



## JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

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It is hard to believe that another wonderful summer here on the shores of Moose Pond has come to an end. As I type these words I still hold the feeling of Unit Night with me, a campfire filled with awards, laughter, and shared memories. The slide show presented to the boys highlighted so many wonderful moments. The emotion of Awards Night on Monday sends me into a new school year with thoughts of once again counting down the days until I return. We've recognized the accomplishments of the summer and finished our time together with smiles and for many, joyful tears. Being "camp sick" can be tricky for some as they reenter the routines of home and miss the action that was constant here at camp.

The past week has been packed with Red/Gray events and epic tribal showdowns. The boys packed their belongings for their journeys home. Some of those trips will take the campers to the other side of the globe, while some boys will be home before lunch is served. My hope is that over the next few weeks and months, stories from the summer will begin to rise to the surface. The stories may be about a trip that was spent under the stars, a special friend made during the summer, or a new skill that was developed while away from home. Independence must be learned away from the support of home and camp offers that chance. The joys of camp will be distilled for you through the lens of a child, a child that you love enough that you were able to offer them this grand adventure. Take time to listen and appreciate the gift you have given them. Camp helps grow young men and I was able to witness that growth firsthand. Camp works and I know this myself by witnessing the growth in my own children as they too head home.

A quick recap of the past week that was so chock full of events it is difficult to summarize.

Tent 9, **Camden Hawkes, Peter King, Wesley Persons, Matthew Sonne** and Tent 10, **Aiden Bevin, Ben Lemieux, Ollie Reiman-Ellis, Leif Sonne** and **Issac Yombe** went with their counselors, **Uncles Will and John**, and **Aunt Brooke**, to Big Rock on the final trip of the season. The group had chicken fajitas, s'mores, and a ton of fun around the campfire. The guest of honor for this trip was a true surprise as the BAT delivered a scream after emerging from one of the tents at the encampment. The boys gave chase but were just a tad too slow. The BAT showing created some excitement as they sat back down around the fire.

The BATs were seen two more times since I last wrote to you from Junior camp. The first was at our tribal Air Band competition. The pair emerged wearing selected 70s garb and got to let loose a riff on their air guitars before slipping out the back of the Wiggy. The unit gave chase in their costumes to create a hilarious version of our most popular special event.

The last showing of the summer came at a lodge assembly, with the boys being captivated by the candy announcement in the front of the room. (Tent 10 was victorious again, regaining their spot as "Best Tent".) The BATs were able to creep to the edge of the circle and grab hold of **Grant Cuneo** before unleashing their trademark scream. **Frank Sherlock** was close by and gave chase, actually eluding blockers to grab hold of one of the masked men. Frank was carefully placed to the side before both BATs escaped into the night. Great effort by the boys and great daring by the BATs!

The boys worked to the very last day of camp on their requirements in all the activities. Pins were awarded at the following levels this week:

Chipmunks – **Aiden Bevin, Phin Inman, Max Olson, Grant Cuneo, Jaime Piramoon, Duncan May, Paxton Hawkes** and **Frank Sherlock**

Beavers – **Hadrian Mitrovic, Max Olson, Duncan May, Ollie Smith** and **James Gasperini**

Eagles – **Gray Devine, Hadrian Mitrovic, Max Olson, Lucas Vannoni** and **Duncan May**

In the tribal competition, the Ojibways scored big with a victory in the Treasure Hunt, a race through camp, finding clues, which took more than one hour, and covered over three miles. Tribal action also found the boys participating in many hockey games in an effort to obtain the coveted Sturdley Cup championship. The final game found teams from the Mohawks and Ojibways facing off, with the Mohawks coming away with a key tribal victory.

Stick showings also continued at a furious pace with many captures and finds. A special shout out to **James Gasperini** who was awarded the Bloodhound Award at campfire for the most captures this summer. The tribal competition was a back and forth affair with the Delawares ultimately emerging victorious. The competition was incredibly close this summer with all the tribes being within striking distance by the end of second session. The spread between first and last was a mere 22 points and all the tribes had point totals over 180. Congratulations to all the boys for their sportsmanship and fair play, and a tip of the hat for the energy and enthusiasm exhibited by the tribes throughout the summer.

The captures and finds this week: **Jack Allen** (x2), **James Gasperini, Kasper Potter, Ben Lemieux** (x2) **Aiden Bevin**

The Red/Gray competition this summer incorporated numerous evening programs, line-ups in the morning, Red/Gray activity competitions and the Great Relay. The Great Relay was enthralling from start to finish, with the two teams being neck and neck over a more than two-hours of the race. In the end the Reds emerged victorious, with a difference between the teams of just 3 minutes and 36 seconds. The Reds and Grays had an incredibly close Red/Gray week with both teams capturing victories in activity areas. In the end, the banner was a Red victory for the third straight summer. The Grays will need to rally in 2019 to return to the glory days of their very own three-peat not long ago.

We hope to see you all back on the shores for summer 2019. Thank you for sharing your boys with us. What a fantastic group to work with here in Junior. Have a Staunch and True year and see you soon!

Brix Brax and Boom Boom Boom!

Uncle Jim Morse  
Junior Unit Director  
(Wi 1982-1989, 1991-1995, 2008-2018)  
SR Baseball 91-92  
The BAT 1991

(over for more news)

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER

Year 2018

<b>BEST CAMPER</b>	Devon Hermes
<b>SECOND BEST CAMPER</b>	Nuer Bol Rik
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	Tristan Baker

ACTIVITY	CHAMPION	HONORABLE MENTION
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Swimming	Nuer Bol Rik	William Hogue & Charles BeVier
Canoeing	Lucas Vannoni	Alexander Kirkwood
Campcraft	Tristan Baker	Duncan May & Hadrian Mitrovic
Riflery	Max Olson	David Phillips
Archery	Gray Devine	Taber Gale
Tennis	Leif Sonne	Max Olson & Carl Hoff
Baseball	Lorenzo Vannoni	Oliver Eastman
Arts/Crafts	Peter King	Wesley Persons
Sailing	Hugh Williams	Ronan Zweifler & Oliver Reiman-Ellis
Riding	Camden Hawkes	Dylan Henwood
Soccer	James Gasperini	Aiden Bevin
Mtn. Trips	Peter King	Lyle Fuchs
Canoe Trips	George Thompson	Mark Weaver
Lacrosse	Benjamin Lemieux	Michael Covington
Kayaking	Lorenzo Vannoni	Shema Iranzi
Basketball	Michael Covington	Benjamin Lemieux
Gimp	Ronan Zweifler	Leif Sonne
Fishing	Luke Davis	Jaak Rannik
Ecology	Duncan May	Jack Wetter & Carson Kaplan

Tribe Winner	Delawares
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Color Team	Red
Donald Wilson Award	Branden Laverdiere
John Fils Archery	Everett May
E. Kendall Gike	Shema Iranzi