

# THE CHIRRUP

Week 7

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Despite being the most anticipated week of camp for many, week seven was able to live up to the hype. With annual traditions including Old Vermont Day, Addison County Fair, and the Disco Social, it is no surprise that this week was jam-packed with fun.

Over the past week, the campers participated in many of Sangamon's most cherished camp-wide activities. On Saturday, Sangamon woke up early and got to work for Old Vermont Day. As a reward, the campers chowed down on apple pie for breakfast and then celebrated with a day full of old timey festivities, like butter churning, two-man sawing, and leg wrestling. On Wednesday, the campers loaded onto buses and headed to Addison County Fair, where they ate plenty of fair food, played carnival games, and watched the competition cattle. Wednesday night fever followed with the Disco Social, which is always a favorite among campers and staff. Finally, on Saturday, the campers assisted King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table in rescuing Camp Sangamon from an evil tyrant.

Thanks to week seven, we are certainly ending the summer with a bang! With just one more week to go, the momentum has never been stronger, and we cannot wait to make the most of every last minute at camp.

—The Editorial Board



# What happened this week?

## Basketball Hoop Construction

For the past week, I've been working on a basketball hoop. I have been really excited to get it finished. It is really challenging, but I'm sure it will be worth it because we don't have a hoop on the hill right now. I'll have to find a place to put it though!

**Joel Lauve (Cabin Gale)**



## Camp Sangamon in the Tundra

On Thursday, August 3rd, the Hikes, Trips, and Pancakes activity went on a hike. Just after breakfast, we packed our sandwiches and drove north until we reached the second and fifth tallest mountain in all of Vermont. Driving near the mountain, we could see an ominous color change as the mountain towered to a point, with the trees slowly becoming a darker green. We began to hike up Mount Abe, the fifth highest mountain in Vermont, at over 4000 feet at the summit. At about one third of the way up, we started to see only coniferous trees as the altitude and wind altered the climate.

Once we made it 1.5 miles, we saw a cabin used by hikers on the long trail to wash dishes and refill water. After seeing the cabin, the hike got much steeper, and there were huge slabs of exposed rock that we had to scramble up. We finally reached the top, where the trees were so short that we could easily jump over them. We could see all the way to the Adirondacks in New York and the White Mountains in New Hampshire. The wind was so strong that instead of having lunch at the summit, we hid from the wind on the North side of the mountain, toward Mount Ellen, the second tallest in Vermont. We left the summit and ate lunch just off the trail.

We were all surprised when we reached our lunch spot, because it was the site of an old plane crash. Incredibly, the pilot survived, despite the wings being destroyed and spread over a 50-foot blast radius. We returned to the summit and had a new idea about why the plane might have crashed. The summit was totally covered in fog, only showing the endangered arctic vegetation beneath our feet. We quickly retreated back beneath the tree line, only a few feet away, and returned down the mountain.

**Kieran Torpey (Cabin Blow)**





# What *else* happened this week?

## THE PERSEVERANCE OF HIKES AND TRIPS

On the very first day of camp, the Hikes, Trips, and Pancakes program was up and running with a short afternoon hike. The trip was to Deer's Leap, an amazing spot only about 15 minutes from camp. Draigan, the Hikes and Trips counselor, gathered us into the van. When we arrived at the trailhead, located in the parking lot of a restaurant, everybody began to hike. The ground was muddy due to rain earlier in the day, but we made good progress and lost sight of the road quickly. As we were starting the first steep climb, a drizzle began, and in 15 more seconds, it had intensified into a heavy rain. After Draigan checked the weather, we realized it would stop in only 10 more minutes. We sheltered under a nice tree and prepared to continue, but as soon as the storm was supposed to end, we heard a heard a clap of thunder in the distance. We were now required to turn back by camp rules. As we trudged back and the storm continued, we all knew we had made the right decision.

On Wednesday, we finally decided to try again. Richard joined us this time because he had returned from Cambodia. The ground was still muddy, but there wasn't a cloud in the sky. We climbed back up and looped around to almost the start of the hike for an incredible view, easily worth both of the attempts. Pico was straight ahead, and on both sides of it, we could see countless mountains, including the one right across the pond from Sangamon.

**Kieran Torpey (Cabin Blow)**

## Sailing Trip

Yesterday, I went sailing. I learned all about the history of Lake Champlain, Camp Sangamon, and Fort Ticonderoga. We even saw the cannons fire at the fort. We learned the parts of the boat, knots, and how to set up the sail. We also ate lunch on the lake.

**Conor Scott (Cabin Breeze)**





# Session Three Festivities

## What a Wednesday!

I tried to do as many activities as I could this week. Because I tried so many different things, each day has been so fun. My favorite two days were both special days in the sense that we didn't have usual activity periods. The first day was Old Vermont Day. The carnival-style activities were the best! The second day was the day with Addison County Fair and the Disco Social. The food was so good!

