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By: Tamara

As my own most memorable summers at camp were as a 49er and 49er counselor, it comes as no surprise that this summer ranks high up there as one of my absolute best. After an unbelievable summer as 49er Section Head, there is no better way to sum it all up than the traditional I Will Miss/ I Will Not Miss lists. Lists aside, it is clear to me that what I will miss most about this summer are all 49er and 49er staff that have been keeping me busy, making me laugh and constantly reminding me why I love camp so much. You are all so special and it truly makes me happy to know that you guys are the future of Tamakwa.

### **I Will Miss:**

- Long trip returns (Temag x2, 13-Day x3, 15-Day x2)
- JSG "Proud Family" imitations
- Bat Mitzvah lessons with Emily Einsteadig, with special appearances by Gutman, Dani, and Shayna
- Curhan's dancing
- Tedi's voice
- 49er Unification
- Tania's smile
- Schnieder's clumsiness
- 49er shreks, both successful and unsuccessful
- Karlee singing
- Sophie's drawings
- 49er enthusiasm over the salad bar
- 15-day resupply with Libby
- Emily Gray's shower heads
- Anna's hugs
- Steuer listing off words that start with the letter J
- Big Doll House
- Gooel sister love
- Tess' gluten-free meringues
- Senior Girl fake break
- Dolly's rain dance
- Greasy watermelon

### **I Will Not Miss:**

- Scoliosis
- Messy cabins
- Sternberg sitting on Club Med's sink and breaking it
- Mice in Happy Isle's shelves
- Sick campers in the clinic
- Delayed 13-day departure
- Swim excuses
- Rainy days
- Rainy weeks
- Rained-out water boiling

# “He Shoots, He Scores!”

By: Trevor Erdie

Inline hockey, the outdoors, Algonquin sunshine, tradition, Camp Tamakwa. What more could a 21 year old university student ask for?

I myself began playing hockey at the age of four and have never looked back. Having been fortunate enough to be coached by many outstanding coaches, including Mr. Walter Gretzky himself while playing for Team Ontario at the World Inline Championships, as well as playing four years of Junior ‘A’ inline, four years of Junior ‘B’ ice hockey and playing for the Sudbury Wolves in the Ontario Hockey League, I have gained immense knowledge of the game of hockey; knowledge that I have been thriving to pass on to hopefully one of the next hockey greats. I have a fiery passion for hockey both as a player and a coach and I am now proud to be apart of the Tamakwa Inline Hockey Program.

This summer at Tamakwa has been a major life experience for me, as a person, a player, and a coach. My staff and I worked hard all summer on developing skills, mastering forwards and backwards skating, pushing kids in order to achieve their next award and of course having all kinds of fun! I will always remember the thrill of picking an intercamp team, competing against a rival camp and having your peers cheer for you to win. I will also always remember the very intense staff hockey games during rest hour, which usually resulted in tension from the losing team, but in the end, brought us all closer together.

And togetherness is where we stand. Tamakwa is all about unity and tradition. It is tradition that has made my summer one I’ll never forget. So, to end this I’m going to say “How-How”, for that is what we say after we see, do, or experience something great! Therefore, How-How” to high award winners this summer: Foresters: Sam Tanenbaum and Joseph Ricco; Rangers: Zach Resnick, Dean Sallan, Matthew Weir and Theo Sigel; 49er: Grace Kellie; and Voyageurs: Connor Schram, Evan Flashner, Jack Allen, Evan Paul and Josh Florence.

Also, a very special thanks to the Hockey Staff of 2009, who made the hockey program this year an unforgettable experience: Michael Fenkell, Josh Moss, Chad Schram, Tom Carney, Jake Fine, and C.I.T. David Banooni.

