



# BEAVER CUTTINGS

## 2013

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## **Hockey - by Inline Jake**

It was a great year sown at the hockey rink. We saw a lot of new faces and a lot of returning ones. This year we saw the triumphant return of the floor hockey program. Campers flooded to the rink to take part in the revitalized sport.

This summer saw the Tough Beavers put together some very impressive intercamp inline hockey teams. After two hard fought battles, the Tough Beaver left everything out on the rink and gave 110%. In the 12 and under game, Jaxon Perlmutter led the way with 3 goals, his best intercamp performance to date. At Manitou, the 16-under game produced an up and coming star by the name of Joey Rubin. A game time injury replacement, Joey stepped up, strapped on eh pads and had the game of his life. With the eyes of hundreds of Manitou staff and campers looking down upon him, Joey emulated his idol, Jimmy Howard, and stopped 47 of 52 shots in what is for sure to be a performance that will not be forgotten.

I would like to thank my staff, Bradley Zucker, Connor Schram, Jamie Perlmutter and CITs, Sam Rosenfeld and Dean Sallan for a great year. Also a shout out to Graig and the staff hockey crew for two great months of games.

## **The Addiction Called "Tamakwa"**

Last year was my first year at Tamakwa. In fact, it was the first time I've ever been to a camp and I had loads of fun. But in the end, I was glad it was over. "2 months are enough," I said to myself. When I got home, I was convinced I was not coming back. I had a great time, but I said to myself that it was a one-time experience.

But then it started...waking up with Tamakwa songs in my head, constantly re-reading my diary I kept at camp, missing the friends I made, the dining hall, the campers, heck, I even started to miss the Activity Leader meetings in the morning. Not a single day went by without me thinking about Tamakwa (and the beautiful nature around it.)

Then I realized: I had to go back. I got infected with the "Tamakwa fever." Lucky for me, Craig had a spot for me, and this summer was even better than the previous one. I already know that if the "real world" let me, I will try and come back for #3.

Thanks everyone, for another great summer.

Koen Schultz, Archery Director

## **ODF 2013 - by Outdoor Jill**

Although Outdoor Fun was short lived this year, we had a great time! The month was full of hiking, nature scavenger hunts, berry picking and fire building. Two young campers learned to portage a canoe for the first time and many kids had a great time with outdoor cooking. During the month of July, campers also learned knots, survival skills and shelter building. The month ended all too quickly for a couple of dedicated campers who would have achieved their high awards had they had more time.

## **ROPES 2013 - by Gerard Ropes**

There's a thrill to ropes, no matter what age you are, what camp you go to or how scared you are to take that first step up the tree. There's always those who scream their head off as they fly down the zip line, and laugh with their friends on the walk back.

This year was all that and more. I remember being so proud of Sammy, who reached the top of the Vertical Playpen after his many attempts over two years. I remember Zach surprising everyone with his hidden rock climbing prowess, besting our summer champion, Eli.

I will also remember my amazing staff, Alex Falkingham and Jonas Goldman. The three of us made an interesting group and I can't thank them enough for all their hard work and vigilant watch this summer.

How How to all of our award winners at ropes this year. I hope to see all of you next year and hope to bring some new creative changes in 2014.

## **SWIM 2013**

They told me that your second year is always better than your first and I questioned that at first, thinking how could this year be better than my last-boy was I wrong. Looking back at this summer I can honestly say that this summer 2013 was the best summer that I have ever spent at camp. Between going to Robbie's, jumping off the tower, splash bash and the new friends made, it will be sad to see camp come to an end. The swim docks is now my home and its amazing to see every kid every day. From golden days to silver days; I heard my fair share of excuses but there was never a tear shed by the end of the period. The campers and staff made this summer for me and now I truly understand why campers and staff return year after year. Camp Tamakwa, thank you for everything; the memories I will never forget, the friendships that will last a lifetime and the sweetest flip flop tan going!

Until we meet again,

Leslie Swim ☺

## **Clay 2013 - by Hunter Clay**

My job as clay director this summer has been so much more than teaching kids to make a sculpture. I was brought here to teach and inspire kids and didn't realize that Tamakwa would do the same for me. Everyday this summer has been an adventure, whether throwing on the wheel, hanging out in Marilyn, or paddle boarding on South Tea. Tamakwa is a totally different camp than I've ever seen before. I now see how Trailblazers grow from kids to young women and how Foresters become men. Tamakwa instills growth in kids in ways parents, teachers and media cannot. I'm hoping that the kids I spent time with in the clay room may grow into being role models for the younger kids. I've been lucky to experience a great time in the clay room, and exit it to the outdoors. It's hard to describe this summer in a paragraph – words can't do it justice. Looking back, the only thing I know for sure is that coming to Tamakwa has been one of the best decisions of my life. I'm going to miss having eager counselors and campers ask if their projects are done and hearing kids say that my real last name is Clay.

