality. He keeps every aspect of camp going every minute camp is in session which is probably one of the most significant challenges of most camps and particular one in such a primitive setting as Algonquin Park. Your skills and vast knowledge simply make this place happen and we are already planning next year's projects. Along with his year-round team of Len, Rick and Libby, Tamakwa has become a camp facility second to none. Working year round in Algonquin Park is adventuresome and challenging. Yet they have been one fantastic team.

The Stringer tradition is one of the most revered at camp and will continue to be as long as you remain such a unique part of the Tamakwa family. It was fun to watch you and Jamie in action (although Jamie seemed to be doing most of the work) and of course your support not only this summer but for your entire life is so very appreciated. (Thanks as well for having my bugle refinished...I actually think it made my flag lowering somewhat tolerable).

Of course, Marilyn, David and Ken are only part of my own "camp cabin". My other cabinmates are the head staff group who independently and collectively made this the greatest summer for this year's campers and staff. Throughout the long hours, day in and day out, I thank and congratulate each of you on a superlative performance. Most importantly I thank you each for your incredible competence and selflessness and for doing so with a sense of humour which is, of course critical to the Tamakwa experience and certainly critical to getting through each and every camp day.

The collective ingredients of experience and enthusiasm made our head staff group uniquely successful. The behind-the-scene laughs, experiences, and even some of the frustrations of camp life nevertheless make for a shared and enriching collective Tamakwa experience. In a larger sense, I think that the behind-the-scenes aspects of camp for everyone are sometimes more important than planned events and activities. Such I think has unique application to our group. I could write a paragraph on each of you ... Candi, Libby, Sheila, John, David, Les and Amanda. I hope it suffices to simply say, despite some of the travails of daily camp life that you represent the best and the brightest of head staff groups of all time. The success of the summer of 2000 is largely your doing. You were the campers' and staff's friends, parents, and supervisors all wrapped into one!

Speaking of MVPs, what an incredibly wonderful impact Jeff Ruby has had upon our entire camp at every level in his role as camp director. Both your organizational and administration abilities, and interpersonal qualities are a rare combination, but so important for a camp director to possess. You have all my trust and confidence. You have helped to rejuvenate this whole experience for me and

except for that “fleeting” (pun intended) moment on the lake on route to Bonita, it’s been a lot of laughs. It’s been terrific sharing camp life with you. Tamakwa’s future couldn’t be in better hands.

It’s tough to say something new about someone with whom I have shared such a history with since we met in 1970 on our 12 day canoe trip and then became directors in 1979. Who would ever imagine we would be celebrating this millennium summer with our families and with such a sense of accomplishment having become one of the most desired and successful camp operations anywhere. I’m not opposed to being redundant in saying that you embody and carry out the finest traditions and values of Unca Lou. Do not underestimate the importance of such a role in camp. Janie, Ari and Yafa have become a huge part of our already large Tamakwa family and there is so much to still look forward to as we fulfil our dreams in making our camp lives a true family experience.

I would be remiss in not thanking Howard and Carol for your continued trust and belief in me, for your tremendous support, and for your very special (but quiet and unassuming) contributions that continue to make Tamakwa the most special camp of all.

Having now been in camping for some 35 years and considering myself a partner with our campers’ parents in the development of so many children, words alone cannot express the joy I had in having my own family at camp for the first time ever. Ronda and I are ever so thankful for being able to bring our Max into the Tamakwa family and for all the attention and love he received. For me it seemed nothing short of miraculous to have my own child at camp (a special thanks to Alexis, Amanda and Shu-wei for helping out with Max). The normal sequence of life is to supposedly learn from our elders. And while we do, sometimes we learn more from children and those younger than ourselves. Such is often the case at Tamakwa. It was Leslie Bishin and Rebecca Cooper who during pre-pre-camp told me that it must be a thrill to watch campers like themselves grow up at camp and observe their milestones. Likewise they expressed the same rewards and observations of the directors of camp and their families. I guess in short, Tamakwa is truly a place where we all grow up at different times together.

None of my camp life would be possible without the support of my lovely wife Ronda. I hope the sacrifices you continue to make are worthwhile by now having Max at camp as he begins to live the Tamakwa experience.

And finally, last but not least, I must thank my best buddy of all... JAKE.

Heart to heart,

VIC

P.S. Special thanks to Charlie Kraft for all of your help but most importantly your everlasting love and support of this place that certainly remains so very special to you and your family.

P.P.S. A very special thanks to Nancy Tourville for again helping out in so many ways for the last 2 weeks of camp. This, I believe, is your 13<sup>th</sup> Tamakwa summer. Congratulations...it’s your camp Bat Mitzvah summer!

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## **I Will Miss By Vic**

Shuffleboard back at Tamakwa

The new ball field.

Baseball (hardball) back at Tamakwa.

Max’s first summer at Tamakwa.

Home run derby at the tennis court.

Adam and Josh Ketai hitting home runs.

The new water trampoline.

This year’s SNL and Lorne Michaels in the audience.

Water fountains everywhere.

The “whitefish club”.

Staff hockey.

Beach parties.

The new portable PA system and new sound systems at slope and rec hall

Sherman, Tyner, Keiden and so many dear friends and alumni working at camp.

Marilyn’s reaction to a power failure on a bright sunny golden day.

Shu-wei and Sophie with Max. Actually, Shu-wei and Sophie doing everything and being everywhere.

Shu-wei and Kate Fink (and Gillian Tyner) always on the water trampoline.  
The 2000 head staff.  
Tamakwans gearing up for intercamp.  
The sterning report.  
The Voyageur Point archery range.  
Woodworking projects.  
Yafa, Tommy and Max together for the first time.  
Laughing with head staff.  
Bayview energy and unity.  
Guy and all his staff.  
Canoeing – “the new vision”  
Watching Emily and Jenna swim.  
The new war (Voyageur) canoe.  
New Biffys.  
So many long trips.  
Long trip returns (welcomes).  
Hertz’s, Schrams and Saretsky’s at camp with Weiss’s, Yakers,  
Treasure Island swims.  
Ali, Rebecca and David’s Bar/Bat Mitzvah.  
Scott Kantor during Can-Am softball games.  
Marge the Barge with Stringer on the keyboard.  
Jake and Desi playing  
Orange fluorescent clothing (Justin and Magda!)  
Coneys at camp.  
Andrew Schelberg-Miller’s observations and cleaning main camp with gloves on.  
Water boiling.  
Head staff 2000.  
Jared Florence night.  
The class of Rebecca Cooper.  
Julia in the staff dining hall  
A problem free tripping summer  
The Ranger 10 day.....déjà vu.....Sherman and Arons  
Candi’s energy  
Ronda and Max at camp

## **I Will Not Miss by Vic**

The lost and found (on every one of my I will not miss lists).  
Stephen Shore’s imitation of me.  
My athletic shorts mistaken for bike shorts.  
Ruby’s yellow bunion protective layers.  
Senior girls trip logistics.  
Ali Schram not going on a long trip.  
Keeping track of Stahls coming and going.  
The office porch “lounge”.  
Watching Amanda eat (it was a toss up whether to include in I will-will not miss list).  
The new horseshoe location.  
Quiet activity leader meetings.  
Visiting Day logistics.  
Quieting down the dining hall.  
Quieting down before flag lowering.  
Quieting down all the time.  
Trees falling on cars.  
5 plays a summer and meat 3 times a day.  
Driving to and from Detroit.  
Can-Am softball games.  
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Linden’s butt thing.  
Tuck lines.  
Elyse Obron in the clinic.

Strike at the fishing dock.  
Early staff departures.  
Jello and whip cream in the dining hall  
Ruby’s shuffleboard rules  
Waiting to the last minute to write my Beaver  
Cuttings articles

## The Last Oodle-Oodle-Loo (of the millennium) by Dave Bale

*"This year we had the largest and finest group of campers and staff to come to the shores of South Tea Lake...A number of changes have been added to the physical ground in the form of new chairs for the dining hall, the addition of spring filled mattresses throughout all the cabins, a brand new tripping cabin and dock and racks for canoes which is certainly the finest we have ever had...We have a new archery range, a great big new basketball court, and entirely new craft shop, a new juke box and many other things...This year for the first time too we had a public address system in the Dining Hall and Rec Hall...With our final banquet coming up, it is a fitting climax to a most wonderful summer together."*

With a few exceptions, those words could have been written about this summer, but in fact they were written by Unca Lou Handler in his article for the Beaver Cuttings in 1951. Almost 50 years have passed and it is interesting to consider how many of those things that Lou mentioned are still being talked about today. For example, those spiffy "new" spring filled mattresses he boasted about....Ironically we just got rid of the last of those spring mattresses this year and replaced them with all new vinyl covered foam ones and 100 new wood bed frames. And the chairs in the Dining Hall.....we finally replaced those with the new benches. We always joke about how old the P.A. system in the Rec Hall was. Now we know exactly. We replaced it this year with new incredible sound. No jukebox to boast about in 2000, but we did set up a video lounge in the loft for rainy days and special events. And, yes...similar to '51, we have a new archery range....a statement that could appear in the Beaver Cuttings of almost any year.

There is no question, just like 50 years ago....new acquisitions and new "toys" were a landmark of this summer. You've seen the list before: the water trampoline, the voyageur war canoe, Marge the Barge, HobieCat sail boat, JY15 sail boat, shuffleboard, the video loft, the water fountains, the biffies, the new Eustache girls cabin, the new Ballfield, hardball equipment, sound & lighting at the Slope and Rec Hall, lights at the beach and the Plat-forum, and all the rest...even a staff dart board. In this respect, 2000 was a summer to splurge a bit and indulge in new frills that add to the basics that we already enjoy and love about camp. Tamakwa was great **before** we acquired these things, but we greeted the new millennium with new fresh ways to have fun and with a resolve to keep building, growing and meeting new needs and interests of you the kids.

When Lou claimed back then "the largest and finest group of campers", that was true at that time. But, certainly 2000 surpasses them all. This summer really started last October. The fifteenth, to be exact. That's when camp enrollment filled, interest in returning to camp peaked, and the waitlist began. Our off-season became consumed with trying to find space for many of you who spent months on that list. The fact that you are reading this means we succeeded and the Tamakwa 2000 will forever be part of you.

You'll always remember: The weird weather, the incredible interest and multitude of long trips, group paddles in the war canoe, bouncing on the trampoline, playing hardball for the first time at Tamakwa, the wonderful triple Tamakwa Bar Mitzvah, the Cartoon Network colour war, the Camelot colour war break, the Amy Sky song workshop and performance, Tamakwa's Saturday Night Live with Lorne Michaels in the audience, making fishing rods, making lures, making paddles, George Hirsch skiing behind Marge the Barge, sailing in the Hobie Cat around the bright new sailing buoys, the new improved Tamagama, and Justin Derisley's orange warm up suit.

But given all the new "toys" and fun events that mark this summer in the record books, they do not compare to the changes that took place this year in each of **you**. Brittany Danzig and Jessica Bernstein walked even taller after they wrote and performed their own song. Brad Belen had new pride when he finished making his beautiful paddle. Jake Sachse was a changed man when he became the youngest achiever of the highest basketball award. Aviva Phillips was more confident when she did that second canoe trip. The nine & ten year old Rangers matured when they returned from their 10-Day trip. Those of you who swam to Treasure Island or finished triathlons or did your first Eskimo roll or simply stayed at camp for four weeks when you had planned on two....you have all grown from Tamakwa 2000. If we call camping a "growth" industry....it is **YOUR** growth we are proud to be part of. You are going home a little more independent, a little more self-assured, and a bit richer in experience than when you arrived. Those changes plus the experience of being able to jump in a crystal clear lake or lie under the Algonquin stars will make you a better person for the rest of your lives. It's what made Camp Tamakwa the very best place to be this summer. It is the very best place to be at ANY time. Think of it often, have a great year, and as Unca Lou concluded his article in '51:

*“May the Great Camper be always with us until we again meet in the beautiful Algonquin Forest on the shores of our own South Tea Lake.”*

*Dave*

## **Bale-schlect says How How and thanks to...**

Da Keeds. It's for you that we do all this.