## Outdoor Awesomeness- Cheryl Re

When I applied for the position of the Outdoor Fun Director, I did so with great thoughts of being outside all summer playing with kids and teaching them all about the great outdoors. Planning and thinking over a few months and the first week of camp made me more and more enthusiastic and excited about the summer and I decided that *Outdoor Fun* just wouldn't cut it for the name of my activity and that it would have to be called *Outdoor Awesomeness* to try and explain how amazing the summer would be. Little did I know that this name would hardly do.

Over the summer I have realized how awe-inspiring Algonquin Park and Tamakwa really is. It started my first week here with breath-taking nights of star gazing and has continued all summer with me finding new fantastically beautiful, unique and truly interesting demonstrations of nature everyday.

Not only have I been blow away by the awesomeness of the wilderness that surrounds us, but by the *spirit* of Tamakwa and the people and personalities I have encountered and come to love here as well. I am in wonder at the generations that have passed through Tamakwa and the history this place has. You can feel it and to know that you are part of it now leaves you with a feeling that makes campers and staff come back year after year. It's this feeling that makes Tamakwa a place like no other. It's a feeling that we'll keep deep in our hearts forever and that links all Tamakwans no matter how many summers you spent at camp or where life takes us.

Lou and Omer had no idea of how powerful this place would be in the hearts of those who would come here. They fell in love with the wilderness here and were most certainly struck by its awesomeness. I feel that in this day and age it is important to point out and celebrate it. For this reason I feel justified in naming my activity *Outdoor Awesomeness*. The "awesomeness" is not to explain how great of an activity it is (though I do think its pretty terrific), but to point out the fact that we explore and get to feel the awesomeness of the wilderness (outdoors) that surrounds us.

I would like to thank everyone for my first summer here and here's to many summers to come in this Eden and legacy we call camp Tamakwa.

By Andrew 'Kiwi' Kibblewhite,

I am going to start this off by telling you a little bit about myself. My full name is Andrew Beaumont Kibblewhite, mostly known to campers and staff as "Kiwi". I am 24 years old and from New Zealand and work as a Social Worker at a Residential Facility for children from 5-13 years of age with behavior and health related issues. I have been in that role for the past 2 1/2 years prior to coming to Tamakwa and love my job. Initially what motivated me into coming to Canada was the intense sport of Ice Hockey and finally the craving to work at a summer camp in North America. I searched the internet and came across Tamakwa's website and instantly felt this was the place for me. When I accepted the job as Archery Director I felt the need to buy a bow and practice as I hadn't taught Archery for 6 years. Although judging on the success of the children over this summer I must've done something right. My time as an Activity Leader has been fun and I specially enjoyed teaching some new skills to many great children and staff alike, as well as just hanging out and being involved in non-activity related programs. My plan is to return to Tamakwa next year in a different role from Archery Director. I would like to say a special thank you to those children who were extremely supportive, helpful and loyal to my activity during their stay — I am sure you know who you are! Lastly, thank you to everyone for the support and long-lasting friendships and I would like to say "Kia Kaha" to everybody (which translates into "Stay Strong" in New Zealand's native language, Maori).

Regards

Andrew "Kiwi" Kibblewhite

## **“NO DRAMA IN THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT” ...**

Well, it would be classed as a small “white lie” if we were to say that the Drama Department this year has been uneventful! Coming across the seas to Tamakwa this summer with the expectation of a supporting role as “Drama Director” has become a bit of a distant memory. In its place has been re-written” Dramatising/singing/dancing/ script writing/schedule making/set painting/prop assembling/costume sorting/stage cleaning/multi tasking machine”!

Having now accepted my new role as a “multitasking machine”, I can truly say that it has been a fantastic and inspiring summer. With the assortment of shows ranging from “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown”, to “HONK”, to “Mary Poppins”, to “Guys and Dolls”, it has been a blast! The kids have been extremely enthusiastic and energized and have made the plays a great success. The long hours rehearsing in the Rec Hall in combination with script, song and dance learning can initially seem an intimidating task. However, we managed to keep the element of “fun” our top priority, allowing our true “DRAMA QUEEN” within each of us to shine through.

