



BEAVER CUTTINGS 2003

I Will Not Miss

By Vic Norris

1. Alex Winfield calling me "sir"
2. Brandon Lederer's verbal slippage during services
3. Ally Basen's canoe trip departure first session
4. Staff departures
5. Josh Lavine's shrek planning
6. Pre-camp staff issues
7. Preparing & giving so many pre-camp presentation
8. Avigian's Christmas song
9. Visiting day logistics
10. Making the last out in the staff can-am games
11. Scott Kantors food talk
12. Pre-camp season medical issues
13. GSM food & serving discussions
14. Facial appliances at camp
15. Long trip camper selections
16. Guarding Joe in staff basketball
17. Sud's checking game
18. Neon lights in Bayview
19. The gong show
20. Canceling inter-camp
21. Jake issues
22. Being criticized for my Beaver cuttings articles
23. Slow to start medley water boiling
24. Scott's earrings

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1. Alex Winfield calling me "sir"
2. Staff hockey. Thank you Purdie
3. Staff Hockey
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5. My "cabin". One of the best H.S. groups ever
6. Senior boys, senior girls & JT's in my cabin
7. Vanilla candles
8. Coffee on my porch with Marilyn
9. Ari Bale as a camper
10. The camp nursery. Max, Jessica, Ari & Yafa
11. Danny Bittkers daily hellos and questions
12. Alex Stringer in the voyageur test
13. Getting Noah & Evan to relax in the canoe for the voyageur test
14. Long canoe trips
15. 13 year olds on 13-day trips
16. SARS screening questionnaires
17. Whiffle home run derby hobby hub
18. My cabin talk well RS second session

19. Orthodontic "repairs"
20. This years PM voyageur test
21. Cooking hot dogs with Craig
22. Campers & staff from Israel, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, England, Italy, the Bahamas
23. Khalid's turban & how how's
24. Laughs at our dining room table
25. Tamakwa's cutest campers: Max Norris & Yafa Bale
26. Golden & Silver days
27. Camp bar & bat mitzvahs
28. The 2003 activity leaders. What a great group of people
29. Camp triathlons
30. New pine ring decks on Robbie's & Boy's hill

JT's

By Candi Sherman

It's 2am Sunday morning and I haven't yet written my article for the Beaver Cuttings. It's not like me to procrastinate so why am I doing so this year? I guess the obvious reason is that by writing this article I am acknowledging that the summer of 2003 has come to a close, a reality I do not wish to accept. It means that I won't be woken up at 7:30 each morning by the sound of tetherball matches, now will I walk through the dining hall calling out "Coffee, fresh coffee, who wants!" and filling the cups of my regular customers like Basen and Alex. I won't be checking cabin clean up, handing out pop or being the "Tuck Princess." No more tootsie frootsie at the beach or JT swim. No more good night hugs and kisses to and from 6 JT cabins. No more DIRTY DOG!!! Yes the reality is that the summer of 2003 has come to an end but the fantastic memories and wonderful friendships created over the past 2 months will carry me through the year.

This summer, of course, would not have been the success that it was without the hard work and dedication of the best staff I have had the honor to work with. Thank you Lori, Bailey, Lauren, Jenna, Ruby, Solway, Zoë, Jim, Sud, Matt, Spoon, Jordan and Shayn. I could not do my job without the support you all give me. I hope I told you enough times during this summer what a great job you did, but just in case I didn't let me say it once more. Your hard work, devotion to your kids and dedication to you jobs was impressive. Your energy was continuous and your drive to ensure that each one of your campers had an incredible camp experience was awesome. I love working and playing with all of you. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all that you do for the kids.

To my cabin, I thank you all for your friendship throughout the summer. Scotty, It's so much fun watching you play with the kids. You have that "special something" that all the campers, young and old, find hard to resist. There's no question that the kids love you and respect you – you were great again this summer. Thanks for taking care of my kid too! Jamie we warned you that the rangers were one of the most challenging sections in camp and you rose to the challenge and conquered it. The rangers were a united team under your capable guidance. I have always enjoyed our summer together, having you in the "head staff cabin" made this summer even better. Of all the hats you wear at camp, the ranger section head was a perfect fit.! Thanks for watching over Ben too.

Jillian, I was excited I heard you were going to be Pioneer section head. I have always admired your style. It was a real treat to get to know you better this summer and share our desserts. Hartsy, as always, your programming was superb. Thanks for always watching out for my JT's. I know that mine and there summers would not have been as fun, organized and zany without your loving touch. To my girlfriends She, Libs & Marilyn. I can't imagine a summer without any of you. I love our schmooze times, one support group and our fin together. Libs thanks for Mondays across the lake, Mark thanks for the nightly news, She thanks for everything! Girls' rock!

Vic, Dave & Craig. Thanks for having me back once again. I love my job and love working with all of you. Vi, your positive support is always welcomed and appreciated. Thanks for putting your faith in me and allowing me to do "my thing" here yet again. Dave, it was a pleasure having Ari in the JT section and watching you watch him all summer! You were the perfect dad/director and Ari thrived because of that. Craig, you kept the team together like a pro. Thanks for a great summer

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A Few Quick Notes from the Ranger Section Head

By Jamie Kudlats

Last fall, as I was thinking about returning for my 15th summer at camp, I couldn't quite decide what jobs I wanted to do. In 14 years, I had been a camper for 8, a specialist for 1, an activity leader for 2, and the assistant program director for 3. Those roles had been great, but lately something was missing from my camp experience. I was sitting in my classroom in Atlanta, I looked around the room, and I realized that I knew all of my students pretty well. Being with the kids was what was missing from my last few summers at Tamakwa. So, I decided to return as the Ranger section head. There were some difficult times, but the kids made it all worthwhile.

As I sit thinking about the workload that I'm going to have when I get back to Atlanta. (I should have been at work 3 weeks ago), I'm also reflecting on my first summer as a section head. Firstly, my naptime this summer was almost non-existent as opposed to my last three summers as asst. program director. If you don't believe me, ask Spevick. He slept from lunch until dinner every day. I enjoyed not having to worry about night duty, tower duty, super duty, the dining hall and more importantly GUY. This summer was much better without the duty grid.

2003 was the most challenging, but the most fun summer of the last 15. I have a number of people to thank for that. First, Vic & Dave – I've always appreciated your support and I thank you for continuing to give me the opportunity to come back every year. Craig – your terrible sense of humor and constant criticism made me want to do better (and hit you). Les – it was great to work with you

once again on all those special programs. I do regret not spending enough time sitting with you and pointing out various character flaws. Candi & Sheila – thanks for all the guidance and advice this summer. I couldn't have done it without you guys. Jill – well, we were thrown to the wolves once again. Thanks for being there – it was great to have someone going through the same stuff. Now, my roommate, Scott. What can I say? Living with you was probably the most interesting of all my camp experiences. Wouldn't have wanted to live with anyone else, though. Marilyn – thanks for your sense of humor, for pointing me in the right direction more times than I can count. Stringer – once again, thanks for everything. It was a real pleasure working with you on everything from Camp radio to all those "secret" things. My best friend Alex the music guy – it was great to spend another summer up here with my best friend. I still think you should take that stupid thing out of your eye when we get back to Atlanta. To everyone else that I got too lazy to write about – thanks for helping to make my summer so great.

Now – the most important part of my summer – THE RANGERS! You guys were the reason I came back this summer. Ranger/Pioneer campfire, dances, evening paddles with Dave, coming to visit me in the radio station, drama plays, ranger swim, late night shreks, long trips and of course Ranger dodge ball!!! All of those things helped to make my summer! I hope you guys have a great school year – and don't forget to keep in touch!

Lastly – to my staff: this will be short. For both of you! Thanks so much for your hard work and support. We had some tough times, but we got through them, thanks to you. You are great counselors, and it was easy to see that the kids had a great summer. Thanks for everything! I couldn't have done it without you! If you're ever passing through Atlanta, you've always got a place to stay! Take care, have a great year, and keep in touch.

To everyone, thanks again. Have a great year, and I hope to see you all in 2004!!

See you soon,
Jamie

Pioneers 2003

By Jillian Glickman

We are the pioneers and we live in a hut and if you don't believe us just watch us shake our...

I have to start off by thanking everyone in camp, especially all of my section, staff and campers, for making my transition into pioneer section head enjoyable and effortless. I have had an amazing summer spending time with and getting to know each and every one of you. How could I forget cabins talks, watching movies, teaching dances, slumber parties, doing the cha-cha, Algonquin birthday parties, hanging out with my staff, and of course, all of my time spent talking to Nan on the phone. You are amazing girls with extra-ordinary qualities. I have had a great time hanging out with all of you and acting like the pioneers that I truly am.

I'm still surprised that I was offered this position, I need to thank Vic, Dave, Craig and the rest of the head staff for giving me this opportunity and helping me figure it out along the way.

Thanks to everyone for making the summer of 2003 such a memorable one. I wish everybody the best in the future

- Jilly

Voyageurs

By Scott Kantor

After successfully completing my under graduate degree from the University of Hartford this spring I decided to decline job offers to many well respected and highly competitive communications firms. Instead, I chose to return to Camp Tamakwa for yet another summer of staff hockey, bacon & eggs and lobster on Monday afternoons. Oh yeah and to be the voyageur section head. Most of my time was spent this summer confiscating hot pots, chasing my boys around boy's camp and maintaining order in the dining hall.

