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The Shohola "S"

The Shohola "S" is given to those campers who in the estimation of the
Camp Shohola Staff, demonstrate achievement, friendliness,
helpfulness, responsibility and leadership.

The Argus would like to congratulate the following campers for
receiving this prestigious award:

July

J.D.Leonard(cabin 15)
Paul Schneider(cabin 7)
Tyler Woods (cabin 6)
Zach Stone (cabin 14)
Alex Cohan(cabin 7)
Aron Fine(cabin 2)
Michael Nussbaum (cabin 6)

August

Dan Cimera (Cabin 1)
Ben Elkind (Cabin 2)
Alex Ettinger (Cabin 5)
Fernando Laposse (Cabin 9)
Brian Onley (Cabin 7)
Matt Schnall (Cabin 5)
Max Silva (Cabin 13)
Danny Tessler (Cabin 3)

Aquatics

Fishing

By: Jonathan Helman

Fishing is a lot of fun. We get to fish either on the docks or on the dam. You cast the line and put on the bait yourself. You need to keep the line still and the rod pointing towards the water. Sometimes you have to learn about how to get a hook out of a fishes' mouth. Sometimes you even have to use pliers. You are not allowed to use a barbed hook because it tears up the fish's mouth. You have to put the fish back in the water after you catch it. The fish normally bite the hook at the bottom. Overall, fishing is a good activity to take.

Sailing

By: Pedro Orozco

When people hear the word sailing, they think of a boat with a sail and a rudder going zig-zag against the wind. But I think, "Oh, they are right. It is like that." Well, sailing is more than that. I think it is that and a lot of fun. But the best of all is when there is a lot of wind and you flip over because then everybody begins to say a lot of things that nobody understands and it is so funny. This year is my first year taking sailing and I think it rules. It is the best. You have to try it next year.

Swimming

By: Reade Etherington

Swimming isn't all work like some people say it is. Swimming can be fun, like when the teacher makes a deal with us. If we do everything that she asks quickly for a whole class, maybe she'll let us play games the next time. Sometimes I want to swim because it is so hot and it is nice to have a place that you can go to cool off and sometimes learn something.

Windsurfing

By: Max Silva

At Camp Shohola there are many activities. Unlike many other camps, Shohola offers a wide variation of water sports, one of which being Windsurfing. In the 1st couple of classes you learn the parts of the sail and board, how to set the board and sail up, how to balance on the board and the wind directions so you always know how to avoid certain obstacles. Paula, Phil, and Gethin instruct the class. They're always helpful and are constantly working to help you improve.

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CommTech

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By: Elon Bridget

At CommTech I took Internet and Web Page Design, Radio Broadcasting and Electronics. In Internet class you can make a cool web page. In electronics class you can make all kinds of electronic kits. In

Radio and Sports Broadcasting class you can talk about breaking sports news and learn how to do Play by Play announcing.

I think that all these activities go together because you need electronics to make the Internet and you need the Internet to look at sports records that were broken. The computer in the radio station is really cool. It is hooked up to the console so we can play audio off of the Internet and get information as it happens. There are now 14 computers in CommTech with a network to put them on the Internet. We can even send audio out over the Internet so our parents and friends can listen to our radio shows.

Video

By: Elliott Williams

In video, you learn how to make videos. The counselor's name is Jason Cheetham. On his day-off, Larry teaches. You learn about angles, shots, scenes, the 180 line and we create our own movie. I recommend video. It is awesome.

Photography

By: Eric Green

Photography is so much fun. Kids can enjoy learning in a fun way. Photography is where you don't have to take an award winning picture to develop it. I love it when the counselor says, "Let's go take some pictures." You go all over camp taking as many pictures as you want. After you take all these pictures, you go and develop them. They are very hard to develop in the right lightness if you put it in the stop bath too long. But really, it is about kids expressing themselves in pictures of the bad and good things about a cabin. My teacher is Dave Love, other kids in the class are Ted Driggs Alex Hecker who are designing a left handed smoke-shifter.

Design and Innovation

By: Hector Vasquez

In this class you learn how to design new inventions, or innovate things. I like this class because it makes you think until the extreme. I am designing an improved cabin by doing questionnaires and graphs

HTML

By: Dan Cimera

HTML is really cool. You make your own website that people can see all over the world! You can download cool pictures and people can know about you from around the world. Our counselors are Kyle and Rob and I am really glad I signed up for HTML.

Amateur Radio

By: Ivan Goldensohn

Amateur Radio or Ham Radio is a very unique activity here at Camp Shohola. Started more than 35 years ago, we have the first and oldest radio club licensed by the FCC to a summer camp. There are only a handful of camp clubs as well. My first year I did not do ham radio, but my second year I did it both sessions and this year is my third year and I am still going strong and enjoying every minute of ham radio. In classes we get to talk to people from all over the world using short wave radio transmitters. We have also talked to people in space (on the international space station, not aliens), in planes and police cars, and on ships at sea.

The instructor for ham radio is Tom Gibson, which is a good omen in it self, he is one of the oldest people in camp and would have invented the light bulb if he hadn't been beaten to it. I was talking to Tom the other day and inevitably the subject of ham radio came up. I asked him how he had come to like and know ham radio. His reply was, "I got interested in ham radio when I was twelve years old and have been enjoying it ever since. I just was interested in electronics and building things which is close to ham radio." When did you get your first personal license and where? " When I was 14 and in Philadelphia." Did you get it on your first try? "Yes I did".

In class we have learned the International Morse code, FCC rules and regulations about amateur radio and some electronic theory. But ham radio isn't all school work, we basically stick to the schedule but bend the schedule when we need to and have some fun. Also since there is only one class of amateur radio we can be flexible. For example, if it's hot, we can go on the roof and learn about the transmitter antennae and find

toys that somehow got up there. Or we can go into the radio station and use the computer to find cool stuff online about amateur radio. We can also go in the television studio and write articles for the "Argus" (which I am doing now) or watch Amateur Radio related video tapes. (In one class we spend about fifteen minutes learning about the history of Camp Shohola). That's part of why ham radio is so much fun. Our call sign is WB3DGR and we have a web page about our activity at <http://www.shohola.com/wb3dgr> with links to the "Argus" archives.

I'd like to thank Tom Gibson and all the other campers in ham radio for a great summer of ham radio.

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Crafts

Stained Glass

By Anonymous

This year at Camp Shohola I took stained glass. It was one of my favorite classes. In stained glass you use materials such as glass, solder, foil, flux, and patina to make projects like dogs, mirrors, clowns, penguins and so on.

To make a project you start by drawing it. Then you cut out the pieces and glue them to the colored glass you want. Then you cut out the pieces of glass, and grind them to make them the right size. After that you foil and flux the pieces, then you are ready to solder. When you solder you put the pieces together. Following that you put a hook on and patina it.

Patina is putting the color on the solder. That is why stained glass is so fun at Camp Shohola.

Silvershop *By Anonymous*

Silver shop is a very good activity because you learn how to cut silver, how to polish it, to solder and a lot of other things in Silvershop. In silver shop we can also make rings, key chains, or other jewelry made out of either brass, copper, or silver. We can also enamel a piece of work. Enamel is a powder that is put on the metal then put in the oven. The powder then heats up and is melted. I have lots of fun in Silvershop, and I know you would too.

Rocketry

By J.P. Colussi

Rocketry, a modern marvel! When people think of rockets, they think of 10 billion dollar chunks of metal that go into the air really fast. That's not what the model rocket instructor thinks of. The model rocket instructor thinks of a cardboard tube going at almost 2000 feet in the air. They think of the brilliant colors they spray on the rockets, or the preparation of the parachute which will bring your skillfully crafted projectile back to earth safely.

When I signed up for rocketry I had no idea what I was getting into. I thought I would just screw around and sleep in class, and not do the rocket. Boy was I wrong! Each class I'm ready to go that extra step to finish my BIG BETTY rocket. To me, rocketry is no longer just a fun craft, it's a commitment and a skill.

Stained Glass

By: Josh Einhorn

Stained glass is a modern and innovative art. In this class you are able to make just about anything you like. Just some of the projects you could do are: boxes. Hanging decorations, or presents. Starting with picking a project, then cutting the glass, grinding, foiling, and finally ending with soldering, The whole process of making a stained glass project is very enjoyable. Everyone can enjoy this fun class, beginners and experienced alike. Stained glass is a great class that anyone will enjoy.

