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Evening Program: Opening Ceremonies

From Winni to Kingsmont to Cody, camp is now in its 55th year! On Saturday August 18, 2012 the Braintree High School parking lot was flooded with over 500 eager campers and staff, this is the largest group ever at camp. Sleeping bags and tuff boxes filled with clothes, costumes, and candy were loaded into the three large moving trucks and sent on it's way north to Ossipee, New Hampshire. When the buses arrived the now annual dash by campers for the best bus and seats began. Loaded and ready to go, the buses left Braintree and although we had one bus breakdown for an hour on the side of the road, everyone was in high spirits when they arrived at camp.

The theme for camp 2012 was "TEAM camp" and with so many campers and staff working to grow the camp spirit, we truly are an amazing team. Make sure you check out the day-by-day highlights and thoughts on camp that Terry posted on the camp blog (a source for much of the info in this years paper!). <http://ythgrposu.blogspot.com/>

Opening Campfire: In Space by Cole Burton

The opening campfire is a camp tradition and provides a great forum to introduce the staff to the campers, while simultaneously introducing songs that will be sung at chapel and themes that will be discussed in morning group for the rest of the week. This year's campfire was the most memorable of the past few years. Mandy Roach and Hilary Finnegan led off with a song by State Radio called "Indian Moon." They were followed by Mackenzie O'Dea and Emily Clark performing a skit about "filling buckets" and what was important about camp for them.

We then heard our first two camp songs of the week, with Tiffany Smith singing "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" and Maggie Holland, Kate Doyle and Hilary Finnegan leading "Lord of the Dance." Jake Greenwood then performed his own rendition of "Home" by O.A.R., which was a great opening act for the house band of the week, Three Chords For Jesus, comprised of Greg Zopatti and John Fiander.

After the world premiere of the first Mumford & Sons inspired Christian Rock duo, Michael MacNeil, Brian Hickox, Curtis Linden and Dave Bean provided comic relief with some dramatic readings of the YouTube video "Charlie Bit My Finger", "Boyfriend" by Justin Bieber and "Changes" by Tupac. Other camp songs introduced during the campfire were "Let it Rise" sung by Ashley Hazleton and Danielle Walsh, and "Jesus Loves Me" by Ashley MacNeil and Gabi Perfetuo. The newlyweds Adrienne and Greg Zopatti introduced us to our newest camp song, "I'll Fly Away" and Tom Crosby did an electronic version of "Born In Bethlehem" after leading a demonstration of the power of the pentatonic scale.

We had some camp classics with Terry Martinson giving us Junior Birdman one more time, Colleen MacNeil and Rachel Grant leading a preschool sing-a-long and John Fiander doing Na Na Na. We also had performances by Taylor Norve and Jake Greenwood, Tom Larsson and Kelly Donnelly, and Becky Haggert. During the night, Christine Chandler and Joe Keaney both performed for their first time ever, which is an amazing inspiration to campers who may want to perform, but are nervous to take that first step.

This years opening campfire provided a great spark for the week. It gives the staff a chance to get up in front of the entire camp and give a glimpse of what about camp is important to them. This year we had a wide variety of acts that gave everybody something to talk about for the rest of the week, and provide a sense of the "camp spirit" to all the new members of the camp family.

A big thank you to Angela Curry for making hundreds of marshmallow treats for both campers and staff alike, the home made snack sure hit the spot!

Vespers

Terry spoke about teams and leadership, relating leaders are not cookie cutter. He related this to the story of his two sons and leading from the front of the pack and by example, as well as from the back of the pack through encouragement. You can fill buckets no matter where or who you are!



Sunday, - August 19, 2012 - Monday, - August 20, 2012



Sunday, August 19, 2012

Afternoon Program: Team Building Games

The afternoon program was "Team Building" games. The activity took place on the athletic field, therefore we have a number of campers who look like boiled lobsters...the games were both challenging and fun. Tiffany Smith, Kacie Conlon, and Krystal Duffy did a great job organizing this activity.

