

THE CHIRRUUP

March 2023* 100 Years of the Pioneer Spirit * edited by Darcey Wijsenbeek

Director's Notebook

Mid-winter thaws tempt us to abandon winter gear—jackets, mittens, and scarves. They also invite us to sit in the sun and observe what's around us.

I recently discovered that a thaw produces all kinds of sounds gone missing in the snow and ice of winter.

From my sunny bench, I witnessed a bird population come awake and luxuriating in the warm sunshine... and newly awake insect food. I counted three calling crows, a hawk, and innumerable friendly chickadees. The most obvious noisemakers were the woodpeckers.

I could locate and identify several woodpeckers by their pecking and their calls. I heard a pair of our largest woodpeckers: the Pileated. I heard and saw a Red-headed, and a Downey, and maybe heard a Flicker, which we hear all summer.

I saw and heard a flock of 25 doves who make a lot of noise as they all take off at once from their bramble roosts. Although I've yet to hear their distinctive calls, we also see three hen turkeys early every day.

Next thaw, go out and give it a listen.

- Mike Byrom

INTRODUCING THE 2023 CITs & APPRENTI!

The CIT's have a long and important history at Sangamon. Most of the American staff at camp have come through this work and leadership training. They support our community in a myriad of different ways including taking care of some of daily cleaning chores of our community, supporting our activity staff, and even taking on a construction project or two to improve our facilities. Every group has been a big part of their summer's success and we know that will be true of this one as well!

Emmet Deehan	Alistair Lyettefi	Isaac Rabinowitz
Aaron Desforges	Henry Marshall	Yankee Rheaume
Jack Ehlinger	Ben McGuigan	Nash Rogers
Tristan Emmet	Milo Mistry	Soren Rogers
Amos Macdougall Jones	George Mutrie	Leo Samaha
Nate Jenkins	Leo Ocana	Malek Walton-McManus
Zach Koenig	Drew O'Neill	
Juan Lopez Cancino	Lex Procacci	

The Apprentice program is the next step in our Leadership Program. Apprenti work in activities, learning the skills and also how to teach them, and join the staff in camper cabins to observe and assist in running cabins. And of course they'll be headed on a travel adventure! This year's trip will bring us back to Cambodia and Thailand.

William Anderson	Sam Lapenta	Hillel Muskin
Thomas Bishop	Vance Larocque	Lake Salvatore Palmer
Josh Cunningham	Oliver Lavelle	Graham Schrodel
Emil Dardozzi	Zaden Merriam Bohannon	Oscar Smith Freitag
Casey Dimock	Claude McCaleb-Pauly	Yeshe Dorje Yodsampa
Angus Hortsch-Kearney	Gus McCaleb-Pauly	
Tabor Kerins	William Montgomery	

The 1922 Sangamon Point Book – the very first!

By Mike Byrom

Some samples taken from the pages of the leading 1922 season campers: Andrew Henderson (62 pts), Allen Chase (60 pts), Alex Mackimmie (53 pts), Steve Hamilton (43 pts), and Buddy Jewett (40 pts). Most of the following skills earned one point, though occasionally, some earned two. The major activities back the were Swimming, Woodshop, and Agriculture. Here is how the points were done, by activity:

Swimming: “Swimmers”: 50 yards on front and back, float, tread water and “Lifesavers”: swim 100 yards, tread water, float, dive for plates, row and paddle boats, two man rowing, lifesaver quiz, lifesaver crew, lifesaver exhibition, teach swimmers, coach swimmer’s test, 2 man rowing, swim across Pond, enter swimming races, enter paddling races.

Woodshop (crafts): Know (a lot) about hand tools - saws, planes, drills, and chisels. Make a box, make a toy, make a bench, sharpen a plane, sharpen a chisel, earn “Master Craftsman” for 3 points.

Agriculture: harness and bridle horses (and the goat), feed all the animals, cull the hens, gather eggs, do farm labor, fell a tree, use the 2 man saw, drive the cows, milk the cows, pick berries, bake a pie, graft a fruit tree.

Miscellaneous: Morning Dip, play in a baseball game, help in the kitchen, pass cabin inspection, give a hike report, write for the newspaper, do extra dishwashing, finding the Goddess, go on out-of-camp trips, all quiet after taps, compete in track meets, ...and my favorite sign of the times: “show grit and moxie when hurt”.

