1994 Camp Shohola Argus

These articles are from the 1994 edition of the Camp
Shohola "Argus". They are all from the Communications and
Technology Program area.

Thanks for your interest.

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INTERNET
By: Chris Bayh and Bryan Levy
    Cabin 8        Cabin 5

     Internet is a world-wide computer accessing system. It
offer billions of amazing and useful features from Russia's
KGB to the Australian botanical gardens.

     One of the many accessors is the World Wide Web.  On
the WEB you can access a computer to almost every
University or city on the face of the globe. "How hard is
it to learn?" you ask?  Surprisingly very easy, the easiest
on the internet system.  On the WEB you can talk to people
in countries worldwide. You can look at NASA launch
schedules and weather forecasts from anywhere. But the WEB
is just one of the many internet accessories.

     Telnet is another available accessory. On Telnet, You
access through 6 categories:

.GOV (government)
.MIL (military)
.EDU (education)
.ORG (organization)
.COM (commercial)
.NET (network)

One of Shohola's main Telnet accessors is York College, or
Telnet YCP.EDU.  We usually use Tom Gibson's account when
we log on to the internet.  However, Camp Shohola has it's

own direct internet access through the Keystone Information Access System.  Our E-mail address is:"shohola@yrkpa.kias.com",  and our WEB address is http://yrkpa.kias.com/~shohola.

 We can also access our keystone account from any other internet site by telnetting to:

199.171.38.4.

     Internet isn't only research and business, it can be lots of fun, too!  Internet offers thousands of interesting games that involve people from all over the world at the same time.  Last week we were playing the game "farside" and talked with other players as we continued our quest for money, power, and fame.  Another game we sometimes play is the EOTL or the End of the Line, a game from Stanford University in California.  There are usually more than 100 players on at the same time wandering through the electronic maze.
     One of the most amazing things we did on the internet was talk to a Russian spy from Moscow.  We were on a chat channel talking to Vlad when he came back and knew Tom's last name and birthday.  Then he said "The Russian KGB knows everyone and everything."
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RADIO
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Cabin 5


    Radio is one of my favorite classes.  You learn to use
the console, play cds, records, carts, and cassettes.  You
can become a DJ (disk jockey) and do radio shows which are
broadcast all over camp.
    It is really cool to do radio shows!  It is a good way
to be heard plus you get feed back from other kids about
how you did.
    If you ask me radio is a fun and exciting activity.


T.V. PRODUCTION
By: Bryan Levy
Cabin 5


    In TV Production you make and edit videos.  This
month's music video is Cherokee, a song about the Cherokee
Indian's conflict with the White Men searching for gold.
    During the first week of class we learned how to use
the camera and decided which song to use for the music
video.  We learned different camera movements.  Moving a
camera side to side is called a pan.  When you move the
camera up and down it is called a tilt.  We also learned
how to zoom, focus and white balance.
     Correct color is achieved through white balancing.  If
you were to white balance on a red card everything would
have a blue hue.  Indoor lighting is different from
outdoor lighting. Indoor light burns at 3200 Kelvin degrees
while outdoor light burns at 5600 Kelvin degrees".  In
order to white balance we put a white sheet of paper in
front of the camera.  We had to make sure the paper was in
the same light as the object being recorded.  After we
focused on the white paper we pushed the white balance
switch and we were all set.
    One of the major problems we had when taping was
holding the camera still.  We used a tripod to keep the
camera from shaking.  We also had to watch for noseroom and

headroom.  This is when you leave enough room between the head or nose, and the edge of the screen.  We also had problems with focusing so we used the automatic focus.  Using the automatic focus can create problems, "the automatic focus will only focus on the object in the center of the screen.  If you want to focus on the background you have to use manual focus".

Editing was the last thing we did in tv production.  We edited between the camcorder and a vcr.  Tom Gibson said that "when you edit you eliminate unwanted footage and select the shots in the proper order."

One thing I found out television isn't as glamorous as you think.  There is a lot of hard work and waiting. You have to wait for the talent to be ready and you have to wait for the camera person to be ready.  But the waiting is worth it in the long run because we produced one of the best videos Camp Shohola has made.


PHOTOGRAPHY
By: Andrew Shansby
Cabin 8


Photography is one of my favorite classes in CommTech.  We learn how to take , develop and structure a picture.  Photography is really great here in the middle of the forest and right next to a lake.  With people always playing sports, there can always be a sports or nature portrait.

My teacher is Helen and she helps make the class very enjoyable.  The other teachers are Matt, Jon and Jason. We also have the freedom to take pictures where ever we want, or to develop which ever picture we want to.

In all I like it because of the freedom, the fun, and of course the product.

ELECTRONICS
By: Max Preston
Cabin 7

In Electronics you study the parts of electrical components and then use that knowledge to build an electrical device such as a hidden tormentor, a Nerve tester or shocking device, or an electronic bird. Electronics isn't just memorizing the names of parts. You must learn how every part looks and interacts with other components. This may not sound very important, but it is. If you are looking for a transistor that is marked red, gold, green, black and you put one on that is marked brown, gold, green, black then the whole project won't work.

I asked Eric Cacioppo why he chose to build the digital roulette wheel and he said "A kid in my cabin built it last year and it looked pretty cool." then I asked Jeff Kozlowicki why he chose the FM transmitter and he said " I wanted to mess up other people's radio signals and broadcast to my parents radio."

Electronics is taught by Bebo, Richard and Tom. So as you can see, Electronics isn't just playing around with parts. It is pretty complicated at first, but once you know the parts, Electronics is just plain fun!


The Shohola
Theatre Company
By Matt Smith


During the past six years at Camp Shohola, the stage has been enlightened by the actors of the Camp Shohola Theatre Company. Every year the play turns out to be a complete success and This year was no exception. The comedy, drama, props, and actors all went together perfectly. This year's actors were Brian Grayev, Evan Schweitzer, Madison Smith, Gus Taber, and myself, Matt Smith. The wonderful crew consisted of Tom Badoud, Mark Rudenstien, and Barry Frish. We were also helped by Mariel

Nunes, Sipho Simela, Hiedi Wilson, and Christy Noone and
Harriet Whitehurst.
    Everyone in the class did a great job puting on the
play, "It Wasn't Your Ordinary Summer", and had a fun time
doing it.


COMPUTERS
By: Ike Himowitz
Working Senior

    This year computers was offered once every day and
taught by Ike Himowitz and Aaron Weiss.  The Computer class
was taught on IBM compatibles and explained how to use
programs such as  MS DOS, basic programming, Microsoft
Windows, and Norton Utilities.  These programs are very
basic to proper computer use and will be helpful during
school and later in life.
    Computers class was not all serious however.  We also
enjoyed many of the games that are possible to use.  One of
the favorites of the classes was a game called The Seventh
Guest.  This game combines computer animation with sound
and video capabilities to create a challenging game where
the player must solve various logic puzzles to solve a
murder.
    In general, computers class was fun and interesting,
and the class should continue to be taught
at Camp Shohola.