There have been many laughs shared and many comical moments with the rehearsal process, the drama games and the shows which has made it a memorable experience for all involved.

The program could not have been as successful as it proved to be without the amazing contribution from Stephanie Gee, who stepped in as Assistant Director through out the course of the performances. However, we could not have completed the plays if it weren’t for the great help and support of David Stringer, Sammy Bayefsky, Izzy Mekler and Jon Franklin. Thank you!

A huge “HOW HOW” to all who participated in the shows, you should be extremely proud of what you have achieved. So here’s to this year and the memories we will carry through to the next!

by Kayleigh Anne Crook - Drama Director 2009



## **10 THINGS I KNOW ABOUT CAMP**

**by Katie "Ropes" Chapman**

1. No matter how much bug spray you apply, 10 mosquitoes will find the tiny spot you missed & feast!
2. No matter how many clothes and shoes you bring with you, you will probably rotate through only 3 outfits & 2 pairs of shoes.
3. It will rain. A lot. Wellingtons/Gum Boots/Rain Boots are essential and keep your feet happy
4. You can wear whatever you want, however you want & no one will care.
5. Rest hours are golden! Sleep as much as possible.
6. You can set your alarm in the morning, but it's likely the 49ers will wake you up cheering.
7. You can be in a huge rush to get somewhere but guaranteed, Nate Perlmutter will delay you at least 5 minutes with his cuteness.
8. You lose 14 hours a summer due to the fact it takes at least 3 minutes to get quiet at meals & flag times.
9. Grilled cheese & tomato soup is always THE best meal at camp
10. You can always find things in "lost and found" that you never knew you lost in the first place.

**Hi. I am going to write about my fun times at camp. This year I learned a lot. I learned how to serve a tennis ball and get it in. I also learned how to Kayak. I learned how to put a spin on the ball. I made a paddle in woodshop and a placque. My canoe trip was so much fun because I like going on adventures. I also did the JT Triathlon and that was awesome. This is all the fun time at camp.**

**Joey Wolberg**

***A Huge "HOW HOW" to the J.T. Staff of 2009!***

**I would like to thank all of you for your tremendous hard work and dedication that make this summer of 2009 one your J.T. campers will remember for years to come. Your kids are returning home healthy, happy and eager to return next year. I couldn't ask for anything more!**

**You have been a huge help guiding me through my first year as J.T. Director. Together, we make one heck of a team.**

**Back to school, work or traveling the world, may the coming year bring you continued success.**

**Till we meet again...Donna Farber (2009)**

## Fitness 2009: Bring it!

2009 was a great year for fitness activity at Loon Lodge. One major change was the addition of several staff members who all contributed a vast amount to the success of fitness at Camp Tamakwa. The addition of new staff members allowed for more campers to sign up and get more choices between the workouts that they could do. It was a pleasure being on staff for the second summer as the fitness director. Since I first started my camp career at Tamakwa in 2006 I have seen the activity grow more and more each summer. It is becoming a favourite for many campers who continually sign up week after week. I have also had the pleasure of introducing the boxing back to Camp Tamakwa which was a hit both for boys and girls camp. This influenced also one camper Ben Robinson to pursue this sport beyond the sunny shores of South Tea, and it meant a lot that I had the opportunity to teach him throughout the summer. Many sign up for the preparation of long trip, sports team back home, or just working out for the enjoyment of staying physically active. Whatever their personal goal is fitness allows for them to reach those goals. I want to thank everyone that was apart of fitness during the summer you all showed great spirit and dedication to making my summer a very memorable one. I once again what to congratulate those that got their high awards: Andrew Lerman, Sydney Bressler, Rachel Brickman, Sara Glazer, Anna Rosenfeld, Noga Barpal, Ben Robinson, Lexi Olin, and Ben Brockmeyer. You all showed great heart and completing workouts that takes anyone out of their comfort zone, being able to push yourself to the limits day after day was a real pleasure for me being able to coach you this summer.

