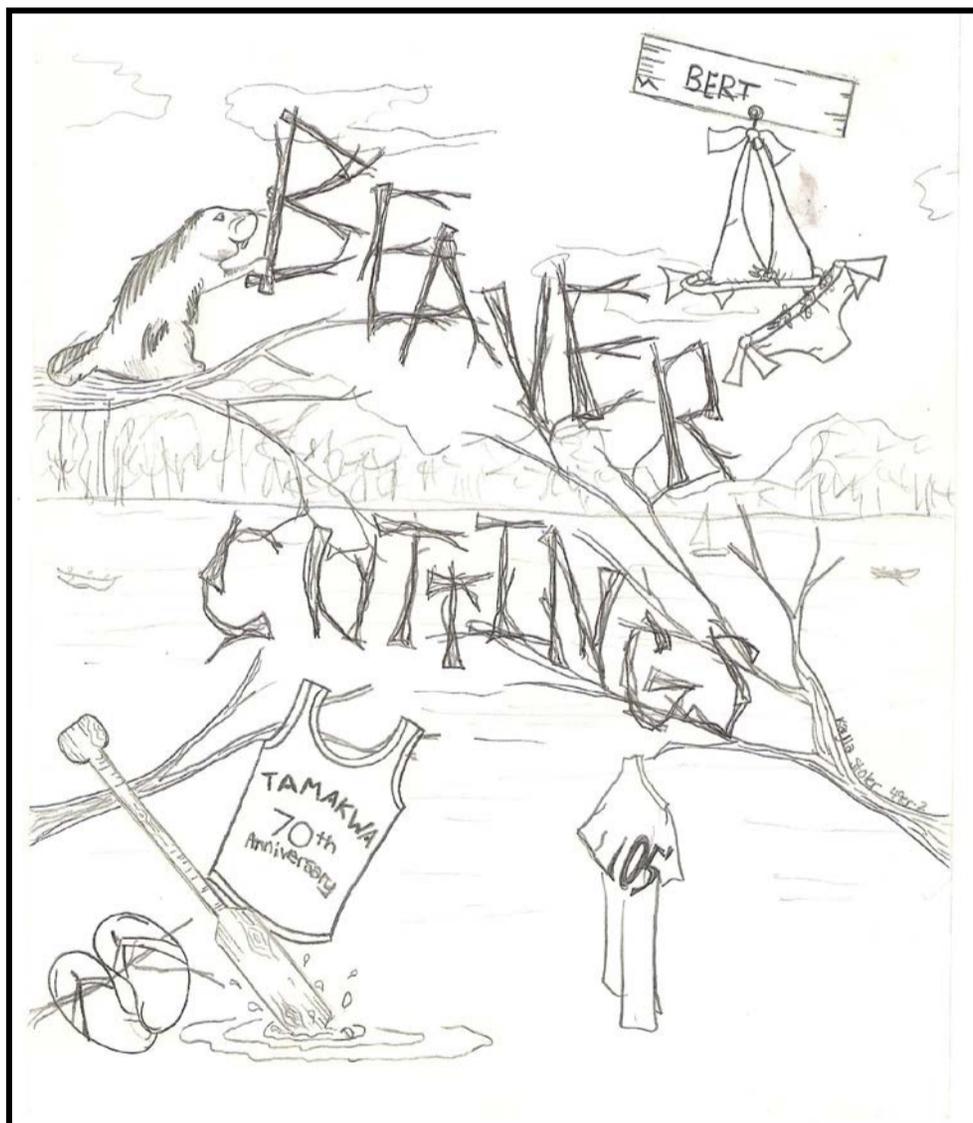


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Farewell to Tamakwa's 70th Summer
By Vic Norris

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 and, of course, two 17 day trips to Temagami. The joy of uniting the entire Tamakwa family to end the season and sensing the thrill of accomplishment, adventure and closeness of each and every trip returning is a scene second to none and certainly one of my favorite moments of the summer. Canoe trips, and particularly long trips, have become the essence of the Tamakwa experience. It is hard to fully describe the smile of one who has returned from a long Tamakwa trip. Suffice it to say that you know it when you see it. There were more cabin trips and more longer trips than ever in Tamakwa history. We had as many as 150 campers and staff on trip at the same time. Tamakwa is a premier tripping camp. I promise, it will be the experience you remember most from your Tamakwa summer.

The summer, of course, ended 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 34 Tamakwa years.

However, as I look about camp and reflect upon all of you as the summer of 2005 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. Youthful exhilaration abounds everywhere, all day long. Hundreds of stories unfold everyday. Usually, the Tamakwa stories entail learning, accomplishing, sharing and just plain having fun.

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. Certainly the Tamakwa experience and this haven in the northern woods, becomes more meaningful, more valuable, and more important to our campers and their families than ever before, given the world in which we live.

It was with incredible vision that 70 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 has now become a Tamakwan 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 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 70 years later. Tamakwa sets very high standards in all respects from counseling 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. Everywhere one looks, there are new and rebuilt structures and plenty of new state-of-the-art equipment.

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 face of so many campers is truly Tamakwa's lifeline. The camp spirit, particularly in the dining hall, was at an all time high. Pure and simple, Tamakwa is a very fun place to be.

A special thanks to every single staff member who worked so hard to make this summer so successful. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work 24 hours a day to meet the expectations of a Tamakwa summer. Each section or department of staff in our interdependent community is vital to our camp program. A special thanks to our counselors, activities staff, trippers, building and maintenance staff, food service staff, office, medical and transportation staff. All of your efforts made 2005 a true success. A special heartfelt thanks to my "cabin" – the 2005 head staff group – a true "dream team" who made it all happen. Your immense support, dedication and competence was the "cornerstone" of Tamakwa 2005. And, like every cabin group, you were a ton of fun.

I hope each of you feel Tamakwa 2005 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 very special summer. The summer of 2005, the 70th 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 2006, our 71st summer!

May the Great Camper of all good Campers be with us till we meet again.

Vic

Emotions on Departure Day
By Craig Perlmutter

This morning's alarm went off at 6:15am and I couldn't believe that it was the last morning of the summer of 2005, Tamakwa's 70th summer. This summer and the off-season months that led up to this morning was like a dream come true in so many ways. With so many mixed emotions, I woke up from two-and-a-half hours of sleep after one of the quietest last night's of camp that I can remember. It's not like any of us can complain about the rain yesterday that lasted throughout most of the night. After all, this summer we were blessed with one of the most incredible stretches of beautiful Golden Days in recent memory. A huge How!How! to our friend Wakonda.

My first emotion was a bit of stress as there was so much to be done this morning leading up to the departure of all of our campers and staff. Packing and cleaning day had gone quite smoothly yesterday, but there's always much more to be finished today. My walk towards girls' camp before 7am was bittersweet seeing so many campers carrying their final duffel bags down to the transportation dock. I went through a few cabins to see how everyone was doing and found myself chatting with the female CITs for a few minutes as I saw them waking up and trying to get their cabin cleaned and organized, but they still had a long way to go. As I walked back towards main camp, I helped two struggling girls with their duffels and walked with them to the barge. I still couldn't believe that this was departure day and that soon these paths would be empty with no more little legs running all around enjoying themselves.

Sadness was clearly my next emotion. I was sad to see this summer come to an end. I was sad to have so much work and effort by so many people come to an end. I just couldn't get around the fact that within just a couple of hours, camp would be so empty, maybe a bit messy, but definitely quiet and like a ghost town. Camp would soon go back to being the sleeping giant that it is for over nine months each year.

Then, I found myself in the dining hall and we were just about to begin calling campers and staff down to the boats to start to head across the lake to the awaiting busses. This is when an emotion of pride began to really take hold of me as it does at the end of every summer. Each summer is extremely rewarding for so many of us and while being sad about having everyone leave this morning, I was also proud of all our staff who worked so diligently to ensure the safety of each and every camper and who put so much effort into making the summer of 2005 very special for over 425 different children. I truly hope that each staff member is proud of him/herself and have found this summer to be very rewarding and worth their every effort. Our staff of over 130 people devoted their summers to other people's children and took on this immense responsibility that most of them still don't truly understand and probably won't for quite a while. We are all so very proud of their thoughtfulness, creativity, attentiveness, caring and love that they showed our campers throughout the summer. I'm truly proud of each and every one of them who proved to themselves that they were capable of making such a difference in the lives of our campers and also capable of improving each session and learning how to become better staff members than ever before. For me personally, this sense of pride really hits home when the last

