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## The Editors Present: The Introduction.

It is an honor to be an editor of the Argus. The Argus has been a part of Camp Shohola since before anyone can remember, and it is truly honoring to be part of such a tradition. Yet the tradition of the Argus is as long as that of Camp Shohola, therefore everyone who is a camper of Shohola should be honored. Whether or not a camper writes or edits for the Argus does not nearly compare to the tradition and enthusiastic spirit that Camp Shohola possesses. Those counselors that have been here at Camp Shohola for 20, 30, and even 40 years can certainly identify with the tradition, having seen the additions to the dining hall, the erosion of the hill, the building of the ropes course and CommTech, the development of the kayaking program, the growing land sports program, and most importantly, the thousands of new delighted faces when they first arrive at camp. I am currently in my fourth year at camp Shohola, and I am starting to feel and realize the great traditions and the great people of Camp Shohola. As the years go by at Camp Shohola, anyone identifies with the old yet strong spirit of Shohola. The spirit is so thick and mighty it can grab a soul and never let go. This firm grasp that the spirit takes is unbreakable as campers come back to Shohola year after year. They cannot leave the spirit of camp, and as those campers mature into both counselors and adults, they return as alumni. That tradition of Shohola can never leave the soul of an alumni, and campers and alumni both wonder why. The answer is simple. The spirit is growing because of them. They grow with the spirit, and become a part of it, and that spirit of Shohola grows every year when more new faces show up. I tell you this because I hope that you can identify with my words and

realize that you are a part of Shohola, and even if you never return, Shohola will always be a part of you. I encourage you to look for what you love so much about camp, and when you return embellish it, give Shohola the addition only you can give, and keep the tradition alive and growing.

-Conor Dunn

Being my fifth year at Camp Shohola, I can understand and identify with much of what my friend and cabin mate, Conor Dunn, has just written. Shohola is a Camp that has grown with the times and has slowly evolved into what it is today. I can still remember my first year here. The fear of being away for a WHOLE month, the fear that the food would be terrible and that I would starve to death, and the one thing that scares everyone when they go to a new place is, if they would be able to make friends. All of these fears turned out to be false. I became friends with many campers and slowly I, too, began to feel the traditions. I became part of the whole Shohola and not just another camper. This is something that many camps try to achieve but seldom succeed. Coming home after my first year, I felt like I had created another world aside from the one at home. To this day I find camp and home to equally important worlds in my life. As I grew older, I started to notice the new campers come in and see them slowly fit into the whole scheme of Shohola. They changed from no-name campers to members of a community in a little over a week. This is the reason why so many campers return every year, they feel they owe it not only to themselves to return, but to the camp.

Now, as I sit here writing this, I find it is hard to come up with things to write about. When you leave a family what is there really to say? Nothing can express feelings quite the way you want. That

is why some of the best good-byes are the simplest ones. Above is my feeble attempt at expressing some feelings below is my good-bye.

Someday, when this article will be some of the only evidence that I went here, kids will be in this exact position as me doing exactly what I was doing. It still amazes me that in my first year, I had admired and looked up to working seniors such as Jason Samenow, now I am in the exact place where he and 20 other campers were five years ago. After five years, I have seen many campers come and go. Now it is my turn to leave and in my time spent here I have learned many things and met many new friends. As I grow older, I won't forget that much of my early life was spent up here in Greeley. Thank you Kit and Marilyn Barger and all the counselors who have taught me in the past five years. Good-bye

-Micah Baskir

## CULTURES COMPARED CABIN 1

The following questions were asked to people from different countries.

1. Do you have different social classes? If so, what are they?
2. What is the landscape of your country like?
3. Does the government require and pay for education? Do you have private schools?
4. What do children do in the summer?
5. What do children do for entertainment?

## UNITED STATES

1. Low, middle, and upper classes.
2. Deserts, mountains, plains, lakes, and forests.

3. Government mandates elementary, middle, and high schools. One has a choice of preschool and college. Schools can be private or public (free).
4. Go to camp, hang out at home, go on vacations
5. Play games, sports, play with friends, and go to parks.

#### SPAIN

1. Yes, almost the same as US.
2. Forest, plains, and mountains. As an animal we have Gamucino.
3. We have institutes and private schools payed by Government. We also have preschool.
4. We go to the beach, and have a lot of fun.
5. They play football (soccer), go to the cinema, and they also bullfight (at least they learn how to do it)

#### GERMANY

1. Yes, especially in the eastern part.
2. On the southwestern part there we touch the Alps a little bit, but the highest point is the "Zugsporte". Many forests and rivers.
3. The schools the government pays for are called Kindergarten, main-school and gymnasium.
4. Go to camp, go on trips, visit other countries, stay at home, and go to the movies.
5. Play games, go to the airama, and play sports.

#### MEXICO

1. Yes, the same but there are a lot of people in the middle and low class range
2. Desert, mountains, and volcanos of 16,000 ft. Mexico is 6,000 ft over sea level and also has jungles and rivers and a lot of animals.
3. We don't have many public and private schools.

Government requests preschool and middle school.  
Almost everybody has a middle school education.  
4. People go out of city but most stay and look for  
summer work, so they can have fun during the rest  
of the summer.  
5. Soccer, concerts, bullfight, cinema, and town  
parties.

#### CABIN TWO'S OVERNIGHT CABIN 2

We had our overnight on July 12. We chose  
Friday night because we were suppose to have the  
overnight one week prior, but most people were at  
the Red Barons game. It was held in the rec hall.  
We had a choice between sleeping in the rec hall  
and watching a movie or sleeping on Blueberry  
Island.