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Land Sports

Basketball

By: Anonymous

When I signed up for basketball, I didn't know it was going to be so hard. We had to do stretches (which wasn't so hard), then we had to do suicide runs. Every time we messed up, we had to do it again. Once, Je' Vaughn made us do 40 push-ups, and half of the people couldn't do 10 of them. On the other hand, basketball is fun.

Soccer

By: Joseph Von Schmidt

Soccer is really fun. Sometimes you have to run laps. Soccer is really cool. Sometimes you think it's really bad, but it is really cool. I hope you like this part. Have you ever seen soccer on TV? It's like that. Ok.

Volleyball

By: Cameron Browne

Volleyball is when you hit a ball over a net and try to hit it where the other side can't hit it. The teachers are very nice. If you mess around, they make you run a lap. You may think they are mean, but they are nice. For the beginners, you learn how to serve and you learn how to hit. For a beginner, the 1st game you play is Newcomb.

Lacrosse

By: Jamie Duarte

Es un deporte de contacto, que sus bases son el hockey, futball, y soccer y se juega con un palo o una canasta. Se trate de meter gol en una porteria de 1 metro de ancho y 1.5 metro de alto. Hay a juga dores en el campo sin contar el portero. Yo soy ofensiba pero en latino america casinose sabedel mas divertido deporte de contacto y tambien es muy divertido para ver lo pue de ser el mejor deporte familiar.

Martial Arts

By: Dan Cimera

Martial Arts is really fun. You learn moves for self-defense like kicks, stances, and punches. You also learn pressure points to knock someone out instead of hurting someone. Our counselors are Mark, Sarah, and Steve. Well, I'm glad I joined Martial Arts.

Golf

By: Quin Trigg

Golf Is fun. At the classes you can hit golf balls at targets and sometimes you can win prizes. Some times we go to golf clinics and learn more from pros. You can also go to the driving range at Costa's. There are trips where you can go and play golf against other camps. If you like golf, but don't know how to play, then sign up for golf class.

Roller Hockey

By: David Hecker

In 11-under roller hockey you get to have a lot of fun. I take it on period 5A. My teacher is John Gushman. In all usual classes we do some drills, and then we scrimmage. This year we got new goals. They are very nice. Sometimes they have 11-under hockey tournaments. Most of the time they are Pike County, in which we compete with other camps in our area.

11-U roller hockey is one of my favorite activities. The people in my class will agree with me when I say 11-u roller hockey is awesome!

Football

By: Philip Khoury

Upper camp football is wonderful. Larry Tanner taught football at period 2B. In the beginning of the class, Larry taught us plays and then makes up practice them. The plays incorporate passing, receiving, and running routes to avoid the defense. After we have practiced the plays, Larry sets up a round-robin and we play against other small teams practicing the plays we have been taught. Plus, some plays that we put together. Larry usually gives us hints and tips so that we get better at the plays. Larry's football class on period 2B is a great way to learn football skills. I plan

to take football for the rest of my years at camp and I think you should to.

Lacrosse *By: Andrew McRostie*

Lacrosse is my favorite class. It's taught by Sarah and Siphon. In lacrosse you learn how to catch, throw and cradle the ball. We work on shooting at the corner and the sides of the goal, because it is harder to cover those areas of the goal. So year after year, I'll sign up for lacrosse.

Riflery

By Andrew and Michael Auerbach

What you need to learn...

- * Loading
- * How to group better
- * Shooting positions
- * Breathing
- * Aiming
- * Parts of a gun
- * Caution
- * Rules
- * Misfire

- Get in shooting position.
- Load bullet into chamber.
- Lock the bolt.
- Take aim.
- Breath in, then breath halfway out, fire, and let the rest out.
- Unlock bolt, and casing will automatically eject.

15-U Basketball

By Anonymous

15 and under basketball is a class of great variety. We do everything from working on the basics of boxing out, lay-ups, learning different zone defenses, press defenses and other basketball skills. The practice and training are hard work but eventually we get to use those skills in a

scrimmage. The scrimmage games are lots of fun and are some of my parts of camp.

Volleyball

By: Marshall Raider

Volleyball is always one of my favorite classes and I've taken it both months. The counselors for volleyball are Mike, Siphon, Fred, JeVaughn and Sarah. Canteens are often given out in the class, for example, whoever gets the most consecutive serves over the net received one. Last class we had a of the "Weakest Link" where you have to keep setting up the ball for the next person, if you dropped the ball or made a bad pass you were out and the last man standing was the strongest link.

Softball

By: Brian Onley

During softball we practice cutoffs because if the ball is hit to the outfield the cut-off can get the ball in faster. We also practice hitting and fielding. Every class we have lots of fun. We laugh and smile every minute. We learn something new every day. We also go to tournaments and play games against every camp we can.

Riflery / Archery

By Anonymous

Some people will say that there are differences between these two sports of the marksman. Others will say that there is nothing the same between shooting the bullet and shooting the bow. I believe that they are brothers. They share some qualities and others are completely unique.

Riflery is a precision sport. You aim for groups that are tighter than our currency. Quarters, nickels, dimes, pennies and even just tears. With practice it can be learned quickly, but it does take time to master it. To be a good shooter, a tear in the black is more beautiful than the Mona Lisa.

Archery is all about the middle. The yellow part of the target is what is really concentrated upon. In my opinion, archery takes longer to learn. It takes the entire body to shoot. But when you can finally hit the sun, you can reap the sweet rewards of success.

Riflery and archery have their similar qualities. They are about becoming the best you can and sticking it to the target. But, different paths may be taken to get there on both. The rifleman will control his eye and breath. The bow man will learn to control his body and arm. To all you prospective masters, remember to focus and keep it fun.

Archery

By Anonymous

I think archery is the best sport. I am really good at it. I get to learn how to hold a bow properly, how to score up the points, and more importantly, we learn safety.

Outdoor Games

By: Sam Carlin

Outdoor games is a very fun activity to take. We get to play a wide variety of games including Newcomb, ultimate frisbee, twenty one, and many different types of dodge ball. Twenty one is my favorite game we play. You sit in a circle and count around the circle until someone gets to twenty one. There are a lot of rules in the game that make it very challenging and fun. That is why twenty one is my favorite game.

Games class is taught by Sara Head, Sam Edwards, Steve Godfreid, Steve Ritchie, and Christian Spannhanke. They all make the class even more exciting then it already is. Sometimes they would plan the games we'd play and other times they would let us decide when we get their.

One type of dodge ball we play is suicide dodge. In suicide dodge there are no sides and everyone runs all over the place. It is very chaotic but still a lot of fun. Overall, outdoor games class is a very fun and exciting activity to take at camp.

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Special

The Apache Race

By: Gabriel Hanna

There is a lot to say about the Apache race. It is an event that requires speed, strength, and team spirit. The Apache race is a camp spirit event for the Green/White competition. Who is the best this year? Who will win? Will it be Green or white? There are many possibilities for the outcome of the Apache race this year. It is possible that the green team could win all of the events, or the white team could also beat the green team in a flash. I followed the Apache race and I thought that it was the best one ever. Some people were mad because they lost, but it didn't matter because everyone that participated, even the counselors that helped out in the Apache race, were winners. Overall, it was good. Everyone was fast, energetic, and enthusiastic. The skills tested in the Apache race were planned for the kid's entertainment and enjoyment. Good-bye. See you next year.

Our Cabin Night

By: Julien Nadeau

For our cabin night we left after fifth period and went tubing on the Lackawaxsen River. After we finished our tubing we went back to camp and had a cookout near the pavilion. We then camped out in the pavilion until the next morning.

Gold Rush and Carnival Day

By Jeff Sadri

Every other year we have a gold rush and carnival day. Some of the working seniors act as the sheriff, deputies, judge, bankers, jailers and outlaws from the gold rush time period. The working seniors organize both the gold rush and carnival. For gold rush they have to paint lots of little rocks gold and platinum, then hide them in the creek and section it off into different groups for the cabins as gold claims. If you were caught stealing gold from other cabin's gold claim area a deputy or the sheriff would arrest you and send you to the judge who would in turn most likely send you to the jailer. Also if a camper caught a bandit they were given a reward of 2000 dollars. Two of the bandits were Billy the kid and Jesse James, they both had a 5000 dollar reward. At the end of

the gold rush the cabins turned in the gold and platinum to the bankers in exchange for carnival money. Smaller pieces are worth less money than bigger pieces are. My cabin got about 40 grand. That afternoon there was carnival. It was great. Every cabin had a different concession. There was a dunk tank, an ice cream stand, frog races, snow cones, "gaga", bowling, fries, pillow fights, and basketball. My cabin did mini golf. Overall, Klondike day was awesome!