For the second year in a row I had an amazing summer representing the V-unit. It was a fun packed summer filled with blazing campfires, trucker hats, wristbands and long trips. I could not ask for a better group of guys to live vicariously through. I love you guys like a big boned kid loves cake. I would also like to thank my staff especially my junior counselors. I will take full credit as you senior counselors in Bayview four summers ago into making you the young responsible men you are today. My senior counselors what can I say? You guys take care of business. Once again thanks for an amazing summer. Study hard and be gentlemen this winter. Okay!

- Scotty

49ers

By Sheila Tyner

R-o-w-d-i-e that's the way we spell rowdie, so Sheila be a dear and ask us back next year as CIT's, pretty please can we have campfire, 49er's, 49er's rah-rah-rah. Your cheers ring over and over in my head and make me smile! How lucky I am that I have had the opportunity to lead the best section in camp! I want you all to know how special you are to me! Our section is the most spirited, the craziness, the sweetest and definitely the strongest, unified section in camp! Bottom line is...I am proud of all of you, as individuals, cabin mates and a section. This year is a milestone for me. Just 4 years ago you all were my pioneers and now I am proud to say we have all grown together as 49ers I admit you have frustrated me, made me cry, and I have asked myself over & over what I am doing here, but overall you have warmed my heart, made me proud of your accomplishments, and most of all lucky to experience your Tamakwa world with. I know I am sometimes, (well maybe to often) your mom, but most of you take my over protectiveness with stride and realize I am just looking out for your best interest.

As I sit in main camp watching you all works as a team for color war, looking at your smiling faces, watching staff member guide the kids, listening to the piano play, the office door continuously opening & closing and people walking around cheering I realize that Camp Tamakwa is our own world. No matter what goes on in the real world it just doesn't matter here. I realize how lucky I am lucky to be a part of it. Just so you know Tamakwa has come to be a place for me to watch you all grow, to ensure you have fun, but mostly a place where we all can be young and enjoy ourselves as we are. I would never have been able to accomplish any of this without my amazing staff. So, how how to all of you: Shu-wei, Nicki, Corrine, Erica, Tamara, Colette, Sarah, Alexis, Jordi, Ally, Ali, Sam, Shelley, Maddie and Shirah – Thank you – thank you – thank you! CIT's, I wouldn't forget you, you played a huge role in helping the 49ers summer a smashing success! It has been a fabulous summer. I have enjoyed being your section head and friend. Have a great school year; work hard and hopefully we will all be together again next year. Until then...remember I LOVE YOU and I am always your section head no matter where you are! Hugs and kisses – She-moo, Sheels, and just plain old Sheila.

Oh yeah...how could I forget to thank my cabin. Thanks for the laughs, jokes, shoulders to lean on, ears to listen to, meetings of the look-out, pub & baby Bonita, napkins for everyone, vitamins, special sauce and salad dressing sharing and much more. I will miss all of you, but hopefully we will all work together again. Special thanks to Marilyn & Sara you always helped me with everything!

This would be complete without recognizing my family: Mallory & Gillian I am so lucky to watch you from a far love a place as much as me. I am so proud of all your accomplishments. Thanks Candi, Jillian and counselors for making my girls have the time of their lives. Ricky, what can I say? I know how difficult it is to be away from us, but honestly thank you for your support, love & devotion to something that means so much to me. I love you to the moon & back and all around the world one hundred billion trillion & then a whole lot more!

I will miss

- The 49ers making history by sending out 3 13-days, 2 15-days and an 18-day all in one summer
- The senior girls calling me she-she moo-moo
- The JSG calling me Sheels
- Tie Dying on the art deck-o
- Our 1st campfire at Robby's point
- 3 brand new senior counselors taking our long trips
- Michael & Matt's cookies
- Solway & Lori convincing me who their favorite campers truly are
- Dacing with 49er 1&2
- Making sure Elyse Saretsky is having the best summer ever
- Barge Bombing
- Movies at Vic's
- Shu-wei's constant hugs & love
- Counting on all my staff for help & complete commitment
- Special head staff snack
- Marilyn taking care of Desi & Stringer ruining his good behavior
- Hartsy hugs
- Cheering in the dining hall

- Still being Jillian's section head
- All of nurse Becca's devotion
- Going to Libby's on Monday with the gang
- Talks on Vic's porch with Candi & Vic
- Dave's support
- Sitting between Jamie & Hartsy
- Craig's Yo & listening ear
- Scott's bling-bling – hollar & hair do's

I will not miss

- Cabin clean up & re-clean up
- Lice & lice shampoos
- Telling everyone over & over again to be quiet
- Canceling campfire
- Always having to pass everything & refill
- Mosquitoes, black flies and no-see-ums
- All my black & blue marks
- The hot stuffy dining hall and its noise
- Flick-flick
- Selling clothing
- Camper letters

CIT's 2003

By Libby Sadick Von Neuman

As our banquet night approaches, I can't help but think that they, the CIT's '03, picked a very apt theme. They really were award winners & not just at activities. They helped with cabin coverage, they staff canoe trips both short & long and they coursed the land of duties plus, a lot of other duties too. They were tentative at first about their new role at camp, but progressed well over the course of the summer. I feel they finally learned the lesson of making together and huge "SNAPS" to all twenty-eight CIT's! It was a fun and bizarre and town night, the likes of which we will probably never see again...all four feet of it! Alicia, Zack, Daniel, Olivia, Ari, Alana, Jordy, Jamie, Carly, Perry, Jackie, Mikey, Sol, Ariel, Josh, Ryan, Dylan, Mo (Matt), Haley, Sarah, Sam (ducky-mutter), Evany, Peter (Salty-B!), Brandon, Ari, Hayley, Torey & Dustin I want to thank you all for volunteering without knowing what you were volunteering for and for helping when needed. This was the first time for me doing this job and I hope I was O.K. Sorry for any mistakes I made, but we all learned some new lessons this summer! Have a great year and remember; "stand together, support each other and you will be a mountain nobody can move." – *Tamany Hall*

Love,
Libs

Swim

By Joe Grondin

Swim dock 2003! What can be said? We had a great summer. We soaked up the sun and cooled down with all the rain. We finally got through the white cap tests only to start them over again. We awarded the impenetrable fence and fought to work check-in. We listened to some Chillax tunes while working on our tans. We spent our day oiling up (what do you mean SPF 4, how am I supposed

to get a tan with that?), exchanging profound knowledge (no way she hooked up with him too!) and trying to remember to wear our sweet neon orange pizza, pizza hats. Thanks again Craig those things are fabulous. We taught a few lessons and ran some boot camp. We had a lucky #13 swim to the highway, way to go ladies! We had treasure swims, triathlons and even a cook out (yeah V4). Between all the good times and bad we became a team, and we made some memories we won't soon forget.

I'd like to thank all the staff that helped out, the staff that hung out, and of course all the kids who make this place. I would also like special thanks to all the swim staff. A permanent imprint on my life, I wish you guys all the best in you future endeavors and may our paths in life have us meet up again.

To all Tamakwans: may you grow old never getting over what an oasis you have found and may your days provide you many a moment to chillax

Joe Swim - 2003

Archery

By Phil Hare

And so the year ends. And what a year it has been. Lots of people came out to archery. We had many different targets up like: the daredevil poster, the hulk poster, bay blade and of course the Billy pot.

I would like to congratulate everyone who earned an award this summer and I'm sad that they all can't go on the plaque. I would like to also give dishonorable mention to Adam Heller for being the most annoying camper. I'm glad that I came back for another year the atmosphere is filled with positive energy and friendly faces. This year I was surprised by a large increase in attendance over last year. There were also many more girls coming out this year many of whom got mid or high level awards. I would really like to congratulate Dana Schiebe, Michael Katchen and Evan Shorr on achieving their highest award in archery.

That's all from me! Thanks to my staff Jim Giannarapis and my CIT's: Zack Belberg, Solomon Klien and Michael Katchen.

Phil (D-blotch) Hare

Ropes

By Kerri O'Donnell

Ready to climb! We heard that a lot this summer in the ropes course. We had a very busy summer "hangin' out" with a bunch of kids, both on the climbing wall and the ropes course. We found ourselves surrounded by JT's all day everyday, with the occasional visit from the pioneers and rangers. We even sent some of our advanced kids zipping through the forest on our zip line.

We were always surrounded by smiles and laughs in the ropes course, and even experienced some screams of fear? Maybe delight! Thanks to all those who kept Colin and Kerri Ropes smiling!

