

# **THE ARGUS**

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## **The Shohola "S"**

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

### **July:**

J.D.Leonard(cabin 15)

Paul Schneider(cabin 7)

Tyler Woods (cabin 6)

Zach Stone (cabin 14)

Alex Cohan(cabin 7)

Aron Fine(cabin 2)

Michael Nussbaum (cabin 6)

# **Waterfront**

## Kayaking

by Kenny Swingle Cabin 14

In kayaking, you will have lots of fun and you will learn how to do some tricks. Also, kayaking will help you to strengthen your upper body when you paddle. You will get to go on lots of fun trips. You will also get very wet because you can very easily flip when surfing or going down rapids. Always remember to duck your head when you flip. If you want to know more, then take this exciting class.

## Kayaking

by Sammy Chavis Cabin 7

If you like getting wet and speeding with wind blowing against your hair, kayaking is just for you. Kayaking at Camp Shohola is a very fun water activity. You will learn how to roll, go speeding against rapids, and much, much more. The teachers are very nice teaching you everything you ever need to know about kayaking. You also get to play games like water polo except with kayaks. You could also go on trips involving the kayak into "awesome" water. Experience a thrilling adventure by kayaking.

## Windsurfing

by Michael Kronsfadat Cabin 7

Windsurfing is no doubt the best out of all of the water sports. If you like sailing, but don't like pulling up a sail with everyone

else on your boat you would love the sport of Windsurfing. Even if you can't actually use the sail, it's fun to paddle around on the boards and when no one is looking, flip the board next to you.

Paula is also the best teacher you can find. She teaches you everything you need to know and sometimes even more. For all of the time you're sitting there learning, you're in the water and on the board twice as much.

### Windsurfing

by Sam Eckstein Cabin 4

Windsurfing is a lot of fun. Windsurfing is when you have a board that you stand on, and you hook a sail on to it. You then lift up the sail and sail along on the board. It's really hard because the sail is heavy, and usually the wind will push against the sail, and it's hard to hold it up when the wind pushes it down. Paula teaches it, and makes it fun because there's a lot of sailing instead of talking. Seth also teaches it, and he is really funny and helpful

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### Swimming

by Michael Kronstadt Cabin 7

Swimming is definitely the most educational of all sports. Some people like swimming, and some don't, but the thing is that either way you have to take it. Although sometimes swimming isn't the most fun thing, it definitely builds your skill. One day you might need to use it in a boating accident. It builds your skill until they feel you are good enough. Then they pass you and you can do any water sport you want.

### Swimming

Humor by Scott Kominers Cabin 16

Once again, we are blessed with everyone's favorite class: Swimming! I have sat through numerous swimming class, and all I can say is: it's quality time. What is a better for camper bonding than a common enemy? Not that instructional swim is bad, but it would be a whole ton better with actual instruction. The teachers almost never set foot in the water except in special circumstances (i.e. a fun game: pass the ball), and never swim laps they make the campers swim. Here's how a sample swim class might go!

*TEACHER: Everyone swim four laps of front crawl and two of breaststroke. [everyone swims laps]*

*TEACHER: No, that's wrong Fred. Correct your stroke. Now, everyone swim one lap of butterfly.*

*FRED: But I don't know butterfly!*

*TEACHER: Try your best. [class swims laps]*

*TEACHER: Now, let's practice our kick. [holds up kickboard] Try it like this!*

*[kicks with only one foot so as to remain standing] [everyone does the wrong stroke]*

*TEACHER: Now let's play, "Pass the Ball." Each time you drop the ball, the class has to swim a lap.*

*[Teacher jumps into the water] [Teacher passes the ball to Fred] [Fred passes to Mark] [Mark passes to Teacher] [Teacher drops the ball]*

*TEACHER: Okay, that's one lap.*

*MARK: What about you?*

*TEACHER: I don't have to swim.*

### Canoeing

by Ethan Schmidt Cabin 12

Canoeing with Jake is fun. Everyday we go out and canoe and paddle around Blueberry Island. Jake and Tommy are good teachers and they teach you how to steer and how to paddle correctly. When we go out, we get to see the trees, water, and fish. Usually, we go two per canoe, but sometimes Jake lets us go in the five person war-canoe. Canoeing is really fun.

### Swimming

by Andrew McRostie Cabin 13

Swimming is a fun class. There are six levels in swimming. They teach us good strokes. Butterfly is the hardest stroke. The strokes you need to learn are front crawl, backstroke, elementary backstroke, breast stroke, side stroke, and butterfly. All of these are very challenging. In the Pike County Swim Meet, we tried very hard, but we came in third place. We swam at Owego and we tried hard. Here are the results:

*Owego- 310 pts.*

*Pine Forest- 230 pts.*

*Shohola- 147 pts.*

*New Jersey Y- 121 pts.*

*Greeley- 36 pts.*

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# Landsports

## Games Tournament

by Rusty Mower Cabin 2

It was Shohola, Greeley, Owego, New Jersey Y, and Timber Tops competing. We started at Greeley and played Newcomb, Ping-Pong, Tether ball, Badminton, and Ultimate Frisbee. We started out at Greeley for 45 minutes and then went to Shohola and played kickball, Newcomb, dodgeball, for 45 minutes, and then we went home.

