

# BEAVER CUTTINGS 2001



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## FAREWELL TO TAMAKWA'S 66TH SUMMER

By: Vic

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 favourite 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 colour 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. It is symbolic of the numerous milestones attained by campers each and every summer. 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 being a camp director have been worth it for each and every one of my 31 Tamakwa years.

However, as I look about camp and reflect upon all of you as the summer of 2001 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 share 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 66 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. The view of the islands from the slope. Star gazing. Activities galore. Campfires. 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 66 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 many camper and staff cabins, new sailboats, kayaks, windsurfers, canoes, there was simply more to do than before. 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 2001 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 2001, the 66th 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 2002"!

## WITH HEART FELT THANKS

By: Vic

This Beaver Cuttings would be incomplete without taking an opportunity to thank and acknowledge those responsible for Tamakwa 2001. 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.

Counsellors remain the most important influences in a camper's summer. The 2001 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 and one of the most diverse camp programs anywhere, its best resource will always be the counselling and caring that goes on "behind the scenes" with your campers. Your campers are deeply indebted to you and the camp administration as well. You should feel extremely gratified by your contributions to not only each camper's summer but also 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 Jodi at the helm this was one of the finest CIT programs and finest CIT groups I can ever remember (despite some hard lessons learned). Jodi, you have truly grown up and now exemplify so much of what Tamakwa is about. You are a rare blend of competence, talent, and fun.

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 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 customarily exercise the greatest restraint in refraining from superlatives, but our 2001 transportation was perhaps the greatest ever. Always helpful, always pleasant, always offering to do more. Jerome, Chris and James you were just great and loads of fun. What great camp personalities you became in over one summer. 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. For the first time ever, you had a trusted assistant. In addition to his hard and thankless work, Allen became an instant camp personality. Many thanks.

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, Yasmina Saiari, Michelle Coppelmans, Ashley Farrell, Julia Nathan, Ashley Nathan, Jen Kloehn, Cathy Smith, Kathy Dyer, Josee Tremblay, Maryse Lafortune, Mike Gallant, Beau Bakker, Darcy Black, Joe Tang, Pierre Gaudreau, Pierre Lessard, Pierre-Anne Lapointe and Amanda Petri.

When Candi and I met and interviewed Stephanie and Chantal for the nurse positions we thought we might have hired the best nurse team ever. We were right. So-o-o-o organized, meticulous and caring. You were the anchors of our medical department and great to work with. My sincerest thanks. Thanks as well to our fine camp doctors and their families: the Shogilev's, the Folbes', the Zucker's, the Wayne's, the Sprague's, the Obron's, the Keidan'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, and our designated

medical practitioner and dear friend Ron Sherman, and to Len's wife, Laura Lewis. A special thanks as well to Glynnis for helping out wherever needed.

The office is always an interesting place and certainly that was more than true for the summer of 2001. Of course one cannot (or dare not) mention the Tamakwa office without acknowledging not just one of the longest "tenured" Tamakwans, but one of camp's greatest personalities. While Marilyn certainly oversees everything imaginable from her position running our camp office, she has also 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. I know your love of camp was inspired by Lou and Esta and they continue to shine upon camp through you. Many, many thanks for your continued commitment to camp. An inaugural year in Tamakwa's city and camp office is no easy task. Sheri was just outstanding is her rookie performance. Also, thanks for laughing at most of my jobs.

A special thanks to Jamie Kudrats in his inaugural year as assistant program director 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. You have so many admirable talents and qualities.

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. Both your tangible and intangible contributions continue to make this such a wonderful, magical place.

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 page on each of you ... Candi, Libby, Sheila, Jessica, Chris, Mark, Les, Jodi and Dave Bale. 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 2001 is largely your doing. You were the campers' and staff's friends, parents, and supervisors all wrapped into one! Your friendship is of the utmost importance to me. Your support has been overwhelming.

Each year is a huge challenge for a camp director. Few can truly understand the magnitude and scope of demands upon a camp director, particularly at such an ambitious camp as Tamakwa. Jeff Ruby's multiple talents and leadership continues to make this one of the finest camps anywhere.

Despite being under constant scrutiny, you are always upbeat. We have shared a lot of laughs and challenges as well. I look forward to more.

It's so very difficult to comprehend that I have shared this Tamakwa experience with Dave Bale for now some 3 decades. Indeed, Dave attained some incredible milestones this year. This was Dave's 30<sup>th</sup> Tamakwa anniversary and in November he will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. The entire Tamakwan family joins me in congratulating Dave and wishing him the very best on these memorable occasions. The Tamakwa family has been so enriched by Dave's life long commitment to camp and in recent years by gracing camp with his family Janie, Ari and Yafa. Dave, you continue to exude and embody the essence of Tamakwa and the essence of Unca Lou's spirit and values. Every single Tamakwan for some 30 years in some fashion or another is a better person because of you.

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 so special.

Last year Ronda and I were overjoyed to bring our son Max to camp for the first time ever. We were equally blessed to bring our new baby girl Jessica to camp this summer (our cabin group is now complete by the way!). Despite the disappointment in not being able to be here as much as planned, it is such a thrill to share my family with all of you. My wife Ronda has of course been extremely challenged by this summer's logistics. I cannot thank you enough for your love and support and putting up with my Tamakwa addiction. I can't wait to see our children grow up in such a splendid place.

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 special thanks to Krisie for a very special visit and helping out in so many ways the last couple of weeks. We have missed you.

**I Will Miss  
By Vic**

Spraying everybody with the fire hoses  
Jodi and her CITs  
Fiddes and Allen staff meetings  
The classiest transportation staff  
Sheila's vitamin buffet  
The nurses being so organized  
Victor figuring out the swim program and enjoying it  
So many great landsports tournaments  
The Hermelin Hot Dog Roast  
Digital photos and slide shows  
My new outdoor office  
My birthday cake...thank you Yasmina  
Guy and his staff  
Guy doing it "all" including work camp  
Ronda, Max, Jessica & Jake at camp  
Max driving the golf cart  
Dr. Rain and the rain  
The return of the Steinhauer (Jacobs) theatre tradition  
Dave's Harlem Globescheeters  
Staff hockey (again)  
So many beautiful JTs  
JT water polo games  
USA winning Can-Am softball games  
Whiffle ball home run derby  
Stephanie blowing the bugle  
Andrew Schelberg-Miller as stage manager  
Long trips and long trip returns  
Charlie spending more time in camp  
Jason Orley tied to a tree  
Noah Stahl's "Nanooks" hat (the red and new one)

The Voyageur canoe class  
Hartsy's flexibility  
Sitting between Hartsy and Jeff  
So many beautiful starry nights  
Laughing with Head Staff  
My camp breakfast routine & "wall of food"  
Jodi and the 2001 CITs  
The 2001 Staff T-shirt  
The "Candi/Sheila Report"  
The Senior Boy fake break  
Jake following me everywhere

**I Will Not Miss  
By Vic**

Ropes course staffing  
Office staffing  
Clay staffing  
Fish staffing  
Having people call out for 'Victor' and it not be for me  
Pre-natal theme day  
Hearing "Hey, we should follow that Indian"  
Spevick's windsurfing lost & found  
The fish, clay and art tradition  
The color war captain debate  
JT staff with no campers  
No rain  
The fire ban  
Canoe discussions  
The racing buoy mystery  
No hockey staff for staff hockey  
The social waterfront cabin  
The activity leaders buzz cuts  
8 trips leaving on the same day from different docks  
Tamagama debates – again  
So many senior boys with the same name (Matthew)  
Section canoe regattas  
Creating ranger cabins  
The Arbus morning  
Sheila's bathing suits  
The music on music theme day  
Camp drills  
P P & P  
GSMs  
Head Staff meetings  
27 Voyageur cheers per day  
Camp gossip  
Scott Kantor wearing flip flops for all sports (again)  
Missing pop  
The sign on the Art Room Door  
The fake Color War missing person drill  
The sail shed  
The brakes on the new golf cart

## The Last Oodle-Oodle-Loo of 2001 by Dave Bale

**T**he day the fire ban was lifted -- Ahh, the warmth of that fire this morning at the main camp fireplace....it's such a welcome site and scent. We sorely missed it while the fire ban was in effect. Today it is officially lifted and the campfire is crackling away, a reminder of the headline story of 2001....the unbelievable hot dry spell. On the good side, never have I seen so many golden days in a row. It was getting monotonous everyday at the "Sterning Report" when Libby would ask me for the weather report. Sunny blue cloudless skies....great for canoe tripping, until maybe the heat at midday. The underwater thermometer at Boys Dock read 80 degrees most of the summer. On the down side, however, the Algonquin forest was getting awfully thirsty. So when the rain started to fall this past week, we were thanking Wakonda...not to mention the Rain Doctor who cast his magic spell.

Will it be the heat wave that we remember most about Tamakwa 2001? Or will it be the incredible summer of canoe trips with multiple 15-days, 13-days, 10-days, 8-days each session? Will it be the Bigfoot Colour War, or maybe "Baby Day"? Perhaps all the staff triathlons that got cancelled? Maybe it will be remembered as the summer of the sensational "Amy Sky Song Night"...or the Jared Florence dances...or the Jim Wood canoe sessions. How about the summer we DIDN'T do Tamakwa Survivor? We'll all definitely remember it for some of the personal milestones like the five-person camp Bar Mitzvah (we're still searching for more slides of Jordan Baum) and particularly the 25<sup>th</sup> summer of John Fiddes.

Or will we remember 2001 for its other colourful personalities, like "Fiddes' executive vice president", "Tennessee", "Haus", "Spev", "Office Goddess", the Rain Doctor, Austin Tobin, or Lori Cohen's father? How 'bout the return of Carly Glickman, Renee Rubenfaer & Caroline "C-Flo" Florence?

For me, it was all of the above that helped define the summer of 2001...plus more. Memorable moments for me included: waking up at 5:00 am to paddle with Jim Wood, teaching the Harlem Globe-Schlecter basketball sessions, Libby capturing so many glowing Tamakwa smiles on camera, Candi handling so many J.T.s (and their parents) with such skill, Brandon Boyle showing his creativity and helpfulness, listening to Greg Kay's piano-playing resonate through camp, doing Marx Brothers routines with Eric "Chicolini" Goodman and Yaron King, asking Sheri Cohen everyday if she STILL loved her job as office assistant, sharing a laugh with Arbus at the dinner table, and learning that the key to Hartsy's success running a name label business from his cabin "Cheers" was..."no overhead". (If you've ever been in "Cheers", you know he meant it quite literally.)

Tamakwa 2001 actually started for me one year ago. It was at the end of **last** summer that Vic, Jeff, Marilyn, Ken and the rest of us started laying the foundations for **this** summer. The months in between have been devoted to construction, repairs, enrollment, public relations, hiring and program planning. Thanks to the team, a lot of the work is fun, but what makes all the hard work worthwhile are the two months with all of you and the special moments that stand out. Among them: Alex Stringer feathering a canoe to shore, Stephanie Cohen learning to float, Alex Fischel perfecting his left fake on a right-handed lay-up, the Chicago girls arriving from the airport a foot taller than last year, Brittany Danzig singing the national anthem with poise at the ballfield, Snow White's Seven **hundred** Dwarfs getting up and down off the stage for their chorus numbers, Michael Fenkell hitting a softball (and throwing his bat, almost as far as the ball), the Boyman brothers turning tears into smiles and loving camp by week two, Alanna Romoff turning her frown into a smile and going the distance for eight weeks, Jeffrey Ran sinking shots from the 3-point circle, Molly Binder showing courage at the Ropes Course, Leslie Holz being such a supportive big sister, and Jason Katzenstein getting past homesickness only to reveal his incredible artistic talent.

All of these moments tell the Tamakwa story...of finishing the summer with more of a glow on your face and in your heart than when you started it. It's true even in my own cabin. No daddy could have been prouder when I watched Ari do the Zip Line for the first time and other Ropes elements 40 feet in the air. The same goes for seeing Yafa gain confidence and increase her vocabulary before our very eyes, her latest sentence being, "Daddy, I made a peepee in the toilet." That milestone alone made 2001 a summer for us to remember fondly. The summer enriched them as it did all of you.

Whether it was your first summer hiking out in a sail boat...or doing a triathlon...or learning to make a campfire...you have all grown from Tamakwa 2001. If camping is 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 opportunity to jump in a crystal clear lake or lie beneath the Algonquin stars will make you a better person for the rest of your lives.

This is what motivates and inspires me to help perpetuate what Unca Lou Handler started long ago. What he wrote in the Beaver Cuttings 40 years ago is as true today as it was then:

*"Tamakwa has grown and will continue to grow, if not in numbers, then at least in spirit, and in the opportunities for growing boys and girls from all over. The reputation for real camping, for living comfortably in the out of doors, of which Tamakwa is so proud, is so richly deserved. The goal which prompted the building of Tamakwa here in the Algonquin forest -- as an ideal place for children to develop -- still glows and remains steady within us."*

These were truly the days you'd been waiting for. Camp Tamakwa was 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 Tamakwans have been saying for a long long time: *"May the Great Camper of all great campers be with us till we meet again."*

-- 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 oodle looo" of the Sterning Reports all summer long.

A fun, enthusiastic staff devoted 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 Stephanie and Chantal for inspiring every camp doctor to say, "They're incredible!"