Evening Program: The Boston Team Party

Chapel was led by Becky Haggerty who spoke about sticking by one another through thick and thin, in good times and in bad. That's an important lesson for our campers to learn.

Dinner tonight was: chicken & ziti alfredo, peas, rolls, salad bar and brownies. If the kitchen prepared a one pound bag of frozen peas for our 400+ campers I think there would still be leftovers. Don't our campers know that peas are a major source of chromium!

Vespers

Mandy Roach spoke about her work as a counselor at a Boy Scout camp this summer. As the only female counselor, she had unique challenges to overcome that were also increased by her natural fear of asking for help.

She learned through her participation in a blindfolded ropes course that asking for help is sometimes not only the solution, but the right answer.

Monday, August 20, 2012

Afternoon Program: Boardwalk Empire

Evening Program: Morning Group at Night

At the end of Morning Group (9:30pm), we all gathered on the athletic field to release 40 wish lanterns. A wish lantern is a mini hot air balloon.

It was beautiful. The lanterns carried our hopes, our dreams, our goals, and our prayers. They drifted high above the camp into the starry night sky until they were gone from our sight.

Vespers

Kate Doyle talked about the messages within *Oh The Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss, and spoke about overcoming her anxiety and fears to be able to succeed in life. With the encouragement of others and particularly her grandmother she is able to deal with this.

Afternoon Program: The Amazing Race

Evening Program: ~~Minute to Win it (Remix)~~ This is Your Life by Terry Martinson

I was left in tears and almost speechless. "Minute To Win It" was a sham. A cover. A veil. Tonight's program, to my surprise, was "This Is Your Life, Terry Martinson." It was a tribute to me for the years I have been blessed to work with hundreds, maybe even thousands of campers at Winni, Kingsmont and Cody.

Tom Flanagan hosted the evening, which really did start with a few "Minute To Win It" games. The organizers of the evening put together a slide show followed by surprise guest appearances including: Glenn Holt, Bill Ferguson, Harry LaCoste, Dave Krall, Don McGibbon, The Rev. Erica Thompson, and Mike Miller. (I hope I haven't left anyone out, but if I have, remember it's past my bedtime.) My younger son, Eric, was in the audience. The evening also included some very kind words spoken by current campers and Youth Group members. Mike Miller's words touched me as much as any. He said, "You are a teacher. And you are responsible for me becoming a teacher." And then he reminded everyone of some of the lessons I had taught over the years.

I sincerely thank EVERYONE who had any part in this tribute. I was really hoping that maybe the campers wouldn't know this was my last year of camp. That certainly would have made Friday afternoon's Hug Line a bit easier for me. But it is evident they know and I gather some of them are as sad about this being the end as I am.

When I finally took the mic at the end of the evening, I said, "I have a sign hanging over the bulletin board in my office where only I can see it. The sign reads, 'How blessed am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.'" I have been truly blessed. Blessed by these young people and the young people that were before them. They have been *my* teachers. I have learned so much from the teens that I have been with over the years.



Surprise guest speakers from the past!

I promised the young people, and this is the truth, that Youth Group and camp will not end. The future leadership is already here. We have created a community that will go on. And I finished my comments by saying, "I have a new granddaughter, my first grandchild, born a week ago today. And in 2025 I expect that Hadley Jane Martinson will be a camper right here at Cody."

Blessings, parents and friends, for entrusting your sons and daughters to our Youth Group and camp.

Blessings, parents and friends, for giving me an opportunity to help guide, mold and shape our future leaders.