Sail 2003

By Aaron Rosenhaus

We have had a stupendous summer down at the sail docks, the music always flowing, the kids smiling, and the sun sometimes showing. Although Warcorda did not bless South Tea with clown out winds our sailors still gave it there all in earning awards and regattas won. I couldn't have made any of this possible without my helpful sail staff. Ali Schram, Adam Epstein, Mike Cantor, Shirah Farber, Jeff Greenspoon, Erica Grand, from the bottom of my heart I thank you. This summer the CIT's have been wonderful, learning the basic knowledge of sailing and in turn becoming vital members of the sailing staff. This year a few individuals worked very hard all summer to earn the highest sailing award at camp, the first class skipper racer. This year recipient of the most prestigious sail award is Max Smith, thank you for your help, dedication, and supply of tanning oil down at the sail docks. A special thank you to Brandon Lederer for his great support and guidance through the summer months. I had a great time this summer and hope to see you all on the sail docks next year. I leave you all with one little saying to keep you warm in the cold winter's eye. Sail 2003...where your dreams come true and your fantasies run wild!!!

Canoe

By Dara Gallinger

As the summer comes to an end, I can't help but look back on it and see another successful seasons down at the canoe docks. Jam-packed periods, more campers than ever before getting their 'B' Canoeists, and a dedicated Voyager class made this year down at the docks very exciting and enjoyable. Before I continue I just want to take a moment to thank my staff. Jordan, Jeremy, Ally, Jon, Emily, Matthew B, Matt S, Ambrose; thank you so much for everything. Not only for your help down in the docks, but also for your friendship. Having good friends work for you can sometimes be complicated but you guys made it so easy and so enjoyable and it was definitely the highlight of my summer. I would also like to thank my CIT's; Brandon, Daniel, Jordy, Sarah, Haley S, Ari, hackie, Sol, Josh, Hayley P, Alana, Michael, and Dustin; you were all a good addition to the docks and your help did not go unnoticed. I couldn't have done it without you guys and I would recommend each and every one of your to work on canoeing next summer.

I will miss list

- So many of my close friends on my staff
- Matt Budman: Associate Director
- Two weeks with Jordy
- Plisner & Stahl (dedication & devotion)
- Budman's mini
- Max Arons 'bum dance'
- Ketai's loving canoeing
- Breakfast club!
- Voyageur cookout with Grundland, Rory & James
- The weather the first 2 weeks of Camp
- Ally just being here AND going on 18-day
- Gillian Tyner being an awesome paddler

- Visiting day paddling with the Sherman's
- Adam Ketai & Scott Schlafer getting their 'B' Canoeist on visiting day during canoe demo
- Period one with Jordan Baum
- Berman's Com-back
- Date's with Sunny

Thanks for a wonderful summer. See you all in 2004!

Outdoor Fun

By Chael MacArthur

Trails are meant to be hiked with as little effort as possible and without desire. When you are restless speed up. When you are exhausted slow down. When speed is no longer a factor each footstep steps being a means to an end, the step becomes an event in itself. At this point you begin to see things: this jagged leaf, that old leaning birch, the young sapling growing from the root of a fallen spruce. There is finally enjoyment, rather than an endless task; the trek becomes a beautiful journey.

This is the message I gave to all of those who accompanied me on hikes over the summer. It is a lesson that takes a long period of consideration and thought to fully accept. The acceptance of this promise into trekking and daily life will make every task, every journey, and every goal pleasurable to complete and achieve. Love the journey; it will make the end that much better. Every living thing deserves life; don't forget the green when all you see is gray.

Peace, Chael

Drama

By Jessie Fraser

So, I showed up at camp, never done that before! Pre-pre camp, pre-camp...camp! Oh my God! What have I gotten myself into? Breathe; Wizard of Oz, okay, I can do this! Lollypops and lullabies, ruby slippers and broomsticks. Olivia hanging from the rafters, Toto prancing about stage. Had a huge grin on my face, it was awesome! Oh oh, I have to do another one! Hey, girls, listen up! Listen up! WILL YOU BE QUIET! Okay, now SING! Talking cannibal plant! Orley rocked the house a nervous twitch makes the dentist the real ELVIS pimp. PHEW! Done...wait, we got more? Okay, something different then...the PMS what? No, no, no the HMS Pinafore! Huh? (Sigh) Okay, have you ever seen the Simpson's? Yes! The one where sideshow Bob kidnaps Bart on the boat? YEAH! And he sings all those songs? Well those are the songs from this play! Ooooh! Stage looked like a boat, sails and everything. You all learnt the songs & even if no one in the audience got the show you guys did & that rocks! So, last show...Guys & Dolls well as I write it hasn't happened yet but I'm sure – I mean, I know (at least I hope) it'll go well...we've finally got a script at least. Anyways, no matter what it's been a great summer. Everyone in all shows worked their butts off and it really showed. Bailey, Indian summer the musical is waiting for you. Alex, you were a doll-you learnt to sight-read! Absolutely couldn't have done it without you. See you next summer...?

Windsurf

By Rob Herzig

How fun in the summertime...more like...cold fun in the ah...um...was it winter of summer? Anyways, I'd like to thank all that helped me out down at the docks in what was my inaugural summer as Windsurf director. Here's to Guyer, Tamara, Sam Flo, Mamat, Baum and Cantor. Alexis and Sophie, keep up the limited movement. Special thanks goes out to Ali Scram for being passed around the wind sports this summer. As well, thanks to Scott and Spevick for the help on the busy (and low staffed) days. CIT's you guys rocked.

To the kids: First month was windy and second month was very calm, but you stuck with it, pulled through and became confident windsurfers. Here's to the DVD class of '03: Holz, Bals, Albanese and Shiff. What's a windsurf DVD without Na'i? Thanks again for everyone who came down, you made my summer. I hope you learned as much from my teaching as I learned from every single one of you. Now for some awards:

Most improved windsurfer – Alex Shiff

Most valuable windsurfer – Stephanie Gooel

Most annoying staff –Guyer

Worst putt-putt driver – Guyer

Most likely to be that Dad who makes bad jokes. So bad that you warn your friends before you invite them to your house – Guyer

Where were you all summer? – Dan Baum

Most missed staff – Tamara, Sam Flo, Sophie

Best Staff – Steve Mamat

And if there's one thing I can leave you with for the year, go download the song, "one with freaks" by the Notwist. You will not regret it. See you next summer.

Landsports '03

By Jeff Avigian

Another year has past and this one was more fun than the last. I can honestly say this summer was so much fun it seems as if I didn't even work. Thanks to all the Rangers who made whiffle ball exist. Even know there was a lack of Intercamp we still had a lot of competitive activities such as the Ranger baseball tournament, Voyager and Ranger basketball tournament & JT dodge ball. Congratulations to many campers who received their high awards in basketball and volleyball. This year wouldn't have been as successful if it were not for my staff.

Steve Shore – My right hand man, I never made a decision without you. I can't thank you enough for all the advice you gave me.

Nicki – You were the best first year staff anyone could ever wish for

Solway – Camp is doing a disservice by only having you on my staff one period a day you do in one period then most people do all day

Lauren Mallin – Thank you for all your help with the soccer program. You're a great person

Jordy Thomas – Thank you for reminding me how hard you worked

Jenna Kraft – You practically ran landsports this year. You're a great person don't ever change

Josh Diamond – You whine like a little girl but I still love you

Carly Fidler – You are the best I will miss you this winter

Adam Epstein – It was a tragic day in landsports history when you get switched to sailing

Special guests – Danny Kaufman – I miss the mornings we spent together. O're the land of the free.

To all the CIT's – Thanks for your hard work you had a great leader in Libby

To head staff – Thanks for everything you have done for me. Just remember Santa Claus is coming to town, or at least he's going over on the pointer.

To Hayley Stahl & Sarah Peltz – Thanks for making my summer more enjoyable.

Peace, I'm almost out of here, the clock is running out.

Clart? Arcla? Clayart? Artclay? Whatever **By Sarah Bothwell**

It's been a great summer at both arts and crafts and clay and there's a ton of people to thank. First off my fantastic clay staff: Galia Sarner (you are one of the kindest people I have ever had the privilege to know), Amanda Kemeny (Yisker and Borg...who knew?), and a stellar team of CITs including Carly Gallanger, Alysha Baum, Josh Levine (the only person to attempt making a chess set on the wheel. You are insane.) and Haley Pascal (yes, we miss you). Equally amazing were my art staff: Fran (all I can say is you are the best.), Emily Kaufman and Brittany Gersh (do you guys ever stop smiling?), Hannah Wizman (you were lovely) and Lori (You're a fantastic person despite the fact that you think Eminem's "hot").

Many deemed this summer in clay to be the most successful in recent memory, what with the kiln not breaking and all. Hundreds of projects were fired and many kids went home with finished pottery pieces. All the kids were great, and among them were some exceptional clay students. These campers were (in no particular order): Haley Gordon (Gordo, you received your clay master, master potter and tile master all in one summer...amazing job!), Seth Feldman (Clay Master), Jake Schneider (Clay Master), Sydney Milgram (I loved your owl), Daniel Blumer, Scotty Schlaffer, Ben Robinson, Jonah Folbe, Noah Seel, Jonah Adelman, Matthew Tukle, Ari Bale, Fred Chimienti, Ilil Aroch (thanks for all your help), Joelle Hecker (Clay Master), Katie Wallace (Clay Master), Stephanie

Cohen, Michelle Gooel, Sydney Sakwa, as well as Danny Kaufman and his Bayview boys.

