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Jadon Hoffman cooks cheesesteaks for the Philadelphia team, while the Spanish contingent whips up its food, which included ensaladilla and paella, in the background. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)

## International Food Night spotlights cuisines

The larger international influence here at Camp Shohola allows for many fun activities that are commonly not offered at other camps.

One of these activities is International Food Night.

International Food Night is a night where campers and counselors come together to represent their part of the world through the food they cook.

Planning and cooking begins days in advance, and campers and counselors take over the kitchen to turn out the food of their home countries.

On the big day, everyone sets up ta-

bles and serves food that comes from their country or city.

Choices this year ranged from simpler dishes, such as cheesesteaks from Philadelphia, to more adven-

turous foods, such as India's Tandoori chicken.

We also had dumplings with fruit and seasonal toppings from Czech Republic;

scones and apple crumble from England; Spanish tortilla, paella, ensaladilla and gazpacho from Spain; and fried candy bars from Scotland, and much more.

In all, it was a night full of fun and trying new things.

— Robbie Zorc, Cabin 15



Shohola's English contingent shows off its food, which included scones and apple crumble, during International Food Night. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)

## Congratulations to the second-month 'S' winners!

**Daniel Bronfman**

Cabin 3

**Sean Wilson**

Cabin 5

**Pablo Zubieta**

Cabin 5

**Rodrigo Cordero Lugo**

Cabin 6

**Jasper Millhone**

Cabin 11

**Cole Mathewson**

Cabin 12

**Charlie McFadden**

Cabin 16

Throughout the summer at Camp Shohola, there are a few campers who shine above the rest. These boys are recognized with an award called the "Shohola S."

To win this award, you must surpass regular camp standards set in the cabin, be a leader, and be a person who makes camp more enjoyable for everyone.

Not only must these campers stand out in a family of amazing campers and be recognized by their peers, they must also catch the eye of their counselors.

To win the "S," a camper must receive 80 percent of the staff vote.

This honor is greatly cherished, and the recipients should be congratulated.

# SHOHOLA SPIRIT

## Dedication

In the process of finding a person to dedicate this month's edition of *The Argus* to, one name stood out among the rest. This person is Leticia Loyola, known also as Tia Lety. Not only does she do the necessary job of laundry, but she can also brighten anyone's day with a hello and a smile.

Every day she works for very long amounts of time without much appreciation. To work without acknowledgment is a tough task, and she handles it perfectly. This work ethic that Tia Lety lives and breathes is one of the many reasons that she is deserving of this *Argus* dedication. Lety, everyone at Camp Shohola would like to let you know that we love you and appreciate you very deeply. On the behalf of this fine camp, Lety, this *Argus* is dedicated to you.



Tia Lety, right, poses with Mariel Delgado.

## The magic of campfire

"Shoop. Shoop."

With those words, the smoke begins to rise from the campfire pit and, second later, flames climb toward the sky.

At some campfires, Crayola Man, a.k.a. Uncle Larry, magically lights the fire by asking campers to clap their hands and pat their heads, hips and bellies. But the magic never works without the magic word: Shoop.

It's an electric fire.

There are pipes to the pit. It's remote controlled.

These are all theories, but very few people know for sure.

"The trick's real simple," said Larry. "But there is always the magic that the trick is going to work."

This is Larry's philosophy about any trick disguised by magic.

In the end, the mysterious fire-lighting ritual enhances the Shohola spirit in all of us, and it has for more than 30 years.

— *Domiziano Gualtieri, Cabin 7*

## Senior Will

Edmond Astolfi.....leaves his contraband Chicago Bulls basketball at airport security  
Andrew Calhoun.....leaves his Pokémon swag to Kamil Jones  
Diego Cordero.....leaves his infectious smile to Miguel Pallares  
Jesse Farley.....leaves his sneaker heat to Daniel Perry  
Byette Garrett.....leaves his fire spitting to Tommy White  
Sully Hamdan.....leaves his Stalk the Lantern skills to Rob Paderofsky  
Patrick Hardy.....leaves his imposing stature to all the vertically challenged campers  
Ben Harrison.....leaves his woodshopitude to Sebi Sola-Sole  
Dylan Knudsen.....leaves his ability to M.I.A. during cabin clean-up to Brice Schleman  
Simon Main.....leaves his British accent to that muppet Charlie McFadden  
Ansel Montgomery...leaves his expertly hidden Gatorade to Camp Shohola  
Oscar Perez-Verdia...leaves his big, round belly to Lorenzo Orozco  
Alex Richman.....leaves his eternal youth to Jadon Hoffman  
Charles Sabbagh.....leaves his French-ness to timide personne Ben Silber-Marker  
Morgan Shahi.....leaves his chess aficionado to Hanson Koota Bear  
Sean Warrington.....leaves his irresistibility to crazy women to Benji Prickett  
Alex Wetzler.....leaves his buccaneer-esque seamanship to scalawag Charlie McFadden  
Luis Zubieta.....leaves his Mexican Power to el tonto Diego Pereira