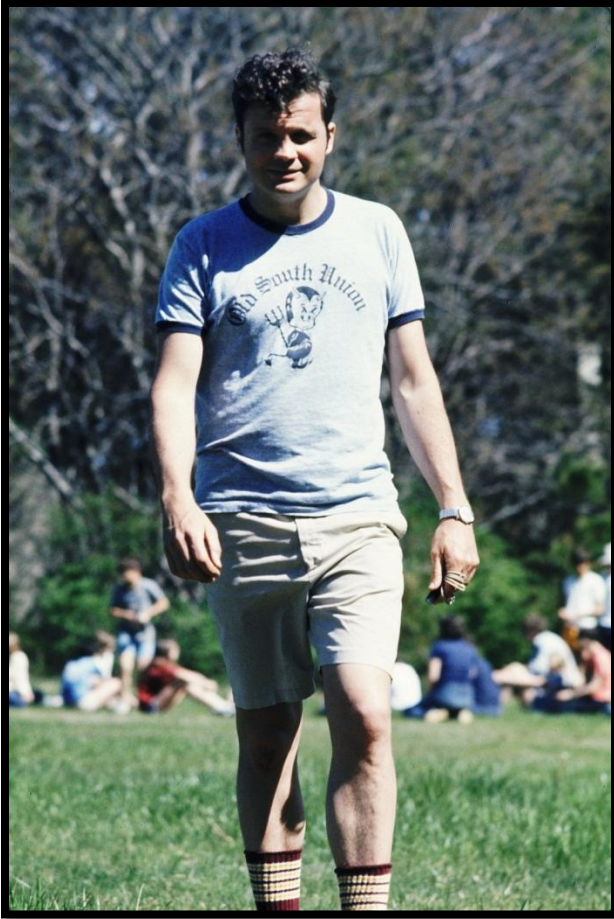
Blessings, parents and friends, for your support...Youth Ministry is not something one person can do...Youth Ministry is a team.

If you wonder if I am crying as I write these words, I am.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

"How blessed am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Saying goodbye will be the hardest thing I have ever done.



Evening Program: This is Your Life by Terry Martinson
(continued)

Top 10 Reasons Terry is Really Leaving Camp!

10. He's finally come to grips with the fact that he just doesn't really like kids.
9. He's been hired by a Las Vegas casino to launch their new Heads or Tails raffle.
8. He'll be working with South Shore Hospital as a full-time ambulance driver.
7. He's finally passed his certification and been hired as a full-time raft guide on the Kennebec.

6. He's been hired by the Navy to wake up SEAL Team 6 on the morning of missions.
5. Rip fired him for being the 11th person sitting at a table in the dining hall.
4. He'll be pursuing his true passion, tween vampire fan fiction.
3. He's starting a folk band called "Junior Birdman & the Traveling Dentinos."
2. He saved enough snap tops to buy a house for him and Marcia on Malibu Beach.
1. Because he has been and has done everything a community could ask for...and then some.

Vespers

Steve Flaherty spoke about leadership and related it to Terry. He spoke about how the greatest leaders are diverse in many ways, but all are similar in that they are builders (or carpenters like Jesus).

Through Terry's rebuilding of the physical structure of a burnt down Old South Church, and the building of a successful Youth Group, he has encouraged and created strong leaders to help carry on camp and youth group when he retires.

Afternoon Program: World Record Day

Evening Program: Variety Show

A big thanks to the cast and crew of Team Camp 2012's Variety Show! In speaking with both campers and staff, it is safe to say that we believe this year's Variety Show was the best one to date!

This year brought about a lot of positive changes to camp, and the Variety Show was not excluded. Carissa Marlowe and John Fiander joined the Variety Show team of Gabi Perfetuo, Ashley McNeil, Greg Zopatti and Tom Remsen, to produce the best backstage crew we've seen! With the addition of several rules and guidelines to make everyone's experience a little better, the campers were allowed to shine even brighter.

Checking in each day, these campers were dedicated and rehearsed, and it really did show. With a final set list of 25 acts, we were truly impressed by each and every camper. David Ruuska opened the show serenading us with his talents and soon was followed by Trevor "Frenchie" Norve, who rocked the crowd by playing a medley of songs on his electric guitar. Kristina Dias played ukulele for two acts while Sean McPherson lent his musical talents to accompany four friends.