Last but not least, I'd like to thank Sara and Melissa for being such great friends and cabin mates this summer (I think you guys would agree that we really lucked out).

All the best and I hope to see you next summer!

-Sarah Clay

Woodshop

By Ric Von Neuman

Wood was good
Great things were made by all
Wood was good
Haley did not Sta(h)ll
Wood was good
Paddle making would not halt
Wood was good
Peter was more than work this Salt(sman)
Wood was good
Nail were hammered by him & her
Wood was good
All were said, thanks to Jordy Feiger
Wood was good
Sometimes hard to cope
Wood was good
Peter, thanks much, you gave lots for (H)ope
Wood was great
Next year we'll do more
So see you all in 2004

Half-Court

By Khalid Ahmed

At the beautiful setting of camp Tamakwa in Algonquin Park, an amazing summer '03 of ½ court tennis took place. The courts were continually packed throughout the 8-week activity period, & even during silver rainy days, everyone enjoyed playing tennis, since the ½ courts provide safe grounds compared to the rest of landsports.

We had successful season/program that included awards, skill improvement and matches (tournaments). I had a great mix of staff, SC's & JC's plus a rotation of a CIT every two weeks. Most campers do love for enjoying playing ½ court. Five minutes before every activity period throughout the summer, kids will line-up to get the so-called "good racquets". Moreover, the individual choice sign-up every week, showed me how these campers are attached and eager to play.

Also, there was lots of intensity among campers to earn mid & high level awards as well as the "expert" one. Finally, the awards announcements after lunch had a great influence on the popularity of ½ court awards and the big how how's.

In-line 2K3

By Kevin Purdie

As another golden summer comes to a close, the inline hockey program is at its everest-esque peak. My staff this summer was top notch. Danny Kaufman once again showed how to manage the rink like Gordon Bombay. Dave Diamond and first-month all star Eric Goodman graced the platform with their radiating presence 1st, 2nd and 3rd period. My CIT's this summer were also stellar. Special thanks goes to Dustin Wachler, Jamie Fine, Sam Perlmutar, Brandon Schram, and the legend – Daniel Berman.

In a summer of golden days, for golden individuals emerged into greatness. The recipients of the prestigious gold blade were Connor Sakwa, Dakota Sherman, Chase Rogers, and Austin Tobin. Each of these individuals showed skill, determination and dedication to the Hockey program. Another group of kids who exhibited the paragon of dedication are Iulme 2003's "rink rats." Along with the gold blade recipients they are Mike Greene, Harrison Slavner, Adam Ketai, Josh Ketai and Jake Fine.

With golden days came golden opportunities. Rest hour hockey became quite the event with more battles and breathtaking action than ever. Also, an Intercamp team of epic proportions was put together to take on any camp that dared challenge the Tuff-Beavers. Captains Dustin Wachler and Brandon Schram along with star net winder Josh Forman led a team with endless potential. However, the sun went away when we needed it most and the skies opened up, forcing the game to be cancelled. Despite the weather, my Intercamp team had a lot of fun this summer.

Overall, we had an amazing summer down at the rink. I hope to keep the good time rolling again next summer. Have a great year, and always keep your stick down. Big up.

Kayak

By Jacob Slan

If last year's kayak program was defined by a record number of new kayakers, this summer was definitely about the new rollers. Elder Eric Dresner busied himself teaching Josh Solomon an extended roll, while Katie Dresner became the youngest camper ever to complete her high award. Katie Cohen, Emily Strauss, Jenna Sakwa, Melissa Gildenberg & Allison Vanek all came down period after period after period after period dead set on mastering a roll. A new record for the fastest learner was set by Morgan Kozek; four attempts until she succeeded with her half roll, with a full roll following soon after. That's not to say the girls were the only ones learning to roll. David Blumer, Adam Klien, Danny Bittker, Alex Stringer and Max Arons worked their rolls in any weather, often three or more times a day! Returning from his day trip, the first words Eric Gendal spoke to me were "I'm coming down first period tomorrow to work on my roll."

Speaking of trips, Len managed to slip a kayak overnight into the mix. Afers one through six, Alaina Farber, Ally Florence, Rebecca Baskin, Andrew Luckoff, David Kowalsky, and Max Eisenberg never stopped smiling while thinking up more nicknames and cheers than most long trips can claim. Other smiling faces included the Trailblazer crew of Brenna Gildenberg, Carly Simko, and Gillian Tyner, hardly missing a period as they worked their way steadily through awards.

Jacob Levy Flew through his Yaker 3, as Ryan Grosinger and Stephanie Gladstone got their first taste of kayaking and couldn't get enough.

I would be remiss if I ended this without thanking my staff. Josh, Olivia, Dan, Evany, Ari, Perry, Hayley and Sam were a great boost to the program and as skilled a group of CIT's as I can remember. Shelly, Colette, and Ambrose were by far the most "qualified" kayak staff ever, even teaching me a few tricks along side the campers. We made a solid team. The final mention goes out to Daniel Bayefsky who polished off his Yaker four and in the same period started practicing trick rolls for his specialist. One last thought: if you ever find yourself attempting twenty consecutive Eskimo rolls for a couple hundred people on the slope don't forget to take a breath before starting!

- Jake Kayak

The Year of 18

By Brandon Lederer

The summer has come to a close and for me this was a memorable one. So many things helped to make it one that I will not soon forget. This is my 18th straight summer here at Tamakwa. This magical place has been and always will be my home away from home. We all love it while we are here and long for it when we are not.

There are many reasons why I returned this summer. Here are a few, one, was to go on a long trip. Another was to fulfill a promise made to my boys, that I would be their senior boy counselor. I have been a staff member at Tamakwa for 8 summers and during that time. I have had the distinct & rare pleasure of having the same kids for six summers. I have watched them grow from 9 years of age till now with amazement. I have never looked at them or any of my kids as campers rather as friends. During this time, and by returning this summer it made me feel more like a father figure sending his kids off to college. This was something that I had to do. We have shared many amazing moments over the years from long trips, to cookouts, stacking games, shreks, laughter, tears & handing out at home. I cannot wait to continue the friendships for another 6 years & beyond. Fellas of '03, from the bottom of my heart I want to thank-you for the best summer that I have ever known. Things that I will miss are: 1st month singing around the camp fire with the girls, Alexis & Orley starring in the play, watching my boys do water boiling, The 18 day with the girls as well & many other countless moments of smile & laughter.

Another way I look at this summer is through the Hebrew iteration of the chai. Which stands for 18. This was my 18th summer, I had 18 campers & I went on Tamakwa's first ever 18-day canoe trip. All in all, it was an amazing summer and the #18 added to its excitement. Before I sign off I would like to thank a few people: Vic, Dave & Craig thank you for giving me the opportunities over the years. As well as a big thank you for allowing me to do an 18-day canoe trip, which I will never forget. My fellow co's Shore, Kaufman & Diamond, thanks for an awesome summer. I could not have asked for a better set-up than this. Last but not least, all my 18 campers, I love you guys and you are the best. If this were to be my last summer at Tamakwa I would leave with no regrets & be proud of an amazing summer.

In closing, stay as long as you can and enjoy Tamakwa for its purest forms of beauty, laughter, smiles, tears, young, old, traditions and above all lifelong friends. Tamakwa thank you for all those things & more. Thanks boys & the senior girls for making my summer complete. Hopefully, it will not be long till I set foot on Tamakwa's shores again, take care. I'm out!

By Nofar Katzav

All the things I want to say about this amazing experience could go on forever. This trip has changed me. I'm stronger, more nature, more independent, free, and ready to help others the way people helped me when it was difficult for me.

At the beginning it was hard for me, but I overcame it. My homesickness was strong but I tried to enjoy and to smile all the time. Slowly but surely, I got used to this place, to the lovely people, to the language, and to the time difference. Of course, I never forgot the land of Israel and the people who love me and miss me. In my dreams, I couldn't imagine the camp could be like this. I'm so impressed.

When I look around me I can see the different world, a different culture and different customs. And of course, I'm dedicated to have this incredible opportunity to be part of the Tamakwa experience. My thanks to all the people who supported me the entire way. Thank-you.

- Nofar

By Shelby Baum & Leslie Holz

You wait for camp for 10-months of the year
Then you round the bend and Tamakwa's true beauty becomes clear.
Old memories with friends flood into your head
As your first "hellos" in 10-months are said.
How happy everyone is to be back at camp
Doing the same old activities like canoeing and jumping on the tramp.
We were 49er-2 as it said on the sign
All together in Ernie for the very first time.
Our cabin song is "Where is the Love"
And on the lookout we fazed at the stars above.
Changeover day new faces will appear
Campers who have been anxiously awaiting camp all year.
Our counselors this summer make camp so much fun
We are so sad this months almost done.
Sailing was fun, trip was better
Still no one has found Joe Swim's red hooded sweaters.
As packing day approaches we begin to say goodbye
As the last of the flames in the campfire die.
As our July 2002 poem comes to a close
We would like to thank all of those.
In 49-1, 3 and 4, V1 and 2, CIT's, Trippers and Staff
Who made July 2003 such a laugh.
Memories bring me back to the shores of South Tea
My second home that will never leave me.