## Pike County a special part of camp

For me, Pike County sports is a very special part of camp.

You get to leave camp and have fun playing sports such as soccer, basketball,

tennis and hockey in other camps.

This year we even had a Pike County chess tournament, in which Shohola campers **Morgan Shahi**

and **Jasper Millhone** took third and sixth place out of 24 participants.

Pike County games take place at camps including Pine Forest, Lake Owego, NJY and Canadensis.

All of the experiences are

very fun. First, you sign up, then you get ready, go to the lower office, ride there and play your game.

The excitement of playing your favorite sports is really fun.

— *Pablo Zubieta, Cabin 5*



# SHOHOLA SPIRIT

## White team keeps streak alive: Wins Color War for fourth year

The White team came up victorious in this year's Color War, outmatching the Green team in a nail-biter of a race.

White took the lead early in the summer and held on to it, thanks to victories

in the Olympics, Mystery Marathon and Capture the Flag, but the Green team never gave up. They turned in their own victories in the Counselor Hunt and came close in the Apache race, but it wasn't quite enough to take the lead.

## Oscar Perez-Verdia, Green captain: Thanks for 'The best Color War ever'

I want to start by saying thanks to Henry Hoffman, Fracisco Lorenzo and Malcolm Hale for making this the best summer I have been part of.

You guys planned every single event perfectly, and you were always there supporting me when I was having a rough time. It helped me enjoy and savor the privilege of being the captain of the Green team.

A big "Thank you" to the best co-captains, **Luis Zubieta** and **Ben Harrison**, for always helping me and for making my job so much easier, and for always doing your job with passion and commitment. You always did more than what

you were asked for. Green team, you listened and were always willing to

sacrifice yourself for the team.

A special "Thank you" to **Sean Warrington**, his co-captains, **Sebi Sola-Sole**,

**Zander Bhatia**, **Alex Wetzer** and **Diego Cordero Lugo** and the whole White team. You gave me the drive throughout the best color war ever. Whether it was you pushing me in a competition, making me give a little more, or you supporting me and giving me ideas to improve the way I managed my team, one thing is for certain: You were the fiercest and best rival that I could have asked for. Thank you.



*Elliott Romero of the Green team smiles despite the adversity faced by his team. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)*



*Andrew Calhoun rides Oakley during the polo portion of the Green and White Horse Show. He scored three goals in the game. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)*

## Sean Warrington, White team captain: 'Each of you worked hard'

First of all, I would like to thank Oliver Umpleby, Henry Hoffman and Malcolm Hale for their help in organizing Green and White behind the scenes.

I would also like to thank and congratulate the members of the Green team for their competitive spirit this year. Lastly, I would like to thank and congratulate the White team co-captains and the White team itself. You guys make up the bulk of this team and do all the

work. I'm just here to help organize you guys and get you pumped up and excited.

White team: Each and every one of you worked hard to bring this team to victory.

We took the lead early and we kept it through the entire summer. I'm proud of you and I can't wait to see this team push harder and win again next year.

Good luck and congratulations on your well-earned victory.



*Gonzaga Avello of the White team is the picture of steely-eyed perseverance. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)*

Congratulations, Shohola tennis players on your victory against Canadensis! Shohola brought six campers to the tournament and won seven of nine matches.

# AROUND CAMP

## Radio Broadcasting students learn real-life radio and DJ skills

While there are many activities at Camp Shohola containing fun-filled fun and excitement, Radio Broadcasting has to be my favorite.

In Radio class, you pretty much sit back and enjoy music while simultaneously learning important radio skills.

The channel we broadcast on is 91.9.

In radio class, you can become a fourth- third-second- or first-class DJ.