When we were preparing for the overnight the  
first thing we did, of course, was bring our sleeping  
bags into the building. Then we went to the dining  
hall to get our breakfast for the next morning and  
the sodas for our pizza party that night. Our  
counselor picked up the pizza from a local  
restaurant. Evan Berenholtz said "I think the pizza  
was better than camp's."

In the morning we had cereal and  
a danish instead [of watching the ending of the  
movie. I think everyone had a great time."

The overnight ended Saturday morning during the  
big rain storm. We had to go back to the cabin in  
the rain. Everything got soaked and all of us were a  
mess.

#### GREEN VS WHITE CABIN 3

The green and white competitions have been going on for 55 years. First of all the camp is split up into teams, green and white and Working Seniors become the captains. Norman Summers and Rob Kaplan are this year's co-captains of the green team and Jacob Wolfsheimer and Conor Dunn are the co-captains of the white team.

Various events make up the Green-White competition. The events of the first month consists of two quizzes, a mystery marathon and the Olympics.

At this very moment green is in the lead. The leading team gets to have their flag fly on the pole. The winning team for the summer gets to have their name engraved on the cup and the wall.

Here is what some campers have to say about the competition. Jeff Schroeder cabin 4 - "I think it is fun because you have to have a lot of team spirit to play." Jason Klein cabin 5 - "I think that it's a great thing for a camp to have not many other camps have it." Mike Bomze cabin 12 - "I like how it's original. I think more land sports events should be added."

#### CAMPERS SPEAK OUT: LIKES AND DISLIKES THE CABIN 4 CONSENSUS

"What I like most is being away from my parents. It's like you're free of them for a month and that's cool." Said Peter Goldberg amongst the nods of his cabin mates.

It seems the boys in Camp Shohola (or at least the ones in cabin 4) seem to like the same things. There's nothing out of the ordinary about what they like: "The sports," says Siphon Simela; "the crafts, and especially the cabin," says Eric Schatzkin.

Aside from typical camp life lay the special events and some of the intricacies that make camp what it is. As Steven Gulliksen says: "I like the fact that there are so many people who are here from foreign

countries. It's good to hear them speak their different languages and stuff.." Steven later goes on to say, with full cabin agreement, that he likes the dances, even if they try to make the kids sing and do knot tricks.

One thing that stands out in cabin 4's mind is the amount of activities that are available to them. "Riding is awesome." says Joe Santoro-Sharkey, "and what makes it cooler is that Matt's my counselor."

Among the other camp activities that the kids of cabin 4 only learn at camp are kayaking, windsurfing, canoeing, water-skiing, archery/riflery, silvershop, woodshop and stained glass.

The next important thing about camp that cabin 4 thinks is important is the actual cabin. The friendships and fights, along with the cabin's identity, help to make camp special. "The people you live with are real important," says Jeff Schroeder, "because it's like if you have a fight with them they'll still back you up and help you out."

That's basically it. That's what cabin 4 likes. On the dislikes side there aren't many things.

"The dislikes include clean-up" - Jeff Schroeder.

"Canteen only three times a week."- Tanner Dierman.

"Swimming"- Stephen Gullikson.

"The retaining wall"- Eric Schatzkin.

"Getting out of bed" - Sipho Simela.

"Being called cute by Netimus girls" - Peter Goldberg.

## NATURE AND CAMP

### CABIN 5

Does nature affect us everyday? When Doron Metlay from cabin 5 was asked this question, his response was "It does, like rain when you miss activities and the Olympics."

Thunderstorms can create a power outage and when we get bad electrical storms the phones are cut off in some of the camp areas. This year we had big thunderstorms which made a lot of deep



puddles and flooded As we are writing this article we are waiting out the outpass rain from the hurricane Bertha.

Many people are allergic to various parts of nature. Chris Swensen is allergic to pollen, poisonous plants, and insects. It turns out that just about everybody at camp is allergic to something.

Campers get to watch tomatoes and berries grow. Each day some campers look for ripen black raspberries and blackberries berries planted in front of the CommTech building. The berries have been here for at least fifteen years and ripen toward the middle of July. This year I planted four and they all have green tomatoes. We should have ripe tomato plants by the end of the month if we get some sun".

THE WAY THINGS WERE . . . THE WAY THINGS ARE . . .  
BY JASON SAMENOW  
Cabin 6, Counselor

If someone were to turn back the clock about ten years, he would probably see a Shohola full of campers wearing long tube socks up to their knees and short Addidas shorts while sporting longer hair down to at least their necks. Now campers more frequently are decked out in long lacrosse shorts or khakis while wearing their hair much shorter. The staff's look has also changed. Rather than being mostly American, Shohola now boasts a truly international staff with counselors from all over the world. But what else has changed? Actually, quite a bit.

Ten years ago there was no deck so most large meetings occurred in the dining hall or at what were called the "Green Chairs." The working seniors did not have their own cabin so they slept in the "Pit" under the dining hall. In between Cabin One and Two there were no extra bathrooms and there was no

wall but, in that space, a cabin called the "Annex" similar in size to Cabin 10. CommTech was half its current size as the addition was not put on until 1990.

Camp has also experienced some other less noticeable changes. Coke used to be served out of glass bottles rather than cans. OD's used to inspect cabins, now Kit does. The lake front was once restricted by overgrown brush, now fishermen enjoy several new docks. In addition, new lean-to's provide shelter for overnights, while new spiffy signs give Shohola a sharper image.