All of you who helped me sing the “oodle ooodle looo” of the Sterning Reports all summer long.

Ric, Dave and Kathy for an incredible plaque.

A staff with great motivation, enthusiasm and devotion to da keeds.

The counselors who cared about their campers and dazzled them with great times.

Great Activity Leaders.

Incredible tripping staff.

Energetic group of CITs.

Dining Hall servers waiting tables as good sports and making the system work.

Nurses Kathy and Angela “Angel” for the health of camp and becoming beloved camp characters.

All the camp doctors who have grown to be as great friends to us as they are great camp doctors:

Keidan, Aronovitz, Weiss, Wayne, Obron, Gorlick, Zucker, & Marks.

John "Fideus" "Fiddler" Fiddes...for being dart collector and "the king of Tamakwa".

John and Doug for shlepping stuff and working so hard moving people and things.

Esther Lelinowski for the year round support, competence, and always friendly nature. And for being such a good “tanta” to Ari and Yafa.

Nancy Tourville for coming to the rescue, being so professional, so friendly, so efficient and helpful.

Special thanks to Chris Gilbert...a forever Tamakwan...who pitched in when we needed a “specialist”.

Guy Tetreault and the West Park Catering staff who work so hard to make our tummies happy.

Howard and Carol for all the support, caring, and partnership at camp and year round.

Ric von Neumann for the porch, the sheds, the dart board cabinet, beautifying camp with all your incredible talent and good humour.

David Stringer for training Jamie Kudlats, for fixing my flashlight, and the usual list of Stringerisms.

Jamie Kudlats for spring, summer, and all the magic. You learned well. (excellent choice of music in the break, Jame)

Ken Elder for continually raising the bar on what is a beautiful camp. You are "Schlecter of this and the next Millennia".

Len Giblin for another fabulous multi-pronged tripping program.

Ricky Tyner for the memories and for remembering embarrassing details of me as his counselor.

Ron Sherman for getting b-ball going at rest hour.

Special thanks again to Lindsey Quennell for giving Ari and Yafa such wonderful care.

### **TO MY CABIN...**

Libby Sadick von Neumann for the 3 napkins, 3 seasons, and for sterning the Sterning Report.

Candi Sherman for such expert running of the J.T. Program, such energy, and so politely sneaking behind my chair at meals.

Amanda Taerk for handled the “different” CIT group so well and for kissing Yafa's cheeks.

Sheila Tyner for the professional touch with the Pioneers, and the nutritional advice and for kissing Yafa's cheeks. What an incredible addition to the group you have been.

Dave Starkman for coming back, for the Zaatar, and exceeding even the job you did last year. (Where'd you get the keffiah?)

Jon Linden for patting Ari's head once a day, and for excellent supervision of the Voyageurs. (I saw Lorne Michaels taking notes during the Pres. Lieberman shtick.) You too...great addition to Head Staff.

Leslie Hartsman for the energetic second year and being a Tamakwa all-star, and for dis-assembling the plastic jungle gym at the Shiners' house.

Marilyn Mendelson for really doing camp when you say you don't do camp.

Jeffrey Norman Ruby for the leadership, wonderful camaraderie, rides home, being a good sport with vest and dork jokes, devotion to new solutions, and for taking such command of camp. Many congrats on completing with such distinction your graduate studies. Now the real challenge begins, but you'll persevere with similar excellence, I know.

Vic Norris for signing Steven Spielberg autographs, for 21 years of partnership sharing the joys and the “schlectedness” of running Tamakwa, and for bringing Max to camp. If there's one thing I equate with Vic Norris...it's aspiring to live in a dream home on a lake. What an apropos 50<sup>th</sup> birthday gift to have that dream about to be realized. Janie and I are thrilled for you and Ronda. Happy birthday and fifty more.

And of course my deepest thanks and love to my Janie. Having my family together all summer is a privilege beyond words.

We thank *all* of you who gave Ari & Yafa such incredible attention this summer. Like all of you, they grew before our very eyes, thanks to the stimulation of warm adoring people all around them.

My thanks to all of you who made Tamakwa 2000 such a tremendous and memorable summer. I will miss you.

*Dave*

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## Directing Tamakwa

### Pony Style

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I can hardly believe that I am now going to reflect on Tamakwa 2000 when I have been lost in this summer dream for so long. My dream really began at the end of Tamakwa '99 when I returned to Toronto on a mission to truly make 2000 the summer of the century. With each and every day, my dream became clearer, images less distorted, until I could see each of your faces, sharing precious time and each other on the shores of Tea Lake. My experience throughout this summer dream was exciting, energetic, memorable and real. However, much like awakening from a dream the next morning, it is difficult for me to hold onto all of the vivid images and memories that my Tamakwa 2000 dream provided. I know that when I fall asleep each night, I will be comforted to see all of you and the memories of this wonderful summer.

As Camp Director, my staffing goal for the summer is rather simple: bring together the most interesting and talented team of people to Algonquin Park. As the coach of this great staff team, I need to acknowledge the many players without whom our summer would not have been the same. Tamakwa is a "people camp" and I believe that we have the finest and most interesting people. I do not think that most camps can boast such a large percentage of their staff who come through the camper ranks as we do. With their camper experiences behind them, our specialists, JC's and SC's can provide campers with a unique and truly personal understanding of Tamakwa. Another key success factor to an effective counselling team is to constantly infuse new blood into camp for new ideas, energy and spirit. It is not easy being a new counselor at Tamakwa and I think our new specialists, JC's and SC's made a tremendous contribution this summer to the Tamakwa family. To our counselors this summer: I thank you for your dedication to your campers, as it is you who truly created the memories that campers will remember for a lifetime.

Tamakwa is a place where children can come and learn new skills, or improve on skills that they already know. With such a variety of skill levels and interests from our campers, we look for a group of activity leaders that are not only experts in their particular activity areas, but are also able to relate to, and befriend, everyone that they teach. The Activity Leaders of 2000 were a great group of individuals who had the winning combination of expertise, eccentricity, and personality. Within the group there was a great combination of old time Tamakwans as well as some needed new talent. All in all, I am extremely pleased with the way that our activities ran over the summer and hope that many of our activity leaders will want to join us for Tamakwa 2001.

At its core, Tamakwa is a tripping camp. In my mind, there is no greater opportunity for people to bond and experience what is left of pristine nature on this planet than on trip. Once again, my hat goes off to Len and each and every member of Tamakwa's tripping staff for an excellent season of guiding trips throughout Algonquin Park. Our campers were truly blessed to have all of you leading them through adventures that they will remember all the days of their lives.

Everyone in camp is part of a group that they can call their "cabin". The Head Staff at camp is the glue that binds the entire organization together over the summer and it is the group with whom I had the pleasure of spending most of my time. Selecting this years head staff was an absolute pleasure for me as I was able to bring together what is arguably the most talented group of Tamakwans ever to run camp. No one fell short of my very high expectations.

Our section heads this summer continued to fill many of the gaps of the past in the area of spirit, unity and head staff involvement. They are definitely a distinct group of people, all sharing a love for children and camping:

**Libby** – You are truly one of a kind. Your unending dedication to Tamakwa all year round is remarkable, as is your knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the needs of 49er campers and staff. Your help creating and developing cabin groupings over the winter was invaluable. Thank you Libby and Ric for a wonderful year.

**Sheila** – Coming back to Tamakwa as a section head after all of these years is no easy task, especially when you are trying to balance being an exceptional mother to your own children, but you did it with class, professionalism, and were a most welcome addition to our cabin. Despite some bumps in the road, I know that the pioneers and all of camp truly benefited from your wisdom, energy, spirit, and unending smile.

**David** – How How on another incredible Ranger summer. You are a true Tamakwan leader who really understands the needs of our kids and staff. You have wisdom well beyond your years and a wonderful ability to make everyone laugh with even the smallest gesture or comment. The Ranger section has never been in more capable hands.

**Candi** – You are the quintessential JT Director, blending the perfect combination of caring, mothering, discipline, humour and organization to this most challenging job. You are always in the right place which is not surprising because you seem to be everywhere all the time. Thank you for your dedication and energy to Tamakwa both during the summer and during the off-season. I look forward to our road trips in the future, but this time, I think I will bring a map. Thank you for dragging Dr. Drama to camp to help out with odds and ends. As expected, Ron was right there when we needed him.

**Amanda** – Never before have I seen such dedication of heart, mind, and spirit to a job like yours to the CITs this summer. It is no easy task for a CIT Director to connect with her group and also impart the importance of the CIT summer and uphold camp rules; however, you succeeded in both respects. You kept me smiling all summer with your big smile and equally large appetite and I am thrilled with the effort and advocacy that you poured into Tamakwa once again this summer.

**John** – What a long strange trip its been since our days spent together on student counsel at Forest Hill, navigating courses and Caesars at Western and lengthy discussions about law school. Through it all you have been a wonderful friend and advisor and I could not have been any happier with your new role at camp. Years ago I wrote that people can surprise you, but in this case, I was not surprised at all -- I always knew that you had it in you -- and I am most thankful that camp and our friendship shared this summer.

Our programming staff this summer was also incredible:

**Jamie** – It was hard to keep track of your every move this summer because you seemed to have your hand in everything. From days off and serving to music, radio and colour war breaks, you handled it all with patience and a great sense of humour. Thank you for taking on this new role and I look forward to many more years of your creativity at camp.

**Leslie** – Once again my friend, you were the creative energy that fueled and drove Tamakwa 2000. You always seem to know exactly what the campers and staff are looking for and deliver every time. You constantly amaze me with your endless energy, smile, and passion for camping. It was wonderful sharing another summer with such a good friend who always manages to keep camp fun no matter what is going on.

The old guard at Tamakwa is one of the most distinguished and experienced group of people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Thank you **Marilyn, Stringer, Ken** and **Len** for placing your trust in me this summer. You are the cultural and spiritual link to camp's great historical legacy and without you Tamakwa would not be the same.

**Dave** – I would not want to walk into the Toronto office without you there, or share a bowl of soup with anyone else. Thank you so much for your tutelage and patience with me. Your un-infringing advice and confidence in me will never be forgotten. You are the heart of Tamakwa.

**Vic** – As role models go for me you are up at the top. I so much want to accomplish the life that you have carved out for yourself and I appreciate all of the time and advice that you have spent with me to accomplish that end. Thank you for your sense of humour and your friendship. You are the soul of Tamakwa.

To the campers and staff of Tamakwa, your faces and smiles are etched onto my brain and I cannot wait to see you soon in my dreams.

Till we meet again

Jeff

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## **Le Director De Programme** **by Leslie Hartsman**

"Its here the end of the summer already". I can't believe that I'm thinking about going home. Well, its now the second morning of color war and I can hear the cheering from all areas of camp. The spirit from these past two days really makes me wonder why anyone would want to leave this place.