I'd also like to personally thank my staff and CIT's who made the activity a hit for the campers. Their spirit and motivation influenced the campers to push themselves and without them fitness would have not been a success. Reflecting back on the summer, I can only say it was one of the best experiences I had.

Thank you,

Mikey Fitness

## CANOE 2009

What a fantastic summer we had at the canoe docks this year, thanks to all of you who learned how to stern a canoe and the serene pleasure of style paddling. We had 7 breakfast cookouts that were always well attended. Special thanks to Jarred Bratley and Josh Kaufman the voyageur cookout masters. They made the eggs, helped with the canoes and were always glad to be there. HowHow to the regulars Anna Aronovitz, Jonah Teich, Josh Podolsky, Sydney Caminetsky, David Kaplan, Jacob Hoeflich, Zach Levine, Hershel Dorman, Winona Kellie, Miriam Teich, Jonathan Silver, Andrew Lerman, Rose Jacobs, Seth Schostak, Lily Silver, Rachel Kaufman and Sarah Glazier. Mmmm...bacon, eggs, cheddar cheese, oranges, bagels, cream cheese and cookies (thanks Minh!!)

The canoe staff were fabulous...Michael Grundland, Chad Schram and Adam Ketai, Voyageur Canoeists; Rory Diamond and Daniel Berman, A Canoeists; a large female presence in Jenna Gooel, Izzy Morrison, Leah Stahl and Zoe Stahl; and Josh Freed was the personality on the dock first month. What would any camp program be without the CIT's, Ben Aronovitz, Taylor Bronstine, Adam Ketai and Mallory Tyner. Thank you everyone.

Once again the Voyageur class was quite large. Everyone improved and should be proud of themselves. HowHow! to Josh Podolsky, our only Voyageur this year. Fantastic paddling Anna Aronovitz, Hershel Dorman, Stephanie Gooel and Jacob Hoeflich, our Courier de Bois. We had many new A Canoeists; David Kaplan, Jonah Teich, Daniel Berman, Zach Levine, Elliot Glickman, Jarred Bratley and Sydney Caminetsky. You all worked very hard. It may seem disappointing if you did not move, but, remember "A" is a very large category and Courier de Bois is as close to being a Voyageur as you can be.

We had many special guests this summer. Judd Fischer and Josh Levine both Voyageur canoeists, who helped with the program. Harry Sutton who demonstrated the disappearing Kayak roll and finally Izzy Meckler who on Aug 1, 2009 not only came to the dock, but actually got into a canoe.

Thanks to all the JT's who paddled with us to Adventure for trip skills and s'mores. Who knows, maybe someday you'll all be Voyageur canoeists. The two most dedicated and improved paddlers were Jason Ernst and Owen Farber. Congrats on your HowHow award. I look forward to your future in a canoe.

Have a great year everyone !!

## Kayak 2009

How How to all those that have come down to the Kayak docks this year.

How How to those that after a little persuading got into a kayak and had a better time then they expected.

This being my second year as Kayak Director I have noticed some have found kayaking to be fun, some have seen it as sort of a leisure period, and some have found it challenging. Then there are some campers that have grasped the skills and methods so well that after a couple of weeks are now considered the more advanced kayakers in camp. The following are your high award Kayakers of 2009: Shawn Zylberberg, Justin Goodman, and Daniel Kahn who were only at camp for the first month but achieved their Yaker 4, Yaker 3+, and Yaker 3+ respectively. Eli Winer - who on the first try successfully rolled his Kayak and after some practice and whole bunch of T-rescues can roll his Kayak left and right handed. His persistence and practice during general swim periods has earned him his yaker 4. Mason Slavner - who learned how to hand roll his Kayak before using a paddle and this year was very close to taking his Yaker Specialist test. Congratulations to you all.