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Support Staff

Canteen / Store

By: Josh Wheeling

Every Wednesday, Friday, and twice on Sunday campers get canteen, or candy. On every canteen day, there are half-hour long lines for candy, while David Seskin checks in two kids at a time. Once each camper gets through the line, he has a choice of many types of candy, such as M&Ms, Skittles, Oompas, Gobstoppers, and an assortment of ice cream bars. The money used for canteen is taken out of each campers account, and the money for every canteen not used is given back to the camper's family.

The Kitchen

By: Sam Carlin and Marc Shinn-Krantz

Three times a day the campers and staff would enter the dining hall ready to eat. The biddies would get there 15 minutes before the meal, and set the tables. Then the bell would ring and the dining hall would be

filled with hungry people. Making meals for over 200 people is a pretty tough job, but the kitchen staff did it and they did a pretty good job. The kitchen staff consists of Cathy Gibson-Smith, Marnita Henderson, Olivia Wyche, Patrik Hengerics, Michal Krebs, Tomas Plichta, Milan Sahul, Tomas Stanek, and Jozef Stas. In addition, the entire female staff takes shifts working to make sure that everything runs smoothly. This year, like every other year, the food was excellent.

The Infirmary

By: Neil Dowgun

When nearly one hundred and fifty kids spend all day playing sports and running around on rocky paths there are bound to be some bumps and bruises. However, Theresa Cammack, Chris Detamore, and Helen Simera treated every affliction campers can get from infections to sunburns to the many, many bee stings. They also do inspection, where every camper has to shower and come to them so we can be sure that everyone is keeping clean and healthy.

Laundry

By: Gabe Canan

One of most campers' most awaited days of the week is laundry day and many campers need two. Each Cabin has one day week where the each camper stuffs all of their dirty, filthy clothes in a bag and sends it down to the two lovable laundry ladies whom without we would all be lost. On behalf of the entire camp I would like to say thank you for putting up with our filth.

Lower Office

By: Sam Carlin

At Camp Shohola, almost all the paper work is done at the lower office. It is the first building you see when you enter camp. When someone enters or exits camp, they must sign in or out in the lower office. Judy Olsommer runs the office and is always there to help you. Her job is much harder than it may seem. She answers hundreds of phone calls a day and organizes all the camper and staff accounts. The lower office also has a conference room and an office for senior staff. Without the

lower office and Judy Olsommer's work, the entire camp would be in chaos.

Maintenance

By: Madison Smith

One of the most important crews of Camp Shohola, The Maintenance department, is by far one of the most forgotten. If something as small as a screen breaks, or a water main explodes, who do you call? The maintenance crew! I just would like to take the time in this 2001 edition of the "Argus" to recognize the valued efforts of Reino Johnson, and Ron Zeiler. Some of their major projects this year include, putting up the lights at the basket ball court, fixing up the parking lot including building the maintenance shed, fixing vans, and fixing the leaky roofs of camp. On behalf of the "Argus" and Camp Shohola, I would like to officially thank Reino and Ron for their hard work everywhere around camp.

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Trips

Adventure Trips

By: Alex Hecker

As you continue your hike along a knife- edged ridge trail, the shrouded mist gives way to the 10 foot visibility to an incredible view of surrounding mountains; or, paddling down a class three rapid river on a really hot day with the water drenching you, when you battle the hydraulics. For me and many other kids, camp is the only place where we can have these awesome experiences while climbing, hiking, kayaking, and biking. After being at camp for 5 years, the activities were fun but I as ready for a change. Trips are my way to travel around the east coast. From Fryer Island to the white mountains. Camp Shohola's

trips offer the widest variety of ways to either get an adrenaline rush or to relax. That is why I think trips are the best.

Rock Climbing

By: Phil Weiner

Early in the session, we took a group of kids over to Pine Forest Camp in which we participated in a Pike County Climbing Tournament. The camps involved were Shohola, Pine Forest, Lake Greeley, Timber Tops, Netimus, and Lake Owego. The group was made up of Ben Jacobs, Phil Weiner, Chis Gkahopoylos, Justin Cohan-Shapiro, Brian Bomalowski, Jesse Moy, DJ Dennis and Juan Manuel. We came out on top winning all but two events.

The Big Y

By: Dan Brill

The Big Y is a great rafting trip to go on. When I went, about 30 kids went along. It is a 3 day and 2 night trip to Ohiopyle, Pa. which is in southwestern Pennsylvania. The trip started out on a bad note because there were 3 vans going and I chose the one that the lights did not work. That delayed us about an hour. Once the trip got going, it wasn't so bad. We stopped for lunch around noon and arrived at the campsite after about eight and a half hours of driving. Then we unpacked and chose our tent. I slept in a 6 man tent which was very roomy.

The next day we got sorted into raft groups of six. We drove 10 minutes to the rafting trip company and signed waivers. Then we drove to the Youghiogheny river and got a safety brief from a guide. We took out rafts on the river and started paddling. Before we reached a series of rapids or hydraulics, the kayaking guides told us how to raft down them. The rapids were fun but not too hard. Only occasionally would a person fall out. The most fun part of the trip was at calm areas where you could splash other rafts or get out and try to push or pull people out of their raft. One time, Justin Von Schmidt jumped on my raft and pushed everyone off. Then we had sandwiches and bug juice for lunch. After that we finished the river and got tee shirts. We then drove to a park that had a natural water slide. It was a long smoothed out slide in a bunch of rocks. That was very fun. We went back to camp had dinner and went to

sleep. The we spent the next day driving back to camp. Once we got back we unpacked and slept from our tiring trip.

Nature

By Alex Lass

Nature is a very fun and enjoyable way of learning about the world around you and the things that inhabit it. Every year, Kit gives each Nature camper a tree. The camper fills in the details about the tree that he would like such as: height, color, description and location. The camper then gets a bark rubbing of his tree and also gets a leaf sample. Both parties then sign the paper and the tree becomes the campers'. We learn about many other things during the classes which include: the local animals, what they eat and where they are located, survival techniques for out in the open, finding signs of certain animals, how to handle animals and how to identify trees, plants and all vegetation.

This is my 2nd year of Nature at Shohola, and I think Nature is a key activity to take at camp and the stuff we learn, and do would help in later life. I think Nature is really cool and I intend to take Nature again if I come back to camp.

We Remember So Well

Pirate Ship! Pirate Ship!

The Talent Show in the pavilion

Letters from Netimus

The Lazy Hour

Shohola Theatre with Abram as the undertaker and the can can girls

Where did all the bathroom doors go?

Mothra vs Greg Passuntino

Yo vanilla gets blown out of dining hall repetiore

Zuckerman takes down Gushman in roller hockey

Chris and Andrew Gkhapa what?!?

Cabin 1 midnight muster

Pile on Jake Wolfshiemer
Shohola goes "GaGa"
Ali as Patricia the stripper
Gushman's Birthday splash
The booooooooooth
Chicks dig this, Chicks dig that
The Slim Shady chant gets booted out of the dining hall
Senior Staff vs Working Seniors
Three new computers and we still have to wait in line to send e-mail
The Shoholaettes and their "excellent" singing
McRostie's lacrosse mishap with Netimus girl
Two international food nights
Spot lights at campfire
Lights on the B-all and Hockey courts
Tag in the Family Fun center
Talent Show in the pavilion
2001, the return of camp ghost stories
The PWP midnight Hockey game
Hey Robbie!!
Talk Radio Shows on WCSR
Evan Gleason takes out a dock

Lake Watch
The horse show and swim meet
The Cabin 8 glowstick incident
Freshmen '04
Laura - Shohola boats in!
Reade Etherington screams "Oh Phil"
Dave can't eat a green bean
Jonathan's announcements, What did he say?
When is that stupid owl ever going to come?
Horatio!
V.V.V. J.J.J. Skrrraaaaaaaaaaappitz!!
Cabin 8 and 2 get there beauty sleep