Some of the most significant changes at camp have occurred in many of its program areas. In most cases, the camp has expanded its activity offerings although a few classes have been dropped due to a lack in popularity.

Ten years ago waterfront had far fewer crafts as land sports were most popular. Since then, however, the waterfront has expanded dramatically adding dozens of kayaks, canoes and windsurfs to its fleet. The kayak and windsurfing trip programs have particularly blossomed.

The kayakers now paddle the Big "Y", the Potomac river, the Atlantic ocean and just added a trip to rivers in Massachusetts. Windsurfers now enjoy the ocean surf and have also taken trips to Lake Wallenpaupack. Fly-fishing is the latest addition to the waterfront and seems to be gaining popularity. The only casualty in the waterfront has been the rowing program which lost popularity mainly due to the rise of the kayaking and windsurfing programs.

Land sports have changed little in the past ten years although a couple of notable programs have been added. The golf program, after a long hiatus, was brought back by Duncan Barger several years ago. Now a number of golf classes are offered and there are weekly trips to local courses. The newest land sports activity at camp is lacrosse which was added last year. This activity has proved to be an

immediate success and Shohola is already establishing itself as a lacrosse powerhouse. A couple of years ago, there was an experiment with badminton but it never caught on.

The CommTech area has continued to expand over the past 10 years. Shohola was one of the first camps to offer computer programming in the early 1980's. Although programming is not as popular as it once was, the CommTech program has stayed on the cutting edge of technology by adding Internet classes with the explosion of cyberspace. The Videography program recently acquired a three-tube professional camera and has added professional editing equipment, perfect for fine tuning news broadcasts and music videos.

The only addition in the crafts area has been stained glass. This activity caught on quickly and is here to stay.

Finally, the ropes course and the rock climbing trips may be the largest activity program additions to camp over the past 10 years. There are now several rock climbing day trips each week as well as the occasional overnight trip. New initiatives are added to the ropes course each year providing new challenges to even veteran campers.

In spite of all these changes, the old adage "the more things change, the more they stay the same" holds true at Shohola. Things such as the daily schedule, green/white competition, carnival and klondike day, canteen, bidding, inspection, muster, campfire songs and the occasional pillow fight are Shohola traditions which have always been here. It is these traditions which will continue to define Shohola's character as the 20 th century comes to a close even as the camp's external "look" changes with time.

CHANGES IN CAMP

## CABIN 7

There are many new things in Camp Shohola this year. New changes, developments, and people have found their way into camp. One thing is that Cabin 10 was shut down to campers this year and made into an office for Pepe and Duncan.

Many new counselors have made appearances in camp this year. No doubt the new counselors will find a place in their heart for Shohola as most people do.

Along with the new counselors, comes the new laws that are enforced by them. Due to the continuous sneaking out at night, a very harsh but fair rule has been added to camp. If a camper is caught sneaking out, they will spend at least one hour on the retaining wall. The same goes for cursing.

During rest hour this year, once a week an extra shower has been added. Many kids feel that this is unnecessary. However, most cabins might vouch for the fact that this is untrue. Just smell them.

In the infirmary this year, Bill and Andrew have taken over Ali Verdia's legacy and are doing a fantastic job.

The new porch being added to the CommTech building this year will surely add more support to camp as a whole, not just to the building.

One of the changes that parents might notice would be to the telephone system. We added a new phone line (95) and when you dial the camp number and it is busy, the new number will ring. If both 99 and 95 are busy then 97 will ring.

We have also had to change our e-mail address effective August 1, 1996. Our Internet service provider for the last two years went out of business and we had to change to a new ISP. Our new e-mail address is shohola@ptd.net. We also have registered [www.shohola.com](http://www.shohola.com) with InterNIC. Our home page on the world wide web is now just <http://www.shohola.com>. Camp is beginning to shape up quite nicely; and

hopefully it will continue to do so.

SLUGGERS-DODGERS LITTLE LEAGUE  
SOFTBALL GAME  
CABIN 8

On July 11, the Sluggers beat the Dodgers 14 to 8 in Little League softball action. Matt Hill on the bad luck dodgers said, "The game stunk". The Dodgers played well, but were no match for the Sluggers. Barry Frish said that the sweeping won the game. The reason for that is every time that he played sweeper, the sluggers either got a hit or scored a run. Someone said that the Sluggers had a good day. The coach of the dodgers said, "The team is on a losing streak. The Dodgers were not doing well today."

AN INTERVIEW WITH LARRY AARONSON  
By Matt Taylor

Q: When was your first year at camp?

A: 1950. I was nine years old.

Q: Do you like it here?

A: I love it here.

Q: What year did you first become staff?

A: 1956. Cabin one and two were called junior camp. I was counselor for cabin 1.

Q: Do you like photography?

A: Yes. I take lots of pictures at camp because it is very photogenic.

Q: Does this camp bring back any memories?

A: It brings back hundreds and hundreds of memories. I spent twenty out of the last forty-six summers here and if I was not working I was visiting.

Q: What has camp added since you were a kid?

A: CommTech, Ropes, Kayaking, Wind Surfing, Fly Fishing/Fishing, Lacrosse, Junior Camp, Dining Hall Deck, Hockey, Stained Glass, Rocketry

Q: Were there any activities then and not now?

A: Nature program, Camp Craft which taught you how to survive in the wilderness, Indian Lore which taught you about Indians.