This summer was definitely one that will not just be put away in the archives. Tamakwa 60's, Which Came First The Chicken or the Egg???, Battle Of The Cartoon Networks, Hawaiian Holiday, Riverdale High 2000 & Quest For Camelot, would not have at all been possible without the smiling faces and tired ones of you, the Campers & Staff of Tamakwa 2000.

Before I say my good-byes I just want to thank everyone for making my 5<sup>th</sup> summer here at Tamakwa a very special & memorable one. I want to make special mention to the Head Staff that I worked very close with this summer. Never have I felt so comfortable with a group of individuals or so full!!! Pony I thank you from the bottom of my bottoms. You worked so hard throughout the year and "I'll tell ya" You really did a fantastic job this summer as camp Director. I hope that we can enjoy our summers together again like this in the future. Who knows maybe just maybe I can beat your record of five years as program director. I can't finish up without taking the time of thanking one of my best and longest friends from camp. Well Jon it has eighteen summers together at camp & every summer we enjoy just as much as the next. Your humor & wit really keep me on my toes & hope you never give it up. I thank you for everything and all your support J.R.. To these people: D.R. & S.T. its good to be a little bit crazy. I am!!! Last but not least I thank all of you The Tamakwans who know how to love this place better than anyone else could.

Have A Good Time All The Time!!!!

Leslie Arrin Hartsman

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## **THE TAMAKWA MUSEUM: 2000 EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS** **by Head Staff -- UPI (unusual pieces of information)**

*This year's curator of the Tamakwa Museum is Adena Farkas. She will be giving tours of the museum in its underground shelter on Adventure Island any day except Good Friday and Schlect Tuesday. The museum features an incredible new collection of items now on exhibit from this summer. For nighttime viewing the entire exhibit is lit by "the big honking lights" at Girls Beach. And as you view the displays, you'll be hearing over the P.A. system the soundtrack from the Ruby-Florence compilation "Camp Greatest Hits" 4 CD set. The 2000 display includes:*

- The Waiting List
- Any one of the last minute "You know I love camp, but I have to renege on my contract" email messages.
- One of the new water fountains
- One Camp Ruby bandanna
- Hannah Hodari's bandanna worn with a "slip" knot when she performed in the Amy Sky concert
- The "Shaman" stick
- Blair's witch costume that she wore for serving
- Blair's devil costume
- HobieCat rudder that broke the first day
- One of the new combo/key locks
- Archery awards master list (well hidden; we couldn't find it)
- Transportation Crew manual (well hidden; probably with the Archery award list)
- First ball thrown at the new ballfield
- A door from one of the stalls in the Boys Biffy
- A piece of the old dugouts (before being torn down to make way for the new ones)
- Amanda's megasize mug
- Both of Candi's Putnam mugs
- Sheila's hair
- A shred of the hemlock that got hit by lightening on Voyageur Point
- A hemlock that got hit by an arrow on Voyageur Point
- Clayton's pink elephant PJ's
- One of the million pieces of the hemlock hit by lightening on Voyageur Point
- The "trip slip" for the August girls 15-Day (the names disappear before your eyes)
- The "trip slip" for the August R-6 4-Day to Big Porky
- The stern paddle from the Voyageur war Canoe

- The Amy Sky autograph on Matthew Orley's belly (viewed only on weekends when Matt can pose in person)
- A stitch from the "Janitor's" leg injury, sustained a day before Camp
- Any one of the topless microphones
- The Dining Hall mic stand (displayed broken and without mic, as it stood all summer)
- One fluorescent orange Roots Lifeguard hat (should be viewed with sunglasses)
- One fluorescent orange sailing buoy (should be viewed with sunglasses)
- Justin Derisley's fluorescent orange warm-up suit (should be viewed with sunglasses)
- A whole room full of fluorescent orange clothing
- Justin Derisley's "Italian loafers"
- The black box
- Krasnoff's bugle
- One hardball
- The softball hit by Luke Cohl into the woods against Tamarack
- A shuffleboard disk and broken cue stick
- The Roots Olympic clothing items with the  logo
- The shiny brass bugle
- One of the tetherball ropes that was cut in the ill-fated shreck
- New FM transmitter in C.A.M.P. Radio and the 100.1 sign
- Scale model of the new "porta-P.A." (model itself weighs 2 tons)
- Transcript from Camp David peace talks to settle the disputes in Last Resort and specialists housing
- The new stainless steel medical examination tables
- The dart that got away....from Adam Hertz's hand to the dart board to the narrow space between the floor boards
- The paddle that Brad Belen made
- Andrew Zucker's car
- The trees that took out the cars at the landing
- Melted cheese on pretty much anything
- Any one of the pasta meals
- Meredith Epstein's birthday tiara
- The lunch pack from day one of the girls 15-day (bear prints and all)
- The missing glasses of Isidoro and Sunny
- Lisa Kantor's cast
- Scale model of the trampoline
- Any one of the basketballs in the mud around the sides of the Plat-Forum
- Andrew Schelberg Miller's yellow and red flannel shirt
- Andrew Schelberg Miller's surgical gloves worn when he cleans main camp
- Any one of the many "street lights" all over Camp
- The "Pope bubble roof" of Marge the Barge
- One fake leaf from *Indian Summer* that keep surfacing
- A piece of the new backstop fence from the ballfield
- All the grass seed from the ballfield that washed away
- Three napkins
- Linden's "Terp" hat
- One of Pony's Shabbat vests
- Pony's yellow bunyan protection layer
- 2000 Home plate
- A baby soother (pacifier)
- A pair of Capri pants
- A pair of high heeled flip flops
- Tank-inis
- Noah Stahl's hat
- Yellow stripe from the water trampoline
- One of the lures made at Fishing
- A starboard (green) and port (red) light
- The Tamakwa 2000 plaque

**AUDIO EXHIBIT: these sounds can be heard through the headphones provided:**

- The Ranger 3's "Things That Suck" rap song
- Alex Sherman's "Golf balls" joke (played on a continuous loop tape over and over)
- John Fiddes' daily dart report: how many broke, how many were lost, who lost 'em.
- Brittany and Jessica's original song as sung on Amy Sky night.
- Opening dialogue from Saturday Night Live with "President Joe Lieberman"

## **FAMOUS QUOTES OF 2000**

*Try to match the quote with the person who said it:*

1. "Hey girlfriend, you look sharp tonight."
  2. "It was the first time a young gentleman traversed to Girls Camp as a single practitioner." (translation: "a boy snuck to Girls Camp by himself")
  3. "Love, pain, the whole damn thing"
  4. "We gotta nip it in the butt"
  5. "You took the smoke out of my sails" (no, it wasn't Fiddes)
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- a. Jon Linden
  - b. Jeff Ruby
  - c. Jeff Ruby
  - d. Ari Bale
  - e. Amy Sky

## **FAMOUS PSEUDONOMES OF 2000**

*Try to match these nicknames with their owners:*

1. Pony
  2. Striding Stallion
  3. House
  4. Puppet
  5. The Fiddler
  6. Great stack of pancakes
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- a. John Fiddes
  - b. Candi Sherman
  - c. Aaron Rosenhaus
  - d. Michael Wilson
  - e. Vic Norris
  - f. Jeff Ruby

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## **The Ranger Wrap Up 2000 Edition by David Starkman**

If the Ranger section's summer could be summed up in two words then it wouldn't have been a very exciting summer at all, would it? Instead, it's necessary to take some time to reflect back on all the events and accomplishments that made the summer of 2000 so special.

First and foremost were the two 10-day canoe trips. In July our oldest campers set forth on an ambitious trip through the interior of Algonquin Park. Tuck, Mike, Alex O. Alex S., Adam and Max S. along with their fearless leaders, Brandon, Luke and B.J. were greatly missed in camp for a week and a half – but it must be said that it was much quieter in the dining hall with them away.

In August the campers on the Ranger long trip didn't come from R5 and R6, but instead came from R1, R2 and R3. This group of small guys with big hearts showed Tamakwa the true meaning of hard work and determination as they became the youngest long trip ever! Alex S., Brad, Ryan, Jeff R., Max A. and Josh M. - we are all so proud of you and your counsellors – Jeremy, Justin and Sean.

It should be said that not all the Ranger section's great moments took place out of camp. In camp the Rangers could be found: starring on the rec hall stage in the four block buster productions of the summer, lacing up their shoes, skates or life jackets to represent Tamakwa on an inter-camp team, hanging out at camp fires that never went long enough, planning a Ranger all-day (yeah R4!), impressing camp with their lip-syncing abilities at talent shows, trying to pull kitchen raids (only to be foiled by the king of shrecks), doing Friday night services on the slope, hiking to Drummer on a Monday cookout, playing Starky Ball, for an evening program, competing in in-line and half-court tournaments, getting awards at activities all over camp, and blowing the roof off the dining hall with their spirit and cheering!

Of course none of these things would have been possible without the deciated effort put forward by the Ranger staff. To them I owe a huge debt of gratitude – thank you, your amazing work makes my job easy and the friendships that we have formed makes it fun.

To my cabin group, the head staff, thanks for all the food! But above all, thank you for supporting me when I needed a hand.

Tamakwa is truly a special place and I am honoured that Vic, Dave and Jeff have allowed me to be part of the team that charts its course for the future.

Finally, the biggest thank you of all goes to the campers (particularly to my campers). You keep camp exciting for me! Your strength and energy inspires me and your never ending questions keep me on my toes.

May all your adventures beyond the shores of South Tea be as successful as the ones this summer. See you next year!

Starky.

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## **49ers '00 by Libby**

Where to start with 49ers 2000? You're gorgeous, fun, crazy wild and completely off the wall. You didn't really like the voyageur canoe at first, but after cookouts and our all-day excursion to Canoe Lake and Smoke Lake, it gave you a whole new perspective! How How! Told you it would be fun! Even though the weather didn't always go our way, you all got out there and received awards, learned new skills and hopefully made new friends. You had some amazing counsellors to help you along the way and I would like to thank them all profusely for a job well done. Thanks go to all the CIT's that covered and helped out with the 49ers also. The thing I still can't go over is that we had 26 first year 29ers second month. That means there were 26 thirteen year old girls here... How crazy is that?! It's as crazy as the whole summer has been?! We had some great inter-camp teams both months, but the mud puddle softball game really sticks in my mind! Over-all we had fun, we met new people, we saw and did things we wouldn't have done in the city and we learned something new each day. Have a great year, do well in school and think sunny thoughts for next summer!

Love, Libs

## **I Will Miss.... by Libby**

1. Club Med and Bayview bantering back and forth in the dining hall.
2. The constant relocation of alligator anchor
3. Gwen Snapp hugs.
4. Talking with Sasha Silver.
5. Post Monday cookout swims with Katchen, Belzberg, Schecter, Smitty, Ran, Orley, etc. (sorry if I missed anyone)
6. Treasure swims with Emily and Jenna Kraft
7. The day-off adventures with Paule Stewart
8. Work camp crew 2000 – Guy, Matt, then Paule, Leslie and Jamie Kudlats!
9. The black box – who has it?
10. Watching Krasnoff play the bugle for flag lowering.
11. My head staff snack that kept being taken by someone.
12. C.A.M.P Radio without having to turn my radio on.
13. The perfect burp the night of the colour war break.
14. Dinner at Arowhon Pines with Leslie, Emily and Sean... what the heck is salmon-trout anyway?!
15. Having a Mal-Pal at camp.
16. Serving coffee to my regular takers in the mornings.
17. Goodman asking for a prime cookout spot every Monday.
18. All the wonderful plays.
19. Candi having been my counsellor in 1974 and being Sheila's counsellor in 1978!
20. The all-day senior girl war canoe excursion!
21. The look in T's face when she was told she was a 49er 2<sup>nd</sup> month.
22. Cabin clean-up special effects.
23. S.O.B. and L.O.A.
24. Marilyn's dish with her.
25. Having Nancy T. back at camp after her year off!
26. Esther's Geronomos!
27. Head staff meetings on Marge the Barge.
28. The Polaroid wall in the waterfront cabin.
29. Windy Mondays.
30. My Head Staff cabin.