Kit - If you can't get quiet, we will all go outside and come back in again
and it will all be a complete waste of time!
In the morning the flag goes up!
Will the real Slim Shady please stand up
After a lengthy DNA test, the entire camp is found to be Charles
Babalola's son
Karpiak says, "You can't stay here, but you can't go home"
Senior staff in togas look at "the bright side of life"
Belly Roll!
Kumbaya
Chess is not a sport!
Adrian - I like it!
Milnor - Dude!
Meet me on the Deek!
Midnight hockey
I'm like a bird I wanna fly away
Will Brian Bomalowski and Charles Babalola ever leave lower camp?
Kit's porch on the hill
Rachel's Bikini on the flag pole
Truffle Shuffle!
The Banquet

Dedication Speech

By: Gabe Canan-Zucker

Editor-in-Chief

I first met Bobby G. in 1997 on my first year at Shohola. Bob planted in me a love, a desire for water-skiing. I only have to spend one year with Bobby G. as my teacher but his aura left an impression on me that I will always remember. I was told a story by Larry Aaronson that he and Kit Barger, when they were younger, would go out and try to water-ski. This was when Kit's father had just bought a new house and boat and was

about to start a new water ski program here at camp. The two of them went out and tried to get up on water-skies for an entire week everyday during work camp. They would rush out right after the dinner meal was over and every time they failed miserably. When Bob showed up for work camp they asked him to come out and try to do it with them. They told Bob that it was impossible, that it was the hardest thing in the world and he would not be able to do it. When they brought him out with them, he hopped in the water and on his very first try Bob was able to get up on two skies. After that, Bob Gillespie became Bobby G. head of the water ski program at Shohola. Bobby G. was not able to be here this year and that is because Bob has become very sick, he has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and is going to pass away. If you were to ask Bob today that I was he probably would not remember me, and that is okay because he has been teaching water-skiing here since the sixties. What is important though is that we all remember who he is. Bobby G. is a legend here at camp and I only wish that he could have been here during my last year as a camper and I wish that he could have been here to hear all of you chant his name during the banquet as I now it will be chanted for years to come. That is why this Argus is dedicated to Bob Gillespie.

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White Speech

By: Jordan Holtzman-Conston

White Captain

Good evening everyone. I'd like to start by thanking the green team, the captains and the kids because the whole color war race wouldn't have

been fun without the competition that we had with each other and for making this a close race all the way to the end that everyone could enjoy. At the beginning of camp when I was voted to be a captain of the white team I wasn't really sure I wanted to be a captain. It seemed like a lot of work and responsibility. I was at camp to have fun not work a lot. After looking back on the whole summer I think being the white captain was the best part of my summer here at camp. I don't think anything was as fun and exciting as being the captain of white. All the fun I had was great, but being captain also left me with some great memories for me to take away from the experience.

The clearest important memory I have is from the Olympics first month. Spanky had already led the green team down the hill to the baseball field for the races. The white team was waiting on the hill since its tradition that the white team goes second. I was standing in front of all the team in their white face paint waving white flags when I turned around and looked at the white team. I saw all the kids cheering for white or smiling and talking to each other, everyone was enjoying themselves. I then noticed that most of them were looking at me. That's when I first really realized I was the white captain. In my mind Steve Rubin was a white captain, but not me until that point. All the kids were looking at me to lead them, not just to the baseball field, but for the rest of the summer. It was my white team not the white team. That really meant a lot to me that all the team was looking to me and trusting me to lead them this year. I was thinking about how I was going to have to be a leader now, when I realized all the kids were having fun. Upper camp, lower camp everyone was enjoying themselves. I then started to smile and enjoy myself some too. I realized I could lead the kids as a captain, but have fun with them. From then on Green White wasn't work anymore. I didn't see it as a chore, but as fun. The rest of the summer all the Green White stuff I did was fun for me, my co-captains and the kids. This and many memories from Green White were great, so was all the fun I had which helped to make being the white captain the best part of my summer. Again I'd like to thank the green team for doing their best and the captains who did all they could and made this summer so fun for me. All of staff that helped

out was great, especially senior staff who did everything behind the scenes to make all of green white possible. My co-captains and I decided to give an extra special thanks to Ali for running everything and doing his best to keep the scores strait and getting the real scores up on the chalkboard. My co-captains were great and more then helpful all summer. Ben Schneider and Isaac Orlansky who aren't here anymore helped a lot first month. Justin Von Schmidt and Sam Carlin did everything with me second month. They worked as hard as I did planning the Apache Race and the swim meet. Sam actually ran the whole horse show for white this morning for me and did a really good job. Last of my co-captains I have to thank Shinky. I really couldn't have led the white team without him. He was here helping me out both months and did at least as much as I did. Second month he really helped out since I didn't know the kids as well. He filled me in on second month strategy and made all the decisions with me. He led the team at times when I wasn't there and really led the white team second month. We really were equal captains of the white team, and I thank you so much for all the help. All the co-captains really deserve to be sitting here with Spanky, myself and senior staff. Finally a big thanks to all the campers who helped make this my best summer at Camp Shohola and probably of my life.

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Green Speech

By: Erich Spannhake

Green Captain

Good evening Kit, Staff, Councilors, and fellow campers. I am the green captain of the 2001 Shohola season. Over these past two months, I have lead my team through a number of color war events such as the Mystery Marathon, the Olympics, the Apache race, and the Green and White

horse show. I have in my past years at camp Shohola participated and competed in these very events not knowing that someday i would later guide the future members of my team through them. Thanks to Ali this has been the closest and most competitive Green and White competition I have ever been involved in.

There have been many moments during these two months that i will carry with me forever, but there has been on moment that i will keep most pure in memory.

As I stood on the edge of the dock eagerly waiting for the last stretch of the canoers, I looked around and took Justin Co-Shap , Ben Jacobs, and Alex Manning into a huddle as we altogether prayed to god that the leading canoe was green. As we left our prayed huddle, we nervously stood side by side along the edge of the dock once more. Then suddenly i felt a burst of heart felt love and pride for my team rush through me as i saw Pedro Orazco's face and seeing him steering our Green war canoe to victory of the 2001 Apache race.

This moment was one of the most rewarding because it had been six years since Green had won the Apache race. Winning the Apache race was one of Green's most long awaited dreams and to know that i lead that victory was one of the most fulfilling feelings ever.

Being thrown into a leadership position that i was not ready for helped me learn much about leadership and in turn myself.

My dad always says that i am a great leader but not to lead a group if it is for a negative cause. When i lead a group, i like to have complete control and knowledge of what is happening at all times. During these two months, i felt that i had no control. For me, frustration comes when there is no control and i got very frustrated at time to the point of becoming a nuisance to authority figures. To all those affected by this, all apologies and thank you for all your help in making this a great color wars.

I cant forget all of the help from my co-captains: Ben Jacobs, Justin Cohan-Shapiro, Alex Manning, Greg Passuntino, and Kevin Wright. I could not have done anything without you. I also thank all members of

the green team and for your great efforts. You all helped in so many ways and I thank you.

Reflections

By: Tom Gibson

CommTech Coordinator & Argus Supervisor

Anniversaries, the remembrances of annual events of either historical or personal importance, infiltrate my 2001 summer season at Camp Shohola. This year I celebrate 40 summers at camp, 35 years as a counselor and 30 summers of CommTech activities. Finally, with this issue of the "ARGUS" ,I have now supervised the publications of 70 issues of Camp Shohola's newspaper.

Although there have been many changes and improvements to the physical plant of camp throughout these 40 years, the philosophy of Camp Shohola remains constant. The mission of Camp Shohola is to "allow boys to grow as individuals and to expand their boundaries and knowledge". My brothers and I certainly accomplished that goal. We peppered the camp with tree houses and forts; created wood , silver and craft masterpieces; (at least according to our parents), and helped Mr. Baker and the maintenance staff build many of the camp buildings and structures. We learned skills here that have molded our lives and professions.

I first came to Shohola in the 1950's with my brothers Philip and David and my sister Andrea attended Camp Netimus. Both of my cousins, Ted and Rob Wiedemann, attended Shohola as well as my Uncle Jock Whitehouse who worked here for many years. We learned of Shohola through a friendship of my Grandparents with Pop and Helen Barger (Kit's parents) as we lived just down the road at Twin Lakes in Shohola Township. There are many warm memories of camp during those early years. One of the most memorable was the summer of 1959. Under the guidance of Stan Samenow who was my counselor in cabin 6 that summer , we were challenged and encouraged to work together as a

team and respect the differences of others. Most of the boys stayed together year after year until we were seniors and many of us were "S" winners. Stan was also the counselor advisor for the "ARGUS" and influenced my interest in that area. Years later, I was a counselor for his sons, Charlie and Jason and still later Jason was a counselor for one of my boys. One other major influence in my life at camp was Bob Gillespie. His easy going nature and friendly smile were infectious. His presence was certainly missed this year.