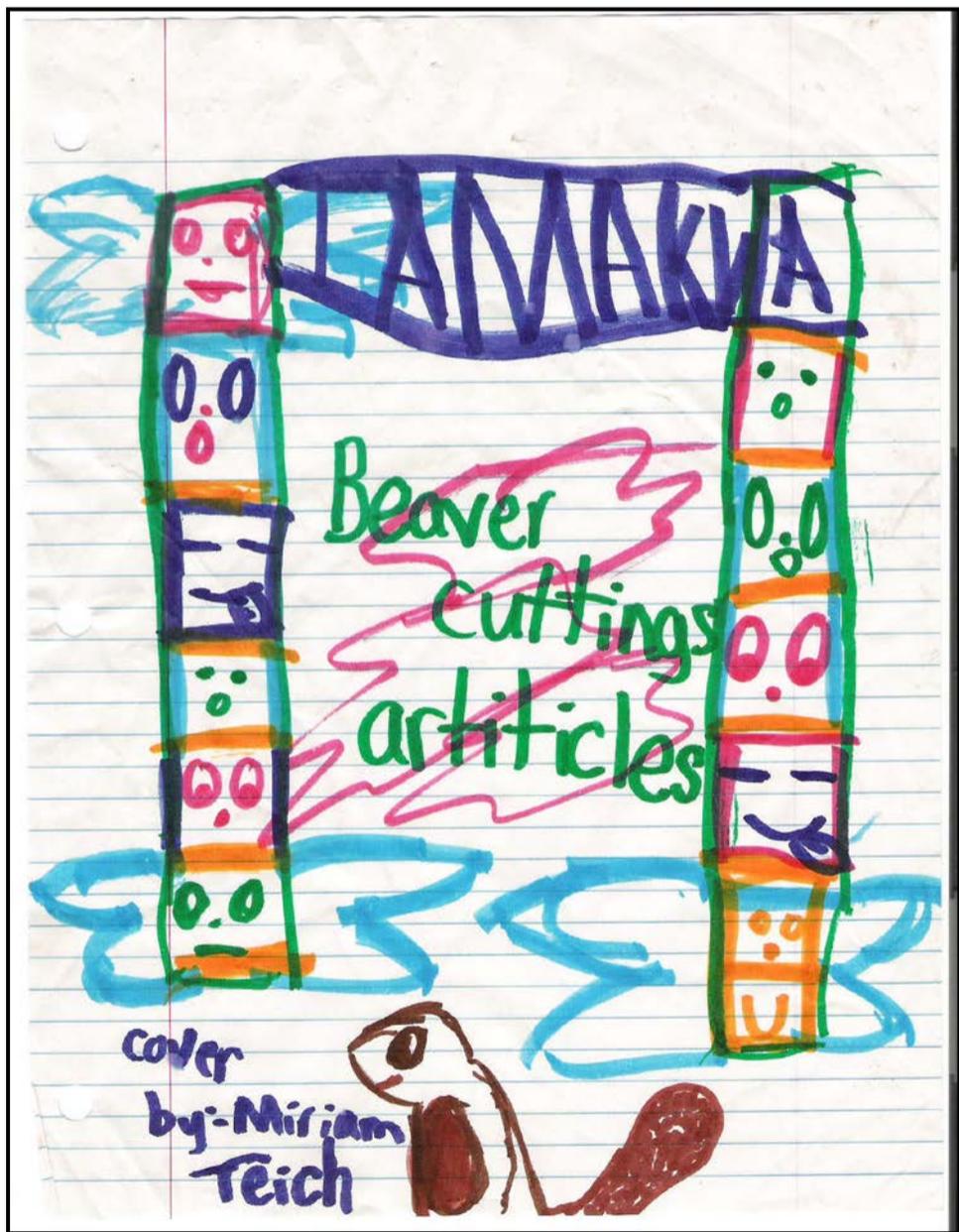
few boats cross South Tea Lake and there are only a few of us left on the docks waving goodbye. Vic and I gave each other a huge hug as well as those around us and I can only say how happy we all were of the summer that was 2005.

This was truly the signature summer that Vic and I spoke about during the months leading up to the summer of 2005. In so many ways we really wanted this summer to be so special and it was just that. We had such an incredible group of leaders and role models in our head staff group and they proved to be leaders in every way. I would like to thank my own cabin group from the bottom of my heart for their hard work and support all summer long and their love for Tamakwa which shows each day, especially when we're at meals together in the back room. While we each shared a few difficult times together, as we do each summer, we had so many memorable ones together and for that I'm truly thankful to each of you individually.

With so many emotions after a great summer, I truly feel that I can now get quickly refreshed and start planning for another wonderful and memorable summer that will be 2006. I hope to see all of you on the shores of South Tea in just 10 months so we can once again begin to enjoy beautiful Algonquin Park, sunny Golden Days, crackling campfires, so many great activities and, most importantly, each others' company for another great two months together.

See you soon for #71,

Craig



Junior Tamakwans 2005
by Candi Sherman

Whew is it hot outside! The summer of 2005 will be remembered as a HOT one. Hot for the weather and hot for the fun. When the sun is shining for all but a few days of our summer season you can bet that the kids will have lots of fun and they did. The lake was warm and sometimes even too warm to cool off our overheated bodies. That meant that swim tests and even instructional swim were activities the campers looked forward to. In the JT section we had a record number of campers successfully swim to Treasure Island this summer. Six amazing JT's stood up to challenge of swimming 40 laps to qualify for the swim and set out on a hot day to swim across Tea Lake. The JT Triathlon was another record breaker with over 30 campers participating in a three leg course of swimming, kayaking and running. Activities on the water were in great demand and full with our littlest campers. Canoeing saw many of them and gave its Beaver Canoeist Award to two JT's, an award generally reserved for older and stronger campers. How How! When the weather is great camp is better than ever. Campers rise to greater challenges, more eager than ever to participate in activities.

The summer of 2005 is over but the memories will last a lifetime and the kids of 2005 will have many to hold onto. I don't recall a summer yet in my 7 summers as JT section head that was as smooth as this one. With many new staff members in our section this summer I wasn't sure that would be the case! The JT staff didn't let that stop them from doing their usual outstanding job. We were again blessed with an amazing crew of dedicated, hard working, kid loving counselors. Thank you for your endless hours of hard work, sweat, smiles, cheers, songs, patience, and love. Jenna, Carly, Maxi, Brittney, Bailey, Jamie, Jim, Sud, Mark, Bradford, David and Danny, thank you for an amazing summer. You all made my job easy this summer and more importantly you gave 120 JT's a summer they will always remember. See you on the sunny, hot shores of South Tea in 2006!

The other group that makes my summer most enjoyable is my own cabin group. A huge thank you and lots of love to Vic, Craig, Sheila, Jeff, Jordan, Lori, Hartsy, Spoon, Marilyn and Libby. I can't imagine a summer at Tamakwa without this group of wonderful friends. Your support throughout the summer is invaluable. Your friendship at camp and at home is immensurable. Thanks for the fun, the laughs, the help, the chats, and all that makes our summers together memorable and pleasurable. Till we meet again! I love you guys.

49ers – 2005
By Sheila Tyner

Another year has come to a successful ending. The summer of 2005 is one that will go down in the record books as a very very hot, fun, spirited, out of the box summer for the 49ers. I can honestly say it was one of my best personal summers ever. It would have not been possible without the help of my fantastic counseling staff. Thanks so much Maddie, Katie, Ruth, Stacey, Sunny, Glick, Aviv, Fidler, Grundland, Mara, Spoon, Emily, Sarah, Allie, Haley, and Shirah. Without you girls the 49ers would haven never had the summer they did. Thanks CIT's, you know we could never have done it without your help either.

When I think back on the summer I really do smile a lot. Some of the highlights were late night swims, dancing in your cabins, singing in the dining hall, morning cookouts at Robby's, Big sister Little sister days, watching movies in the pub, all day waterfront days, dances, eating dried mango, and just hanging out with all of you.

Thanks again for making me feel young and letting me watch all of enjoy each and every minute of camp with you. See you all again soon!

Keep smiling!
Kisses, She She

Ranger Nation '05
By Jordan Neil David Baum

As I sit on the porch of Minnehoho, on the summit of Slippery Rock, and contemplate the summer of 2005, I cannot help but smile. What a season! The 2005 Ranger Section was one of the most dynamic in recent history. The Section was represented extremely well in Intercamp competitions, in Drama productions, in Triathlons, on Long Trips, and in the Voyageur Class. Some of the highlights of my summer include, but are not limited to Softball '05, the thunder and

hail storms on Burnt Island and Little Doe respectively, The O.C. season finale symposium, the fourth straight year of bobsledding, and once again, Sunday Night Dodgeball.

I want to take the chance to sincerely thank the Ranger counselors for their amazing work this summer. You guys really stepped up and showed your kids a great time, in turn, making my job easy. Marc, Max, Ari, Sam, Shayn, Jose, David, Sol, Phil, Justin, Jon, Trav, and "The Dan", you all did a commendable job, and your campers and I are appreciative. You guys were extremely flexible with regard to staffing trips, and to covering cabins, and you made the most out of a tough situation. Your selflessness went a long way, and I cannot possibly express the extent of my gratitude. I would also like to give special mention to Brian and Jeff, for moving into Ranger cabins this past month, and helping out tremendously. Honorary members of the Section this year include The Arborist and Rob "Toilet Paper" Ballantyne.

To the Head Staff Cabin, it was great working alongside all of you for a second straight year. I hope this was as enjoyable a summer for you as it was for me. I cannot think of a more entertaining group of people to work with. We managed to rally, despite losing one of The Four Tops, and I think that this sort of perseverance is indicative of our Head Staff Core Values. I want to thank you for letting me be a little kid for the seventeenth straight summer. I had a feeling, after our long day in the executive boardroom in London, that this summer was going to be special, and sure enough, my expectations were satisfied. Maybe we'll do it again next year?

In closing, I want to thank the entire Ranger Nation for making my summer what it was. It has been such a joy being your section head for the past two years. Although it is bittersweet to be graduating so many Rangers to the Voyageur section, we welcome next year's crop of First Year Rangers with open arms. Boys: we had our ups and downs, but it was a fantastic eight weeks. You are all Tamakwans in the truest sense, and I hope you carry with you all of the positive accomplishments and timeless memories from this past summer. See you all next year!

