

CEDAR CHEST - FALL 2007

It's time for the first edition of the Cedar Chest. Everyone is back at school now and camp is being prepared for the off-season. We are busy making plans for the 2008 season!

We would very much like to hear from you during the year. Not only do we enjoy hearing from you but also we like to print your news in the Cedar Chest. It is a great way to let all your camp friends know what you are doing. As well as sharing news, we also like to print any articles and stories you have written and would like to have in the Cedar Chest. If you have something, just send it to us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

FATHER & SON WEEKEND

Our annual Father & Sons Weekend was a great success. We enjoyed a great weekend with over 60 campers sharing Camp with their dads. Everyone enjoyed the two days packed full of activities. Even with some great play from the dads, the counselors won the father/counselor softball game for the 54th straight year!

HENRY HACKER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

After camp, the Cedar Family was pleased to offer our annual camping experience to inner city campers. We were also thrilled that we were able to extend the opportunity to even more children this year. We would like to thank all the counselors, nurses and kitchen staff who stayed to make the experience so special for the boys and girls from the Hartford Police Athletic League. The children enjoyed everything from the waterfront and archery to the zip line and arts and crafts. Everyone, staff included, had a great time.

OFF-SEASON WORK AT CAMP

Bob and his crew have aerated, sliced and seeded almost everywhere and are watering like crazy. We have also planted some trees and more plants in several places. We continue to plant trees as many of the trees at camp were planted the first years of Cedar and are over 50 years old. The fall has been beautiful at camp and the fields are back in great shape.

Bob and his maintenance crew will be busy through the off-season working on improvements and additions to our facilities. We will keep you up-to-date with all their hard work as the off-season continues.

YEARBOOK & VIDEO YEARBOOK

Karen is putting on the finishing touches to the yearbook and then it will be off to the printers. We hope to have the first proof soon, after that it should only be a few weeks before we have the finished book. We will let you know how it is progressing in the next issue of the Cedar Chest.

The video yearbook takes a little longer to prepare. Andrew Pava is working on it and he is going through lots of tapes to review and edit. In the next issue of the Cedar Chest, we will be able to let you know when we expect it to be complete.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Re-printed from previous editions

The first few weeks of school are often the most important of the year, because it is during this time that the foundation is prepared for the entire year.

Try hard to pay close attention to everything that is said in class, and keep up to date on all of your assignments. Don't let yourself fall behind in any subject, and try to do a little extra work if you have time.

Reading is very basic and very important for all schoolwork. Make an effort to do some reading every day, and try to improve your vocabulary, not just by memorizing words, but by reading good books and learning new words from them. Read for school, and read for pure enjoyment. That is a great way to learn.

There is a vast difference between homework and studying, and it is important to learn the difference. Homework is usually some daily assignment that can often be done in school during study periods or can be done at home. It is based on current work being learned. Studying, however, is never finished. Studying is that extra effort shown by reviewing and remembering. Try to develop good study habits. Study hard and we hope you all have a great year in school.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

As we mentioned at the beginning of the Cedar Chest, we always like to hear from you, we will print your news here...

Matt Say and Timbo were in touch recently. They share a birthday with **Kieran Mahaffey**. Congratulations to all you Red Sox fans on your World Championship!! **Andrew Gordon** has been in touch and is playing a lot of lacrosse. **Jeff** saw **Alex Fiergang, Alex Dubow** and **Billy Goldman** one weekend. **Alex** and **Alex** are playing a lot of soccer and **Billy** is playing varsity baseball at Lehigh. **Billy** was going

to go see **Scott Lexton** that night. **VJ** has been in touch from San Diego. There have been huge fires out there but he is OK, his hospital was on alert to evacuate to a hospital ship. **Anne Gallagher** is in Boston and we see her often. We saw **Jake Block** recently when he was in town visiting **Alex Bennett**. We hear from **Jason Block** often and he is working hard in Law School. **Robby Levine** is enjoying life and work in NY. **Mike Cardarelli** stays in touch and was just out in California visiting **Jana Hawes** and **Mike Anderson**. **Raef Rothschild** was just in a local paper and keeps in touch with a lot of his camp friends. He is planning a trip to NY to see some of them soon. **Dylan Mogil** keeps in touch, as does **Jason Tannenbaum**. **Andrew Pava** is working on the video yearbook and has been busy editing. **Jamie Messing** has been in touch. **Evan Rodriguez** has been playing on the West Virginia football team. **Jesse Wolf** is captain of his varsity soccer this year. **Mel Fish** keeps in touch. We have talked to **Tremaine Skeen** a few times; he is rooting for his Georgia Bulldog football team. **Derek Zetlin** emailed the other day and is having a good year at school where he sees **Sam Stapleton** and **Matt Cyrtrmus**. **Shelby Vermillion** called and is doing great. **Kevin** and **Melissa** are expecting a new baby soon. **Mevin** came by after camp but Kevin had gone back to Boston. **Mevin** is excited to be an uncle again. **Zach Dobrota** emailed, he is hoping to work as a ski instructor in Colorado this winter. **Juan Gomez** wrote to say hello. **Brent Zokan** emailed to tell us what a great summer he had. **Anne Gallagher**, **Alex Apple**, **Sammy Wolf** went to see **Max Pava** in a production of Peter Pan (**Max** played the dog and was brilliant). **Aaron Oliver** enjoyed his postcamp travels and is home now safe and sound. **Peter Noble** emailed to let us know he looks forward to next summer. **Michelle Rodonski** emailed to let us know she had the best summer of her life and can't wait for next season. **Chelsea Cwiklik** stays in touch. **Kasia Dylkowska** emailed to say she misses camp. **Lindsay Link** emailed to say hello and she is doing great. **Mariola Koska** emailed saying how great a summer she had. **Mark Libowitz** is playing soccer, lacrosse and football all this fall! **Andrew Pava** and **Matt Say** went to the Red Sox victory parade together. Jeff and Karen saw **Greg Karelitz** recently, he is doing great. **Yanni Hufnagel** loves his new job working with Oklahoma State Basketball. He has been in touch with a lot of boys from camp. You can see him on the sidelines of their televised games. **Maya** is having fun at pre-school and misses all of you and the dogs. **Ben Rogers** has been in touch with a number of boys from his group including **Griffin Dresner**, **Mark Libowitz**, and **Jeremy Barovick**. **Evan "Jr" Rodriguez** was twice named as "scout player of the week" for West Virginia football. **Curan Mehra** and **Jace Krakovitz** volunteered at a charity event together. **Curan** has also gotten together with **Gabe Weissmann** for tennis. A lot of our older boys have gotten together for reunions. **Elliot Albert**, **Tal Ben-Maimon**, **Zander Berlinski**, **Dan Bernstein**, **Andrew Cohen**,