## Ping-Pong

by Rusty Mower Cabin 2

Ping-Pong is coached by Tommy, Mike, Siphon, and Sarah. You learn how to play doubles and play against the counselors.

## Archery

by Gabriel Paoletti Cabin 9

When I came here I discovered a new talent. It was in archery. Before, I always went to Riflery; but one day I went archery and from that day I always go to that class. Today was the Olympics. I did archery, and got second. The first round I did very good, but the second I did bad. Here at camp I'm having a lot of fun and I met a lot of friends like Chris Kazi, Alex Beplar, etc.

## 13-U Basketball

by Paul Schneider

In 13-U Basketball, we do lots of fun things. For example, we have scrimmages. We also do lay-up drills, foul shooting drills, and running drills. The counselors that teach the class are Siphon, Kevin, Steve, while Dan Bromwich, and Jordan help out. This class is fun because you get to play basketball and learn new skills. If the counselors think you're good enough, you can get chosen to play in a tournament against other camps. Some of the especially good players are Delevan Henderson, Ari Chernikoff, and Josh Fleismann..



## Street Hockey

by Rusty Mower Cabin 2

Street Hockey is cool. It is coached by John Gushman. You usually play scrimmages and there is evening NHL. If you can roller blade, read "Roller Hockey" by Matt Sesikin. Street Hockey is held during 1B and 3A. Fred helps teach Street Hockey.

## Roller Hockey

by John Gushman Counselor Cabin 6

Roller hockey is a fun class because we cover everything, from the basics to complicated structural drills. The best part of class is definitely scrimmaging, because it helps you prepare for real game situations. Overall, I think that roller hockey is one of the most fun classes at Camp Shohola. Pike County Tournaments by Zach "Z-dawg" Frankel Cabin 12 Pike County Tournaments such as the 12-U Hughie Black International Basketball Tournament and other roller hockey, soccer, and softball tournaments are a lot of fun. They give us a chance to show off our skills in the classes we take. They also give a great chance to meet kids from other camps. This year, Shohola won the Pike County 13-U softball tournament and the 11-U soccer tournament. Pike County Tournaments are much fun. Lacrosse by Pablo Martin Cabin 5 I am taking lacrosse classes at Shohola, and I am enjoying them a lot. I was a beginner when I entered that class (actually, it was the first time I played). That week, I

learned how to receive a pass, and to get the ball from the ground. We also had some really fun drills. The first week I was the camper of the week, which encouraged me even more to continue practicing lacrosse at all times. Since I like it so much here, when I return home, I'll go on a team.

### Golf

by Myles Koven Cabin 7

At Camp Shohola, golf is a very popular activity to take. In golf class, we practice pitching and chipping. Sometimes, we go to clinics, and we learn proper posture, alignment, grip, and more useful tips. If we get lucky, we drive to Milford to the Cliff Park Golf Course. It's a nine-hole course that can be challenging. Some holes are very long and very tricky. All and all, golf class is something that I look forward to.

### U-15 Soccer

by Noah Meissner Cabin 12

In U-15 soccer we had a pretty experienced group of soccer players. Coached by Mark or Steve, and sometimes Larry, we worked a lot on our passing, shooting, and ball control. The very competitive and vigorous drills were beneficial to the skills of everyone in the class. Everyone in the class also participated in several tournaments and games and were very helpful. A couple noteworthy players were Fernando (an excellent goalie), Izaak (our lead defender), and Toni, who was one of our mid-fielders

and had outstanding dribbling and was able to fake out several opposing defenders at a time. Altogether, it was a very interesting class that I enjoyed everytime.

### Football

by Ryan Levan Cabin 12

Upper Camp Football is great. It's run by Larry at the period 2B. Larry teaches us some techniques in play called passing and receiving. Then he lets us play a game in which he wants us to incorporate the skills, hints, and tips, that he taught us. We usually try playing football with different variations. Some games are played with no blocking or no offensive line. These games are both challenging and fun, as well as a great way to learn football skills. I always look forward to 2B football and I hope that it is offered to campers in the years to come.

### Lacrosse

by Peter Zonino Cabin 2

Lacrosse is a lot of fun here at Camp because our teachers are Sarah and Siphon. We do a lot of things in our lessons, but our favorite one is scrimmaging! It's lots of fun because you get to shoot on Robbie Flick. We had our first game against Camp Netimus. We don't know who won because the teams were mixed. I, Pete Zonino, played goalie for the other team. One of my favorite drills is one where you go two-on-one and you try to score. One of my other favorite drills is one when you throw the

ball and you run to the back of the line. The drills that we don't like that much and the really tiring drills like the drill when you run to the middle, then all the way down-and-back and then we do it again. That's pretty much all we do at lacrosse.

## Hockey

by Matt Seskin

The most important position in hockey is goalie, but it's the hardest and that's what I like about it...it's challenging! The best goalie in camp is John Gushman without a doubt because he taught me everything I know, along with the help of Fred, a kind person and also a great goalie. My opinion on hockey is that everyone should play because it's lots of fun. You can play all kinds of hockey like Ice Hockey, Street Hockey, Field Hockey, and Roller Hockey. I prefer Roller Hockey because it's smoother. Now that Shohola has new equipment, I definitely recommend and encourage people and campers to play hockey. The things we are getting are arm pads, helmets, chest pads, and more. Hockey's a great sport and I want people to enjoy it as I do. xxxx Outdoor Games by Rusty Mower Cabin 2 You play all different kinds of games: Manhunt, Suicide, and King of the Mats. For Manhunt, one team waits, and the other team goes out and hides. Then, the first team comes and tries to find the other team, and you have to get tagged. In Suicide, you grab a ball and try to hit anybody you can. The object is to not get out. In King of the Mats, you try to stay on the mats with both feet and be the last one on the mats to win. The class is taught by Sarah, Sam,

Steve R., Steven G., and Mike. I like the class because you get to play all the different games.