## **Drama 2013 - by Rachel Drama**

This is my first time out of the United States, my first time as a Drama Director and what better place to have these memories than at Camp Tamakwa? This place offered me the warmest welcome when we took that turn in the pointer and I saw the big "Tamakwa" sign, the swim tower and a handful of staff wearing Mexican fiesta attire. I know undoubtedly that in that moment I entered camp with a smile and I will leave with an even bigger smile, a heart full of love and sunny memories.

Most of those memories are dedicated to the campers in my drama productions. Lily Creed, is a fearless actress who stole all the laughs in both Willy Wonka and Shrek. David Hermelin had the tech script memorized in one day and easily became the backbone of Willy Wonka. Bella Pitman whom without a doubt is a mini me! Lord Farquaad in Shrek played by Adam Singer is quite the genius and gave me a history lesson on Napoleon at rehearsal one day. And who could forget Spencer Robins' numerous laughing attacks during Footloose?

It's said a lot but now I can attest to it. I owe a lot of my own personal growth to these kids. At the ripe age of 21 I can truly say the kids took me back 10 years. Back to the years of laughing, joking, being messy, not stressing (as much) and simply living each day as easily, carefree, and fun as possible. I finally understand why people always said "Rachel, relax. It's just summer camp." It's because here, everyone supports you no matter what! That is such a wonderful feeling! ☺

## **Canoe 2013 - by Stephanie Canoe**

This was an amazing summer to be at the canoe docks. It was a milestone for me as it was my tenth summer as Canoe Director. We had record signups for every period, every individual choice. It was wonderful to see so many girls learning the fine art of style paddling. A big How How to the JSBs, who totally rocked the canoe docks.

We decided to relive the Omer tradition by taking an “All Day” paddle to Westward Lake. After three portages and the winding Oxtongue River, we were able to enjoy a peaceful afternoon on a crystal clear lake. We saw a beaver, some rapids, carried canoes and paddled two lakes. It was a full canoe trip in one day. How How to everyone who participated: Asa Levite, Jake Godfrey, Rose Jacobs, Samantha Katz and Winona Kellie. Thank you Lauryn Bryan – tripper extraordinaire and voyageur paddler Josh Podolsky for making it a day I will remember.

Second month, we decided to take another “All Day” paddle, this time we went to Canoe Lake. We had the privilege of enjoying the company of nurse Alex Beaton, whose canoeing prowess and campsite know how, was far beyond anyone’s expectations. Etye Sarner, friend of the canoe docks, joined us as well. Our trip focused around Tom Thomson. We went to the totem pole memoriam and cairn.

Not wanting to miss the opportunity to shock and educate the campers, David Stringer, son of Omer, met us at his family’s cottage on Potter’s Creek. Trip Director, Nate Zahn was also waiting for us there. We listened to the history, life, and death of Tom Thomson. We then made our way to the grave site where under Stringer’s direction, tripper Jordan Kasarjian was buried by Andrew Schelberg-Miller. As the participants approached the grave, they were surprised to see the ground breathing. Always a great shreck, and I am happy the Voyageur class got to experience it. The Canoe Lake all day participants were: Jenna Jacobson, Rose Jacobs, Natalie Jacobson, Owen Farber, Jonah Erlich, David Kaplan, Spencer Robins and Jonathan Silver. How How everyone!

What would the canoe docks be without the amazing staff. First month I had the honor of enjoying the company of Alex Budman and Megan Thomson. Campers came to canoeing to be with Alex and Megan. Thank you. Second month our dock took on an international feel as Damien Kelly and Kealan McElhinney learned to paddle a canoe. Their enthusiasm was contagious. They shared their new skills with many of the campers. My junior counselors were all veteran Tamakwans – Alanah Bratley, Andrew Colton, Josh Podolsky and Shelby Silver. It was wonderful to have such a talented group working the docks. Three of them staffed long trip, they all participated in breakfast cookouts with the Voyageur class and all of them made the canoe docks an awesome place to be.

Everyone who took the Voyageur pre-test, Jake Godfrey, Jonah Erlich, Rose Jacobs and Jordan Mayor, all moved to the Voyageur test. We have two new Voyageur Canoeists. Owen Farber

who managed to land in the water after a request by the judges to gunwale and Spencer Robins who adeptly demonstrated the standing pry in the box. A huge How How to Jake Godfrey and Samantha Katz for earning their courier du bois. We have many new "A" canoeist: Asa Levite, Rose Jacobs, Jenna Jacobson, Jordan Mayor and Andrew Colton. How How everyone!

Thanks for all the wonderful memories this summer! I am glad I got to spend ten summers on the sunny shores.

### **WINDSURF 2013 - by Ty Diamond**

Given what an elite and poetic year we had on the Windsurf docks, the season can be best summarized in the following fashion:

**W**ildly fantastic

**I**ncredible talent

**N**otoriously great

**D**ynamic surfing

**S**taff beyond compare

**U**nbelievable campers

**R**adical equipment

**F**urious wind

**2** Staff on dock at all times

**0** Bad Times

**1** Out of control all day surf

**3** Full periods of individual choice

What a year !

