



# BEAVER CUTTINGS

# TAMAKWA

# 2011

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I wake up to the bell or birds singing a tune  
when I walk to breakfast I always hear a loon  
After Breakfast I do my chores  
Then someone in camp gives your cabin scores  
After chores I do my activities  
Next there's lunch oh boy grilled cheese then  
there's rest hour when we read books and get mail  
And then we learn to swim its impossible to fail  
Then we get Tootsie Frootie now that's really sweet  
Next I go to the trip docks and we sing a song to greet  
4th and 5th period we do anything that's fun  
It's nice being with your cabins and playing in the sun  
Then we have dinner it's a big chicken deal  
A lot of people are in line for the veggie meal  
Now it's time for twilight I can hang out with my friends  
If you go to Tamakwa the fun never ends  
Next is evening program now that's always really cool  
If you've ever been there you'll know Tamakwa rules  
Finally we have taps we sing the day is done  
We think about how every day Vic and Craig always make it fun  
After we go to are cabins and have a little treat  
The cookies that they give us makes are dreams real sweet  
I had the best summer with my counselors and my friends  
This poem is now over until we meet again

- Jillian Lesson TB2  
Age 8

## Coming Home

By: Sophie Mandel

"Bye!" I yelled to my mom & dad. Another summer at camp, WOW! I leapt onto the bus and proclaimed to my brother "camp again," to which he replied "mmmmmmhmmm," which told me he was too cool to care. So as the bus pulled away I looked out the window and watched as my parents disappeared into the distance.

The bus was filled with the laughter of many kids excited to arrive back at their summer home. As I joined them in laughing I found myself struggling to open a lolly pop, pathetic I know, but luckily I had someone to help me;

“Um, Sam?” I asked my brother, “sorry to disturb you from your hard rock n’ roll world to bring you back to the REAL world, but can you open this?” He stared at me and quickly snatched the candy out of my hand. I waited a moment and saw him holding his hand out.

“oh, thanks Sam!” I declared, but he was already back in his own world.

When we pulled into the parking lot we quickly made our way down to the landing and boarded the pointer. Soon we were pulling back up to the dock at our home away from home. All of the smiling faces were proof enough that we were ready to start a brand new summer on the sunny shores of South Tea Lake!

## **2011 49ers Report**

By: Tamara Grundland

I don’t think we could have asked for a more beautiful golden summer here on the sunny shores. With the blue skies came dozens of sugar lips wearing 49ers armed with Justin Bieber posters, neon duct tape, hidden candy, and lots of energy. Every year seems to top the last and I want to thank all the 49er campers and staff for making this summer such a memorable one.

### I Will Miss

- Sending out five 49er long trips
- Living with Gooel
- Nightly visits by the JSG’s
- Senior Camper/JT twin day
- First year 49er twitter names
- Beallor and Klayman’s petition to stay 2 months
- Surprising the Senior Girls with ice cream at the portage store
- Watching Shayni do the “Dougie”
- Winona’s smile
- Going on 15 day re-supply
- Lily Cohen’s hyperness
- The plant from Little Shop of Horrors
- Glickman’s manicures
- Sydney and Grace taking the voyageur test
- Leah’s hugs
- JSG goody bags
- Handing out tuck with Ester
- Meals with Head Staff
- Folding Izzy Brickman’s shorts
- SNL
- Showing off my many moves in Grease Lightning

- Thriller
- Doing the triathlon for the first time in 14 years
- Early morning tower jumps with the Senior Girls
- Having two Dorman's in the 49ers section
- Claire and Mallory stepping up for trips
- Francie's rain dance
- Natalie Jacobson being kooky
- Robbie's at rest hour
- Visits from Jenna, Shirah, Berman, and Spoon

### I Will Not Miss

- Lice
- Love Triangle
- Miscounting canoes for Monday cookout
- Shayni coming back from Temagami all bandaged up
- Packing/Unpacking/Cleaning Ernie

### **Senior Girls Last Will and Testament**

By: Senior Girls 2011

- 1) Jennifer Karr – Tanning Oil and a finger wag.
- 2) Dani Jacobson – WEBMD.com, a fruit ninja, and a razor.
- 3) Gen Hurwitz – A megaphone and a plane ticket.
- 4) Alanah Bratley – A watch, an orange crush, and a family greeting
- 5) Kasey Rechter – A nap, a cloud, all dressed chips, and a new blanket.
- 6) Zoe Kaufman – A morning jog and cover up.
- 7) Emily Einsteadig – A family friend and a forgotten birthday.
- 8) Alana Gutman – A broomstick, a benny, and a hand tickle.
- 9) Lucy Rubin – A Gatorade, a tampon, a 4m round.
- 10) Ella Rubin - A high speed chase, a ball, a mispronounced interjection.
- 11) Sara Glazer – A memory card and a chill pill.
- 12) Shayna Brickman – A tower jump and all day co.
- 13) Grace Kellie – A visiting day reunion, gluten, and matches.
- 14) Amanda Miller – A regretted wish, raybans, and fabreeze.
- 15) Sydney Caminetsky – Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law and a paddle.
- 16) Shelby Silver – Ella enchanted and a feather.
- 17) Olivia Machado – A can of hairspray and a vine.
- 18) Naomi Weiner – Louis Vuitton and a mossy rocky.
- 19) Monica Hershman – A foot, a cat, and a British flag.
- 20) Clayton Jacobson – A waterfall, a sling, and Peter.

# **FROM THE 2011 SENIOR BOYS**

## **Monday Morning Brunch**

By: Ethan Beallor

This is my seventh summer on the sunny shores and one of my favourite things every week at camp is the sleep-in and brunch on Monday mornings. After a long week participating in activities, having a sleep-in let's you recover and reflect on the week that has just passed. If you're not a sleep-in kind of person cartoons in the rec hall start at 8:30am and if all you care about is food, the buffet opens at 9:30am for JT's and 10:00am for everyone else. The reason why I enjoy the brunch so much is because of the variety of food made by Guy Tetreault and West Park Catering. You can have muffins, yogurt, eggs, French toast, and countless other breakfast treats.

Recently, West Park Catering has added another jewel to their buffet lineup: chocolate milk! It has become an instant favourite for many Tamakwans, all who hope it will still be on the menu next year. After a long and scheduled week at camp, having the freedom to sleep-in and have a buffet is a necessity for Tamakwa living.

## **Bonding**

By: Jamie Perlmutter & Jason Sachse

It was the very first day of the summer of 2004. The weather was average but the day was more special than any other that had come before it. For that was the day that we met each other.

At an early age the two of us learned the most valuable lesson one can learn at camp. The friendships you make can never be broken. Whether it's going on a cookout, a long trip, or even just hanging out in your cabin you bond with those individuals around you and create a lasting relationship not soon to be forgotten. The two of us have been through it all together and we will never be truly separated. Even though we live in different countries, camp has created a special bond between us and we will never let the bond disappear.

## **Everlasting Tamakwa Friendship**

By: Jake Migdal and Mitchell August

Mitchell August and Jake Migdal, two of the most handsome and best looking kids in all of camp are also the best of friends. At home, they rarely see

each other because they attend different schools and are highly active in extra-curricular activities. But every year something magical happens in an even more magical setting. You see, for two months out of the year these two lads are given the opportunity to spend unlimited time with one and other.