Renovations

By Jed Byrom

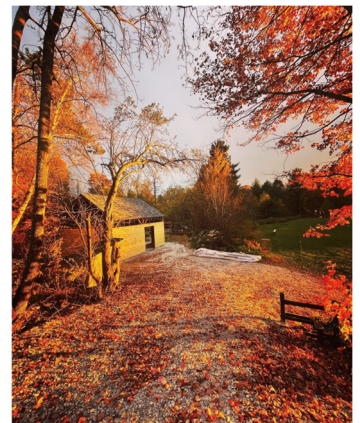
As winter in Vermont has waxed and waned this year, the Sangamon offseason has been more varied than usual. In addition to the skiing, sledding, and ice skating that Camp always offers our winter residents, there are quite a few other things going on. Physical plant projects have continued and plans for the spring opening up season have progressed more quickly than normal - fifty-five degree days in February will get the summer creativity flowing early!

Those of you who were with us last year know that the Farm was well on its way to becoming a new facility with new fencing, a new barn, and demolition planned for the old red barn and some of the outbuildings. We’ve come a long way now with the help of some volunteers including the Hodder family who took down the old barn in two warm days in November and February. While there is still a bit of cleanup to undertake, the space is ready for its final transformation. The animals who will return to camp are waiting patiently for their new summer lodging. You can follow the progress on our [Instagram account](#).

In addition to the Farm, we have cabin six’s revival as our priority, as well as working away at new fencing around the basketball court and the upper tennis court, wood storage off of the new main barn, and a range of other smaller buildings. The bonfire is growing impressively.

And as a reminder, you can relive our barn renovation by watching the episode on Renovation Road. It’s now easier than ever to watch - you can see it on Amazon Prime for a small fee, any place that has Magnolia Network, HBO Max, or Discovery+. We are Season 3 Episode 3 “A Vermont Summer Camp Barn”. Please give it a look if you haven’t already!

I’m looking forward to seeing you all soon so I can share all the changes and updates. Time keeps flying by and it’ll be summer before we know it. Hope everyone is well! Much love from Vermont.



Eat Some Snow!

Darcey Wijzenbeek

I wanted to share a favorite as we hunker down for a March Nor’Easter here in New England. Some folks call it “sugar on snow”, some “maple taffy”, while in Quebec they call it “tire-d’érable”. We just called it delicious and probably the only time you should eat discolored snow! I highly recommend it for a little taste of VT at home while you’re waiting for camp to get started! Here’s how you do it:

1. You need to find some clean snow that is at least 12” deep because the hot syrup will “sink” into the snow. You can either bring the syrup outside when its ready or collect some and bring it inside.
2. Boil the syrup (and yes, its needs to be real maple syrup, not the corn syrup stuff!). It needs to reach a temperature of about 235°, which is “soft ball stage” on a candy thermometer. Watch out because this stuff will burn you badly if you’re not careful.
3. Pour on the snow, wait a few seconds and enjoy! You can roll it up onto a fork or popsicle stick to make it easier to eat.



Who's coming to camp?

Ian A-M, Concord MA, 3A
Caden A, Charlotte VT, 2
Maxwell A, Middleton WI, 1&2
Lucas B, Jamaica Plain MA, 2
Emmet B, New York NY, 3A
Liam B, Upper Saddle River NJ, 1
Teo B-F, Brooklyn NY, 1
William B, Bethesda MD, 1-3
Milo B, West Tisbury MA, 3B
Willem B, Stratford CT, 2
Adam C, Boston MA, 3B
Mac C, Waterbury Center VT, 2
Benji C, New York NY, 3A
Henry C, Canada, 1
Rai C, New York NY, 3A
Arlo C, Brandon VT, 1 & 3B
Gavin C, Millburn NJ, 2
Owen C, Millburn NJ, 2
Alex C, Washington DC, 3B
Harlan C, Wexford PA, 2
Nate C, Brooklyn NY, 1
Noah D, Mamaroneck NY, 2
Khayal D, Lexington MA, 2
Armand D, Kensington MD, 3A
Lyle D, Kensington MD, 3A
Wyatt D, Pittsford VT, 1
Henry D, Brooklyn NY, 2
Oliver D, Brooklyn NY, 2
True D, Kensington CA, 1
Charlie D, Brooklyn NY, 2
Quentin D, Canada, 1
Nolan D, Brookline MA, 3A
Boui E, Granville VT, 2
Fausto E, Granville VT, 2
Nat E, Brooklyn NY, 3A
William F, New York NY, 1
Oliver F, New York, 3B
John F, Brooklyn NY, 2 & 3A
Noll F, Charleston SC, 1