## Camp Recording 2013

It feels like summer. The fires, bar b-q, swimming, water and land sports, and the gathering of kids and adults playing. All sorts of games and activities to keep the spirit of camp life alive are the reasons why I chose to return to Tamakwa. If those weren't enough, between Camp TV and Music Recording, we had kids dancing, acting, singing, writing, story-telling, consume designing and voice editing. The list goes on with each new group we were introduced to. We developed a per basis program and offered the campers the opportunity to explore any angle of the world of arts from on camera to off, from on stage to behind the scenes. Between Mike and I, we have such great chemistry that we could foresee obstacles and overcome them with our combined skills and experience.

From a music recording standpoint, we had limited time but maximized fun. Always searching for hidden talents was my goal. One of my favourite things is to see introverts or shy characters transform into outgoing, stage attention grabbers. A common theme I find at Camp Tamakwa is a large group of social groups with great spirit and camaraderie, however, hidden within these cheers and "cliques" are individuals with great potential and lots of talent. Few are confident enough to take the step and audition for the talent shows offered at camp. The more I spent time with campers the more conversations and talents I would discover. Being a music recording director kept me occupied in the recording studio and on Loon Lodge stage and the odd time I would sit at Main Camp Fireplace or move throughout camp while teaching Stomp routines, cup songs, drumming, guitar lessons, or songwriting. All activities were over ridden by fun. But most importantly, I was always searching for the talent hidden behind social fearing campers.

There were many times when I would see a camper breaking out into dance and then stopping very quickly the minute their friends caught sight or a camper or staff who would be on the grand piano in the rec hall singing and playing and the same quick halt as soon as someone entered the room.

I once asked a "dancer"/camper who she would not share her talent or show it off. She replied "her friends would treat her differently." I could not justify the response and could only try to encourage her to pursue her talents and use them to inspire others and possibly change people's lives. The arts are a vital cure for many things. They can be therapeutic for emotion and are an outlet to spread messages and also occupy the mind when otherwise can be turned to negative creation in the world.

So, Tamakwa has done it again with their epic production breaks for Colour War and Survivor and will continue to inspire, motivate and hopefully create new ambitious spirit within all of their campers.

## **Kayak 2013**

As Kayaking director for the 2013 camp season, I have been able to formulate and witness a brilliant summer of water sport activity. Many of the campers that took part in the activity progressed profoundly, achieving higher awards than expected and participating to the benefit of all. Of these, Charlie Leranbaum and Andy Harris shine out as clear examples of Tamakwa spirit, both mastering difficult skills, and then helping others to learn them. These two campers, like many of those at the docks, profited greatly from the excellent SC, JC and CIT staff assigned, collaborating to create a brilliant and fun atmosphere.

One of the parts of the summer that I personally feel most proud of is the process of innovation that has occurred during my charge. This has been towards introducing new skill sets such as those used during participation in canoe polo, a game participated in kayaks. This game, which is becoming increasingly popular in North America, requires skills such as the hand roll, stern turn and paddle flick to succeed. These skills though seemingly unimportant in usual lake paddling are useful to learn for all ambitious kayakers.

An event this summer which tested a section of campers to the extreme was the JT Triathlon, the first of such carried out in July was held during heavy winds. This proved extremely problematic for many of the lighter paddlers who found high waves over a meter sweeping them to the side during attempts to reach the next checkpoint at the Slope. Even these conditions didn't prevent the brave Trailblazers and Foresters from completing it in droves. The act of determination among others illustrates the incredible power of Tamakwa to show children what they can achieve.

## **KEY NOTES FROM 2013 - by Alex Diaz**

Despite the piano bench having so many butts this summer, there have been many note worthy moments since my arrival. We begin with the musical "Willy Wonka." Never have I seen a more enthusiastic chorus than the Oomp-Lumpas!! Wow! A huge how-how to every single one of them and their commitment to their character. Next we got to "Tarzan." At the piano I was completely blown away by Jake Seel's performance. In my four years here, I can't remember him ever wanting to be in a play. How-how Jake Seel for bringing your all to the drama dock! As for the premier of "Shrek" at Tamakwa, I believe this to be the greatest play presented at Tamakwa in my four years here. A huge how-how to Lily Creed – Donkey\_ for stealing the show during the song "Make a Move."

Unfortunately, I did not get to be there for my campers during the performance of "Footloose." How-how to all involved and a special how-how to Sheldon for taking over the keys for me in my absence. A terrific summer ended at the Drama Dock! Cannot wait for the Key Notes of 2014!

## **Half-Court 2013 - by Jeff Ran**

The 2013 half courts were a very exciting time for me. Every week we had multiple people signing up for 2 periods of individual choice to play a game that only Tamakwa has to offer. I had a very enjoyable time playing every camper who signed up for half court this summer. There were a few campers who made my summer as great as it was, but I will not name any names. Those who signed up for half court reminded me why I continue to come back to Tamakwa for what is now my 15<sup>th</sup> year. Seeing the eagerness of the campers to get out and play was really a special sight. As a CIT in 2006, I remember being placed on half court and falling into the then stereotype of sitting and tanning for 5 periods of the day. This year, I really tried my hardest to break that stereotype, engaging in countless games of singles and doubles half court, as well as jailbreak and king of the court.

