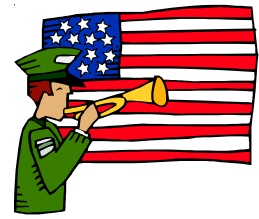




Bat Bulletin



May 2008

Monthly Newsletter for campers and staff
(and parents, too)

ICE OUT - APRIL 23, 2008 at 6:00PM



Moose Pond opens up with the Presidentials (especially Mt. Washington) in the background. **Micah Heaney** was this year's contest winner and received the Winona Mega-Pak soft-sided trunk with Sock-Sak. His guess was only 6 hours off the exact time. **Ned Berube**, **Liam Murphy** and **Fergus Reid** had some good guesses on April 22nd and **Tommy Silk's** guess of April 24th was close, too.

Our horseback riding campers are always fascinated by the return dates of the barn swallows. This year the first scout arrived on April 23rd (yes, same as Ice Out day) very near their other return dates of the past 25 years.



It didn't take long for the Sandpipers to arrive and establish a nest next to Cabin 1&2 in Junior Winona. Currently, it's roped off and we expect the hatchlings to be wading in Moose Pond before the campers arrive...

UNIT STAFF ADDITIONS SINCE LAST MONTH...

Junior

Josef Polivka

Pooh Corner

Louise Bell

Intermediate

Alyn Phillips
Matthew Towle

Kitchen

Ender Karabulut

Senior

Andrew Nixon

Office

Debra Harmon
Oleksandra Goncharova

Riding

Kristin Fryers

Early work week crew has arrived...



Matt Erikkson, Steve Downing, Jeremy Longpre, Jim Catlin, Logan Garrels and Max Zotz

First off season groups to arrive: Berwick Academy-Class of '08, Gould Academy-Class of '08, The Maine Canoe Symposium and Clinics



NEWS FROM HERE AND ABOUT...

Fin Donovan reported on the UNH-Montana Lacrosse match of April 11th:

"**Will Freihofer** bumped my buddy and **Tucker Sargent** (both playing for Montana) got taught a thing or two at the faceoff X, but in the end they won 11-9. It was pretty good lacrosse, a lot of back and forth, fast lax. Hopefully we'll get a chance to see them again at Nationals but who knows. Weather's getting nicer here, can't wait for camp."

Ben Farrell just emailed this note: "Just got back from kayaking in Slovenia. An amazing week paddling grade 4 water and completing my 5 star training and white water safety and rescue as well as recently completing the new Level One Coaching Award. Not long now till I leave, look forward to seeing you in a few weeks time."



Karen Quigley sent along this picture entitled "This says it all"

Ben Stonebraker emailed: "It's been a heck of a ski season with no end in sight. Actually, Snowbowl closed yesterday, but there is so much snow in the mountains that there are still plenty of hikes to make and turns to be had. I've been making the most of this season and having a lot of fun doing it. Yesterday was my 100th day on snow! I think the first time in my life to achieve that. Two weeks ago I was in Jackson Hole for the first time and boy did we luck out. We were there for a week and during that time it snowed over three feet - got to hit some big cliffs, I think one was a twenty footer! Also, back in the first week of March, three friends and I were invited down to Winter Park, CO to compete in Red Bull's 1976 Games. We showed up in full disco attire from the ski outfits to the apres ski scene. The judges totally loved us and we won the grand prize! Red Bull wants us back next year to defend our title. Starting in June I'll be directing a kayaking school for 10,000 Waves, a guide company here in town. And I have Winona to thank for giving me the opportunity to work in that program because I was exactly what they were looking for as far as experience is concerned."



Stoney(on the left) and his winning team



Now that the Junior tents are up and ready for the season...



the work week crew is heading out on brush detail, opening buildings and putting in docks.

(From LtoR) Matt Eriksson, Colin Lucas, Logan Garrels, Jim Catlin, Max Zotz and Bob Ash. In the truck is Uncle Phil Clough and Jeremy Longpre



See pg 34, LL Bean Kids Summer Catalog. Familiar tent, camp cot, etc...



Kristy gets 2 points for her long drive. A new addition to lawn games is LADDER GOLF

Campers & Parents: Please check unit assignment and session on enclosed brightly colored paper. If it doesn't concur with your planning, call or e-mail us ASAP.

Until next month - June 2008 "101 Tons of Fun" - Take care...

Uncle Al