

THE CHIRRUUP

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Director's Notebook

I like mysteries. I've been calling this one the Gray Fur Mystery. My granddaughter, Priya, found a pile of fur by the BC fence and brought it to me to puzzle out.

Maybe an owl catch - but who? Steve Spensley guessed it was a possum - gray fur with black tips.

Recently, I read about Gray foxes, who have the same fur colors along their back and tail. And I have seen Red and Gray foxes in the neighborhood. I might mistake them as young coyotes, except Gray foxes have one *very* unique feature that gives them away, if you're lucky enough to see one. They can climb trees! They'll even den up in a tree sometimes, to have their litter of kits. We see lots of horse hair stuck on fences, so maybe this fur was a fox tail? Google: Gray Fox.

-- Mike



Grey fox kits living under Gale in Spring 2019!

INTRODUCING THE 2022 APPRENTI!

The Apprentice program began in the 1980's and are the next step up in the training. They work in activities, learning the skills and also how to teach them as well as joining the staff in camper cabins to observe and assist in running cabins. And of course they'll be headed on a travel adventure!

Diego Ayala

Noah Letendre

Myles Chang

Nat Richards

Harper Davidson

Isaac Kennedy-Mitchell

Zane Elinson

Henry Snelling

Robbie Galpern-Levin

Owen Zacherau

Will Gottshalk

From the Attic

By Mike Byrom

Here is more history taken from the yearly camp advertising booklets in honor of our 100th summer!

1920's

- Camp built a 24 x 12 sugar house with steam-vent cupola and big piles of split wood to heat the evaporator to boil sap into syrup. Campers came to “winter camp” to help. The sugaring operation used either a horse or a young ox and sled to haul a sap tank to collect the sap.
- There were originally three cabins on the Row where 1,3, & 5 are now. They were all camper built (sort of knocked together) and all had porches with views of the Pond. Unfortunately, none survived long.
- The earliest dock at Burr Pond was a floating dock. At some point it had a *tower* on it!

1930's

- Campers build a log cabin in the woods. All the logs came from the property and campers split 2,000 oak shingles for the roof.
- Campers built a 20x12 post & beam blacksmith shop at the Bar S ranch.
- Campers built a new dock at the Pond.
- Summer construction was a new boathouse in 1932.
- The Tower is now on a permanent dock and measures 8x16 and is *two stories tall!*
- Three chateaux are built for young campers on the Hill and named for sea storms of increasing intensity: Breeze, Gale, and Blow. Director's cabin was named Calm.

Other fun facts

- Many boys slept outside every night. Ten nights sleeping out earned a camper the Ojibwa Award.
- The Pond path used to go almost straight up and down the hill. Our current path was called “Aunt Peggy's Path” after Peggy McIntyre who was an important donor in the camp's earliest days.

Electrical Work

By Ben Marchiony

The last time I attended camp was as a Hill camper in 2011 and the last time I had the chance to visit was 2014. Camp was my happiest memory from childhood, but it felt like it was slipping away. By early 2021, seven years since my last visit, I thought it would just fade into memory. But to my surprise, my brother Gabe announced he would be working at Sangamon this summer, so I thought I could at the very least relive the camp experience through him. Little did I know that I would get to do it myself.

I'm an electrician by trade and I love my work. Ever since I started, I felt there was one project where I could truly make a difference: Camp Sangamon. I mentioned it to Gabe who passed along the offer to Jed. Being closed for the summer of 2020 had taken its toll on the system and there was a need for a few repair projects and upgrades which had been hard to get done given the overall demand for electricians. When Jed heard of my offer, he was delighted and invited me up to Vermont as soon as I was able to come.

I woke up on the first morning, seeing camp for the first time in seven years. I saw old friends and was able to catch up on all the stories I had missed. It was both surreal and heartwarming to be back. During that first morning I met a new staff member, Liam, who was eager to learn about my trade. I invited him to be my apprentice for the project and was thankful for the company. I worked for a full week and was able to both get all the work done as well as teach someone else. It's the most rewarding feeling I've had in the trade. When we turned the power on, I felt like a hero. I had never taken more pride in my work.

At the end of the week, I said goodbye to friends both old and new. Camp was even more fun than I remembered and it felt great to be able to give back. I'll never work on a project that means more to me than helping Camp Sangamon.



Ben and his cabin mates in 2011!

WHO'S COMING TO CAMP?