First class is the highest rank and everyone strives to become a first-class DJ. If you are a first-class DJ, that means you can host a radio show by yourself.

I am currently only a third-class DJ, but I know that someday I will become first-class.

— *Jed Prickett, Cabin 6*



Students in a new class called Dynamic Art glued crayons to a background and then melted the crayons, creating a design. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)

## New class, Dynamic Art, expands its reach with cool projects

Dynamic Art is the best class ever! It's taught by Rita Rozsos and is a new class this year.

I remember the first class. We had only two people: me and **Zander Bhatia**. Now, there are eight people in the class because the class is such a success. One time, we put tape on a wooden board and spray-painted the board. Then we

took the tape away and we had a design. It looks really cool.

Another time, we painted paper and then stuck crayons to it, then we melted the crayons with a lighter. The liquid crayon dripped down the paper like rain, making a really pretty design.

I can't wait to sign up for Dynamic Art next year.  
— *Noah Law, Cabin 5*



Ben Slater, left, and Charlie McFadden rehearse the first-month play, 'Harry Potter and the Left-Handed Smokeshifter.' (Photo by Larry Aaronson)

## In Theater, imagination becomes real with improv, play performance

Theater is super fun! You get to act out a play made by you. It's my favorite activity in camp.

In the beginning of camp, you play improv games. Improv in theater means "make it yourself."

Then you do auditions if there are 10 or more people.

If you don't have auditions, you get to choose the role you want.

After you get a part, you rehearse the play. Right before the last campfire, you finally get to perform the play. The audience laughs and claps and you have a great time.

— *Isaac Wiley-Schwartz, Cabin 2*

## In CommTech, campers can create, edit their own computer games

Computer Game Making is a very fun class.

As the name implies, we make computer games. We use software called Game-maker.

We create and edit rooms, sprites, images, backgrounds and objects.

I have been working on

a single game for the past seven weeks. It is a brick-breaker game with multiple levels, power ups, a how-to-play screen and other things.

If you try Computer Game Making, you will be able to make your own game.

— *Max Popick, Cabin 6*



# AROUND CAMP



Ability to dodge the ball is a key attribute of a good Gaga player, as is the ability to recover from the notorious Gaga knuckles. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)

## Gaga: Simple rules, big fun, but only if you embrace the injuries

**A**bsolute silence, and then suddenly, “Ga-ga-ga.”

The game begins.

The game: Gaga.

The goal: Be the last one standing.

How: Hit the ball with your fist. If it hits you below the knees or waist (depending on how you're playing), you're out.

The rules are simple: You can't touch the ball twice without it hitting a person or a wall of the gaga court first. Also, you may not hit the ball with an open hand

unless it's against a wall.

Lastly, if the ball goes out of the ring, the last person who touched it is out.

There are also some well-known side effects to playing.

The big one is Gaga knuckles, which have sent more than one camper to the nurse. The condition is a result of scraping your knuckles on the ground when hitting the ball.

Gaga is a very fun game that is a great pastime.

— *Alex Richman, working senior*

## An expert teaches Shohola football

**F**ootball — a.k.a. Freedom Ball, so as not to be confused with soccer — is a class where the fun never stops.

Throwing the pigskin around is more fun than it sounds and it's not only that: You can learn new skills by doing drills taught by a real football player: counselor Hanson Koo-

ta, who plays at Williams College.

Learning from a real football player is a really cool experience at Camp Shohola.

The only thing that could make it even better is following it with JuanJo's amazing kayaking class.

— *Luis Zubieta, working senior*

## Teeing up: Golf makes its mark

**T**his year's first month golf class had a lot more people than in previous years, but we still had a lot of fun.

We played some games and we all learned a little bit more about golf.

But we all found it easier to learn when there were fewer people, and that's been the case with month

two.

Second month has been a lot more fun.

In the second week of second month, we took a trip to a golf course. I shot a 44. I can't wait to go back to that course and play it again to see if I can do better.

— *Gonzalo Sanchez, Cabin 16*

## MMA teaches self defense skills

**M**MA, or Mixed Martial Arts, is an amazing class.

Diego Huacuja, the teacher of my class, shows us how we can defend ourselves in a fight or on the street.

Many inexperienced

campers take this class, but we always learn something new, such as punches, kicks and guard moves. It's really fun and I love taking it. It is really fun learning new moves every class.