The CommTech program began in 1972 in cabin 10. With just three activities; Radio, Amateur Radio and Electronics the program quickly outgrew the cabin and moved to the back of the Nature, Indian Lore and Camp Craft building. As the years progressed , the popularity of those activities decreased while the popularity of the CommTech activities increased allowing us to move into the "Green House". With the recent addition to the building, we have been able to expand our program by adding additional space, equipment and opportunities. The 2001 summer season has been one of the most popular summers for CommTech activities. Every boy in camp is involved in our activities in some way, even if it is just to send e-mail.

The CommTech staff certainly contributes toward the goal of Camp Shohola by allowing boys to gain enriching qualities and intellectual curiosity. Many boys, enlightened by an interest in electronics and communication sparked at Camp Shohola, have shared success stories similar to Andy Silverman who is the founder and president of a world wide communications company.

This has been a great summer for the CommTech program.. With the support of the senior staff and superb counseling staff, the boys in our activities have learned and improved greatly while having fun.

Letter from the editor

Gabe Canan-Zucker

...Dear Argus Readers,

In the English language there are over 200,000 words, and there is no possible combination of them that can describe my experiences over the years here at Shohola so I won't even try to find one. I am writing to you now on my last week as a camper and there is no other way to describe how I feel than pain. This is the end of my fourth year at Shohola and more importantly it is the end of a part of my life that has been the backbone of my childhood.

When I was first given the chance to be the editor of the "Argus" I wasn't sure what to expect and now I'm not sure that I would have accepted if I knew the amount of work and labor that went in to putting the "Argus" together. I never could have put this together if didn't have the help of many others (I would like to especially like to thank Tom Gibson, Madison Smith, Sam Carlin, Jordan Holtzman-Conston, Marilyn Barger and many others for their support). It was very hard for me to expect quality to writing material from the 10-12 year olds, and even harder to get writing out of 13-15 year olds. I still however did try to be somewhat creative in designing the "Argus" by requesting from some of the Hispanic campers to write in Spanish, I was unable however to follow out most of my ideas. Yet when I think about it the Argus isn't about writing as much as it's about memories. When I take out an old copy of the Argus sometimes just reading the names of the people in my cabin can bring me back here, to Shohola.

The word "Argus" has Greek origins meaning 'all seeing' or 'all knowing', which is truly what the Argus is. The Argus is the eyes of all the Shohola campers compiled into the longest running camp newspaper in Pike County. It is said that the strongest memory is weaker than the faintest ink which is why Shohola started in the Argus of 1940 and in each issue since, are some of the best memories of all the campers in that session.

As the end of my Shohola life draws closer I can only advise the rest of the campers here to cherish every moment that they have here at Shohola because you never truly know what you have until you lose it.

Camp Shohola Cyber Newsletter is Back Online

After a one year hiatus, the Camp Shohola Cyber Newsletter is happily back on line. We hope with this effort to keep all those fortunate, "on-line" Shohola families up-to-date and informed about all the comings and goings on in this our 59th season at Camp Shohola. We are sending this Newsletter for each of the next three weeks to Shohola families of both the first and second month session. It is our intention to inform everyone about the multiplicity of activities, both old and new, offered this summer at Shohola, and to describe briefly how campers and counselors experience all new and old skills and thrills of camp life. We very much encourage your comments and cheers.

The following are e-mail instructions from "CommTech" director Tom Gibson. If you want to reply, send your e-mails to director@campshohola.com "The correct procedure to write an e-mail to a camper at Camp Shohola is not very difficult. To start, every camper has an e-mail address which is his fullname@shohola.com An example is "jamalprice@shohola.com". Also, please include the name and cabin number on the subject line. Tom also asks that you not include any attachments to your e-mail as we are unable to tell if it contains a computer virus and attachments are also difficult to print. Please go to our E-Mail web page , for more information.

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Globalization Comes Happily to Camp Shohola

Genoa, and G-9 diplomats, eat your heart out! Globalization at Camp Shohola is a total "win-win situation." This 59th two-month season brought more than 263 boys to Camp Shohola, when counting the additional "staff's children" who each year join in all our festivities. The international flavor of both our camper and counselor body has never been more richly diverse.

As always there are a significant number of boys from Spanish speaking countries. Twelve from Mexico (Diego Cabeiro, Jaime Duarte, Santiago Garcia, Juan Manuel Jimenez, Fernando Laposse, Joaquin Muriel, Pedro Orozco, Xavier Ramos, Gustavo Rodriguez, Tomas Ruiz, Patricio Silva, Hector Vazquez, ; six from Spain (Lucas Catalan, Mariano De Diego, Javier Garralda Fernando, Gabe Canan-Zucker, and Ignacio Leon): three from Venezuela (Roberto Baptista, Augusto and Oscar Gonzalez),and one from Ecuador (Andy Beate). There are also four campers from the UK (Alex and Greg Lass, J.D. Leonard, Jim Roehl), plus a camper from France (Nicolas Portrait) and from Italy (Gabriel Paoletti). In addition to these Old and New World campers, there are two boys from Syria (Joude and Laysse Badra), one from Taiwan (Jeffrey Chen; one from Korea (Jay Cho) and finally, one from Bermuda (Erik Pearson). One

American camper traveled all the way from his present residence in Singapore (Sam Eckstein), and another, Josh Talbert flew in from Japan to be a part of Shohola fun and magic.

Many of these international campers come to Camp Shohola to gain added proficiency in speaking English. A goodly number of these have been coming to us for more than several seasons. More than a few international campers have matured to become hugely helpful members of our counseling staff. Besides vastly improving their bi-lingual fluency through the bonding experience of cabin life, sharing meals, camping out, etc., they exchange with their American counterparts new, cross-cultural knowledge. All raise their respective consciousness about "the other's" cultures. All the while they are "playing" competitive sports, learning new computer skills, creating arts and crafts, hiking wilderness trails, kayaking rapids, surfing the winds, biking or horseback riding the trails of the Poconos.

The counselor staff is also once again wonderfully international, and yet familiar with working the "fun and magic" of camp life. Indeed, given their number, our international staff members almost constitute the majority of Shohola personnel. There are three counselors from Mexico (all former campers) and three from Spain. There are seven from England, three Scots, one Welsh, one Northern Ireland, seven "Aussies" and two "Kiwis" from New Zealand, to round out the Commonwealth's contingency. In addition there are three Germans, one Dutch, one Swede, and one Dane. From East Europe there are seven from the Czech Republic, three Slovaks work on the kitchen crew, and one works as a "regular" cabin counselor and land

sports instructor. Rounding out the East European contingent, there is one Romanian, one Pole, and one Russian. There are also three South Africans. Incidentally, all three of these are on official leave from the new South African Police Force. All three joyfully exclaim that their Shohola life could not be more different, more wholesome and mellow, compared to stress of their police work back home.

The vast majority of these international counselors and administrative staff are in fact university students and/or already graduates, majoring in physical education, sports management, environmental sciences and "wilderness/survival" training. Clearly they bring demonstrated pedagogical knowledge and skills to their camp work. All are bi-lingual, many being multi-lingual. All proclaim great enthusiasm for having the unique opportunity to be working in such a healthy, wholesome and appreciative community as Shohola. England's Rachel Cartland, Australia's "Em" Trapnell have been co-managing the Shohola stables for the past couple of years. Scotland's Ali Kinnear and Holland's Erna Horn have each returned to Shohola for more than several years. Two of our four Head Counselor staff, Ali Kinnear and Adrian Hazell are each from the United Kingdom. This is Ali's fifth year. Adrian comes to us from 7 years as Camp Netimus administrative staff. Almost a fourth of the entire Shohola administrative and counseling staff are women. This most definitely adds to both the sensitivity and strength of our professional nurturing skills - nevermind our feminine side-- in what is otherwise an all-boys camp.