Scott Hall wowed us all with his popping routine...who knew!? The Dance Biscuits performed a dance making them Camp's Best Dance Crew! True to tradition, the senior boys and girls performed skits...and they were actually appropriate! Junior High Cabins 7 and 16 were not afraid to jump up on stage to perform skits dedicated to Harry Potter and holiday fans everywhere. Ashley Field stunned with her rendition of "Fallin'" by Alicia Keys. Finally, Deanna Doherty closed the show with her amazing ability to both play and sing Gaga's "Marry the Night".

With curtains closing just around ten o'clock, this proved to not only be the best talent show, but the quickest! What a great night, to be serenaded and wowed by fellow campers and in bed by 11 (right everyone?!). Bravo to everyone who made this incredible night possible.

Vespers

Tom Flanagan spoke about the theme of shelter, sharing an Irish proverb: "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." He related this to teen life, focusing on how important it is for teens to shelter each other from all the criticisms and adversity from the outside that can bring us down. He pointed out the great power we have in knowing the weaknesses and insecurities of our close friends, and encouraged the teens to build each other up where we often find it so easy to break each other down.

A challenge for the year to come: be the friend you wish you had.

Afternoon Program: Cabin Wars

The Cabin Competitions (Wars) have become a camp staple over the past few years. Started seven years ago by Greg Zopatti, it has grown into a massive competition and anchors the final day of afternoon activities. The competitions were won by the Senior boys of Pawnee, who were heavily favored this year after their improbable upset of the Senior boys last year. The Pawnee boys arguably had more to lose than they did to win, but congratulations are in order for being the first ever back to back champions. The Jr. High champions were the boys of Cabin 9, who also deserve a lot of credit for their performance. They were within a sponge squeeze or two away from pulling off a massive upset in the Championship Dizzybatt/Sponge relay. The Miracle on Slippery Grass was not meant to be.

The competition on paper is very simple; the objective of a cabin is to compete in a tournament against other cabins, playing gym class style games such as dodge ball. The rules themselves say nothing about costumes, or that the cabins should wear uniforms, or that all members must play hard. As the tournament has grown, so have the traditions.

Campers team together within their cabins to plan and create amazing and incredible costumes and outfits for the tournament. This year's costumes included M & Ms, Skittles, The Avengers, Pharaoh's Daughters + Wife and Mummy, Ninja Turtles, Smurfs, Orange Ocho, Mexican Banditos, Oompa-Loompas, Viking Conquerors, Chalet Bulls, and Cops 'n Robbers. The senior boys and girls dressed up as Zoo Animals and Where's Waldo outfits.



It's the energy that the campers and cabins bring to the tournament that makes the day something truly special. The actual competition almost takes a backseat.

Knowing little about the history of Cabin Wars, a camper could look at their schedule and realize that the tournament is simply a hot summer day at the end of camp (for some reason Thursdays are *always* the hottest day of the week), with nothing to gain from winning except bragging rights, and decide that it would be more fun to take a nap in the shade. Instead, each camper brings so much energy that the tournament ends up being something larger than its intentions.

I like to think about where we'd be if everyone took that same view towards other obligations in life.

If everyone took on school or work the same way the kids take on Cabin Wars, where would they be?

Evening Program: Closing Ceremony

Quotes from the Week of Morning Group

Sunday: "I've worked too hard and too long to let anything stand in the way of my goals. I will not let my teammates down and I will not let myself down." – Mia Hamm

Monday: "I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed." – Michael Jordan

Tuesday: "I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people." – Gandhi

Wednesday: "I'll do whatever it takes to win games, whether it's sitting on a bench waving a towel, handing a cup of water to a teammate, or hitting the game winning shot." – Kobe Bryant

Vespers

Greg Zopatti talked about his work within the track community and how teams can learn from loss.

After a devastating placing pulled his high school team out of contention for the state championship and washed away the dreams of many that Pembroke could become a 3 time champion, the youngest member of his team went over to each runner individually and told them that next week they would win the regionals and go to Nationals by qualifying in the top two.

His encouragement and optimism turned the tide for those runners who were tired, weary, and had poor performances late in the season. And the team rode that wave to the national meet in Oregon.