#### SURFING IN THE U.S.A. CABIN 11

On Wednesday, June 26 at 7:25 a.m., a van left Camp Shohola with six kids, two counselors, and seven kayaks. The van was on its way to Smith Pt., Fire Is., NY. Even though 3 days had passed since camp started, going through the countryside still amazed the campers in the van ride.

By 12:00 p.m., the van had arrived at its destination. In Dan Lichtman's words, "The windy air and smell of salt felt great after a 4 hour ride." Rushing, everyone unpacked the van and stuffed down their lunch to start surfing the waves. The counselors meant for the day to be the kind of day where everyone would learn how to surf the waves, and by the end of the day everyone did.

For every camper on the trip (except for Jim Cheston who went on the trip before), the day was full of flipping in every way possible. Dan

Lichtman did an amazing pirouette. Even with lots of bruises and scratches on the bodies, by the end of the day everyone could surf the waves fine.

After four hours of kayaking, most of the campers ate dinner and went to sleep knowing that they had a big day tomorrow. "The day had finally arrived," said B.J. Pawlowsky. A fun-filled day of surfing waves and more was ahead. Cereal and last night's dinner was turned into a brunch, so there would be no stopping in the middle of the day. The waves were small, so it was easy to teach the campers different ways of surfing. These tricks were done right, on occasion. Other tricks were also done. Simon was able to surf the waves backwards. Just riding the waves was awesome, though.

Then there was a rest hour where some kids looked on the beach scoping out babes. After rest hour, the waves got bigger. The kayakers were able to jump them. It was tiring. When the kayaks flipped, they were dragged by the waves. When kayaks flip, they should be pushed on to the sand, or a wet exit should be performed. However, almost all the campers did 360s by the waves. On this trip it doesn't matter how good one is because it is a whole different kind of kayaking.

By the end of the day, everyone was hungry and tired. The campers had chili, mashed potatoes and salad. Then they got ice cream. The next day we packed and made our way back to camp.

#### A DELAYED FUN-FILLED DAY AT THE OLYMPICS CABIN 12

On Saturday July 13, the Green-white Olympics should have taken place. But due to heavy storms from nearby tropical storm Bertha, they were postponed until the next day. Morning events in this

competition included the 40, 50, 60, 200, and 240 yard dashes and relays.

In the afternoon, campers competed in archery, riflery, softball throw, high and broad jumps, and cross country.

HAMFEST

CABIN 13

Lee Grabois

On Sunday July 14, the members of many CommTech classes, went to the Sussex County Hamfest. Sadly, mostly due to Hurricane Bertha, this year was not as good as past years, but as always the enthusiasm was extreme. Jeff McCloskey got three 286 computers for only \$10. I was able to get 6 keyboards for free and 3 books also for free. Matt Genkin, Reed Dunn and Avi Jutigar each got CB radios for less than \$15.00 each. I also bargained the Heretic CD from \$10 down to \$5. Jeff Crater got a TV for five dollars. Tom Gibson bought 23 video tapes for 25 cents each. All fifteen of us got a lot of stuff for free. "The Hamfest is fun and a great learning experience and people should really try to go next year," Tom said.

The Internet class used graphic interface to the World Wide Web for the first time this year. In the classes we first learned about Telnet, FTP and Gopher, and then we learned HTML and how to create our own web page. Most of us placed our e-mail addresses on the page with a press here link, to access our address. We learned how to make color backgrounds and color text. We placed links to some of our favorite sites such as Independence day. We downloaded sound bytes and pictures from the net. We are able to access the net from five accounts. They are AOL, Compuserve, AT&T, York College and Prolog. We also learned about Hot Java and Netscape. Camp Shohola is indeed on the cutting edge of technology with Internet access. You



should check out our Web pages which are linked from <http://www.shohola.com>. The Internet class would like to thank Tom Gibson, and Kit for giving us this opportunity.

#### WHY WE CAME TO CAMP

##### CABIN 14

By: Dan Mahlman and Jeff Schoengold

We came to camp to enjoy new experiences with people from other parts of the country and in some cases, other parts of the world. We learn of others' cultures and how to cope with bunkmates we might dislike. Here, at Shohola, we learn responsibility with chores like police duties and bunk duties. We feel what it's like to be away from familiar surroundings and to be introduced to new ones. You can do things you can't back home like water-skiing, ropes, stained glass, woodshop, silvershop, CommTech, plus skilled instruction on how to play your favorite sports better. But above all, is making friends that share the same interests and spending time with them.

Most of the people in Cabin 14 have had this experience before, but Jeff Schoengold and Mike Shear have been enjoying the Shohola experience for the first time, and they should enjoy it and its traditions for years to come.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

##### WRITING FOR THE ARGUS

##### CABIN 15

The campers of cabin 15 feel that writing for the Argus, like the other activities offered at camp, should be completely voluntary.

At Camp Shohola, different campers get to choose activities according to their own personal taste. No camper is forced to take Windsurfing for instance, or Tennis, unless they so desire. In keeping with the meritable Shohola tradition of freedom of choice, writing articles should be an act of free will.

We also feel that summer camp should be an escape from the pressures of the due-dates and deadlines evident throughout the difficult school year.