Camp Tamakwa is a place of amazing memories and unforgettable laughs. It is a place where cabin mates become friends, friends become best friends, and best friends become brothers. Mitchell and Jake are the perfect example of this, two young seeds blossoming together to fill the already breathtaking garden of friendship known as Camp Tamakwa.

### **The Experience as an All-Day Captain**

By: Andrew Colton

The honour of being chosen as an all-day captain is one that is highly sought after by all senior campers at Tamakwa. While many dream of what it must feel like to have the honour bestowed onto them, I was given the opportunity to feel it first hand this summer. "Bayside your colour is blue. Your captains are Monica Hershman and Andrew Colton". What followed was an amazing feeling that felt like a mixture of excitement and anxiety about having to lead a group of campers, write cheers, and delegate people into roles for the good of the team. Being a captain was an overwhelmingly great experience that was both fun and rewarding.

So how do you become an all-day captain, inquiring minds may ask. My advice to you would be to participate in as many activities as possible and obtain as many awards as possible. Then the honour of being an all-day captain may be given to you.

### **The Sense of Accomplishment That Comes From a Canoe Trip**

By: Sam Orley

As the trees thinned and the water appeared, I realized that I had just reached the pinnacle of my canoe tripping career. I had just accomplished 16km of portaging during the aptly named "hell day". Physically, it was impossible to feel more drained. Mentally, it was impossible to feel more satisfied and proud of myself.

If there is any advice I can provide to a pre-senior, it would be to leave your comfort zone and embrace the fears, bonding, and hard work that comprise the legendary 15-day canoe trip. With ease, I am able to say that those days on trip were the most rewarding 15 days of my 8 year camp career. It is something that every camper should experience before they become staff.

## **Coming to Camp**

By: Otto Thornton-Silver

As a foreigner, attending a camp in a different country can be an interesting experience to say the least. In fact, it can sometimes be downright confusing. Certain words have different meanings and can be taken much more literally in Canada than back in my country the United Kingdom. I quickly found this out on my second day of camp after an embarrassing incident. But it doesn't matter how many times I humiliate myself because at the end of the day my cabin mates and friends are always willing to forgive and forget. This is why I love Camp Tamakwa and will keep the friends I've made here forever.

## **The Tradition of Inter-Camp**

By: Zach Levine

Every year Camp Tamakwa and Camp Arowhon compete in sports engrained in the very fabric of each camp. This year, Tamakwans on the canoe, sail, windsurf, archery, and kayaking inter-camp teams traveled to Arowhon to participate in races and competitions within each sport. Aside from competing against one and other, the participating campers enjoyed seeing a different camp and fraternizing with campers from another camp. The kids had a chance to learn new ways of participating in these activities whilst in a friendly environment. Giving campers the opportunity to learn the traditions and ways of other camps helps them to grow and acquire knowledge they would not receive anywhere else. Hopefully, Tamakwans and Arowhon-ians will be able to compete and bond for decades to come.

## **Anticipating Captaincy**

By: Eli Winer

Everybody knew that Wednesday night would be the break. Filled with anticipation and nerve racking fear I sat with my friends hoping to hear my name called as an all-day captain. The last few hours leading up to the break were spent mulling over my camp record and all of my achievements that would hopefully be enough to get me a spot as a captain. I know it's not colour war, but still it would be an honour to be a captain for any all-day.

Unfortunately I broke my ankle during first month and was restricted in my participation of many of camps activities. I could only hope that the injury would not effect my possible position as captain. The first three teams are called with no mention of my name. The fourth team is announced, colour presented, and

captains appointed. An eruption of cheers rings out and hands are giving each other high fives in front of me, which startled me at first as I sat silently. Looking back now after the all day, I can't really remember if I was a captain at all. I remember seeing my name on the packet and being called to the captains meeting. I even have a vague memory of being dressed up as a giant loon for a short time (Brian Mullooney, in fact). But was I ever really a captain at all??

### **First Month Inter-Camp Highlights**

By: Jesse Yaker

Over the summer of 2011 so much happened! However, there is one thing that I want to talk about; 1<sup>st</sup> month inter-camp sports against Manitou. The first sport I would like to discuss is softball. It was 7-7 in extra innings, top of the seventh. Manitou scored 2 runs and took the lead in the top half of the inning, giving us one last at bat to win the game. Jake Migdal stepped up to the plate and nailed a double. With Migdal on 2<sup>nd</sup> Todd Weiss stepped up and hit a long triple that scored a run. Jonah Adelman followed the triple up with an infield single that tied the game. Then Dylan Deitch popped out and Mitchell August hit into a game ending double play. The umpires conferred and decided the game would go down in the record books as a tie due to time constraints.

The second sport that stands out in my memory from the Manitou inter-camp day was basketball. Simply put our 16 and under basketball team was one for the ages. We dominated Manitou! Highlights of the game include Mitchell August's three 3 point baskets in a row, Dylan Deitch's reverse layup and 1, and of course Joey Rubin's huge block! Overall inter-camp was a very fun time for athletes and spectators alike.

### **The Best Activity in Camp**

By: Alex Sigel

Over the years there has been much debate over the most enjoyable activity that Camp Tamakwa has to offer. After several years of researching and studying I have come to the conclusion that this title belongs to the pride and joy of South Tea; windsurfing! It is the most multi-faceted activity at camp. Agree or disagree, let me explain.

It is more than encouraged at Camp Tamakwa to participate in water sports due to the fact that to most, these activities are unavailable throughout the year. This is why water sports are typically among the most popular activities at camp. Each water sport is able to offer its own valuable assets. Canoe has the most history supporting it, which leads to some very prestigious awards as well as the ever so appealing "no lifejacket" rule. Sail offers campers the opportunity to fly across South T as fast as possible by using teamwork with

other campers as well as the adrenaline surge that comes with just ducking out of the way of the boom. Kayak allows campers to work as individuals to achieve their goals. However, it is the windsurf program that takes the cake.

Camp life seems much more laid back at the surf dock. For instance, the sail dock has a very strict policy regarding swimming, tanning, and just chilling for lack of a better term. At the surf dock, these activities are accepted as part of the culture there. This is just one advantage of spending ones time at the surf dock. Another can be seen on the faces of many campers as they improve their skill level. Many people find learning how to windsurf a frustrating task. However, it is the individuals that put the time and effort into learning the proper technique that benefit the most from this activity. Furthermore, as a surfer, you always have a spot on the all-day surf and sail. Even if it is not a windy day there is always at least an opportunity to “get some colour”. The more advanced you get, the more fun the activity becomes. You can learn how to butt and head dip (this is when the two previously mentioned body parts skim against the water due to extreme leaning). There are many tricks to be learned as your skills advance as well, such as rail riding which is when the board flips over and the surfer stands on the side of the board!

In conclusion, windsurf wins the title of best activity in camp due to the fact that it can be a golden day or a silver day but no matter what you can always have fun at the windsurf dock!