Beppe G, Callicoon NY, 1 & 2
Miles G, Cornwall VT, 2
Sam G, Maplewood NJ, 1
Ezra G-P, Charlotte VT, 2
Sawyer G, Proctor VT, 2
Ollie G, Cambridge MA, 3A
Benny H, Northhampton MA, 3B
Charlie H, Northhampton MA, 3B
Tintin H, Jamaica Plain MA, 1 & 2
Cyrus H, New York NY, 2
Jack H, Brookline MA, 3A
Harrison H, Chappaqua NY, 2
Nash H, Chappaqua NY, 2
Jake H, Annapolis MD, 3A
Ollie H, Annapolis MD, 3A
Carson H, Middlebury VT, 1
Milo I, Jamaica Plain MA, 3A
Liam J, Chevy Chase MD, 3B
Ian K, Brookline MA, 1 & 2
Ben K, Wayland MA, 2
Alex K, Shrewsbury MA, 2
Finn K, Jamaica Plain MA, 3A
Ewan K, Rutland VT, 1
Phin K-M, Brandon VT, 1 & 2
Ryan K, Millburn NJ, 2
Leo K, Brooklyn NY, 1
Gus K, St Simons Isl GA, 2
Nate K, St Simons Isl GA, 2
Jasper K, Brooklyn NY, 2
Luke K, Austin TX, 2
Jake L, New York NY, 1
Kai L, Cambridge MA, 2
Ren L, Cambridge MA, 2
Cedric L, Bedford MA, 2 & 3A

Joel L, Chicago IL, 3B
Avi L, Brookline MA, 1 & 2
Max L, Brandon VT, 1-3
Bodhi M, Brooklyn MA, 1
Connor M, Mendon VT, 1
Wells M, Mendon VT, 1
Cam M, Proctor VT, 1 & 2
Larkin M, Proctor VT, 1 & 2
Gavin M, New York NY, 3A
Owen M, New York NY, 3A
Pravir M, Shrewsbury MA, 2
Declan M, Brooklyn NY, 3A
Kieran M, Brooklyn NY, 3A
Ellery M-Y, Reading VT, 2
Odin M-Y, Reading VT, 1 & 2
Carlo M, Brooklyn NY, 3A
Damian M, Brooklyn NY, 3A
Owen Mc, Brandon VT, 1
Rowan Mc, Jamaica Plain MA, 3A
Kalil N, New York NY, 3A
Tayel N, New York NY, 3A
Ben N, Milton MA, 3A
William N, Milton MA, 3A
Chase N, Providence RI, 3B
Evan N, Weybridge VT, 2
David O, Montclair NJ, 1
George O, Montclair NJ, 1 & 2
Elliot P, New Haven CT, 3B
Brenner P, Delmar NY, 2
Rowan R, Salisbury VT, 1
Francis R, Nyack NY, 3A
Matias R, Davis CA, 3A
Rowan R-H, Roslindale MA, 2
Asher S, Concord MA, 3B
Zephyr S, Concord MA, 3B
Hunter S, Avon ME, 2 & 3A

Ansel S, Charlotte VT, 2
Benji S, Long Beach CA, 3A
Conor S, Narbeth PA, 3A
Matteo S, Glen Rock NJ, 1
Arlo S, New York NY, 1 & 2
Patrick S, Milton MA, 3B
Andy S, Hastings on Hudson NY, 2
Jude S, Lexington MA, 3B
Ryan S, New York NY, 1
Yarlan S, Shrewsbury MA, 2
Henry T, San Francisco CA, 2
Jake T, New York NY, 2
Cavan T, New York NY, 3A
Kieran T, New York NY, 3A
Thomas V, Pennington NJ, 3A
Asa W-P, Denver CO, 3B
Reuben W-P, Denver CO, 3A
Alec Z, Tauton MA, 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. Your spot isn't official until I have the application in hand. Email me or head to the website if you need a copy!

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Sangamon merchandise is now available on our website! Check out all that is on offer by visiting www.campsangamon.com/shop. T-shirts, sweat-shirts, hats, mugs, and even a 100 year commemorative coin. Items will be shipped out 6-9 days after purchase.

The first day of camp is only 3 months away!

Several age groups in our two weeks sessions are sold out, so get in touch right away if you would like to be part of the fun!

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Reminder of our COVID Vaccine requirement

Camp Sangamon will again require all campers and staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for the 2023 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.