Bidding and cabin clean up are not activities we enjoy, but they are necessary for the benefit of the camp and for the enjoyment of future campers. The Argus articles that were written in the past were written voluntarily because campers felt strongly about certain topics. This not only improved the overall quality of the paper, but also made the articles more interesting. The ideal Argus provided different opinions from all the varieties of campers at Shohola. Although this year's Argus will be longer than ever before, we feel that the quality of the paper will decline, due to the fact that many of the articles are forced, and not coming from the heart.

The Argus is a great Shohola tradition, and we give credit to its remarkable past achievements and to the people who worked so hard to bring it to us. But by forcing cabins to write articles, they have disfigured the ideals that made the Argus great.

#### RESPONSE

As the camper turned in this article I asked him if he felt

better "having gotten things off his chest." He looked at me a little sheepishly and responded, "yes".

Writing, is an interest that has been declining here at Camp Shohola. Each year when we put out the call for articles the response becomes fewer and fewer. So, this year, we felt a change was in order.

Each cabin was assigned a topic and most of the cabins decided to become a team during the writing process. The writers could choose between the paper/pen or the word processor method to construct, what would eventually be, their place in Camp Shohola's history.

As two campers sat down at a computer next to me, I listened to them trying to write their piece. Two sentences into their article a debate broke out concerning a misspelled word. The discussion was going into overtime, when I decided to break in. "No wonder you guys don't like to write" I told them. "You're too concerned about the mechanics to let anything flow from your heart. Just write what you feel, editing will come later". That same day another cabin began collecting ideas for their article, when two of the campers kept shooting down a third's idea before he had a chance to fully formulate them. It turned out the third camper had some very good ideas when he was able to complete them.

Writing an article occurs in stages just like any other relationships and it is very difficult to write about something you don't care about. Many cabins, just like cabin 15, altered their assignment to fit their tastes. Likewise, many articles showed insight.

And cabin fifteen..... As far as the quality of a July Argus, this issue is in the top five (out of over 50) and you were part of it. Congrats. to all!

A DAY OF FUN IN THE CREEK  
CABIN 16

Taylortown Creek, fed by Lake Greeley, is normally a small trickling stream that winds through Camp Shohola. However, after a day of pouring rain, the creek flooded into a raging beast.

Some campers high-tailed it down to the creek and plunged into the cold and swiftly moving water for a refreshing swim. We were having a lot of fun until we were ordered by some counselors to get out of the water and leave the area. We were sent away wet, cold, and happy. We had managed to turn a rainy day into a wet 'n wild adventure.

The following articles are from the August edition of the

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Ropes

By Cabin 1

I like ropes because after you climb up, they send you down real fast. That's what I like about ropes. When you begin climbing you put on a harness and helmet. Dwayne, Miriam, John and Joe are good teachers.

When Alberto Orozco was asked about his experience climbing the wall he said "First I felt very tired, then I looked down and saw how high I was and was eager to get down. I came down the zip line which was most enjoyable."

Madison Smith says that "the ropes course is

a great experience. It helps with your mental and physical skills. It is a great challenge. The first time you try the ropes course you will get a little scared but all you need is trust in your belayer, the person whose at the other end of the rope who is keeping you from falling."

HORSEBACK COMPETITION  
By Eric Fishel & Omar Martinez  
Cabin 2

At the horseback competition there were 5 groups competing, Shohola, Netimus and three from Top Ranch.

At first Netimus was on top. Then Shohola dominated the apple bob and ever since that, Shohola showed there stuff.

In the apple bob, Madison Smith from Cabin 6 placed 1st, we also came home with 2nd and 6th place.

Some of the other events include walk-trot, walk, canter, jump, stile jumps and more.

I think Netimus won the competition.

Camp Shohola Myths and Legends  
By Andy Meyerson & Joe Zehner  
Cabin 3

There are many legends and stories floating around camp. I spoke with Tom Gibson, a 30 year veteran counselor, about these stories. I asked him who made up the stories and he said that most of the stories have a true origin but have been embellished over the years.

For instance in the story of "The Lady in Black", the lady is really Mrs. Quinzel, a neighbor of camp for more than 40 years. She

is still alive and living in Elizabeth, New Jersey and would probably be very upset to know that she has scared so many boys at camp.

In the story of "Greeley Jack", there really was a lumber jack working here in the 1880's. The legend says after he was murdered by a fellow lumberjack, his ghost wandered around the camp cutting off campers hands.

In the story of "Wolf Man Sam", Sam was an Army deserter from a nearby camp and lived in the woods with the animals. Bob Gillespie has actually seen the Wolfman along the lake road at night.

The story about Matthew and Heather Taylor is probably the scariest of them all. If you take an overnight to the old Indian graveyard on the north side of the lake you can feel the spirit of two young kids from the 1920's.

"Hugo" has terrorized the campers in cabins one and two for more than thirty years.

Tom told me that there are many other stories that are told to campers like the "Humming Moose" or "Canal Boat Carl", but you will just have to ask him about them.

## CRAFTS

By Eric Shansby

Cabin 4

Camp Shohola offers a great deal of fun and interesting art and craft classes which include Woodshop, Silvershop, Arts & Crafts, Stained Glass, and Model Rocketry.

In Woodshop, taught by Tony Nunes, you learn how to properly use hand and electric tools to build sturdy wooden projects ranging from airplanes & cars to lamps & shelves. This year in Silvershop, twisted band rings

are popular projects. In this interesting class, you learn how to solder, polish, and twist your way into simple or intricate jewelry or pattern projects. Your hands and tools are used on high quality silver & metal.