By Alex Satok

C is for the CIT's and Counselors
A is for a lot of Activity Leaders
M is for many campers
P is for the pillow fights that we have.

T is for the tootsie fruitsie that Dave gives out
A is for the Art Deck-o
M is for the music in the air
A is for the amazing plays we put on
K is for the kayaks
W is for the beautiful waters
A is for anything else we got.

The Meaning of Tamakwa

By Jake Balbes

Today, I'm going to talk about what I think Tamakwa stands for. I've been here for 5-years and I've learned good things and bad things, if you know what I mean. For example I got my Force + and that taught me how to windsurf. I made salt and pepper shakers in Woodshop. Now I'm going to tell you what I think Tamakwa means.

T is for terrific and teachers
A is for the great activities
M is for the magic activities that they pull out of their sleeves
A is for the pure air
K is for the coolest counselors ever
W is for the water that drips on our cabin when it pours
A is for awesome because this place is awesome

If you come to this camp you're the luckiest kid in the world.

By Ilil Aroch

When I'm thinking what will I see in my head when I will try to think "TAMAKWA" I know that the first thing that I will see will be; Me on the boat to Camp Tamakwa being welcomed by a lot of children singing because I know that is the exact moment I knew this is going to be an amazing experience being surrounded by warm and nice people and now when I'm close to the end I'm more than happy to find out that I was right.

Tamakwa Will Live On Forever

By Emily Stern, Stephanie Shatzman and Sarah Josephs

The shores of South Tea, will always be our second home,
With the friendships that have been made, we will never be alone.

Whether we go 1st month or 2nd, the experience we will never forget,
We will remember everything, from the sounds, sights, and people we have met.

The beauty in this place is endless, and cannot be compared,
From the laughter to the tears, and the memories that we have all shared.

Camp Tamakwa is the one place where we can truly be who we are,
And when we're here, our dreams don't seem so far.

This camp will always have a special place in our hearts,
From this place, we will never grow apart.

When we leave the shores of South Tea, we don't know whether to laugh or to cry,
And even if this place doesn't go on, to us, it will never die.

Memories of July TB-2

By Lori Cohen & Bailey Newman

- ❖ Spanky from Hoboken
- ❖ Monkey Triathlon
- ❖ Gabi's Songs
- ❖ Duckbilled Platypus
- ❖ Friday night services on trip
- ❖ Booger noodle
- ❖ Peanut Butter & Archie
- ❖ Tickling Bai
- ❖ Danielle's smile
- ❖ Neesa & peanut butter
- ❖ Syd getting her white cap
- ❖ Carly (monkey) enough said
- ❖ Shady's "French pillow"
- ❖ Bailey's bench (she brought it from home)
- ❖ Brick house & the Brickman song
- ❖ The Macarena with TJ
- ❖ Natalie's Tamakwa Idol performance
- ❖ Anna's rock star dances (Bo bo bo bounce)

Have a great year girls! Love you lots, we'll see you soon - Lori & Bai

By Neesa Mandel

Hi! I'm Neesa and I'd like to tell you a joke. This joke is about three aliens. So one alien could only say "mimimimimi". The other could only say, "forks and knives, forks and knives", and the other could only say, "Because he stole my lollypop, because he stole my lollypop." So one day they were walking on the street and they saw a dead man and a policeman came and said, "Who did this?" So the first said, "mimimimimi." Then he said how did you do this, and the second one said, "fork and knives, forks and knives." The he said, "Why did you do this?" And the third one said, "Because he stole my lollypop, because he stole my lollypop."

JSB 13-Day July 2003 Tour of Duty

By Danny Bittker

There were 9 of us. Our tripper Max Cherney, our tripper in training Aaron Clarfield, our counselor Jeremy Berman and six campers: Daniel Bayefsky, Brandon Borovoy, Max Aarons, Mike Green, Aaron Rapp, and myself. Every day we paddle for miles, and portaged kilometers. When we got to a site we still had to work. Collecting wood, setting up tents, every day and night for 13 days. By the end we felt closer to each other than we had before; likes, dislikes, family stories, and more. It was one of the most enjoyable experiences I've ever had, and I would jump at the chance to do it again, with the same exact people.

Camp Friend

By Dani Gittleman

This article is about how many new people you meet and how many friend you make. On the first day of my first year I made around 5 friends and met about 20 people. Tamakwa is a very friendly place and whoever goes there will fall in love with Tamakwa instantly, I know I did.

Senior Girl 5 Day: Last Will & Testament

By Senior Girls

Staff:

Alexis Wolf: A laugh, Frenchie, a bad young folks and folks

Shira Glick: A rush, rent, a mosquito bite, a leach in her nalgene

Epstein: A tongue, food, lots of food, wax chips

Derisly: A razor, Jessie drama, DKNY, some more stories

Tripper Derek: Black tie optional canoe trip outfit, yummy plants, leeches

Campers:

Sucher: A perfect marshmallow, sunny, a tan, peanut butter

Sunny Diamond: 100 reeces, Sucher, a paddling lesson, chocolate chips

Lysi Lax: A voice, clowns, JSSD, a wedding with Tobin

Britt Danzig: Disney, bigger dry bag, teva

Henri: Champoo, a good day, a band-aid, Alexis Wolf

Ryan Brand: Sweatpants, Sloan Wolf

Josh Forman: A JSG, a tickle, a good response

Austin Tobin: Good arms, a spooning session a canoe

Fred: A leech, a fight, a definition

Moss: Another job to do; another laugh

Senior girls 15 day of '03 Boys came along cuz they skipped the trees. Justin told stories 'bout clowns and war. Wish we were out for 5 days more.

Getting my Yaker 3+

By Allison Vanek

Now you're probably thinking boring! And you are probably right but for me this experience was anything but. Not only did it take up most of my individual choice periods (I went every week), but I also got to hang out with my friends, and best of all, make new ones.

One of the requirements to get your 3+ is that you have to teach a level 2 and a level 3. I taught my level 2 first and I had a blast with the rangers and pioneers, but teaching a Yaker 3 was the funniest thing ever. Me and my new friend Melissa taught, (or tried to teach) Morgan and Aviv their Yaker 3. When attempting to do their bow rolls, both promptly fell out of their kayaks. Since I did not have a skirt on, I couldn't help either of them. Melissa was forced to do kayak over kayak with Morgan and to leave Aviv floating around screaming her head off. I could do nothing as I was paralyzed by laughter, which was made worse when Morgan couldn't get back in her Kayak...3 times in a row. I know it's horrible to laugh at the misfortune of others, but no one got hurt and it was really quite hilarious. The next day we once again tried to teach them. Morgan got her level 3, and now we are (attempting) to work on our 3+'s together. By the way I never did get my Yaker 3+, but I think it was an interesting story.)

Tamakwa's Beauty

By Michelle Berninger

The glistening stars
Over the still waters
The twinkle in your eyes
That smile in your voice
The music of the raindrops
A rustle of leaves in the trees
The cheering at the meals
Sounds of many animals
Tamakwa's beauty lies in every...sight sound and person

By Adam Ketai

When I went on cookout I sterned the war canoe. It was really hard. Every time I did my J stoke it felt like my hand was stuck to the canoe. It was tiring but I think I was the first camper to ever stern it!!!

What is Camp?

By Katia Teche

Camp is an escape to a new world. It's a different place it's new people. It is when you feel free to be someone else and to do different things no matter who you are or what happened at home, here you feel different, like if you wear a mask or a costume, you feel like a hero, like if you can do anything and no one can stop you. Also, you feel independent of everyone, here you find yourself, your solid, your real you. When you sleep your dream about camp because you don't want to leave and all year you wait to come to camp because all the people need a break in the normal life. That's camp.

Summer of '03

By Jackie Glazier

My whole school year was spent desperately waiting for camp to arrive. Whenever I was too stressed to even think, I would just sit down thinking about my summer spent on the shores of south tea, a welcoming place we call Tamakwa. As soon as we rounded the bend and I finally laid eyes on Tamakwa once more, I knew this was going to be the best summer ever! I was right. Because as soon as I set foot on land, I was told I was going to be in my favorite cabin ever, Club Med. Better yet; I was with all my friends! After that my summer has just gotten better & better and now that there is only 6 days left on camp I am now looking forward to my senior girl summer next year! Tamakwa is the place for me!

Camp Tamakwa

By Dana Scheibe

Camp Tamakwa,
Freedom and beauty,
Away from the city,
A break from traffic and constant noise,
Fun and friends,
And memories that last a lifetime.

Tamakwa

By Dana Scheibe

True friends
All the loving counselors
Making me push myself to the extremes
All the good times
Konstant sounds from the dining hall
Wow! It went by so fast!
All the memories it gave me

Memories

By 49-1/2

Whether this is our 1st year or our 7th year we have had so many memorable moments that we will never forget! Even though this summer will sooner or later come to an end these memories will last forever. These are just a few of all the memories that we have created during the summer of 2003 at Tamakwa:

1. Skinny dipping
2. Cookouts with V-1/2
3. Our 4 day canoe trip
4. Cheering in the dining hall
5. Getting shrecked by the wolf pack
6. Gummy bear vitamins
7. Seeing Jamie Sale & David Peltie
8. Tanning on the swim docks

9. Swimming in the damn
10. Sleep ins
11. Perrogies
12. Playing basketball
13. Most of us getting lice
14. Jumping off the tower
15. Intercamp
16. Being T-boned & shoveled by Derisley
17. Sail back from cookouts
18. 18 staff gone

As you can see, we had an amazing summer with priceless memories.