## **Trip**

By: Jacob H

One of the greatest elements about being at Camp Tamakwa is being surrounded by such a beautiful landscape that provides us all with breathtaking scenery. What’s even more special is being able to go out and experience/explore this scenery, most believe that this is even a blessing. This summer I was lucky enough to be on canoe trips for 24 days of my summer. I can truly say that these days spent exploring Algonquin Park made my camp experience this summer extremely special.

Being a senior boy living in Bayview was an extremely unique and amazing experience. However, it was being on the fifteen day canoe trip that contributed the most to such a wonderful summer. Being out in the wilderness with a couple of great friends can’t be matched by any other experience. Thank you Tamakwa for allowing me to learn this valuable lesson.

## **The Journey to Drummer**

By: Connor Schram

It was during a Monday of first month that camp decided to have a section day instead of the usual Monday cookout. Soon after this announcement was made, the Voyageur section was informed that we were hiking to Drummer. The senior men returned to our cabin, packed for the day and quickly departed. Many of us had not been to Drummer, which made us very eager to check it out. Adding to that excitement was the fact that a newly made rope swing was waiting for us at the Drummer campsite.

We finally reached our destination after an hour and fifteen minute hike. We unpacked and quickly began enjoying the rope swing. For somebody like me, who had never been on a rope swing before, the feeling of swinging over water was thrilling! I grasped the rope, swung over the water and let go in order to fall safely into the water. After a few more turns on the swing I decided to dry off and sat down for a short while.

Soon I heard a familiar voice yelling in the background. It was our loveable section head Jeff Avigian. He was there to inform us of the storm that was coming our way. I glanced across the lake and saw a storm system heading towards us over the water. As quickly as we could, we packed up everything we had brought and began the long hike back to camp. Bayview, as a unit, ran back to camp together helping one and other along the way. After a forty minute run we reached the ball field safe and sound. This was one of the events that helped to bring our cabin even closer together and molded us into the unified team that we evolved into.

## **2011 Clay Report**

By: Shelby Baum

It has been such a clay-zy summer in the clay room. The shelves have never been so full. Although I never imagined myself becoming the “clay lady”, I am certainly glad that I did. After spending the past five years on staff denying my true feelings I have finally taken on the position that I was destined for. This new role also gave me the opportunity to meet so many amazing kids and help show them that anybody can be creative. This summer I had more fun in the clay room than I have ever had before.

Some of the most exciting moments at clay this summer that I will miss with all of my heart included:

- 5<sup>th</sup> period “spa days” with the Trail Blazers and Pioneers.
- Spencer Robins platypus set.
- Being taught how to center by future clay director Rose Jacobs.

Some things that I definitely won't miss from this summer are:

- Being asked “what should I make?”
- The Kiln.
- Begging campers to retrieve their projects.

This summer would never have been possible without my amazing staff and CIT's. A big thank you goes out to Louisa Batista, Sadie Haddow, Sammy Bronstine, and Devyn Olin. Clay simply would not have been able to function without you. With their help, the clay room was non-stop this summer! 2011 was definitely an amazing summer. I would not have wanted to be anywhere else but in the clay room.

## **2011 Drama/Theater Report**

By: Alex Diaz & Jayme Corcoran (a.k.a JaLex)

The word “theatre” conjures images of Broadway, bright lights, orchestras, and grandiose spectacles. So what happens to theatre when it is stripped down to its roots? What can be created with just a love of performance, basic craft supplies, and a homemade stage? The answer to both these questions is simple: MAGIC! The Tamakwa theatre program was an overwhelming success this summer as a result of teamwork between staff willing to teach and campers happy to listen and learn.

Each play was given an overwhelming number of “How-How's” from its audience, which went a long way to creating a theatrical experience paralleling the feeling of inclusiveness and confidence that Tamakwa brings to campers

each year. The plays were all memorable for different reasons. With a cast of almost 100 campers, Alice In Wonderland truly exemplified the feeling of family Tamakwa develops within each of its campers. The cast of Hairspray brought creativity with a funky and modern edge to the stage. Led by Tamakwa alumni Michael Kaufman, Schoolhouse Rock was the inaugural performance on the newly dedicated "Steinhauer Stage". The show was a collaborative effort between JT staff and directors resulting in a performance that will live in the memories of all who watched it for years. Finally, making vegetarians think twice before visiting the salad bar, Little Shop Of Horrors was a fun way to end the summer and was the result of an extremely dedicated and hard working cast.

The "drama dock" (as it had come to be known), saw its share of laughter, hard work, hours of rehearsals, moments of stage fright, the subsequent jubilation and boost in self-confidence that accompanies the conquering of stage fright, and of course the magic that can only come from the hard work of campers and staff alike to create performances worthy of a place in the folklore of Tamakwa theatre.

## **2011 Windsurfing Report**

By: James Diamond

Having been at camp for eleven previous summers I have been able to explore all of what Tamakwa has to offer. As a camper I would travel around to every corner of camp finding the one activity I truly enjoyed; WINDSURFING! I started windsurfing many years ago and as they say I caught the bug. Every summer I would come back to camp to surf across the lake. Finally, this summer I was able to take charge and lead my favourite activity of all time!

This summer the shores of South Tea Lake were blessed by Wakonda with the best weather in recent memory. In fact, only one period all summer was a rainy day activity period. Although the wind was scarce at times our spirits never wavered. With so many campers eager to learn the light wind this summer turned out to be a blessing, allowing so many first timers a chance to hold up a sail and experience the thrill first hand. In the complete absence of wind there was no complaining, rather there was excitement at the chance to go chicken boarding in the gorgeous sun.

This summer we were fortunate enough to embark on two separate all day windsurf to our neighbouring Smoke Lake. The first all day windsurf was one experience no one who participated in will forget anytime soon. With some of the most powerful wind I have seen, campers and staff alike were flying across the water. The wind was relentless and we kept surfing until our arms were screaming "no more!" truly a magnificent experience.

Just as it felt like it was going to last forever, the summer came to a close with some of our windiest days of the summer, giving those who learned to windsurf for the first time earlier in the summer an opportunity to test their newly developed skills. With lots of first timers and many returning surfers to the dock, windsurfing 2011 was certainly a summer to remember. A big thanks goes out to all my staff and CIT's who made this summer a success. Most importantly an overwhelming thank you goes out to all of the campers who came down to the windsurf docks and refined their skills with us, without them the summer could not have been possible.

## **2011 Fitness Report**

By: Becky Holman

As a first year Tamakwan, this summer I was introduced to the beauty and fun-filled shores of South Tea Lake. Fitness was a large part of this magic because of the variety this activity had to offer campers all summer long. From fun fitness to cross training or dance aerobics there was always something for everyone to do.

This summer, we decided to set fitness goals for each camper to achieve by the end of the summer. Whether it was to run our best mile or to get those 6-pack abs, the campers had tons of fun and many achieved their goals. In the areas of circuit training and running both Sydney Caminetsky and Zoe Kaufman stood out as the two campers who certainly achieved their goals and continued to overachieve for the remainder of the summer. I would also like to congratulate George Kellie, Jonathan Silver, Jodi Levin, and Bella Adelman for their dedication and hard work towards their fitness goals.