## **I Will Not Miss...**

**By Libby**

1. Long trip debacles.
2. Chuppa Chup sticks all over camp.
3. The schreks on Karen Leve.
4. Hearing blow dryers during 5<sup>th</sup> period.
5. Rain.
6. The exploded tree on Voyageur Point.
7. Lice checks.
8. Screams from Happy Isle.
9. Mosquitos in August, bees in main camp, flies in July.
10. The orange buoys out in the lake.
11. The attitude about the war canoe.
12. Tetherball on Monday mornings.
13. The new Tamagama.

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## **PI-O-NEE-EERS!!**

**by Sheila Tyner**

When asked to write my first Beaver Cuttings article as Pioneer section head, I asked myself what can I say? Where do I begin? How can I put into words how I feel? So many smiles, some tears, too much rain, lots of laughter, hugs and kisses, craziness, dancing, singing, being a friend and always giving and receiving love. I will always cherish and remember so many firsts.

1. My first time coming around the bend with more things for Desi than myself.
2. Watching the counsellors unite together as the "P" club and bonding with their girls.
3. Mallory blooming into a beautiful flower in more ways than one.
4. Learning new songs and cheers.
5. Making smores in the rain.
6. Watching Gillian run the camp and taking away everyone's gum and candy.
7. Jumping on the tramp.
8. Cookouts with the war canoe.
9. Getting my "C" canoeist.
10. Making true friends that help you see the forest before the trees.
11. Sharing memories of the good old days and dram of days to come.
12. Sittong on the slope with my family and watching children learn, grow and love together.
13. Sending out the 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer 12-day and lots of 10 day trips too!
14. For Sarah Eisen's endless help.
15. For a staff filled with energy and love that was NEVER late to anything!!!
16. To the estrogen club
17. Falling into Bonita in all my clothing (oh no)!

Thanks for all your help, support and love. For embracing my family as if they belonged here. I have had a wonderful experience with all of you. I can only hope that your summer was as memorable as mine and when you're home and having a bad day you'll think of me and remember all the good times we shared together and the memories we made. Thanks again.

Love – Sheila

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## **The Junior Tamakwans of 2000**

**by Candi**

The summer of 2000 was awesome in the JT section. The youngest kids in camp are simply the most spirited and enthusiastic bunch around. They braved enough rain storms, thunder and lightening and cold weather to dampen the spirits of veteran campers, but not my JTs. They were always eager to meet the challenge.

Canoe trips were fantastic, even when their sleeping bags were soaked and the lightening bright enough to read by! The lake was warm enough to swim and play in even when they needed a campfire to warm up by when they got out. Need I say more. The summer of 2000 didn't shine for its weather, but it certainly did for the spirit, strength and determination of the JT kids. You guys were all outstanding. I love you and will miss every single one of you.

This would not be complete if I didn't acknowledge the hard work and dedication put forth by the greatest counsellors at camp. Thank you for the love you gave the kids. You all make my job easy. Thanks to: Clay, Jacob, Matt, Yale, Jordan, Andrew, Danny, Simon, Mori, Lori, Blair, Celia, Sarah, Lindsey, Deena, Amy, Alexis and ?

### **I Will Miss by Candi**

All 115 JTs of the summer 2000.  
Daily and nightly hugs and kisses from 115 JTs.  
The smiles on F1's faces when they were invited to eat with Bayview.  
The little sisters from TB1 with their big sisters from Club Med.  
Dirty faces, hands and feet.  
Mud football, sumo wrestling.  
Campfires and roasting marshmallows before bed.  
Watching the JTs dancing on the stage with Entertainment Extreme.  
Drama tryouts, rehearsals and The Plays.  
Schreks.  
Watching the Forester boys trying out for the 16 and under hockey team.  
The JT triathlon and the awesome athletes who participated in 17. "How How".  
Greeting the returning cookout pointers full of dirty, tired, happy campers.  
Welcoming returning canoe trips.  
The CITs.

### **I Will Not Miss by Candi**

Lice and lice checks.  
Dirty faces, hands, feet, clothes, etc.  
Clearing out tetherball alley at meals, clean up, rest hour, section meeting time, and before bed.  
The smell at the Bleachers.  
Lost and found – Ben Aronovitz and Mallory Tyner.  
Clearing the top of the slope of campers and staff.  
Marshmallow roasting stick hunts.  
Loading the pointer for Monday cookouts – and waiting for kooch to show up!  
Waking campers up in the dead of night for colour war breaks.  
Cuts, bruises, sprained ankles and tummy aches.

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### **Voyageur 2000 by Jonathan Linden**

Through great fortune, excellent timing and tremendous luck, I had the great pleasure of being Voyageur section head for the summer of 2000. The job was everything I imagined and a little bit more. I had an amazing staff that made things easy all summer long. The Voyageur campers of 2000 from the dark side to Bayview were truly amazing. All of these young men with their high energy and great spirit allowed me to put things into perspective and enjoy one of my greatest summers. I came out of a long winter and I couldn't have imagined another place to have spent the summer of 2000. I would like to thank Vic, Dave and Jeff for giving a reformed camp clown the opportunity to be a part of the head staff team. I would like to thank my good friend, Pony, for bring me to Tamakwa. I would like to thank Les Hartsman for another camp summer and Dave Starkman for being an amazing roommate.

There were a lot of great memories – but these are the ones that stand out:

- Rest hour hockey (to my linemates Vice and Len – we were our own greatest critics, but I loved every minute of it).
- Talks with Pony about our drams and the future.
- Getting my big shot to host Saturday Night Live in front of Mr. Lorne Michaels (I'm still waiting for his call – what I wouldn't do to put the legal career on hold for a shot on SNL)
- Shuffleboard with Matty Budman when the 3 other Matts were on the 15 day.
- Disciplining Jesse Creed.
- The absurdities of head staff meals.
- Andrew Sherman's pep talk with Steve Shore.
- Explaining Tamakwa and the Anglophone world to Dominique.
- Late night chats with the Starknarc and shared views.
- Hanging out with Michael Wilson and Marc "Archie" Crane.

- A big Russian dude playing hockey with the head staff hackers.
- An angry Hartsy with his eyes bulging off his head.
- Getting to read a George Hirsch telegram.
- Aaron Hodari and Brandon Tobin hiding candy in poster tubes.
- Watching Seth Rogers play hockey with high intensity.
- Watching Sean Majerovic (an old camp buddy) become a Tamakwa celebrity.
- Getting the microphone at Tamarack.
- Dirty dog with David Spevick.
- Matt Ran's hustle on the basketball court.
- Can-Am softball with Steve Shore on the ? corner.
- Hazing dinner's ruined with the Pi Lam crew of Krikst, Stark, Hartsy and Steinberg.
- Kavin jokes.
- Watching Stark become whipped.
- Rest hours in Bayview.
- Bonita's evenings and advice from Michael and Don.
- A second Gotlieb, Schneider, Cooper 15 day
- Having the honour of being part of the Cooper after dinner service.
- Picking Vic's brain.
- Taking orders from Zack Belzberg.
- Dark side moments with Baker and Steinberg – a great duo.
- The 3 thugs.
- No trip problems in boys camp and a great group of boys jumping at long trip opportunities.
- Scott Kantor doing it all in shower shoes.
- Good afternoon princess Stringer.
- Watching Bradley Sherman become a leader.
- Josh Diamond's transforation from Rudy to Beaver Council President.
- Sharing creativity and humour with Evan Teark.
- Pushing Amanda Taerk's buttons.
- Late nights with the Fiddler.
- Telling the story of Fancy Boy.
- Robert Herzig – all grown up.
- Making Dave Bale laugh.
- Inside jokes with Pony, Hartsy and Stark.
- The camp law firm of Norris, Pony and Linden – I would be the junior partner in that firm any day.
- Loving every moment with Mark Arbus.
- Lorne Michaels telling me that I was the first person he saw do Lieberman.
- Total improvisation on the Pony and Kavin interview with Hartsy.
- Getting lost in Tamakwa's separate reality and forgetting about the criminal court houses in Toronto.

Regardless of which of your dreams you decide to follow, remember to charge your battery before the tank is completely empty.

It is no coincidence that Tamakwa has turned out an amazing amount of success stories. I believe that the Tamakwa 2000 crew will continue this tradition. Regardless of how competitive the world gets – believe in yourself and trust in your dreams and remember that there is always room at the top. I hope to see you all there soon. Remember my name and think of me when someone hits themselves in the buttocks.

Until then,

Linden

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### **CIT 2000 Last Will and Testament**

Lindsey – zebra thong, DK's assistant, Pony Fan Club President,

Shu-wei – Lederer, Baker, Wilson, Sarner, Moss, Spevick, Steinberg, Kantor, Shore, Fillion, Herzig, ...action

Amy – Foos Ball Anonymous, 23-16=7 years, 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the waterfront cabin, one DD, drill seargent, a scallion

Melissa – a long LIST, another certain canoe staff, a soundproof bed, a donkey, Mexican chipmunk, batteries for the shaker

Danielle – a certain Ivy League School, OCD, a jean jacket, trimming, Nair

Shana – pacifier, too small feet, "It's ... 8:28", bruises, a morning voice

Andrea – Monday land duty, Fight Club, Level 30, a new attitude, Ella May's, 12-8 in the series, a nudist colony, Foos Ball Club

Jamie – ZED Baum, cuddle sessions, less cheese with that wine, an estimate on the worth of your hair, BL  
 Rachel – assistant windsurf director, bran and apricots, her own bed, her own lip gloss, a sweeter demeanor  
 Lauren – more time in camp, her own closet, a new bag of candy, Majerhottie, money for babysitting  
 Jaclyn – “wondee”, “besties”, “yes captain”, future teeny bopper, Brit, Sam, so long Ali, a rode on the hobicat with Ruby, chilling in AT’s cabin  
 Becky – a chicken, dance studio, her hair down, on time for meals, forester feet, more talent  
 Marni – her own D.S.M, a warning, periodless day...cozy bed, a love for fishing, Pony Fan Club, a fun summer at Camp Tamakwa  
 Kate – action, man hands, future Mrs. Taerk, Baker of the Month, bronzer, unlimited LBJ, her own bed, success to not get caught  
 Erica – a puppet show, a day of Shining stars, a bag of gorp, racey underwear  
 Heather – a capri, a razor, more bronze class, a light, crybaby, porn star, a call to Jason, a crying session  
 Sophie – a fresh baked cookie, Ella May’s, Peter says..., Foos Ball Club  
 Late night phone calls,  
 Amanda – a tissue, Scott, Scott, Scott, black turtleneck, blue jeans, black boots, a sleepover, Les, John, Krikst, Starky, Sandy, Zack, another CIT meeting  
 Zack – more time with Jamie, more leftovers, more time with Jamie, a talk with headstaff, more time with Jamie, and more time with Jamie  
 Luke – TLC, lipstick, a vacation to Club Med, a trip to the ghetto with the Backstreet Boys, more talent  
 Ryan – Bailey?, No Maddie, No!, Rickerds Red, a private bathroom, a sweet talk  
 Sandy – a good attitude, a milkshake at the portage store, hardcore rap on the slope, leftovers, 15 minutes to go crazy, an entire summer at camp, a sweeter smile  
 Jon – a summer of “pitching tents”, a summer on the roller rink, only angei CIT, another canoe trip, organizational skills  
 Haus – “wanna see my girlfriend?”, shopping spree at Eco-Fair, “yes I’d love to...”  
 Dan – a trip to Florence, more Swiss Army, peacemaker, friends who stay at camp, school friends and camp friends united, pictures of you from Shu-wei’s album

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## **CITS...Love Amanda**

After two months, lots of rain, a little cool weather, and many, many meetings, the CIT group is still laughing. We have done land duty, serving, lost and found, cabin coverage, activity placements, bronze class, and banquet preparation. I know that we are all ready for a rest! At Tamakwa the CIT program demands hard work and dedication; the CITS of 2000 have demonstrated these qualities. From last minute tripping issues, to perpetual rest hour cabin overage, the CITS have graciously accepted their responsibilities and provided all of us service with a smile...and a joke...and only the occasional role of the eye. Now with only a few precious days remaining, I am once again looking so proudly upon this group of 2000. As I watch you work so well together in preparation for our banquet I know that you have also proven yourselves as capable counsellors, competent activity staff, and trustworthy individuals this summer. Your enthusiasm has been inspirational and your maturity has been refreshing.