All the camp doctors who have grown to be as great friends to us as they are great camp doctors: Shogilev, Folbe, Zucker, Wayne, Sprague, Obron, Keidan & Marks.

Chris, Jerome and James: we won the lottery with you guys as the best Transpo staff in memory.

Ryan for faithfully shlepping to Huntsville and beyond whenever duty called.

Sheri Cohen for being an "Office Goddess" in T.O and up at camp. Really? You still like your job? I love that you love the job, 'cause you do it so well and with such warmth and personality.

Krisie Shane for making a comeback. What a pleasure to have you back where you belong. We've missed you.

Josee Tremblay for proving that there is life after working with Guy. Thanks for all your office help.

Brandon Boyle for learning to use the router so well.

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

Craig Perlmutter for your solid support, always happy to help and do things for Tamakwa.

Charlie Kraft for shlepping, doing, being ready to help with a smile and positive attitude. Remember the Crow.

Guy Tetreault and the West Park Catering staff who work so hard to make our tummies happy. Still waiting for what happened to Preparation A, B, C, D, E, F, & G.

Ric von Neumann for beautifying camp with all your incredible talent and good humour.

John "Fideus" "Fiddler" Fiddes...for 23, er I mean **25** years as "the most reliable man at Tamakwa".

David Stringer for the gags, the shtick, and all the Stringerisms. And "No, let me tell **you** something.... Where were you?"

Ken Elder for continually raising the bar on what is a beautiful camp, and fixing the fountain 47 times.

Len Giblin for an even more fabulous multi-pronged tripping program. Another year, another ten prongs.

Ricky Tyner for reminding me that Ted Koppel is...you know...an M-O-T.

Ron Sherman for being superintendent of tents, transportation, & designated medical schlechter. **YOU've** got some shlepp around here; where can I get some coffee?

Special thanks to Sue Danby for giving Ari and Yafa such wonderful care with enthusiasm and energy and the right amount of gentleness. You became a part of our family.

## **TO MY CABINMATES...**

Libby Sadick von Neumann for sterning the Sterning Report and for rising to all occasions with class. So a few things happened that were **NOT** on the list. So what?

Jamie Kudlats for 13 years. You've become a Tamakwa All-Star and a great friend.

Candi Sherman for being an even greater stack of pancakes than before. What a pro you are.

Sheila Tyner for the toughest job in camp...The cheer should be: "Pioneeeers. We get the phone calls!" I hope I never turn into a 12-year-old girl, but if I ever did, I'd want you as my section head.

Jessica Robertson for the spirit, the karma, the gentle good sense approach. How'd we get so lucky to have you back?



Chris Gilbert for coming back to camp (and for the 3 napkins faithfully). You took managing the Ranger section from a simple "Hotdog stand" to a major retail mall.

Mark Arbus. He-e-e-ey, our bus! Great job, great music, great having you as part of the H-S cabin. Guess this means I have to listen to your phone messages now, huh?.

Jodi Kovitz for inspirational leadership of the CITs; they love & respect you...and for being a fantastic addition to the cabin, and of course the CW song tape for the ride way back when. You've arrived and with class.

Leslie Hartsman for the rugalach, the breaks conveniently held outside your cabin, and for the ausgeschlectedness. And your best year yet for programming.

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

Jeffrey Norman Ruby for the leadership, camaraderie, and continued devotion to thinking outside the box. It all came together for a phenomenal summer, in which you should take pride. Great job.

Vic Norris for yet another year of partnership, vision, and sharing the agony and ecstasy of running Tamakwa, and for Jessica Leigh's debut at camp. May she, Max and you & Ronda put in place the logistics that allow you to all enjoy this place together much more.

And of course my deepest thanks and love to my Janie. Sharing your family with 400 other people for nine weeks on an island takes tolerance and love. You got plenty of both. Having all of us together all summer is a privilege beyond words.

Janie and I 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.

Thanks to all of you who made Tamakwa 2001 such a tremendous and memorable summer. I will miss you.

*Dave*

### **Directing Tamakwa Pony Style Volume III, Issue I**

I can hardly believe that I am now going to reflect on Tamakwa 2001 when I have been lost in this summer dream for so long. My dream really began at the end of Tamakwa '00 when I returned to Toronto on a mission to truly make 2001 the best summer ever. 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 2001 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 returning 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 counseling 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 many new specialists, JC's and SC's made a tremendous contribution and established themselves as an integral part of 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 2001 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 2002.

At its core, Tamakwa is a tripping camp. In my mind, there is no greater opportunity for campers and staff to bond and experience what is left of pristine nature on this planet than on trip. Once again, my

hat goes off to **Len Giblin** 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.

Many Tamakwans do not realize how complicated it is to run the day to day operations of a campsite surrounded by water. Between the building materials, food, gas, mail, garbage, laundry and people that need to be transported to and from our camp landing, our transportation and custodial staff of 2001 expertly rose to the task and made it all look easy. A special how how goes out to **Chris, Jerome, James, Ryan, and Allan** for your superior efforts, outstanding attitude, and professionalism all summer long. An extra special how how goes out to **John Fiddes** for his incredible loyalty and service to Tamakwa over 25 years. You are truly one of a kind.

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** – There's only one Libby Sadick von Neumann, there's only one just like her! Your unending dedication to Tamakwa all year round is remarkable, as is your knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the needs of campers and staff. Thanks Libs for taking a chance this summer in a new role and for all of the incredible digital photography that will keep Tamakwans connected at camp and on the web. Thank you Libby and Ric for another wonderful year.

**Candi** – In my mind 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 further working with you in the off season to bring together the best staff possible. Thank you **Ronnie** for all of your dedication and hard work toward helping out wherever and whenever we need you. The Sherman dynasty at Tamakwa is as strong as ever.

**Sheila** – People always say that the second year in a job is easier than the first, but you made it look like you've been doing it all your life. You relate to your children, campers and staff better than anyone and we were all truly fortunate to have you watching over us all summer long. Thank you for your invaluable assistance improving Tamakwa's vegetarian menu this year and for all of your support during the off-season. You overcame your bumps and sailed beautifully through the summer.

**Mark** – Hard to believe that we started this journey here together ten years ago and are still going strong. I thoroughly enjoyed having your fresh perspective and outlook on life, children and camp as part of our head staff team and believe that you provided all of the Voyageur campers with a great role model for the summer. Your music, kindness and sense of humour infused camp with positive energy and I personally enjoyed all of our talks and sleepovers. Although you certainly learned a lot this summer, I hope to have you as part of my cabin for years to come so we can continue to learn and grow together.

**Jessica** – It was so great to have you return to camp after taking a year off to fill a new and challenging position. You are a most trusted friend and capable advocate to children and staff, making you a consistent treasure on the administrative team. Your understated leadership style and interpersonal savvy is legendary and you indelibly touch the lives of everyone you come in contact with. I know that the summer was not an easy one for you and I appreciate and respect the perseverance and heartfelt effort that you put into camp once again. Special thanks for all of your help on the plaque and at the canoe docks.

**Chris** – It's not easy to walk into a new and unfamiliar role, but you did so with a great deal of professionalism and finesse. Despite some tough moments, you came through expertly and were a tremendous addition to the Ranger section and to our head staff team. Thank you for your continued loyalty and support to me and Tamakwa. Although you wore a number of hats this summer and completed endless tasks, nothing about your job was random. Thanks Newman!

**Jodi** - Never before have I seen such dedication of heart, mind, and spirit to Tamakwa and 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, your endless announcements and your Herculean efforts sorting all of the lost & found. After the sacrifices that you made to be here this summer, I am thrilled with the effort and advocacy that you poured into Tamakwa once again this summer and hope you will continue to train and provide the role modeling for future Tamakwa staff.

Our programming staff this summer was also incredible:

**Jamie** – Once again, 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. You took a difficult and thankless job and made it look easy and exhibited tremendous patience and fairness. You were a most welcome addition to the head staff cabin and I look forward to many more years of your creativity at camp. Congratulations once again on completing your Bar Mitzvah summer.

**Leslie** – Once again my friend, you were the creative energy that fueled and drove Tamakwa 2001 and I am looking forward to seeing you beat my program director record. 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, schtick, smile, and passion for camping and name labels. It was wonderful sharing another summer with such a good friend who always manages to keep camp fun no matter what is going on. Lets keep having a good time all the time here at Tamakwa.

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, and Ken** for your support and efforts this summer. You are the cultural and spiritual link to camp's great historical legacy and without you Tamakwa would not be the same.

**Vic and Dave:** Thank you very much for placing your trust in me once again to manage and direct this magical organization. Your guidance, support and feedback are invaluable to me as is our close personal friendship. The future of Tamakwa is brighter than ever because of your collective efforts and I look forward to being on board to take Tamakwa to even greater heights.

To my family and to Carolyn, thank you for putting up with me in and away from camp all year round. Your support of my dreams fuels my ambition and I love you all very much.

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

Till we meet again

Jeff

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## **THE TAMAKWA MUSEUM: 2001 EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS** **by Head Staff -- UPI (unusual pieces of information)**

*This year's curator of the Tamakwa Museum is Alfred E. Newman. He 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. The 2001 display includes:*

- Jamie Davis' hair (including rasta knot/dred lock)
- Krasnoff's hair dye (Alex's orange; Jeff's green)
- Jim Wood's red lifejacket
- Andrew Haughton's red check hat
- Jodi's sleeveless turtle neck sweater (for those freezing nights when it's just too warm for sleeves)
- A pair of Nike Air Presto slip-on running shoes (owned by almost every male camper)
- Daniel Shogilev's flip-flops that he wears at the basketball court
- Marc Cooper's cherry wood tripping paddle
- Marc Cooper's striped train engineer cap
- Dwarf costumes from *SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN (THOUSAND) DWARFS*
- One of Hartsy's **namelabels.com** mailing pouches addressed to Abu Dhabi
- The Top Secret operational plan book for "Baby Day" (on temporary loan from the CIA)
- Sheri's "Office Goddess" badge
- Karma pickup (cleanup of Main Camp)
- Ron Sherman's padded toilet seat & 2-ply toilet paper
- Craig Zucker's clip board (no pen, no paper)
- The digital camera

- The spray bottle of Window Plus always hanging from the belt of Allen Stewart
- Jared Florence's headset
- The "Stay Out" sign from the Art Room door
- Joel Kestenberg's mom's (Ellen Posner) vintage green Tamakwa sweatshirt
- The hair clipper for Activity Leader buzz cuts
- The complete array of personal mugs at the Head Staff table
- The complete array of vitamins, nutritional supplements, herbs, ointments, tinctures, and bottles at the Head Staff table
- Matt Budman's collapsible chair (still wet from being tossed into the lake)
- A can of silly string
- The ditto machine & the mimeograph machine (retired in 2001 after 40 years service)
- One green Tamakwa bathing cap
- The underwater thermometer at Boys Dock
- A wooden yo-yo made in Woodworking
- Jamie Kudlats' duty grid sheet (double exhibit case required)
- One box of the moldy clay
- The clay order that wouldn't get here
- Sheri's power point lyrics at *AMY SKY SONG NIGHT*
- The bird nests in the Swim Hut and Plat-Forum shed
- Arbus' name sign that screwed his cabin door shut
- Sheila's pad of phone messages from Pioneer parents (Because of its size, it needs to be displayed in its own building.)
- All the cancelled plans for Triathlons
- The new Activity Leader manual with daily calendar
- One of the kazoos played in *YELLOW SUBMARINE*
- One of the programs from *YELLOW SUBMARINE*
- The black light set from *YELLOW SUBMARINE*
- Any one of Jason Katzenstein's caricatures
- Jason Katzenstein's MAD magazine book (and technical pencil carried atop his ear)
- Canoe staff's evening program
- The white kevlar Chestnut canoe on loan from Algonquin Outfitters
- The entire fleet of golf carts
- "Tamakwa Survivor" program that never happened
- *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS* staff show that never happened
- Stringer's huge "fake shemp" baggage tag
- Any one of Ally Basen's beautiful posters
- The "David B Hermelin Hot Dog Roast" sign from Visiting Day and one of the Sinai kosher hotdogs
- The 2001 Staff T-shirt
- All 37 of the Roots Staff T-shirt designs that were rejected
- A sample of each Tamakwa clothing item (next to a diagram of what it was **supposed** to look like)
- Ashley's trumpet
- A green Tamakwa serving apron
- The imaginary guard rail at the new entrance to Tamakwa's private road
- One of the Sue Binder gift "beaver cutting wood" porcelain decanters
- Noah Stahl's "Nanook" ball cap
- Noah Stahl's brand new "Nanook" ball cap that he brought out for the Voyageur test and Banquet
- Dasha's body rings (exhibited next to an anatomical diagram of where each one goes)
- The entire Mideastern supersnack that spent 12 hours in a car with Melissa Senders & Jaclyn Golden...from Toronto to Algonquin via Chatham
- A case of Vic's bottled waters
- Chase Siegel's barometric pressure watch
- A Trailblazer "Prom Queen" ripped T-shirt
- One Coleman stove
- Barge bombing
- The whistle swallowed by Jonny Guindi
- An "air sickness bag" for Dana Benyas
- Tamakwa toque
- An August session enrollment for Tara Forman
- Mark Newton's walking stick
- Larry Levite's walking stick
- A stitch from Ethan Keidar's head
- A few J.C.'s for Boys Camp
- The blindfold from the high ropes course
- The CIT breakfast at Lou's cabin
- Barak Leibowitz's glitter breakdance outfit
- A photo of the "Zucker twins": Andrew Houghton & Andrew Zucker
- Contracts of the activity personnel who left prematurely