To help to properly wake up their bodies and strengthen muscles this summer, morning stretches and yoga were enjoyed by many 49ers and Pioneers. Aerobic and toning classes were a blast as we danced our hearts out to Usher's "OMG" or Lady Gaga's "Poker Face". Within these classes Jordan Kohn's excitement and enthusiasm radiated excitement and enthusiasm over these classes radiated to everyone else in the classes and helped to make fitness a fun place to be. Nutrition was also a brand new element that was introduced into the fitness program this summer. Campers learned about the four food groups and how to make healthy meals to keep our bodies healthy. Fitness games such as relay races and charade tag was loved by all campers, but was especially enjoyed by the Junior Tamakwans. Aerin Fink was the most enthusiastic fitness gamer this summer due in large part to her dedication and enthusiasm.

Our fitness award program helped many campers set and achieve their fitness goals this summer. Achieving their high award due to their

perseverance, dedication, and let's face it a lot of muscle, were Jodi Levin and Abby Blender. In order to achieve this award the girls had to complete a five kilometer portage, a trying cardio section, a muscle ripping strength section, and a peaceful stretching session. All-in-all fitness was full of new activities and campers with huge smiles. I was more than happy to partake in and contribute to the overwhelming positive spirit that Tamakwa creates.

## **2011 Archery Report**

By: Alberto Huerta Vega

Archery is an activity that requires a lot of patience, skill, and dedication. Luckily there were many campers at Tamakwa that had these attributes naturally. This summer it became extremely apparent to me that campers of all ages loved participating in archery. Campers had the opportunity to practice this activity for their individual choice periods or with their cabin groups. Often times the campers had opportunities to test the skills they developed by shooting at smaller targets such as balloons or playing cards or by competing against other camps during inter-camp competitions. The skill level of Tamakwa's archers has never been so high as we can see simply by checking to see how many campers achieved awards in archery this summer.

There are six different awards in archery: Robin Hood, Black, Blue, Red, Yellow, and finally the most difficult to achieve Gold. In order to achieve these awards campers had to accomplish certain tasks ranging from knowing the parts of the bow and arrow, knowing the safety rules while shooting, to scoring a certain amount of point on the target by being extremely accurate. In order for a camper to obtain the Gold Award in archery he/she must have been both dedicated and determined. By attending archery almost everyday and building their skills from period to period the following campers were rewarded with the Gold Award: Harrison Ambrose, Ari Steinberg, Christian Askar, Owen Farber, Jordan Mayor, Sam Borman, Alec Sampaleanu, Remi Sampaleanu, Andrew Colton, and Zachary Wein.

Due to the overwhelming number of skilled archers that came to archery this summer, it would take too long to name each camper that achieved one of the six awards during the summer of 2011. I would like to thank all those campers that came to archery and enthusiastically participated this summer, your dedication and commitment will only help you achieve more of your goals in the future.

## **Come Sail Away With Me**

By: Alexis Goldenberg

A new sail boat, a new putt-putt, and a new dock, how could the summer get any better? The truth is that it really couldn't! Between the large amount of returning sail staff and the enthusiasm of the campers, the summer was bound to be unforgettable. In my second summer as the sail director I was beyond overjoyed with the amount of golden days on South Tea Lake. Campers were eager to get out on the water and learn new skills and meet new people. The highlight of my summer was watching those campers who were once hesitant to go out sailing transform into confident sailors!

The success of the sail program wouldn't have been possible without my hard working staff and CIT's. Their willingness to teach awards to campers both on and off the water made my job a breeze. Being able to sail is a skill I will have for the rest of my life and it is all because of the sail program at Tamakwa. Skills like confidence, patience, agility, team work, and cooperation, are traits that I learned at camp and will remain with me always. I can only hope that during the summer of 2011 my staff and I helped to instill these qualities in the campers that visited the sail docks in order to develop a love for sailing.

## **2011 Fire Building Report**

By: Donna Jo Farber

Thank you to everyone who signed up for fire building and water boiling competitions this summer. It was both fun and an honour to pass on the skills that I was taught so many years ago. All of you were eager to learn and you proved it each week as you built and lit your fires. Some of you even had the chance to start a fire after a lot of rain and learned how difficult it can be.

Your skills from start to finish improved and your knife handling techniques were perfect. You listened, you learned, you put safety first, and when it came time to do a competitive water boil you kicked butt! When you're on trip I know you'll be the campers that know which wood to get in the forest, what steps are necessary for a one match fire, and I have no doubt you'll do a great job.

From generation to generation,

Thank you.

## **2011 Hiking Program Report**

By: Donna Jo Farber

A big HowHow to everyone, both campers and staff who came out hiking this summer! Guiding you on the many trails in camp and the many interpretive trails along the HWY 60 corridor has been so much fun. I loved all the questions like "Why do we go hiking?" "Isn't it just walking but in the woods?" Yes it is, I'd reply, but we get to explore nature and learn more about Algonquin Park.

Some hikes we'd learn about the logging era and actually see remnants of an old logging camp and squared off white pine left behind because of its flaws. Some trails we'd learn all about the tall white pines, the hemlock, birch, and sugar maples and how they survive in such crowded forests. Other hikes we'd learn about the glaciers that formed in Algonquin Park and why HWY 60 is where it is today. There are 19 interpretive trails, each with their own story to share.

It was so nice hiking up to a beautiful vista, feeling the breeze, enjoying the view, and having our tootsie frootsie while enjoying the moment. Sometimes we'd have a special treat of cookies too or maybe a surprise visit afterwards to the Portage store for some ice cream, a past-time thoroughly enjoyed by the Junior Tamakwans.

On days we didn't get out of camp for our hikes we still had a great time hiking the trails in and around camp. Exploring peace pipe rock was a favourite trail, known for the challenging ascent of rocks and ropes. The close up view of the Lone Pine was a very special place to visit. The addition of Lou's point was the perfect destination for marshmallow roasting, yes, hiking made us very hungry! The hikes out to Drummer Lake were challenging but well worth the hike for a swim in the beautiful blue lake.

Thank you Tamakwans for making the hiking program of 2011 a huge success and a favourite of many!

## **2011 Fishing Report**

By: Fraser Duff

Fishing in beautiful surroundings, either from the slope or out on the fishing barge, is truly an awesome experience and one I never take for granted or forget. Why? Some people may ask, well it's simple; even if you are not a big fan of fishing the Algonquin Park scenery will always be engrained in my mind. Standing at the slope looking out towards our three islands or on the barge looking back at camp there is an abundance of peace and tranquility that Algonquin Park unselfishly shares with us. These are only a few of the reasons I returned this summer and could not have been happier with what happened down at fishing during the summer of 2011.

The fishing season had just started a few weeks before the campers arrived on the shores of South Tea lake and the smallmouth bass had just finished spawning. As I was here last summer I was extremely excited to see what fish were going to be caught and eaten over the summer. As always, the fish fry was very popular with campers and staff. At the beginning of the summer it did not take long to catch eight bass that were worthy of being fried. So into the pan or wrapped in tin foil they went with the help of a few secret ingredients. Matthew Gelgoot caught the largest of these fish, weighing in at a whopping 2.5 pounds.