Arts & Crafts projects can be simple drawings, detailed sculptures from clay or fimo, candles, tee shirts dipped in dye or used as a canvas for material paint, needle point, bead work and some times the campers get to make edible art projects such as the GREAT chocolate chip cookies we made last Wednesday. Uncountable possibilities for projects lurk in every corner at Arts & Crafts.

Soldering, foiling, grinding, and cutting colored glass are the main skills focused on in Stained Glass. Taught by Reino, this class is a good choice if you are patient and want to make neat projects such as mirrors and flowerpots.

You can build, paint, and launch various interesting flying aircrafts in an exciting class, Model Rocketry. Constructing the rockets can be simple or difficult, depending on the modeler's experience.

As you can see, craft activities in Camp Shohola let you explore the creative boundaries set within your imagination.

## The Little League World Series Preview

By Ben Jacobs

Cabin 5

The Marauders and the Orioles are facing off in the World Series this year. Both were underdogs in the playoffs but triumphed over the Sluggers and the Dukes respectively.

The Marauders are led by the multi-talented

Nick Williams and the Orioles are led by the duo of Alex Davidoff and Barry Frish. The major factors in the World Series will be whether the Marauders pitching holds up and whether the Orioles play like they have earlier in the season when they went 0-5 or whether they will play like the Orioles who beat the Dukes, the top team in the league in the playoffs.

Another factor is the fielding, since most of the runs allowed by the Marauders have been unearned. My prediction for the World Series is Marauders beat the Orioles 7-5 with a 3 run spread.

#### Orioles

By Alex Davidoff            Barry Frish  
    Madison Smith            Steven Winkler  
                                Cabin 6

"The Orioles are a softball team in Lower Camp Little League which is played after dinner," explained Madison Smith.

"They are a very strange team," added Barry Frish. "In the first month of camp the team was 0-3. During the second month's regular season, they lost one game and won one game. Then went on to win the semi-finals.

The finals will be played Thursday afternoon."

"In the first month we were not that good" Steve Winkler said. "We lost all our games. But now we got good draft picks and have a better team".

During the second month they played the Dukes and the Marauders during the regular season, the Dukes for the semifinals, and now they will play the Marauders during the Finals



in the World Series.

"The first game we played we lost over the Dukes but we played a good game." Madison said. "The next game we played we beat the Marauders."

"In the Playoffs we played the once defeated dukes and played four innings, the score 7-7," Barry said. "But the game was called off because of the diminishing light. Sunday, the next day, we resumed the game after weekly thought. We beat them 8-7 to advance to the world series and the Marauders,"

When Alex Davidoff was asked how he likes being the pitcher for the Orioles he said, "It's not as easy as it looks. The first month didn't go that well but I'm doing better now. It seems that little league isn't as fun any more with all the trades and scandals. It was better a few years ago. Still, I play and it is fun."

### Traditions of Camp Shohola By Cabin 7

Ed Schmalzle:

Everybody likes gold rush. In fact Dave Bish only comes when we're having it. Its even fun getting to run around in the creek for a couple of hours looking for painted rocks. I think the best part of carnival is being able to cash it in and have lots of money to spend on carnival.

### Electronics By William Meyerson Cabin 7

Electronics is a very fun activity. I built two working kits. One of them is a pair

of "Pocket Dice" which simulates a pair of dice using LED's (Light Emitting Diodes). The other kit is a "Digital Bird" which makes an almost infinite variety of sounds, including bird calls. You can make many other kits from a "Hidden Tormenter", a beginning kit which annoys other people by beeping for about 2 seconds every few minutes to a "Digital Roulette", an advanced kit which simulates a roulette wheel by using LED's. However, you need the electronics teacher's permission for this particular kit. If the kit costs more than \$15, you need parental permission to build that particular kit, but most of the kits cost less than \$10. You need to have a certain skill level to build certain kits. For example, I can do beginning kits or intermediate kits because I am at about the intermediate level in electronics ("Pocket Dice" and "Digital Bird" are both intermediate kits), but I can't do advanced kits. In electronics, you first order a kit. Next, you learn how to identify the parts and what they do. Finally you learn how to solder. Then, the kits you order will show up in the mail in around the 3rd or 7th week. After that, you assemble your kit. At the end of the month, you have a working electronics kit if you follow the instructions carefully. Even if you make a mistake Tom or Mark can almost always fix it. I recommend electronics to anyone who likes electronics kits or likes my article.

A World of Differences-  
A Camp Unites

By Jeff McCloskey  
Cabin 8, Counselor

Among those that travel the world in search of recreation, there is one group of people, one nation, that consistently is awarded the distinction of being the worlds worst tourists. That honor belongs to the United States of America. Why is this, you might ask? What could it possibly be about Americans that antagonizes so many outside the US?

When Americans leave the United States, there is a great tendency to expect things to be pretty much the same as at home. We want our meals prepared the same as in America, the hotels to look and feel the same as in America, and the people to act the same as in America. In short, we expect everyone OUTSIDE America to act exactly the same as those IN America. The clear message we send is that if something is not American, it's somehow inferior. Years of telling ourselves we are the super nation have convinced us that our way is the only way, the only right way. Needless to say not everyone out there agrees with us.

America, as we all must remember, was founded by immigrants, people who came from other shores to find a better life. First came the Spanish and Portuguese, then came the British and French. They founded the first colonies in what went on to become the US. Ever since then the immigrants have kept coming, from all corners of the world; from Ireland and Scotland, from Germany and Mexico. Each successive wave of immigrants brought profound change to what we call the American way of life, bringing new ideas and traditions that blended in with existing traditions and customs, and giving us the America we know today.