— *Bailey Hoffman, Cabin 15*



Isaac Wiley-Schwartz and Trevor Eldred get ready to shoot in riflery class. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)

## Riflery students become ace shots

**I**n riflery, I had to get used to the different sights we used and to the kick.

After a while, I got used to the little kick and the sound the rifle made.

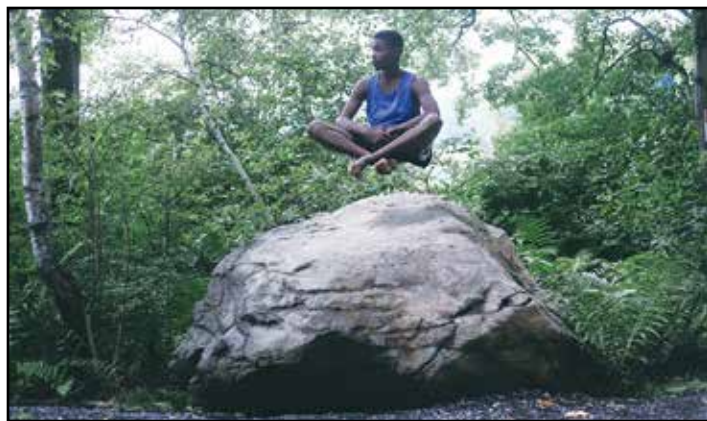
The first couple of days

of classes, when I shot, I missed all five times.

But then I got better and then, one class, I used the really good sight and I hit a bullseye. That's why I love riflery.

— *Chris Gilkeson, Cabin 2*

# DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY



## Campers Photoshop themselves

**I**n Digital Photography class, we take pictures of things and edit them using Photoshop.

Alex Jermann and Ben Silber-Marker teach the

class.

We are working on Photoshopping different pictures of ourselves into one picture.

We took pictures of ourselves with the same

background first, then we Photoshopped each picture onto the same background.

For another assignment, we Photoshopped ourselves levitating.

— *Elias Wolman,*  
*Cabin 15*

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# AROUND CAMP

*Art inspired by camp*



**F**irst-year camper **Rodrigo Cordero Lugo** loves camp so much that he drew it for *The Argus*.

"This drawing was inspired by camp," Rodrigo said. "I wanted to show all the camp together."

He included both activities he participates in as well as those he doesn't.

"I tried to show things I love about camp, like tennis...But I don't do band and some of the other things."

You'll also notice a kay-

aker attempting an Eskimo roll at the bottom of the picture.

"I love kayaking," he said.

Rodrigo, who lived in Cabin 6 this summer and is from Mexico City, says he'll definitely be back next year.

## *Reflections as summer 2014 winds down*

**H**ello, my name is Josh Hulme and this is my first year as a counselor at Shohola. I wrote a piece for the last *Argus*, but I wanted to update my thoughts on camp as the summer ends.

Everyone here is a family and I feel a part of it now. They welcomed me with open arms.

This place is a utopia filled with people who care about one another.

When you first get here, it's a little overwhelming.

But now that my time is coming to a close, I realize that I will miss this place more than I thought, and I hope that I can come back soon.

— *Josh Hulme, counselor*

## **An ode to Basketball**

**B**asketball is so fun!

Malcolm is the best teacher in 13-and-under and I listen to him every time.

I wrote a short poem about basketball:

Basketball rules,  
other sports drool!

— *Daniel Perry,  
Cabin 3*

# AROUND CAMP

## Ropes class fun, challenging

Ropes is very fun. The first class is not that fun, but you do get to do some team building things. You have to walk on a tight-rope. It is very fun and challenging.

The rock-climbing wall is hard at first, but once you learn what to do, it's easy. The catwalk is very fun and makes your heart race be-

cause you have to balance a lot on a log 30 feet in the air. But when you jump down, you slowly glide.

My favorite part of the ropes course is the rappel tower. First you climb it, then you rappel back down.

All in all, ropes is awesome.  
— Sean Wilson, Cabin 5



Sailing students, led by the fearless Francisco Lorenzo, standing, skim across Lake Greeley during a windy afternoon. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)

## When the wind whips up, Camp Shohola's sailors take to the water

Sailing is probably the most fun activity at Camp Shohola. It is fun because it is relaxing and you go really fast.

It also takes patience. The knots you need to tie are kind of hard but interesting. You're also the biggest

boat on the lake, so you get to do whatever.