Individual choice was, as usual, amazing. Campers were buzzing and overly excited to catch their first fish of the summer and some to catch their first fish ever! They began to make their own tackle boxes and insisted on using the same lucky fishing rod at their lucky location at the bottom of the slope. As first month went on we had an unlikely visitor. It was of course one of South Tea Lake's snapping turtles who, throughout the summer was spotted at various locations in camp. Snapping turtles are magnificent creatures and I could not have been happier that my staff and campers were fortunate enough to observe this ancient creature in its' natural habitat.

Over the course of a week the turtle came to visit camp's anglers everyday and could be seen swimming, rising to the surface, or taking a juicy worm as an appetizer from one of the campers rods. In any of his/her appearances the campers really seemed to enjoy its presence. This led to many campers attempting to catch the turtle and believe it or not a few of them managed to hook it for a short period, which resulted in it being given the name Snapper. Snapper was constantly the topic of conversation at the fishing dock. The only thing that changed about the turtle was his/her love for worms as it never again took any from the campers' lines throughout the summer...smart turtle in my opinion.

Meanwhile, with all of this turtle excitement going on, campers were breaking all types of records for amount of fish caught in a single period and eventually for a whole summer. Alyson Brady caught nine bass in half of an hour, a very impressive feat that was only surpassed by staff member Boathouse (Max Levine-Poch) when he caught ten fish in one period... a big HOWHOW to each.

Overall first month was an overwhelming success down at the fishing dock with fish fry's and broken records. We even went on a fishing overnight to Joe Lake with nine campers, myself, tripper Justin Kelman, CIT Taylor Aronow, and staff member Jenna Golden. Although the fishing on the trip wasn't as good as we would have hoped for, everyone had an awesome time which is the most important factor.

As we entered the second month of the summer both visitors day and changeover were huge successes at fishing and helped get the activity off to a smashing start.

The Rainbow trout period in particular was just before lunch one day out on the fishing barge. Accompanying us was one half of the entity known as "Co-Pro"(Co-Program Directors) Mr. Scott Graham. Halfway into the period senior boy camper Jonas Goldman was fishing with a small lure when all of a sudden BANG! Straight away his rod bent and Jonas began yelling "Duffy! Duffy! Big Fish!". I knew he had some sort of trout. After a short battle Jonas elevated a 3 pound rainbow trout out of the water. It was an overwhelming experience to catch this type of trout on South T and we all celebrated with a monumental fish fry during general swim. Rainbow trout is one of the more delicious fish in Algonquin Park and was therefore cooked immediately. It was a big hit with everyone who had a taste and will hopefully be done a lot more in years to come.

The second month of the summer was highlighted by a 3 day fishing canoe trip to Ragged Lake. Led by myself, Cassie Spalding the tripper, and Andrew Moss the CIT the second month canoe trip was much luckier when it came to actually catching fish. The campers on the trip were; voyageur Christian Parisius, rangers Zach Wein, Lucas Lisznianski, Ben Goldstein, and pioneer McKenna O'Donnell. We departed from the slope in high hopes of catching fish. We paddled from camp to Ragged Lake with a helpful tail wind, through Smoke Lake. We finally stopped at the end of Ragged Lake close to the start of Parkside Bay Lake set up camp in a perfect location to fish. After the success of last years fishing trip to Potter Lake (we caught 16 fish), this trip had a lot to live up to. Amazingly, we were able to catch 32 fish breaking the record from the previous summer. All in all each camper caught at least 3 fish, making me a very happy man.

In summation, the beauty of fishing in Algonquin was easily the best part of my summer. The landscape has so many diverse images to offer those who choose to enjoy it. Whether it be on the lake or fishing from the slope the outstanding surroundings enable us all to have fun and relax. There is no stress, only positive attitudes that give the campers the opportunity to grab life with both hands and try ones very best to succeed. Remember: Give a man a fish you feed him for the day. Teach a man to fish you feed him for a lifetime.

## **Rockin' n' Rolling**

By: Trevor Erdie

Inline hockey on the sunny shores of South Tea Lake was more than any Tuff Beaver could ask for this summer. Whether it was returning or first year Tamakwans, the kids filled the hockey rink with smiles and energy. Many awards were achieved this summer including Connor Schram who was awarded his Platinum Stick for fulfilling the awards challenging criteria; playing for both under 16 inter-camp teams and by showing excellence in both behaviour and commitment at the rink with staff and peers.

Our inter-camp teams this summer were comprised of the following campers:

Under-12 July – Stella Brown, Ruby Kolender, David Niddam-Dent, Jaxon Perlmutter, Ben Raab, Daniel Steinberg, Jonah Stone, and Sam Tanenbaum.

Under-16 July – Jack Allen, Grace Kellie, Evan Ketai, Brad Kriegel, Andrew Moss, Adam Raab, Riley Samuel, Jacob Saroli, and Connor Schram.

Under-12 August – Lucas Lisznianski, Max Norris, Asher Raduns-Silverstein, Ethan Rautbort, Kyle Rechter, Alex Sampaleanu, Remi Sampaleanu, and Dov Seifman.

Under-16 August – Jack Allen, Brad Kriegel, Andrew Moss, Sam Orley, Jamie Perlmutter, Jason Sachse, Connor Schram, and Alex Sigel.

Congratulations to all campers who won an award and thank you Camp Tamakwa for another fantastic summer!

## **2011 Canoe Report**

By: Stephanie Judd

What a phenomenal summer we had at the canoe docks. The sun was shining and more often than not the lake was calm. We ended the summer with a bang as three new voyageur canoeists were named. A big HOW!HOW! goes to David Kaplan, Sydney Caminetsky, and Zach Levine for demonstrating their skills to a highly respected panel of judges. We also have four new A canoeists: Owen Farber, Grace Kellie, Alex Sigel, and Jamie Perlmutter.

The HOWHOW award first month went to Bella Pitman who spent most of the month working hard at the docks acquiring her JTC, C, and Beaver Canoeist awards. The second month HOWHOW award went to George Kellie who completed his B, participated in the voyageur cookout, the voyageur class, and even went on the voyageur overnight (soloing a Beaver canoe). We can expect big things from both of these individuals in the summers to come at the canoe docks.

The voyageur class looks extremely promising for next year as we had a number of people complete their B this summer: Evan Cole, Ben Katzman, Jake Godfrey, Jonathan Silver, Eli Winer, Hannah Mirsky, Izzy Brickman, Natalie Jacobson, Abby Blender, Spencer Robins, Alanah Bratley, Winona Kellie, George Kellie, and Max Norris. A big HOW!HOW! to each of you.

This summer we took the Beaver canoes on two overnights. The first trip was staffed by myself, Chad Schram, and Evan Ketai went to Teepee Lake and everyone got to paddle and portage their own canoes. Andrew Colton, Evan Ketai, George Kellie, David Kaplan, and Owen Farber all deserve a huge HOWHOW for their dedication during this time. Our second trip was staffed by myself and tripper Arne Janssens. During this trip we took the Beavers to Ragged where the canoeists spent the evenings with the Foresters. Another big HOWHOW goes to Zach Levine, Alex Sigel, Jason Hoeflich, Ethan Beallor, and Hershel Dorman.