### The Red Barons Game

by Aaron Fine Cabin 2

Everyone was excited when we went on our buses and vans. We sang songs and played games on my bus. When we got there, the counselors gave us each five dollars out of our accounts. We sat at the very top of the stadium and cheered our team on. They sold food like popcorn, ice cream, and sweets like that. Near the end of the game, everyone took their shirts off and yelled out to all the counselors/CITs. At the end of the game the score was Pawtucket 2, Red Barons 1. When we went back, everyone was talking about how fun the game was. Then everyone cheerfully went to sleep. I think that everyone who went to the game had tons of fun, because everyone was very energetic. This is what I think people thought of the game.

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# Crafts

## Stained Glass

by Paul Meissner Cabin 12

Stained Glass is one of the best activities in camp. You would think you have to paint the glass and get all messy but the glass is already stained. There are a few things that you have to do. they are: pick out one of the many designs, trace it, pick out pieces of glass, cut the glass, grind it down to fit with other glass, foil it, solder it, and then stain the solder to the color you want. It sounds like a long and strenuous process, but it is very simple. Thank you for your time!

### Stained Glass

by Matt Seskin Cabin 2

There are five kinds of arts and crafts, but my favorite is stained glass because you can make whatever you want and because the teachers are nice and helpful if you need any help. Stained glass is a beautiful thing to have on a table or hung in the window because the light shines through it and it makes nice colors and its an extremely pretty picture. In stained glass, you cut the glass with a very sharp knife and then grind to make the perfectly smooth piece, which is then bordered in foil. After it is foiled, you glue them together and you're finished. It sounds easy and it is, depending on what you do. It might be easy if it's a three piece project, or it might be hard if it's a 23 piece project. Stained glass is great and you'd think so too.

### Woodshop

by Philip Alvarez-Correa Cabin 5

I like Woodshop a lot because they don't have to explain what all of the tools do and they let you choose whatever you want to do anytime you want. When you do something, they give you a lot of choices to make it better, but they don't force you to do it. Joseph teaches the class, and he's experienced and always tries to help, and doesn't rush you. Right now, I'm making a tic-tac-toe board. My favorite part is that it's fun making the project and the outcome is really cool.

### Stained Glass

by Morgan Blanchett Cabin 14

Stained glass is one of the best classes I take at Camp Shohola. It is a great class to make something cool for yourself or your family. It is a cool class to think about things and reflect back on what happened earlier in the week. I love looking back on what I made and that I made something by myself that turned out so nicely. Stained glass is an awesome class and I recommend it to anyone who hasn't done it yet.

### Silvershop

by Alex Cohan Cabin 7

It's a great activity to take. At least, I like it. I cut my finger in it, but don't let that stop you. It's great because the teachers are great and that is my opinion.

### Rocketry

by Lee Whipple Cabin 3

Rocketry is a lot of fun to take. In the class, we make rockets by first choosing a rocket. There are three different levels. After you choose a rocket, then you take all the pieces out and make sure you have all of the pieces. Then, you start making the rocket. Our teacher's name is Phil, and he's a good teacher. My favorite part is making the rocket because I like making stuff. When you're done with the rocket, you can start on another one. At the end of the year, you launch the rockets.

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# CommTech

## Radio

by Chris Kazi Cabin 11

In radio, we learn how to cue records and be like a real D.J. We have to take a test before we can be a D.J. The teachers are Madison and Steve, and they are really good at teaching the class. They tell us the proper way to operate the equipment and then we go on the air, sometimes make mistakes, and have a lot of fun. Once you pass the test, you can have your own radio show during rest hour, sixth period or during the evening. I still haven't taken the test, but I hope I will pass when I do. One of



the neatest thing in radio this year is the new computer hooked up to the master control console. We can play music from the computer and record PSAs and other announcements. We can also get News, Sports and weather from the Internet for classes.

Radio is really cool.

### Photography

by Alex Manning Cabin WS

If you enjoy taking pictures, this the class to take. In photography, you learn to use the camera and the different parts of the camera. After you take pictures, you can learn to develop them. It's a great class and good for keeping memories of camp.

### Radio- Sports Broadcasting

by Paul Becker Cabin 1

The counselors in my class are Steven G. and Madison. We did sports broadcasting, and it was a lot of fun. I liked it because we interviewed Steve. We were interviewing American gladiators and Steve was picked to be one of them, and it was hard to interview, but funny. In the class, we cue records and go on the air sometimes. We have a show before lunch, and I help Jamie and Kevin, two working seniors, pick out CDs for their show. I pick out ones that they would like, and that makes them happy. I like radio a lot.