By Josh Ketai

I am going to talk about my little brother, losing his first tooth. Well, hello today is Tuesday August 12th, 2003 with Josh Ketai and his partner named invisible. This is my 6th summer at Camp Tamakwa and my little little brothers 2nd year at Camp Tamakwa. While I was having a great time on my lovely canoe trip, my little brother lost his tooth. I was so happy and proud for him because it was his first tooth. Signing off as Josh Ketai and Mr. Invisible have a great day beaver cuttings contestants.

By Brittany Danzig

Hi, I'm Brittany Danzig & this is my 5th year at Tamakwa. All the years I've been here except for my first year I've written songs with Amy Sky. My first one was about friends it was called "Everyone Needs" the next one was about sisters it was called "Be There Sister" the next one was about camp it was called "Home Away From Home" and this year was about dreams & luck & it was called, "Don't Give Up." When I get home I am going to record these songs and maybe, one day have a CD. I'm a senior girl this is my last yr as a camper & it is the Best Summer of my life.

Senior Girls 15 day 2nd month to do list

By Girls 15 day

- ✓ Wrap a canoe in a non-rapid
- ✓ Locate who hot kayakers willing to rescue 9 damsels in distress
- ✓ Check e-mail at observatory
- ✓ Visit Len more than once for re-supply
- ✓ Fry salami and toast bagels till the break of dawn
- ✓ Be towed across Grand Lake (props the Heather & Brittany)
- ✓ Dispose of Garbage bag every three days
- ✓ Break paddle – day 14
- ✓ Get a sinus infection, pack backs, heat rash and blisters
- ✓ Create amazing memories with your 8 best friends

Girls we love you it's been a crazy game!

Marla Brand

Katie Cohen

Roanne Bossin

Same Florence

Allie Gordon

Emily Strauss

Erica Sinyor

Michael-Jane Levitan

Molly Roth

All senior girls are present and accounted for.

Senior Women August 5 day '03 Last Will & Testament **By Senior Girls**

Mike Segal: A gourmet chef hat; a perfectly made bed; a baby blue canoe
Jordan Thomas: "Thanks for coming out!"; attorney at law; a camp boyfriend
Alison Schram: Some new stories; a darker tan; a new t-shirt
Jenna Sakwa: A full water jug; a slumber party; some new lines
Aviv Sarnar: A full water jug; an advil; a darker tan
Laura Kern: A full plate; day 3; 2 pack
Lauren Gun: "Shotty the canoe!"; a sleepover; attorney at law
Haley Gordon: A red canoe; a reeses; wipe out!

By Michelle Goel

Thair are so many activits at camp. Some of mine are Clay, Ropes, Art, Windsurfing, basketball and more. And this is what makes camp even more fun than it already is. And I love camp.

Things You Should Do on Canoe Trips **By Laura Sachse**

Well, looking at the title, you think, well there's a lot of things you shouldn't do on a canoe trips. For example: Don't start a fire without someone watching you, don't go in the water without someone watching you, you know all those safe ones, But, the real important ones are right here in the article. #1: Never try to eat ice cream on a canoe trip, the counselors will yell at you and make you throw it away. #2 Don't even think about trying to start a fire because you'll barn your dirty clothes and you'll have to wear the clean ones! #3 Don't tell anyone you hate canoe trips because it will go straight to your head and it will make the worse!!! #4 Never try to run away, you'll never get to go back to camp! #5: Last but not least never follow these rules one your canoe trip, especially this one.

What F1 Like About Camp **By Forester 1 (2nd session)**

Jordan: I like kiaking.
Nadav: like ropps and swimming
Harrison: I like everything
Ari: I like wode
Evan: I like the people at camp

To all of the Lovely Ladies of TB3 (July & August) **By Solway & Zoë**

Thank-you so much for another amazing Tamakwa summer. A special thank-you to Carly and Dylan for being great CIT's, as well as Nolan & Zucker for the "best trips ever." We hope you all had as good of a summer as we did. We love you all and keep in touch! Here are some things we'll remember about you:
Maude - Headlamp, huge duffels, beaver council, the Tamakwa idol
Karlee - Your scary dad (j/k), love for ropes, lots of loving for the mama
Alanna - Being twins w/ syd, arf stick

Jordy – Winkdy – wink – wink, I’m Solway I’m Solway!, your orange bathing suit
Sydney M – Gymnastics, the Winnie-the-pooh tank top you wore everyday, Italy, makeup
Jenna F – Jesse, roller-skate shoes, sleeping in the counselors quarters the first night of camp, Zoë’s twin
Golden – Victory pose! Calling staff-rec, Eminem & 8 mile, I AM PUFFY, knotty hair
Ali G – Last one talking, Mason, the dolls over your bed, Tamakwa idol judge
Sophie – Spooning, friends t-shirt, kicking the wall, hurting yourself, talking photo album
Sydney S – Koala, being twins w/ Alanna, hockey, snuggles, where’s the love
Allie L – Dances & laughing, constant entertainment, tie-dye puffy
Jordyn M – Magazines, Allie, shampoo
Jillian – How you finally had a good time, your love of paddling, have you for a little each month
Gabi – Strongest paddler, 2 years in a row (with Solway), the late arrival
Laura – Beaver council, razors, triplets
Caroline – Joe the bird, we wish you stayed longer
Cheyenne – Your sponge bob blanket, the cool blanket from your parents, always helping
Michelle – Tummy aches, Shayn, being “sisters” w/ Lauren Mallin, floaties, the funny face
Love Always Solway & Zoë

I Love Camp **By Unknown**

I love camp because I get to meet new people from all over the world. Like in my cabin I meet people from Mexico City. I also love camp because you can get away from your parents yelling at you and getting grounded. You got to make new friends. You also get to try new things like wind surfing and ropes.

JSG’s ‘03 **By Alana Romoff**

I love you girls so much! I’ll never forget all of the good time. Of course, the summer wouldn’t be complete without all 26 of you...

Emily – You know I will always be jealous of your hair. I’m sure everybody wondered how it could be crimped one minute and pin straight the next! I love you tons!

Marisa – You’ve been so much fun and such a great friend since TB2, I can’t imagine a summer without you! Send me some doubles from the 80 rolls of film you took! *Mwah*

Rebecca – I’ll never forget how long we spent talking about who we knew from home. Oh yeah, and I’ll remember all of your Mabin stories, too!

Sam – The 6 summer I’ve spent with you have all been amazing, thanks, in part to you! From admiring your gorgeous yearbook photo to just hanging out on your bed, I’ve had tons of fun with you this summer! I’ll miss you!

Alaina – I'm going to miss all of your "in the backseat, on the way home from a bar mitzvah" stories. Don't forget our secret code! 18-50-19-26-7-22-50-24-25-15-0!

Lisa – My half-court partner! You're awesome at everything you do! Thanks for encouraging me, no matter how negative I was! Maybe next year you'll teach me how to play basketball! Love ya!

Katie – In my mind, I'll always know you as Tamakwa's hardcore rapper! I'll miss you over the year and I hope you have a good freshman year!

Sara – I'll miss your Bob the Builder sheets and how good you were at getting everyone to clean. I hope to see you around the city sometime! Love ya!

Joelle – You are the definition of the perfect camper. I'll miss our long talks and accidentally miss announcements on shore lunches. I can't wait to visit you!

Jodie – I didn't get to spend much time with you 2nd month because of 13-day, but 1st month couldn't have been more fun! I'll miss your dances and gorgeous hair! Xoxo!

Erica – 13 day cut short our time together too, but I'm so glad we became better friends this year. You're definitely one of the most considerate and nicest girls in the cabin. I'll miss you tons

Lauren – What am I going to do at school next year with nobody to talk about camp with? I'll miss playing the dot game in English and our tribe with Sophie, Andrea and Courtney! You're beautiful, funny and camp wouldn't be the same without you! I love you sooo much!

Jana – The cabin was so much quieter while you were on trip! Every year that we've been together, I can't remember a time that I've ever been mad at you! I love you and can't wait to see you in T.O.

Alana – Whenever I hear you laugh (and I can always tell it's you) I can't help laughing too. You're funny, gorgeous and a blast to be round. I'll miss you so much over the year! Xo xo! Love ya!

Stephanie – You're funny, energetic, and good at everything! I can't begin to imagine the summer without you! Getting to know you this year is one thing that has made my summer so great! Keep in touch! *mwah*

Natalie – My bathtub buddy! Even after 13-days apart, I don't know how I'll spend at least a year away from you! Whether you're writing song lyrics on my arm, or something else, I know it'll be funny! I love you so much!

Katia – I didn't know what to expect when you came into our cabin, but what I found was one of the nicest girls I think I've ever met! Keep in touch even if you don't come back next year!

