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The Shohola "S"

The Shohola "S" is given to those campers who in the estimation of the Camp Shohola Staff, demonstrate achievement, friendliness, helpfulness, responsibility and leadership. The Argus would like to congratulate the following campers for receiving this prestigious award:

Spencer Allen (cabin 15)
Jonathan Gottfried (cabin 7)
Thomas Parker (cabin 2)
Aaron Pattison (cabin 5)
Paul Schneider (cabin 3)
Tyler Woods (cabin 1)

Camp Activity Articles

Advanced Electronics

By Scott Kominers

Cabin 13

Dave Love (the teacher) has entirely altered the electronic curriculum for his three different types of advanced classes. One of his classes is creating kits based entirely on their own designs.

The motor class first test out their plan on Crocodile Clips, a computerized electronics program. Then, the class will assemble a motor from parts obtained from the teacher.

The other class creates self-designed kits. They even etched their own circuit boards! Campers are building a stereo mixer, which will mix sound inputs. From plan to completion this is an entirely scratch-built kit.

Basic electronics

By Durand Whipple

Cabin 9

Electronics is fun. We shocked ourselves the first few classes and did all kinds of cool experiments. When our kits came the thought that all those small parts were going to make some thing was questionable. But as we got use to soldering and matching up parts it became easy. We are already starting to finish up. Electronics is fun.

Windsurfing

By Ivan Goldensohn

Cabin 4

Windsurfing has got to be one of the most fun activities at the waterfront; it is just plain fun. As soon as you sign up, you know it's going to be fun. You will be riding the waves. It's still fun when you go out on a board without a sail. You can balance, glide through seaweed, and even challenge someone to a pirate duel, it's all fun. Then, there's that feeling of giddy, courage, and embarrassment when you first go out with a sail.

On your first try with a sail, you fall, you try again, you fall, over and over, until you finally stand up for more than ten seconds; you shout, "Victory!" Of course, then you fall, but then you think: "This water sure is cold!" "That was fun!" and maybe if the period is before lunch, "I sure am hungry!" This is why people choose wind-surfing, because it's fun!

Sailing

By Ryan Levan

Cabin 8

Sailing is great. I have it third period on "A" days. This is my third year at Shohola, but this is only my first year sailing. In my first day of sailing, I thought that everyone had sailed for a much longer time. However, I was quickly comforted by

Pepito, the sailing instructor, when he and I went sailing together, and he taught me the basics. Although I am not the best sailor in the class, I still have fun and do something I don't get to do regularly, sail.

E-mail Newsletter #1

By Director Frank C. Barger

July 6th 2000

Dear Readers,

Things have settled into a routine, so I have some time to send you the first e-mail newsletter of the summer. The weather, which was marginal during the first week, is now fantastic with moderate daytime temperatures and cool nights. Great sleeping.

There are 155 boys in residence and 88 counselors. The staff is larger this summer because we added more ropes course instructors and trips counselors to meet the demands in these popular areas.

WHALE WATCHING AND BIKING TRIPS ARE NOW MORE POPULAR THAN EVER!

Trips are in full swing. The "Rock Dawgs," a climbing and rappelling group, went out for two trips to Shohola Falls and an advanced climbing trip to Shickshinny (great name). The white water rafters were on the upper Hudson River and the report was it was "awesome."

The first whale watch trip leaves Monday heading for Cape Cod. In the past these trips have been incredible because of the number of whales they have seen. Hope our luck holds.

Six canoeists are in Canada for the most demanding trip we do. It is a truly wilderness experience with much more contact with wildlife than other people.

Also the bikers have been out several times for day trips and most recently for three days. More about other trips in the next issue.

SHOHOLA TEAM WINS INTERCAMP SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT!

Sports teams have been very busy and the 13-and-Under team won the first softball tournament of the season, defeating Lake Greeley Camp in the first game and Lake Owego Camp, on their field, in the championship game. Coach Mike Bomze said the campers played amazingly well and defeated Lake Greeley 20 to 0. In the first game, everyone

hit very well and Eric Adelman pitched a shutout. The second game was a lot closer and turned into a defensive struggle. Eric Adelman once again pitched a shut out and Justin Cohan-Shapiro got the only RBI of the game. The other players were Keith Nevitt, Daniel Brill, Matt Mirsky, Jon Gottfried, Ryan Foy, Aaron Segal, Eli Edwards, Ari Chernikoff, Jeff Sadri, Joe Galvin, Jared Richards, and Mike Eubank. Mike says it is a very strong team and they are all looking forward to other games.

THE FIRST JULY 4TH OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM

The Fourth of July was a big success with late wake-up, always popular. Dave Love started our day by playing Jimi Hendrix's Woodstock version of the National Anthem on his guitar. As the flag was raised, The Star Spangled Banner was sung! The morning was spent at regular activities with the afternoon turned over to capture the flag, a great all-camp game where everyone can get wet and dirty and run around a lot. The score was close and decided by a tiebreaker last game. The evening meal was the traditional chicken barbecue with all the trimmings followed by late evening ice cream cones just before fireworks over

the Lake. The consensus was the display was the best of past summers.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT CAMP DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF THE SUMMER 2000?

Cabin 1 reports it has named itself "The Rock." While other cabins have stairs, the entrance to Cabin one is a rock. The group has decided that: "if we work together, we can be as strong as a rock."