Sailing is so fun when it's really windy, but when you flip, it's hard to flip it back.

Those are reasons you should do sailing.

— Harrison Daley, Cabin 4

## Kayaking: Bodacious, thrilling

Kayaking is the most bodacious activity at the one and only Camp Shohola.

Learning to roll a kayak is a thrilling skill. The roll, where you go from upside down underwater to right-side up above water, requires patience. I only learned to roll recently. Also, kayak spelled backwards is still kayak.

— Ben Schatz, Cabin 15

## He leads the waterfront, but a sense of mystery surrounds Miguel

Many people watch and observe and wonder about Miguel Pallares, the head of the waterfront. We know that Miguel thinks of himself as Poseidon, the god of the sea, which was his nickname during the Mystery Marathon, but many other things remain a mystery.

I delved deep into the life of Miguel Pallares to unearth his hidden secrets.

Miguel might seem like a rough and tough person,

but in reality, he is a 5-foot-8-inch Teddy bear. He's not sure whether he wants to come to camp for the rest of his life or work in the aerospace industry.

Miguel's favorite activity is sailing, which he said he likes because it's peaceful. Miguel has already come to the decision that if he has kids, they will come to Shohola as soon as possible. Like many other



people, Miguel believes Shohola is the greatest place on Earth.

When asked his favorite animal and favorite sea-food — a natural question for the head of the waterfront — he said he likes penguins and salmon.

Many secrets have not been uncovered yet, but I am still trying to find them out. It might take a while to determine how he ticks, but I will eventually.  
— Sam Pitonyak, Cabin 15

## Jolly fishermen reel in catches

Hi, everyone. I'm Kevin Duffy. I'm here to talk about fishing!

Fishing is a sport and all you need for it is a fishing rod.

Some people go out on a lake for fishing. Others fish from a dock. In fishing, you can catch all sorts of fish. I've caught a sand shark, big fish and tiny fish. People in my class have caught catfish and other types.

— Kevin Duffy, Cabin 1



# AROUND CAMP



Jordan Seiler practices his flick during frisbee class. Shohola's Ultimate Frisbee team won a close match against Lake Owego. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)

## Frisbee team wins thrilling game

Ultimate Frisbee, my favorite class this summer, is taught by Henry Hoffman, Nate Hess and Nathan Lalli.

In the first class, we learned the two main throws, the backhand and the flick.

In the second class, we learned the basics of the

game, which is like football in that it has endzones.

We used those fundamentals in the 12-and-under game against Lake Owego, which we won 18-16 in overtime. It was a thrilling back and forth game, but we triumphed in the end.

— *Sam Fox-Halperin, Cabin 15*

## Campers see eagles, eat fajitas on overnight canoe trip on the Delaware

I'm sure you all know that here at Camp Shohola we go on trips. I'm writing about the overnight canoe trip.

It all started when we drove to a good spot on the Delaware River near the Zane Grey museum. We got everything ready and started canoeing. The trip took us through some pretty big rapids, as well as some calmer sections where we could relax and spend some time looking around. We saw a few bald

eagles right near the water!

When we got to the campsite, we set up our tents and had chicken fajitas for dinner. It started to rain, so we had to go to bed early. We got up the next morning, had breakfast, packed up and got on the water for day two.

The second day took us from the campsite down to Port Jervis, where our van was waiting for us to head back to camp.

— *Charlie Millhone, Cabin 2*

## Kayaking trip goes well...until it doesn't for one camper

One Friday in July, a large group of working seniors went on a kayaking trip on the Lackawaxen, along with **Alejandro Rodriguez** from Cabin 2 and counselors Rob Paderofsky and Mat Gorman.

It was my first trip since last year. It went surpris-

ingly well and Alejandro turned out to be an extremely good kayaker.

Everyone had fun, except for maybe **Andrew Calhoun**, who flipped his kayak and lost his glasses.

I can't wait to go on more trips this year.

— *Sully Hamdan, working senior*

## JuanJosé Lorenzo vying for title of world's most interesting man

Some say the Dos Equis Man is the most interesting man in the world, but I beg to differ.

JuanJosé Lorenzo is one of the three counselors in the working senior cabin.

JuanJo lives in Madrid, Spain and was born in Mexico.

This is his eighth year at camp. He teaches kayaking and water skiing, and he specializes in both.