This summer we were able to field great intercamp teams. Big shout outs to Jason Teper, Alex Bean, Linus Epstein, and Dean Sallan, for their upset victories against Manitou. Also a big how to Jordyn Glass, Nellie fisher, and Maddie Leranbaum for giving it their all during intercamp. This will be my last summer at camp so for all the kids who will be returning, remember to take in all the time you have here because when your time is done at this special place you're going to be wishing you were 7 and getting off the pointer for the first time. Don't skip periods, do everything you want to do because before you know it your time here will be over and there is no place in the world like Tamakwa.

THANK YOU to my wonderful staff and CITs for all the hard work and teaching you did this summer.

Thank you to my Watergraig cabin for pushing me every day to do more and more.

And thank you to the campers because without you this place wouldn't be what it is.

## **Greetings from the JT Jungle!** **by Julie Hirsch**

On June 25, 2013, seventy-two excited campers arrived on the South Tea Shores to spend first session at Tamakwa. For many, this was their first time away from home. Others returned for their second, and even third, summer at camp. Waiting to welcome them were nineteen staff from around the world, including the U.S., Canada, England, Wales, and Australia, led by their enthusiastic JT Director, Julie Hirsch.

Over the course of the month, the JT's boogied down at a beach party, chased the Snitch in Quiddich, and cheered on their teams to victory in the Hunger Games. Some JT's magically transformed into Oompa Loompas in Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, Bollywood dancers in Jai Ho, and singers and actors in numerous music videos. The Foresters did the

Harlem Shake and the Trailblazers did the Jingle Bell Rock in Air Bands. JT's could be found from the ropes course to the sailing docks, the ball field to Robbie's point, archery to the fishing barge, and all activities in between. Whether solving the mystery of who kidnapped Wally Beaver, finding hidden counselors on a hunt, or raiding the kitchen or tuck shop, the JT's were always in high gear. JT's also enjoyed breakfast cookouts, bedtime stories, and campfires up on Teepee Hill.

All JT's enjoyed the majesty of Algonquin Park on their canoe trips, experiencing portages, paddling and lots of bugs!! Another highlight of the session was the JT triathlon. Accompanied by a staff member, all JT campers swam, kayaked and ran around a designated course, crossing the finish line in main camp cheered on by all Tamakwa campers and staff. Another great JT accomplishment of first session was when Forester 4 beat Pioneer 4 to win the title of Sole Survivor.

I hope that the friendships and memories made this summer will remain with these children for many years to come. May the great camper of all good campers be with us until we meet again (in 2014!)

## **YOU CAN GO BACK!**

### **by Nancy Steinhauer**

I was first JT director the summers of 1992-1994. Imagine how wonderful it was to be invited back, almost 20 years later, to do my favourite job again. Tamakwa has changed since I was last here – different buildings, different staff, different kids, but the essence stays the same.

I was so glad to work with such a caring committed group of counselors this year, and the campers were such fun. Some of my favourite memories will be:

- The Forester 4 day
- Late night camp fires
- The sandcastle building contest
- Capture the flag on Adventure Island
- Reading Huckleberry Finn to F-2
- Shrek, The Musical
- Playing “Fortunately, Unfortunately”
- “Fools are dorks” and “fools are cool!”
- The hot chocolate social on Joe Lake
- “How to tire out a TB girl” video!

Being back at camp was a good reminder that some things are timeless: beauty, love, friendship, tradition, and community. Thanks to everyone who made this summer so great. Who knows? Maybe I'll be back again!

## **THE BEST AND THE WORST PART OF CAMP TAMAKWA 2013**

The best part of camp was:

- jumping off the tower with the GoPro strapped on my back in Camp TV
- canoeing on the canoe trip (even though my sweat pants were soaked)
- JT triathlon
- talent show
- sailing with JD
- hot dogs
- winning Color War
- being the loudest section in camp
- being a Forrester
- being in Smoke

The worst part of camp was:

- when it ended

Camp Tamakwa was a very good experience.

Sam Zamir  
Smoke F1

### **Interview with Jessica Norris, P-3 - August 9, 2013**

Q: Jessica, how does it feel to be in your last year as a Pioneer?

A: For me, it's like I'm really sad, but I'm also happy because it's my last year as a Pioneer...and you can never go back. I'm trying to save the days; I'm not counting down the days. It's a big transition. I'm nervous but excited to be a 49er. When you see the JSGs and the Senior Girls, you want to look up to those people. I always looked up to the last year Pioneers when I was younger.

Q: How can final year Pioneers best be role models for younger campers?

A: You have to be a nice person. You have to talk to people politely. If something goes wrong, you can't portray it in a bad way, like yelling. You can be a role model by getting lots of awards, participating in as many events as you can. For instance, I just signed up for canoeing. I just LOVE canoeing and I paddled to Treasure Island today for an award.

