

## Parent newsletter #2 7/11/10

Dear Parents,

This past week has been a whirl: two trips into Boston, one for a lacrosse game and one last night for a major league soccer game! We finally got some much needed rain yesterday in the form of several nice showers. The fields are turning green again and your sons enjoyed a leisurely day watching a world cup soccer game and a movie in the opera house last night. We will turn on the final game of the world cup today so our Spanish contingent can root for the home team! Viva Espana!

Jay Luff is taking his annual 5 night overnight trip to Maine to scale Mt. Katahdin among others and will be back on Friday. Otherwise we have another full plate of activities starting with 13 and 15 under soccer games tonight. We also take our camp and cabin photos for the first session today and will post the cabin shots on the bunk one section of our web site for you to see along with the others you should now find posted there. We will continue to post photos once a week or so. If the large camp photo is back in time we will pack it in the trunk of the boys going home on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Otherwise we will mail it down to you.

Speaking of which:

1. For second session campers coming up on the bus from CHA (500 W. Willow Grove Ave., Phila. PA 19118), please be there by 7:45 a.m. for an 8 a.m. departure. There are luggage racks overhead but no luggage compartment underneath this 29 seat bus, so please UPS up trunks and/or duffels. The bus will stop at the Grover Cleveland rest stop of the NJ Tpk. (approx 9:30) and at the McDonalds between exits 12 and 13 on rte. 95 near Darien, CT (approx 10:30) just as the first bus did. We will also make one more stop between Darien and Camp at a rest area. **Pack your son a bag lunch** and something to drink! He can bring a "walkman" or ipod for listening to music with earphones – but no internet connection. Counselor **Pat Keane** will be aboard. I will give you his cell phone number next Sunday.

Here is the list I have at this point; please notify me if your son should be on and is not listed, or if he should be taken off because you have decided to drive or fly him up:

Dworetzky, Gelinas, Gunsalus, Hendrick, Kunkel, Lemmon, McKhann (1), Powell, Reilly, Rodgers (2), Ryan, Tornetta, Westerfield, McNamara, McMullin, Lasry.

2. For those going home on the 21<sup>st</sup>: we will UPS your trunk/duffel home for a fee of \$100 for the trunk and \$75 for the duffel if you tell us to. Please give us the address you want it sent to and Rob Waters will take care of the rest. Send us a check for the appropriate amount and make it out directly to: **Robert Waters**.

3. There will be a little going away ceremony around 7 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> in the opera house if parents would like to attend. We will have luggage ready to go home that night and/or the next morning and you can pick it up at the top of the hill either day. Please do not drive down to cabins for campers' safety. Boys should be picked up between 9-11 a.m. and we will transport those boys to the airport we have been given the info for.
4. For those arriving on the 21<sup>st</sup>: please arrive between the hours of 2-5 p.m. and not before, so we have a chance to clean cabins and be ready for you. The bus should arrive by dinner time. We will have "buddies" ready for the new arrivals and orientation that night and the next day.

It's incredible how fast the summer is going by! Only a week and one-half left for first session boys! For those staying the full summer and for those coming second session we will begin rehearsing this week for the **H.M.S. Pinafore** so it's ready to "sail the ocean blue" on August 12, 13 and 14!

A highlight of the week ahead is the annual Jim Gibbons Track Meet. Jim was a former Head of the track program here for many years. We always have five or six other camps here and get our first look at the Pemi boys!

Also clothing orders that were put in belatedly should all arrive this week and we will mark and distribute them as they come in. If the clothes arrive after a boy leaves, we will mail them home to you along with any spending money left in his account.

Cheers from beautiful NH!

Jim and Nina