

Parent Newsletter #5 – Tecumseh, 7/31/11

Most of last week was spent in preparation for our annual day-long competition with Camp Pemigewasset in soccer, baseball, tennis and swimming at all age levels. Tecumseh and Pemi battled fiercely all day in nip and tuck contests and the lead changed hands many times. Finally, when the day ended, in a slight, steady drizzle at both waterfronts the final score was 9-9-2! An historic tie! Perhaps the first one ever, and certainly the first one in the memories of those who have witnessed over 50 CT-Pemi days! You will get a detailed account of the day in our weekly paper, the **Sunbeam**, in the final edition that goes home with your sons, but a quick summary goes like this:

Soccer: 2-2-1
Baseball: 2-2-1
Tennis: 2-3
Swimming: 3-2

While CT was relieved to Keep the Hat (the scoring system is like the Ryder Cup, the defending champs must actually be beaten, not tied, to lose the Hat), there was much admiration for the spirit and performance of our rivals. It was, by far, Pemi's best showing in recent memories. A rivalry like this one (dating back to the early 1900s) is wonderful for both camps when the day hangs in the balance to the last moment. The swim meets at Tecumseh were held in the rain, but the campers from both sides chanted songs and cheered loud and hard throughout. The two officials for the meet said it was the best event they had ever officiated!!

The two men who created the Hat history, George Munger of CT and Tom Reed of Pemi, would have been proud of their camps. There is a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship that pervades the whole day. You parents should be especially proud of your boys!

So life gets back to normal!! Canoe trips go out tomorrow, an archery contest today, a lacrosse game tonight. In the two weeks ahead we look forward to:

The mini marathon (4 miles of trails through camp)

The Iron Man – a swim and run

The operetta on closing weekend – **Trial by Jury** and Gilbert and Sullivan's Greatest hits!

Clinic – the last week ka boy can specialize in a sport of his choosing all morning for the final week. Visiting coaches in lacrosse, football and basketball will arrive to coach!
Tecumseh Day – parents are welcomed to spend the day at camp: parent-child tennis round robin, a buffet style lunch, a dedication ceremony for Munger Hall at noon on Saturday the 13th; the operetta both Friday and Saturday nights; closing ceremony Sunday morning from 9-10:30 a.m. – and then, unbelievably – Home! Where has the summer gone!

Best to all from Jim and Nina