This group has proven to be quite unique and also most enjoyable. Each one of you has taught me something about a way I will aspire to be and you have all reminded me of why I return to camp each year to do this job. Thank you for your hard work, your flexibility, and your never-ending willingness to help in making this summer so great for all of the campers who were here. You all have impressed me, amazed me, and most of all made me laugh. Once again thank you. Please cherish your memories from this summer, nourish the friendships you have formed, and remember the lessons you have learned from one another. As we all embark upon our school year remember that thoughts of camp can cheer you up on a rainy day, they can remind you of better times, and they can inspire you to keep going when the summer of 2001 seems just too far away.

To carry on a tradition I began last summer I will choose the quality I believe each of you embody the most...

Dan – goodness	Kate – sensitivity	Amy - maturity
Zack – love	Jaclyn – laughter	Melissa - happiness
Luke – perfection	Erica – positivity	Lindsey – inner strength
Sandy – youthfulness	Sophie – kindness	Jamie - fun
Jon – strength	Heather – talented	Lauren - thoughtful
Aaron – spirit	Shu-wei – stardom	Shana - responsible

Ryan – effort                      Becky – goodness                      Marni - reliable  
Andrea – individuality      Rachel – sweetness                      Danielle - courage

I love you all and I will miss you this year.

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## FROM ONE FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE IN JULY

Greetings Camp Tamakwa. My name is Josh Amir and I am in Ranger Four. On this special occasion, I am going to be sharing my feelings and opinions on influence and on role models. Throughout time, many events have influenced the history of mankind. An example of this is the French and Indian War or the death of Princess Diana.

Influence can be explained and characterized in many different ways. Athletes and musicians influence their fans to excel in that particular sport or instrument. The staff and counsellors here at camp influence the campers to experience different activities and events at camp. Unfortunately, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, people influence others to do drugs and partake in other hurtful actions. Such actions could eventually influence the world and mankind. As the children of today grow up, they help to influence the next generation. I would like to talk to you about the word “role model.” Athletes, actors, musicians, political leaders and many more famous and well-known individuals in the world are role models to people. I believe that people look up to these individuals because of how they show dedication and a certain excellence in what they do.

My role model is my uncle, Sam Stahl. There are many traits that cause me to admire him. One of his traits is that I admire is how he is devoted to his family and to his work. He is a very educated man and works at one of the most prestigious law firms in Michigan. I am fortunate enough to have a caring and loving uncle like Sam who exposes me to new and interesting experiences.

Thank you and Shabbat Shalom!

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## I am a Forester by Forester 3

Hey. We're not Rangers, Voyageurs or Senior Boys.  
We don't act stupid.  
We call it a shreck, not a trick.  
We wear rain boots, not shoes.  
We didn't know Unca Lou, but we're sure he was very nice.  
Candi is our section head,  
Not Starkman or Linden.  
The beaver is a very proud and noble animal.  
We pronounce it tootsie-footsie, not tooty-frooty.  
We are Michael, Rory, James, Eli, Zack, Isaac,  
Alex, Uncle Harry, Andrew and Jordan...

And we are

FORESTER THREE!

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## by Brittany Annita Danzig

Brittany D. and Jessica B. made this song up together with Amy Sky, even though I wanted to do a solo. We were just thinking about the topic emotion. I personally like to sing and I have been singing pretty much all of my life and my family loves to hear me sing.

Everyone needs someone to talk to  
Everyone needs someone to care  
So if you need someone to talk to  
I'll be there.  
Everyone needs a dream to share  
So if you need someone to talk to  
I'll be there.

I will be there when you're afraid  
I will be there when you need a friend,  
When you need a friend  
Until the end  
I swear – I will be there.

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## **WOODSHOP/PADDLEMAKING** **by Ric von Neumann**

I assumed the success of the wood program last year was a result of it being the inaugural year. The number of participants and finished projects belies that assumption.

For the most part, it was another injury free season. For that I thank everyone who used the shop.

Not only were the camper numbers up for the year, the quality and quantity achieved by them was greatly increased. A learning curve perhaps?

This year the paddlemaking activity was incorporated into woodworking. Not knowing how many paddles were produced last year, I would venture to guess that number increased as well. The process of making a paddle, although very satisfactory, can be tedious as many discovered, myself included. I applaud those that took on the challenge and persevered. How how, and happy paddling.

The daily operation of the shop was greatly improved by the efforts of Dave Elmy, the wood specialist. Dave's skills and experience, and a great group of CIT's, not only enhanced the safety, quality and quantity of project production. Thanks to Dave, Andrea Bernstein, Lauren Sugar, Rachel Redmond and Zach Baum.

I look forward to having wood again next year and hope to see everyone making sawdust and shavings here in the woods.

Have a great winter!

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## **B2K Experience** **by Ronnie Brant**

Riding the bus up was not a good thing. First the loss of a schlechter, the mystery of what cabin I was going to be in, then getting stuck in the rain. Finally I get into camp where I saw Matt Budman and Scott Schneider standing toward the top of transportation. I know we were in Bayview. I went up to the cabin and all but 3 beds were taken. I took the top bunk by the b-room. As I was unpacking my stuff Scott Kantor came over and introduced himself. Steve Shore soon followed him. A good half an hour later Domer came in and said hi I'm Dom. I later found out it was Dom. That night we had a meeting and B2K was off to the races. The SB's ? trip and then the JSB's left. I got screwed over and got kicked off the 13 day. So I left with V4. I came back to Danny being gone, the 15 day leaving the next day. They left and Kaufman returned. Everything went downhill from there. That night I was like crazy. I felt like I went to heck and back. The incident lead to the infamous night on the schlectoid. I knew the thing in B2K was lost.

Things were getting better but the hole was not fixed. There were cabin meetings held that I did not know about. I was punished for doing things that I didn't know I wasn't allowed to do. On packout day I had a talk with Linden. It got to the point where if one more bad comment was made I was going to move out for 2<sup>nd</sup> month. From that day the thingamabob was being thrown on the hole. Now the grass and flowers are growing and I have something or other and I hope that you can forgive me. This is the best group of guys I have ever been with. I can only hope next year will be as good as this year has been.

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## **Senior Girls 2000 "W.S.K.C."** **Last Will and Testament**

Campers:

Meredith Epstein: Ranger-4, a birthday crown, werthers, J.C., Fuzzy Peaches

Zoe Springer: L.C., a maid, SML, Z.B, top of the tower, overcoming a fear and an even bigger fear, Eminem

Katie Borin: Poo bear, care bear, tongs, Geoffy, Brittney

Ali Franco: a hot brother, a key to the biffy, Roots wardrobe, "How do I look?"

Catie Luria: a hello from B.J., stickers

Emily Paras: Noah, a new jersey, T. Dan, Bet Midler

Ali Schram: J.D., froot loops, a hammock, a blue bikini, neosporin, a 15 day

Corinne Geller: beads, a new big, S.M. bear spray

Jody Bernstein: her own bell, headbands, a retarded look, the 80's, a key to the biffy, Munchkin cheeks

Julia Anthone: Nutella, T.G., , mush-mush, Parasuco jeans

Emily Parr: Luthe, charisma and cooperation and humility, deal with it, Tamagama, a moving van, a solo

Sam Florence: D.B., A W peeping at the window, Pony's mandle bread, Harry Potter

Emily Kraft: A.S., Food, a hug, crutches, a winning swim race

Baily Newman: a left lesn, underwear, R.T., a letter, zit cream

Laura Katz: slippers, a bottle of water, early mornings, hey senior boys

Carly Fidler: Suckers, ghetto music, suntan lotion, tight clothes, a 15-day

Sasha Silver: Joshua Jackson, the last 10 days of first month

Staff:

Tamara Shulman: shuggles, R.H., nibs, grey sweats, Paul Mitchel, lotion, a canoe shelf for Richard

Jodie Kaufman: Eric and Eric, a 15-day, a supermarket

Lauren Zamler: a subtitle, 1,2,3, brownny, new gym shoes, Gillian

Shira Glick: a zaidy, J.N., D.B., a flashlight, an over the shoulder boulder holder

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## **Fishing by Zach "Goldfish" Gold**

This was a very exciting year for fishing at Camp Tamakwa. Jeffery Fenkell caught just under twenty fish in one period, which is probably a Camp Tamakwa record. Dave Elmy caught a massive small mouth bass, approximately 19 inches. There were also many funny instances that occurred at fishing. The first two times I took the kids on the barge to go fishing, I nearly broke the barge. The first time the line from the anchor got caught around the motor. The second time I was right near lone pine fishing and the barge ? over a rock. It took about half an hour and me getting really wet till we got out of that jam. I did get much better at handling the barge. I also had some great help from Aaron, Sophie, Marni and Shanna. Despite Heather leaving early, she was a great person to work for. Special thanks to Dave Wood for helping out fourth and fifth period.

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## **Windsurf 2000 by Rebecca Cooper**

As I sit at the windsurf docks reflecting on the summer gone by, I can't help but notice that it's a perfectly calm day. This is certainly not uncommon for the summer of 2000. For the first six weeks, the windsurf dock was plagued by an ongoing lack of wind. Nevertheless, we managed to enjoy ourselves and even give out dozens of Force 1's.

Thankfully, the last two weeks of camp brought strong winds and rough waters, enabling the dedicated surfers to finally cruise around the lake, and achieve high awards. And through it all, an abundance of memorable moments and events transpired: the golden July All Day Surf & Sail in contrast to the August Surf & Sail in hypothermic conditions; a certain inspirational talk with Bayview that got them involved; Alex Schechter looking rough in his hat; Scott Kantor asking for a period off; getting massacred at Arowhon Intercamp; the senior girl crew of four at third period; Lesley Bishin always using our "equipment"; Brad Belen loving windsurfing but hating derigging; seeing a handful of my staff show off their impressive skills right in front of the dock; Dan Baum finally getting that water-start, and much more...

I'd like to acknowledge all the CIT's that spent a couple weeks with us: Sophie Green, Rachel Redmond, Erica Grand, Dan Baum, Aaron Rosenhaus, Becky Katz, Kate Fink, Shu-Wei James, and Amy Sacks. You guys were awesome.

