

THE CHIRRRUP

Week 1

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Welcome Home

After 22 months we are thrilled to say that campers have finally returned to 382 Camp Lane. Despite the many changes around camp such as the garden extension, a new building on the Hill, a bathroom renovation, and new tents, Sangamon already feels like our home again. Since the first day, camp has been bubbling with excitement as we return to our old traditions as well as embrace a new way of life here. Everything is in shape for this to be a fun and loooooooooooooong summer!!!

The Wonders of Little Rock Pond

On Tuesday of the first week of camp I went on a hiking trip with some other campers and counselors. At morning announcements the Hikes and Trips leader, Richard, announced that he and his Apprentern, Robinson, were leading a two-mile hiking trip on the Long Trail up to a really beautiful, good-sized pond that we would swim and eat lunch at. I immediately knew that I wanted to go. I signed up and then went to pack my bag and do cabin cleanup. After activity period 1 we met at the main lodge, loaded the van, and were off. It was an hour drive there and on the way we stopped at a scenic look-out point to see the view. Once we arrived at the trailhead to the long trail we hopped out of the van, divided up the food, and started off. It was a gorgeous day for a hike (although a little warm) and nice and sunny. The trail was well-maintained and relatively flat. As we were on the trail we saw and heard many amazing parts of nature: a toad, a snake, and many birds. Once we reached the pond we took a look around the pond to find a place to eat lunch. Once we had eaten lunch we continued on the trail around the pond until we found a place to swim. We all got in and swam around before continuing to head on the loop around the pond back to the Long Trail. We headed back on the trail, seeing more snakes on the way, and hopped in the van to go back to camp. This trip was a really fun start to camp and a great way to get to know more people.



Aaron Carr-Perlow, Cabin Gale

Fun At The Farm

Today at camp I went to the farm and became one with the animals, mostly the sheep and pigs. I did this by getting on all fours and making the noises that they make. They let me pet them and scratch behind their ears. I surprised the counselors because the pigs and sheep are shy most of the time and run away from people. They called me the sheep and pig whisperer.

Thomas Bishop, Cabin Breeze

A New Haiku

Outside in the sky

The sun, the moon, the stars shine

Piercing the night time

Steve Arigides, Apprentern

Cats are very nice and playful. They love to sit in your lap. They do very funny things and they purr when you pick them up. They have hair and they have very good hearing. They are very cute. I love cats.

Wyatt Davine, Cabin 1



An Ode To Camp

I like Camp Sangamon because of all the activities and also the people. Everyone is accepting and very nice. The staff is awesome and the food is great (shout out to Dory the cook!). I'm glad my parents found this great camp for me. My favorite activity is farm because I love animals and the staff there. We all have fun and play with the animals.

Malek McManus, Cabin Breeze



Down at the Water Front

The waterfront is the best activity in all of camp. It is my favorite because I get to spend time with my friends. It is also my favorite activity because the lifeguards are very supportive and helpful when giving swimming lessons. Overall, it is the best activity because of the people who work there.

Trevor Mulvey, Cabin Gale

Free Swim!

I go to waterfront everyday. I love free swim because I am a trout and I can jump off the diving board and swim in the deep end. It is fun to dive for rocks. In conclusion I think water front is amazing.

Cameron Moriarty, Cabin 2



Here at Camp Sangamon there are a lot of things to do. Take waterfront for example. You have rankings for where you can swim. You can jump off the diving board if you are a trout and you can jump off the tower if you are a perch. **Owen McArdle, Cabin 4**

There is lots to do at the waterfront: dip, swim lessons, free swims, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and more. The three of us have been to the waterfront a lot recently because it has been super hot every day. We love to jump off of the diving board and tower and have been practicing dives and flips. Kayaking is super fun because you can paddle out to a blue pod at Betsey Cox and play king of the hill. Swim lessons are also very fun. We have gone to every swim lesson we could and we finally made it to the perch swim level yesterday. Overall, the waterfront is our favorite activity and a ton of fun!

Theo Fallis, Rowan Laird, and Max Thorn-dike, Cabin Gale



Vote Basilisk

With the recent opening of the polls there has been a clear winner: The Basilisk Lizard. The Basilisk Lizard is an amazing contestant in the lizards, amphibians, crocodilians, and snakes tournament,. Can you name another animal that can run across water without sinking?! The Basilisk also sports a sleek sporty body with ridged feet that catches bubbles allowing it to run across water. The Basilisk Lizard is the obvious choice for the winner. Vote Basilisk.

Oliver Lavelle, Cabin Breeze



Why Jacob chose forge

He went to forge a lot his first year at camp in 2017. He would race to forge to make sure he got a spot. That year he made 30 s-hooks. His favorite forge person is Pete Mathewson. His favorite part of forge is twisting the metal in the vile. **Emmet Deehan, Cabin Breeze**



Tennis Time

This year I did tennis for the first time in my life. I have found it very fun. I am actually pretty good. Lucien has helped me a lot with learning the sport and getting better. In conclusion, tennis has been a very fun learning experience for me this year.

Wells Fracht-Monroe, Cabin 2

Cabin Blow Nightly Routine

After nightly activities, eight tired boys rush into cabin blow and head to the card table. They change into their pajamas and rest on handmade benches and tables used by generations of campers before them. With their homemade poker chips they are proud to add to their cabin's wood works. The counselors enter the cabin, reminding, then demanding, the campers to brush their teeth. After much protest they take their water, toothpaste and tooth brushes and brush their teeth clean. They can only get two or three more card games in before bedtime. They climb into bed and talk until hill duty exclaims "we can hear you from the Florida house!" We continue to whisper until we fall asleep and the cabin goes silent . . . Till the rummaging sound of trunks shifting on the floor the next morning. **Zaylen Palacios, Cabin Blow**

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