### Electronics

by Nathan Storb Cabin 1

In electronics, you learn how to handle electricity by doing experiments. When your kit comes, you have to complete it in four days. Some of the kits are the Shock Game, the Fish Caller, the Robot Blinker, and the Hidden Tormentor. Tom Gibson, Dave Love and Rob teach the class for beginners, intermediates, and advanced. The experiments are with lightning, sound, and many more. My favorite part is building the kits. When you're done, you can experiment with your friends and have fun.

### Video Production

by Hector Vazquez Cabin 5

In Video Production this summer we first learned how to operate the new digital camcorder and computer editing system. Next we had to think about making a music video. We had to plan a shot list, gather props, and pick locations to shoot the video. Next we edited the footage and completed the music video. The name of our show was "Fight For Your Right (To Party)". The music is by the Beastie Boys. First we dubbed the music onto a blank tape and then copied the video that we shot on location. The teacher for our class is Jason Cheetham. Our video starred every one in the 4A class. It is a lot of work to produce a music video and we learned a lot about how to make a video production.

### Computer Music

by Christopher Coe Cabin 4

Computer generated music can show how far technology has gone since the first computers were made. You use a program that can imitate almost any instrument called Cakewalk. You then create a rhythm by placing a marker that is aligned with the note on the left. The notes are displayed by piano keys that go down the side. Then you hit play and watch a vertical line pass through the rhythm you have created. When the vertical line passes through the markers, the note is played. Once you have created the basic song or track using Cakewalk, you code the song onto another program called Cool Edit. Cool Edit shows the track or song you have created as a series of waves. There you can change the tempo pitch and may other variables of the song. You can also add any sound effects at that time. You may also want to add sounds downloaded from the Web at that time. When you have finished you can copy the track onto a blank CD and play it on a boombox or C.D. Player. Computer Music is an optional activity tonight by Dave Love at Camp Shohola.

### Chess

by Thomas Melton Cabin 3

Despite many people not agreeing with me, chess is not a game for pacifists. As Abram has shown many people in my class, you can be beaten in chess so brutally it makes you get a headache. From my chess class and how they are doing, I think everyone is doing well. Many people started out blundering pieces away in

the first week, but everyone has improved, as Abram would say, "Massively." The first class was learning about openings and what to do in the opening, gaining the center, and other related things. In following classes, we learned middle-game strategies, pins, skewers, and finishing off your opponent mercilessly. In fact, Abram has gained enough confidence in the Shohola chess program that he has decided to challenge Pine Forest Camp to a few matches. Hopefully, we can come out victorious from that.

### The 30th Annual WCSR Mystery Marathon

by Eric Lubben Cabin 5

The Mystery Marathon is a fun event we do every year that involves the radio station, WCSR, and all the kids in the camp. It starts out with some music over the radio and then some counselors call in and give out clues for a bumper sticker, the gold disc, the silver disc, or an MTV pin. Also, after a few songs they said a nickname of a counselor and a camper would have to guess the nickname so they could get points for their team. Christian Blandford found the silver disc and Morgan Blanchet found the gold disc. The White team came out victorious in the end.

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# Riding

## Riding

by Rusty Mower Cabin 2

Riding is taught by Rachel, Em, and Dave (Seskin). You learn your trotting, poles, diagonals, and how to pass. There are Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels. You get to bring the horses out and feed them. These classes are held 2A, 3A, and 3B. You even get to take their saddles and bridles off.

## Horseback Riding

by Nick Phelan Cabin 11

I feel the wind blowing against my face, I feel the horse moving beneath me. I see the jump before me, and I hesitate. The horse senses my fear and its pace drops. I understand that the horse knows my fear. I lean forward, and the horse lifts its front legs. The horse jumps clear of the rod, safely on the other side. My whole body feels a sense of accomplishment. I know the horse feels the same way. This is why I love horseback riding. In horseback riding class, we learn lots of stuff. We learn how to trot, canter and jump, while having fun at the same time. We go to horse shows at Camp Netimus and compete. The teachers, Rachel and Em, are great horseback riding teachers. I like horseback riding because I feel a connection with the horses. I had a great time this year taking the class.

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# Ropes

## Ropes

by Stephen Kaplan Cabin 16

Throughout the summer in Ropes class we learn a lot. We learn how to tie specific knots needed for rock climbing. We also learn the safety precautions needed for the ropes course. Advanced Ropes are for the campers that have already taken the basic Ropes course and excelled in it. In this class, campers pass the basic skills and go straight to learning how to secure yourself on a rock face or how to set up a rappel. Both of these classes are great and an experience that you can only get at certain facilities.

It is safe and fun.

## Ropes

by Alex Markow Cabin 12

Ropes is a physical challenge that I do not regret. The different ropes range from small little wires to huge obstacle courses. The counselors that teach Ropes are Christian, Cookies, Chris, Geth, and Renee (Chook). Some of the different ropes are rappelling towers, mountain climbing walls, giant ladders, zip-lines, and cargo nets. My favorite ropes activity is the zip-line. You hook yourself into a harness, that is connected to a pulley, and slide down a very long metal wire. The thrill in this activity is the stunts you can do on the wire, such as flips, side-to-sides, and

rolling. I recommend ropes because of the excellent program that is instituted. I hope to see you at ropes next year.

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# Nature

Nature

by Kyle Schiff Cabin 2

Hi, my name is Kyle. I think nature is cool. We go on nature walks and we also discover new creatures. There is also a nature secret. Only people who sign up for nature know it. The person who teaches this class is George. She is very nice. Nature is the best to me! I sign up for it every year. If you sign up for nature, you will have more fun than you can believe!