Now, how does all of this affect us, what does all the above have to do with Camp Shohola?

Here at Camp Shohola we have been presented with a situation most people will never experience. We have campers and counselors from all over the world. People from England, Mexico, New Zealand, the Czech Republic and Slovakia...people who would normally never meet each other during their lives, being brought together and told to live with each other for up to two months. This brings many interesting challenges and opportunities. It also brings a definite need for one thing above all else...respect.

Our counselors come from all walks of life, and every one of them has something to offer to camp. Whether it be our Czech contingent in the laundry and kitchen, Rachel teaching horseback riding, Nancy teaching swimming, Pepe our head counselor, Suzanne teaching volleyball, or any one of the other foreign counselors who grace this camp with their presence, each one offers something unique. Each one is equally important to the functioning of this camp, and make the camp a little better than it would be without them.

Each one also comes with their own concepts, ideas, traditions and customs. This is where that need for respect comes in. Too often in America we ostracize and even condemn those whose ideas and views differ from ours. We just can't stand things that are different. This is an attitude that needs to be done away with. In this age of rapid transit, with the world growing smaller by the day, we are going to find ourselves meeting people different from us in our daily lives. Ignorance or intolerance will not work, we need to start gaining an acceptance of differences. We need to be able to allow people to be who they are, not who we think they should be.

Here in this camp, we can take an important first step in this long process. All it takes is an open mind, and a willingness to learn. I have little doubt that the many counselors and campers here

would be most willing to talk to you about where they come from, and what things are like in their own country. Among your many goals for camp, try to leave knowing more about at least one country, other than your own, than when you arrived here at camp. If Camp Shohola can help you to understand and accept others for who they are, then it shall truly have fulfilled its purpose.

How Mexico Differs from the U.S.  
By Alberto Orozco  
Cabin 11

I do not have much experience in camps but the few camps that I have been to are different from Shohola in many ways.

For starters the language, in particular, is confusing but there is an advantage to knowing a different language. You can have a private conversation within a large group of people and they won't be able to understand you.

The eating schedule is different in Mexico. At about 8:00 pm we have a little snack.

In other camps we didn't have free time and everything is done with your cabin. The atmosphere is so excellent that sometimes I forget that I am so far away from home.

I have a lot of friends in my cabin and a lot of very good activities. It might seem strange but I want to go back to Mexico and at the same time I want to stay at Shohola.

Inter-Camp Competitions  
By Tim Von Hollweg  
Cabin 12

"We need to build a trophy cabinet," Steve Rosenfeld said one afternoon during lunch.

Camp Shohola has won three Pike County Athletic Tournaments this year with a beautiful trophy as the prize. We competed against other camps such as Lake Greeley, Lake Owego, Netimus, New Jersey Y, etc.

We play almost all the sports offered including Lacrosse, Archery, Riflery, Basketball, and even swimming.

The Competitions are a good way for the campers and counselors to learn good qualities such as sportsmanship and leadership. Even if some campers don't think they are good enough to play, the coaches always let them play and give encouragement.

We also get to interact with other camps that we don't usually get to meet with.

These competitions also give us a chance to say to other camps that CAMP SHOHOLA RULES!!

#### The Karnival By Cabin 13

This year's Karnival was a great success.

Our favorite concession was ice cream, made by cabin sixteen. We thought that it was the best ice cream that we had ever tasted at the Camp Shohola Karnival, they probably made the most money.

Cabin thirteen's concession was french fries and made a lot of money "I liked the french fries," says Matt Auster of cabin 14. Although the french fries were not made in France, they were still pretty "darn tootin' good."

#### Shohola Surfs the Net By Dan Greenwald Cabin 14

In period 1-A, 4 campers selected Internet for their schedule. In this class, we learned about

how the Internet works, how resources on the Internet are organized, and how to make a World Wide Web page. We learned how the Internet works and about the different extensions that are used. Then, we were taught HTML which is the language of the Web.

In the second week of the Internet class, we actually made our own Web page complete with colors and links. It was given a link from the Camp Shohola web site (<http://www.shohola.com>).

One of the campers, Corey Brickley, told his father about the Web page. Corey's father wrote a lot of e-mail to the campers in the class. After that they started to get e-mail from the rest of his family.

Camper and Staff exchanged more than 650 e-mail messages with family and friends this summer, more than four times as many as last year. Our Home page was accessed more than two thousand times according to our web page counter. There are a number of campers and staff who are here after they found about camp on our World Wide Web Home Page.

#### A New Camper's First Day at Camp Shohola

By: Julien C. Colvin

Cabin 14

It all started one night in February. I was looking at the brochures from the camp fair my mom went to that morning. I took one look at the brochure from Camp Shohola, and in the pictures, I saw the perfect camp experience; four weeks away from home, choosing the activities that I wanted, making new friends, etc. Finding out about this camp was a dream come true to me, because most of my friends go to camps like this, and tell me how much fun they were. I wanted to experience it for myself, but I had never found an overnight camp that wasn't either

1000 miles away, or was all sports. Everyone has had an experience where nothing was familiar before, and we all know what a culture shock it is. Tony Nunes touched on this topic during the second Weekly Thought, and I agree with what he said. He said that we all have to get used to camp; the taste of the water, the daily schedule, the smell of the air, etc.