Noah AhmAllen, MA, 1
Ian Akehurst-Moore, MA, 3A
Maxwell Anderson, WI, 1
Lucas Bailey, MA, 1
Crawford Bellomo, VT, 2
Eoin Bellomo, VT, 2
Teo Boston-Freed, NY, 1
Milo Brush, MA, 1
Oliver Buchholz, NY, 3A
Cooper Burkett, NY, 1
Enzo Calorio, MA, 2
Adam Canney, MA, 1
Mac Chalmers, VT, 2
Gavin Chu, NJ, 2
Alex Cooper, DC, 3B
Harlan Cooper, PA, 2
Nate Crofton, NY, 1
Simon Croll, NY, 1
Arlo Cifone, VT, 1-3B
Alex Cooper, DC, 3B
Nate Crofton, NY, 1
Simon Croll, NY, 1
Noah Dalsimer, NY, 2
Armand Davidson, MD, 3A
Wyatt Davine, VT, 1
Emmet Deehan, FL, 1&2
Aaron Desforges, NC, 1&2
True Doherty, CA, 1
Quentin Donovan, QC, 3A
Lex Doran, NY, 1
Nuc Duclos, MA, 3A
Charles Duffield, NY, 2
Jack Ehlinger, MA, 1&2
Oliver Elgood, VT, 2
Fausto Emanuel, VT, 2
Tristan Emmet, VT, 3A
Nat Epstein, NY, 3A

William Fields, NY, 1
John Florio, NY, 3A
Noll Flynn, SC, 1
Charlie Fox, VT, 2
Brayden Friend, VT, 1&2
Charlie Germon, VT, 2
Kingston Gomes, MA, 1&2
Sam Gordon, NJ, 2
Sawyer Graham, VT, 2
Gilbert Gramm, NY, 2
Grady Hagenbuch, VT, 2
Tintin Harris, MA, 1
Jack Hochleutner, MA, 3A
Akash Hoffman, MA, 3B
Harrison Holdridge, NY, 2
Jake Holmes, MD, 3A
Oliver Holmes, MD, 3A
Milo Ibara, MA, 2
Amos Jones, VT, 3B
Wyatt Jones, DC, 1
Liam Joyce, MD, 3B
Ian Kaczmarek, MA, 1
Ewan Kelson, VT, 2
Alex Kennedy, MA, 3B
Phin Kennedy-Mitchell, VT, 1
Leo King, NY, 2
Zach Koenig, TX, 3A
Jase Kozak, VT, 3A
Rowan Laird, CO, 1
Cedric Last, MA, 2&3A
Max Last, MA, 2&3A
Avi Lewis, MA, 1
Max Lavelle, VT, 1&3A
Eli Litten, MA, 3A

Juan Lopez-Cancine, VT, 2
Alistair Lyettefi, MA, 3A
Federico Lynch Ferraris, NY, 1
Brogan Malay, VT, 1
Noah Miller, MA, 2
Milo Mistry, MA, 1&2
Connor Monroe, VT, 1
Wells Monroe, VT, 1
Cam Moriarty, VT, 1&2
Larkin Moriarty, VT, 1&2
Gavin Morrow, NY, 3A
Oaklee Mortier-McClung, VT, 2
Declan Murphy, NY, 3A
George Mutrie, MA, 2
Rowan Muzzy, MA, 3B
Malek McManus, NJ, 1-3A
Ben Nass, MA, 3A
William Nass, MA, 3A
Leo Ocana, MA, 3B
David Oliphant, NJ, 1
George Oliphant, NJ, 1
Leo Oliphant, NJ, 1
Andrew O'Neill, MA, 1&2
Jackson Padbury, PA, 3A
Elliot Peaper, CT, 3A
Harvey Pedder, MA, 3B
Tristan Perez Correa, NJ, 1
Brenner Philipp, NY, 2
Rowan Rheaume, VT, 1
Yankee Rheaume, VT, 1&2
Frankie Rodrigues, NY, 3B
Rowan Russo-Harting, MA, 3A
Leo Samaha, NY, 2&3A
Ian Santos, KS, 2

Asher Schermerhorn, MA, 3B
Zephyr Schermerhorn, MA, 3B
Hunter Schwartz, ME, 3B
Benji Scott, CA, 3A
Conor Scott, PA, 3A
Matteo Serrano, NJ, 1
Arlo Shapiro, NY, 1&2
Patrick Sheehan, MA, 3B
Judah Shiffman, NY, 1
Jude Silverstein, MA, 3B
Simran Singh, NY, 3B
Ryan So, NY, 1
Henry Taylor, CA, 2
Jack Thomas, MA, 1
Jake Toomer, NY, 2
Jonathan Traub, MA, 1
Asa Witte-Parad, MA, 1
Justin Woods-Owens, NY, 2
Charles Young, VT, 3A

**Why isn't my
name on this
list? I told
Darcey I am
coming to camp!**

I have a long list of you in italics on the books because I haven't received your application. You're spot isn't official until I have the application in hand. Email me or head to the website if you need a copy!



Sangamon!

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The first day of camp is only 3 months away!

**Time and space is running out, so get in touch right away
if you would like to be part of the fun!**

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Reminder of the COVID Vaccine requirement for 2022

Camp Sangamon will require all campers and staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for the 2022 season unless a medical exemption from an MD is approved by our medical staff. At this point, that does not mean that all campers must have received their boosters, but that is subject to change as our COVID plan emerges in response to anticipated guidance for the coming summer.

If your child will not be fully vaccinated by the start of their time with us this summer, please let us know as soon as possible and we will issue a refund for tuition paid.