Along with the many awards given out this year we all had the pleasure of witnessing the head to head race to Treasure Island and back between Sam Bayefsky and Tory Auld. Sam took the race with a time of 9:40.

Lastly I like to thank my staff. Alejandro Aguilar, Matt Woods, Rachel Schneider, and Lindsey Crocombe. Also, thank you to our CIT's Sammy Bayefsky and Ty Diamond for joining us on the docks this summer. Without you all, the docks wouldn't have run so smoothly and safely.

Thank you for the great summer.

Jason Kayak

## MEMORABLE QUOTES FROM THE A&C WORLD...

by Stephanie Pitcher

“Oh no you didn’t, girlfriend!” – Claire Schwartz

“I love art!” – Jenny Lubell

“Can we bead?” – Every Senior Girl

“Can we sleep through the next period?” – Anonymous

“This is a legally binding contract. You have to help only ME tomorrow.” – Winona Kellie

“I wish I was as pretty as Hannah and Jenny.” – Jenna Golden

“No. No. We’re through. I’m leaving you, and I’m taking the kids.” - Stephanie Art

“You know what? We’re Hart, Sart, Jart and Kart.” [Hannah Art, Stephanie Art, Jenny Art, Katia Art]

“I have a question for you. WHY – never mind.” – Lucy Rittmaster

Congratulations to this year’s Group of Seven!

-Winona Kellie

-Lucy Rittmaster

-Claire Schwartz

-Maddie Wein

-Sophie Schneider

-Lexie Olin

-Asher Raduns-Silverstein

## Our Canoe Trip by Andie Harris

On most canoe trips, paddling for hours, long portages, and sleeping on the rock-hard ground in a buggy tent would be the worst way to spend your time, but not on Camp Tamakwa canoe trips. I just got back from the best 4 day canoe trip ever. While we were paddling, we would sing songs, play games and get to know each other better. During the portages, we would cheer each other on. And, we would stay up until late hours chatting about our day. What could be more fun than that? Tamakwa trippers and staff members know to make a long, tiring day, full of fun. Thanks for the wonderful experience!

## MY VERY FIRST COLOR WAR

By Rose Jacobs

**You know how as a 1<sup>st</sup> year TB, how you come in clueless, barely knowing anything about camp? You know how as a JT you get tricked easily into believing there's no Color War? And you know how as a 1<sup>st</sup> year camper the scariness of the break, craziness of the cheering and the soulfulness of the song really comes alive. As a little TB walking to Loon Lodge to see the break seemed like the scariest thing in the world at that time. From the giant eyeball to the tomb creaking open. Even though I was only doing JT activities, they seemed like the most important things in the world. Even though our team didn't win I felt proud that our team played fair, played hard and won in our hearts. Color War helps embrace the little competitive edge of camp and I love it. Color War truly brings the camp together in a fun and unexpected way. Color War is one of the best parts of camp and you shouldn't miss it. All you need to do to experience this is to come to Camp Tamakwa!**

## **Woof woof, big racquet, FISH fly, yellow jacket.**

Hi, my name is Alexis Goldenberg and this summer I had the pleasure of being the fishing director for the August session.

The fishing docks this month were always a fun place to hang out. Our biggest fish was caught by Nurse Brooke Lyons. Her dish was a White Sucker and was an amazing 21 inches long and was 3 pounds. Although we couldn't eat the fish, it allowed campers to see an example of a bigger fish that can be caught in South Tea.

This month we also went out on the fishing barge quite a bit in hope of catching big fish. Even though we didn't have much luck while on the barge, everyone enjoyed their time on the water. When not on the barge you can find the campers at fishing doing F.A.R.T. or fish art. This was an old camp activity which we decided to resurrect this summer. Some of the things we did were Fish prints and making our very own lures. It was a great addition to the fishing program as it brought more of a female presence down to the docks.