One of his fingers is shorter than usual, but no one knows what happened. One of the many ideas of what happened is that a crocodile bit him. Another is that he cut it off with a chainsaw. We campers may never know.

One of his many talents is singing, but an even better talent is his ability to lip sync. Every day, during cabin clean-up, he grabs

a broomstick and uses it as a microphone. Lastly, JuanJo, along with his brother and cousin, is able to devour

all things spicy. He can use half a bottle of hot sauce on one slice of pizza. Later, during evening snacks, he can finish the bottle eating his daily ramen noodles.

These are a few reasons why JuanJo doesn't look for the Loch Ness Monster to take a picture — the monster looks for him.

— *Alex Wetzler, working senior*



JuanJo, right, poses in his chicken costume at the baseball game because of course he does. (Photo by Nate Hess)

# PERSPECTIVES

## Attention by: Provoke, a.k.a. Byette Garrett

I fight for freedom and kill for meetings with presidents / Then threaten them until we find a way out of this deficit. / Money we're letting go and the bills we're letting in, but we're cool with it. / We decided to let it settle in. / Money is made from paper. Paper makes history, history always seemed to be involved in the industry. / Kind of ironic but the only thing that gets to me is how first we make the money then later we claim victory. / I find it fascinating finding the paths that's making people famous and the patterns to their imagination, then I expose them, using nothing but drastic statements then realize it could've been me without procrastination. / Cold world where we strategize and attack sent assassins to kill the best and then stabbed me in my back. / Whoa, harsh life, yeah you know I live that but then I traded harsh life for this rap equipment. / See, deep bars I've gotten used to those rhymes then I started trading thoughts for some studio time. / Oh, so that's how dude lost his mind. You're too young to spit like this, tell me who wrote your lines, look, it's all me. / Everything that y'all see is a legend in the making / Making raps that y'all speak the one with the potential for the raps that y'all seek and / I'm still in my prime because I'm just 15. / See, I paint the picture so I guess I'm drawing attention, pen to this paper all my words are incrypted. / Everything's a problem, I'll solve it because I'm different 'til we all feel provoked with good days with bad endings.

*Provoke performed this piece during Shohola's Talent Show in July.*



## Gibson celebrates a milestone at CommTech

Many people know Tom Gibson as being an excellent counselor, the camp historian, and a go-to person for all things electrical. but did they know that Tom is the founder of the CommTech department?

When Tom was a camper, camp was much simpler than it is today. There were many fewer activities than there are today, barely 15.

Tom encountered trouble when he found that he had to take baseball because there were no other classes during that period. Tom did not want to take baseball, and that experience stayed with him.

In 1966 when he returned to camp as a counselor, he asked Pop Barger, then the camp's director, if he could

start a ham radio class. Pop asked how much it would cost and Tom said, "It'll cost nothing but a room."

And so, CommTech was born.

He was given a room in the old infirmary. The class was an instant hit among campers. Tom said he had almost a fourth of the camp in his room during a single class.

Over the years, CommTech expanded throughout the building, which has seen two additions, including the veranda, which was added in the 1990s.

CommTech has offered more than 50 activities over the past 48 years, including Flash animation,



*Parker Goodfellow works on a computer game in CommTech. Parker is one of the many campers Tom has taught over the years. (Photo by Larry Aaronson)*

astronomy, meteorology, and automotive repair.

Tom is celebrating 55 years at Shohola, which he calls one of his favorite places in the world.

If it wasn't for the campers, he wouldn't come back. "I've dedicated my entire adult life to this," he said. "I come back because camp is for the campers."

— *Patrick Hardy, working senior*

## Becoming part of camp's culture

Hey, what is your name?"

It's a frequently asked question for a new camper.

On top of that, there are kids running and screaming all the time. These are all things you will experience as a new camper.

You don't know anyone or anything. You are oblivious to everything.

Then the first couple of days pass and you become more acquainted with camp. You learn peoples' names, meet new people and become part of the culture. Finally, you become a camper just like everyone else. You seem like you have been there before. And just like that, you love camp.

— *Theo Hodges, Cabin 6*



# PERSPECTIVES

## Director's address: 2014 a 'Banner Year'

About a month before camp started, a friend came up to me in the teacher's lounge and said "Every time I look at you, I keep hearing the phrase 'Banner Year.' I think you're going to have a banner year at Shohola; and the banner is going to be love."