"It takes two to tango."
Woof Woof and How How,
Ranger Jordan

The Pioneers – by Lori

Pioneers were Bananas B –A – N- A –N –A –S!!!!!!! Thank you all for such a great summer. I couldn't have asked for a better section of campers or staff. There is so much about this summer that I want to remember forever. To my staff: Emily, W, Dylan, Choni, Ruby, Roanne, Jordi, Hayley, Brittany, Larissa, Franco, Zoe, and Klara, and Stacey, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It is always an interesting summer being new to a position, and I don't think things would have run so smoothly in our section if it wasn't for staff like you. I truly hope to see have all of you back in the section again. Here are some things from Tamakwa 2005 that I will very much miss:

- Shady dancing in Lion makeup
- The Craig Stick
- Seeing my old TB-1's leaving on long trip
- Sasha Stahl's amazing attitude
- Anna Eisenberg's time outs
- "P2 is bananas" (P1 also)
- Aja and Ally going on a 25 day
- P4 reading me their toilet
- Mallory Tyner's wild side
- Steuer asking about dinner
- Jenna Golden and Michelle Gooel just checking in
- Laura Sachse's Rainbow Brite t-shirt
- Cazzie's CA state of mind
- Jordy Winkler's smile and energy
- Carly Simko's story about a dead pet
- Ariella Midgen's accent
- Noga, Izzy and Zuzu falling in love with Tamakwa

Here are some things that I won't miss very much:

- A head full of "rastas"
- Not being at camp to welcome all the pioneers home from trip
- All of my P's melting

- Calling out the names “Rachel” “Jordan” and Sara” and having the whole section answer back.
- Saying goodbye to summer 2005

I would also like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, Candi and Sheila. Without the help and support from you two, I would have been a very confused section head. Also to Jordan and Jeff, thank you guys so much for all of your help this summer. I love you all very much, thanks again for such a great summer.

THE TAMAKWA MUSEUM: 2005 EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

This year the curators of the 2005 Tamakwa Museum is the 2005 Head Staff team who 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. This year’s display includes:

- Five plates of snack (see Buckner for explanation)
- Buckner’s “African Queen” jacket
- One bell rung on time
- Stringer’s “Bonita” shirt worn for one day
- Josh Lavine’s grey and forest green Beaver Canoe hooded sweatshirt
- The Beaver Pinata at the 70th Birthday Party
- The flashlight
- One of Jessie Drama’s hoods
- Brian’s army green hat
- The new baby grand
- An Adam VanKoeverden autograph card
- The “appliance” list
- The “caught out” list
- The 70th anniversary signed Tamakwa t-shirt
- A Murray Hartsman bagel
- One of Sue Binder’s wontons
- One of camp’s new hockey jerseys
- An Aquaquest 12 worksheet
- Josh Freed’s toe
- Jeff Fenkell’s path to girls camp
- V3’s dance parties “on the beach”
- The fourth top
- Emily’s art project
- A poker chip from the nightly staff card game
- Sheila’s rainbow rain boots
- Tara Lengyel’s plethora of feather boa’s
- 49er-1’s disco ball and robot hand
- Eric Dresner’s yellow rubber duck umbrella
- The beautiful tinfoil Splenda bowl on the Head Staff table
- One of Vic’s many huge Tim Horton’s coffee mugs
- Head Staff’s core values whiteboard
- Nadav Sprague’s drag costume
- Dr. Marks’ 1997 staff shirt
- ERS’ lock box
- Candi’s JT changeover lists
- Miriam Teich’s tuck bar
- Ben Sherman’s 1st month camper letter
- The 2 rescue boats for the CIT Treasure swim
- The wrench paddle
- Green Nalgene with car stickers
- Jake Malman’s “Shmata”
- Jonah Teich’s ping pong paddle in leather case
- Lost teeth in envelopes in Jordan’s cubby/mailbox
- A squat rack
- Father’s Day card from the Rangers to Jordan
- Ketai & Aronovitz’s Bar Mitzvah Ziploc package
- Ryan Shrott’s wrist watch
- Lori Cohen’s clipboard

- Desi's shwinger & tennis ball
- Jose Bonilla's small staff t-shirt & Jordan Baum's medium staff t-shirt
- Sammy Medoff's shoe from the Section Head desk
- The underwater housing for Libby's digital camera
- A British, Aussie or New Zealand accent
- One pair of "Croc" shoes
- A Mint Entertainment t-shirt
- A plaster cast body part (Avigian & E. Stein)
- The boat & motor Haus sank
- A treasure box from ODF
- Kingsford charcoal for a section BBQ
- Isaiah Rifkin's cast
- The doorbell for the clinic
- The one non-rainy Monday cookout
- Shenkman's whistle
- Sophie Sklar's pink cowgirl hat
- The Willie Wonka movie shown during colour war
- The new boobies instead of blue beads for Tamagama
- Sheila's elephant flashlight
- 1 new tag and cubbie from the new clinic's med dispensary
- 70th Alumni t-shirt and sweatshirt
- The alleged can of shaving cream
- Eric Dresner's night duty logs
- Mele
- A log from the former Doctor's cabin built in 1936
- A Pizza Pizza hat from Visitor's Day
- One of the many sweatshirts & rain jackets not used this summer
- One of the 700 Star Deli hot dogs eaten at the Hermelin hot dog roast on Visitor's Day
- Dan Jacobs' trip shirt
- Avigian's travel schedule
- One of the international clocks from the office
- The backward's clock
- Stephanie Timmis' lost lifejacket on Adventure Island
- A Willy Wonka chocolate bar
- One of Spoon's schedules
- One staff cell phone from the office
- One of the 3 Voyageur Canoeist paddles
- One of the new edition 05 Bar/Bat Mitzvah jackets
- The new site for water boiling
- One color war assistant captain

ARCHERY
BY: JON HAGERTY

On the sunny shores of South Tea, another summer at Tamakwa has come to an end. The memories we will take home from the summer should be enough to tide everyone over for another ten months. Voyageur Point has seen many cook-outs and campfires with new and old friends and excited kids ready to do some archery.

The targets down at Archery can be used as a simile for the kids who camp to Voyageur Point. Every week new targets were put up, and just like the kids; new faces would show-up at Archery eager to shoot. The targets that survived the week saw many repeat archers down at Voyageur Point.

First month it was the boys of Ranger 3 that I saw the most, and the occasional 49er girl. A lot of boys from first month went on to join the ranks of the Intercamp team. The team was made-up of three Voyageurs; Brad Schlafer, Zuri Guindi and James Diamond. The fourth member was a Ranger with an exceptional shoot, the one and only Jesse Gold. Together they formed the unstoppable Archery Team of Camp Tamakwa.

Second month archery made a full 180 degree change from tons of boys, to having almost nothing but girls. The Charlie's Angels of Archery I call them and boy could they shoot, maybe even better

than the boys. Better late than never girls, maybe next summer you will sign-up first month and who knows the Archery Team of '06 might be all girls.

I'd like to thank everyone who made it down the path to Voyageur Point and especially the staff; Jim Giannarapis, Alana Balbes, Dana Scheibe, and the amazing, Matt Orenstein.

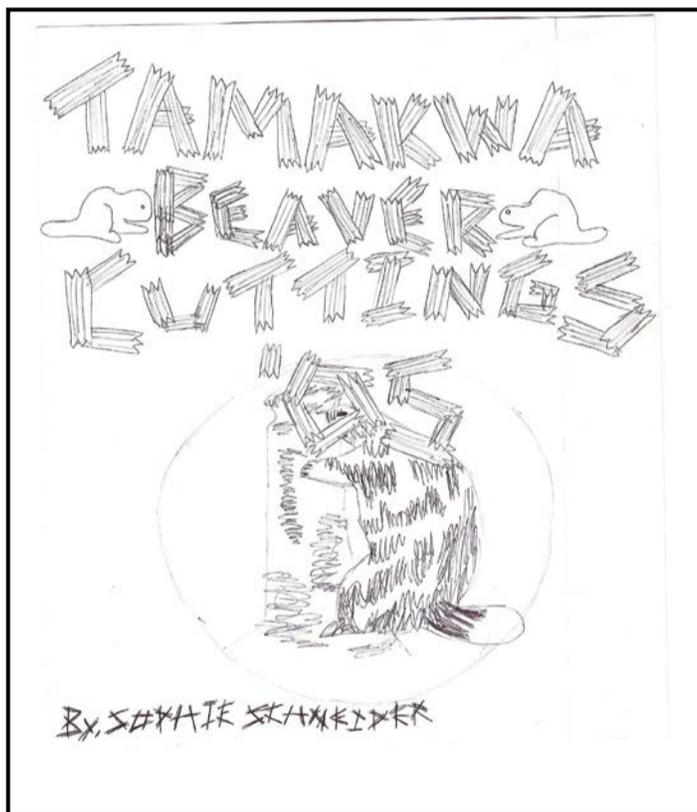
THE TAMAKWA SUMMER AT CLAY
BY: IGGY

The Tamakwa summer was exceptional in the clayroom. The campers filled the shelves with so many creative projects. I was amazed to see that over 400 lbs of clay was used this summer. Those who were in clay on a regular basis became some of my best friends. The energy created in the clayroom kept me going for the whole time. The Algonquin environment stimulated creations of beavers and trees and plaques showing the unity of campers and their cabins. It was amazing to see the variety of projects and desire to create.

