

SINCE 1928

EAGLE RIVER, WI



# THE CAMP MENOMINEE MEGAPHONE

TRIP WEEK EDITION

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## The Intermediate Canoe Trip by

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Every CM summer the third week in first session brings a special adventure – Trip Week! For the Intermediates, it was a canoe trip. The original plan was for one half of the Intermediates to go first, then the other half to follow suit. However, a little rain delay caused the trips to merge, allowing all of the Intermediates to canoe and camp at once with a little help from waterfront director **JEREMY KOHLENBRENER**. After rest period, and an hour to pack, it was time for the canoe trip to kick-off down at the beaches of Sand Lake. After the canoes paddled their way along Sand and Dam Lake, they then crossed the portage. **JOE STAPLETON** was waiting for us with a fully prepared campsite. Everyone was settling in when dinner arrived – it was lasagna! We were thrilled, but the counselors thought it would be a good idea to do rock, paper, scissors to determine who would get seconds and who wouldn't. Two lines

were formed, and the matchups were set. In the end, everyone was happy because there were enough seconds for everyone. **JONAH GAGERMAN** decided he couldn't wait any longer and grabbed the shovel and toilet paper to do the unthinkable – go to the bathroom in the woods. After dinner, we all chilled by the campfire and waited for night to fall so we could make s'mores, which were very tasty.

The next morning, at around 6:30 AM, some campers decided to build a campfire of their own to warm up (along with **FERNANDO'S** help). Three hours later breakfast came, which consisted of scrambled eggs, sausage links, and toast. There was enough food to go around this time and it gave us the energy to keep canoeing. We canoed for another hour or two before we got to the bridge, where campers had fun jumping off. **XAVIER DUNCAN** jumped first, closely followed by **FIN DORAN**. Lifeguards **SAM MILLER**, **MICKEY RACENSTEIN**, and **FERNANDO** stood ready and helped facilitate the bridge jumping. Afterward, **JEFF TOOMBS** cooked up some burgers and we all went mini-golfing. It was a very fun and exciting canoe trip!



**JACKSON FLAUM**, **MATTHEW OPPENHEIMER**, and **JAKE GOODMAN** ready to begin canoeing.

## Senior Cabin White Water Rafting by Jesse Kaplan and Nate Beermann

For the Senior Cabin trip, we all went white water rafting! The trip got off to an amazing start with solo rafting on day one. When **BEN LAZARUS** went down the rapids on his own, he seemed to get stuck every chance he got. During the solo raft, **LOUIE KANTER** took a huge wipeout on the Class 1 rapids. We all went back to The Lodge twenty minutes after finishing

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the rafting because **ZEKE** was complaining too much. Classic **ZEKE**. On the second night, we had a relaxed barbeque, with chefs **NATE BEERMANN, PAYTON PICUS, ZEKE, MICAH BLUM,** and **LOUIE KANTER**. On the second day, we group rafted. It was a great day as the Senior Cabin worked together to clear the Class 4 rapids, the second hardest set of rapids. Senior Cabin would like to thank the Admin, **JJ, LOUIE,** and **ZEKE** for taking us on this amazing trip! We would like to thank **JOSH INGRAM** even more for funding and planning the entire trip! Thanks, **INGRAM!**

## Fact, or Kaplan? by Jackson Heise

The long-awaited evening campfire Fact or Kaplan finally occurred! This campfire, hosted by all three Kaplans (**JACK KAPLAN, CHASE KAPLAN,** and **JESSE KAPLAN**), was a tournament-style family feud game where the objective is to determine whether a camp-related question is a fact or a lie, or Fact or Kaplan. Each cabin face-off was best two out of three, where to win one of the cabins would have to answer two questions correctly. For example, "Does the water that we drink at camp come from Sand Lake?". This would be considered Kaplan, as it was false. There were three brackets; Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. Some notable faceoffs featured **NATHAN VASS** representing Cabin 8 and **BEN LAZARUS** representing the Senior Cabin. In the end, Cabin 5 won the Junior bracket, Cabin 15 won the Intermediate Bracket, and Cabin 8 won the Senior bracket. After all was said and done, there were a few extra questions prepared, so **BEN LAZARUS** and CIT **DANIEL FLORES** faced off. The question, however, was math-related. It was "What is 2 squared, divided by one, and multiplied by four." **BEN** buzzed in first and was able to correctly answer the question with an answer of sixteen. Senior Cabin and the rest of the camp went wild. Great job to the Kaplans, they did a fantastic job and even got to lead Taps at the end of the campfire.

## Staff Basketball Game by Jackson Heise

The Staff Games were off to a great start this summer with football out on Woody's Pitch during a rest period, which Team **SAM GOODMAN** took by a close



**JESSE KAPLAN, CHASE KAPLAN,** and **JACK KAPLAN** leading Taps with **JASON**.

margin. Team **ALEC GAU** was looking for revenge in basketball under the lights. Thirty minutes after Taps, under the beautiful Northwoods night sky, Team Goodman and Team Gau took to the courts for a game of basketball. Even two campers came out to play, with **JESSE KAPLAN** playing for Team Goodman, and **JACK KAPLAN** suited up to play for Team Gau. **NATE BEERMANN** coached Team Goodman, coaching the Menominee Way. **BRADY WEISS** and **KADEN LISKA** were seen trash talking star player for Team Goodman, **BRETT WEISS**. The game was close throughout and camper **JACK KAPLAN** hit some crucial three pointers for Team Gau to push the game to OT. **KAPLAN** continued to stay hot, as the underdog Team Goodman, with **BRETT WEISS** and **BENJIE SOREN** (resident tall guy), had a valiant effort. In the end, Team Goodman came up short and Team Gau claimed victory with a score of 42 – 39. Team Gau's victory brought the Staff Games overall score to 1 – 1. **NATE BEERMANN'S** coaching style will never be forgotten, as his coaching philosophy was "Shoot a three, because it's worth more than a two." Thanks **NATE**, and let's hope the rest of the games are just as close.

## Words of Wisdom

"If you want something you've never had, you'll have to do something you've never done."

– **JOSH INGRAM**