Some of the TBs think you don't have to do anything to get to be Color War Captain or All-Day Captain, but you do. You have to go on long trips and get lots of high awards.

Q: Was there anything memorable about this summer in particular?

A: My first year as a Pioneer, I didn't have a lot of friends. The next year, I had a few friends. This year I'm friends with everyone in the cabin. You can't be mean or yell. You have to get along with everyone.

Q: What will you remember about the summer of 2013 when you are a grown-up?

A: Being friends with a lot of these girls. This was one of my best summers. This summer was really great. My Mom doesn't really understand camp like my Dad does. She thinks your friendships from school will last longer than your friendships at camp. I just feel you have to make friends with everyone. You can't avoid it! You just have to go for it.

Q: Was there a particular staff member who stood out for you this summer?

A: Alex Budman was my counselor first month. She was only here for one month but she helped me prepare for second month. She helped me understand everything and gave me a new perspective. If I am a counselor some day, I want to go above and beyond like Alex.

### **Interview August 9, 2013**

**Becca Klayman, 49-3 (SG), Dorothy Goldstein-Stahl, 49-3 (SG), and Wilder North V3 (JSB)**

Dorothy and Becca: We went on a 15-day trip first session. It was a lot of fun. We started at Otter Slide, then Hogan, then Radiant, then stayed on the Madawaska River and the Petawawa River. Then we stayed at the Natch, then Whitson, then Opalescent, then on Grand, then on Loonskin, then on White Partridge.

High Falls was the highlight of our trip. There was a jump we could jump off, a jump of about 10 feet tall. It was really fun!

Becca: Our tripper was Claire. She was awesome. She was a good cook, and she made great steak for dinner!

Wilder: I went on a Temagami 8-day trip first month. My favorite was Paradise Lagoon. In the middle of a portage, there are rapids and there's a calm pool of water with a waterfall going into it. You actually have to swim across a portage on this trip. There's a 25 foot waterfall and we swam there for 1-2 hours. The lakes in Temagami were incredibly clear and blue. You could see really deep down. Our tripper was Eric. He was amazing. He knew what he was doing, he was really fun, and he was a good cook. The best thing we ate was either bacon cheeseburgers or mashed potatoes with bacon and meat stuffed in potato skins.

Becca: Second month we went on a hiking trip with the JSBs and we saw two bears. It was scary!

## **“Being JSBs” Interview August 10, 2013**

**John Van Dyke, Billy Hochberg, Zach Wein, Kyle Rechter, and Max Norris**

Billy: This is my 7<sup>th</sup> summer at Tamakwa. The best part was going on a Temagami 8-day trip in July. We went to all these different lakes...the lakes were so clear! They looked like blue Gatorade. It was fun to be with my friends. We went to a lagoon that was really nice. I've spent a lot of time at Kayak, Windsurf, and Sailing. I was only supposed to come to camp for one month and go to Israel, but it's my second last year as a camper so I talked my parents into coming for 2 months,

John: It's my 3<sup>rd</sup> summer at Camp Tamakwa. It's been a great summer, just bonding with the people in my cabin, going to Sailing and Kayak, and working on awards. ...getting closer with people. My counselors (Ben Robinson, Bradley Zucker and Jamie Perlmutter) have been great. We can definitely go and talk with them about everything. They “get” camp, and they're definitely there for you.

Making new friendships and Temagami were highlights. This month we went on the first JSB hiking trip for 4 days. It was different from a canoe trip. You're in the woods the whole time. You won't see lakes as much, but you get to know people better because you're walking and talking the whole time.

Zach: It's exciting. You're one of the oldest campers. You have more freedom.

Kyle: Your cabin has its own special cheers instead of cheers for the whole section.

Max: Shrek was a good play. The costumes, the scenery were great. I've enjoyed Woodshop, Windsurf, and Half-Court Tennis. I got my high award in Half-Court. I had to beat Jeff Ran in a few games.

Zach: Sailing is probably the most exciting activity. Once I got kicked out of a sailboat by John. Tipping is always fun! This has been my best year yet. Summers here only get better.

## **Interview with a Ranger**

**Sammy Weiss, R-1 - August 10, 2013**

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> summer at camp. I almost have my high award (Everest) in Ropes. I still need to do the hard side of the wall, help other people put on harnesses, and eat lunch suspended on rafters or at the top of a tree.

Tomorrow I go on trip. I'm excited. We're going to make a trip sauna, a hot tub, and a house that can shelter us. I've done similar things before. My trippers will be Ho-Daddy (Jacob) and Cory. I'm most looking forward to the food and going to the Portage Store. On the way back we might not get to stop at the P store because we have a long canoe paddle that day.

The best play this summer was Shrek! It was a fun play, and they had a confetti gun! Rehearsals were easy for me because I had no lines (as Young Shrek). Rachel Drama and Michael (Kaufman) were both really good.