A special thank you to all my staff who made the canoeing program a success: Rory Diamond, Jenna Gooel, Daniel Peltz, Clinton Simmons, Michelle Gooel, Jordyn Migdal, Mason Spector, and Nissim "Manwell" Teche.

The CIT's also deserve a huge HOWHOW and many of you got awards thanks to their amazing teaching and patience. Thank you Maddie Adelman, Jamie Steuer, Brad Kriegel, Gabi Stone, Lily Silver, Taylor Aronow, and Jace Gittleman.

What would the summer be without a canoe race with Ahmek. Our camper teams consisted of: Sam Orley and Alex Sigel, Devyn Olin and Sydney Caminetsky, and Grace Kellie and Zach Levine. Our staff boats were made up of: Peter Vooys and Scott Graham, Jayme Corcoran and Tedi Dorman, and JJ Bittker and Stephanie Judd. Everyone paddled and portaged strong. Our mixed camper boat of Grace Kellie and Zach Levine even won their race! HOWHOW everyone!

Thank you everyone. I look forward to seeing all your faces again on the sunny shores of South Tea Lake. Until we meet again.

## **2011 Kayak Report**

By: Josh Mitchell

4 days of pre-pre camp, 6 days of pre-camp, 54 days of fun filled action packed craziness, 5 staff, 4 CIT's, 4 days of tripping, 127 games of piano keys, 13 high achievers including 4 specialists, 8 cookouts, countless excursions on South Tea Lake, 240 hours instructing staff and campers, 3 JT triathlons, 2 colour wars, 1 all day challenge, and numerous inter-camp tournaments all combined equaled 1 unforgettable summer!

The kayak docks have seen countless moments of achievements as children would challenge their own personal abilities in learning new skills over the past eight weeks. Campers have not only learned the basics of how to balance, paddle, and label a kayak, but also invaluable rescue techniques if ever they, or anyone they are with, capsize.

The campers earning their high awards and specialist qualifications have mastered techniques that can take them exploring the realms of white water rapids, tripping across oceans, and throughout water systems across the globe, even allowing them to venture further towards instructing other kayak enthusiasts.

The team has been thrilled to have so many ambitious people receiving awards and making kayaking a focal point throughout their summer at Tamakwa. Many have sacrificed leisure time and rest periods to gain the required skills to further themselves. The maturity, ambition, initiative, and motivation shown by the campers is something every parent should be proud of. It has been a pleasure to help each child venture forward in their personal growth and development this summer.

I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to help guide the staff as the team director in my first year at Tamakwa. I have met many fascinating and great people who all have in common one strong bond: their love for this

camp. Tamakwa runs deep with history, traditions, stories, and memories collected over the past 76 years. I may not remember every name or everything that was said on the kayak docks this summer, but as I reflect on this summer as time goes by I will always hold dear to my heart the feeling of happiness, compassion, and personal growth that Tamakwa and its community have given me. This truly is the safest and most imperfectly perfect place I know, a place where people truly discover themselves. Until we meet again...

### **Living and Recording at Camp Tamakwa**

By Sheldon De Souza

To recall the events of camp and translate them from memories and experiences into words is nearly impossible. Each story told about my two months in Algonquin Park becomes longer and less detailed because there is so much to cover and only so little a person's attention span can handle. Pre-camp began my introduction to what would be an action packed summer led by two inspirational Co-program directors of sincere dedication to fun, with each day filled with surprises and activities that keep all campers and staff engaged. During pre-camp, morning meetings with Activity Leaders and Head Staff after breakfast and flag raising brought a sense of "Team-akwa". I decided by day one that I was comfortable with my colleagues and that helped me anticipate a memorable summer as all the campers would arrive by boat to an exclusive piece of land for the privileged.

My job as Music Recording Director quickly became official as the kids individually signed up for my course. It would be a challenging yet fun journey. I learned about the music preferences and levels of maturity amongst the campers and adjusted my curriculum accordingly. With a strong belief in teaching good morals and standards, I opted for family oriented lyrics and content as much as possible. The setup of the studio was fairly competitive. The studio was equipped with Cubase and a PC computer and I am a Pro Tools enthusiast used to working on an Apple or Mac system. The adjustment to learning the quick keys and operation of Cubase was my first job. I reviewed some basic editing skills and browsed through the plug-ins available in the program. Using the information and knowledge I gained from Trebas Institute's Audio Engineering Technology program, I adapted fairly quickly and made use of the effects and equalizers. To my benefit, I brought my personal computer, a production keyboard/synthesizer, and an electric guitar. My ability to hear tones and chord progressions to learn songs allowed me to move at a very efficient speed with production. Having no database of music to use as reference made the internet a necessity, however this was a limited asset. In response, I would ask the campers for their iPods or musical devices to be shared with the class. After a selection of music, I would quickly learn the structure of the song and reproduce the music outside of the scheduled class time I had with the campers.

The scheduling of recordings and sharing space and time with daily activities is the most challenging of all. With only one hour each day and an undetermined attendance within a fictitious seven day week, preparing recordings of finished material was very difficult. It became aware, that for some campers with previous musical experience, a fairly successful recording was tangible. For the less musically inclined or campers with no previous music education, the recording was to be very amateur or possibly non-existent. With days written off for other all day activities and absent lead singers during trips I would need to improvise my activity immediately. As I assessed the skills and knowledge amongst the attending campers each day, I would adapt the lesson and experience. My number one concern was to make the experience enjoyable and inspiring. Regardless of the outcome of the end project, the main focus of my course was to introduce music as a source of entertainment, an outlet for emotions, and a tool for building confidence and self-esteem and I feel I accomplished this goal.

## **2011 Ropes Course Report**

"Fun in the Sun" was the mantra for this summer. Golden days over and over again were gladly welcomed by campers and staff alike as they rose from their beds every morning. Needless to say, all that midday heat can become too much and luckily a shady retreat was offered amongst the mammoth birch and cedar trees of the ropes course.

In life, many of the best experiences are those that are completely new. Stepping into the unknown causes us to be pushed out of comfort zone and having to demonstrate initiative and fresh courage. As a first time Tamakwan hailing from across the pond, I knew these feelings well, stepping into a strange place with stranger people! Being thrown into the deep end with my own activity and staff to look after, let alone constant exposure to dress ups, stage shows, public speaking and countless other confidence-building situations, it is impossible to cope at camp without learning to become a stronger person.

The kids, however, have outclassed me through their undoubtedly more courageous feats on the ropes course this summer. As I look up from my belaying position below, I have witnessed time after time campers apparently fearful of what lies ahead of them, but in their eyes I could tell they really wanted to succeed. With careful words of encouragement from by myself and their fellow campers, they began to realise the triviality of their fears and little by little their confidence grew. By the time they were lowered down their faces were gleaming with senses of accomplishment. It is a great feeling to see a ropes regular who has been put off by one thing or another finally completing that final element to complete their high award. Fearless heroics such as

blindfolded climbs and near-gymnastics on the elements culminating in my Everest award achievers Sam and Andy Hoffman eating lunch in a hammock strung up in the lofty heights of the course, all demonstrate the campers' passion to throwing themselves full-heartedly into new experiences.