Dave Love's electronics classes have been working on a newly designed program. One upper camp class and one lower camp class is building a motor while another upper camp class is designing their own project kits.

The 15 and under roller hockey team defeated Camp Owego. Going into the last period Patrick Mooney scored on a rebound after a shot by Spencer Allen. The game ended in a tie, followed by a non-scoring sudden death and Shohola won in a shoot-out with a goal by Mike Eubank. The 13 and under roller hockey team beat Camp Owego 5 to 2. Patrick Mooney scored a hat trick and Aaron Segal and Mike Eubank scored a goal each.

The wood carvers are well on their way to creating another wonderful totem pole. It is already taking an identifiable shape and promises to be as spectacular as last summer's masterpiece.

Shohola 15 and under basketball team beat camp Owego 40 to 36 in a great, close game. George Ash grabbed a critical rebound and Daniel Bromwich made some very important three-point shots. Jae Yu made some clutch free throws and Joe Sharkey lead Shohola players with fourteen points. Steve Mirsky also played a great game before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

As I am writing this about 90% of the camp has gone to the Red Barons baseball game in Scranton. As is the usual custom many of you should have gotten collect calls from your sons. They will get home late and we will have a sleep in tomorrow morning.

E-mail Newsletter #2

By Director Frank C. Barger

July 15th and beyond..

If you have not already received this newsletter by e-mail, please send us an e-mail and we will place you on the list for future newsletters. Send e-mail to newsletter@shohola.com with the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

I can't believe we are already at Thursday of the third week (when I started writing this addition). I don't know how you are feeling about time passing, but for us it has flown. The weather continues to be perfect with chilly nights, more good sleeping, and at breakfast we occasionally need a fire in the dining hall fireplace. Great example of psychology, it warms you mentally but the room is too big to do much in reality. We may get a thunderstorm tomorrow, and we could actually use some rain.

NETIMUS AND SHOHOLA GET TOGETHER FOR CAMP DANCE

The half-camp dance was a big success with the upper camp hosting the Netimus girls here and the lower camp going to our sister camp. The evening started with a picnic on the hill and, of course, all the boys eating separately from the girls. As the evening continued things changed, and by the end, the whole thing was too short and everyone wanted another dance. So it has been since time began.

SHOHOLA'S SOFTBALL TEAM EXCELLED ONCE AGAIN!

The 13 and under softball team went to New Jersey Y Camp for an amazing game. Eric, the Smurf, Adelman once again pitched a great game backed up by a very strong infield of Joe Galvin at third, Ryan Foy at first, Joe Fleischman and Matt Mirsky at short and second. In the outfield were Keith Nevitt, Nate Kaufmann and Ari Chernikoff. These guys all hit well but they didn't see much action with long balls. Two extra innings were played, but neither team could score and the game ended in a tie.

CAMP SHOHOLA IS ALSO COMPETING IN RIFLERY

The Shohola riflery team placed third in a league competition. Justin Cohan-Shapiro had the best

round for Shohola and the highest score of all the different camp competitors.

THE WHALE WATCHERS ARE BACK AFTER A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

The whale watchers, Justin Cohan-Shapiro, Ben Jacobs, Aaron Pattison, Eric Lubben, Andrew McRostie, Durand Whipple, and the Schneider brothers, saw about thirteen whales, mostly Humpbacks and at least one Minke. A lot of whale tails were exposed as they dove, but none breached. A mother and calf were spotted and one whale swam under the boat. No one however reported smelling any whale breath, a rare treat!

SHOHOLA IN SUCCESSFUL HORSE SHOW

On July 9th the Shohola horseman traveled to an open show sponsored by the local 4-H. Eric Adelman and David Seskin won five ribbons between them. All the riders did very well and gained some good experience.

The 11 and under softball team traveled to Lake Greeley camp for a game which turned out to be a very close match-up. Pitching for Shohola was Mike Eubank who threw a wonderful game. With the score tied one/one and with the bases loaded, the power hitter James Geoghegan came to bat. He hit a hard line drive down the third base line, which was caught, and the player stepped on third for a

double play ending the inning. In extra innings Lake Greeley scored one run, but Shohola was unable to answer.

THE CANADA CANOEISTS ARE BACK WITH A MEMORY FOR LIFE

The Canadian canoers, Jamie Ayers, Matt Leddy, Jon Gottfried, Alex Manning, Andy Meyerson and Edward Mollner reported that the trip, as always, was demanding with portages ranging from the shortest of 150 meters to the longest of 1000 meters. By the middle of the trip they were in true wilderness and saw a lot of wildlife, beavers, otters, minks but the only Moose was along the side of the road on the return trip. Jamie Ayers reported that the best time was a day spent on the same lake with a picnic lunch on an island and a giant water battle. All felt a sense of accomplishment.

MORE CABIN AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

Cabin three reports they have had a very good cabin experience during the first month. Two highlights stand out. The first was a 70's funk disco inferno hosted by DJ Shanz. "James Brown would have been proud." The second event of special note was the cabin overnight spent in the cargo net at the ropes course. S'mores furnished the energy to make the climb for this unusual

overnight.

Electronics classes have continued to learn about electrical circuitry. Campers have had an opportunity to make their own printed circuit boards and one class has designed and built a four channel audio mixer.

We'll be sending some of your sons home to you soon; others will be here to continue the exploits for another month. We look forward to more adventures and reports.