This month at fishing has been a great experience for me. I am forever grateful to my awesome staff of Alex Moss and Lee Feldman. With their great help and support it made my transition from counselor to activity leader easy. Thanks guys, you are amazing! The campers who came down to fishing are the reason for the great success we had.

I can't wait till next summer when I can return to Tamakwa and see the slope and the fishing docks from the highway. It's the first place I'll see and the place that I will always remember from the summer of '09.

# Senior Girls

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Allie Lipschutz – a facebook status update, an off tune song

Jordyn Migdal – a key to the art room, a first aid kit

Noga Barpal – a walk down the aisle, a canary bra

Michelle Gooel – a night duty, a stolen item

Jenna Golden – a \$3,400 paint fine, a “same” joke

Jennifer Finkel – another airbands dance, a water boil

Maude Etkin – two beds, a pair of croc high heels

Jenna Felsenthal – a flying squirrel, pancakes

Sydney Milgrom – a stalker, a pair of duct tape uggs

Tedi Dorman – a tea party, a chief named awkward turtle of the silent rivers

Sophie Schneider – a sketch pad, a little lad, \*

Mel Singer – a putt putt ride, chicken balls

Niki Howard – a tube, a saltine cracker

Alanna Sucher – Number 4? An all-day captain

Laura Sachse – Not so white free city sweats, broken vans

Lexie Roddan – a razor, bed sheets, shower

Karlee Goodwin – a nemo song, softball pitch

### STAFF:

Erica Schechter – a Bat Mitzvah, a speech impediment

Izzy Morrison – a picture postcard, a hippie

Shelby Baum – a long trip, a missing best friend

TAMAKWA'S ROYALTY!

# Half-Court

by **Simon McCormack**

**My experience as part of the International Staff here at camp has been just as good if not better than I expected. What I have learned, felt and seen here can't be explained by words. I came here to become more confident as a person, soak in a new culture and gain fantastic work experience. Tamakwa has certainly given me all I came for.**

**Time flies by here but yet it only feels like I've been here a couple of weeks. The atmosphere is great and everyone just seems to click with each other. The unity of my cabin (Last Resort) is very much a 'brothers in arms' type of unity. It has been without doubt my most favourite experience from camp.**

**I will never forget my first class and all the great games myself and my staff played with campers. I got such great satisfaction from seeing them enjoy it. The best aspect from the coaching was picking a team for inter-camp and watching them progress well through the whole selection process. I'll never forget the time we beat Manitou in all five matches and feeling so proud of myself and the campers.**

**I have not eaten as much in all my life. Have I sweated, showered and exercised so much either. Tamakwa has an amazing history and spirit which I was honoured to be part of and hopefully some day I can be part of it again.**



## **ACTIVITIES by Livvy Gordon (P-1)**

**Water activities are a big part of Camp Tamakwa. There is canoeing, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, chicken boarding, and of course, swimming. Everyone will eventually canoe every summer because of canoe trips. Each cabin goes on a cabin trip and when you get to be in Pioneer two or Ranger two, you get the option of going on a long trip. Sailing is a fun activity where you learn how to rig a boat and sail for competitions, fun and awards. If you sign up for windsurfing, you have the option of chicken boarding. Chicken boarding is where you stand on a board with someone else on the other side and try to knock them off by wiggling the board with your feet. Landsports are also fun to sign up for. Landsports include soccer, tennis (half-courts), baseball, fitness, basketball, hockey and ropes. Soccer and baseball are both at the ball field. In fitness you can hoola-hoop, jump rope, box and do cardio workouts. Tamakwa offers other activities such as woodshop, clay arts and crafts, outdoor fun, camp TV, fishing and recording. Activities are enjoyable and teach you a lot.**

## **TRIATHLON !! by Bree Gross**

August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 I did the Junior Tamakwan Triathlon. First we went to Robies Point and jumped in the lake with a counselor. Then we swam to the swim docks and got out and started to Kayak to the slope. Finally girls or boys were waiting for us so they could run with us. Then we put on our gym shoes and started running. Then we ran through toilet paper and that's how I did the Junior Tamakwan Triathlon.