I could not have achieved all that has been achieved this summer without the help of my staff Dani, Michelle and CIT Joey who similarly showed the drive to facilitate the needs of the campers. The smiles on the kids' faces as they left the course at the end of the session made me sure we were helping them on their way to having a brilliant summer.

"Till we meet again"

Your friendly ropes course spiderman,  
Toby Leckie

# **FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE SPEECHES**

*Friday, July 15th, 2011*

Good evening Tamakwans' both young and old,  
And warm or cold.

My name is Max Levine-Poch and this is my 7<sup>th</sup> summer on the sunny north shores.  
This week services will be something never heard before.

Instead of a theme,  
Instead of a meme.  
Forester 2,  
Will recite poems for you.

Be it about happiness or friends,  
Algonquin Park or when time ends,  
The subject and words are theirs.  
Without further adieu,  
I present to you,  
Tamakwa's thrones' heirs,

Forester 2.

P.S. it's true, Mason and I do love you. Thank you and Shabbat Shalom.

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Hi, my name is Ethan Purther and this is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Camp Tamakwa. This is a poem I wrote about Tamakwa:

T- is for the tuck that is so good.  
A- is for the activities that are so fun.  
M- is for the moose you sometimes see.  
A- is for the great action in the rec hall.  
K- is for the kindness Tamakwa has.  
W- is for the water that is so fresh.  
A- is for Algonquin Park where Tamakwa is.

Thank you and Shabbat Shalom.

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Hi, my name is Jacob Ellenbogen and this is my second year at Camp Tamakwa. This is my poem about Algonquin Park:

This place is beautiful,  
The wildlife is wonderful.  
Camp is outrageous,  
Fever is contagious.  
The people here are great,  
We eat dinner off of a plate.  
All day we're having fun,  
Spending time out in the sun.  
The lakes here are uncountable,  
But our counselors sure are accountable.  
My summer home in Algonquin Park,  
Is a place away from dogs that bark.

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Hi, my name is Sebastian Askar and this is my 1<sup>st</sup> year at Camp Tamakwa.

A- is for all the good times here.  
L- is for the lakes we play in.  
G- is for the green growing plants here.  
O- is for overall having fun.  
N- is for the nature here.  
Q- is for quick, but fun things here.  
U- is for the unity here.  
I- is for the interesting things here.  
N- is for never being upset here.

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Hi, my name is Logan. When I heard that we could write about anything I knew exactly what I was going to do. I was going to write about how much I love Algonquin Park. I love how clean the air is. I love the air, it's beautiful and the list goes on and on.  
Shabbat Shalom,

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Hi, my name is Ben Klein and this is my 1<sup>st</sup> summer at Camp Tamakwa. I am in Big Porky (F-2, 2011). So far I have been having a great time. Living on tepee hill in Big Porky is pretty rad. I think that Tamakwa is so fun. Thanks Unca Lou for making this camp. Thanks and Shabbat Shalom.

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Hello, my name is Max Morganroth and this is my 1<sup>st</sup> summer at camp Tamakwa:

T- is for terrific.  
A- is for amazing.  
M- is for my name is Max.  
A- is for artistic.

K- is a letter in Tamakwa's name.

W- winds, people win games and sometimes people don't.

A- amazing even more.

Thanks for listening to my speech and Shabbat Shalom.

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Hi, my name is Zach Kam. This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Tamakwa and this is my poem:

T- is for the terrific water.

A- is for adventures that are fun and crazy.

M- is for making good food.

A- is for Algonquin Park that has the sites.

K- is for the kind friends I have.

W- is wanted tuck.

A- is for the amazing camp.

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Hi, my name is Christian Askar and this is my first summer at Camp Tamakwa. I chose to write a haiku about happiness because it is the best feeling on Earth.

Love, family, sports, games,  
These all make me very happy,  
By making me smile.

Thank you and Shabbat Shalom.

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Hi, my name is Ethan Taylor and Tamakwa and I have a poem about all the friends I have made this year and the fun we share together.

F- is for that fun

R- is for the really awesome times we have together

I- is for the interesting times we have.

E- is for the everlasting friends.

N- is for never fighting

D- is for doing lots of things together.

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Hi, I am Mason Spector I am a counselor in Big Porkey and this is my 10<sup>th</sup> summer at Camp Tamakwa:

I love Tamakwa. Tootsie Frootie makes me smile.

## Together We Stand

Nine 14 and 15-year olds coming together with only one week of practice and winning the Northland Basketball Tournament should seem like a huge accomplishment to everyone, because it is. With help from my assistant coach, Mitchell Shecter, I prepared the Tamakwa Tuff Beavers basketball team for their toughest challenge this summer. We drove an hour and a half to Haliburton to compete with ten other camps around the area. The weather was impeccable. The second we touched Northland's asphalt courts, the sun blasted us with 95 degree heat that didn't stop throughout the day. That didn't seem to bother anyone from Tamakwa.

These nine kids' prior knowledge of basketball made it really easy on Mitchell and I to input certain offensive sets and dominating defensive traps. We played three round-robin games to start off the tournament and won all three of them with ease. The opponents couldn't even get the ball past half court! After the round robin games we were seeded as the highest ranked team, because we had by far the best record and the most points in the tournament. Once we were seeded as #1, we knew everyone was gunning for us. The games got even more competitive, but the boys wouldn't stop working.

The boys found themselves in a very familiar situation. The first game of the playoffs was against Tamarack, who beat us last year in that exact first playoff game after the Tuff Beavers of 2010 went 3-0 in the round robin. We ran them off the court and we were rolling from there. With such a sound defensive squad we were able to score about 80% of our buckets through fast break points, which set the tempo throughout the whole day. The next game went by fast as we upped our game and walked our way into the championship against the other bracket's top seed—White Pine. The boys wouldn't stop working hard. After an evenly matched first half, we found ourselves down five at halftime. Although I had a whole speech planned, I didn't even have to say anything during that halftime, as the leaders of the team took over and understood the fact that we didn't drive all the way out there for a silver medal. We held White Pine to only 5 points in the second half and humbly walked ourselves towards the gold medal ceremony.

After a long day of basketball, what a sight it was seeing all the boys huddled up chanting, "All-for-one, One-for-all. Together we stand, never shall fall. Strong will survive. Weak fall by the bayside. Who are we? Tamakwa." You should be proud of yourselves, boys. It truly was a Golden Day as the "Strong" survived triumphantly. How how.

