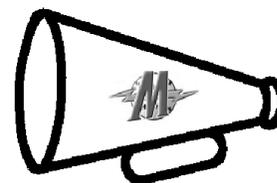


# Megaphone



The Arrival Edition

Tuesday 23rd June 2015

### Arrival

Monday was the day that all the campers arrived at the Friendly Confines to begin camp 2015. The buses arrived on time at around 3pm and were greeted by all the excited and buoyant staff with a tunnel right from the bus door! There were cheers, songs and even a few dance moves thrown in! The campers were directed straight to Wasserman Hall for the pep rally. In the hall the campers were called into their cabin groups (with their extremely excited counselors) before having a team photo. After this the campers returned to their cabins and allowed to unpack and settle in before beginning rotations which involved selecting camp activities, having health checks and writing mail.

### Dinner

It was our first dinner together at Camp Menominee 2015 and what a great one it was. ARNEVA MASON and MIKE TAYLOR (with the help from their terrific team) produced some awesome lasagna for everyone. This was accompanied by garlic bread and vegetables such as broccoli and spinach. It was no surprise we had a few double-dippers with the scrumptious lemon cake for dessert. Always remember there is only one way to grow, and that's to eat well!



Clear skies over the cabins 6/22/15

### RPS/Candy party

Everyone was called into Wasserman hall after dinner for a meeting. This began with a very fun rock, paper scissors tournament. The tournament involved a knockout system where if you won your tie, your opponent would then be your cheerleader and this kept on going until there were only two people left in the final. CHARLIE RATTERMAN came out with victory, in the end, after a number of intense battles. Well done CHARLIE! After this, JASON instructed all the campers and counselors to return to their cabins and collect all of their candy and food to share with the rest of the group. Every year there is a candy party on the first night which allows everyone to share their things and interact with each other after a long day travelling. This helps keep the cabins free from food and drink as we don't want visitors such as rodents! There was a mixture of treats on offer such as popcorn, sweets, chocolate, cookies and potato chips. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in the candy party and with the food-free cabin rule. Remember, a clean cabin is a happy cabin!

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| 78°                              | Not too chilly but thunder and showers are predicted, listen to all announcements carefully. |
| <b>Tomorrow's weather report</b> |  |

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| <b>Famous birthdays on June 23rd!</b> |               |
| Zinedine Zidane                       | Randy Jackson |
| Jason Mraz                            | Selma Blair   |
| Mark Hendrickson                      | Matt Light    |

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### Showers and more showers

Unfortunately, the weather took a turn for the worst in the evening and resulted in the cancellation of the planned evening activity, speedball. Although playing in the rain can be fun, safety is always more important. All campers and counselors were told to remain in their cabins until the downpour was over. This turned out to be a positive as we all had more time to get to know each other, Cabin 14 even had time for a great game of blackjack! When the weather cleared up, all the campers were called to have their mandatory shower down at Koz's house.

### Wass Hall family time

After showering, everyone was called back down to Wasserman hall for an evening activity. The guys were greeted on entry by THOMAS CADLER and Menominee-kitchen veteran MIKE TAYLOR with their guitars in hand and shades on! The two of them performed a great song that everyone could sing a long too. After this MIKE taught everyone the chorus to a different song and performed a great solo on the guitar while singing. Big shout to MIKE! Finally, TOM educated the group on a story about the witchdoctor. He then introduced the song dedicated to new camp owner JASON and everyone sang along!



MIKE and TOM playing their guitars in Wasserman Hall on the first evening 6/22/15

### Speeches

After that, new member of the 10 year club, ANDREW BLECHMAN took centre stage and delivered some words of wisdom to the rest of the group. Everyone was impressed by ANDREW'S speech which highlighted some key points on how to be happy at camp. One of our international staff was next to step up and say a few words to the group, COREY NEWHAM, all the way from New South Wales, Australia. COREY will be down at the waterfront this summer as a boat driver and lifeguard. The Aussie delivered a heartwarming speech and thanked Menominee for letting him in to the family! Last, but not least, JUSTIN SCHOENEMAN delivered another great pitch on how to have fun and get the best out of camp. As a previous camper, CIT and JC, 'SCHOENY' definitely knows a thing or two about camp.

### Bedtime rituals

As the Wasserman Hall evening activity came to a close, everyone in the room sang TAPS with NATE FRIEFELD performing on the piano. This was the perfect end to a great first day at camp. After the campers left the hall they had 20 minutes before taps would be played and lights were out. This meant the first day of Camp Menominee 2015 was over and what a terrific one it was.

#### A QUOTE TO THINK ABOUT:

"ACTION MAY NOT ALWAYS BRING HAPPINESS, BUT THERE IS NO HAPPINESS WITHOUT ACTION."

Benjamin Disraeli

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