The only negative aspect is that we all have to go home after spending so much time together. I will miss hearing my name so much from kids asking for help or to show me their best work.

How!How! to all who earned their awards. Staff member Roanne Bossin and CITs Erica Schecter, Sara Gurza and Jana Goodbaum were crucial in making the experience a good one for all campers. Whether playing clay pictionary, sculpting, working on the wheel, clay fights, or clay facials, every moment was intense.

I hope that working in clay was as fun for the campers as it was for me. See you in 10 months. PEACE!



WINDSURF
BY: GABE SCHARG

Greetings to campers, parents and friends from the gusty shores of South Tea Lake. This summer has shown Tamakwans unbelievable conditions with endless wind, perfect for the sport of windsurfing. With a wonderful staff and tons of motivated and committed campers, many Tamakwans have prospered into amazing windsurfers.

Special how-how's go out to Etai Sarner, Ty Diamond, Katy Dresner, Amanda Spector, Leslie Holz, Sloane Wolf, Alex Stringer, Alana Balbes and Stephanie Goel for earning their high awards.

Many campers came down to windsurf everyday as many periods as I'd allow them, always wanting to windsurf. I'm so glad that many Tamakwans have developed such a desire to become good windsurfers. This summer has been fantastic and I'd just like to thank again all the campers and staff who made this windsurf program as amazing as it was this summer.

FROM THE WOODSHOP
BY: RIC von NEUMANN

Every year there is more to do and more being accomplished in the woodshop.

This year was no exception. New projects, equipment and personnel all contributed to a very busy summer.

The improvement in skills and knowledge all of you campers show every year creates a challenge for me and my staff to keep things interesting and evolving.

First Wood Award recipients Olivia Stonehouse, Isaiah Rifkin, Hannah Levite, Mason Slavner, Ivan Parfenoff and Ben Feiger honed their basic skills to near perfection. How-How to you for your efforts.

This was also another banner year in the paddle shop. There were more paddle “adoptions” and younger participants than ever with some very creative (i.e. bizarre) blade designs and types of finish. Hannah Levite, Sam Brickman, and Melissa Gildenberg, truly excelled in paddle making, great job!!

The programs benefited from an international flavour with the addition of Tricia Stuart. Hailing from New Zealand, Tricia brought motivation, energy and innovation with a twist of Kiwi.

As usual, the CITs were instrumental in the wood shop's successes. Danny Bittker and Stephanie Gooel performed admirably and displayed a conscientious approach to their duties and willingness to improve their own skills for the future. Thanks for keeping it safe and fun.

See you all next year! “WOOD IS GOOD!!:

SAIL
BY: AARON L. ROSENHAUS

The sun was shining, the wind was blowing, and the water was wet, not much more you can ask for at sailing. We were real lucky with wind this summer, which enabled the staff and I to instill a passion for sailing that had been long forgotten. Campers, young and old, came down with an excitement that set the tone for a great two months. This summer we added some new activities to the docks such as Yachting Days and Pirate Days. Yachting days were filled with white polo's and proper English. Pirate day was rude and crude having the campers taking siege of each other's boats. There were many kids that came down to sailing with such dedication and a love for the activity that I would like to mention. Harrison Slavner, a whiz kid with the Optimist. Rain or shine you could see Harrison bobbing up and down the lake in that little bathtub everyday. The JSG's and the JSB's came down with great energy, enjoying a good sail with each other and assisting the staff and I by taking less experienced sailors for a ride.

I could not have had such a great summer without my Senior Girls, on and off the sail docks. Senior women may the wind always blow at your backs and your sunsets be beautiful. I would like to give a big How How to Alexis Goldenberg and Jose Bonilla for receiving their first class skippers. Another big How How to Katy Dresner for earning her second class skipper with honours. All high awards were greatly deserved and you all were a pleasure to sail with.

This summer my crew on the docks were not just fabulous staff members, but we became a family. Allie Gordon, Adam Sud, Jose Bonilla, Max Smith, Danny Kaufman, Eric Dresner, Sarah Jacobs, Andrew Sherman and all my wonderful CITs, thank you for your help I would be honoured to sail with any of you. A captain can never run his ship without his first mate, Shirah Farber, you stepped into a difficult job and took the challenge with style and ease. Thank you all so much, with you, these two months were smooth sailing. It was an unforgettable summer, thank you to Camp Tamakwa. May all your dreams come true and your fantasies run wild.

ROPES
BY: KLARKA WEINWURM

Another summer at Tamakwa is coming to an end. This will be my first completion as staff at camp and it has flown by very quickly. In a week from now, I am almost assured I will be dreaming about harnessing up the kids and hooking them up to the ropes.

Throughout this summer, I have met many wonderful people that came to ropes. I have become aware of which kids truly share a passion for this activity when they follow me around repeatedly inquiring about their awards.

Stacey Neilson and I were crowned "Ropes Specialists" for 2005 under the wing of Jeff Slota (our leader). We all came here as new Tamakwans and I think we would agree that in all it was a wonderful summer. We had three very dedicated CIT's; Dana, Allison and Joelle who all went really far and beyond their roles. So many children received awards this year, so many even learned how to belay each other. Many fears were conquered, lunch was eaten on the zip line and we even had kids flying; the ones who never knew humans were capable of such.

You see, here at ropes we're a bit hidden away. It's this seclusion within the shade and under the breeze that flows through Algonquin trees that brings out the craziness and enthusiasm among everyone that comes up here. We survived the heights and the flying insects. Everything breathes at ropes and everything was brilliant. Thank you all for being a part of this summer. These moments will never leave.

HALF-COURT
BY: CAROLINE O'NEILL

When I was first hired by Craig, one of the things he stressed to me was that a lot of the other staff members have been here all of their lives. He told me that for the first few weeks it would be hard to socialize with them as they would be wrapped up with catching up with one another having not seen each other for 10 months. I didn't have a problem with that because I am the type of person who will go into any situation, roll with it, and have fun. However, even while I was being interviewed, I never imagined that I would meet so many wonderful people and make such close friends.

The campers at Tamakwa are the best set of kids I have ever met. The kids are what make my day so great in the end. It's kids like David Banooni, Ari Malman, Jordan Wachler, Sydney Milgrom, Jesse Gold, Chase Rogers, Scott Schlafer, Jeff Ran, Nathan Brickman, Kevin Malerman, Evan, Adam & Josh Ketai, Aja Ison, Elana Folbe, Toby Panar, Jessica Gutman, Stephanie Gee, Mallory Kestenber, Dylan Hurwitz, Megan Epstein, Sarah Aronovitz, Amanda Orley, Hannah Klayman, Natalie Bloom, Brad Schlafer, Skye Optican and Andrew Luckoff, that have made my days here so great.

Looking back and thinking about the kids who left first month, often I get a little teary-eyed, but then I think about how it's going to be at the end of the summer and I know that I will be balling my eyes out. I can't believe how fast the time has gone this summer! It has been one of the hardest and best experiences of my life. Thanks to these kids and all of the other campers, all of my friends, and my wonderful staff (Jon Holoff, Ari Shulman, Larissa Webb and Katie Cohen), I will definitely be returning next summer. So I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you so much – I love and will miss you all greatly.



BY: AMANDA WALKER – KAYAK DIRECTOR

It's been a great summer down at the kayak docks. So many campers have come down to work on awards or just play around and there have been so many good times that I don't think I can remember them all.

What I do remember is the dedication to kayaking that some of the campers shared, like Katy Dresner, Melissa Gildenberg, Ariella Migden, Pedro Coen and Jake Kaplan who seemed to sign-up every, single week. Some of them, like Pedro, didn't even want to leave when the period was over.

I also remember how eager so many of the campers were to work on their awards. Before this summer, I had never spent any time at summer camp, and what I expected was different from what actually goes on at Tamakwa. I got a group of hard working campers determined to get as many awards as they could in the shortest time possible. But there was also a lot of fun and games. Kayak tag and bump kayaks were other favourites along with piano keys.

I think it was in the second month when tipping my kayak became the game of choice. At first, I counted, but now I've lost track of how many times I was tipped. Just today, one of the coldest days so far, I was in a kayak teaching, wearing a nice warm hoodie and shorts when Pedro, Alex Wutschel and Jake Kaplan decided that I needed to go for a swim. As cold and wet as I was, it was hard to be mad.

I remember when the 49ers first came down and wanted to have three people in a kayak; one on the front, one on the back and one in the middle, of course. Anyone who has tried this knows it's not easy to balance them. The Voyageurs would come down and wanted to play chicken with the kayaks and that didn't work out so well.

Finally, I want to thank my staff; Katie Cohen, David Cohen, Daniel Berman and Eric Dresner. What a great group of people, I couldn't have asked for better staff. I'd also like to thank the kayak CITs; Jackie Glazier, Danny Bittker and Alison Vanek. Without these staff and CITs, the summer just wouldn't have been the same.

I didn't know what to expect when I came to Tamakwa, but what I got has been amazing. I have so many good memories to take home with me and I feel as if I've learned more this summer than summers in the past. This has been a summer I'll never forget.