As well, my staff were amazing and I will miss each of them. Thank you to Scott Kantor, David Spevick, Mike Wilson, Rob Herzig, Tamara Shulman, Jamie Parr, Nolan Sarner, Aaron Belen, and Simon Ettin. To Spevick and Simon especially, I can't thank the two of you enough for always being so willing to help.

Have a good year and dream of windy weather.

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## **Last Will and Testament Forester 3**

### First Month

Alex S.: Malcolm, a nightmare, a good night's sleep  
Michael G.: cookout comb, Lucy, pride  
Isaac L.: Rid-x, beaver plaque, sunglasses  
Zack Y.: Sprite, Yaker 1, mischief, a dragon ball  
Eli N.: mouse trap that is humane, sprite, speed  
Rory D: tootsie-footsie, tooty-frooty, training with Piccalo  
Harry S.: a nephew, barf bag, flashlight, b.c.i.c.  
James D.: a tuck in from Madison, lego, a lake full of gazoo juice

### Second Month

Julian W.: a paddle, spy gear, translator, poker  
Morgan N.: a frog, a toad, a shower, censorship, a translator  
Ryan Z.: one green sweatshirt, a bigger flashlight, a translator, bowling alley  
Brandon E.: a chalupa, canoe shelf, translator, an arrogant sister  
Josh S.: Kleenex, bowling ball, translator  
Andres S.: hippo, ten elephants, senior girls, goatee, ardegya  
Zuri G.: shomer shabbas, kosher meal  
Izzy G.: glasses, life jacket, return trip to F4

### Staff

Daniel Baum: a sheetless bed of a camper, work, lice  
Jon Klein: a kitchen raid and a cookout: nothing more, nothing less  
Candi S: Sunday night meeting, video poker, d.d., potty mouth  
Andrew Wood: dream catcher, bear mace packed bags, Boston, black smoke, spider man, dragon ball, a succulent bed daddy, which is bed daddy like in nature, night duty on the hill, one straight arrow  
Jordan Neil David Baum: finger trap, late arrival, early departure, "nobody does less than me", neater shelves, beard trimmings, period off, Tamakwa sweatshirt, soap opera, the princess of power, early morning wake up, a girl friend, crisp linen, Forrest Gump "go wild", "we're putting the fruit back in tootsie-footsie"

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As I set on the slope and take in the beauty that surrounds me I am completely at ease. It is impossible to not fall in love with this place. It constantly amazes me how a physical setting can create such a spiritual connection between all its inhabitants. Yet as I look at the picture perfect landscape in front of me, I know soon I will be gone. Another summer is slipping out of my grasp. It is now I realize the true essence of Tamakwa. It isn't necessarily found at the swim docks, in boys camp or even in the confines of Club Med. The true beauty of Camp Tamakwa is getting involved. It doesn't come naturally by any means. And yet with great impartiality each of us is given exactly the same number of minutes and hours at camp. What we do with it is up to us. I have learnt more on these shores than in any classroom and have received more than I can ever give back. So as I set on the slope in the middle of a busy camp I am completely at ease. Thank you to Shira, T, Jodie and Zamler who have transformed out cabin and dining room table into a home and my cabinmates into a family. I love you all.

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## **Last Will and Testament JSG 2000**

Caitlin Colson: Tammi, an orange sweatshirt, fan mail, unsupportive friend, butterball  
Maddie Diamond: a cure for hypochondria, a new outfit, a tight black tank top, a certain CIT, a certain senior boy, a certain SGB cabin, a certain Ranger, some Foresters.  
Shirah Farber: a bunny or a wolf, a bran, a certain thug, some shoddy dove  
Tara Forman: " "  
Tamara Glick: a mind of her own, a certain CIT, a certain JSB, a dining hall cheer, another attempted CIT, Roots sweatshirt  
Tamara Grundland: a certain senior boy, a nightly routine, a spot on SNL, a Hebrew song, mango, mock chocolate, iron chef  
Francis Guindi: a floating sandal, I am Francis, a Turkish dance  
Sarah Jacobs: white shorts, a certain senior boy, a good game plan, "holding hands"  
Jenna Kraft: some piercings, blue hair dye, a rap CD, a certain race, animal prints

Charlie Levitan: a certain senior... boy, a certain Voyageur, great imitations  
Jesse Markowitz: CMX, a funny book, a funny picture, a funny movie, a funny joke, a funny name, a giggle, messy Jesse  
Michelle Ruby: nevermind, an important brother, miciroo  
Jessica Taylor: a lighter shade of blond, CMX  
Tania Teche: a Mexican boyfriend, a certain JSB, a divorce  
Ruby Wohl: tea time, a Jewish bagel, puberty...No! Stop! No!  
Jill Glickman: a certain head staff, a good activity, dancing, iron chef, making the band  
Alexis Fink: Hebrew songs, a certain tripper, a different counselor's quarters  
Allison Speigel: a gardner, Cancun, a T.I.T., routing, lip sync, crossing the line, lessons  
Becca Rubin: Lip sync, goon music, Aunty Lynn, Ali from Calabasas, some more clothes

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## **The Cursed Farmhouse 13 Day Last Will and Testament**

Tamara "Grace Gomer" Glick: balance, another flip, dirt, a swollen eye, rent  
Tamara "Paco" Grundland: benadryl, rain pants, Joe Peltz, "who am I"  
Madison "Bobo" Diamond: stomach ache, mirror, scandalous bar suit lost on a portage, a broken tent, rising sun  
Sarah "M.J." Jacobs: "Ha ha", walking with Speigel, a cute little rhyme, another fall  
Tara "Rocky" Forman: a bug net, finding Eustache through the woods, itch stopper  
Shirah "Snake" Farber: "If we hit a rock, I swear I am going to personally kill you – BOOM"  
Becca "Tank" Rubin: "The bugs are bad and I'm not happy, fire extinguisher, Quebec? "Is Canada a democracy?", stages 1-7, a leaky tampon, a pharmacy  
Allison "Brat" Speigel: Stages 1-7, concussion, crunchy M+M, Sergeant SWAK, a fallen biffy box on Rubin, a very bad portage, "I'm O.K."  
Nikki "Femme Nikita" Latta: a broken thwart, ankle, etc., "bust a bust", "I love tacos", contingency plans, lost cooking gear

I never thought we would make it alive, but luckily we only came back with two broken canoes, one concussion, two broken ankles, one lost toothbrush, one less cooking stove, 3 lost campers and a leech. 13 days and 13 incidents – an impressive record tripper Nikki. You girls made my trip and I love you.

Nikki & Becca – I couldn't have survived – literally couldn't have survived without you and remember "I'm not getting out unless there are M+M's in my cereal"

Speigel

Delta Phi Epsilon Forever!!

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## **JSG 13 Day 2000 (to the tune of Farmhouse)**

Welcome this is our long trip  
We had 13 days of fun  
And this time of year the bugs are so bad  
We are so very lucky that we made it home  
alive  
Still smiling.

We didn't whine, oh not enough  
Len wasn't there when things got tough  
We broke three canoes but we weren't made  
We were always there for each other when  
things got bad.

Chorus:

We never ever fell from our high  
We never really stopped to cry

Paddled and portaged with all our might  
In the end it was always alright.

We woke up this morning to a collapsed tent  
Were so glad that Speigel was sent  
Tank Rubin and Nikita too  
Were always there bustin a move

Chorus

We have MJ and Snake, Grace Gomer and  
Paco too, Bobo and Rocky

So long to our long trip we had 13 days of fun  
now its over  
Despite what went wrong.

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## **Half-Court by Kevin Greenspoon**

Yet another year has gone by where half-court has been far and away the busiest of all the landsports activities. Be it during activity periods or at twilight, the demand for playing time seems to be endless. I'd like to thank Dave Krikst for having enough faith in me to take care of his ? often by

myself. Also, to the other landsports staff who were sent every once in a while to help me out, most often Kuch, Erica, Solway, Baker, Zim and Shore, you definitely made my job a lot easier. To all the CIT's who spent some time down at the courts, your help was also much appreciated. Of course I can't leave out the endless list of boys and girls who spent seemingly every individual choice period at half-court, even if they weren't signed up. You may have made my life a little more hectic, but I love to see the dedication you all display. Finally, I'd like to congratulate Josh Diamond, Zach Gold and Dan Shogilev on receiving their Expert, the most prestigious of all landsports awards. Hope to see you all again on the shores of South Tea.

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## **Last Will and Testament Forester 2**

Boys, we had an awesome time this summer. Whether it was late night campfires, wrestling matches, shrecks, or just plain chillin' in our cabin. Here are some things to remember Forester 2 by.

We, counselors, bequeath upon graduating campers of F-2

### July

Jeremy Kaplan: a whitecap, 2 more weeks of Camp Tamakwa  
Jake Goodbaum: Michigan marching band, a nice sister  
Jake Moss: Athlete extraordinaire, whazzup...whazzup!!, "moss-man"  
Jake Schneider: a strange pizza song, CIT girls, future heartthrob  
Sam Felsenthal: a life jacket to project him on land, silver blade  
Dan Gold: CIT girls, the pole next to his bed, a certain Dick Tracy shirt  
Matt Luckoff: Football all star, goggles  
Erik Long: a very strong cup of coffee, 3 brooms, the ? song, JNDB  
Alex Krasnoff: sailor extraordinaire, F&LILV

### August

Brett Ferber: Barry White's voice, a certain dance, micro machine man  
Shane Nightingale: another Canadian in the cabin, "how the heck are you supposed to stand in this thing?", clean shelves  
Jordan CMJI Faintuch: Army day, dog bite, "what is your major malfunction", Led Zeppelin IV  
Brody O'Malley: archer extraordinaire, perfect camper, only camper with manners  
Zachary Weirnerman: a lost life jacket, more shelf space  
Justin Moss: "moss-man", a storm, basketball player extraordinaire  
Adam Klein: a slight mishap, dog shirts...lots of dog shirts, tough nails, sailor extraordinaire  
Lee Feldman: a very dirty Tamakwa 2000 sweatshirt, empty laundry bag  
Yale – R: a neat shelf, crazy creek, Candis  
Matt – R: lost and found, Forester tendencies, Candi, shower voice

Shoggy and Yale

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## **Pioneer 12 day Y2K**

Staff: Heather Borin, Marla Brand, Ashley Greenspoon

Campers: Katie "wiener" Howard, Allie "PND" Gordon, Deeva "JT" Green, Jenna "Ducky" Sakwa, Lauren "Tweaker" Gun, Lauren "puppet" Diamond

The first Pioneer 12-day ever to leave from Tamakwa's shores, experienced more laughter than ever thought possible. We will remember the "who would you rather/no soap 12-day" forever!

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## **Canoeing 2000 by Leslie Bishin**

Being a first year activity leader, I didn't know what to expect when I took charge of canoeing this summer. But I have to say, I don't think I could have had any more fun down at the docks with our new expert slalem course (thanks Nolan). You have to be an expert to find it – and our "be lazy efficiently" canoe ties, we were equipped to deal with any situation. (Even our record breaking 27 camper voyageur cookout) So many people contributed to the great atmosphere down there and I'd like to take this time to acknowledge them. Evan Plisner, you light up our dock – don't ever start going to your real activities! Judd – if you get any better we won't be able to find anyone "qualified" enough to teach you. Sr girls (most notably Franco, Schram, Borin and Kraft), your presence at our dock kept us constantly in tune with camp gossip. Thanks to all our awesome CIT's: Katie, Amy (our voyageur canoeist trainer) Klein, Sandy (no one has ever done rules better than you. Someone

should get you McDonald's!), Lindsey, Rachel, Ryan, Sophie, Erica, Luke (I think you should be canoe director), Melissa, Jaclyn and Haus (you made our plaque awesome and you kept us laughing). You guys were all incredible and made our dock what it was.