# Yachting, Sailing and Fancy Diving Too!

By Max “Smitty” Smith

What can be said about this season’s wind? How can a young man describe the joy he felt being the leader of such a great activity with great kids, location, and weather? These are questions that I will answer, although I must say that it will be hard to fully express my feelings on paper here in the Beaver Cuttings.

In May of 2009, I returned to North America from Rome, Italy, anticipating the day (June 20) that I would arrive on the shores of Old Sough Tea, eager to feel Waconda’s breath whipping across the water and onto the beach. I prayed for twenty nights straight that Waconda would grace Tamakwa with windy days, silver or golden did not matter to me at the time. After a long wait, I finally arrived, put the boats together with the help of Josh Lavine, JJ Bittker and Trevor Erdie, and awaited the arrival of the campers. The summer started with a bang, but in retrospect I probably should have prayed only for golden days.

The rain came in force 1<sup>st</sup> month, but it brought a lot of wind along with it, which provided many great days down at the docks. These great days have developed a slew of highly skilled sailors, many of which were beginners at the summer’s onset. I want to thank all of those sailors for coming down every day, getting in boats in the rain, and fighting in line for individual choice for my last open spots in 3<sup>rd</sup> period every week.

Jenna Golden, Rachel Kaufman, Ella & Lucy, Sara G, Steph T, the JSG’s the Senior Girls, Brother Kreegs, Mikey, Herman, Gittlekaplan, Aiden Folbe and Bennett Magy, Robbie and Michael Simons, and especially my CIT’s and Harry Sutton, thank you for harnessing the wind, and going three sheets with class, pride and determination. To my staff, thank you for supporting me, laughing with me and making it a fantastic summer for all of the kids. My docks would be nothing without you.

As 2<sup>nd</sup> month began, the obsession with deep sea diving arose when Sammy Bronstein and Jake Moss lost their sunglasses just off of the docks. Joe Swim, Ryan Zucker and Josh Schostak accompanied me on the diving mission, which proved to be the first successful mission of a long month of dives, which took place during the last 10 minutes of each period. Lots of treasure was found, from sweatshirts to watches and old parts of logging boats from the 1930’s. To the dive team I say thank you. I had a lot of fun resurrecting the history beneath the waters of South Tea.

I want to congratulate all those who received high awards, and I wish you smooth sailing in your future summers and vacations on bodies of water. May Waconda bless you with strong warm breath, and may the great sailor in all good sailors be with us till we meet again on the north shores of South Tea Lake.

## Landsports 2009

This summer has been an eventful one at landsports. From Triathlons to intercamp to track meets and weekly tournaments, there has been non-stop camper action.

In July, Tamakwa hosted Manitou for an exciting day of intense sporting events. Our U16 softball team started the day off right with a dramatic comeback win the final inning to secure the game 7-6. The boys' and girls' volleyball teams also dominated on the court. The boys played as a strong team and fought hard to win some very close games. The girls' volleyball team, lead by Laura Sachse, Noga Barpal and setter Jenna Felsenthal, played a nearly flawless first set and held on to take the game after a very close second set. With other wins in basketball, half-court and archery, Tamakwans showed that we are strong competitors and excellent hosts.

First month also showcased three triathlons. The JT triathlon had an astounding 35 participants, many first timers, who worked hard and finished with great personal best times. The Harvey Deutch Triathlon went off without a hitch. Special mention going to Jared Bratley and Mason Slavner who posted excellent times, and Kayak Director, Jason Brady, who not only set a new personal record, but made it into the top 10 of all time!!

With a very full schedule, landsports staff worked hard to bring as many tournaments and games as possible to campers and staff. The JTs enjoyed a full afternoon at the ballfield in a Track and Field Event Extravaganza. Josh Kam helped lead the Red Team to victory, after winning three out of five final events!