“FAV” MOMENTS IN DRAMA 2005
BY: JESSIE FRASER & BRIAN BUCKNER

- Broom Dance
 - Hershel Dorman playing Sandy
 - any time we're together, especially when we're apart
 - Zuri Guindi's country accent
 - Bailey Newman taking over for Shayna
 - too many tambourines
 - Etai's humming
 - Ariella... well, in everything
 - Izzy's "dream ballet"
 - Brickman's flip & Marilyn's flip-out
 - Gee & Spector singing "Learning to be Silent"
 - somebody's eyes
 - rumbles, encores & bad-a red converse
- So long, farewell, aurevoir, wiedersen, adieu!! Thanks for the memories!
Jessie & Brian

CANOEING
BY: JOSH LAVINE

Overall, it's been a fairly successful summer down at the canoe docks this year. Canoeing is much calmer and more mellow than most of the other activities that camp offers, and consequently the general interest in the canoeing program, especially among the younger campers less conscious of camp traditions, has waned considerably over the years. It was my goal this summer to jumpstart and re-energize the canoe docks in order to attract more campers of all ages. This proved a most difficult task, yet with the introduction of Frisbees, splash balls and

a lot of enthusiasm, I think we did it. I can project with faithful certainty that the voyageur class will be growing tremendously in the next few years. In this regard, I would like to recognize Evan Cole, Sara Glazer, and Max Hermelin; the three JT's who through steadfast dedication achieved their Beaver Canoeist award this summer - a feat almost unheard of for kids so young. Their budding love for canoeing bodes well for the canoeing program. I should also recognize Evan and Adam Ketai for their remarkable talent and dedication to canoeing. They are both excellent and will go far with their skills. Other considerably talented and dedicated canoeists include (in no particular order); Michael Grundland, Rory Diamond, Ben Sherman, Alex Sherman, Brad Schlafer, Skye Optican and Leslie Holz. How-how too all those who took the voyageur test and I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to those of you who received awards. They were quite well deserved.

I would like to thank all those who participated in the voyageur cookouts; they were a big success this year. On that note, I would like to thank the kitchen staff for being so flexible when dealing with the many food requests. Finally, I would like to thank my incredible staff – Mark Piazzese, Justin McCloskey, Ali Franco, Carly Fidler, Emily Kraft, Haley Pascal, Bradford Koen and Hayley Stahl - for making it an awesome summer. Your cooperation and enthusiasm was most appreciated. And where would I be without all my star CITs? Stephanie Gooel, Alaina Farber, Joelle Hecker, Jana Goodbaum, Jodie Schram, Sara Gurza and Lauren Diamond – you guys are absolutely incredible. I couldn't have asked for better people to work with. Well, that's it for me. Thanks for an amazing summer.

FISHIN TO THE MUSIC
BY: SOL KLEIN & DOUGALL THOMPSON

When you come to the slope for a relaxing period of fishing, one notices several things. First, the breathtaking view of magnificent South Tea, from Lone Pine to the creek that goes to the dam that the prime fishers of Tamakwa enjoy all day long. Second, you notice that the fishing shed is still locked because Dougall and his staff have likely not shown up yet. Third, you notice how comfortable the benches on the shmooze are. Several minutes later, you head down to the dock with Dougall, Jordy, Sol and your choice of Alana Romoff or Alaina Farber.

Anyway, you grab a rod, probably complain about putting a worm on the hook for a few minutes, and finally get around to catching some fish, soaking-up some sun and getting some well-needed R & R. Sitting down on your lifejacket or towel, you drop your line into the water. Minutes go by, you begin to say things like "there are no fish in the lake" or "my worm is dead, I need a new one." Suddenly, a tug on your line pulls you back to your senses and you triumphantly hold-up a green, slimy fish. "Dougall", you shout, "I got a fish!" You look to Dougall, who is sitting in our Swim Ways wading pool, he looks to Sol, who looks to a trusty CIT, who knows better than to look at Jordy, and before you know it, your fish is swimming away happy as a clam.

Finally, the bell sounds and you're off to your next activity, hotly anticipating your return to the hallowed fishing docks the very next day.

LANDSPORTS 2005
BY: STEVE SHORE

In a classic 1980 tune, Jimmy Buffett mused "The weather is here, I wish you were beautiful". This summer at Tamakwa, the weather was here, and Landsports was beautiful.

What was especially heartening this summer was the mix of veteran Tamakwans and Tamakwans who led our Intercamp teams to lop-sided and lost-scored victories. While I loved the maturity of the Robbie Epstein's, (who would still have the best court-vision in camp blindfolded) – where would we be without the sheer heart and intensity of Ari Malman (whose floater could have kept the Titanic buoyant). Had the mountains of Colorado only given us Ari, it would have been enough (Dianu!), but with his younger brother, Jake, in tow the Malman family may have been the best thing to hit Tamakwa since the Breakfast Incident of 1971. I would imagine the "shmata" is here to stay.

My favourite memories of Landsports this summer are a mix of the classic and the odd. Jake Sachse joining us at Bonita and then teaching me the overhead serve a few days later at Volleyball. Aaron Rosenhaus (also making his presence known at Bonita) showing me a thing or two at the basketball court. The staff basketball games and my summer-long winning streak (Arowhon excepted). But mostly some great chills and runs down at the platform. Extended

shout-outs to Shmata, Relish, Ran, Forman, Pasquoli, Blaus, Gurza, Ketai's and Eppy for keeping me honest and third period "5 on 5".

I want to send some love to my staff. What would I do without JD? He is that rare combination of a staff member who pushes me to be the better athlete, yet worse activity leader. I'll never forget the garden tackle. You're the man. A new and great staff member was Emily Stein. She is as close to perfection as a human being may be. Hard to find a more pleasant person. Probably the most improved basketball player in camp as well. Sam, Adam and MO you were the guts of the program. Between our runs and run-ins, the love was strong. At the very least, you made me remember AD and why I love 17 year-old boys. Also, a shout-out to Jenna Kraft. You showed a genuine desire to further the goals I set-out for Landsports. I thank you with all my heart – it was great to share my BM year with you too. Finally, I want to acknowledge all of my CITs with a special thanks to Emily Kaplan and Marissa Faitelson. You guys were ten times as helpful as my dynamic duo from last summer.

Also, thanks to Craig, Les and Jeff for the mentorship. Tamakwa Landsports 2005; the summer where some stuff happened.

THE STARS OF TAMAKWA
BY: CARY KRAFT – V5 BAYVIEW

To me one of the greatest things about Tamakwa is the stars at night. Just staring up at the sky and seeing all of the white dots sitting up there is enough to make my day. Living in Los Angeles, I do not get to see stars at night, so the first night I looked out from the Bayview porch, I was mesmerized. I found myself thinking about what I wanted from camp, about all the new cabin mates and friends I would make, all the new activities and sports I would try and the great times I would have.

The stars did that for me, staring at them was a porthole into my mind. I have no idea how it happened, but when I leave Tamakwa I will always remember the night sky and the stars that filled it.

"The True Tamakwa Spirit"
By: The Wrench

The true Tamakwa spirit to me isn't found as much inside camp as outside. For example; I went to a Detroit Lions game a saw someone wearing a Tamakwa t-shirt (he must have gone to camp in first month because he didn't look familiar to me).

In this situation there were two possible thoughts that went through my head; 1) it's just another shirt or 2) this person cares so much about Tamakwa that he went looking in his closet for that particular piece of clothing. I'd like to think that idea two was the case, but if you don't agree with me think about this... If he didn't care about Tamakwa, why would he be wearing a Tamakwa t-shirt? And, if he didn't like the shirt, he wouldn't have bought it.

Now there's only one possibility, if you see a kid wearing a Tamakwa t-shirt, you know they probably care. That's all for now, see you later...

BY JOSH & EVAN KETAI

I'm writing this article while sitting on the shores of South Tea Lake. I'm Josh Ketai, here at Tamakwa for my 8th summer. I'm here for my 8th time because I've had so much fun that I keep on coming back. This year is one of my best years at Camp Tamakwa. I'm going for my Expert in Half-Court and I'm getting close to getting it. I come down everyday to work hard on my awards and I also always come ready to play hard. I'm a pretty good canoeist and I love going down to work on my awards. I love it and hope to continue my canoeing during my Tamakwa career. Also this year I had made the 16 and under boy's basketball and baseball teams. I was so excited to play and it was such a fun experience for a Tamakwan.

I'm Evan Ketai and I am going to tell you some of my experiences at camp. I like to work hard at everything in camp. I like trying to make Intercamp teams. Tamakwa is like my second home, it is so fun. I can't wait for next year. These are some of the experiences the Ketai's have had at Tamakwa.

TAMAKWA WORDSEARCH

After finding and circling all of the words below, unscramble the remaining letters for a piece of classic Tamakwa

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DRAMA
TAMAGAMA
BINGO
BASEBALL
TREASURE
ADVENTURE
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SOUTH TEA
BASKETBALL
SILVER
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SKINNY DIP
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NOK HOCKEY
CIPMUNK
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TAMAKWA ACROSTIC POEM
Brittany Danzig

T is for all the trees around us
A is for the Arts & Crafts this year
M is for the mice in our cabins
A is for all the Americans
K is for the Kraft Dinner on cookouts (yuck)
W is for Wakonda & the weather
A is for the apples at tootsies frootsie

TAMAKWA – A POEM
BY: LAURA SACHSE

Windsurf, Kayak
Sailing, Canoe
Arts & Crafts, Woodshop
And Half-Court too.