Friday, - August 24, 2012 - Saturday, - August 25, 2012



Friday, August 24, 2012

Afternoon Program: Hug Line

Evening Program: Consecration Service

This year's Hug Line and Consecration Services were amazing. The whole camp showed up wearing the same t-shirts, a tribute to the man at the end of the hug line, Terry Martinson. As with many years before, the whole camp had the chance to say thank you face-to-face with each and every person at camp who made their week special.

It was wonderful to have Rev. Martinson lead the Senior High Consecration Service and Rev. Ripley gave an insightful message about one fateful family who stopped to help others early one morning and how that delay kept them from the catastrophe in Hiroshima. Rev. Bill Harding led the Junior High Consecration service.

The Senior High campers adjourned from the Consecration Service to a final campfire at which several of the seniors chosen by their peers, spoke.

Saturday, August 25, 2012

**2012 Camp Week Awesome and Amazing Moments
(partial list):**

1. The camp spirit, which is always great, seemed even greater this year. Terry has never seen a more spirited camp.
2. Our Junior High campers "got on board" early in the week...they were great campers!
3. Our graduating seniors were incredible role models all week long; they truly know what camp is all about.
4. Incredible weather all week...God was good to us.
5. The Lake (Ossipee) is beautiful as the sun rises and sets.
6. Campers were very well-behaved; there was not a single behavior issue.
7. Wish Lanterns on Monday night were awesome!
8. The blue t-shirts on Friday were amazing...*and then some!*
9. Very, very generous parents...we had a great number of gift cards and sports' tickets for our raffle, which raised \$1,400 for Massachusetts Special Olympics.
10. New record set with "Camp Appreciation Fund" - we presented the Cody kitchen staff with a \$3,000 gratuity at dinner tonight.



A Camp Reflection

By Tom Flanagan



Forever Camp

I have an excellent memory in certain ways, but I've always had a tough time with years. I can give you a line-by-line recap of my favorite camp moments through the years, but if you ask me whether it happened in 2006 or 2009, I'm usually pretty helpless. When it comes to camp, I've come to realize that this is OK.

I don't have a favorite year of camp, nor do I have a least favorite year of camp. I just don't organize my memories that way. Instead, I will forever remember camp as one massive, sprawling week that actually never happened, or at least not all at once.

You see, when I remember of dances I think first to the 80s dance. I'm pretty sure I dressed as a man *in his* 80s rather than someone *from* the 80s, but despite my confusion the combination of music and costumes makes that my dance. Just imagine being anywhere near the staff circle when "The Way You Make Me Feel" comes on, and you'll understand why.

When I remember the talent show, what I'm remembering is a sort of greatest hits that spans more than a decade. My talent show is headlined by acts like Jackie Graz performing "I'll Stand by You," Danielle Walsh doing "Stairway to Heaven," Colin McDonald playing "Walking in Memphis" and Gabi Perfetuo singing "The Luckiest." Of course, there's also a steady stream of juggling, dance routines, ukuleles and senior high boys cabins doing variations on the same strange routine that ends with them all jumping in a circle to the Inspector Gadget theme song. Acts from Camp '99 to Camp '12 share the stage in my talent show...and I'm probably hosting it from a lawn chair or Muppet balcony somewhere.

The afternoon activities are a blur...there's cabin wars featuring full tribes of Indians, a circus of animal mascots, Spartan warriors and everything in between. There are water balloons, paintballs, tons of face paint and seriously ridiculous amounts of running. The color teams range from "Red" to "Kiwi Sunrise" or whatever other variations we've added to the camp t-shirt palette recently. There's ninja tag, chuckle chains and of course Buck-Buck. Come to think of it, a lot of people actually get hurt in my all-time afternoon...but they're patched up by Jess in the Pillbox and usually come running (or hobbling) straight back into the fray.

My vespers and chapel are packed with incredible messages delivered by past counselors our current campers never knew, peers who I came through camp and staff with, and even those who I had as campers and watched make the transition onto staff.

There are amazing experiences recalled from abroad, heartfelt stories of perseverance despite challenges at home or at school, and always some big-picture messages that send us back to our cabins with plenty to think about. The fire is huge, the stars are bright, and there's never a peep from the audience.