If July flew by, August went by like a jet plane. The JT and Harvey Deutch Triathlons had great athletes and participants had amazing support from campers and staff.

During Intercamp at Manitou, our U12 athletes competed hard on a beautiful golden day, but came up short. Special mention goes to our swim team who raced their hearts out and won the competition. The Tamakwa U16 Intercamp teams traveled to Tamarack in August. They competed hard and won many events. With hospitality lacking, our teams kept their spirits high and demonstrated their maturity. I would like to thank all campers and staff for their unbelievable perseverance throughout the day.

Lastly, August brought a remarkable personality to camp who introduced the now popular camp sport of ultimate Frisbee. Hopefully Dushawn will make a return to the sunny shores of South Tea once again.

Thanks to all the staff and campers that helped make this summer one to remember!!  
Best wishes!!

Sarah McGuire  
Landsports Director 2009

## Camp TV 2009 - by Josh Lavine

So there we were, Street P, JRod, we were all there, and I said, "Alright guys, today we're going to film commercials." Max Raimi immediately responds, "oh, well I wrote one already." I handed him the camera and an hour later, he brought back some of the funniest footage I've ever seen. That was about par for the course this summer. The very same thing happened with superstar camper Rose Jacobs. She filmed a Tamakwa newscast that is positively exploding with personality. I swear there are rising stars at Camp Tamakwa. Time after time I'd give a kid a camera and he or she would return with unbelievable stuff, pretty much ready for screen. The talent and creativity and humor that the kids have here are through the roof. Camp TV may only be three years young, but with kids like these it's sure to become a Tamakwa staple.

Of course, that isn't to say that the summer didn't come with its challenges. Making videos with kids is definitely hard – harder than one might think. Sometimes (but rarely), the kids got camera shy, but most of the time they have minds that move at light speed, and my camera work and editing just couldn't keep up. If only there were 30 hours in a day and the summer was 200 days long, then *maybe* we could have tackled all of the projects that they wanted to do. But with their brains and my technological brawn, we did end up making some pretty cool stuff. And funny! Noah and Josh's impersonations of Craig and Vic (respectively) had me (and Margot) absolutely in stitches.

A video program is an ambitious idea for a camp in Algonquin Park, and Tamakwa is pulling it off. But it wouldn't be possible without the help of a few crucial people. First and foremost, thank you to David String, whose wisdom and technical expertise are invaluable to this camp and to this activity. I can say with faithful certainty that you would be hard pressed to find someone else with such a deep and expansive array of talents as David Stringer. He has taught me a tremendous amount not only all about film, but also about music. It has been a pleasure working with him. I hope that one day I get to pick his brain about his many other interests, but for now, cheers to a great summer. Thanks also to Katia Teche for lending a hand when needed, and to Stephanie Gooel, who essentially made my plaque, which was clutch. And thanks to Craig, Vic and Franchi, Craig for helping run my activity, and the lot of them for making Tamakwa the magical place it is.

Shout out to the boys of Last Resort. Andrew Gilbert Dilbert Schelberg-Miller, keep doing what you're doing. Simon, keep in touch. Trevor, bro, I love you man. Oh wait...there it is. Pete, hope you're doing well my man. Smitty and Mara, it was great spending the summer with you again. It was legendary. Congratulations to you two and the others on 13 years.

Thank you to the whole Tamakwa team for my favourite camp season yet. Here's to the summer of 2010. Happy 75 years, Tamakwa. I look forward to sharing it with you.

## International Staff by Quinn Richter

This year at Tamakwa the staff are from many different countries. Such as US, Mexico, Canada, England, Australia, Ireland and New Zealand. I like the international staff because I get to hear/listen to different accents. I can see how people from different countries dress. I got to hear what it's like in different countries. Also, I get to spend time and meet people from different countries. That is why I like the international staff. I think every year there should be this much international staff.