Don't forget ropes,
Drama and clay,
Swimming and fishing,
Will keep you busy all day.

Landsports, archery,
Volleyball too,
These are some fun,
Things you can do.

You came to Tamakwa,
To have lots of fun,
That mission gets completed,
Harder said than done.

So when you come to camp,
Leave all your tears at home,
Because you never shed a tear,
You never are alone.

You're always with your friends,
Outside in the sun,
Off playing games,
Out having fun.

F is for Fun every day
U is for unlikely to not have a blast
N is for never not having fun

Pierce Thysell Forester 1

CANOEING FUN (NOT A TRUE STORY)

BY: SOPHIE SKLAR

One day in a big cabin called Namakoochie there were 4 girls, Sophie, Emily, Lexy and Miriam. Tomorrow was their very first canoe trip. They were sooo excited! They loved canoeing! When night finally came, no one could sleep. They were tossing and turning all night, but soon everyone fell asleep.

That morning they got up extra early. They got dressed and did all the stuff they needed to do. Then they went down to Main Camp and eventually they called "come and get it". The girls rushed into the Dining Hall, soon they were out and heading down to the trip docks to say goodbye. Sophie and Miriam said goodbye to their brothers. Emily said goodbye to her cousin and Lexy said goodbye to her brother. Then they were off! Everyone was complaining about their arms hurting from paddling.

After two long hours of paddling, they go to their campsite. When they got there, they got right to work setting-up their tents and exploring. After everything was set-up, the girls got into their bathing suits and went swimming. Playing in the water was fun, but nothing beats building sand castles! Right after that a storm began to fall. After a long time in the tents, the storm stopped. It was about 5:00pm so they started to cook dinner. It was garlic bread and spaghetti with macaroni noodles.

After a while, it started to rain again so they went to their tents. After about two hours of non-stop rain, it was time to go to sleep. When they got up, a terrible, terrible storm was in action. They were thinking about canoeing back but it was too dangerous. Luckily their tripper brought an emergency cell phone, so they called camp and asked for a speed boat. But the waves were so bad, not even a speedboat could get there! After 3 long days at portage camp, it cleared up and they happily canoed back to camp.

The End

ACTIVITIES AT TAMAKWA

BY: ZUZU WASERMAN-KOTLER & DEFNE ARSLAN

Once upon a time, there were two girls named Zuzu and Defne. They both enjoyed their activities at Tamakwa and they couldn't decide which activities to choose. For first period, they chose clay. Defne and Zuzu always tried to make bowls and mugs on the wheel at clay, but there was one problem, it never worked. Instead of going to their next activity with a bowl in their hands, they went to their next activity covered in clay.

For second period, they chose arts and crafts. They made a lot of jewellery. They also made plaster hands and when they dipped their hands in the wax, they both got burnt, and it hurt.

For third period, Defne and Zuzu went their separate ways. Defne went to basketball and Zuzu went to archery. At archery, Zuzu got her black award even though she wasn't trying to get it. At basketball, Defne played one-on-one with her coach Emily. We sometimes played Bump and Around the World. She had a lot of fun.

Because of new friends and these activities, it made Zuzu's and Defne's first summer at Tamakwa an unforgettable one.

BY: MICHELLE GOOEL AND SOPHIE SCHNEIDER

Colour War, Amy Sky Night, Saturday Night Live and so much more. These are a few reasons why we like camp so much. Another reason is the activities. Each week we pick three of our favourite activities to do. At these activities we have so much fun and try to get awards.

The main reason is our friends. Every year we meet new people and share amazing memories. As you can see we love camp so much and can't wait to come back each year. Tamakwa is the place for me!!

WHY WE LOVE OUR COUNSELLORS
BY: JENNIFER FINKEL AND JORDYN MIGDAL

No one can beat our counsellors, Hayley Stahl and Jordi Thomas. They have made our summer a memorable one. They are the best counsellors you can have in camp. Hayley Stahl, our JC, is a sweet, nice and caring person. She loves her friend, boyfriend and her long, brown hair.

Jordi Thomas, our SC, is a fun, kind and beautiful person. She is always looking out for us and she can turn anything into a fun experience. When you put these two together, your summer will be a great experience. They are the coolest counsellors anyone can ask for.

Thanks for the best summer Jordi and Stahl, we love you!!

LAST WORDS FROM THE CIT BOY:
By Danny Bittker

This summer has been a whirlwind experience of ups and downs for me. The beginning of the summer started with the bonding of the 8 boys and 18 girl CITs. There were still, of course, separations between boys and girls, we had not become one group yet. As the month went on, we began to depend on each other to make not only our summer, but also the rest of the camp's summer great. We were becoming a group...the CITs.

We began to join together and help each other out. From getting lost on the way to Drummer, or the Marge the Barge rides, we stuck together and depended on one another.

When the CIT trip started to approach, we were all excited, eager to not only get out of camp and be by ourselves, but also we were looking forward to a trip that we had for years to go on. The boys and girls were separated unfortunately, so we, the boys, went on trip together. Although we were upset that it wasn't a co-ed trip, we were anxious to go out and have a good time.

The boy's trip for me was an amazing experience. The first two days were fully amazing, we were together, all eight of us having fun and enjoying life. The last night of trip proved to me how well I know myself and that I knew how to make the right and smart decision.

After all of the other CIT boys left camp, my life at Tamakwa began to change, rapidly. I was placed in a cabin with Forester 2, I was extremely happy to be with them. The boys of F-2 began to help me come back to reality, and face the fact that the other CIT boys were gone.

I began to depend on the CIT girls and Jonny Cooper. They were there for support, advice and help. There were 18 girls and me. We formed a close bond and they were the ones who really helped me when I needed it. They helped me get through the last few weeks of camp, making me feel like we had all finally come together and became the CITs of 2005.

As I am writing this article, I am looking out at Lake Opeongo. I was fortunate enough to be able to go on the Ranger 10-day canoe trip, along with their counselor and tripper. This trip has made me see my boundaries and be able to break through them. Finishing a 3.7 km portage with a canoe on your shoulders gives you a great sense of accomplishment. I feel like I am truly beginning to understand what Tamakwa is about. Being able to stay here and finish my summer on the shores of South Tea has shown me how much Tamakwa means to me and how much I love coming back year after year.

This summer has had its ups and downs, but it has truly taught me about myself and what decisions I want to make in life. I wanted to thank all the Tamakwans this summer who helped make my summer great and I hope the CITS of 2005 helped make yours better as well.



LAST WILL & TESTAMENT - BY THE SENIOR GIRLS

Elyse Saretsky – colour war, Alex Winston CD, Harvard acceptance letter, the perfect man
Amanda Spector – a mossy rock and sunscreen
Sloane Wolf – a mirror face, a Beaver Council speech, a paddle
Carly Diamond – a Tamakwa sweatshirt, a juice moustache, the word itchy
Shani Sarner – an egg crate
Becky Perlmutar – blonde hair, a rain suit, a tic-tac, a JSB
Brooke Auld – a son named BJ, a pair of socks, an all day, a hair iron, a take-out menu,
a paddle, Leslie Holz
Jordan Scheibe – a break-up, a good impersonation
Lauren Segal – coke balls, a dictionary thesaurus power guide
Tara Lengyel - a pole, a bra that fits, a first-aid kit, a paddle
Zoe Jordan – a book, a bed, a lock, a paddle, a shadow
Maddie Weisberg – concealer, an organizer
Alexis Goldenberg – a plant, ugly Missy Eliot shoes (gold)
Melissa Gildenberg – sketchbook, kayak specialist, zip lock bags
Jamie Bernstein – a full bunny suit, straight hair, a growth spurt, new pair of underwear
Ally Florence – a map, swim goggles, a JSG
Alex Milgrom – a cow flashlight, spandex, a modelling contract
Stephanie Shatzman – a sub, Purell, Harry Potter
Shelby Baum – Mickey, mini colour war
Leslie Holz – a first name, Brooke Auld, school break, a guitar
Sammie Winkler – a handkerchief, a knee brace, a bottom bunk
Sierra Ison – an exotic trip, another month at camp, OUR LOVE
Emily Stern – Friends DVD, Matthew Perry's engagement ring, another month, OUR LOVE
Sarah Josephs – another month at camp, the perfect husband, our letter

P2 FOUR DAY OF 2005 **BY: NOGA BARPAL**

Pioneers 2's four day trip was a really fun experience. This was my first year at Camp Tamakwa and I was really excited for my first canoe trip. Our first day paddling was 2 ½ hours and I must say it wasn't fun. The portage was pretty easy, but I knew that the days to come were going to be harder. When we arrived at our first campsite, I was ready to eat and then go to bed. The site was beautiful and looked like a scene from a movie. We went swimming, ate and had a lot of fun.

The next day we did the devil's staircase and I carried the heaviest pack. It was hard, but fun. The next two days went smoothly and we all loved trip. The experiences I learned during trip are something I will never forget.