**Interview with a Couple of Rangers at the Canoe Dock - August 10, 2013**  
**Jordy Godfrey, R-2 and Ethan Friedman, R-1**

Ethan: This is my first week signing up for Canoe. I got my Beaver Award in one day! I had to learn the Box stroke, pivot, and inside draw. I had to paddle to Treasure Island and back in my own canoe. Stephanie asked me two questions about landing a canoe both while on trip and at camp.

Jordy: I'm working on my "B" Award, which is a hard award. You have to do a bunch of strokes; you have to go into main camp campfire and light a fire with 3 matches (because that's a survival skill); then you have to do more strokes and rescue someone in a canoe when they tip. The hardest thing is paddling to Treasure Island on a windy day, and I still haven't completed that. I got a How How plaque last year for getting 3 awards in one summer last year. I feel at some point, I'd like to get that award again.

Ethan and Jordy: Stephanie and the Canoe staff are all really nice and friendly. They help you when you want to take a canoe out, and teach you.

**Interview with Linus Epstein, R-1**

Q: This is your second summer as a Tamakwa camper. What has been special about this year?

A: My brother (Maverick) is here now and we can share the experience together. I thought he should come because I thought he'd really enjoy it.

Q: What's your favorite activity?

A: My favorite is half-court tennis. At home I play tennis on a full court. Playing here on a half-court improves my game and my target game. The staff are nice and help you with your strokes. Half-court is a good mental game; you have to keep your cool.

Q: Has there been a highlight of this summer for you?

A: I'm looking forward to canoe trip tomorrow. We're going on a 4-day trip. Last year, we were supposed to go on a 3-day but it got postponed because of the weather. I'm looking forward to how challenging it will be going from a Forester trip to a Ranger trip.

Q: Is there a staff member who has stood out for you?

A: I think Jonah Teich has helped me a lot with controlling myself and my manners, and helped me with the transition from being a Forester to being a Ranger, and having more responsibility.

**Forester 2 at Rest Hour 8/10/13**  
**Lucas Sosnick, Ethan Sosnick, and Bobby Wein**

Q: What is your favorite activity at camp?

Lucas: I have a LOT of favorite activities and a lot of favorite Activity Leaders. I like Jonas a lot, Gerard, Koon, and Will Kayak. One of my favorite activities is Ropes. I'm going to get my high award this year. I have only 2 things left to do; do the zip line backwards with no hands, and notice if anything's wrong with anyone's harness every day I go to Ropes. I also like Kayaking. I got my Yakker 2 the first week. I like Camp TV because this is my third music video. I did one last year and two this year. I like Recording and making rap songs, I also liked the Jack-o-Lantern All-Day Program.

Bobby: That was great! Especially the UN-break of that All-Day Program. The four teams made cakes out of pizza bread. At the end, to show which team one, Garf was going back and forth like this between the cakes (Bobby demonstrates) and ended up smashing the cake of the team that won.

Q: Is it important whether your team wins?

Bobby: Color War matters a lot. In All-Day Programs, you focus more on the games that you win (within the All-Day).

Ethan: When you win an All-Day you feel really really good.

Q: How do you like your counselors this summer?

A: Bobby, Lucas and Ethan: Our SC is Ben Evans. He can play guitar really well. He's funny, and it's fun with him. Our JCs are Andrew Colton and Ben Marks. Andrew is so funny! He laughs at everything and makes up his own jokes! Ben Marks is really nice and funny. On a hot day on our canoe trip, he was portaging in his underwear! If we did something wrong, he wouldn't take tuck away or punish us. He would help us make it better.

Q: What do you think you'll remember about this summer?

Ethan, Lucas and Bobby: Being on the first Forester 4-day canoe trip in more than 10 years!

Being in Big Porky.

Ethan: Seeing the turtle pop his head out on the canoe trip when we were at our campsite.

Lucas: I saw a snake right next to my paddle!

Ethan: Me and my friends saw a quartz rock and were digging it out. We worked on it the whole entire day! My counselor Ben Marks helped us pull it out.

My favorite activity is Sailing. My favorite Activity Leader is Koon-Man because he's funny and he's cool.

Bobby: I like Windsurfing and Ropes...Ropes because when you're at the top of something and you want to go down, you can't give up, because you've come so far. If it's a sunny day, I love Windsurf, especially paddle-boarding.

Ethan, Lucas and Bobby: You can chicken board and paddle board with your friends.

## **Rest Hour with the Boys of Forester 1** **Ethan Brady, Ari Michaels, Maverick Epstein, and Ari Zamler**

Q: What is your favorite thing to do at camp?

Ethan and Ari M: Kayak!

Maverick: Kayak and Archery!

Ari Z: Basketball and Valentine's Day. I got a Valentine and 2 candy grams from Becca Klayman and Amanda Glickman. Both of mine were from Senior Girls.

Ethan: I got one from my sister.

Maverick: I got a Valentine from someone but I don't know her name. She's a Pioneer.

Ari Z: I got so many because I'm popular and I have 2 nicknames: Furby and Lorax.