Gin – Even after only the 2nd week of camp, it was obvious that you were one of those people that, if you didn't know better, you'd think they'd been there for years! I hope to see you in NYC!

Morgan – I'll miss looking at pictures of Dorothy, and hearing stories about your boyfriend who can drive. I've had soooo much fun with you! I'll miss you like crazy! Maybe I can come visit me...I wish! Love you tons!

Shanna – Your voice is almost as gorgeous as you are! Next time I'm in Buffalo, we have to get together! I'll miss you so much and I can't wait to see you soon

Dance – I'm so happy that we've become better friends! You've got cute clothes and are tons of fun to spend time with! Keep in touch! I love you tons!

Allison – I can't believe I finally found somebody who likes soul decision almost as much as I do! You have good taste in music!

Jessica – You're crazy, spontaneous and soooo funny! I'm gonna miss you so much! You are so much fun to be around, and anyone who disagrees is crazy! Stay in touch! Xoxo!

Michelle – I hope you have a great time at Nichols! You'll have a blast! Keep in touch, and be sure to tell me about everything going on in high school. I loved spending the summer with you! You're so sweet and funny, and you have to come visit.

Jackie – It's been good spending time with you on canoe trip. Make sure to keep in touch. I'll see you next year.

Erica – It's no surprise that you were voted one of the prettiest counselors in camp. You've been one of my favorite counselors ever, and I'll miss you so much over the year!

Colette – I'll miss your hair almost as much as I'll miss you (which is a lot). I've tie-dyed your socks, French braided your hair, and talking with you so often. Plus, I'm so grateful you taught me fishtail braids!

Sarah – I remember 2 years ago when you were my color war captain, and I'm so happy that you were our counselor. Keep in touch. I hope to see you next year!

Tamara – Tamara/Grundy/Grunds...I'm going to miss you soooooo much! We have to keep in touch and go out for lunch sometime. You've been so great! I love you tons!

I love you guys so much! I am already counting down the days until I see you again! I love you! Keep in touch! You rock my world!

July 2003 Senior Girl's 15 Day Last Will & Testament

By Girls 15 day

Nikki Latta – The day, minute, hour, second countdown to phish; “Darlin’, if you love me...”; Slide; a portage “brought to you by the devil-a sad, bitter, bitter man”; a beaded bracelet

Emily Parr – A last name; a fried fish; a speech impediment; Lone Pine school; “I’m an alto!”; a homemade thwart; “Twenty-nine o’ two fo’ fifty”; a beaded bracelet

Shelley James – Herman the German; Portage translated into New Zealand context: “Carrying a _____ canoe on your head!”; tanning oil; a “loop di loop around the bend”; “a piece of _____”; a beaded bracelet

Lauren Gun – a dance off; “say a little prayer”; a birthday dance; “wait for it, wait for it”; sock grilling; “Shermy”; tweezers; “The cycle” and “The alphabet” games; a beaded bracelet

Jennifer Sucher – a feast; “way to go, A-hole!”; a birthday dance; a Jew-fro; a comforting snore; whoa, hair!!; “I’ll keel you!”; a beaded bracelet

Aviv Sarnier – a mirror; sheal; “are you sleeping?; portage suggestions; a mirror; a rat’s nest; “no touch foot!”; a mirror; a beaded bracelet

Lysi Lax – an “internet boyfriend!”; fear of catwalks; mud!; turtle; sleepless nights; “are you joking?!”; a wrapped canoe; letters; a bad hello; little boy’s athre; “Hyper hypo”; a beaded bracelet

Laura Kern – a tensor bandage; a comforting snore; sleepless nights; DISHES!; Trever; suffering from delirium; “99 bottles of beer on the wall...”; a beaded bracelet

Jenna Sakwa – a birthday dance; “the cycle” and “the alphabet” games; tickle stories; “chica chica!”; “Oh-my-God! Is your name...?”; “That was Parr and she’s my T.I.T.!”; a beaded bracelet

“Thank you very much, we’ll be here for the next two weeks!” I don’t think that any of us could have ever anticipated the amount of fun that we had together, or the close bond that the nine of us share. Thanks for the memories...

My Summer

By Marisa Faitelson

To all my JSG’s ’03, this summer has meant so much to me.

First month was such a ball, shaving cream fights, dance parties, and that wasn’t all

Going on 13-day with all my girls, working well together with our hard core skills
Allow me to explain our month in Club Med; it involved funny pranks, and winning breakfast in bed.

Being the first to go on an overnight hike, sitting in the waterfalls, and collecting wood at night.

Looking back at all of our memories we've had, there was no way the summer could turn bad.

Sooner or later we'll turn around the bend again as senior girls, and have another great summer of being best friends.

I love you all so much; you mean the world to me!

A "Bai" Letter

By Bailey Newman

Camp, to quote a color war song (and I'm told Tom Petty) is somewhere between reality and dream. Summer after summer, my bond that keeps me spell bound to these shores. The more things change here the more they stay the same. I am so grateful for my Tamakwa friendships and I know in a few days I will be home, reliving every conversation, every look in the dining halls and every second on my bench. Each day I have here is an opportunity to play and is so precious. Thank you to all those who make this place what it is for me. I love you always. Embrace each moment because you never know when you're making a memory.

Camp Life

By Eric Dresner

The clang of the bell
Grasps onto me
As a hand outstretched
Shaking the dreams away
Pulling me to the surface of reality
Lightly trodden footprints
Remain as memories
Of a journey through rugged gravel
Arrival at the dock
Catalyzes an event
Gliding across placid sapphire water
Enclosed as by a vice
In the well crafted vessel
Camp is my state of mind
Embrace the experience

Senior Men

By Smitty (Max Smith)

Coming around the bend this year was unique and unlike any other time before. Whether we were coming back from 15-days, 18-days, 5-days, all-day sails or arriving at camp on the first day, each time was special. We were senior men, the rulers of boy's camp, the oldest campers. This was our last summer as campers and our year to shine. On June 25th Max Smith (Smitty), Ivan Adelson, Andrew Holz, Adam Shecter, Alex Schechter, Michael Ran, David Blumer, Alex Orley, Josh Solomon, Eric "Tuck" Gendal, Eric Dresner, Noah Brant, Evan Plisner, Brad Mendelson, Eric Lubell, Tony Jacobs, Josh Amir & Corey Shadowitz arrived once again on the sunny shores of south tea as senior men. We were ready to have the best summer of our lives, although we didn't fully know what to expect. We were all close, however we never expected to get as

close with each other as we have in the past 56 days. That evening after a slight incident regarding who received claim to which bed in the cabin, the senior men entered the dining hall, one man with Santa at his side and called the first and one of the most ferocious BOOM-BOOM cheers heard in some time. In the days following, the men from the bay, rocked the north shores in the usually way; from 6 men leaving on 15-day, and Schechter landing the lead in the play. The men of the 15-day although friends at first, returned from 2 weeks in the bush inseparable, Soon after their return, 4 senior men were thrust into a leadership position as Captains for mini color war. Each of the 4 men shined as they took charge of a team of campers & staff while they competed and took part in one of the most prestigious of Tamakwa tradition. The senior men, although they appear invincible, in truth they aren't. There are times when a member of the group needs guidance, and for this guidance they look to the 4 men who live above them; their counselors. Brandon Howard Lederer, Stephen Charles Shore, Daniel Joshua Kaufman, and Josh Howard Joseph Diamond are the men behind the men so to speak. Without this group of esteemed gentlemen, the men of Bayview would not be as many as they seem. All in the bonds between the senior men and the men upstairs have become so strong over these last 2 months that nothing will ever tear us apart. As the summer winds down, I anticipate the return of the men on the 18-day, as I sit on the sail docks writing this during twilight. As the sun sets on the glassy lake, I watch as some campers kayak and the sounds of staff basketball fill my ears. I am anxious for tomorrow. I will reunite with 8 members of Bayview, my cabin mates, my best friends whom I have not seen in 18 days. Although I await their returns as I did the 15-day just days ago, I can't help but enjoy my last hours of calm in a 7 camper Bayview. Tomorrow Bayview will be back and the fire that is fueled by unity will be rekindled. As the final days of our senior man summer approach, I look up at the now darkening sky and I can't help but reminisce about past summers and how they compare to this one. I look at the pink clouds in the sunset and I take into account the splendor of this place we call home. I can't help but realize how lucky I am to be here, how lucky I am to have shared all these years with my best friends, many of which live in a different state or country. I sit back and I think of how much this place, this camp, my second home has given me; friends, skills & memories that will last forever. I now realize that this summer is one that I shall cherish over all other, a summer filled with these friendships, memories that I will never, ever forget.