Finally, my staff. Oy, where do I begin? Our dock was easily the funnest and most chilled out place to be this summer, and that was because of you guys.

Heather: I still can't believe you work on canoeing but it was worth fighting Krikst for you!

Zuker: No one makes better bacon. Let's bring back the invendos! You'll make a great director one day, And no one is better at turning a canoe into a napping-bed!

Jodie: Our dock-manager in August.

Deena: Eval based on eyebrow maintenance.

Dalsey: part time canoe instructure/part time advisor – counsellor, specializing in the area of sketchy boys.

List: Berman's tweedle-dee. They should make you tower duty director. Pink juice is the best – Ur the man.

Berman: The CUTEST. Listening to your stories is classic. Take care of business! I couldn't have asked for a better spouse.

Marci: The sweetest. You are the conscience on our dock of hell-raisers.

Basen: My right hand man/my wife. Can we go have a meeting in the waterfront cabin?

Scott Kantor: No wait, YOU DON'T WORK HERE.

You guys all made it a pleasure to be at the docks every day. I could not have asked for better staff or for people who could do a better job of keeping me laughing all day.

Meeting in the cabin in 5 minutes... bring me some chocolate.

Love,  
Bishin

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## Skype and Chocolate Sauce's Views

\*CS stands for Chocolate Sauce

CS: I think juice should be called Jodi Kovitz

Skype: I think the hot chocolate should be made with milk and not water

CS: I think Fiddes is growing younger, not older

Skype: I think camp should have a big water slide.

CS: I think Justin Derisley is the best smelling person in camp.

Skype: I think there should be one day when the boys and girls switch sides

CS: I think we should eat big fat steaks on Friday night.

Skype: I think swimming lessons should be optional

CS: I think that I need swimming lessons

Skype: I think Trailblazers should be able to do everything 49ers and Voyageurs do.

CS: I think activity leaders should be able to do everything 49ers and Voyageurs do.

Skype: I think one day the campers should switch with the counsellors and they can call freeze.

CS: I think the activity leaders should switch with the campers and they can run camp.

CS and Skype: We think that everyone has different views but that's what makes camp good.

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## An Open Letter to our Foresters by the Forester Counsellors

Foresters, what can we say?

Your smiling faces brightened our day.

From the moment you woke us at early light,

Till the time we tucked you in at night.

We also want you to know

That you really rocked the talent show.

(And for those of you who stole head snack,

Candi's crying 'cause she wants it back!)

In the dining hall the choice is clear,

Foresters have the loudest cheer.

(Not to mention a skillful knack

Of spilling spaghetti in our lap).

We'll miss the cookouts, the mac and cheese,

The way we remind you of thanks and please,

Your misplaced towels, your kool-aid lips,

The way you paddle "hard" on trips.

We miss the bonfires on teepee hill,

Of marshmallows we had our fill.

Off the tower we watched you jump

And mack the water right on your rump!

As actors you're the best in town

In Peter Pan and Charlie Brown,

And during rest hour you slept a lot:

Tranquil, peaceful, relaxing...NOT!!

But now we'd like to say "adieu",

We can't believe the summer's through.

Your time with us has seemed so brief

And we're al so sad to see you leave.

They were always fun and always good,  
And we cared for them the best we could.

Moms, dads, we'd like to say  
Your boys inspired us in a special way,  
We'll miss you guys!!

Love the Forester counsellors

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## **Swimming by Justin Swim**

It was a very successful summer down at the swim docks. Coming back as a second year swim director, I thought I had a correct outlook on what to expect. However, I underestimated the capabilities of the staff, campers and CIT'S before the swim program had started. As the summer progressed, I realized how capable, helpful and energetic my staff down at swimming were and how enthusiastic all of the campers were about the new swimming program. Both months, we successfully attained a full white capped camp and were able to pass most campers on their aquaquest levels.

The swim docks were a very popular place for all campers and staff this summer with packed general swims and busy waterfront afternoons. We maintained a safe environment at all times, while still providing a fun atmosphere.

Thanks to all my staff and CIT's who helped me out in an unforgettable summer. I hope to see you all back here next year.

Thanks.

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## **AUGUST CANOE TRIP JOURNAL by Aviva Phillips**

*BEAVER CUTTINGS sent one of our star cub reporters – Aviva Phillips – on a special assignment: to go on her cabin canoe trip and keep a journal of main events. Though it looks like she and the girls spent most of their time close to the food pack...she came back with this report:*

### Day 1

Breakfast at camp - waffles

Portage from Baby Joe-Canoe Lake – 200 m

Lunch – bagels, peanut butter & jelly & corn beef

Dinner – spaghetti and tomato sauce

Extra – we had a bit of trouble leaving camp because we had a leak in our canoe so that made us about 5 minutes late

### Day 2

Breakfast – cereal, chips, apricots and chocolate chips

Portage – 1340 m

Lunch – bagels and salami

Weather – sunny

Dinner – rice stir fry

Extra – a large snapping turtle came and ate our leftovers.

### Day 3

Breakfast – cereal

Portage – 200 m

Lunch – grilled cheese

Weather – sunny

Dinner – Alfredo primavera

Extra – we did rapids.

### Day 4

Breakfast – cereal, peanut butter, jelly and fajitas

Extra – we had a water fight on the way back to camp.

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## Summer of Y2K By Shayn Diamond

I came to camp showing no fear  
Coming back for my senior boy year.  
I knew that I'd have a great time  
Creating cheers and songs that rhyme  
Coming up with clothes of old  
Preparing for possible weather of cold  
Going on cookouts every week  
Cuddling with girls, cheek to cheek  
Sitting on a rock overlooking the lake  
Beaver Council was a goal to make  
Chillin round the site with all my peers  
While at home I cherish my Tamakwa years

At Camp Tamakwa I couldn't wish for more  
Helping my friends with mini colour war.  
Hopefully I'll be back as a C.I.T.  
What an honour that will be.  
Going on a trip, chillin on the Pet  
Canoeing through the rapids I really got wet  
Trying to get awards every day  
I knew by the end I'd find a way.  
Closing in on the last camper summer of mine  
I hope it ends up perfect and fine.  
With second session coming to an end  
I've got to cherish the time with my friends.

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### Bayview 2000's Last Will and Testament

Jon Lowen: new shoes, intelligent comments  
Seth Rogers: a brain  
Julian Muratori: a sleeping bag; shoes  
Evan Wexler: an uneven haircut, Blair Witch; useless rope, Moesha from Burger King  
Joe Peltz: sanity  
Jesse Creed: a new song, a steady relationship, triple 5 foul  
Josh Diamond: scissors, mirrors, extra large gel  
Jon Schwartz: extra strength breathrights, an 11-1/2 lb. canoe  
Shayn Diamond: a certain sitter, a new book, Jenny Craig  
Daniel Shogilev: soap, hospital corners, another beach  
Danny Kaufman: the perfect woman, peace and quiet, a circus  
Evan Schreiber: common sense, an alarm clock, real velveeta  
Jeff Greenspoon: some more clients, a shirt people listen to, head staff salary  
Tony Gershenson: a decent girl, a semi-attractive girl  
Brad Sherman: a credit card limit, a dustbuster, a lucky fright  
Alex Baker: a tommy gun, something to cover a shoulder, another 2 weeks  
Josh Durbin: a new nickname, smart remarks, Swiss Chalet  
Ronnie Brant: a kayak, a kayak paddle, another night in the infirmary  
Matt Ran: a returnable favour  
Matt Budman: Benjamin Harper, a clean area, a hard day's work  
Andrew Sherman: pepto bismol, a clean undershirt, a visible bed  
Jon Guyer: another announcement; a skip around the room, a holster  
Matt Orley: a girlfriend, another personality, a sense of humour  
Brad Belen: a hockey helmet, a jailbreak, a sixpack  
Michael Wolf: an attack from the loft, a stronger flashlight, a red head  
Matt Saretsky: a Monday wakeup, ownership of another head staff, a crazy stunt  
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### The High Society of Algonquin presents..... #@\*? The Bear

Women's 15-day 2000  
Featuring...  
The Ladies Who Lunch  
(a.k.a. the Spanish Entertainers)  
Tripper: Lesley "Lola the Showgirl" Bear  
T.I.T.: Carolyn "Fisherman's Friend" Lefebvre  
Staff: Shira "O's Drama Bubby" Glick  
Campers:  
Julia "Hulianna Big Billie" Anthone  
Katie "I don't Eat That" Borin  
Sam "Pocahantas" Florence  
Ali "One time @ Band Camp" Franco  
Emily "Wilderness Centrefold" Parr  
Zoe "Dragonfly Love" Springer

"De colores, de colores, se visten los campos en la primavera"

Last Will and Testament:

Lesley: food pack on Alex Baker, bug juice crystals, Josh, "goodnight", a Spanish dance, a teva, a Hebrew song

Carolyn: Pony's letter, a non-duct taped paddle, Julia's smurf hat, a cucumber, some spices, more tiger balm

Shira: Jordan's letters, a woodchip, a zaidy for her bubby, first canoe, 80's style clothes, a non-ugly non-annoying trip shirt, the smore nazi

Julia: a smurf hat, Mr. Straton, Japanese nurse, a big billie, another trip to the biffy, easy as pie, the 3 rules

Katie: a ranger's mirror, geoffy, the middle of the green tent, plain mac and cheese, stretch pants for the boys, the 3 rules

Sam: BOMB and Baum, glyso med, Creed family history, Jenny and Joanna, Pocahantas, bug killing spree, a letter from MW

Ali: a lost nalgene, one time @ band camp, blister repair kit, the drug dealer, European underarms

Emily: more mosquito bites, Hawaiian tropic drugs, Arowhon Pines lunch with Sean Majorhottie, Corinne's bug net, a spice ball, the first and the fastest, the source

Zoe: a tensor bandage for her ankle, a click beetle, dragonflies doing the bad thing, the bee, balance, message in a bottle, a hatchet, the little space between the bow and the thwart, the 3 rules

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## **Summers** by Jon Schwartz

As my years as a camper come to an end  
I round the bend  
From Forester one to Voyageur six  
I've matured a whole lot; as the time ticks.  
There's two weeks left in my senior boy summer  
Whether paddling to Molly's or hiking to Drummer  
Waking up early or sneaking out late  
Running around I'm dirty dogs hate  
While the summer is ending my friendships have grown.  
I've soon come to realize I've matured on my own  
Although living in Bayview I've had lots of fun  
We will all be back next year united as one.

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## **Last Will and Testament** **Forester 1**

Guys! The summer is over, Jacob and I are cleaning up after you (for the final time!) and we're missing you madly! Even Sherman has left! It has been a fabulous summer, and shrecks, campfires and ghost stories will never be the same. Thanks for everything. We'll miss you guys! Love Clay and Jacob.

### **Forester 1 2000**

#### July Session

Ben A: pulling at clay's beard, thanks for the photo

Tory: shreck king, sleepwalker extraordinaire

Gabe: Forester stud with female staff, joke master

Spencer: homesick!

Chadwick: pick up those clothes!!

Ben S: 2 pac, gummibear

Ketai: half-court dominator, helmet that fits?

Sammy: chicken boarder champ

Mika: wonder camper – but he's leaving!