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# Diversity

The Olympics

by Mike Barg Cabin 12

July 14th is the Camp Shohola Olympics. Every year, the Green and White teams compete in many track and field events, as well as Riflery and Archery, to see which team is the best in the activities. The white team went into this event with a small lead over green, and with some amazing runners, such as Noah Meissner, Jonah Bromwich, and Ari Chernikoff, white came out winning most of the running events. We will see if green comes back in the other events like the high jump and archery. As for me, I say "GO WHITE!"

### Senior Staff

by Chris Wright Cabin 9

Here at Camp we have incredible Staff members, but here we have what is called a Senior Staff, which are the older Staff members. If all we had were CIT's, there would be no tradition, but that doesn't happen because of Senior Staff. The most important thing about Senior Staff is the way they can run things perfect compared to CITs. With the Senior Staff you improve and learn, while with the CITs you run things. That is why camp needs its tradition and order.

### Who Are They And Why Are They Here?

An Interview by Ben Luptak, Cabin 4 I had just walked out of CommTech and heard music. I went to investigate and found a blues band playing on the deck. I wanted to know more so I



asked several people. Marnita was the most helpful, and I had decided to interview her until I was sent to the owner of the band, Pat.

Q: Who are you guys? A: The bass and guitar player's name is Freddy. He's played for 30 years or so and says it feels like he's been in this band forever. The keyboard player's name is Terry. He's been playing for five years and he was with the band from the start. The singer's name is Chelsea. She has been singing with the group for a week. The songwriter and rapper's name is Shannon. He's been with the band from the start. The other writer/rapper is James. He's been in the band for a few weeks. The singer/rapper is Ivy. She's been with the band since the start. The drummer's name is Ruben. He's been in the band for a few months. Ryan is with Diversity Productions, and sings blues. He opens for the band with Ruben and Freddy.

Q: How long have you been together? A: Eight weeks.

Q: What relations do you have with this camp? A: Pat used to work in the kitchen.

Q: What's the band's name? A: Diversity

Q: Can I get a quotation? A: One monkey don't stop no show....never play an outdoor concert in the rain.

Q: How far do you guys plan to go? A: We want to become world-renowned.

Q: What do you think about playing at Shohola? A: I thought it was awesome. Everybody was nice and receptive, and I thought that was cool. Thanks guys, I think their band will really go somewhere, so I decided to ask the campers and counselors. I interviewed my C.I.T., Steve.

Q: Steve, what did you think of the band? A: I thought they were very talented and unique. I didn't think they were going to rap originally, but when they did, I really liked it. Thanks, Steve. Their band was pretty good, their music was awesome and I am glad I got to interview them and just talk to them because they are nice people. Rock on Diversity!

## **Camp Shohola Cyber Newsletter is Back Online**

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

The following are e-mail instructions from "CommTech" director Tom Gibson. If you want to reply, send your e-mails to [director@campshohola.com](mailto:director@campshohola.com) "The correct procedure to write an e-mail to a camper at Camp Shohola is not very difficult. To start, every camper has an e-mail address which is his

fullname@shohola.com An example is "jamalprice@shohola.com". Also, please include the name and cabin number on the subject line. Tom also asks that you not include any attachments to your e-mail as we are unable to tell if it contains a computer virus and attachments are also difficult to print. Please go to our E-Mail web page, for more information.

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## **Globalization Comes Happily to Camp Shohola**

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

As always there are a significant number of boys from Spanish speaking countries. Twelve from Mexico (Diego Cabeiro, Jaime Duarte, Santiago Garcia, Juan Manuel Jimenez, Fernando Laposse, Joaquin Muriel, Pedro Orozco, Xavier Ramos, Gustavo Rodriguez, Tomas Ruiz, Patricio Silva, Hector Vazquez, ; six from Spain (Lucas Catalan, Mariano De Diego, Javier Garralda

Fernando, Gabe Canan-Zucker, and Ignacio Leon): three from Venezuela (Roberto Baptista, Augusto and Oscar Gonzalez), and one from Ecuador (Andy Beate). There are also four campers from the UK (Alex and Greg Lass, J.D. Leonard, Jim Roehl), plus a camper from France (Nicolas Portrait) and from Italy (Gabriel Paoletti). In addition to these Old and New World campers, there are two boys from Syria (Joude and Laysse Badra), one from Taiwan (Jeffrey Chen; one from Korea (Jay Cho) and finally, one from Bermuda (Erik Pearson). One American camper traveled all the way from his present residence in Singapore (Sam Eckstein), and another, Josh Talbert flew in from Japan to be a part of Shohola fun and magic.

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

The counselor staff is also once again wonderfully international, and yet familiar with working the "fun and magic" of camp life. Indeed, given their number, our international staff members

almost constitute the majority of Shohola personnel. There are three counselors from Mexico (all former campers) and three from Spain. There are seven from England, three Scots, one Welsh, one Northern Ireland, seven "Aussies" and two "Kiwis" from New Zealand, to round out the Commonwealth's contingency. In addition there are three Germans, one Dutch, one Swede, and one Dane. From East Europe there are seven from the Czech Republic, three Slovaks work on the kitchen crew, and one works as a "regular" cabin counselor and land sports instructor. Rounding out the East European contingent, there is one Romanian, one Pole, and one Russian. There are also three South Africans. Incidentally, all three of these are on official leave from the new South African Police Force. All three joyfully exclaim that their Shohola life could not be more different, more wholesome and mellow, compared to stress of their police work back home.

