



Mountain Trips, Baseball and Donuts!

by Dan Webster

A huge cheer erupts in the Dining Hall...this could only mean...well, actually, it could mean a lot of things as it seems there are lots of things that Kawanhee gets really excited about. In this case, this particular Thursday night, it meant DONUTS! Yes, Camp Mom, Debi announced that tonight she would be having a fire outside the Camp Mother's Cabin (with a little help from Luke Randall) and making some yummy home-made donuts. Well now, I suppose that is worth a cheer.



Thursday night also marked the return of several trips, Katahdin, White-Water Rafting, and the JC trip to Gulf Hagas. All the trips went very well, though there's been little time to gather too many details before going to press. The Katahdin group did summit the mountain – Maine's highest peak – safely, but made the wise decision not to traverse the razor-thin knife edge due to unsettled weather. When it comes to thunder and lightning and mile-high mountains with no cover, safe is definitely better than sorry!

And yes, the weather was unsettled in Maine this week. Rain was welcome as the woods and forest floor were looking very dry, and rocks were beginning to appear in the lake that are usually well under water. The lightning was very exciting indeed, and with that in mind it's very comforting for me to hear from the Waterfront the call for "ALL BOATS IN!!" at the first hint of thunder. Maine really lived up to the saying this week that, "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute"!



Mid-week a locally based improv-comedy troupe called Teachers' Lounge Mafia spent the entire day at camp. They did a couple short skits in the Dining Hall after lunch, and then held improv workshops with groups of enthusiastic and hilarious campers all afternoon and even after dinner. In the evening they put on a performance on stage in the Rec Hall and brought many campers up on stage to work through the whacky skits. Everybody was challenged to think on their feet as none of the material is rehearsed beforehand!

The week began, memorably, with Mike Altmaier leading off Sunday's breakfast trivia question by asking, "How many busses will it take to get us to the Portland Sea Dogs Baseball game?!" It caught everyone by surprise, and again, I guess I'll finish my story the way I began it...A huge cheer erupted in the Dining Hall!



Junior Maine Guide

by Dylan, Badger Lodge



A passage into manhood. This is what my counselor, and my teacher Antonio (JP) Rullan said of JMG testing and the weeks leading up to it. JMG (Junior Maine Guide) is a program for kids 18 and under who learn to live in the wilderness, and are tested on the skills accordingly. My peers and I have been studying, training, and learning all of the necessary aspects to being successful when we test. To be honest though, pass or fail, I don't care. Sure, don't get me wrong, if I fail I'll be disappointed, but I got out of JMG more the I put in, and that means more than a stripe on my paddle. I was once told JMG was the greatest program given at camp, and now that testing is over and I can recap my last 5 weeks, I have to say I agree with them.

When people ask me about JMG, they ask me was it hard and they asking me if it was fun. I can honestly say yes to both, but in a positive way. The difficulty comes with the passion and dedication you give. The more dedication you have means the more hours you'll put into studying and practicing what you've learned. The passion you have for JMG will determine if you'll

stick with it and learn the knot you have trouble tying, you'll learn how to cook even if you've never touched a pan, and any speed bump will be overcome and triumphed. This is what makes it hard, but when you succeed after failing so much, it's the greatest feeling in the world, and it makes for some of the most cherished memories I personally have in my time at Kawanhee. As far as the fun part goes, I could literally go on for hours on end about some of the best times of my life, which I experienced in JMG. I could tell you about the time my fellow candidate Brandon just barely got his wet day fire and started screaming and running around while the rest of us were out of breath with laughter and joy for him. I could tell you about the time a thunder storm hit and all of the candidates for Kawanhee huddled around a fire laughing and telling stories. I could go on and on but I don't because these cherished memories were experienced by my friends and me, so I encourage all to go do JMG and make some memories for yourself.





Mt. Katahdin

Phil, Badger and Drake, Loon

As night drew to a close and a new day began, we rubbed the tiredness from our eyes and realized that this was the day we would climb to the highest point in Maine. Our day began at 4 am with a hearty breakfast of oatmeal and hot chocolate before packing up and beginning to climb around 6. We headed to the ranger station to check the weather and confirm our plans for the day.

The first segment of our trip consisted of hiking three miles to Chimney Pond, a beautiful, glacially formed pond at the base of Mt. Katahdin. From the pond we looked up at the sheer cliffs of the mountain above. We began our hike up Cathedral trail and into the rock fields. As we were scaling boulders and climbing up rock faces the fog began rolling in. We had a few opportunities for amazing views whenever the fog lifted. When we reached Baxter Peak, a sense of amazing accomplishment washed over the entire group. Right after we summated we witnessed a proposal between hikers who had just finished the entire Appalachian Trail. Due to inclement weather, and a chance of lightning, we were forced to forgo the knives edge and hike down the saddle trail. We were all happy to have made it up and down Katahdin in one piece despite various thunder storms. The next day we visited a few small waterfalls and hung out at our campsite. We all had a wonderful time in Baxter State Park.