TOP 10 REASONS WHY WE LOVE MARILYN **BY: JAKE KAPLAN, JACOB HOEFLICH, RACHEL KAUFMAN,** **MITCHELL AUGUST, JESSICA STERRETT**

1. Because she's been here a long time and a lot
2. She's kind hearted
3. She's the hardest working person in the office
4. She enunciates her words very well
5. She always makes you feel good
6. She's a good joker
7. She has a nice voice when she's yelling at you
8. She takes care of camp, staff & campers
9. She makes you feel better and helps you love Camp Tamakwa

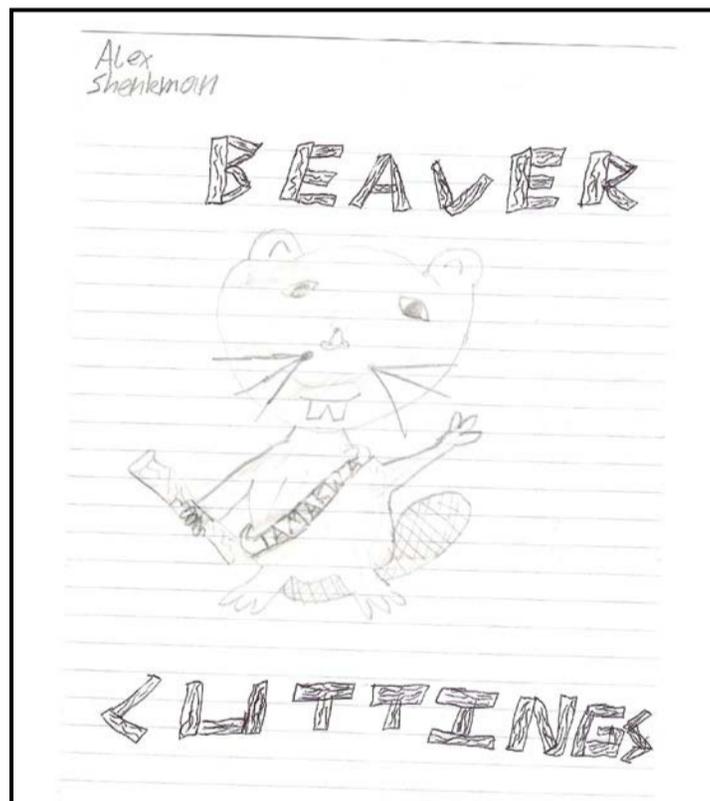
COLOUR WAR - AUGUST **TEAM VIOLET – HANNAH HODARI & MARISSA HURWITZ**

Colour War is so fun; we spend all day in the sun.

Silent lunch, not a sound, in the medley we ran all around.
In the movie, Violet may blow-up like a whale, but in the end she will prevail.

P1 WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER...

ANNA ARONOVITZ – Double “A” powerhouse, athletic, sterning
JORDYN BERNSTEIN – K, snorting while she laughs, “Hi, my name is Jordyn”
RACHEL BRICKMAN – Kitty, Russian Lady, lingerie party
MICA DANIELS – long hair, dancer extraordinaire
SARAH GLAZIER – funny, chicken nuggets/wings
RACHEL KAUFMAN – flashlight, sunscreen, cough man
RACHEL KESTENBERG – Burberry, “I need cover-up”, New York, “R’s”, dynamic duo
ANNA ROSENFELD – speed reader, genius, fish out of water
SYDNEY SALLAN – Jesse McCartney, cabin bracelets, boys, boys, boys
LILY SILVER – Lily from Calabasas, Tamakwa legacy, permanent bed in the infirmary
CARLY SIMKO – love kitten, tribal dance, highlights, drama queen, and concerned mama
JAMIE STEUER – waa...what’s for dinner?, dynamic duo
GILLIAN TYNER – Rasta dancer, Lulu lemon, stearning for life
RUBY WOHL – rubies, vintage, fire freak, singer/songwriter, “yeah girls, work it”, “yeah, the Chon”
CHONI WILKINS – lolli, “waky, waky girls”, jumper, gumboots, torch swimmers, rice bubbles, kangaroo to work



BROOM BALL
GAME CREATED BY: ALEX GENDAL, JAKE BROSS,
AARON FOLBE & DANIEL RELLE

Objects: 2 brooms, about 20 party balloons (no tiny balloons pleas), a high rectangular beam (about 10-15 feet, about the height a cabin beam), a pad of paper and a pencil.

Rules: hit a balloon over the beam. You can't hit it under the beam. If the balloon pops on a broom, the broom it pops on loses. No more than 5 hits on the balloon. You cannot reach under the beam and steal the balloon or else you lose 5 pts.

Points: If it goes under the beam – 3 pts. If it hits the side of the beam 2 pts (only counts once). If it hits the top of the beam, - 3 pts.

Main goal: beat the other player before they beat you.

People: 2 players, 1 scorekeeper, 1 referee, and a crowd

“2005”
BY: P1 (TO THE TUNE OF 1985)

Ruby's last name is Wohl
P1 they have it all
Swimming everyday
Anna R. and double A
Brickman likes kitty shirts
We live next door to Bert
Gilly likes to dance in Lululemon pants

CHORUS

Ruby's gonna be an actress
Choni's gonna be a star
RO is going to shake her tush on the hood of Lori's car
Jana is our CIT
Fiddes is the enemy
He shines his bright light
And we'll get CE tonight

So bring back...
Once
Twice
Three times a lady
I love youuuuu!

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF:
The CIT Girls featuring Danny Bittker

Emily Kaplan – a secret box; a cell phone with camp on speed dial; a bigger flashlight please!

Shanna Rifkin – an overgrown forester; a Tony award; another trip to Club Med

Alana Balbes – suggestive reading material; a certain JSB

Jana Goodbaum – a husband; some matching slippers; a fibre buffet

Jodie Schram – a video tape; JC's little friend; “you know you're fat when...”

Sara Gurza – a boy; a best friend's boy; her little brother's popularity

Stephanie Gooel – a silent guitar; R.V.N.; a basketball partner

Erica Schecter – a surprise clothing label; hardtails; sailing lessons

Lauren Diamond – a southern accent, a clipboard; position of CIT director '06

Alaina Farber – the Voyager; the younger man, the Ice Cream Guy; the Foreign Exchange student; a fab fifth

Alana Romoff –a straightener of her very own; a blond Harry Potter; a video camera; a cooler

Dana Scheibe –Nyquil; a direct route to Bayview; the look in your eyes; a JSB with nice pecs; the Badger Song

Joelle Hecker – a CIT girl's best friend; a Free City sweatshirt; trip clothes; a phone card

Jessica Brand – real vintage; a space on the tramp; her own talk show

Marisa Faitelson – “real” vintage; a bronze medallion; a Toronto accent; food; a rabbit

Samantha Siegel – a stress ball; a blow-up couch; The OC: The Complete First Season

Allison Vanek – a library; silent headphones; a clean laundry bag

Jacque Glazier – bear spray; her brother's love

Danny Bittker – a D.A.R.E. officer badge; testosterone; a certain M.F.

Jonathan Elias Cooper – a town night; Rogain, a rescuer, and a paddler

“A WHOLE NEW PORCH”

BY: P1 (TO THE TUNE OF “A WHOLE NEW WORLD”

We can show you the camp
Shake our butts on the tramp
Tell me Choni, now when did you
Decide to dye your hair

Chorus
A whole new porch
A whole new cabin to pursue
Rangers are silly guys
We love clear skies
Kestenberg wears Burberry tonight

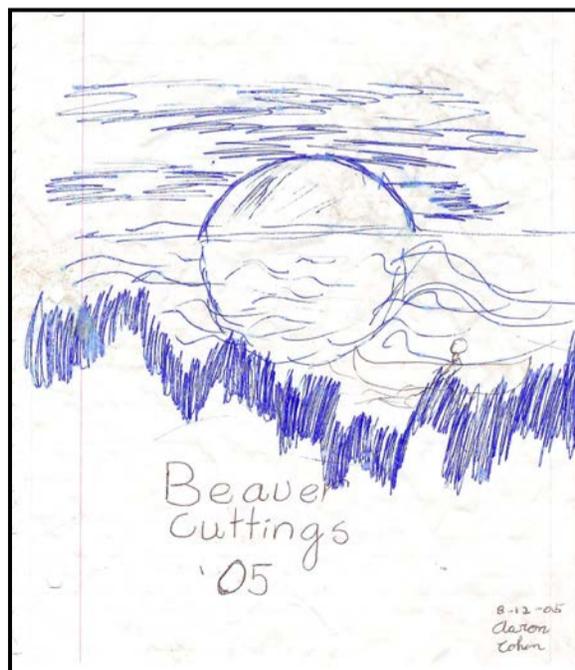
Du nu nu nu
Du nu nu nu
Burberry

Du nu nu nu
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Kestenberg
Du nu nu nu
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Silly Guys

Du nu nu nu
Du nu nu nu
Clear skies

Du nu nu nu
Du nu nu nu
Kitty

Hello Kitty!
Goodbye Kitty
Myahahahaha!