It is also the case that a sizeable number of this season's staff are brand new additions to the Shohola community. Admittedly, being unfamiliar with traditional camp policy and routine could have been a problem, but thankfully we are all blessed with their amazing charisma, their abundant talent and resourcefulness. The seasoned, veteran staff are being reinvigorated by learning innovated ideas, as the international staff brings new rituals to add to the almost 60 years of Shohola culture. Veteran administration and counseling staff cannot say enough about the almost seamless workings of this year's operation. The professional quality of setting up, orientation and counselor training at this year's "Work Camp" under second year tutelage of Head Counselors Matt Karpiak and Matt Milnor was exceptionally remarkable. Add to this mix what charismatic senior staff member Adrian Hazell (English) brings, with his degree in "sports science," and his seven years working at our sister Camp Netimus, and you can quickly realize just why this season is going so brilliantly.

Focusing all this skill and positive attitude to our operation is our two American senior staff members Matt Karpiak and Matt Milnor. To go from the global to the local, Matt Karpiak was literally born right around the corner from Camp Shohola. He grew up at Camp Shohola, graduated from the local high school, went to Utah University and majored in "commercial recreation and leisure." He is steeped in camp culture, and knows mountains of information about the local history and business community.

This is Matt Milnor's 13th summer at Shohola. He is literally "family," being Marilyn Barger's nephew. He, too, spent many summers growing up at Camp Shohola. "Milnor" as he is affectionally called, taught riding, mountain biking, and swimming, before becoming administrative staff last year. The combined expertise of our two Matts in running Camp is the perfect compliment to both our "rookie" staff members and our internationals.

All of this wisdom and understanding has combined to establish high spirits and fearless fun-making, which is what camp life is really all about. Meals in the camp Dining Hall are typically filled with song, cheers (some would say shouts), ridiculous costumes and silly stunts. Camp fires, led by veteran camper and now two-time, Head Counselor, Matt Milnor, are in the typical words of the "Brits," "BRILLIANT." All in all a fabulous tone has been clearly set for this season that promises to make this one of the all-time great years in Shohola now six-decade history. It is already obvious that this year will be a transforming experience for all of us lucky ones. We are all truly blessed to be living, working and playing together with each other here this summer. Even the weather is cooperating. Knock wood, please!

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12-and-Under Softball Team Does Shohola Proud

Shohola's fielded a dynamic 12 and under softball team in this month's Camp Brookwood tournament. This was the first inter-camp competition of the second month. It was an impressively played double-header, especially when you consider that this team has only been playing together for one or two days of the second month! Coach Kevin Powell can't say enough good things about this group's skills and spirit. This Shohola 12-and-under softball team convincingly won against a sizeably bigger 13-and-under team. The score was 3-2. Matt Seskin, Malcolm Hale, and Brad Yapchanyk definitely deserve special mention for the great effort they displayed in this very first game.

In the second game, our boys fell behind in the first inning by a 5 run deficit. "Nevertheless," said Shohola coach Kevin Powell, "this competitive team never gave up for one minute. These boys came roaring back! David Hecker pitched an outstanding game, and Brian Onley managed some really impressive defensive game-stopping plays at shortstop. Although the boys lost the championship, with a final score of 5-4, they did manage a second place win. Also playing for Shohola were Quinn Trigg, Marshall Rader, Eric Green,, Aaron Isler, Alex Ettinger, Ben Elkind, and Juan Manuel Jimenez. "I can't say enough about all these kids' spirit and determination. Their sportsmanship was totally commendable. They made me totally proud to be their coach. I love coaching this team!"

This is Kevin Powell's first year at Shohola. He has just completed his first year of elementary school teaching. This

coming Fall he will begin coaching soccer and basketball at Mardela High School in Salisbury, Maryland. We are all very blessed to have this very talented rookie coach leading our lower camp softball teams.

Greatly contributing to our landsports coaching staff, most especially in softball, baseball and basketball is the indomitable spirit of Larry Tanner. He too has so enjoyed working with these boys that he and Kevin have decided to team teach this awesome crew of sluggers. Larry is a former camper from the late '80's. He has been returning to Shohola as staff off and on over the past decade to become a major asset to Shohola's competitive skills and spirit. In fact, he so much enjoyed his counseling and coaching experience in Shohola that he too has decided to become a professional teacher and athletic coach. How fortunate can we all become with staff enthusiasm of this calibre.

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Shohola 11-and-Under Wins Pike County Softball Tournament

Shohola's very competitive 11-and-under softball team totally dominated this tournament from their very first pitch of the tournament opening game. Actually, Shohola grabbed an

embaressingly large lead in the first inning against New Jersey "Y," and never once faced a serious competitive challenge from the opposition. Coach Powell, himself an elementary school teacher, and hometown Little League coach was quick to comment about the remarkable sportsmanship of this young team. "I was really amazed at how these kids kept their poise and manner. They never once taunted the 'Y' kids. They were having so much fun enjoying each other's confident play, they never thought about taking unfair advantage of their competitive edge. They only encouraged each other's game. And I'm telling you these boys 'got game!'" The first game ended up 10-4, Shohola. Defensive standouts in that game were Brian Onley and Alex Ettinger. Ben Elkind and Marshall Rader had two hits each.

In the second game, for the tournament championship, Shohola boys again demonstrated their mettle. "We got up 1-0 in the first inning," reported Coach Powell, glowing proudly afterwards. Both of these teams played excellent defensive ball, and the score remained 1-0-- through the fourth inning-- when we came to bat. David Hecker led off with a triple, and then the floodgates opened! Our team showed incredible heart to never give up such a tight game. I sure do wish I could coach this team year round. These boys are a tremendous group with really outstanding abilities. I don't think it gets any better than this! I am one 'happy camper!'" Danny Tessler and Eric Green played great defense. The offense was led by David Hecker, Quinn Trigg and Edmund Carlton. Also playing for Shohola were Juan Manuel Jimenez, Matt Seskin and Brad Yapchanyk. Coach Powell called the entire team up to the front of the dining hall

at evening announcements and led all his players in a "victory march" around the dining hall and outside deck.

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Lower Camp Little League Gets Off to a Very Impressive Start

In the first intra-mural softball games of the summer's second season, the Oakland A's won over the Baltimore Orioles 4 -2. The "A's" were coached by Kevin Powell, and the very hard playing "O's" were coached by veteran Shohola counselor (and former camper) Larry Tanner. "This was a great game, especially for openers," exclaimed coach Powell. "Again, the kids for both teams demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship throughout the entire game. Joe Von Schmidt played solid defensive ball at second base. Same for 3rd baseman Dan Tessler. Alex Ettinger pitched a great game for the Orioles. Visiting VIPs at this month's funfilled opener were Dorsey Barger, and her younger brother Duncan, his wife and 14-month old daughter, accompanied by grandpa, and Camp Director, "Kit" Barger who kept the Shohola grandstands filled with "Cheers."

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13-Under Soccer Team Loses First Game and Wins Second Game to Come in Third in the Pike County Soccer Tournament

Soccer coach Mark Gunn fielded a resilient team in this weeks Pike County Soccer Tournament. Shohola's Santiago Garcia scored the only goal of the first half which was against Camp Owego, but unfortunately Shohola's effort fell short in the second half. "We went 'one nil up" as the Brits call a one-to-nothing loss."The boys basically fell apart," explained coach Gunn. "Unable to sustain their commanding lead of the first half, they argued against one another. At the end of the first game I had a brief chat with the lads. I instructed them not to take the loss personally. I reminded them that they had another game to play on the old softball field, and they needed to quickly regroup and put their act together. In the second game against Lake Greely camp, the lads did just that!" Mark continued. They took my lessons to heart, came out in the second game to genuinely enjoy their play. They totally got into the sprit of the game, and kept having good laughs right up to the finish. Again in the second game, Santiago Garcia scored two blinding goals from way outside the area." Juan Manuel Jimenez scored the final goal and Shohola's players secured

victory in overtime. The final score, 4-3 came in a dramatic overtime. In the end, Shohola ranked third in the tournament over all, but coming back so quickly after the prior collapse convinced coach Gunn that this team deserves high praises for learning their lessons.

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Juan Manuel Jimenez and Aaron Hetsley Top Shohola's Efforts in Pike County Athletic Meet

Shohola entered 12 campers in the annual Pike County Athletic Meet held this past Sunday at Lake Wallenpaupak High School's track and field facilities. Five local camps compete in these track and field events. Shohola boys competed in the 100, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1600 and 3200 meter races, and in the discus, running long jump and the standing long jump. While Shohola campers only managed to place third over-all, two Shohola competitors totally dominated their events. Juan Manuel Jimenez outran the opposition in the 1600 meter race, and Aaron Hetsley took "first" in both the 800 and the 3200 meter races.