The vast majority of these international counselors and administrative staff are in fact university students and/or already graduates, majoring in physical education, sports management, environmental sciences and "wilderness/survival" training. Clearly they bring demonstrated pedagogical knowledge and skills to their camp work. All are bi-lingual, many being multi-lingual. All proclaim great enthusiasm for having the unique opportunity to be working in such a healthy, wholesome and appreciative community as Shohola. England's Rachel Cartland, Australia's "Em" Trapnell have been co-managing the Shohola stables for the past couple of years. Scotland's Ali Kinnear and Holland's Erna Horn have each returned to Shohola for more than several years. Two of our four Head Counselor staff, Ali

Kinnear and Adrian Hazell are each from the United Kingdom. This is Ali's fifth year. Adrian comes to us from 7 years as Camp Netimus administrative staff. Almost a fourth of the entire Shohola administrative and counseling staff are women. This most definitely adds to both the sensitivity and strength of our professional nurturing skills - nevermind our feminine side-- in what is otherwise an all-boys camp.

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

Focusing all this skill and positive attitude to our operation is our two American senior staff members Matt Karpiak and Matt Milnor. To go from the global to the local, Matt Karpiak was

literally born right around the corner from Camp Shohola. He grew up at Camp Shohola, graduated from the local high school, went to Utah University and majored in "commercial recreation and leisure." He is steeped in camp culture, and knows mountains of information about the local history and business community.

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

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

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## **12-and-Under Softball Team Does Shohola Proud**

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

In the second game, our boys fell behind in the first inning by a 5 run deficit. "Nevertheless," said Shohola coach Kevin Powell, "this competitive team never gave up for one minute. These boys came roaring back! David Hecker pitched an outstanding game, and Brian Onley managed some really impressive defensive game-stopping plays at shortstop. Although the boys lost the championship, with a final score of 5-4, they did manage a second place win. Also playing for Shohola were Quinn Trigg, Marshall Rader, Eric Green,, Aaron Isler, Alex Ettinger, Ben



Elkind, and Juan Manuel Jimenez. "I can't say enough about all these kids' spirit and determination. Their sportsmanship was totally commendable. They made me totally proud to be their coach. I love coaching this team!"

This is Kevin Powell's first year at Shohola. He has just completed his first year of elementary school teaching. This coming Fall he will begin coaching soccer and basketball at Mardela High School in Salisbury, Maryland. We are all very blessed to have this very talented rookie coach leading our lower camp softball teams.

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

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# Shohola 11-and-Under Wins Pike County Softball Tournament

Shohola's very competitive 11-and-under softball team totally dominated this tournament from their very first pitch of the tournament opening game. Actually, Shohola grabbed an embarrassing large lead in the first inning against New Jersey "Y," and never once faced a serious competitive challenge from the opposition. Coach Powell, himself an elementary school teacher, and hometown Little League coach was quick to comment about the remarkable sportsmanship of this young team. "I was really amazed at how these kids kept their poise and manner. They never once taunted the 'Y' kids. They were having so much fun enjoying each other's confident play, they never thought about taking unfair advantage of their competitive edge. They only encouraged each other's game. And I'm telling you these boys 'got game!'" The first game ended up 10-4, Shohola. Defensive standouts in that game were Brian Onley and Alex Ettinger. Ben Elkind and Marshall Rader had two hits each.

In the second game, for the tournament championship, Shohola boys again demonstrated their mettle. "We got up 1-0 in the first inning," reported Coach Powell, glowing proudly afterwards. Both of these teams played excellent defensive ball, and the score remained 1-0-- through the fourth inning-- when we came to bat. David Hecker led off with a triple, and then the

floodgates opened! Our team showed incredible heart to never give up such a tight game. I sure do wish I could coach this team year round. These boys are a tremendous group with really outstanding abilities. I don't think it gets any better than this! I am one 'happy camper'!" Danny Tessler and Eric Green played great defense. The offense was led by David Hecker, Quinn Trigg and Edmund Carlton. Also playing for Shohola were Juan Manuel Jimenez, Matt Seskin and Brad Yapchanyk. Coach Powell called the entire team up to the front of the dining hall at evening announcements and led all his players in a "victory march" around the dining hall and outside deck.

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## **Lower Camp Little League Gets Off to a Very Impressive Start**

In the first intra-mural softball games of the summer's second season, the Oakland A's won over the Baltimore Orioles 4 -2. The "A's" were coached by Kevin Powell, and the very hard playing "O's" were coached by veteran Shohola counselor (and former camper) Larry Tanner. "This was a great game, especially for openers," exclaimed coach Powell. "Again, the kids for both teams demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship throughout the entire game. Joe Von Schmidt played solid

defensive ball at second base. Same for 3rd baseman Dan Tessler. Alex Ettinger pitched a great game for the Orioles. Visiting VIPs at this month's funfilled opener were Dorsey Barger, and her younger brother Duncan, his wife and 14-month old daughter, accompanied by grandpa, and Camp Director, "Kit" Barger who kept the Shohola grandstands filled with "Cheers."