- Contracts of the three transpo guys who were great and lasted the whole summer
- Sheila's brown studded Hawaiian bathing suit
- A Frisbee Golf Course description sheet and score card
- One of the Frisbee Golf Course wood flags
- The new phone at the landing
- The schedule of visits by Linda Leckie & Don Standfield
- The *\_troj\_sircam.a* virus/worm that infested all the computers
- One of the Shabbat challahs made by "Chris Transportation"
- Ken Elder's toilet seat port hole for the Circus Day sponge toss
- The Fiddes \$10 bill from Circus Day
- The cordless microphone in the dining hall
- The topless microphone at the "Sterning Report"
- The melted on-off control of the new kiln
- The three fluorescent orange sailing buoy (never seen on the lake till week 6)
- A broken shuffleboard cue stick (brand new blue one)
- A bowl of chick peas with cucumber slices
- A phone message with the name Epstein
- The script for *ANNIE GET YOUR GUN*
- The \$1.98 *guns* for *ANNIE GET YOUR GUN*
- Any one of the new \$5 telephones
- The trampoline pad that won't stay
- Any one of the basketballs in the mud around the sides of the Plat-Forum
- Three napkins
- A size XXL staff fleece jacket fitting "snugly" on Kevin Purdie
- A size SMALL staff fleece jacket swimming on Candi Sherman
- One of Pony's Shabbat vests
- Yafa's potty seat that she carried around in the GAP bag
- The new printed transcript of the PPP rules
- The furry white NITSUA costume (with red eyes lit up)
- One 2001 Tamakwa caribiner key chain
- One 2001 Tamakwa pennant
- One 2001 Tamakwa bandanna
- One 2001 Tamakwa "Freeze, you're busted" flashlight

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

- Krisie Shane's giggle (return from our 1998 exhibit)
- Jeff Krasnoff playing taps on the bugle
- "Let Go, Go Let" as sung by Andrew Haughton
- The chirp from the Section Head office phone
- Allan Stewart's biffy talks at GSM's and in the Dining Hall
- The Beatles music coming from the kitchen boom box
- Tapes of the "Camp David" negotiations between Jeff Ruby, the Boiler Room and Slim's
- Sound of the Chief walking through Rec Hall beating tom-tom while the entire camp unflinchingly continued singing taps
- (Held over from 2000): Alex Sherman singing the "Hartsy" verse of the "Down by the Bay" song
- "War Canoe" song as sung by the paddlers in it
- The P.A. announcement: "Last call for all visitors to come to the Transportation Dock"

**VIDEO EXHIBIT: TV monitors throughout the museum play a loop of these sights:**

- The Rain Doctor working his magic down at the Beachers
- Jim Wood's canoe demo during pre-camp staff orientation
- Monday "after cookout swim" including these dives: a flying squirrel, a butt cracker, & a "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful"
- Moments from the July war canoe outings

**FAMOUS QUOTES OF 2001**

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

1. "No overhead."
2. "I'd like to meet with the Aquatic staff, near the pond."
3. "Our lowest campers."
4. "Love, pain, the whole damn thing."
5. "I made peepee in the toilet."
6. "unprotected CPR"
7. "There's an **optional** softball team practice tomorrow morning."
8. "Five numbers. I can describe Lori's camp experience with five numbers."
9. "Industry moved faster than the advertising."

- a. Steven Shore
- b. Jeff Ruby
- c. Lot of people who spoke at Friday night services
- d. Evany Rosen
- e. Victor Swim
- d. Irwin Cohen
- e. Amy Sky
- f. Yafa Bale
- g. Leslie Hartsman

**TOP INNOVATIVE ADDITIONS OF 2001**

- 1. Phone at the landing
- 2. The new Opeongo
- 3. Minnehaha & Minnehoho section head cabins
- 4. New ceramics kiln (which we could not use the last two weeks)
- 5. New Smoke Creek bridge
- 6. Cordless microphone in the dining hall
- 7. The digital camera
- 8. Tamakwa toques
- 9. The staff “e-mail computer” at desk #1
- 10. Power Point slide show on the Slope
- 11. Website slide show on line
- 12. Allan Stewart

**JTs of 2001 Rock  
Candi Sherman**

The summer of 2001 will be remembered by all as the summer of almost endless sunshine. The weather was fantastic but that was only one source of my sunshine. The sun shone for me from the endless smiles of all “my kids”. Even the August rain brought smiles as the Trailblazers and Foresters challenged each other to a mud fight through the flowing puddles in Main Camp.

Thank you Foresters and Trailblazers for lighting my life for a 3<sup>rd</sup> summer here at Tamakwa. Watching all of you adjust to camp life, make new friends, learn new skills and grow into Tamakwa “lifers” is a joy I find impossible to describe. Nothing can compare to the pride I feel when I hear a JT’s name announced to the entire in the dining hall for receiving an activity award or watching “my kids” star in the play. Yeah Jen! Sending you off on canoe trips and seeing your smiling dirty faces return to the docks as you’re welcomed by the entire camp is a thrill beyond words.

I’m honored to have had the opportunity to introduce you to camp life and help make your summer a fun-filled experience.



Was it not for the most dedicated and talented staff at camp, the JT section would never be the success that it is. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your hard work and loving kindness. Thank you Lori, Danielle, Deena, Lauren, Dara, Sophie, Kristina, Melissa, Shu-wei, Matthew, Ryan, Jeremy, Zack, Jordan, Aaron, Andrew, and Tyler. I could never do this job without you all. You make me look good everyday! A special thank you to Ashley—you’re mine next year girl!

Another special thank you and how-how to all the CITs of 2001. You were an awesome and very special group this year. To my future JT staff – Carly, Bailey, Shayn, Spoon and Jesse – I’m so impressed by your talent. I can’t wait to work with you all next summer.

Lastly, to my “cabin” you are my source of strength throughout the summer. Without your friendship my summer would be lacking. Jeff, thank you for your sound advice and strong support always. Dave, I can always count on your level headedness through it all. Vic, your friendship means everything to me. Thank you for bringing me back to camp and knowing, before I did, that my heart and my family belong here. Arbus and Gilbert, it was great working alongside both of you. Having a cohesive Head Staff to work with, laugh with, eat with and jump in the lake with made my summer.

Jodi, I love you, my new friend. I'm so impressed by your leadership and sense of purpose. You and your kids were awesome this summer. Jess, your calming view of life is always a comfort to me.

Hartsy, this summer was better than ever. Your programming was outstanding. Thank you for including me and my JTs so thoroughly in everything. I love working with you and will sorely miss our meetings in your cabin! Jamie, thanks for putting up with all my scheduling demands and day off changes. Your mild and unflappable manner perfectly suits you to your Tamakwa role. I'll miss our many meetings at Hartsy's discussing the many important issues of the day.

Last, but not least, Marilyn, Sheila and Libby the E-Club is alive and well! You are my advisors, confidants, and best friends. Thank you ladies for your love and friendship and know that it is returned in kind.

Thank you Tamakwa for another incredible summer and may the Great Camper of all good campers be with you till we meet again.  
Good Bye Everybody!

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

Beach parties

Guarding the swim tower

Singing in the Dining Hall

Hugs and kisses from and to "my kids"

Hugs and kisses from and to just about everyone in camp.

Welcoming back canoe trips

Hugs and kisses from and to Leve

Half court tennis with Leah and Ben

Rebecca Hazan's smile

The first JTs to swim to Treasure Island – How How Ilana, Aaron, Mallory, Aliya, Oliva O, Melissa, Molly, Aja, Leah, Katie

Aja's Smile

Lee Feldman saying, "I didn't do anything!"

TB 1 singing my song with Amy Sky

Showers in the lake

Meetings in Hartsy's cabin

Raspberry picking with Libby and the JTs.

Kevin Purdy and my blue candle

Serving coffee at breakfast

The JT Triathlon

Frog catching in the swamp

Johnny Guindi's smile

JTs wearing dirty clothes after a shower!

Head Staff jumping off the slope

Head Staff food fight.

Serving Monday Brunch

The tetherball courts

Olivia Orley leading the Cookout Strike!

### **I Won't Miss by Candi**

Cabin clean-up

The stomach flu & Manitou – Sorry Craig!

Lost and found – Mallory, Scott S. & Ben!!

Lost life jackets and water bottles

Getting everyone on the Slope

Quieting down the Dining Hall for announcements

Announcements

Lice checks

White cap swim testing

Everyone trying to horn in on JT Tootsie Frootsie

Cast and crew cake and pop parties

JTs wearing dirty clothes after a shower!

Out of control

Kicking Austin Tobin off the Tetherball Courts.

Kicking everyone off the Tetherball Courts.

The dust

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**“R-A-N-G-E-R-S...” 2001**  
**Chris Gilbert**

Well, if you're gonna begin as a Section Head, then it's best to start with the best section in camp.

The summer of 2001 has been amazing for the Rangers, from the canoe and kayak regattas to the streetball 3 on 3 tournament. The Rangers were faster, stronger, wilder, dirtier and louder than any other section in camp.

This year we had more awards, more campfires (schmoozes), more kitchen "raids", more canoe trips (and long trips), more fun, more skits, more dancing (Yeah Barak), more Orley, more skaters, more play roles and more of everything else that mattered to the Ranger campers of 2001.

We had lots of new staff in the section this year and all of the new energy and enthusiasm was amazing to see. The trippers who took out the trips and the activity leaders who ran their programs, not to mention Les, Jamie and Stringer who provided the magic of the summer, all of them helped to make this summer special. The laughter, the shouts, the cheers, the sweat, the blood, the water and the bug juice all combined to make this an incredible first summer for me as a Section Head and for all the campers in this section. "And why, because our section be, the rules of North Shore, South Tea"!

How How to all the Rangers of 2001 and How How to the staff who kept 'em running. See you back next summer under the sun and stars of Algonquin Park.

**WHAT AM I?**  
**Libby Sadick von Neumann**

As the summers end approaches, I find myself asking the same question that numerous people have asked me throughout the summer... "What's your job this summer?". Well, I still don't have a definitive answer and there may never be one. So, suffice it to say, I'm as confused as you all are on the subject.

The war canoe all day trips were really fun and breakfast at Lou's goes down as my all time favorite. The afternoon trips to the beaver dam were fun also with the slimed shoe count of fine! The ropes experience, from working there all of second month was incredible. Watching people who professed such a fear of heights pushing themselves to conquer that fear is wonderful. The fact that they do high ropes blindfolded is amazing.

Helping out with the 49ers when Jessica had to go home for a while was fun also. You are a crazy bunch of young women!! Thanks for putting up with me for the week and a half and sorry I'm such a hard marker at cabin clean up, but old habits die hard!

In regards to all the photos I shot with the new digital camera, well, all I can say is I hope I got at least one of all of you and if I missed you, I'm sorry!

Maybe next year I'll know what to respond with when asked the question of what my job is! Until then, have a great school year and see you in 2002!

Love, Libs

**I WILL NOT MISS**  
**Libby Sadick von Neumann**

- People asking me what my job is
- The hours spent on the compute doing PowerPoint productions
- Windy Mondays
- Fire bans
- Rainy Mondays
- 2 bus rides from Detroit

**I WILL MISS**  
**Libby Sadick von Neumann**

Monday cookout swims with the boys from V1, V2, V3 and the new and up coming Monday swimmers R1 from first month  
Laughing with Steph (Chewbacka) Sciberras on the ropes course  
Sitting at table #2  
Marilyn behind her desk for the last week of camp

Having Krisie (Thelma) Shane back at camp!  
Helping with the JT swim tests  
The three War Canoe all-day trips from first month  
The really hot weather we had this summer, because the winter was so-o-o-o long this year!  
Teaching the Transpo guys how to drive the tractor, barge and boats  
Breakfast at Lou's with the CIT's  
Throwing the XFL football with Tennessee!  
American Gladiator in the rec hall  
Cutting the trail to Lone Pine with Newton during pre-camp  
Seeing Ric play his bass guitar with a full hand  
John Wurster shouting my name to get my attention just to say 'hi'  
Nick Carruthors telling me he has to come back next year to improve his time for the JT  
Triathlon  
My head staff cabin

## **VOYAGEURS, VOYAGEURS**

**Mark Arbus**

To all of the Voyageurs of 2001,

It hard to believe that another camp season has come to an end. As it was my first year as the administrative staff member responsible for the Voyageurs, I had no idea what to expect from the section. Reflecting back upon all of the wonderful experiences shared with all of you, these expectations were most certainly surpassed. Although it took me almost the entire summer to learn all of your names (eh, Chief?), I feel confident that we have all evolved and matured together as a cohesive unit.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff members of the Voyageur section who were responsible for ensuring the safety and well – being of all of you. Their hard work and dedication to counselling excellence has made my job easier than expected and has helped all of you to have an amazing summer.

Finally, without you guys, there would be no Voyageur section. I thank all of you for sharing your optimistic energy and spirit. I wish you all a healthy and successful school year. I will miss you all!