#### August Session

Ben S: sweet as Candi, flinch champ

Jacob G: bus try and slop bucket, water tower belly smacker

Jake: Mr. Clean, only one paddling in clay's canoe

Isaiah: La grande tête, helmet that fits?

Adam: I hate it here, but who wants to play knockhockey?

Alex: where's my lifejacket?

Henry: human jukebox, Titanic lover

Clay: pajamaman, turtlehead, fartking, policeman

Jacob: firestarter, your stacking!

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## **Ropes** by Kate “Ropes” Frazer

It was a great summer at the ropes course. Campers and staff enjoyed the new vertical playpen and bosun's steps. The new elements proved an interesting challenge for those brave enough to try them.

A big “How How” goes out to all the campers and staff who came up to the ropes this summer. A number of people received awards. Four people achieved the K-2 Award, the highest possible in ropes. Congratulations to Brad Sherman, Jon Wachlarz, Max Maister and Alex Sherman for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Thanks to my staff, specialists Palmer Beerbohm and Jamie Binder, and JC Jacob Bedingfield who joined us in August from Outdoor Fun. Thanks also to Lori Cohen and Yale Pilz for their help during the summer. I would also like to give a big “How How” and “thank you” to the CIT's who worked on ropes this year – Jamie Solomon, Erica Grand, Jon Klein and Luke Cole.

The ropes staff also managed to have some fun away from the trees this summer. We made a visit to Drama long enough to make Peter Pan fly.

I would like to thank everyone for helping to make the summer of 2000 an awesome one.

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## **In-Line 2000** by Sean Diamond

The year 2000 was a monumental year for Tamakwa's in-line program. Many people came down to play hockey, games, skate or improve their skills. More importantly everyone had a great time. The 16 and under Tuff Beavers hock team went undefeated against Tamarack, beating them on their own home court by a score of 4-2. We also had a 12 and under Tuff Beavers hockey team who took the Tamarack team to an exciting shootout with Miles Neumann ringing the ? winner off the post. Both Tuff Beaver teams played extremely well and represented everything that is great about Tamakwa. Their spirit and sportsmanship were second to none and all players deserve a big “How How.”

Although there was a lot of hockey being played down at the in-line rink, there were also a lot of campers who came down to achieve awards of all levels. The introduction of the Platinum Blade, in-line's new high award, rejuvenated the interest in the learning of those who had already achieved their Gold Blade, and inspired the lower award holders to try harder and improve their skills. A big “How How” goes out to ?? July and August most improved, most dedicated and most valuable campers, as well as all bronze, silver, gold and platinum recipients.

The in-line program could not have run as smoothly as it did without my wonderful staff. Eric Goodman, the only experienced in-line staff member, having worked on the program last year, was always willing to work and help wherever needed. Jean-Dominique Fillion, your lively energy and outstanding skill really added a lot to the in-line program. You motivated me to improve my skills and I'm sure the campers as well. Dan Steinberg, you were a great help down at the rink all summer, willing to step up whenever it was needed, and helped me out whenever I felt overwhelmed.

Well, that's about it! This summer has been full of wonderful events. A special visitor, a new award and a new light have only been small parts of what made in-line 2000 a special program this summer. Thanks to all the campers and staff who came down to the rink at any point this summer, and made the Plat-forum a special place for me.

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## **The ABC's of Our Summer** by Spevick, Lederer and Derisley

If you're on the list, don't worry about it. If you're not, don't think anything of it.

Bishin: dry clothes, Derisley, Starkman, Erica Bishin, Thanksgiving

BJ: an extra day, raincoat, your good friend Jack, Orley's drool, the last chapter of your book, and remember... You didn't like the way things used to be.

Tuck: peanut butter, nooo, toilet paper, “Gabe's grandmother”

Keren Leve: NOTHING! No respect!

Schlecty Schlect: Pepto, Hartsman, Krikst, Derisley, head staff's snack, Ers

Stark-Nark: Otterslide, Lederer's new position, off-the-record chats, foos, Bishen, Wolf. Thanks for a great summer.

Linden: post at 12:30, a a new helmet, Ers, thanks for a great summer.

TJ: where were you all summer? With Rob?

Zucker: Star Deli, a new car, tube rides, new underwear, what schrek? Bowl of noodles, devil in disguise,

Goodman: pizza and wings, courage ER, thanks for being a great ?

Hertz: Frank Zappa, shower cap, ?, thanks for covering on ER nights. It was a pleasure living with you this summer

Scotty Kantor: ER at the BR, bar tabs, chest hair, "Scott sweeps", one way ticket to jail

Dalsey: the ability to put a smile on anyone's face, Nolan, Wood, Linden, Santa's Village

Baum: Shira, your shower,

Flo, Meredith and Corinne: dry clothes, sailing, windsurfing, bracelets, letters, a good husband, Country Day, late night talks, there comes a time in every many's life when he has to say why not.

A. Wolf: Baker, Starman, the boy, late night talks, 17 years of friendship, a good friend

J. Parr: Snoop Doggy Doug, the ability to recognize the unrecognizable situation

Cooper: force 4+, Ers

Brandt: schlect, indecisive.... I just wanna be with the group, pink tights, Karen's laundry, 3-man dinner day off, 4 am. Swims, Garbonzo, Shiffer, tank top of shame, a resupply letter for the boy, how 'bout 1 more year.

Derisly: energy pills, hair cut, report cards (270), mail fraud, Sarah Jacobs, Jen Drama, Karen Leve, Palmer Beerbohm, Jamie Binder, Magda, Candi, Bishin, Yinne Yu, Dalsey, Ruskin, most of CIT girls, and every other girl that we have suspicion of but cannot prove of slope meetings.

Lederer: aka "The Bag", click click, deep fryer, Chase Col, Woody, train ticket, a bucket for his ride to down below, Ers, activity leader party, Valo, Parr, Wolf, Meredith, Shu-wei, Tamarack chick, Corinne, slope meetings

Spevick: Rickards, many issues, my tab, Sam Florence, Allie Gordon, annoying talks, worst case scenarios, one more year, Dalsey, Farky schlect cheer, Corinne (and her brother's bar mitzvah)

To anyone we forgot, we're sorry. Thanks for a wonderful summer and many amazing memories. Look forward to seeing everyone soon. To the fellas, once again we had a great one. Thanks a lot. This explains the boys and our summer. "I'd rather laugh with the sinners than die with the saints, sinners are much more fun." - Billy Joel - Talking about Cece, we're outa here, peace.

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## **Landsports 2000**

### **by David Krikst**

It's the bottom half of the final inning. The Tamakwa Tuff Beavers 16 and under baseball team 15 down by two runs and there are two outs. The bases are loaded and a young lanky CIT named Luke Cole is up to bat. At the same time an overly confident unbeaten Tamarack infield gets into ready position. As the pitch is made, so is Tamakwa history. Cole belts the ball over the large puddle in shallow left field and the crowd erupts. Tamakwa wins. Tamakwa wins! The landsports program was full of exciting moments just like that this summer. The year 2000 program featured a new ballfield as well as archery at Voyageur Point and a couple of very popular shuffleboard courts. Along with the new additions basketball, volleyball and the half-court program were all camper favourites. This was due particularly to a great landsports staff and mostly to the "no way I'm going into the water" weather. I would like to thank all the landsports staff in alphabetical order: Mike "Tucked in Michelle" Baker, Jeremy "Tight shirt and skirt" Brandt, Kevin "Fork Knife" Greenspoon, Dan "Fancy Boy" Kuchersky, Erica "I think I'm on Landsports" Parr, Scott "Vetern" Schneider, Steve "Lunch, Dinner" Shore, Alison "Wall Butt" Solway, Andrew "Woodrow" Wood, and Aaron "Duck Tape" Zimmerman. Thank you to everyone who took part in the landsports program this summer and have a good year.

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## **Drama 2000**

### **by Jennifer Patteson, Drama Director**

This summer Tamakwa was proud to present four outstanding musicals. These productions included "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", "West Side Story", "Peter Pan", and "Grease". The drama department also put on two talent shows, MTV Tamakwa and Star Search.

The summer opened with a bang with the production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown". This was performed by the JT's. The kids did a great job with the play, bringing to life many of the characters we have learned to love.

Shortly after Tamakwa presented “West Side Story”. All cast and crew worked hard to make this play a hit. The cast had the whole camp in stitches by the end of the play, making “West Side Story” the most interesting play of the summer.

“Peter Pan” greeted second month. All of camp enjoyed the dancing, singing and who could forget when Pan learned to fly. It did not take long for all of Tamakwa to fall in love with Peter Pan.

To end the summer at Tamakwa camp was presented with “Grease.” The year was 1959 as camp was transported back in time. Everyone loved the Pink Ladies and T-birds and who could forget the romance between Sandy and Danny. “Grease” was a hit.

Drama was the place to be at Tamakwa this summer. However, none of this could have happened without the drama staff. A big How How to Adam Hertz and Jillian Glickman, as well as to all the CIT’s that helped with the plays. Thank you Dave Stringer, Jamie Kudlats, Yinne Yu and everyone else that helped out. Have a great year and see you next summer.

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## **Sailing** **By Magda Wierus** (her spelling, not ours. Ed.)

Da summer of very little winds and very big sailors.

Woosh! Sailing!

Woosh Woosh! Sailing Sailing!

Woosh Woosh Woosh! Sailing Sailing Sailing!

ROCKS!

Dat’s how It goes right?

So, da story goes something like dis...

Da docks dis summer were really busy and dt made me very happy!

We’z worked hard, and we’z played harder!

Memories is many...Catastrophes few and far in between.

Great accomplishments to note:

Evan Plisner and Aviva Phillips, two’z kampers who’z said dey’z would never go into a boat with sailz again both conquered der fearz.

Evan and Aviva both gotz der deckhand award and Aviva kan even be quoted az saying “I love sailing”. How How.

Another How How goes out to Jeff Greenspoon, Tamakwa’s newest 1<sup>st</sup> class skipper. Good job Jeff and everyone who worked so hard dis summer.

Howz kan I name all da faces dat brightened up me dayz here at camp? Everyone who came down for even one period and went out in a sailboat made me so happy! I will not not name any of youz for fear of forgetting but one name – so I just say thank youz to all, and youz all know who youz are, me favourite sailorz.

Great Memoriez...

Like da wonderful all day sailz. Da first one with its flying oranges – which surprizingly didn’t hit any loonz (I mean da people, not da birds); and our second all day, which could have very well been done in December and da weather would have felt da same wayz. Dat one waz especially special since only 3 boats made it and we even had to perform an canoe over canoe rescue, (don’t ask).

Kam Arowhan taught us dat we’z just needz some more thugs on our squad to take out dem hustlers but in all honesty though, I’z be da proudest ever to have been represented by da team with da most spirit and da biggest hearts around. How How.

To all me’z sail staff. I couldn’t have done anything without y’all der by me side! Speigel, for teaching me da value of a good suntan. Leve dat smile and da way you freaked out on Lederer and Cherney every day brought excitement to da docks. Rubin, da way you toughed it out on da second all day waz phenomenal! Shogi and dignard – I’z be one proud parent to see how well youz be sailing now! Cherney and Lederer – for annoying Leve and bringing some fun ont our docks! And Goldenbrg and

Cherney, me right hand crew – thanx y'all, love ya lots! Thanx to all da CIT's who helped out – you should all be sail staff next year.

Sail 2000 – over and out.

Love – Magnus for Magna, Molten hot Magma, Mags sail, ciao!

Wet a--, cold feet, sailing, sailing can't be be a schlect