Q: Who had the most interesting injury this summer?

Maverick: I got a stick in my leg on cookout. There was a branch with a stick poking out of it. It hit my knee and got inside. I went to the Clinic and got a Freezie.

Ari Z: I got a Freezie when McWhorter fell on my thigh. I got carried like a baby!

Q: Who are your favorite staff members?

Ethan: Mitchell August, J.D., and Nancy.

Ari M: Jake Fried, Alex Sigel and AD Ellen.

Maverick: Nancy, Mitchell August and AD Ellen.

Ari Z: Jake Migdal, Mitchell August and Jake Fried.

Q: What will you miss most about camp?

All: We'll miss EVERYTHING, for example kayaking.

Q: What do you do during Rest Hour?

Ari Z: We play my bowling game.

Ethan: I write letters home sometimes.

Q: I notice that you guys seem to have the stinkiest feet in camp.

Ari Z: I do! I do! (Ari Z attempts to kill interviewer by thrusting his shoes in her face.)

Maverick: My socks are stinky because I never change them! (Maverick produces stinky socks for evidence.)

Ari M: I have really smelly feet!

(We all agree that Ari Z win the award for the stinkiest feet.)

## **MY FAVORITE PLACE IN CAMP**

Eva Rosenfeld 49-3, Dorothy Goldstein-Stahl 49-3 : The bench by the bell. It's a beautiful place to look over the water. I made a video of that view to look at when I am home.

T.J. Robins 49-3: Main camp. There are a lot of good memories there.

Alex Bean, R-4: My cabin, Timberwolf, and my bed. I like my bed; it's cozy.

Sammy Koolik, V-2: The lower dock by the Eyefull Tower. I love the view.

Katie Lapointe, JC, TB-1 and swim specialist: The swim docks. I like sitting in a tube with my friend Larissa watching the sunset.

Spencer Robins, V-2: The bench overlooking Canoe Bay. I like watching everyone paddle.

Daniel Garfinkel: Sitting on the Slope looking out.

Andrew Schelberg-Miller, "Schelberg": In a pointer on the lake at night.

Izzy Brickman, CIT: The Lookout on Girl's Hill

Sheldon De Souza, Recording Studio Activity Leader: The hockey rink.

Alex Falkingham, Ropes Specialist: The bench at the end of the Transpo dock at night.

Ben Manson, Tripper: Walking from the Beaver docks along the boardwalk in the morning.

Alex Clark, Tripper: Looking out from the Slope.

Nicole Doctoroff, 49-3, Mara Soverinsky: The Slope has a great view. Also, the Platform at night is a great place to see the stars.

David Kaplan, V-4: Bailey's Bench, the bench by the bell.

Alex Stringer: The dining hall piano

Alex Beaton, Nurse: The steep path down to the canoe docks.

Hannah Klayman: Main camp fireplace.

Vic Norris Senior Camp Director: The end of the Boys' Swim dock in the late afternoon to early evening. The light is radiant then.

Chloe Gaynes, TB-2: My cabin, Namakoochie.

Ali Lipson, TB-2: My cozy bed!

Emily Jerris, TB-2: The Platform for basketball and in-line hockey.

Lola Pitman, TB-2: The high ropes part of the Ropes course....it's very outdoorsy.

### **Interview with Lindsey Katz, TB-2 - August 9, 2013**

Q: Lindsey, have you been on a canoe trip this summer?

A: Yes. I went on a 3-day canoe trip. We stayed at Joe Lake. The food was pretty good. We had new food this year that was better. We had pizza and garlic bread, and they were really good.

Q: What was your longest portage?

A: It was 250 meters, not that long.

Q: What was the most interesting thing you saw out of camp?

A: There were seagulls everywhere, because of the food.

Q: What was your favorite part of the trip?

A: I liked when we had campfire and when my tripper, Maddie, told stories. She was really nice. She was my favorite tripper so far, although last year I had a really nice one too. Maddie tells the best stories. My friend woke up in the middle of the night, and Maddie got up, brought her water to drink, made her feel better and put us all back to sleep.

Q: What is your favorite activity so far?

A: Arts and Crafts or Canoeing. I like Woodshop, too, but JTs haven't been allowed to do that this year. In Art, we've been making beads and stained glass. In Canoeing, I got my JT "C" Canoeist. I was working on my paddle to Treasure, Beaver award, but it was too windy. Now I know how to do all the paddling. I should have signed up for Windsurfing, because I know how to paddleboard, and it's kind of the same as canoeing.

Q: When you're a grown-up, is there anything about this summer at camp that you will remember?

A: I will always remember my new friends.

## From Girls Camp

My favourite part of camp is:

Canoe trips because the portages are hard, the food is good, you have nice trippers and you get to be with your friends. I also like watching the sunset, hanging with my friends, colour war, banquet, tuck night, my cabin and counsellors, and Robbie's Point! I love camp! I think camp is the best place!