Here's to us,  
Mark Arbus

P.S. Was that cliché enough for everyone?  
To all of my fellow Head Staff of 2001,

Short and to the point, my friends. Thank you for allowing me into part of the inner circle! I greatly appreciate all of your patience and kindness. You guys are the best!

With love and respect,  
Mark Arbus

## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 49ER SECTION HEAD**

**Jessica Robertson**

Being a Trailblazer and Pioneer counsellor for five years and then a Pioneer section head for one, I really didn't know what to expect from the 49er section. I was nervous. I haven't been a 49er since 1992! Lucky for me the 49ers ROCKED. You are such a diverse section of spirited girls who love to cheer, pensive girls who like to contemplate life, sporty girls, creative girls and most of you bring so many of these qualities together added with your own personal touches.

I have so many wonderful memories that I couldn't possibly include them all. All around camp I will recall fondly: Forester one (Mason I am so proud of you and your first year), Jesse playing the guitar and Burt Binder's rock collecting; the Orley family –Olivia calling me over for kisses and always wanting to talk to my desert, role playing Ladies Man with Alex and Schecter, making up random dances and singing Broadway tunes with Jason, and being constantly impressed by Matty; seeing all my TB girls as big old Pioneers; the Voyageur class, feathering along the shore and trying to get on an early morning cookout (!); laughing and crying with my sister, and of course hanging with Dara.

When I'm in the city and looking for a good smile I'll think of my girls...being flabbergasted at finding Chase's not so well hidden food stash, and finding the same surprise from the senior girls; watching Pascal improve her Voyageur strokes and hearing Dylan Optican tell me that she's 'into' awards this month; telling Hayley Gordon and Lyse Lax that they can stay two months; listening to MJ lead 49er 1 and 2 in "We are talking about Mazuzah"; Michelle Ruby's bracelet that I got to wear for a day, and

being proud of her for kicking butt on her long trip; Jamie Fine's face when I told her she was going on the 13-day; Ali Greene's smile; OBB's smile; Danielle O'Malley's smile; and of course Ruby's softy hands; story telling and sharing with Lizzie (you have taught me so much); chatting in my cabin with Stahls and Pelze; Ruby and Shirah being flexible and forgiving (thank you); my get well cards; chatting with the Seniors at the Main Camp Fireplace and the Bleachers; Shosh wanting to go on her **second** thirteen day of the summer; being SO impressed with Carly Gallinger for being a trooper and for getting her B canoeist; walking to Happy Isle and hearing their cheers and songs a mile away; Sam Kelman kicking butt in every sport she played; chatting with Evany about...what else (!) and chatting with Evany and Belzberg about the place we love the most; playing Halfcourt with Hayley Greenspoon; the JSG's role call...bububu BAUM; watching all of you try out for baseball and then watching you play; singing old school cheers at section meeting area, Mabel Brown in the dining hall; and ...just watching you guys –flirting with boys, watching out for each other, leading colour war teams and water boiling; watching you learn and improve at activities, create cabin unity and simply enjoy camp. 49er 1 and 2 both months you were so great. For first year 49ers you sure know what it's all about. JSGs –so many girls so much fun (Chicago girls sorry I wasn't there to say goodbye, don't grow TOO many feet this year!). And then the Seniors (Tara also sorry I didn't see you go, you were well missed), such a small group and so much spirit –you were so amazing, always mature and such good examples for all those looking up to you.

To my staff I would like to extend a massively huge Thank You. You were such a great mix of old cabin mates, past capers, new faces and old. Thank you all for contributing what you could as individuals while recognizing that we were a team. Thank you for supporting me, but more importantly thank you for being a constant source of fun and support to your girls. Again, thank you.

Thank you to my cabin. Vic for always supplying the bottom line; Dave and your quiet gratitude; Jeff for having the courage to take on such a huge job; Chris for sheer and constant kindness; Marc for teaching us to take it all in stride; Candy for never taking any \*&%\$!, Sheila for always keeping me updated, and giving me hugs' Les for making me laugh Seymour, for just being great; Libs thank you for covering for me and for being my role model, I was honoured to attempt to fill your shoes; and Jode for...well, for EVERYTHING. Finally to everyone that did my job in my nine day absence, you have no idea what a comfort it was to know that I had to leave and feel that I was supported by all of you, I really can't thank you enough.

And so we close the book on Tamakwa 2001. I wish everyone a wonderful year. If you are ever feeling camp sick I am always reachable by email. Have a good one.  
Love, Jess

## **P-I-O-N-EE-R-S'S** **Sheila Tyner**

That's who we are! The BEST by far! Well, another summer to file in the endless books of life experiences we all go through. The summer of 2001 will be one that I will always treasure and cherish. I would have never been able to do without my staff, so Tovah, Shana, Alison, Sarah, Lauren, Kristina, Sharon, Melissa, Emily, Erica, Michelle, Lindsey, Katherine and last but certainly not least, Lisa. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. And thanks to all the CITs. I know we all work very hard here and sometimes we all don't see eye to eye but truly I appreciate all you did. To my girls...you are my favorite group in camp. I can only hope you enjoyed yourselves half as much as I loved helping make your summer extra special. I will miss kissing you all endlessly and hearing all your crazy stories. For all that you accomplished, I am so proud.

I could never have done my job this summer without the help of a very special person. She was always there willing to do anything and everything. Ashley – you are the BEST! Thanks for being Gillian's counselor. You made my job as a mother so much easier and I will always be grateful. Watch out Candi next year, she'll be a true Trailblazer. Thanks to the CITs for also helping me out with Gillian. You all gave her extra attention and took such good care of her! Thanks swim staff for her lessons, next year I'm sure she'll be a white cap!

To my cabin...Head Staff...boy has it been **OUT OF CONTROL!** What a joke! We had fun though. Thanks for all the laughs, jokes, shoulders to lean and cry on, ears to listen to all and making me feel young and important. To Jodi: thanks for doing everything and 100%, for all your love, for CIT support and being my cheerleader. To Jessica: for helping overcome my fear of public speaking, and yoga (that I love but never made it to). To Chris: for your one-match fires (before fire ban). To Arbus: a very very fine bus, I sure will miss our talks about life and how to "please" lessons. To Stringer: thanks for making Desi (Buffy) a true biting ankle dog. He's ruined now, but I'll straighten him out at home. To Ken: I leave you Gillian and a jelly belly supply for life. You can also have your counter back to nap on now that I'm gone. To Libby: my favorite counselor I ever had and still have. Thanks for just being you, a friend and confidant. Barge bombing ROCKS! To Len: thanks for helping me

with my hot water and heat, for organizing my girls trips and your beautiful smile that always warms my heart. To Leslie Hartsman: "Hartsy", you know I love you even though you drive me crazy! I will miss sitting next to you at every meal and laughing. To Marilyn: thanks for believing in me, helping me with Ricky and making me know I am doing my job well. To Jamie: "putting", no more dining hall! YEAH! Thanks for all your hugs. You never used my voice for anything but maybe next year! To Jeff: Bumps? Hopefully not too many... thanks for bringing me back and allowing me to be a mother to everyone! To Dave Bale: thanks for helping me out with all my difficult and sensitive situations. Laughing with you is always the best. To Vic: Vitamins! Hopefully you're a little healthier mentally and physically now. Thanks for all your support and friendship. I truly learned a lot this summer and hopefully it will make me a stronger, better person. To Candi: I never knew what a special friendship we would find in each other. I can always count on you and trust you! Starbuck's here we come...I look forward to making countless memories with you and your family.

There are so many of you I feel I need to mention and thank, but I would be writing forever. You know who you are! Thanks to new friends and old.

I could not end this without mentioning my family. Malpal, Gillian, Desi and Ricky I love you to the moon and back and all around the world a hundred billion trillion and then a little bit more. I am the most privileged mother to see my children experience the true Tamakwa world. I will always treasure this!

Ricky...where would I be without you? I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your support, love, patience and belief in me. Thanks for being my best friend and partner.

It's been a great HOT, OUT OF CONTROL, Vitamin, and veggie burger summer. I hope your winter goes well and you'll often think of me. You know I'll be thinking of you with a smile on my face.

PS – Long live the estrogen club!

Love  
Sheila

### **CITs 2001 Jodi Kovitz**

CITs. It has been inspiring for me to watch you grow; individually and as a group. You have each touched me in your own ways, and spending the summer learning with you has had a tremendous impact on me. You have brought out laughter in me. I am replenished and feel whole because of you.

Thank you for all of your hard work this summer. You may not always have felt that it was appreciated, but camp could not have run without your constant energy, support and assistance. You have become mature, responsible young adults and have collectively been incredibly positive and flexible. I am certain that each of you will make outstanding Tamakwa counselors. You each have the potential to impact the lives of children if you choose to do so – and that is what it is all about. Making the difference in the life of one child. I also am confident that you will each take what you have learned about yourselves home with you to your more complicated lives.

Let your memories of our summer help you get through challenging days. Let your confidence carry into your friendships, roles in your families and each challenge that lies ahead. Remember to live each day fully. Do not wait for tomorrow but rather take advantage of today. Also, remember to keep it simple. Simple is easy. Simple is wonderful. Simple is rewarding.

CIT's 2001 - Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have each made me smile. Also, huge thanks to all Head Staff. My cabin, my friends, my support - your wisdom and constant encouragement enabled me to shine. To Vic, Dave and Jeff - thank you for giving me such a wonderful opportunity, and trusting me with your future staff. Finally, thank you to those of you - my close friends - who made my summer so sweet. I could not have asked for anything more than to grow young with you this summer.

Today is a beginning, not an end. Let the music play.  
Love always,

Kovitz  
CIT Director 2001

## Jodi's Memory Box

Minnehaha - could not have done it without you  
Whoa Bear  
Watching Parr come back from her 13 Day  
Shoggy as the fat lady and swimming to the highway  
Josh playing hockey with Vic and his initiative  
Renee's Bat Mitzvah  
Corinne teaching bronze and her smile  
Julia's spunk, and our talk on my porch  
Kraft's strength  
Watching Tony light his fire  
Shayn's humour  
Jody staffing her trip with a smile  
Schwartzky's wardrobe and our paddle  
Sam's artistic talent and her incredible flexibility  
Danny the boyscout and his hugs  
Bailey's voice and TLC  
Baker's amazing PMA  
Franco's smile and building our house  
Brad as guy and his many pyramids  
Schram's growth and her dedication  
Wexler's guitar, intuition and way with kids  
Carly's sweetness and outstanding Trailblazer ways  
Joe's easy going nature and great attitude  
The waterfront cabin and chester  
Being reunited with the gals – Renee, Jess, Caroline, Carly and Marla  
Jesse's questions, courage and way with wood  
Spoon's sailing talent, Junior the DJ and willingness to help out  
Katie's realization, growth and new sense of responsibility  
Zoe's huge hugs and her PMA all summer  
Head staff pre camp party at Vic's  
Bonding with Libs  
Arbus sleepovers  
Talks with Melissa  
Sophie, Jenna and Stephanie on the way up to camp  
Candi, Sheila, Libs and Jess – power to the women  
Len's tripping requests  
Yaffa's hugs  
Orley's effort  
Art with Basen late night  
Les and the Band  
Jamming with Kudlats and Stringer  
Zen and the introduction  
Yoga in the loft  
Missing Steph and my sister  
Carly and the lower deck  
Marylin trusting me with the golf cart and her mother  
Ric's kindness – thank you  
Deena's special energy  
Learning from Lori what it is to be young  
Friday night services  
Cooper and our challenging CIT trip  
Watching Mikey paddle and come first in the triathlon  
In your eyes  
Sitting next to Dave and his napkins  
Guidance from Vic – thank you  
Opportunity to be here from Jeff  
CIT adventure capture the towel  
Drummer with the boy scouts  
CIT outings with Newton and Libs  
Meetings at main camp fireplace – just kidding – schmooze  
Tamagama reborn  
Jason's drawings  
Janet's massages  
Jamie Davis' outstanding sail program  
Learning to windsurf

## BANQUET

John Fiddes . . . making me smile

The office goddess

Watching my CITs grow into outstanding counselors

## OFFICE GODDESS 2001

Sheri Cohen

I'm not usually one to believe in fate...until now. I recently came across a job advertisement that changed my life! After meeting with Dave and Jeff in Toronto, I knew I would be spending my summer in Algonquin Park at the legendary Camp Tamakwa. With great excitement, I started, what I hope to be, a long and wonderful relationship with Tamakwa.

As an outsider coming in for the first time, let me tell you, watching everybody hug and kiss and reunite, it can be quite intimidating. As Pre-Camp got more and more involved, people made extra effort to come into the office to say 'hi' and introduce themselves and for this, I thank you. As Dave promised, once the 'keedz' got up here, the whole dynamic of camp changed... for the better. In all my years as a camper (sorry, but it was at another camp) I've never experienced anything like the spirit, camaraderie and closeness that this camp exudes, both by its staff and campers. This camp, this first summer in particular, is now part of my soul.

Now that summer 2001 is coming to an end, I understand all the hugs and kisses that are shared and the tears that the veteran Tamakwans shed at the end of each summer when forced to say 'until we meet again' for another 10 months.

For those of you who will get what I have to say, enjoy and thank you and I love you. For those who don't understand a thing I'm about to say, I'm sorry and maybe next year, when we meet again on the shores of South Tea, I'll be lucky enough to have gotten to know you better and will be able to send special how how's to you too.