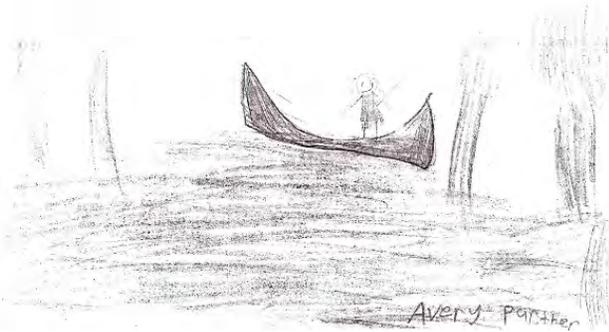
### **TAMAKWA'S NORTHLAND B-BALL TOURNEY TEAM:**

Evan Ketai, Dylan Deitch, Jake Migdal, Joey Rubin, Mitchell August, Sam Rosenfeld, Todd Weiss, Sam Abrams, Max Hermelin

ASST. COACH – MITCHELL SHECTER

COACH- JJ BITTKER

# South tea Lake



my first time  
at camp By Avery  
Parisher

I loved to sail  
on south tea lake  
and my favorite  
dessert was vanilla  
cupcakes. I loved  
being in the park  
and making things  
out of clay  
the triathlon was  
really fun. I love  
playing games in the sun.

Here is a collection of birthday card designs submitted by campers:

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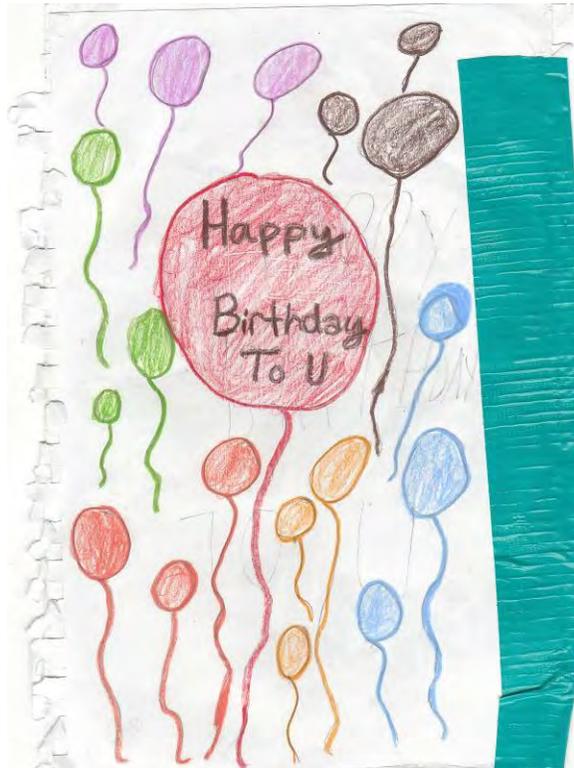


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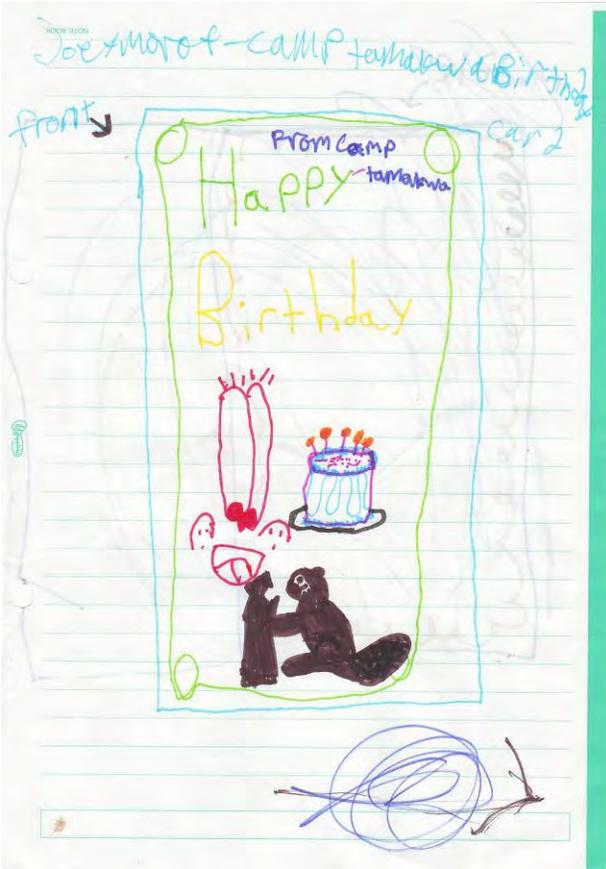
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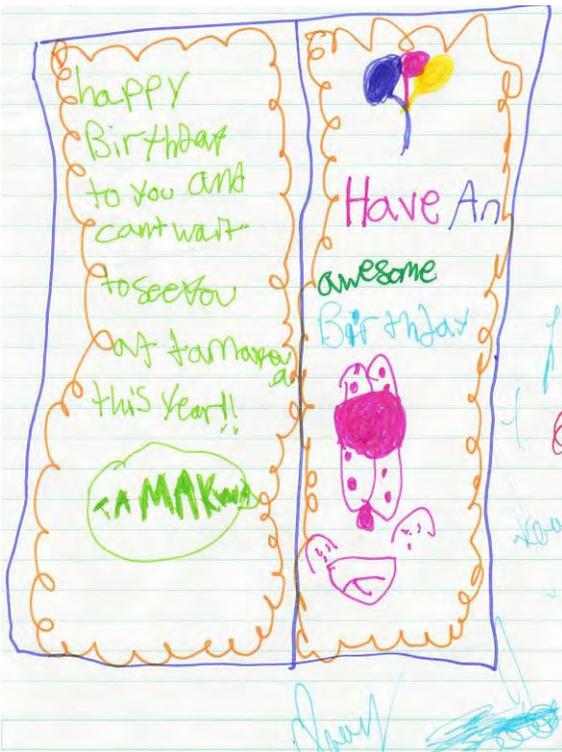
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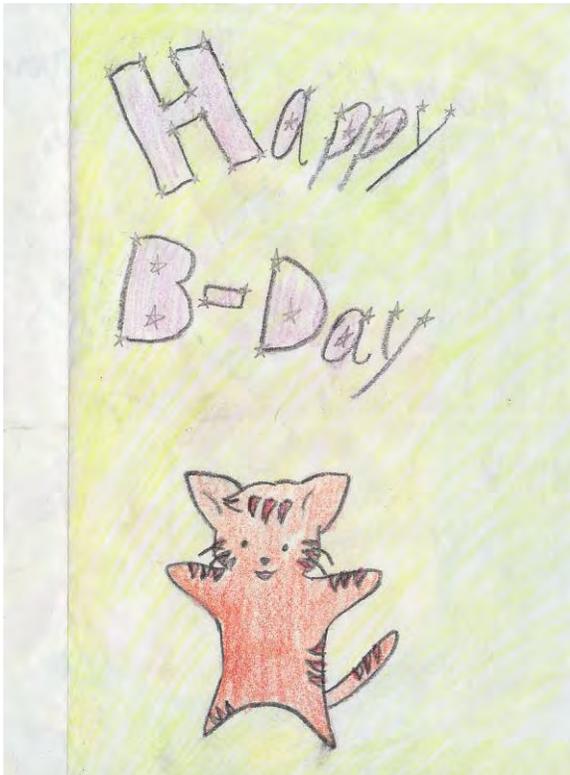
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