Sydney Schacter P-1

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"What I love about camp"

What I love about camp is color war, banquet, camp fires and even more existing events. I can't believe how much goes on at camp in only one week. I love all things we do at camp and I hope we do more things next year.

Melanie Hirsch, TB-1

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Pink, yellow, red blue, white. That was the color of the sunset I saw when I was on canoe trip! My favorite part of canoe trip is the sunset and the food and EVERYTHING! I love canoe trip sunsets. I loved watching at different camp sites. Every night the sunset was a different color. I loved it! The food on canoe trip was the best food ever. The reese's on canoe trip were AWESOME. I also loved the apple crisps, and the hash browns were great and those are some reasons I love canoe trip.

Maya Wolberg P-1 "canoe trip"

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What I like about camp - Lucy Zate, TB-1

I love tuck nights. Aero bars are my favorite. So are fuzzy peaches. I also love tootsie frootsie and woof-woof and canoe trips and canoeing and wood shop and when today the sionor girls jumped in the lake in the middle of Craig's speech so did one Senior boy! I am so sad tomorrow we have to leave.

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By Bailey Fisher – P-1

My favorite part of camp is the water sports because during the year I never get to go windsurfing or sailing. Camp Tamakwa is the only place I can do water sports. I also like windsurfing and sailing because you get to tip or fall in the water. These are the reasons why I love water sports?

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By Jordan Brady – P-1

My favorite part of camp is color war. I think color war is fun because you get to do so many actives and you can do and compete to win color war. And color war is also fun because watching all your friends doing actives and you cheer them on and when you are doing things they will cheer you on as well. Also, in color war you get to watch or do water boiling it is cool and because when people get it to boil they everyone says boil, boil, boil. This is the reasons why I like color war at Camp Tamakwa. GO TRIX!! Yellow Rocks!!!

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### **49-1 Beaver Cuttings**

The first years of 2013 would like to express their favorite moment of the summer and what they are looking forward to as JSG's

Jayne Bender:

Favorite Moment of 2013: going on 13 day and getting close with everyone and most of all making the most of every single moment at camp

Next year: I am excited to be a role model for the younger campers and make every moment memorable

Alana Doctoroff:

Favorite Moment of 2013: spending so much time with my best friends on 13 day canoe trip and at camp. Those are the memories you will next forgot

Next year: Temagami and making more unforgettable memories

Avery Gittleman:

Favorite Moment of 2013: going on 13 day and spending time with my close friends on the long trip

Next Year: Temagami, not forced to het wood...aka pick up stick, and to have more respect and different responsibilities.

Ariel Golnick:

Favorite Moment of 2013: spending time with my new friends I have met and canoe trip

Next year: I am excited to go on Temagami

Kate Gordon:

Favorite Moment of 2013: getting to know the girls in my cabin since I just moved up a section. I'm very happy with my decision! I have also loved learning how to windsurf.

Next Year: I am looking forward to being more respected next summer as we are JSGs! I cannot wait!

Hannah Jacobs:

Favorite Moment of 2013: meeting all of the second month girls and becoming friends with them.

Next year: to create many unforgettable memories with my friends from first and second month.

Emma Jacobson:

Favorite Moment of 2013: 13 day and being a 49er and having a lot of privileges that we didn't have before.

Next year: I am really excited to become a JSG and progress as a camper.

Ruby Kolender:

Favorite Moment of 2013: Meeting new people and being with my friends

Next year: being one of the oldest campers and helping out with color war

Sarah Peltz:

Favorite Moment of 2013: coming back from 13 day. It was such a great feeling of accomplishment and it was so great to see my friends.

Next Year: Temagami

Sasha Rosenberg:

Favorite Moment of 2013: stepping off the pointer and seeing all my best friends. The first hugs of the summer are unforgettable. You can feel the excitement in the air!

Next year: going on Temagami and creating many memories and becoming physically and mentally stronger.

Abby Seifman:

Favorite Moment of 2013: going on 13 day and making tons of memories with all my best friends.

Next year: I am so excited to be a JSG because I cannot wait to have tons of cheers and be one of the oldest groups in camp.

Ellie Soverinsky:

Favorite Moment of 2013: Spending time with my cabin mates, whatever we were doing it was always fun

Next year: I want to get more awards and spend time with my Tamakwa family.

Lauren Watsky:

Favorite Moment of 2013: Getting to hang out and get to know my cabin mates as well as going on 13 day. I felt so good after and had the best time with my 13 day family.

Next year; I can't wait to be a JSG and try to get some high awards. Also, I can't wait for T-Mags!

Alex Wexler:

Favorite Moment of 2013: getting closer with my cabin mates and going into a new section

Next year: I can't wait to come back next year as a JSG and reunite with all my friends.

Katie Wolberg:

Favorite Moment of 2013: going on 13 day. Also getting closer with my cabin mates.

Next year: I am looking forward to being a JSG and going on more long trips.

We are so lucky to be your counselors this year! You girls have not only make a fun summer for yourselves but also us! We love you all!

XOXO

Hannah, Michelle, and Dani