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# THE CAMP MENOMINEE MEGAPHONE

Start of Something New Edition

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

## Bring on the Summer of 2023!

The first session commenced yesterday amidst great excitement as buses rolled into the camp, delivering the campers to the friendly confines and once again making our family whole. Hello and welcome to everyone who is here at Camp Menominee for another summer of fun, sun, learning and development. This is our 96th summer and we are ready to get started and make this summer the best one yet. The beautiful Northwoods of Wisconsin have, as usual, delivered such a the perfect setting for us so when you can, sit back and take it all in. We hope that every one of you are just as excited as we are and are ready to make memories that will last forever.

The campers arrived on the Lamers buses this afternoon to an eager and energetic staff. After running through the human counselor tunnel, and meeting their cabin mates, the boys jumped into unpacking, tours and activity sign ups.

Just off the bus, 3rd year camper JACK FRIEDMAN said he was "super excited for Camp" and 4th year camper RYAN MAHONEY said he was "ecstatic". 1st year camper, MAX WILLSON said he "loved the celebration of everyone arriving at camp" his good friend CHAI CARR "could tell the summer ahead was going to be fun."



First year camper XAVIER VILLEGAS celebrating his 12th birthday on the first day of camp!

## A Classic Mess Hall Dinner

2019 was the last time we gathered in the mess hall for a true Menominee all-camp dinner with waiters and the one way system going the CORRECT way. After four long years we finally brought it back for the perfect first night of camp meal.

After a long day of travelling, what better way to fill our stomachs and get to know each other a little better by having our first dinner of the summer together. Our amazing chef CHARLES (with a nice assist from sometimes Chef Jeff) and the incredible kitchen staff cooked some amazing burgers and hot dogs with fries. ZACH FORMAN could not wait to go for seconds as he shouted, "I love it." For dessert, a beautiful Vanilla cake was enjoyed by all campers and counselors.

Some may have liked it a little more than others as there were "double dipper" chants about during the meal. WOODY of course gave his classic "mess hall procedures" chat with MAX KIRSCH demonstrating that you NEVER cross the double yellow line in the one way system. Once all tables had been waited and ragged, we all gathered around to sing Happy Birthday to XAVIER VILLEGAS and present him with his birthday cake.



JACKSON COLEY, DANIEL NARDELLI, and PARKER MARRIS in the Mess Hall getting to know each other.

## The Importance of Menominee

By Nate Beermann

Camp Menominee has changed my life for the better in every single way possible. At camp I learned all of the pillars of The Way, which allowed me to become a better person in and outside of competitions. My dad introduced my brother (Max) to camp at such a young age, it's just always been a part of my life. Every summer we continue to come back because we made friends here that will last far past our camping careers. It's a common saying at Menominee that we go 10 months for two, Even if you had a tough year at home you can always look forward to coming back to camp. It's what keeps my spirits up. Menominee also teaches you skills that you'll use for the rest of your life. I still make my bed at home the same way I was taught here when I was 8. Camp brings people together from all over the world to share their experiences and cultures with each other. I've learned about so many different countries during my time at camp. It also allows for all types of campers to flourish here. Whether you like sports or not, there will always be something for you to do. I'm incredibly grateful that I have been given the opportunity to call Menominee my second home.



NATE BEERMANN and DREW BANJAMIN

## Weather

**Today**

**High: 86**

**Low: 53**

**Tomorrow**

**High: 84**

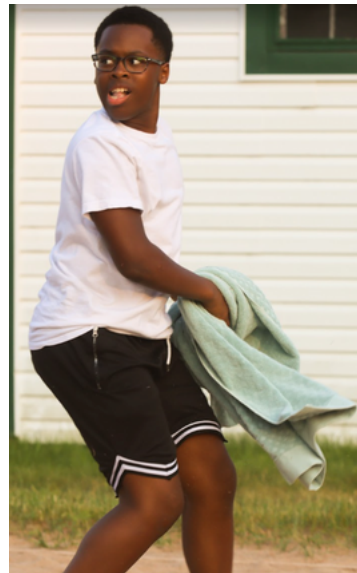
**Low: 55**

**Sunny days ahead!**

## Capture the Flag

By Editor

What do we do on the first night of camp...WE PLAY CAPTURE THE FLAG! Following the amazing meal in the mess hall, the campers enthusiastically embarked on a spirited game of Capture the Flag in the Gully. We saw notable performances from MAX AGINS and MAX ROTHBART, who displayed incredible defensive prowess. DANIEL FLORES, demonstrating exceptional skill, successfully getting the flag across the line for the white team, captivating the attention of everyone present. MASON AUSLANDER played a vital role, relentlessly advancing the flag throughout the game. The atmosphere brimmed with excitement and camaraderie, making it a remarkable inaugural game of the season.



MICHAEL BROOKS doing his best to help the team capture the flag!

## Bonfire Bonding

Campers, counselors, and staff ended the night around the campfire singing songs led by THOMAS C ADLER and his guitar, accompanied by KANE YOUNG, also on the guitar. TOM likes to incorporate jokes in his songs. One of the best ones was from DUBLIN CLOSE, "What is the best city to invest in? An island, because it keeps 'DUBLIN'!" What a knee slapper! Australian native, JAMES KING, presented a beautiful speech about giving camp a chance and embracing what camp has to offer. BRADY KAY also spoke camp friendships, how quickly they blossom and how important they are in his life.

All is well at camp, safely rest, see you tomorrow!