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

Soccer coach Mark Gunn fielded a resilient team in this weeks Pike County Soccer Tournament. Shohola's Santiago Garcia scored the only goal of the first half which was against Camp Owego, but unfortunately Shohola's effort fell short in the second half. "We went 'one nil up" as the Brits call a one-to-nothing loss."The boys basically fell apart," explained coach Gunn. "Unable to sustain their commanding lead of the first half, they argued against one another. At the end of the first game I had a brief chat with the lads. I instructed them not to take the loss personally. I reminded them that they had another

game to play on the old softball field, and they needed to quickly regroup and put their act together. In the second game against Lake Greely camp, the lads did just that!" Mark continued. They took my lessons to heart, came out in the second game to genuinely enjoy their play. They totally got into the spirit of the game, and kept having good laughs right up to the finish. Again in the second game, Santiago Garcia scored two blinding goals from way outside the area." Juan Manuel Jimenez scored the final goal and Shohola's players secured victory in overtime. The final score, 4-3 came in a dramatic overtime. In the end, Shohola ranked third in the tournament over all, but coming back so quickly after the prior collapse convinced coach Gunn that this team deserves high praises for learning their lessons.

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

Shohola entered 12 campers in the annual Pike County Athletic Meet held this past Sunday at Lake Wallenpaupak High School's track and field facilities. Five local camps compete in these track and field events. Shohola boys competed in the 100, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1600 and 3200 meter races, and in the discus, running

long jump and the standing long jump. While Shohola campers only managed to place third over-all, two Shohola competitors totally dominated their events. Juan Manuel Jimenez outran the opposition in the 1600 meter race, and Aaron Heltsley took "first" in both the 800 and the 3200 meter races.

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## **Visiting Alumni Keith Tabatznik Holds Soccer Clinic For Shohola Players**

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

Keith volunteered the following remarks. "I have been doing soccer clinics throughout the summer camp circuit in the mid-Atlantic region. Today's clinic was--honest to God-- one of the all-time most enjoyable I have ever held anywhere. This year's

crop of Shohola kids where the quickest learners and the most appreciative and respectful group of campers I have ever had the privilege to instruct. You guys must be doing something very well, all right. (Perhaps it is also some very good parenting, Keith) Whatever the case, it was a total joy to do. I was most definitely the happiest camper on the field."

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

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

The PEEC provides an awesome educational display of Pocono flora, fauna, and wildlife, especially the section of the Poconos' predatory life. "The great thing about this Center and all its environments," exclaimed George Meling, "is that it provides easy

access to a deliciously varied habitat of both hardwood and conifers, all in a very small area for young hikers to quickly explore. There are multiple groves of beautiful Hemlock "swailes," tall fragrant pines embedded in a solid carpet of pine needles. That is most spectacular natural wonderland!"

George noted that 97 per cent of all local forest animal life is nocturnal, so the task is to look for evidentiary signs of living things. Kids spotted many woodpecker holes, and actually saw a number of tiny "red efts," woodfrogs, and several bird nests.

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

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## **Revitalized Nature Program 'Grows' New Environmental Science Resources**

After a much too long absence from the lengthy list of camp activities, our sweet new Nature Cabin was happily completed just two short years ago. Now Shohola "Power Nature" has already grown into one of the camp's more popular programs,



most especially for our younger campers. Nestled conveniently in the woodlands beside the camp brook, and just a stone's throw from across the ever popular ropes and rock climbing elements, our new Nature program has been growing by leaps and bounds under the excellent teaching and learning skills of the multi-talented George Meling. Ms Meling is in fact a long time Shohola, Pa. resident and knows much about the our local wilderness' narrative. She has managed to quickly build an excellent educational program that has filled the shelves, tables and interior walls with all kinds of museum-quality, educational exhibits. This year has seen a spectacular glass incased display of mounted, exotic rainforest insects, as well as museum-quality skeletons. Rock climbing counselor and former camper, Chris Etherington, brought back a huge rack of moose antlers that he actually found in the High Sierras. They now hang in our new cabin. There is a new terrarium that houses a Giant Black Milliped, a Firebellied toad and one large bullfrog. The new aquarium houses one Lake Greeley catfish and one sunfish, and a host of fast growing insect larvae. (Not to worry, No West Nile virus here! Joke). Knowing our local natural habitats, literally like the back of her hand, George invents all kinds of period-long hikes around our immediately accessible forest and streams.

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## **CommTech Upgrades Camp's Intranet Ssystem and Adds Digital**

# Cameras and Video Equipment to the Mix

Shohola's one and only CommTech founder and director, Tom Gibson, continues to add more computing power and communication options to the camp's unique communications program. This is truly one of a kind. "All computers throughout CommTech are networked on a LAN!" Tom boasts, "All camp computers can communicate with each other, and can send a word processed program to be printed from anywhere there is a computer. This is possible due to the addition this year of a DSL digital subscriber line which allows high speed internet access for both audio and video. Most remarkably this means that the entire radio programming complex can now broadcast campers' radio shows over the Internet. "So," Tom explains, "parents can now listen to their boys' radio shows from their own computers at home."

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

video on our website sometime next month. With the new Digital still camera, CommTech can now make digital slides so that we can place links to pictures of our campers on this newsletter which can be easily downloaded and printed.