Here goes...

Sue Danby – try to avoid looking directly into the mouth of the beast, you can run and you can hide (**and you know why!**), the cheese only pizza is on me the first visit to Toronto, I can't believe you ate all that chocolate, how you doin'?, I'll share nail polish with you anytime!

Pudge – you made my summer. I'm so glad I was able to share this with you. Drop the fake accent and be yourself. I love you most! Can't wait for the BSB concert – go AJ go! I hope you made the most of this opportunity and that we can carry our closeness back into the city.

Cogz – I brought you up here, I would think you'd be a little more grateful than you have been! Seriously, thanks for sharing your pics with me and hugging me when I needed it. Have a great time with Jim Wood and make sure you use your computer and email me all the news.

Richard Batista – SHALOM!!! I brought you up here too you ungrateful little goof! I knew my gut instinct was right about you from the minute you walked into my dark Toronto office. Thanks for offering to stay behind with me on town night, you are a prince! Tell Claire I really do love her and I'm sorry for calling her house at obscene hours. And no matter what HE says, "his casa is not your casa".

Jacob Bedingfield – Can I interest you in a tuna fish sandwich? I'd road trip with you again any time!

Arbus – as good as your grooming job was, don't show it to me in the city, please? Thanks for all the great talks! I'm glad you feel as comfortable with me as I do with you. Be good to your students. I'll see you in TO.

OGB – remind me next summer to buy you an alarm clock!!!

Jen Drama – we clicked right away from the Toronto office. You hugged me when you arrived during pre-camp and made me feel like one of the gang. You were never a P.I.T.A. and I can't wait to see your new 'do' color. Let's make sure we get together in the city and tear it apart.

2<sup>nd</sup> Month R4 **Campers** – I owe each of you a package of junk and you know why! Thanks for having me in your cabin as an honorary member! You each brought something special to this camp and shared it with me and for that I thank you. Joel, I will miss our daily office chats. Brad, thank you for being my dinner date, you are a gentleman. Barak, keep on dancing little man! I will look for your name up in lights one day! Jon Epstein, I'm sorry you left early. Maybe next year you'll give it

another shot! The rest of you, thanks for being a great bunch of monsters and I can't wait to hear from you throughout the year! Love you!

Jon Klein – you're a good boy! Not only to put up with your co-counselor but just in general! I had some good talks with you and I'll miss that over the winter. I stole your red caribiner and I don't plan on giving it back! Next summer, you can shower in my cabin anytime!!!

Marilyn – you were very patient with me and I thank you for that. Now that I've seen everything (and everyone) in action, summer 2002 will be a breeze. I'm learning to let it roll!

Foreign Boy – you're another reason I now believe in fate. Comfort Inn, my butt!! (and you know how the rest of that goes). I'm glad you survived Austin Tobin. TCS takes on a whole new meaning now, doesn't it? I'm incorrigible but you love me that way! Admire my toes! Days off will never be the same. I'm totally willing to give up buying junk for airfare. You are the only human being that cannot hide and if you really want to know why, I'll tell you soon, maybe! When we get to Toronto, I'll buy you all the frooty loops you can eat! Thank you for an unforgettable summer! Until we meet again...

Mes amis dans la cuisine – merci beaucoup pour toutes les faveurs (the early admission to staff snack; stolen ribs; chicken raids @ 1am)! Je vous aime beaucoup! Au revoir a l'ete prochain!!

Yasmina – merci pour le translation!!!!

Jayro Scoe – thanks for all our special time in the tuck shop! Sorting the mail has never been so much fun!

Ruby – you reeled me in to your weird and wacky camp world right from the beginning, thanks! I went from never seeing you in the city to seeing way too much of you at camp, thanks!

Dave – you had faith in me and I hope I haven't let you down. I only hope I can continue to learn and grow with Tamakwa over the years. Thank you also to your wonderful wife Janie and your gorgeous family for making me feel like an old time Tamakwan right away. I enjoyed every meal eaten with Janie, Ari and Yafa and look forward to the day I can do it again.

Vic – who knew working with someone who comes from the wrong side of the border could be so much fun. You are awesome!

Dr. Howie & Louise Shogilev – it was a great pleasure to eat with you all of first week of camp. Louise, you are still a saucy broad! It was also great to get to know your kids (ask Daniel to show you how he can Macarena!). I tell Matthew every day how much I love his parents...and I do!

Hartsy – you are as crazy at camp as you are in the city. I loved all of your off color remarks (you know the ones)!

### **BOOT CAMP 2001 Victor Delac**

"I'm not feeling well, my tummy hurts! My ankle hurts....my knee hurts! It's too cold, my counselor said I don't need to swim today....I forgot my bathing suit!"

This is what I was introduced to at Camp Tamakwa for the first couple of weeks in July. I received assistance from the camp medical staff who discovered a medical breakthrough known as "swim-asitis" a rare swim disorder that attacks the brain. The only known cure is sun, high temperatures and warm water. The weather got better, camper enthusiasm and participation was at its all-time high at the swim dock for the most part of July and August.

The swim staff was composed of one specialist, junior counselor & senior counselors and rotating CITs. The group did a great job teaching the fundamentals of water safety and stroke proficiency.

Treasure Island swim was another highlight at the swim dock. There were 72 campers and staff in total who swam either from the swim tower to Treasure Island or vice versa.

Flip-turn walls were put inside the deep end which was a benefit to the swim team. The swim team was introduced for the first time at Tamakwa. A select few campers partook (namely Alex Budman) in training everyday.

V-I-C-T-O-R, Victor's (stomp, stomp) Boot Camp!! The campers came up with a chant. The chant stuck...to what the mandate was at the swim docks. The chant spread throughout camp during

announcements in the dining hall, in cabins and you could hear campers singing it while taking showers.

I am going to miss that chant especially from the JTs who would sing it and stomp anytime they saw me.

It was fun working on the waterfront....special thanks to the swim staff who worked hard and spent long hours at the swim docks.

Victor

PS. Congrats to the JTs who spent the most qualitative hours down at the docks. How How!

### **KAYAK 2001** **Jacob Slan**

Kayak 2001 was a summer for making memories... Eric Dresner teaching his sister, Katie, some of his skills, then Katie continuing to learn everything she could while Eric was on long trip to show him upon return... Daniel Berman working on a dozen different rolls every day, progressing rapidly towards becoming camps next year Yaker Specialist... Paul and Daniel Blumer encouraging each other to gain awards faster then they could be recorded\*... the amazing dedication of Liz Metzger, who braved the wind and the cold to tirelessly practice her first paddle roll... along side the arrival of two new kayaks "RPM's" came the new skill of hand rolling to each of last years specialists... the second ever kayaking two-day trip was made a success by the determination of all its participants Joe Linden, Lee Feldman, Ben Sherman, Henry Michaels, Isaiah Rifkin and Jordan Faintuch. All these memories and countless more could not have been made without the staff. A huge thank-you and how-how go out to the kayak staff Ryan Tobin, Lauren Kimel, Erica Schwartzfeld, Jordan Baum and Jon Klein. As well a thank you to the amazing CIT's Daniel Joe, Tony, Josh and Katie.

Until next year,  
Jake Slan

\*rivalled only by the Krasnoff brothers and their colorful hair

### **IN-LINE HOCKEY 2001** **Kevin Purdie**

This has been a terrific summer for the in-line program at the plat-forum. Not only did we have an awesome bunch of kids, but I had an awesome staff. Through the help of Eric "10-Day" Goodman as my specialist, JC Zach "I'm too good to fall" Baum, CIT's Danny "Platinum" Kaufman and Josh "JD" Diamond. The in-line program flourished this summer because of my awesome staff. Also our awesome "tough beaver" intercamp team was amazing winning both our games 10-6 and 8-2, it was a pleasure to coach.

Overall, all the kids were having fun and our two main goals of having fun and learning new skills was a success. Thank you for all the kids that came down everyday for games and awards. Have a great year, keep your stick on the ice and go to the net hard.

See yah all next year.  
Kevin Purdie

### **A HAIKU FROM MUSIC** **Greg Kay**

Oratory bliss  
What words can sum up eight weeks?  
Yellow Submarine

### **SAILING 2001** **Jamie Davis**

Wakonda was on our side for the whole summer. The wind was blowing, the sun was shining and the whole Tamakwan fleet of sail boats were out on South Tea 5 periods a day. Looking back at July I'll remember the Trailblazer girls who loved going in rides in the bathtubs. The Guindi's all coming down to sailing and surprising me everyday. The 1<sup>st</sup> all day Tow to the P-store. All my staff leaving on long trip, and of course, the rest hour sail races. Second month was as much fun as the first.

Senior boys coming down 5 periods a day. Andrew Sherman becoming Sail Staff in more ways than one. None of my staff leaving on long trip (oh yeah, Valo, didn't know you were gone). Haus being dropped on waivers and being picked up by windsurfing. And again, all the rest hour sail races. Boat maintenance, the 2<sup>nd</sup> all day tow with senior campers this time.

I would like to thank all my staff; Jaclyn Golden for being there on time, Karen Leve for not socializing ever, Carly Glickman for being an excellent sailor, Brandon Lederer for coming down, Max Cherney for being so positive, Lindsey Goldenberg for thinking you are going to be Sail Director next year, Shana Valo for being a trailblazer and Haus for being on windsurfing. You all were great. Thanks to Leslie Hartsman for everything he has done this summer and his support down at the Sail Docks.

Lindsey and Max good luck duking it out for my job next year. I hope to see you all in the summer of 2002. To all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> month campers, have a great winter. See ya all in a year.

Happy Sailing!  
Jamie Davis

Oh yeah, thank you CIT's!

To 2/3 of the Waterfront Cabin:

I didn't really know you guys at the beginning of the summer. But now...Man, I'm so sorry that I ever did. How great would it have been if I was in the cabin all by myself? No slow jams, no hearing you two letting them rip in the morning, afternoon and evening. No naked alarm clock, no stealing of clothing, no flying squirrels. But there would also not be any ER dinner parties, or cheering on Chester, no 2 on 1's or lemon drops. No popcorn, no late night story telling, no making fun of Bishin; or any one else for that matter. No telling me how dirty I am, no great ER's and day off, no getting stopped coming back from ER, not even any Monday Nights at the South Tea Camp Grounds. At least my friend Keiths would still be around. We also finally put the water in waterfront cabin by Bonita's..."Bonita's was messed but I came back with a girlfriend!". We wouldn't have any naked Lutz or sling shot fun. No late night tower jumping or air horn wake up calls (that's the only time I slept in). By the way Spevick, you'll always be in the middle. I just wanted to let you guys know it was great living with you for the 2 months. This was one of my best summers and thanks for being a major part of it.

See ya in Hartford Thanksgiving weekend.

Jamie Davis

By the way I had both a fan and a carpet!

### **FROM THE WOODS(HOP)** **Ric von Neumann**

The number of projects completed increased again this year. By making a concerted effort to schedule in those campers who had never been before, the number of participants grew as well.

Many new faces and a few new projects kept things exciting and a premier staff of specialist Brandon Boyle, CIT's Emily Parr, Samantha Florence, Jesse Creed and Tony Gershensen kept it safe.

By doubling the number of power tools we were able to get more and younger kids to take on the more challenging projects including some original designs that were very successful.

Hopefully this trend will continue and we will reach new heights next summer. Until then, have a great winter!

Campers, you are the woodworking program. Good luck and good wood.

Ric von Neumann

## CANOE 2001 Lesley Bishin

Canoe docks 2001 will be remembered primarily for the people who brought something special to the dock. First month there were Josh Lavine and Evan Schorr, our first canoe dock staples of the summer. Evan, you're our little prodigy and we're only sorry we didn't discover you sooner.

Then of course there was the voyager class. Evan Plisner, Mike Katchen, Ivan Adelson, Noah Stahl, Eric Dresner, Leslie Holz and Haley Pascal. Watching you all improve over the course of the summer has really been amazing. Holzie – no one would ever believe this is the first summer you've taken up canoeing. Don't forget the dynasty of Lesley's voyagers – you're next in line. Mikey – you make everything you do look so easy. Ivan Evan and Dresner – you boys came down with Zuker last year and haven't left yet. You bring so much fun and energy to the dock. Evan, you've really gotten amazing this year. Noah – Vic will tell you it's genetic. I'll tell you it's because your in a boat 3 periods a day. Either way, you've got it. Pascal – your improvement is a testament to your devotion to all that you do.

Our CIT's this summer were un-paralleled. Kraft, Franco, Julia, Brad, Zoe, Corinne, Jon and (briefly) Evan, you all added so much to our dock. Thank you!!!

Finally, to the Canoe staff: Zuker, Luke, Dara, Berman, Sarah, Deena, Jodie, Justin, Jon and Dalsey. I can't imagine any other group of staff in camp laughing the way we do.