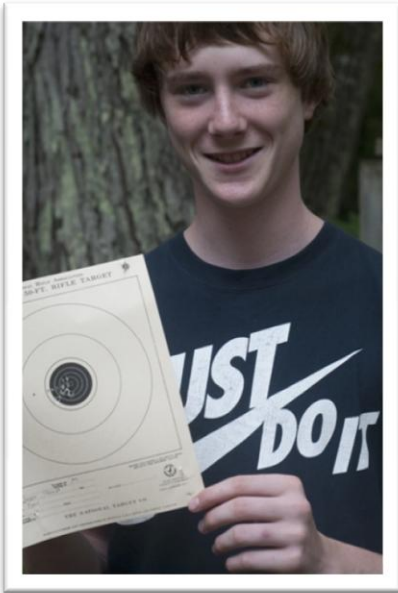


Expert! Expert! Read all about it...

In the last two weeks of camp, we have had an extraordinary amount of medals earned. The following boys have qualified for the following NRA medals:

Falcon lodge: (JC) Kyle B6 & 7. Deer lodge: Juan M. Beaver lodge: Rodolfo PM, Stefan M, Sean SS-B1, AJ B1, Elliot B4-B6. Moose lodge: Juan B2& 3, Jordan B4-B7. Lynx lodge: Juanjo PM, Jeff M1C & SS.

Wildcat: Karl SS, Miguel B1. Coyote lodge: Mike B1, Mike D B4. Bear lodge: Brandon PM&M, Jesse M, Sean B2&3, Teagan B2-B4, Eli B4. Badger lodge: Daniel B1. Crow lodge: Javi B2, Juan B2- B4.



We also had another extraordinary accomplishment this week. A junior counselor from Wildcat lodge has done something that has not been completed in the last 7 years of camp. Carlos after getting 9 of his 10 targets needed and after many periods of shooting for his last target

earned his **Expert** on Friday of the 6th week of camp. Congratulations to Carlos and all the boys for their fine shooting.





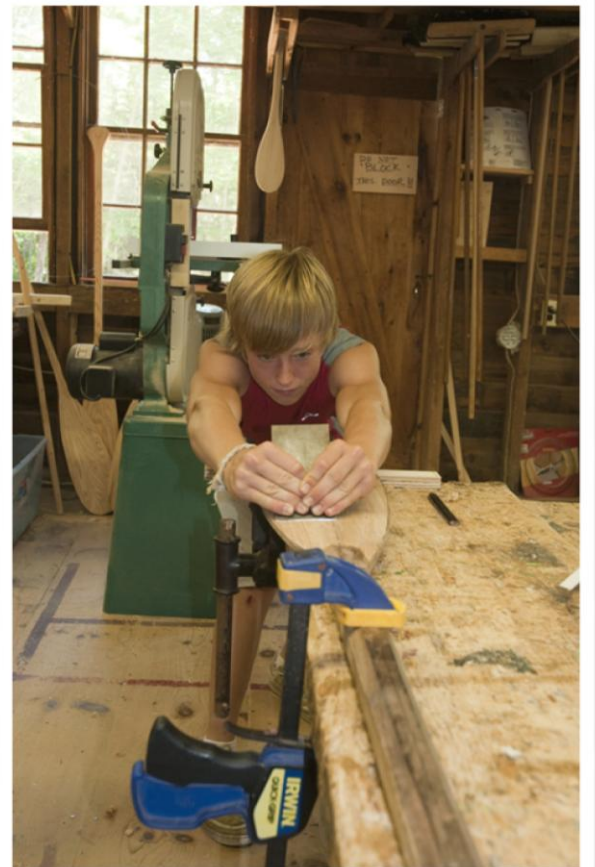
Here are some of this week's mealtime trivia questions and answers!

1. Where is the tallest mountain in our solar system?
2. How many of the Seven Dwarfs had beards?
3. What President of the U.S. claims he once saw a UFO?
4. What is the largest (by weight) internal organ of the human body?
5. Who is the only person to be honored as "Sports Illustrated Sportsmen of the Year" twice?
6. The name Wendy didn't exist until the writing of this play.
7. What holiday will occur on March 22, 2285? - The earliest it can occur.
8. If you subtract the number of vertebrae in a giraffe from the number of a vertebra in a human, what answer do you get?
9. What is the fastest animal on two legs?
10. What is the only continent without an active volcano?

(Answers on last Page)

Random Pictures from Week Six





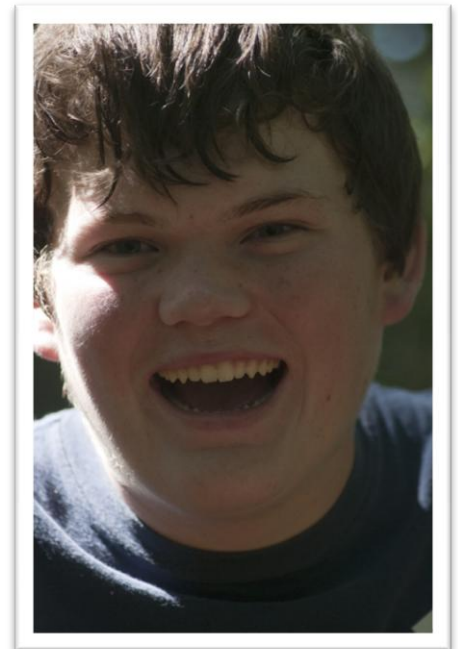






Mealtime Trivia Answers:

1. Mars
2. 6
3. Jimmy Carter
4. Liver
5. Tiger Woods
6. Peter Pan
7. Easter
8. 0- both have 7
9. Ostrich
10. Australia or Oceania



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