This took me aback to say the least. Could it be true? Could we have the "perfect summer" I've been dreaming of for so many years? The one in which the weather, the equipment, and the counselors all cooperated? Spoiler alert: It happened!

I have felt like a coach on a quest for a championship for many years now. I have often imagined the joys and sorrows that a coach must feel. Each year, the coach would have a slightly different squad to work with because some would retire, some would be traded and some would be lured elsewhere by the prospects of making more money. In our case, we also simply lose some great ones to the reality that most jobs do not offer summer vacations.

And even when the right team is assembled, sometimes personalities clash, selfish desires or the need to be the star can eclipse the goals of the team. Sometimes the greatest star

can actually decrease the team's performance. These must be the most heart-breaking circumstances for a coach to realize. And if selfishness does not steal the chance for victory, fate can. There can be injury or any number of twists of fate that can keep the team from reaching the ultimate goal. To be sure, even the best teams have their mettle tested by adversity and in the end must find a way to overcome.

I feel very strongly that this has been our banner year at Shohola; our championship season, so to speak. The team we assembled has all the talent, all the charisma, and above all else, all the selflessness and hard work and determination that are required to earn the grand prize.

And even though all the many elements that can make a summer very difficult really worked in our favor this year, this team still had to overcome quite a bit of adversity as a camp staff always has to do.

We had a painful injury that sent a beloved camper home early. That hurt! We all felt we had failed to protect one of our favorites. Appendicitis took another camper home after only a week at camp. One counselor broke his arm the first week of camp.

We've had more than one

day-off crew lose precious free time stranded on the side of the road waiting for AAA to rescue them.

We've had the usual rainy days that require instantaneous creativity and flexibility. With consistency approaching perfection, this team functioned as one and kept their eye on the prize. They showed up early. They worked late. They covered for each other and helped each other up when they fell. They plowed ahead, faces set like flint, whether things were going their way or things were crumbling around them. They together created a feeling of love and joy and spontaneity that is tangible all over camp. I have never seen a camp staff more engaged with campers than this one has been. To me it has been a thing of beauty. It will make it very hard for me to settle for anything less in the future.

So for this my final thank you note: Thank you Shohola staff for proving to me that the 'Banner Year' that I've been dreaming of for so many years is in fact possible. You are now the standard by which all other Shohola staff teams will be measured. Well done! In my mind, you are the San Antonio Spurs of the camping world.

— *Duncan Barger,*  
*Director*

## Shohola helps us bond

Camp Shohola is a great camp and has many great aspects, such as fishing, wind surfing, sailing, kayaking, soccer, ropes, tennis and much more.

Shohola also offers great indoor activities. If, for example, you've ever wanted to build your sister a dollhouse because she said she would give you \$150 of saved tooth fairy money, you have come to the right camp, because we have woodshop!

Our living spaces are compact and help us bond. The bathrooms...not so much.

Last but not least is the most important part of this article: Shohola spirit.

Shohola is a home-like place for me. You meet new friends you feel like you've known forever. You meet some of the most enthusiastic people ever, like **Andrew, Dom, Theo, Jonty** and many more. They are some of the most fun people I know.

Thank you, Camp Shohola.