The following is our canoe dock shrine filled with our most prized possessions (to be stored in the staff shed during the winter months):

- 1 bottle of Captain Jack's tanning oil
- Photo of Luke's canoe dock hickey
- The chair Alex Schecter brought on the first cookout
- The Corinne Geller CIT evaluation (complete with video footage)
- A canoe that doesn't leak
- A piece of gold that Jim Wood snuck out of mine
- Luke and Berman's suntans (with document of whose was really darker)
- 2 Therm-a-rest knee/butt pillows
- 1 cheeseburger – cheeseburger Florida T-shirt
- Audio tape of Kenny Elder proclaiming: "I didn't build this for the canoe staff only!"
- Dara's reverse feather, Justin's outside landing, Stahl's landings
- The mist from early morning cookouts...and the bacon

During the winter, when I look back on our docks, I will miss these things the most:

- Singer paddling
- Jon Klein Omer-start bruises
- Plisner in a boat
- Jon Schwartz
- Corinne and Luke asking to go check out their tans and Muscles in the mirror
- Teen-people
- Jim Wood visits
- Zuker in boat getting his hair done by trailblazers
- Jordan Baum coming on his first ever cookout
- Noah Stahl and Leslie Holz carrying canoes
- Sarah Peltz and Haley Pascal running while carrying canoes
- Berman's face at 10pm when he learned he was leaving on the 13 day
- Jodie and Jamie post-Bonita
- Sarah Davis not talking for an hour and then coming up with something hysterical
- Jodie's face during Jim Wood's paddling sessions
- Talks with Dalsey ("ladies")
- Dara's laugh
- Talking about our trips to the canoe-rodeo and cheeseburger
- cheeseburger – Florida
- Zuker explaining the Corinne CIT evaluation
- Jim Wood stories
- Berman saying: "Bishin!"
- Having Deena one period every 3 days
- Danielle, Lysie, Haley, Katie Howard, Katie Cohen, Jenna, Gunner, Sucher and Obron, all my campers hanging out at canoeing, watching Luke and Franco
- Canoe trips out of the bay to Treasure and to visit fishing
- Ally Basen finally getting to work on canoe for the last 3 days

Sitting on the bench between Luke and Jer, working with Zuker; Dalsey and Deena for the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year, and sitting on the docks laughing

This summer at canoeing has been amazing on so many levels. Special thanks to all the campers and staff who brought their dedication and energy to the dock.

Love, Bishin

### **FISHING 2001** **Steve Shore**

It has been a long and grueling summer down at the fish docks. Just kidding. The past three weeks have been some of the most incredibly fun times I have had at Tamakwa. There just isn't anything like reeling in a big fish. I have a ton of people to thank so here it goes:

Ali Franco – for always smiling and learning how to touch worms  
Zoe Springer – for always smiling and learning how to touch worms  
Henry Kasiske – for running fishing  
Zach Faintuch – for running fishing  
Sophie Green – for really running fishing  
Matthew Holzapfel – for asking so many intelligent questions  
Jamie Hazan – for being the best staff member an activity leader could have  
Rob Herzig – for the best CD collection a fish activity leader could steal  
Marilyn – for letting me blare my music  
Leslie Hartsman – for giving me the fish'n job. Thanks. Thanks a whole bunch.

And that's about it. If I forgot anything or anyone I'm sorry – just be happy you had a somewhat functional fish director for 3 weeks. What else to say? Oh Geez, these Beaver Cuttings articles are so hard to write. What is with them. That's it, I can't take it anymore. I QUIT!  
Just kidding. I love this place and I "love" fishing.

Have a great year and remember...if the fish don't bite, you do!

Love,  
Steve "Fish" Shore

### **WINDSURF 2001** **David Spevick**

When Dave Bale first told me that I had to write a Beaver Cuttings article talking about Windsurfing, many thoughts and emotions ran through my head. Hi, my name is David Spevick and I was the Windsurfing Director this summer. Compared to last summer, this was the summer of sunny days, unreal heat and howling winds. All of these things put together made for an unbelievable time downtown on the windsurf dock (without doubt the coolest place in camp). There was a stretch of about 35 days of beautiful weather and let me tell you that every morning when I stepped out of my cabin and saw the sun climbing and the wind blowing I couldn't help but voice to the whole world how excited and thrilled I was that today wouldn't be a "Z-Machine Day".

As my trusty 3 minute and 30 second wind glider instructional video pointed out, this summer down at the docks truly was "The Next Generation of Summer Fun". Equipped with a brand new fleet of mini-rags we set out to teach windsurfing to the masses, and I think we succeeded. The docks were always buzzing with activity. Kids were flocking from all over camp (especially from canoeing) to surf. I want to give a special acknowledgement to the senior campers and the JSG's who were always down on the docks...it was nice to see that the interest in windsurfing is still alive at Camp Tamakwa.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people I had the privilege of working with this summer. I'd like to thank:

Nolan, for being on the disabled list for all first month with an ankle injury  
Renee and Golden for deserting us after one month  
Rob, Lisa and Baumer for deserting for a long trip second month  
Shoggy, for taking the time out of his busy schedule to 'chill' with us for one period a day  
Davis for being so stupid and giving Haus to me for second month...what were you thinking?  
Sophie, for deciding to join us for 3 weeks

In all honestly guys, I couldn't have done it without...thank you. Oh yeah, thanks CIT's.

In closing, I just want to say that this is a summer that I will never forget. From the all-day surf and sails to the senior camper/JSG windsurfers to the tunes from the waterfront cabin to Vic waking me up every other morning telling me my dock was schlect – this summer was one for the ages. I had an awesome time, I hope you did too. Will we chill again next summer...only time will tell.

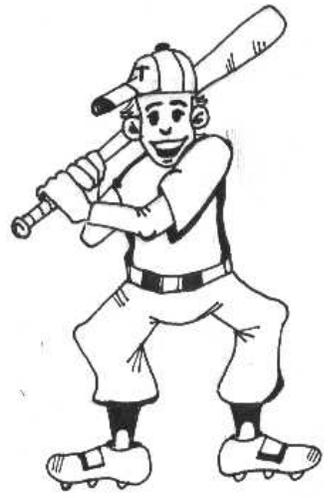
Surfs up – Spevick

## **LANDSPORTS 2001**

### **Scott Kantor**

The year of landsports at Tamakwa. Andre Agassi half court racquets, hardball at the diamond. A permanent Frisbee golf course, a near win at Intercamp basketball and US victories in Can-Am softball were just a few of the activities that elevated the landsports program this summer. This summer the campers proved their competitive spirit by participating in 3 on 3 streetball tournaments, camper-staff half court tournaments and soccer at the ballfield. There was always something going on.

On a personal note, landsports could not have run as smoothly as it did if not for my staff: Richard, Carl and Shore coaching baseball at the diamond; John-boy shooting patriot missiles at the archery range; Spoon and Yaron organizing ball hunts at the half courts; Solway doing arts & crafts at volleyball, Auston & Gold perfecting their 3-point shots at the plat-forum and J. Spevick...did you even work on landsports? As for me, I was busy making my rounds and earning my TFGA (Tamakwa Frisbee Golf Association) tour card. Oh yeah and thanks CIT's. Really, thank you everyone for a great summer and have a warm winter.



## **CLAY**

### **Katherine Onyett-Jeffries**

The clay program at Tamakwa this summer was better than ever! The enthusiasm you had coming into the studio was amazing to see. From pots to boxes; piggy banks to wind chimes; beads to action figures, you made it all and lots of them too. And let's not forget about the spa afternoons at the windsurf docks, and the arts and crafts/clay lunch. What a great time we've had! Congratulations to all of you who worked so hard to earn your wedger awards! Thanks to the terrific clay staff – Caillianne, Erica, and Tovan, and the CITs, Jody, Katie and Carly for making this program as good as it was! It couldn't have happened without you! I hope you've all had a great summer and a wonderful time in clay. Have a great year.

Katherine

## **ARTS & CRAFTS 2001**

### **Janet Mulikow**

As Arts & Crafts Director my first season at Tamakwa has been insane, as in insanely busy. I didn't realize how popular art would be. However, with the help of some extremely talented people I believe that we managed to pull off a great summer of crafts.

Before I do my thank-you's, I'd like to recall some of my greatest art room memories –

Scotty Schlaefer completing his first two awards, congratulations Scott

Shelby Baum trying to learn how to spin

Gillian Tyner telling the other kids that "there is more to arts & crafts than just beads" and they should try something else

Jen "Drama" Patteson singing me my morning wake up song. It's something I'll never forget

Now to my thank-you's. I would like to thank my staff Ally Basen, Kristina Steponaitis, Emily Kaufman and Melissa Lutz as well as the CIT's that graciously worked the art room, Jody, Ali, Sam and Bailey.

It's been a great summer. Thanks to all those who made Tamakwa Arts & Crafts 2001 what it was.  
Janet

## **A Summer of ODF\***

**By: ODM\*\***

With a little fire, food and imagination Outdoor Fun mad its triumphant return to camp in the summer of 2001. Myself (Outdoor Mark), Lori Cohen, Josh 'the Ninja' Diamond, Danny 'cabin boy soggy' Shogilev, Evan 'outdoor marshmallow man' Wexler, Alex 'the big burn' Baker, and Ali 'hardcore' Schram tried our best to give you kids a great ODF experience. In July, campers found themselves rediscovering Peace Pipe Rock, creating campfire food wonders (bannock, bannock and more bannock) and hiking out to Lone Pine.

As August dawned, so did the dreaded fire ban. The 'ban' forced ODFers into the confines of the ODF Shed where, with some creativity, our culinary delights flourished with the use of the camping stove and such new creations as boiled milkweed and fried super chocolate, super fried, super good, super bannock balls. The Senior Girls and JSG's were frequent visitors to ODF in second month as were a host of other ODF All Stars (You all know who you are!).

I hope you all had a great time at ODF 2001 as I enjoyed every minute I spent with you all. Have a great year and your ODF nature tip for the winter is as follows – Don't eat the yellow snow!

\*Outdoor Fun

\*\*Outdoor Mark Newton

## **ROPES**

**Stephanie Scibarras**

Ropes for the summer of 2001 was all about learning how to tie eight knots lasso style, dance like Elvis on the tension traverse, sing to the tone of "hands up" while spotting and creating the best name adjective to yell off the zip line platform forty feet in the air. Obviously, we did some climbing as well. We rang gold and silver bells on the climbing wall, found inventive and new ways to inquire if our belay was on "belima", "ballet" and "belster". We also perfected our Tarzan calls on the bosen steps, showed off our best dance moves on the vertical playpen, walked around blindfolded on one foot with no hands, and most of all we kissed a whole lot of trees.

Thanks to all of you who came out to the course and made it so much fun. Special thanks goes to Lizabeth Metzger who helped out at the course a tremendous amount and earned the highest award in ropes, the K2 award. Also, thanks goes out to our staff, Libby Sadick von Neumann, Tyler Burke, and veteran, Chris Gilbert. Thanks to our CITs, Jody Bernstein and . . . how could I forget, oh wait. . . I just did, kidding, and Jeff Greenspoon.

In parting, I hope everyone learned at least one thing this summer and that is:

The only time it is cool to eat lunch while hanging from your harness is during a ropes demo in the dining hall, not when we have left you hanging on the course as a result of your stepping on the rope so many times.

## **TOP 20 SIGNS YOU'VE BEEN AT TAMAKWA TOO LONG**

**Yaron King**

1. You walk into a night club and actually miss "Robbie's Point".
2. You test the acoustics of your new house by yelling "Woof Woof! Big Racquet!..."
3. You get kicked out of a restaurant for doing Voyageur cheers and insulting senior women.
4. You get arrested by the police for mistaking your front lawn for a biffy.
5. You walk around the race track stables with a feeling of nostalgia looking for a nerdy looking pony!
6. Your son loses a spelling contest in school for spelling moron as "N-I-T-S-U-A".
7. You don't let your kids take a bath without assigning them a buddy.
8. Security "relieves you of duty" after giving lip to your boss on a rainy day that he can't "stop the z-machine".
9. Once a week your house and family get shrekked by Austin Tobin.
10. You yell at the store clerk for running out of apples because "everybody gets Tootsie Frootsie".
11. You file a formal request to UNICEF to adopt a paddle.
12. After your boss delivers his final speech at the Club Med Convention, you tackle him into the pool for no reason.
13. You truly believe that the Eye-Full Tower is the real deal and the one in Paris is just a cheap imitation.
14. You convey your prescription medication consumption tendencies in a job offer as "having allergies".
15. You kick people out of your kitchen when cooking, cursing all the time in a ridiculous foreign accent.
16. You come to camp during the winter – so you can play real hockey.

17. You install a special alarm in your house in case of an indoor missing person drill.
18. Your favorite mode of transportation is golf cart – and you travel to work that way.
19. Your morning alarm clock sounds off as a big noisy bell.
20. You punch other people in the face at the pool for not using biodegradable soap.

Yaron King,  
“The Freak in the Room”

### **LAST WILL & TESTAMENT CIT'S 2001**

Jodi Kovitz – Sam and JD, 7 minutes in Eureka, teaching Sam new things, home made videos, schmooze meetings, sleepovers, banquet sign and house, family feud, CIT of the week

Julia Anthone – a narc, a call home, a top bunk or not, sunrise, cowopawation games, rematch with Zucker, textual evidence, wall theory, what's that? Alotaheedahoo

Alex Baker – unzipping Zoe with his teeth, own business, another canoe trip, ballfield, a bad rescue mission, duct tape shoes, crossing guards vest

Jody Bernstein – tetris, sharges, jammy jam, the door to nothing, face touching

Katie Borin – a call from Jordyn, Tony, bumming, her own sharges, dance pants, Guy's kitchen, one disrespectful night

Jesse Creed – more cousins, jaki, crunchie, close-up toothpaste, too cool for the Star Wars hat, crazy laughs, what's that?