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Visiting Alumni Keith Tabatznik Holds Soccer Clinic For Shohola Players

Every summer, twice a season Georgetown's varsity soccer coach and Shohola alumni, Keith Tabatznik holds a two hour soccer clinic for Shohola campers. This month more than 40 campers attended the clinic. Keith ran the campers through their paces, watched their moves and suggested ways that the kids could improve the game. He then organized several scrimmages and challenged the campers to demonstrate their newly taught skills. When the whole clinic was completed Keith handed out various presents: jerseys, whistles, caps and stickers.

Keith volunteered the following remarks. "I have been doing soccer clinics throughout the summer camp circuit in the mid-Atlantic region. Today's clinic was--honest to God-- one of the all-time most enjoyable I have ever held anywhere. This year's crop of Shohola kids were the quickest learners and the most appreciative and respectful group of campers I have ever had the privilege to instruct. You guys must be doing something very well, all right. (Perhaps it is also some very good parenting, Keith) Whatever the case, it was a total joy to do. I was most definitely the happiest camper on the field."

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Nature and 'Tripping' Staff Lead 11 Campers on a Wilderness Trail

Nature Program counselor, George Meling, and Tripping staffer Janet Fotheringham combined forces and organized a one day hike through parts of the Delaware Water Gap near Bushkill. Main destination of the 5-mile hike was an extended stop-over at the Pocono Environment Educational Center, locally known as the "PEEC." Eleven campers (cabins 5 through 12) followed the trek. "One of our main objectives," explained Ms. Meling, is to teach our campers how they can 'experience' and fully respect a natural environment without harming any living thing." This is a real challenge for any youngster in this day and age of endangered species and deforestation.

The PEEC provides an awesome educational display of Pocono flora, fauna, and wildlife, especially the section of the Poconos' predatory life. "The great thing about this Center and all its environs," exclaimed George Meling, "is that it provides easy access to a deliciously varied habitat of both hardwood and conifers, all in a very small area for young hikers to quickly explore. There are multiple groves of beautiful Hemlock "swailes," tall fragrant pines embedded in a solid carpet of pine needles. That is most spectacular natural wonderland!"

George noted that 97 per cent of all local forest animal life is nocturnal, so the task is to look for evidentiary signs of living

things. Kids spotted many woodpecker holes, and actually saw a number of tiny "red efts," woodfrogs, and several bird nests.

Tripping staffer, Janet, instructed the campers the correct way to execute the more challenging elements of the hike. At one critical point everyone had to rappel down an exceedingly steep drop. At the bottom they discovered physical evidence of old farm houses.

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Revitalized Nature Program 'Grows' New Environmental Science Resources

After a much too long absence from the lengthy list of camp activities, our sweet new Nature Cabin was happily completed just two short years ago. Now Shohola "Power Nature" has already grown into one of the camp's more popular programs, most especially for our younger campers. Nestled conveniently in the woodlands beside the camp brook, and just a stone's throw from across the ever popular ropes and rock climbing elements, our new Nature program has been growing by leaps and bounds under the excellent teaching and learning skills of the multi-talented George Meling. Ms Meling is in fact a long time Shohola, Pa. resident and knows much about the our local wilderness' narrative. She has managed to quickly build an

excellent educational program that has filled the shelves, tables and interior walls with all kinds of museum-quality, educational exhibits. This year has seen a spectacular glass incased display of mounted, exotic rainforest insects, as well as museum-quality skeletons. Rock climbing counselor and former camper, Chris Etherington, brought back a huge rack of moose antlers that he actually found in the High Sierras. They now hang in our new cabin. There is a new terrarium that houses a Giant Black Milliped, a Firebellied toad and one large bullfrog. The new aquarium houses one Lake Greeley catfish and one sunfish, and a host of fast growing insect larvae. (Not to worry, No West Nile virus here! Joke). Knowing our local natural habitats, literally like the back of her hand, George invents all kinds of period-long hikes around our immediately accessible forest and streams.

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CommTech Upgrades Camp's Intranet Ssystem and Adds Digital Cameras and Video Equipment to the Mix

Shohola's one and only CommTech founder and director, Tom Gibson, continues to add more computing power and communication options to the camp's unique communications program. This is truly one of a kind. "All computers throughout CommTech are networked on a LAN!" Tom boasts, "All camp

computers can communicate with each other, and can send a word processed program to be printed from anywhere there is a computer. This is possible due to the addition this year of a DSL digital subscriber line which allows high speed internet access for both audio and video. Most remarkably this means that the entire radio programming complex can now broadcast campers' radio shows over the Internet. "So," Tom explains, "parents can now listen to their boys' radio shows from their own computers at home."

Fortunately Shohola is blessed with the return of dynamic and multi-skilled CommTech counselor, Dave Love from Scotland. Dave teaches campers about the mystery of electricity and computers. He is now CommTech's Co-Director working under 40-year veteran Tom Gibson. Former campers, Steve Gottfried (CIT), Jason Cheetham (junior counselor) and Andrew Shansby (junior counselor) teach radio, photo and video respectively. There is also now a digital video camera that can store up to 40 megabytes (millions). We can put our video on the Shohola webpage and allow campers' videos to be downloaded from links found on the Shohola webpage. We should have streaming video on our website sometime next month. With the new Digital still camera, CommTech can now make digital slides so that we can place links to pictures of our campers on this newsletter which can be easily downloaded and printed.

In addition, Counselor Rob Mueller is instructing our boys on the basics of web page design. Parents on AOL or PalTalk can now set talk paths directly to the Shohola CommTech system and listen to Camp Shohola radio broadcasting. Yes, WCSR is

broadcasting on the internet. Finally Tom announced that Shohola alumni, John Mitchell (from the early '80's), donated a short wave, amateur radio system. You can view these pictures on Jon's web site and clicking on the Camp Shohola link. Clearly, CommTech has brought Camp Shohola well into the 21st century.

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Water Skiing Program Purchases 'Super' Power Boat and Dedicates it to Shohola Veteran Water Ski Instructor, Bob Gillespie

For more than 35 years, veteran water ski instructor, Bob Gillespie, ran Shohola's ever popular water ski program on Lake Wallenpaupak. This year the program acquired an awesome new powerboat, a super Magnum 454. In a brief ceremony at the end of first session, the boys attending the water ski program christened the impressively big boat, the "Bobby G" to honor the man who has given half his life to Camp Shohola, and recently retired to winter in Florida in order to take care of his ailing parents, and who then discovered that he is himself facing a life threatening illness. Sadly he was not able to return to work in Shohola this summer.

Now, twice a day, five days a week, Shohola takes 5 campers each time, along with two water ski instructors, Derron Blanch

from Australia, and Corey Ford, from New Zealand, on a 15-mile drive to Lake Wallenpaupak for ski instruction. Each skier can now enjoy up to 30-minutes of instructional time on the skis. Having achieved the difficult skill of double skiing, the more proficient skiers get to learn the more daunting skill of slolem skiing (balancing both feet on one big ski). Our new power boat allows us to pull as many as 4 campers at one time. We all wish and pray that our much beloved Bobby G can some day soon come back to Shohola, and enjoy a good whirl on the new powerboat.

The best of all news is that now for the very first time Camp Shohola is in the best ever position to whip our rival Camp Netimus sisters' water skiing team. For years our sister camp has always "bested" our best efforts. Some would say the girls shamed us. Now comes the Magnum 454 powerboat. Look out, boys and girls! Derron Blanch put it best when he predicted: "We will literally blow Camp Netimus out of the water! We will be able to put 5 very good double skiers and as many as 4 even better slalom skiers on the water. I am hoping that we will actually be able to put 'four up,' we may even succeed in getting 'five up!' Readers! Stay tune for next week's edition of your camp cyber newsletter. The best is yet to come!