CIT Girls Last Will & Testament

By CIT boys

Alicia Baum – Some beats, some rhymes, some life

Olivia Bookchester-Bodenberg – MIDOL, BC to regulate (so it's not everyday), BC pills best control, a whip, one night with Brandon Lederer

Alana Faintuch – More BC pills, a bigger bra, her own cabin

Jordy Feiger – A Berman, a Dara...a Dara

Jamie Fine – A good sense of humor (CIT boys request), a JC

Carly Gallinger – More time with Libby, her own sister (Jordy = thief), PTP-loony tunes

Jackie Jurist – An SC, a JC, a SB, and maybe a JSB

Ariel Kowalsky – A little boy, a friend, a muzzle

Dylan Optican – Clothes (another CIT boys request), a crazier CIT summer, more play

Haley Pascal – more salad, more Pilates, a husband

Sarah Peltz – Anger management, a marriage with Stahl (now legal in Ontario), place that match

Evany Rosen – Someone to laugh with, an SNL skit, everything that's orange

Torey Stronell – less BC pills, 6 more days, a boyfriend that returns the favor

Hayley Stahl – less time with Doug a breaking in,...you are hot

CIT Boys Last Will & Testament (and Libby)
By CIT Girls

Zack Belzberg – Fire extinguisher, little boys, a glimpse at the forbidden forest

Ari Diamond – Yea CITs!, an 8 ball for his love triangle, velour jumpsuit

Michael Katchen – a flaw, a haircut, his twin (Billy Elliot), T Stro

Matt Orenstein – a JSG (rhymes with banana), Tamakwa goggles, K Ho, a “straight” sleeping bag, welcome back

Josh Lavine – a clearance for the pulley system, a pack of wolves, an alarm clock, a wet stomach

Sam Perlmutter – Mutard (are you mutarded?), rubber ducky, sunscreen, eyedrops, a comfortable conversation with Dave Bale (about eye drops)

Brandon Schram – a canoe trip, a senior girl, a canoe trip, a cure to IBS, a canoe trip, an ORAL graval, a canoe trip, Ryan Lax on a canoe trip

Dustin Wachler – a vacant cabin, ALANA, the last week & half of camp, a maid, lines of kool-aid, surfing at rest hour with Berman, cure for OLD

Daniel Berman – chewy, Jordy, ha ha, a place in the ministry of silly walks, surfing at rest hour with Dustin

Ryan Lax – a boyfriend for his sister (who is not in his cabin), salt, muzzle

Sol Klein – Anger management (CALM DOWN), hors d'oeuvre, 13 days in camp, National geographic job as a narrator

Perry Goldberg – a nightly 10-page letter & hour-long phone conversation, pen & paper (for notes), Midol

Peter Saltsman – Clown opportunities, biter balls, pepper, a yell, a nickel

Ari Shulman – a flashlight, cool mo d, senior discount, trivia questions you DON'T know the answers to

Libby Sadick Von Newman – a sock, a perfect day (no screw ups), a game of 10 fingers, a burp to eat, a trip to the gorilla exhibit, SANPS!, beano for her brain farts, bug repellent to replace previous remedy

The 1st Ever Girls 18 Day in Temagami And its Awesome We're Making History By Girls 18 day

18 days
18 days with my best friends
18 days in the wilderness
18 days of Zoë's mane
18 days of Basen's stories
18 days of Parr's faces
18 days of Nikki's "I know"
18 days being Celine Dion
18 days of unending rain
18 days of laughs
The best 18 days of my life
- Jaynee Golden

I feel so lucky to have been apart of Tamakwa's first ever 18-day canoe trip in Temagami. This experience has allowed me to appreciate the natural beauty surrounding us, and the unforgettable bonds between the campers & staff. All the memories will certainly last a lifetime.
- Haley Greenspoon

9 girls on an 18 day,
Packed our dry bags and left the next day.
As the bust pulled away leaving camp behind,
Temagami was the only thing on our mind.
**AND ISN'T THAT AWESOME?
WE'RE MAKIN' HISTORY.**
It's Mt. Everest, w/o any snow
Wanna shut her down but, there's no campsite to go.
It's a 3k, that's really a 5
We made it happen, and barely survive.

The lakes are huge and crystal clear,
We're all so lucky to be tripping up here.
Not a day goes by w/o a waterfall,
Chillin' w/ the boys was such a damn ball.

**AND ISN'T THAT AWESOME?
WE'RE MAKIN' HISTORY.**
It's Mt. Everest, w/o any snow
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Center falls was on day 3,
We went down slide it was pretty as can be.
And hell day came and we trekked over hills,

Waking up every morning,
To Spegal's surprise,
Knowing you have a 3k,
It's very hard to rise.
Laughing & joking,
In the canoe,
During the portages,
We wished we were through.
Finding a campsite that wasn't too cliffy.
Sleeping in a shack,
Now that was iffy.
Jaynee, Sam, Mara, Haley and Zo,
You girls are the best,
Now our friendships can only grow.
Nikki, Basen and Parr,
Without you our trip, wouldn't go so far.
We'll round the bend,
And our trip will be done.
These 18 days in Temagami,
Have been nothing but fun.
- Maxie Optican

Making history with my 5 best friends for 18 days was the best time in my life. From Climbing the face of the cliffs, sinking in the mud up to our

In these 18 days, we made Tamakwa history. Never have I climbed such steep cliffs, swam in crystal clear waters and bonded with such a great group of people. It may of only lasted for 18 days but the memories will forever live on.

- Mara Sofferin

18 days of Temagami has been everything everyone said it would be and more. From mountain climbing, to paddling, watching the sunrise, sliding down falls, and swimming through the mud, the memories and everlasting relationships will never be forgotten. I am so lucky and fortunate to be a part of the 1st ever girls 18 day with my 5 best friends and 3 great staff. I will always remember there 18 days in Temagami.

- Sam Kelman

Nikki, Parr and Basen: Thank you so much for making these 18 days unforgettable. We appreciate everything you did for us. We wouldn't have had as much fun without you guys. Thanks again, we love you. Love the 18-day girls.

There wasn't one of us that didn't take a spill.

On day 6 the packs were still heavy,
But Brandon saved the day as we rode in his Chevy.

AND ISN'T THAT AWESOME?
WE'RE MAKIN' HISTORY.

It's Mt. Everest, w/o any snow
Wanna shut her down but, there's no campsite to go.

It's a 3k, that's really a 5
We made it happen, and barely survive.

After re-supply the trip was a breeze,
Sleeping on Miami beach put as at ease.

We were scared to sleep at the shack,

A serial killer or bear might attack.
Soon we will put our 18 day to an end,

And be greeted by smiling faces as we round the bend.

AND ISN'T THAT AWESOME? WE MADE HISTORY.

waist, and swimming in the amazing waters of Temagami. Never did I dream that I would be life with so many important life lessons and memories.

- Zoë Kasiske

Acrostic Poem

By Aliya Daniels & Zoë Stahl

T is for the trips that give great memories
A is for the activities that entertain us
M is for the mosquitos that always bite us
A is for the all days and the color war
K is for the kind staff that makes us feel welcome
W is for what makes us have so much fun
A is for the amazing campers that give us enjoyable summer

**By P4/5 (Rian Handler, Rachel Malerman, Hannah Hodari, Shayna Danto,
Shelby Timmis, Alex Robbins, Michelle Wayne, Michelle Schwartz, Ilil
Aroch, Nofar Katzav)**

The best place to spend our summer
All the friends we made at camp
Millions of memories
Amazing time we have
Keeping in touch
We never want to leave
Animals that scare us at night!

Tamakwa
By Gabi Kaplan

The best camp ever
Always having fun
My favorite plaes to be
A lot of artivets
Kids having fun
What a plaes
A lot of god friends

By Allie Lipshutz

Tuck is the very best
Always having fun
My mom I miss
Art is the place to be
Kayak is so much fun
We are always smiling
Allie Lipshutz wrote this

By Unknown

Tamakwa is a great place. It is a home to many kids during the summer. I love it. To show how much I really love it, I wrote an acrostic poem.
Talking to my new friends
Arts & crafts
Meeting my counselors
Awards
Kayaking with my friends
Water activities
Achieving my goals
These are the things I truly love about camp. I hope these things never change

Activities at Camp Word Search

By Megan Epstein, Jillian Sallan, Mallory Kestenber, Hannah Kowalsky & Stephanie Gee

Woodshop
Archery

Windsurf
Volleyball

Sailing
Kayak

Clay
Fishing

W I N D S U R F C F
C O H X Q O N I L C
A V O L L E Y S A L
C O C D Q R S H Y P
A L K F S T U I M O
N L E V W H L N J K
O E Y O I D O G P A
E Y N L M P D P A Y
I B D G S P F J R A
N A Y N E H L E D K
G L E I P Q H N R A
Y L N L O C M L A E
G S R I R J C D M F
H Q X A B C D E A F
L P Y S I N P Q S G

What Camp is All About

By Jessica Gutman, Leah Fried and Erica Sachse

Friends
Challenges

Learning
Tradition

Family
Outdoors

Canoe Trips
Games

Fun

F Q U I G N I N R A E L C L G
Y R Z Q F A M I L Y I N H A A
X V I W L L H M S I Q B A C M
C B L E Y W M S Q T Z Y L X E
A T U N N X Y Z S Y Q U L L S
S R Q P O D N M C A N O E T W
O U T D O O R S W A B Q X N R
X T R A D I T I O N Y Z G I M
Q R S K L F F S I E Q U E P L
F U N J Q K R I S K S O S S K