Andrew Gordon, **Drew Muller**, **Alex Margolies** and **David Silberstein** all got together in NY recently. Here they all are...

Josh Kudisch has been in touch a number of times. **Drew Dannenbaum** has kept in touch. Thank you to all the Juniors, Inters and Seniors who returned the meal questionnaire. You gave us lots of good ideas for the menu. We hope all the Inters enjoyed the DVD of the Bar Harbor trip that **Anne** and **Jason** produced. We also hope the lax team enjoyed the video of the tournament that we sent out. **Nick "Peaches" Smith** wrote to tell us he still thinks of camp. He is a detective for a Georgia Police Dept. and his sister **Laura** (also a counselor) works at Dartmouth College. **Hayley Millner** emailed recently and misses camp. **Aaron Mock** hopes to come back to camp to defend his Home Run Derby title. **Jared Goff** and **Brad Lord** wrote to say hello.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Alex Cohen** celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on October 27th. Lots of Cedar friends attended and had they had a great weekend.

Congratulations to **Alex Bennett** and **Brandon Panagos** who also celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs recently.

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WEBSITE

We have updated the web site this year and the virtual tour has just gone live online! There are a lot of pictures from this year on the website and many of you will see your picture up there!! We will be rotating new pictures in from time to time so keep checking.

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COACHES CORNER

Hope everybody is enjoying their fall sports. We have campers and counselors playing at all levels and all different sports. We hope you are working hard and getting better each day. Push yourself to work on your weaknesses as well as your strengths. Try to spend a few minutes each day to work on a new skill. Make sure you are a good teammate and support those around you. Stay focused and try to figure out what the other team is trying to do. Enjoy these beautiful fall days and have fun. Good luck!

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BOB'S NOTEBOOK (OUR CARETAKER)

Things are mostly put away up at camp and we are busy with all our fall projects. Camp is so quiet without you guys running around. The fields have all been seeded and the grass is coming in great. Lots of animals come back when you guys leave. We have seen hawks,



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deer, a flock of over 30 turkeys comes up the front campus almost everyday, (they think the grass seed is for them) tons of birds, chipmunks, squirrels, woodchucks, skunks, raccoons and a couple of fox. It was a great fall with crispy nights and cool but sunny days. The leaves are mostly down now and we are getting frosts most nights. It is chilly driving around on the gator. Have a great year!

TRIVIA TIME Sports Quiz

1. Who was MVP of the 2007 World Series?
2. How many different ways can you get to first base?
3. What country was the last winner of the soccer world cup?
4. Who is the only current major league baseball player with Navajo lineage?

Cedar Quiz

1. What bunks are next to Bunk 6?
2. What 2 types of cookies does Max usually bake for milk and cookies?
3. What were the 5 major sports in color war the first year at camp?

Animals at Camp

1. Moose: Are the largest member of the deer family, one moose was measured at 7 feet 7 inches tall. They are strong swimmers and they can swim underwater for over a minute! We saw one walk down to the waterfront and back in front of the rec hall and out the lacrosse field last fall!
2. Loons: Have feet that are far back on their body and this makes them awkward on land. Some think their name comes from the Dutch word meaning lame. They can live over 30 years. We hear their crazy songs all summer long.
3. Beavers: Slap their tail on the water which makes a loud sound above and below the water to warn other beavers of danger. We have three beaver dams down in the bog beyond the golf course!

Bad Joke Time

What do elephants have that no other animal has?
Baby elephants.

What did you get for your birthday?
A year older

"Simon, if I had eight apples in my right hand and ten apples in my left hand, what would I have?"
"Huge hands."

What kind of person can jump higher than a house?
Anyone, a house can't jump

How many months have 28 days?
All of them

Sorry about those, we did say they were bad!

Sports Quiz Answers:

1. *Mike Lowell*
2. *6 – walk, base hit, dropped third strike, error, fielders choice, hit batsman*
3. *Italy*
4. *Jacoby Ellsbury*

Cedar Trivia Answers

1. *5 and 17*
2. *Chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin*
3. *Softball, cricket, volleyball, basketball and field hockey!*

Keep in touch – check out the new web site – send us your news or stories – good luck in school and in sports! We are looking forward to a great summer next year!!

Be well