MIKE TEEVEE – GREEN TEAM
COLOUR WAR SONG

City life, ever so wasting
Moment is matter and
You never have time to think
Counting down all of the seconds
When can I go back to the
Place I call home

Heartbeats, a glimpse from
The highway
Standing on the landing
And you know you're bout
To round the bend
Deep thoughts, re-living the memories
When is the time that we
Can be together again

Chorus:

My hand in yours (girls)
A lucid dream and we
Are living in the now
Your hand in mine (boys)
Our love will stay alive
For all of time
South Tea is our summer
Dreamland
Where fantasies become reality

Sunrise day is beginning
Golden rays of sunshine
Determine what lies ahead
Sunset fire is burning
Wish on a shooting star that
Summer will never end

We sit and gaze at the water
Talking bout the moments
That happened just the summer before
Picked-up. Just as we left it
Nothing seems to change when you're
on Tamakwa shores

Chorus

Days pass camp is unwinding
A week feels like a minute
And a month seems like a day
Headrush, pulses are racing
Time is passing by but the
Feelings haven't faded away

Goodbyes, lonesome and tearful
10 months in the city is far too long to wait
So long, till we will be back here
Algonquin is a present that
Wakonda once did create

Chorus X2

VERUCA SALT – YELLOW TEAM
COLOUR WAR SONG

A child 7 years old
Waiting for his story to unfold
But he is just a child
Waiting for his soul to run wild
But his emotions are so pure
Seeing him again and that's not for sure

Chorus:

I want to hold you in my arms
I want to look up at the stars
I want to say thank you for what
You've given to me
I want to face all of my fears
I want to hold back all these tears
But you'll be missing me

A young boy of 16 wants to find his
Young teen queen
So he'll try to take a chance
Maybe he'll find her at summer camp
His emotions are pure
Seeing her again but that's not for sure

Chorus:

I want to reach out and touch your face
I want to hear your voice on the
Phone it leaves me in a calming state
I want to look at the pictures we
Took and what we had
I want to remember the good times
And forget the bad

A young man of 21, sounds so old
But he still wants to have fun
And he lives through his campers
To fill the summer with endless laughter
His emotions are so pure
And seeing them again well that's
Not for sure

Girls:

So just hold on to that day
Don't let the people you love fade away

Boys: Chorus

VIOLET BEAUREGARD – BLUE TEAM
COLOUR WAR SONG

Verse 1:

Just give me more time
Open my eyes wide
Place your hand in mine
And I'll be just fine
With you by my side
I can withstand the tide
Our worlds collide
But I need more time
(I need more time)

Chorus:

*One last kiss
Summer slips away
Watch me grow older
But still let me play
Hold me close
Forget yesterday
The sun will rise
Tomorrow will be today*

Verse 2:

Just give me more time
Make each moment mine
Watching your clocks
Not like watching the sun rise
The lights of the city
Blinding my eyes
Faded by the memory
Of a soldier's sky
But I need more time
(I need more time)

Bridge:

Cross your arms,
Stern my canoe, sit silent
Laugh hard, sing like you
Were meant to, smell of campfire,
A Gust of wind, knowing where to go
Means knowing where you've been

Chorus

Verse 3:

Just give me more time
See the best in you
For when I am here
I'm at my finest too
Having you with me
Is what I will miss
Come tomorrow
You'll be dreaming of this
But I need more time
(I need more time)

Chorus

AUGUSTUS GLOOP – RED TEAM
COLOUR WAR SONG

Verse 1:

Tamakwa's magic captures me
Each day unfolds a new story
Of what's to come and where we'll go
Every single breath I take
I find my body so awake
Hand in hand, both you & me
This is where I want to be

Pre-Chorus1:

Flowing inside me
Lays Tamakwa's mystery
I'm fascinated
Each day is so anticipated

Chorus:

Look at this place you are
Lucky to be so far away
Every summer night, every summer day
Leaving is hard to bare
But coming back its like
We were just there
For a summer night, for a summer day
We just want to stay

Verse 2:

The face of nature looks at mine
In these woods with ease I find
Who I am and who you are
Along these trails we've travelled far
The north wind exhales a breath
Only now a few days left
I'll miss you, will you miss me?
This is where I want to be

Pre-Chorus2:

Hours pass and minutes fly
Somehow leaving you behind
Still fascinated
Next year is so anticipated

Chorus

Bridge:

Girls: The magic here
Boys: The magic here is only known
Girls: To those who call
Boys: To those who call these shores a home
Girls: Enclosed within
Boys: Enclosed within these wooded gates
All: A place to which most can relate

Are you fascinated?
Is this what you anticipated?

Chorus

Chorus (clapping and piano)

“ “ normal 1st part
Girls: For a summer night

Boys: Stars are shining bright
Girls: For a summer day
Boys: We just want to stay

All: WE JUST WANT TO STAY

SENIOR GIRL
TEMAGAMI 17 DAY SONG

(Fresh Prince of Bel Air)
On the shores of South Tea we were born & raised
As seniors we were on the 17 day.
The trip was relaxin', relaxin' all cool
We walked through a swamp and back through it too

When a couple of oceans got in our way
Five hour paddles almost every day.
Sarah slipped on a rock and we all got scared.
She said slippery rocks girls all be aware...

(calculus)
Ben Klein wants Alexis
He says you + me = us

(can you feel the love tonight)
I can see what's happening
What?
And Hap Wilson has a clue
Who?
His cabin's on a waterfall
He's the Temagami guru
On.
The sweet taste of Jiffy Pop
That didn't work the time
Playboy pool and water slides
Centre Falls is one of a kind.
And can you feel the headwind today
Today.
We got blown away
Obabaka
Blue Gatorade the perfect lake
With no living things
We want some Gatorade

(man, I feel like a woman)
man, we don't look like women
we're hairy girls
we're leaving Algonquin
we're gonna climb some cliffs
We're gonna have some D.E.A.R. time
Hanging with our boys
We're making lots of noise
Ultimate Frisbee game of '05
The best thing about being in Temagami
Is every day we get to have a lot of fun...
Oh, oh, oh we're totally crazy
We don't look like ladies
Sweaty shirts men's shorts
Oh oh oh nutella and cheese
We'd get on our knees
Man, we don't look like women

(I'm real)

How long's this lake?
Are you kidding?
We've been paddling for so long
We just wanna portage

And Parr just told us
 We've gotta eat some more
 The boys aren't here no more.
 On Matamagawsee
 There was a man on a rock
 Who wasn't afraid to show it off.
 Senior Girls of '05
 17 days in Temagami
 Stayin' alive
 Holla!

Campers: Alex Milgrom, Sloane Wolf, Shelby Baum, Becky Perlmutar, Alexis Goldenberg and Carly Diamond

Staff: Emily Parr, Sarah Jacobs, and Ruth MacNeille

WORDFIND – PART 2

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Beaver Council *animals* *Robbies point*
Golden day *fun* *Tamakwa*
Spirit *cabin* *friends*

By: Michelle Gooel and Sophie Schneider

JSG'S LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

- MARISSA HURWITZ – knee brace, a forester, clean bed, an evac
- LAURA GROSSMAN – face spasm's, stacking bins, antibiotics, dashboard CD, Skye Optican
- SARA ARONOVITZ – hair clips, Midol, a tower jump, Carly Fidler's neck
- HANNAH MANSON – Pocahontas, a moment to savour, an Advil overdose, eyes
- AMANDA ORLEY – Vaseline, venus vibrance, a forester, extra hair, a love letter
- LAUREN KEPES – tofu teriyaki, Josh Amir, night showers, last kiss, Hannah Hodari
- RIAN HANDLER – eyeliner, straightener, implants, Family Guy
- KAELIN ROBERTS – underwear, Smitty, night showers, my baby's Daddy, Sesame Street
- ARIELLE NELSON – pacifier, cough drops, cake
- MARA SOFFERIN – SPAM, guitar, water jugs, a Prussian mother
- HALEY GREENSPOON – fork, knife, Billy Madison, orange hockey stick
- CARLY FIDLER – protection from Sara, Evan Taerk, a "real" hot guy list, Beaver Canoe sweatshirt,
- TAMARA GRUNDLAND – facial expressions, imitations, a tripper, stories

THEO ISON – The O.C., tanning oil, a photo shoot, a braid

ALEX HARTMAN – Nebulizer, Inhaler, stacking bucket, her sister's shoes, a heart

SHAYNA DANTO – a web cam, perfume, hyperventilating and coughing

MICHELLE WAYNE – a megaphone, microphone, speakers, senior girl imitations

MARISSA SIECK – volleyball, Hebrew blessing, a “pop”, Carly Fidler

NATALIE BERKUS – a slope repair, a disco dance, Skye Optican

HANNAH REISMAN – tetanus, jewellery, Marc Jacobs rain boots, num-num's

ALEX BUDMAN – dirt, Annie Oakley's gun, a brush, a JSG sister-in-law

RACHEL MALERMAN – a Curhan, a make-up artist, a haircut, another month

JESSICA CURHAN – a Malerman, J.J., hairspray, another month

SUNNY DIAMOND – face wash, dimple, “Yo D”, sunny delight

AVIV SARNER – English dictionary, the lights off, ESL

TAMARA GLICK – portion control, “I'll kill your dog”

RACHEL SCHNEIDER – heater, North Face & sweatpants, Lactaid pills, balance

JENNA GOOEL – contacts, a ghoul, belches, rainbow wardrobe

OLIVIA ORLEY – sunscreen, BCBG dress, vintage clothes, Bat Mitzvah dance routine

HANNAH LEVITE – plaid shorts, UGGS

SKYE OPTICAN – guitar, junior light, Buddy, movie lines, impressions

GABI RICHHEIMER – English accent, taco, white chicks, propane

HANNAH HODARI – bow & arrow, inhaler, Family Guy, a manly voice, Lauren Kepes, Skye Optican

REBECCA BOSSIN – hair mousse, speech impediment, seizures, jump in the lake

MADDIE SHIFF – Mimi & Coco shirts, freezies

ALLIE FAITELSON – nuptial cup, “LOSE CONTROL”, a bear, Skye Optican