Josh Diamond – Kovitz and Sam, control freak, there yet? A diamond in the rough, part of the schmooze bench, red bull, what's that?

Shayn Diamond – the devil (rain at 9:27), club med, 150 slaves, colors to the back, quiet girls

Carly Fidler – Solway, confessions, lil' black boy, pleases and thank you's, hallahheehee, ladahoohoo, tama-what?, lil' bit – just a smidge

Sam Florence – Kovitz and JD, more cousins, pneumonia, Star Wars hat, V2, psychadelic Sunday, pussycat snorkel, Jamie Kudlats, plot thickeners, learning new things from Kovitz, plaques

Ali Franco – a narc, a call home, valentine boxers, co-ordination, the swap, passing bronze, duct tape

Corinne Geller – stolen snarges, paper mache, homeless, pance?, numbers, frogs, Jamie Kudlats, counselors quarters, a never ending rumor, Pursee muffins, duct tape

Tony Gershenson – 75 caldians, a talk with Jordan, Katie, pringle duck

Jeff Greenspoon – “Junior”, Entertainment Xtreme, color war planning, Jared Florence, S.I.T.

Danny Kaufman – a book, a senior girl, Purdie, face masks, another CD player, tripper Alex, Wexler, the funny award

Emily Kraft – sounding like a barge, snarges, manners, another trip home, a bottom bunk, snarge bust in bathroom

Bailey Newman – a certain JSB, lady fingers, the Stahl's (especially Ethan), underwear, the swap, laxatives, Sam's quote book

Emily Parr – reverse and ready, an arm, terets, days in camp, 30 years of friendship

Joe Peltz – whoa bear, whoa joe's..., the hole in the wall in staff rec, 1<sup>st</sup> year 49ers, Fiddes' pants, come on over...

Ali Schram – hypothermia, chewy sprees, passing bronze, maglight, experience with Zoe, homemade cookies, foosball, rematch with Zucker, the door to nothing, purse muffins

Jon Schwartz – 2 more weeks, sleep talking, “more food”, yellow boxers, breathrights, tripper Alex

Brad Sherman – a garbage, schemes, pop, art supplies, Sam on the hobie, nothing but boxers, a darker tan, Go Go

Daniel Shogilev – nosebleeds, drama queens, close-up toothpaste, a boo-boo, shabbat shalom, fat chick voice

Zoe Springer – a full tank, a water bed, there yet?, Matt Orley, sharges, vibes, Ari Bale, a maglight, Victor Swim, when the lights are off...

Evan Wexler – deep thoughts, chillin', sexy wexy, da wex man, his list, ballfield

## **49er 1/2 Last Will & Testament**

### CAMPERS

Jenna – a bottle of frosting, “Ran” pretty far, two fingers, clean pair of sweatpants, a kitchen raid, a tongue, ?, Seth!

Haley Spoon – water aerobics, butterfly pj's, a green spoon, klutz, a “beast” on the rink

Maxie – MM, Smith, Max & Max<sup>2</sup>

Dani – a wish on a star, hammock, a sweeter smile

Zoe – a thug, a basketball game, IA, MR

Jaynee – more Hebrew, some more clothes, first shower, water aerobics

Lauren – sleeping bag, Jewish Arab, powdered milk cow

Mara – TJ, ZB, water aerobics

Lysie – “your teddy bear”, Tony, Chase, Alex, Matt, Josh

Sam – a trip to boy's camp, a walkie talkie

Kailey – straightening iron, Zbelz, MO

Ari – another tickle, a camera, some more Hebrew

Katie – sideburns, glasses and a scrawny body, walkie talkie, two fingers, makeup for breakfast, a forester cabin

Jennifer – “a mirror” to look into

Allie – a night on the lower deck, a nice “shiner”, YMCA

Dina – another chicken soup book

Lisa – a Tae Kwon Doe fight

Katie C – a neater cabin, katchen a swimmer

Elyse – a fort

Gordo – mug, wooden spoon, rysictrest

### STAFF

Heather – a visit down to “Tennessee”, Ivan's blanket, suede thong

Ally – another 15 & 16 year old, a quiet rest hour, luke cold water

Erica – another bad CD, a “special” electric device

Cailli – Britney Spears, Britmobile, “Mark” your words

Renee – boyfriend back home, Tamakwa jacket

### **THE JSG’S 13-DAY AUG 2001 Last Will & Testament**

#### CAMPERS

Becca “Sausage” Kowalsky – GORP, a neglected nalgene, more bathroom breaks, a map for Jamie, dreads, a purple thing, a muzzle, a convenience store, paddling lessons, a foot blister

Brittany “I Just Don’t Know” Kaiser – a hamster, a party in her pants, energy bars, coffee beans, blue face pads, deodorant, a heaping spoonful of garlic, the 1<sup>st</sup> donut, the day she was born, a metaphor, an encyclopedia, a foot blister

Danielle “Garden Gnome” Borovoy – a mouse trap, bear spray, a spider, a mirror, a black hair clip, whiskers, a biffy partner, a nalgene, nightshirts, a kosher salami, a purple thing, a foot blister

Jamie “Dirt with a Tuck” Fine – dirt, 11 resupply letters, a line of the day, a journal, a map for Becca, a friend from Port Perry, a razor, a doorknob, soap, dirt, a chunky-fine-a-man, a broken record, a resupply letter from a certain CIT boy, Eustache fish, a twin named Torey, dirt, 13 days with Shira, a foot blister

Olivia “FYI” Bookshester-Bodenberg – a campsite on the highway, Shira, TWO infections, donut points, candyland, finger rash, unexpected revenge from Shira, a new therma-rest for Shira, a first name with 2 B’s, a foot blister

Torey “Apricot B\*\*ch” Stronell – a leech, a returning soul, a bridge, a resupply letter from a JSB back in camp, dried fruit, Rock Lake to sprint into naked, leaves for her braids, a lighter, sunscreen and bugspray, a twin named Jamie, the line, a foot blister

#### STAFF

Shira Glick (JC) – tushy rash, a bubbly bandana, vitamin C pills, DIET Dr. Pepper, a new thwart, Greg from Ahmek, nice packs, an Israeli accent, a tripper whose name rhymes with Pan Jacobs, some friends, a rocker 1 award, a squirt line, a GAP kids bathing suit

Ashley Greenspoon (TIT) – hot sauce, a robin, a push up bra, a new thwart, Donut challenges, garlic, fried salami, donut points, Olibbia, Yella and sausage, deodorant, an armpit to smell, a steamroller, the lyrics to the ‘Torey’ song, a foot blister

Caroline Florence (Tripper) – resupply envelopes, new oven mitts, a broken thwart, bugspray, toothpaste and sunscreen, a new tent zipper, spice kit, a foot blister

Caroline, Ashley and Shira:

We would just like to thank you for giving us this incredible experience and for making our trip so great.

And remember, you ain’t cool unless you got a blister on your foot.

### **LETTER TO TAMAKWA PARENTS BY RYAN BAKER**

Dear Parents of Tamakwans,

My name is Ryan Baker and I’ve been going to Tamakwa for three years. I write you today on behalf of the parents of all the children who attend this wonderful camp.

When your child comes home, they say that they went on a canoe trip. You ask “What is a canoe trip?”. They explain but you still can’t understand. I’m here to tell you and answer that question. When your child goes on a canoe trip a few days before they are told what to bring and start packing. When the time comes during breakfast when their trip is announced, your child’s cabin leaves the dining hall and goes to the trip docks to get ready for trip. When doing this they get paddles and load

the canoes. After flag raising the rest of camp goes to the docks to say goodbye than when your trip is announced you take off from the docks and begin your trip.

On trip there is your child and all his cabinmates and three staff. A tripper, a counselor and a CIT (CIT means counselor in training). After leaving camp on Tea Lake they paddle to Smoke Lake on Canoe Lake. When the trip gets to the first site on the lake, they pitch their tents (with help) and enjoy their meal. The next day they wake up at 8:00am and have breakfast. After this, everyone loads the canoes and they take off for another day of paddling. When they reach a portage they unload the canoe and start the portage. That is a short summary of a canoe trip. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Jeremy Baker

**P1 4-DAY CANOE TRIP**  
**Rebecca Tetreault & Rachel Malerman**

P1 4-day 2001 went on a trip to have some fun, all the staff fell in the lake and all we could say was goodness sakes!

Young folks, old folks, everybody come! Come to Tamakwa have a lot of fun. Leave all your worries and your troubles at the door and you'll have a better time then you've ever had before.

During the paddle  
We saw two moose  
Then we heard an annoying goose  
A couple of chipmunks got into our food  
And all we could say was shoo! Shoo! Shoo!

Young folks, old folks everybody  
Come, come to Tamakwa have a lot of fun  
Leave all your worries  
And your troubles at the door  
And you'll have a better time than  
You've ever had before.

**AUGUST P6/P7 CAMPERS**  
**Deeva Green and Lauren Diamond**

Things we will miss:

- Jana's random comments
- Jodie's shmatah
- Coco's laugh, talk and smile
- Late night talks with the JSGs
- Emily's evening run
- Chocolate chip muffins
- Dances by Jared Florence
- Jessica's innocent look
- Stephanie's nightly soup regattas
- P6/P7's weekly shaving parties
- Leslie's gummi-bear vitamins
- Alana's craziness
- Meal-time bathroom breaks
- Emily's outfit on change-over night
- Sleeping in the counselors quarters
- Campfires
- Day off food

Things we won't miss:

- Emily and Erica's snoring
- Waking up early in the morning
- Eggs (every day)
- Janet yelling at us
- The Bear & Moose on girls hill
- Letters from a special person. Eeek!
- Getting pushed in the water
- Cleaning our cabin

Taking cold showers  
Losing electricity

### BOY'S 13-DAY JULY 2001 Last Will and Testament

**Sol Klein** An automatic juice maker, an isolation booth, a smarter trip  
**Max Smith** A Chewy, T.S., a good excuse not to paddle, some Play-Doh, a brain  
**Adam Schechter** Wet clothes, a baby that looks like Mike Ran, a biffy box, a brain  
**Mike Ran** A chance to fight Adam, a diet, a brain, another diet  
**Alex Schechter** A food pack, a squidular motion, some frosting, a hot sister, a brain  
**Alex Orley** A \$@#\* eating grin, a wheelchair, Madonna, a bendoing-doingder, a brain  
**Kyle Goldenberg** Another place to stab you, a camper that can paddle, a staff swim  
**Dan Jacobs** Blonde Ambition, three first names, a chance to use the bear spray  
**Brandon Lederer** A camera, someone else's hot sister, Sarah Cohen, C.G.

### A POEM BY KATIE COHEN -- 49ER 1

The soft chill of morning breeze  
The light mist above South Tea Lake  
The beautiful view from a bench overlooking the shore  
The grace of a passing canoe  
The change from a group to a family  
The spirited campers who laugh and play all day  
The fun loving counselors who are warm and supportive  
The fiery blaze of an evening campfire  
Tamakwa wonders.

### 49er 4's Last Will and Testament

**Amy Glasser** a diamond, a silencer, Olivia's bed  
**Olivia B.B.** mouthwash, a Fisherman's Delight, a block of cheese  
**Jamie Fine** a broken record, your mom, Torey, a friend from wood shop, a shelf alarm, duct tape  
**Brittany Kaiser** a Clif Bar, a Gameboy, a hamster wheel  
**Danielle Borovoy** a blow dryer, TAPS, the bathroom light  
**Ariel Kowalsky** a dork, PB, the doctor's son  
**Becca Kowalsky** a comfy bed, a neglected Nalgene, "The" Build-a-Bear  
**Jordy Feiger** perfume, a baby, razor & shaving cream, a pair of legs after 13 days  
**Jana Lichtenfeld** stilts, thuggish friends  
**Kyle McIntyre** a certain senior boy whose name rhymes with Cat Forley, an \*NSYNC poster  
**Torey Stonell** a boyfriend on a long, long, TRIP, a diffuser, Jamie, a vampire  
**Lauren Goel** a tape recording of various sleep talkings, a retainer, every so seconds. . the lyrics to TAPS, random, Stop-A, dropping hearts  
**Alicia Baum** Persian rugs, the Kool-Aid Mom, sheep & donkeys, Italians, a sauna, a sister-in-law named Shira  
**Megan Wexler** a plunger, siblings, a hammock

### JSG's Last Will and Testament

**Evany Rosen** three "men" from Bayview, the lyrics to "my husband died in World War 3", band-aids, T.U.L.S. cheer, a special appearance on SNL  
**Alana Faintuch** a certain senior boy (Alex Budman's older brother), a Canadian clothing company, a GOOD sleepy CD, more hemp, a bracelet rubber  
**Sunny Diamond** some "peace and quiet", a bat, duct tape, color coordinated shelves, photo album, 24 Crunchie Bars  
**Jaelyn Jurist** Reid or Creed, Jeremiah, the running man, sanity, a razor & shaving cream, a nose to pick, a real laugh, Monty Python and the Holy Grail  
**Lizabeth Metzger** books, needle & thread, a real laugh, a (clean) hot pot, a football, aloe, a high ropes & kayak award  
**Elise Johnson** a J.S.B. from Chicago, a cheer from "Bring it On", a shrew, a cheering partner  
**Stephanie Levine** sushi, hair gel, a certain red-head C.I.T., a first year Voyager with bleach-blonde hair, sketchbooks  
**Reina Guindi** beer lollipops, a CD en la espanol, dancing shoes  
**Chase Cohl** Justin, Britney, a C.I.T. from Buffalo whose name rhymes with hon wartz, an obsession, suspenders, an Australian accent, Benee Lederer's older brother

**Shoshana Sprague** a little brother, running shoes, another trip to Costa Rica, chocolate, a little green plant

**Haley Pascal** 1..2..21 green mice traps, a sweater to cover up tacky pink top, a new mirror face, an executive Beaver Council position, the guts to complete the Voyager test

**Sarah Peltz** a rather feminine C.I.T. boy who brought a dust buster to camp, skin as black as the night, a thug, a home in the ghetto, Gary Ran's oldest son, and endless supply of ice cream sandwiches

**Dylan Optican** coffee, Lenny K, levitating aliens, three inch apart thighs, every male at camp, blankets

**Carly Gallinger** dance pants, a doctor, a personal chef, short shower, final decision

**Hayley Stahl** Green & Justin, new Adidas sandals, loser siblings, an alarm clock, friends who like you, a new name (Judith)

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE'S DESK

Summer 2001 was an unprecedented year of Camp Tamakwa history. Three men were elected to the camp's highest positions of authority. From there on everyone knew 2001 was going to be a year that could only be described as "Out of Control". As Beaver Council, we attempted to maintain judgement and discretion, yet even our influence went unnoticed. With this in mind, and in the spirit of 2001, Beaver Council presents . . .