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Kayak and Tripping Program Treks Five Campers to New York's Fire

Island For Three Days of Kayak Surfing

It takes more or less four hour drive from Camp Shohola to New York's Fire Island. The Long Island resort community provides some of the best surf conditions on the northeast coastline. This past week the Kayak and Tripping staff took 5 lucky Working Senior campers to demonstrate their skills on the 5-foot swells banking of the New York shoreline. Kayak instructor John Allen exclaimed that Working Senior, Eric Spannhake demonstrated the best improved skills of the entire group. Kayak surfing demands dynamic paddling skills to access the best waves. Then the kayaker must learn to watch for which wave conditions present the best "carving" possibilities. "Carving" is the learned skill of paddling behind the wave in order to position yourself to "lean" effectively into the wave to acquire the best "hang time." According to John Allen expert kayak surfers must demonstrate an acute eye for the proper wave dynamics and then acquire very tough balancing and coordination instincts to surf with the kayak. Joining Eric on this trip were other Working Seniors Marc Shinn-Krantz, Justin Von Schmidt, Jamie Ayers, and cabin 16 senior, Alex Hecker. Tripping staff counselor Phil Tolley represented the Tripping staff on this ocean sojourn.

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Shohola 'Rock Dawgs' Triumph at Pike County Rock Climbing Tournament

Rock climbing counselors Eric Shansby and Andries Van Den Berg, better known as "Varkie," led 10 Shohola climbers to a very convincing first place win in the Pike County Rock Climbing Tournament. The tournament took place at Camp Pine Forest ropes course. There were three major elements to competitively test the "Rock Dawgs' basic climbing skills. First was the "prusik" elements which demonstrates climbers' ability to manage a self-rescue using three hanging ropes. Climber must use one rope attached to a waist harness, another rope attached to one foot. A third rope used to elevate oneself back up the 30-foot rope hang. The second climbing element to challenge campers is called the "giant ladder." This is a 30-plus foot element in which giant wooden rungs are supported by two heavy ropes. Climbers demonstrate their ability to coordinate their respective team work skills in supporting each other up the 30-foot rope ladder. The other main element to test campers' mettle was the huge "rock wall." Ropes course competition tests contestants ability to successfully handle difficult climbing elements in the least amount of time.

Competing in the 10-under prusick and climbing elements for Shohola were Juan Manuel Jimenez and D.J. Dennis. In the 13-under prusick, climbing and giant ladder elements were Brian Bomalaski and Hector Vazquez and Jesse Moy, and in the 16-under climbing and prusick was Justin Cohen-Shapiro, and in

the 16-under giant ladder was Chris Gkahopoylos and Phil Weiner.

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Shohola Barn Continues to Expand Its Program and Potentials

The Shohola barn welcomed 2 new horses this year. "They're a matched pair of jet black Tennessee Walkers named 'Blackjack' and 'Bandit'," said Rachel Cartland, Shohola Stable Director, and 7-year veteran. "Campers tell me," Rachel reports, "that they have amazingly smooth trots and canters. They are both only 8-years-old and belong to a local family. We hope they'll be available to us for years to come."

Also, thanks to Kit Barger, our thoroughbred horse "Doc" who has been suffering from arthritis since 1998, has been successfully placed with an adoption agency in Maryland. Horsenet is a small charity which aims to treat sick horses and places them as companions with families. They report that "Doc" is doing great and they already feature him on their website. Check it out, folks.

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Shohola Makes Its Mark at First Month Horse Show

Shohola riders did well at the annual, first-month Netimus Horse Show. Shohola fielded 30 riders in equitation, jumping and games. Our boys showed great spirit and demonstrated excellent riding skills. Among the ribbon winners were Chris Gibson (cabin 5), Nick Bando (cabin 8) won, count them all, THREE blue ribbons (1st place, if you have to ask) in equitation and in jumping. Eric Adelman (cabin 13) "placed" in jumping,; Megan Johnson, grand daughter of Laura and Reino Johnson, long time Shohola staffers) won a trot class in great style. Alex Sharp (cabin 8) presented our veteran quarter horse, "Preacher" in a best turned out class. They won, despite having "Preacher's" mane braided in pink! Working Seniors Eric Spannhake and Andy Meyerson took on more experienced riders in jumping and triumphed. "There was outstanding sportsmanship from all!" Rachel explained happily. "There is more and better to come second month." We cant wait.

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Let There Be Light, and There Was Light!

For years campers and counselors have unsuccessfully lobbied Camp Director Kit Barger to install an outdoor lighting system on the basketball and hockey courts so that late evening and

night games can be played outdoors deep into the second session of August. Finally, this year Shohola is blessed with a state-of-the-art outdoor lighting system.

To officially inaugurate the system, camper and counselor alumni Mark Berman and John Cardin, who have returned to Shohola every single summer since their mid-80's departure, along with fellow returning alumni, Keith Tabaztnik, Greg Cannally, and Dr. Dan Rifkin, staged a fabulous mid-night event for the entire camp to launch the entire system. They arranged for the "Working Seniors" to wake up all campers, sleeping snuggled in their bunk beds, and escort them to the ball courts for a pitched black, mysterious mid-night surprise.

Fifteen minutes before midnight all campers were seated on the new hillside stairway that leads campers from the cabin hill down to the courts. Campers waited patiently in total darkness, with flash lights blazing all about, wondering what in the heck was all the commotion about, waking them up and marching them out into the warm night air. Suddenly the blazing night lights were switched on. There, parked on the basketball court was the flat bed truck with a loud speak and musical broadcast system that blared out the midnight rituals. Returning Head Counselor Matt Milnor acted as senior sportcaster, describing the unfolding events with the finesse of a professional stand-up comic. These perpetually happy alumni pranksters also provided peanuts and popcorn for all the sleepy-eyed spectators.

The alumni, who entitle themselves "PWP" (meaning either People With, or Without--depending whom you have asked!--

Power) stelhally organized themselves into a motley crew of bare chested hockey players, all decorated with body paint. Working Senior, Alex Zuckerman declared himself the "PWP" mascot, costumed himself up in body paint and crape paper, and performed the hysterically laughable "truffle shuffle" to offer up his lucky charms to both teams. The Alumni invited all four of the current Head Counselors to join their team. They then challenged the Shohola counseling staff to compete against their alleged athletic prowess. Everyone got down to a fiercely competitive, 20-minute game. The campers cheered for their favorite team, all the while munching on free popcorn and peanuts. "Whats a good midnight hockey game without peanuts and popcorn?" asked Marc, John and Dan Rifkin jointly.

Funnily enough the game ended in a tie. Berman and Cardin brought out the ritual bubbly apple cider. When all the campers returned to their cabin and 12:30 AM, they were treated to yet another surprise: free pizza and soda, again, courtsey of the visiting alumni. Most definitely that will be one for Shohola's immortal tradition, "We Remember So Well." Build it, and they will come. Light it, and they will play deep into the night.

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**'Campers of the Week' Recognized at Sunday's Weekly Campfire
Hector Vazquez, Gabe Hanna and the Insler Brothers Top the List**

Every week at Sunday's Campfire counselors recognize campers in their respective activities who have achieved something special or whose behavior is especially commendable. The following campers were recognized this past Sunday for special mention of outstanding effort during this first week of the second session:

Waterfront

Swimming

- Michael Glassman
- Aaron Insler
- Elon Bridget

Kayaking

- Athan Silverman
- J.P. Colussi
- Alex Hecker

Water Skiing

- Aaron Insler
- Milan Cimera

Canoeing

- Gabe Hanna
- Matt Gillespie

Windsurfing

- Kevin Wright

Landsports

Tennis

- Gabe Hanna

Upper Camp Football

- Jordon Holtzman-Conston

Softball

- Quin Trigg
- Brian Onley
- Marshall Rader
- David Hecker
- Eric Green
- Aaron Insler
- Alex Ettinger
- Ben Elkind
- Juan Manuel Jimenez
- Matt Seskin
- Malcolm Hale
- Brad Yapchanyk

Archery

- Tony Calderer

Riflery

- Justin cohan Shapiro

Basketball

- Andrew McRostie

Riding

- Fernando Laposse

Ping Pong

- Fernando Leon

Tripping

Ropes

- D.J. Dennis
- Hector Vazquez
- Jesse Moy

Arts and Crafts

Rocketry

- Hector Vazquez

Silvershop

- Alex Manning

Woodshop

- Peter Zhou

CommTech

Video

- Hector Vazquez
- Elliot Williams

Photography

- Taylor Matson

Radio

- E.J. Swager

Chess

- Justin Von Schmidt

Design and Innovation

- Hector Vazquez

Pascal

- Neil Dowgun

**Volunteering to become the Camp Shohola magazine "The Argus"
editor**

- Gabe Canan-Zucker

That's all folks. Until next week's edition: Best wishes from all us happy campers to all you, happy campers. Cool breezes. Safe Keeping, Happy Trails.

Peace Out.

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