In my camp, Terry is my Morning Group leader as he was my senior year, but I'm also somehow a leader myself at the same time. Our group includes teenagers who I've just met in the past few summers, kids I went to camp with who never joined staff, and all the best counselors who led groups when I was young. It would probably be impossible to get this group in a level circle, and the strength bombardment would take 3 days, but in my memory it somehow works.

I could keep going, but I hope the point is clear: Camp is not something that you should expect to remember in precise chapters, year by year. There will be years when you couldn't go, or your best friend or favorite counselor couldn't go. At the time, you'll think that this is the end of the world, but over time you'll smooth over these gaps by simply making up new memories. You'll picture the hug line during your senior year and swear you remember hugging a friend who had actually left two days before, or you'll be certain you had the same cabin counselors for senior high even though two of them were in another cabin your first year.

I think this is a good thing. When your time at camp comes to an end, these memories will be all you have of it, and they'll need to last you a very long time. Your memories will continue merging and aggregating over time, and eventually you'll create your own version of camp. This will be the camp that you're brought back to years from now when your Mom mentions that a younger cousin just left for her first week at Cody, or when many years after that when you're vacationing and see a highway sign that points toward Lake Ossipee. And many years beyond that, when your children and grandchildren ask what it was like all the way back in 20 - something, you'll tell them about your camp.

You can call it your all-time camp, your vintage camp, your forever camp, whatever you want. Just make sure you appreciate that it's not just a memory. It's a real place where you've really been. It's the place where you created some of the most inspiring and positive memories that you'll carry through your life. No matter how old you are and no matter how long it's been since you set foot at Camp Cody, you can keep going back, and it will only get better as the years go by.

I'll see you there.



A Camp Reflection

By Terry Martinson



The one thing I can say about camp is that it just keeps getting better and better!

Year #55 at Cody was not anything like year #1 at Winni or like any of the years at Kingsmont. When we made the big move from Winni to Kingsmont everyone said, "Camp will never be the same." They were right! It was better! When the move was made from Kingsmont to Cody everyone said, "Camp will never be the same and now we'll even have to eat in two shifts." They were right! It was better! And eating in two shifts was no problem at all.

Camp is better now because the program is better.

The staff is better...and the campers are better.

The culture of camp has changed greatly over 55 years and the change has made camp an incredible, meaningful experience for over 400 campers each year.

My first year of camp was 1972. We planned the Morning Group Program the week before camp. It wasn't good. Now we start planning the Morning Group Program ten months before the start of camp. In 1972 the afternoon and evening programs were planned "on the fly." No one really knew what was happening or when. Now the afternoon and evening programs are carefully created months before we get to Camp Cody. In 1972 it was not uncommon to be chasing campers through the woods at 3:00am and we may have sent a camper or two home for drinking.

In 2012 we did not have a single issue with camper behavior. I could go on and on about the changes that have taken place over 55 years, but the biggest change by far has been the focus and the dedication of the entire camp staff and the growing creativity and spirit of the campers.

As I listened to the six seniors speak at the campfire on Friday night, I realized just how much camp and Youth Group change lives. I realize that the community – the team, the family – that we have created at Cody makes a huge difference in the lives of both the campers and the staff.

I am so pleased to have been a part of the camp program for forty years. I loved almost every minute of it. I was so honored by the celebration on Tuesday night at camp. I thought you were cheering for my drawing of an eagle pulling a fish out of the lake.

I was truly surprised and humbled to find that you were cheering for me.

Thank you for honoring me at camp.

I am confident that camp will continue to get better and better. I'm confident that year #60 will be better than year #55 and that year #70 will be better than year #60. I have great confidence in the staff who have pledged to continue the camp tradition and I have great confidence in the campers, both current and future. I've already registered the first camper for 2025 😊

Camp has been a most important part of my life and an important part of my ministry.

"How blessed am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

May God continue to bless and prosper the camp experience!

Mark your calendars:



2013 camp dates are August 17th – 24th!