I don't know about everyone else, but on the first day of camp, my mind was so flooded with new experiences, I had a headache at bedtime. When I got to camp, the first person I met was Pepe Aguilar. Then my counselor, Joe Marchiano, came and took my trunk up to the cabin. As soon as I walked into the cabin, I met Ben Denenberg. He seemed nice, so I took the bunk under him. Then Joe took Ben, my family, and me on the camp tour. The sights I saw on the tour, that are now so familiar to me, were completely new and amazing. After the tour, I met Kit Barger, the camp director. Then back at the cabin, I met my other counselor, Ali Kinnear, and two more of my cabin mates, Dan Greenwald and Greg Lieberman. Then I went to lunch.

After lunch, my family left for Baltimore. For most of the rest of the afternoon, our cabin got to know each other, and I learned about camp, first hand, from everyone else. At about 4:00, the Baltimore\Washington D.C. bus arrived, and I met the rest of my cabin; Matt Auster, Joel Segel, Mike Santmyer, and Alex Glass. For the most part, I was very happy with my cabin. We hung around in the cabin until dinner. Because it was Sunday, the whole camp had a cookout on the hill. I can still remember the smell of the cooked burgers, which, fortunately, tasted better than lunch. After that, we went to Campfire. As I heard Kit's voice reading us a story before we had to return to our cabins, I reflected on what a great time I would have here. After Kit was finished, we went to bed on our thin, scratchy, and uncomfortable mattresses. Very soon



after lights out, I fell asleep, because I was so exhausted from my very busy, but very exciting, first day.

## The Big Y

By Jeff Kozlowicki and Noam Whitman  
Cabin 15

The Big Y was an incredible trip full of many new, interesting experiences and real food. The drive there was long and tiring, just like every other seven hour drive, but on this drive we loaded up on candy and stuffed ourselves with hamburgers, fries, and sodas.

After arriving and setting up camp, we went to a nearby natural rock slide. Everyone went down the rock side, and all were scraped by the rocks. Even the few who came away with minor injuries agreed that it was fun.

The second day was the day we were going rafting on the Youghiougheny (Yock-a-gay-nee) River. After another drive, we split up into groups of four to six people and were spoken to by a man who kept on saying the Big Y was dangerous and that it was "...not Wally World." All of the Shohola campers were forced to wear uncomfortable helmets, but the complaining ceased after we got onto the river.

Just before each rapid, all the boats pulled into an eddy and grabbed the shore, and everyone was told how to handle the next rapid. Some of the rafters who had never experienced white water were surprised by how difficult going down the first rapid was; but after the first few rapids, they began to enjoy the rafting and all fears disappeared except for a bit of anticipation when the next rapid came into view. We returned to camp with our brand new shirts on our backs, and then we had a succulent dinner and our counselors treated us to a frozen dessert. Before we knew it, the Big Y had ended.

Radio  
By David Vega  
Cabin 15

This year in Camp Shohola Radio a few new teachers were introduced plus some veterans came back to help. Jeff McCloskey and Josh Turnbull picked up many classes as first year counselors, as did Jaime Calatayud who taught Spanish radio. Matt Vilk, Jason Samenow and Tom Gibson continued their excellent work in teaching this great activity.

Radio Broadcasting has been an activity at camp Shohola for more than a quarter century. We were the first summer camp radio station and were responsible for starting a multi-million dollar business for a company that supplies equipment to summer camps and college radio stations.

In activity classes, campers learn how to operate the equipment and then sign up for shows during their free time. The most popular radio show is the rest hour show. There were many telephone call-in radio shows this summer. Many popular topics were covered from sports to political discussions. The Larry (Aaronson) King live show was the best.

The honor of being a first class DJ was achieved by many campers throughout the summer. Brian Albert, Jesse Abrams-Morley, Andy and Will Meyerson, Barry Frish, Connor Dunn and Dave Greenwood all received the Golden Disc. Eric Shansby, Jeff Kozlowicki and Nick Williams won a Silver Disc for significant improvement. The Golden Platter was awarded to Julien Colvin for being most improved and the Platinum platter was won by Rob Kaplan for being voted the best DJ in camp by the WCSR staff. The Evening News staff should also be commended for a fine job, especially Steve Rudman. Dan Greenwald did an excellent play-by play of the Little League World Series and recieved the Ruby Disc.

Radio classes were also full of 2nd, 3rd and 4th

class DJ's, with almost one hundred qualified DJ's this summer. Also new microphones and tape players improved the FM station sound. All of the new and old pieces just helped the already impressive station continue with another great year in Camp Radio.

### Why We Return to Camp Shohola Cabin 16

Many of the people here at Camp Shohola are in at least their second year. The same is true for everyone in Cabin 16. So we have asked ourselves the natural question. Why do we keep coming back? Here are some of the answers campers in cabin 16, the best cabin on or off the hill, have given:

"I keep coming back because I want to eventually be a counselor here. - Eric Cacciopo

"Because I have nothing better to do." - Dan Lichterman

"I come back so I can see my friends at camp." - Dan Blas

"I come back because it's a great place to be that I'm familiar with. - Dan Shinn-Krantz

"I come back because Shohola has become a second home to me." - Dave Trachtenberg

"I come back because I like the people, activities and everything about Shohola." - Rodrigo Pacheco

"We also come back because we are Camp Shohola - Cabin 16

Thank you for reading the 1996 edition of the Camp Shohola  
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We hope you gained some knowledge about Camp Shohola from  
the "Boys point  
of view".

Please use your browser return button to access the Camp  
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