#### The Top 10 Events of the Summer Which Makes You Wonder, "Who is in Control?"

10. Arbus as section head
9. 2 Bayview Counselors
8. "Floaters"
7. V-2's zoological service
6. Post-E.R. madness
5. Bayview sneaking to Club Med with Dirty Dog
4. The Dining Hall
3. The odd obsession with jumping off the slope
2. "ETB Night" and Pony's empty threats  
And the #1 event of the summer . . .
1. The sandwich evening program

(Due to Pony's refusal to accept the truth, most of this list has been censored.)

Despite the madness, it was a fun year as Beaver Council.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Guyer, Matthew Orley, Matthew Ran

Bayview Y2K1

### Last Will and Testament

**Seth Rogers** a dictionary, a love triangle, "I'm gonna hurt your feelings"

**Matthew Saretsky** an upward slope, a job at ESPN, a messy area

**Ronnie Brant** a certain JSG, an hour of free-time alone, Czech Mate

**Josh Durbin** a heart attack, a Maxim magazine, a Hawaiian shirt

**Reid Johnson** a Speedo, all the JSGs, a good shave

**Michael Wolf** a story, another gourmet 2-day, a biography of his father

**Matthew Orley** bacon, a dunce, a high tower

**Matthew Ran** a first time, a game plan, a game of staff hockey

**Andrew Sherman** a camper-staff relationship, a walkie talkie, a 2-week plan

**Matthew Budman** "A.F. =", a high award, a bathroom break

**Jonathan Guyer** a late night up, A.B., a camp girlfriend

**Phil Zuker** a new trick, E.R., \$440

**Jay Organek** a loft, a meal to show up for, some hair where it counts

**Jon Wachlarz** a certain JSG, a dislike for Chicago, the ladies man

**Alex Belinsky** strength, beauty, Bayview pride

**Brandon Tobin** a leopard spotted thong, another drag opportunity, an impression

**Paul Blumer** a guest appearance by his brothers, a dancing job

**Mike Fenkell** a pinstripe suit, a new ear, the Bayview gym

**Marc Crane** second skin, E.R., a fire extinguisher

**Brett Borock** Pre-pubescent, FUBU, Ari Stern

**Brandon Schram** a hot sister, a 1st year 49er, a closet to share with Fenkell

**Daniel Berman** a voice, T.I.T., a lacrosse game

**Max Goodman** a certain C.I.T., a safe way to girl's camp, a padded bra

**David Sheiner** Shirah Farber, Brett Borock, Ari Stern

**Dustin Wachler** a brain, a haircut a hot dog

**Jose Bonilla** a tan, a stereotype, the words to Boom-Boom

**Justin Maio** a hearing aid, a boy band, a basketball court, E.R.

**Nolan Sarner** a frisbee golf championship, a triumphant E.R. return, J and D

**Rob Herzig** a clean cabin, a Head Staff position, Amanda Fish

### JSG'S 13 DAY – JULY 2001

**Chase Cohl** A sharpie, a slow-mo camera, a shirt that fits, ladies mad lisp, anti-sun poisoning lotion, an extra chewy bar

**Sarah Peltz** super collector's joust, entertainment extreme visor, a brother from another mother, billybong, leftovers, an extra chewy bar.

**Liz Metzger** a life jacket, pants that fit, a bug hunt, "Pippin", "Into the Woods", psychiatrist chair, tent peg, a job in the opera, a music teacher

**Shoshie Sprague** a shower, a colored shirt, deodorant, perfume, your own canoe, portage story, Citronella oil, a camera

**Jaki Jurist** promable hair, 80's paraphernalia, random tasks, sleeping pills, Jeremiah, a nose to pick, juggernauts

**Alana Faintuch** a songbook, another 13 day, a new route, muzzle, an extra chewy bar, AJ and more boy stories

**Emily Parr** a mirror, biffy box, a morning dip, an army hat, rats, a good siahamba, a bum rock, a real bear, a reasonable voice

**Jodie Kaufman** toilet paper, anti-sweat lotion, bags of candy, a protein bar, camp suds, another trip to Alaska, poem, portage story

**Caroline Florence** automatic camera, Israeli togue, a certain Israeli soldier, army outfit

### CIT's 3-Day Cookout Memories

Get a grill

Random flips

God, I hate when they take initiative

Wi Wish all the women

They need us we don't need them

Go get a grill

Float the food

E Hang the food

Old Macdonald

Henai Matov

H This is the raccoon area

No food

A go get a grill

B witches

T air guitar

Chill in the middle of the lake

E 3 hours back

Mordechai

A happy Isle

L lets get lost

E go get a grill

X go to the site and see if there's a grill . . . oh yeah

See if people are there

CLUB

CITs 2001 – We love you all

XOXOXOXOXO

Dear Kovitz,

As we leave

I walk away from antique violets

That varnish the sky

In lavender spray

Through mist

My hand stretches

You grab it like a Ulac twig

That will not break in the perch of dew

You are there  
But sweetly remain invisible  
I remember, but my shadow is lost  
Words echo through rain  
Falling from sapphire clouds  
They hit the ground  
And splash my face  
My flesh in blue  
I grasp the air, but it is empty  
I fall to the ground  
Shatter like sand  
You sweep me up  
Before the wind  
And together we count our sheep  
In Algonquin kissed skies

You taught me so much in the last two months. I can't begin to describe my feeling for you and what you've created for me. All I can say is thank you. Thank you for your words—they weren't whispered into my ear, but my heart. Your smile warmed my coldest days. You challenged and pushed me and without you I'd be lost. I love you.

Love,  
Little Kovitz (Bails)

### **Pioneer Hardcore Waterlogged 8-Day Memories**

Trip: Sam "Bfyon" Beckerman  
Staff: Erica "Docyon" Schwartzenfeld  
Shana "Tbyon" Valo  
Campers: Sloane "Waterbabyyon" Wolf  
Sophia "Like, really?yon" Fuller  
Melissa "Sonicyon" Gildenberg  
Sara "Bubsyon" Gurza  
Chloe "Staryon" Daniels  
Shanna "Speedyyon" Rifkin

### Memories:

Yonaton, panty hose, crispy balls, wet clothes, HARDCORE  
Cookies  
Indiana Anthony and "Have a nice tit, I mean trip."  
On the flip side, cookie thief, giggly puff  
Canoe drifting away and Sloane jumping in with all of her clothes on to get it.  
Tea parties on portages  
Singing *Rent* and *Little Mermaid*  
Double headed twig bug eating through the tent  
One the edge  
If it's not on me, don't ask.  
Salami man  
Jelly, peanut butter, mustard and cheese on bagels, daily  
Seeing the pioneer 10 day.  
Canoe flipping with the staff's clothes in it.  
Finding Sam's tweezers in the canoe  
Tweezer parties  
Seeing a moose  
How How to that, or How How to you!!!  
Camping with the JSGs.  
Doing a 10 day in 8  
Doing a 3,315m portage.  
Len saying we were HARDCORE  
Omg. There's a bomb in the bathroom  
Going to the P Store and O store  
HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE!

### Theme Song

"Yona, Yonaton, crispy balls, pantyhose, . . . Hardcore . . . wet clothes!"  
I will never forget this trip and I hope you won't either! I love all of the 8-day girls!  
Love Always,  
Sloane

**Senior Girls 2001 49er 5's  
Last Will and Testament**

**Cait Colson** Mr. Felsen, Boyfriend from home, a bed in field, Danger

**Maddie Diamond** Time baum, Diamond ring, R.W. Blow Dryer, Mirror Images, bikini Nair, cucumber, a hip

**Shirah Farber** Bunny or a wolf, a fork or a spoon, random nights, spaz attack, plaid shirt

**Tara Forman** Ranger Joe, Golden summer, a last night of camp, " ", Colour War

**Tamara Glick** an ugly rich kid, permanent bed in Happy Isle, pistol or a gun, an old habit, a certain phobia, stacking Bayview

**Ali Greene** camera, sunscreen, bum denial, perfect hair, another senior girl summer

**Tamara Grundland** hover, a spot on the porch, spot on SNL, don't steal my bit, a black sweater

**Sarah Jacobs** a gay uncle, a lump of coal, 1<sup>st</sup> shower, a pole, a hip, trips to Bayview

**Jenna Kraft** a will or a way, red and black, punk rocker, more piercings, a tear or a phone call home, another trip home

**Charley Levitan** Ran away from the baseball Diamond, knee pads, pretty, pretty princess, crutches, Danger

**Michelle Ruby** Opeongo, a doll, a re-supply, a pony, mustard or mayo

**Ruby Wohl** first month of camp, a time out, a favorite little boy, Austin towers, you scared

**Carly Glickman** diet Dr. Pepper, a rabbi or a Kantor, dancing, vertical limit, Jon Guyer, the perfect husband

**Karen Leve** Andrew Sherman, a sunny shore, vertical limit, diet Dr. Pepper, dishes, J. Spev

**CIT's 2001**

**WE WILL MISS. . .**

Each other!  
Kovitz  
Truth or Dare  
We've never. . .  
Town night  
The O.P.P. experience  
Chocolate body fudge  
Breakfast with Libby  
Party in Vic's cabin  
Chill party in Kovitz's cabin  
Skinny dipping  
Porch chilling  
Deep thoughts  
Capture the flag  
Camp radio  
Post E.R. parties  
Skinny dipping  
Tattooing Spev, Lederer, and Jon Boy  
Searching for Jon Boy's boxers  
Dreading Jamie Davis' hair  
Torturing Shoggy  
Staff Rec. dance-a-thons  
Zucker's banana noises  
Thunder Road  
Moulin Rouge and Star Wars  
Schmooze meetings  
Loft movies  
Dirty dog with Kovitz  
Sleepovers with Kovitz  
SNL with Jon Linden  
Jesse's vitamins  
Jebus Cris  
Roller coaster rides  
Loft visit from nurse #2 and Brett  
Honorary CIT, Mark Cooper

**CIT's 2001**

**WE WILL NOT MISS. . .**

Meetings  
Land duty  
Gilbert the hare

Silverstein  
Camper/staff rumors  
Lost and found  
Servings  
Meetings  
God Save Me's  
Land duty  
Meetings  
Vic's "tent" talk  
Sitting at the landing until 1:30 in the morning  
Land duty  
Finding out we're leaving on canoe trip the night before at 9:30  
Schmooze meetings  
Mini-color war break  
Shore and his paddle  
Jesse's pill bag  
Music wars  
Kraft's snoring  
Sam's dreams

**Senior Women's Eco-Challenge  
15-Day 2001  
Last Will and Testament**

**Judges:**

**Marla Brand** Anthony, long lasting canoe, 5<sup>th</sup> 15 day, the Snatch, Eco-challenges

**Ashley Greenspoon** a joke, every 10 seconds, elephants and moose, squirrel munk, Spain, conceited, Jordan Glick

**Karen Leve** bad canoe, these are the Mikes I know, none moving canoe, Solway's letters, beauty day

**Contestants:**

**Tamara Grundland** bug net, Golden God, simplicity of Algonquin, Cancun stories, Ben, portaging alone, bathing suit bottoms

**Maddie Diamond** promable, re-supply quiz, canoe letter, high falls, cramps, bug net, Nalgene

**Shirah Farber** snakes, "special" cabbage patch doll, a tan, stories, David, portaging with Karen, boxers

**Tamara Glick** Hardcore, bug bracelets, sing and dance, respiration, a lesson

**Sarah Jacobs** blood shirt, a new shirt, cute kisses, ming T.I.T., a map

**Tara Forman** bug crazy, spaz, faces, bug, fire making, practice makes perfect, bug, tent lesson, bug