— *Ray Dylan Strand,*  
*Cabin 7*

# We Remember So Well

Al sailboats \* Tom's Pink Laundry \* Get to work...WOOORKK!!! \* Marcus's frogs \* George never changes his clothes...or does he? \* Mythical Em Trapnell \* Camp Shohola is a hot panini \* Caleb can't read and therefore can't take Rocketry \* Cabin 15 lights out for six nights \* Zavala, how do you say your name in Mexican? \* Let me see your "No more grilled cheese." \* Pooping and farting at the quizzes \* Louie just wanted to poop and fart \* Mexican Camper of the Week \* Mythical Em Trapnell Eater of the Week \* Julian playing the cello at campfire \* Malcolm finally gets to play pie bingo \* NJY brings their U-35 team and still loses 5-1 in futbol \* Waterfront dance/the awkward love boat \* Louie re-musters the entire camp before the baseball game \* Duncan, the counselor van broke down \* Wolves crush the bears hearts on medieval day \* Logan Fried, the blond troll \* PAPUUAAAA NEW GUINEEAAA \* Zavala could you please make sure that Hugh Jass receives his package \* Gandal goes off, but Anton forces OT in epic NBA championship \* The Anacondas make an epic comeback but fall short to Hobnobs \* Epic music makes everything better \* Yummy eggs and bacon for breakfast \* Hooded Pitouhis \* "Shutup Demarchi!" \* Football a.k.a. Freedom ball \* Shloopadoop commercial \* Ceramacistadors \* Your girlfriend's favorite Camper of the Week \* Harry Potter vs Lord Verandamort \* You don't love me anymore by HH and FL \* Tom Gibson is a time traveling cougar \* Kulok's tearful goodbyes \* My name is Pedro \* "Duncan, where's the bayliner?" \* Frisbee a.k.a. plate throwing \* "Duncan, what happened to the tire tread?" \* "Duncan, the counselor van broke down...again" \* Zavala's bedroom disappears \* The horses are at 84 Lumber \* Cabin 5 Slip and Slide \* Duncan, after nine years of loyal service, your AAA membership has been revoked \* Koota uses his head on row duty \* Daniel Perry makes himself at home in the Owego dining hall \* Keep an eye on Luna, Brent Fried is on the prowl \* Cooperstown? More like Pooperstown \* Handsome Nick \* Lorenzo's butt is on fiiiire \* OPV's blind side \* Sully grabs the wrong lantern \* INAKI! WAKE UP! \* OPV's eyebrow scare \* WSP '12 do the dishes \* Pablo Zubieta, best OD ever \* Knick and Matt show us guy love \* Joe Johnson's acting skills \* Pablo Wendlandt's chicken dinner \* More than one full moon on stalk the lantern night \* The Mythical George Yu \* David Lane's worst biddy list ever \* The monkey's shiny palace \* Henry Driesen a.k.a. Esther \* The ghosts of phone systems past \* "Has anyone seen the Grigorian brothers? Grayson and Harrison Grigorian? Anyone?" \* Mystery dining hall poop \* Dylan Al-Angurli uses his head to win Stalk the Lantern \* Turns out Koota stole the cookie from the cookie jar \* Cooperstown? More like Pukerstown \* Chinese boys together/in Duncan's office \* Championship season \* Don't be a dummy, do your job \* Lorenzo/Alejandro switching classes \* Duncan's daily dock inspection \* Miguel decides to rescue from both sides \* Shohola Gold service \* Shohola World Cup featuring the South Sandwich Islands, Jamaica, Irish spuds, Greenland, Djibouti, The Vatican, Somalia and Papua New Guinea \* 6 vs. 7 cabin cleanup \* Switching cabin 16/15 \* The new cookout sites \* Specialized waterskiing and tennis \* Nerve-racking Costa's trip \* Brother/sister/grandma/cousin/auntie visit to Netimus \* Ethan defects to Kingswood \* Duncan needs stitches \* We almost won a counselor basketball game \* Cabin 5 finally gets a 100 \* Everything goes on your bed \* "Quietest. Wednesday. Ever." \* Hoffman's old school dining hall dismissal \* Dynamic Art \* Shohola blog \* Cabin 7's bathroom is absurdly clean \* Cabin 12's bathroom...not so much \* Rotaaaate, rotate, rotate, rotate \* Paul Sesay vs. the dunk tank \* It's a bird, it's a plane, it's 10,000 grasshoppers everywhere \* SHOSHA \* Extended veranda concert \* Spitballs \* Where did the Kan Jam go? \* Super-sized hill games \* "Mark, if we get a 100, will you smile?" \* Ethan Barger and a horse take turns being the rider \* Ali Bayne made a mistake: She is part human after all \* Louie casually wins Stalk the Lantern \* Family Picnic \* Sean Wilson starts a puke party in Cabin 5 \* Table 10 dessert challenge \* Rita is very excited \* Paul Sesay is a working senior \* Kim Jong Koota leads North Kogreena to victory \* Butt muscles!!!! \* Greenland wins Shohola World Cup \* The JCIT song \* Handsome Nick gets objectified at carnival photo booth \* OMG!!!! It's JMZ!!!! \* Extended rest hour!! \* No rest hour!! \* Esther takes down Ficklin \* It's Benji's birthday!! \* Mazel tov, Henry! \* Don't worry guys, everything is going to be OK, we're building a platform tent.

*Campfire, Banquet, Green and White, the Shohola S  
and all the other wonderful memories from Summer  
2014.*

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