In addition, Counselor Rob Mueller is instructing our boys on the basics of web page design. Parents on AOL or PalTalk can now set talk paths directly to the Shohola CommTech system and listen to Camp Shohola radio broadcasting. Yes, WCSR is broadcasting on the internet. Finally Tom announced that Shohola alumni, John Mitchell (from the early '80's), donated a short wave, amateur radio system. You can view these pictures on Jon's web site and clicking on the Camp Shohola link. Clearly, CommTech has brought Camp Shohola well into the 21st century.

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

For more than 35 years, veteran water ski instructor, Bob Gillespie, ran Shohola's ever popular water ski program on Lake Wallenpaupak. This year the program acquired an awesome new powerboat, a super Magnum 454. In a brief ceremony at the end of first session, the boys attending the water ski program

christened the impressively big boat, the "Bobby G" to honor the man who has given half his life to Camp Shohola, and recently retired to winter in Florida in order to take care of his ailing parents, and who then discovered that he is himself facing a life threatening illness. Sadly he was not able to return to work in Shohola this summer.

Now, twice a day, five days a week, Shohola takes 5 campers each time, along with two water ski instructors, Derron Blanch from Australia, and Corey Ford, from New Zealand, on a 15-mile drive to Lake Wallenpaupak for ski instruction. Each skier can now enjoy up to 30-minutes of instructional time on the skis. Having achieved the difficult skill of double skiing, the more proficient skiers get to learn the more daunting skill of slalom skiing (balancing both feet on one big ski). Our new power boat allows us to pull as many as 4 campers at one time. We all wish and pray that our much beloved Bobby G can some day soon come back to Shohola, and enjoy a good whirl on the new powerboat.

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

'five up!' Readers! Stay tune for next week's edition of your camp cyber newsletter. The best is yet to come!

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## **Kayak and Tripping Program Treks Five Campers to New York's Fire Island For Three Days of Kayak Surfing**

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

Schmidt, Jamie Ayers, and cabin 16 senior, Alex Hecker. Tripping staff counselor Phil Tolley represented the Tripping staff on this ocean sojourn.

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

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

contestants ability to successfully handle difficult climbing elements in the least amount of time.

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

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## **Shohola Barn Continues to Expand Its Program and Potentials**

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

Also, thanks to Kit Barger, our thoroughbred horse "Doc" who has been suffering from arthritis since 1998, has been successfully placed with an adoption agency in Maryland. Horsenet is a small charity which aims to treat sick horses and places them as companions with families. They report that

"Doc" is doing great and they already feature him on their website. Check it out, folks.

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## **Shohola Makes Its Mark at First Month Horse Show**

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

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# Let There Be Light, and There Was Light!

For years campers and counselors have unsuccessfully lobbied Camp Director Kit Barger to install an outdoor lighting system on the basketball and hockey courts so that late evening and night games can be played outdoors deep into the second session of August. Finally, this year Shohola is blessed with a state-of-the-art outdoor lighting system.

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

Fifteen minutes before midnight all campers were seated on the new hillside stairway that leads campers from the cabin hill down to the courts. Campers waited patiently in total darkness, with flash lights blazing all about, wondering what in the heck was all the commotion about, waking them up and marching them out into the warm night air. Suddenly the blazing night lights were switched on. There, parked on the basketball court was the flat bed truck with a loud speak and musical broadcast system that blared out the midnight rituals. Returning Head

Counselor Matt Milnor acted as senior sportcaster, describing the unfolding events with the finesse of a professional stand-up comic. These perpetually happy alumni pranksters also provided peanuts and popcorn for all the sleepy-eyed spectators.

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

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

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

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

## **Waterfront**

### **Swimming**

- Michael Glassman
- Aaron Insler
- Elon Bridget

### **Kayaking**

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

### **Water Skiing**

- Aaron Insler
- Milan Cimeria

## **Canoeing**

- Gabe Hanna
- Matt Gillespie

## **Windsurfing**

- Kevin Wright

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## **Landsports**

### **Tennis**

- Gabe Hanna

### **Upper Camp Football**

- Jordon Holtzman-Conston

### **Softball**

- Quin Trigg
- Brian Onley
- Marshall Rader
- David Hecker
- Eric Green
- Aaron Insler

- Alex Ettinger
- Ben Elkind
- Juan Manuel Jimenez
- Matt Seskin
- Malcolm Hale
- Brad Yapchanyk

### **Archery**

- Tony Calderer

### **Riflery**

- Justin cohan Shapiro

### **Basketball**

- Andrew McRostie

### **Riding**

- Fernando Laposse

### **Ping Pong**

- Fernando Leon

## **Tripping**

### **Ropes**

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

## **Arts and Crafts**

### **Rocketry**

- Hector Vazquez

### **Silvershop**

- Alex Manning

### **Woodshop**

- Peter Zhou

## **CommTech**

### **Video**

- Hector Vazquez
- Elliot Williams

### **Photography**

- Taylor Matson

### **Radio**

- E.J. Swager

### **Chess**

- Justin Von Schmidt

### **Design and Innovation**

- Hector Vazquez

### **Pascal**

- Neil Dowgun

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

- Gabe Canan-Zucker

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

Peace Out.

Larry Aaronson,  
Camp Shohola Cyber News Editor.