**Finn Kelley (Cabin 8)**

## Old Vermont Day

Yesterday was Old Vermont Day, and it was really fun! In the morning, we walked to Betsey Cox and did fun activities like churning butter, making maple sugar, hammering nails, and two-person sawing. My favorite thing to do was definitely leg wrestling.

**Ollie Holmes (Cabin 8)**

## The Dunk Tank

On Old Vermont Day, each cabin hosted an activity. Our cabin, Cabin 8, ran the dunk tank. Each time someone hit the target, Wilf would drop us into the cold water. It was very cold! 10/10 experience.

**Logan Keefe (Cabin 8)**





# **Favorite Activities**

## **Sailing**

At camp, you can do lots of fun things! One thing I did was go on a sailing trip to Lake Champlain. We spent all day on the water, and I learned how to sail. We ate lunch on the boat, then sailed some more. When we got back to land, we had some ice cream and drove back to camp.

**Eli Litten (Cabin 8)**

## **Riding**

I love going riding. When I went at first, I was inexperienced, but now I am quite good! I have gone with my friend Benji, and we have taken lessons together. We even went on a trail ride! I have learned a lot about horses thanks to the riding staff!

**Alex Cooper (Cabin Breeze)**

## **Making Things**

The activities here are great! You can build lots of things, including chairs made of wood and rings made of metal. You can really make whatever you want. You can also weave here. I never thought I would weave, but here I am weaving! We also have a cow at the farm this year, as well as a pottery. We even have a garden where we make food, like omelets!

**Nolan Duclos (Cabin 8)**

## **Looking Forward to Next Summer!**

When I go back to school, I will go away from building things in Woodshop or forge, or anything else in camp, but I will see my family and my pets. When I go back, it will be back to essays, math, and lab reports. When I go back, it will be back to routine, but with so much to look forward to next summer!

**Aiden Coates (Cabin 8)**



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# Cabin Life

## First Night with the Cabin

The first night at camp was cabin night. The cabin was split between spending time at the Waterfront or playing frisbee, but after a round of voting, we decided on frisbee. My team got off to a strong start with a grunting chant led by Milo. After teams were rearranged, the opponents gained a large lead. Despite a comeback by my team, the opponents won a winner-take-all final point. It was a great icebreaker for our new cabin that would then live together for two weeks. In fact, two people who originally voted for Waterfront even said that they preferred frisbee in the end.

### Emmet Bloom (Cabin Blow)



## Cabin Overnight

On Wednesday the second of August, my cabin went on a cabin overnight at the pond. It was a blast! First, we had to bring all our things down the hill. When we got there, we gobbled on some gooey s'mores. It was delicious! We built a huge fire. It was unbelievable! Then, we went out on the dock and looked up at the beautiful starry night. We even saw a gorgeous harvest moon. After that, we settled into the boathouse and said our rose, bud, and thorn. Then, as quick as a snap, we all fell asleep. It was definitely the best day ever!

### Oliver Fletcher (Cabin 1)

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# Miscellaneous Musings

## A Sequel

I just thought of a great idea! The last time “I’m Fluffy,” the goat, was seen, he was kayaking. And the cat wanted tummy rubs. Now, “I’m Fluffy” is lost at sea! The floating hat scooped him up and they went where the cat wasn’t. They went to a city! But Catzilla is attacking it! It wanted tummy rubs! Then “I’m Fluffy” decided to roll a D20 to see if he got tummy rubs. If it’s an even number, he gets tummy rubs. If it’s odd, Catzilla would leave. What will “I’m Fluffy” get? He gets an ... 11!!!

**Max Crane (Cabin 3)**

## The Best of Camp

My favorite part about camp is watching Jez dance at the social. He was on fire. My second favorite thing is cabin cookout, because it is cool to start a fire and cook over it. My favorite counselor is Yannick because he reads at night, and he is really nice. Waterfront is fun, but ping pong is on top!

**Colby Brown (Cabin Gale)**



## Adam Cheese

On August 1st, Adam Canney set a camp record by eating 20 grilled cheese sandwiches in 12 minutes and 10 seconds. Adam’s impressive feat started off strong, absolutely demolishing the first 10 sandwiches in under four minutes. The next nine sandwiches went down a bit slower, but Adam was doing really well. After 19 sandwiches in a little bit over, Adam could taste sub-10 (or it was just bread and cheese). On the 20th sandwich, Adam faltered. He picked up the carbohydrate combination concoction gingerly and took slow bites. He finished that final sandwich in around three minutes, completing his 20-sandwich attempt in 12 minutes and 10 seconds.

**Declan Murphy (Cabin Blow)**



# WEEKLY COLUMNS

## The Story of a Very Hydrated Man: The Life and Times of Yannick Notermans

### Part 7: The Journey Home

Yannick was fully engulfed by the rapids that flowed from the main house to Arts and Crafts. Riding this current, he slipped right under the Arts and Crafts porch and then began to accelerate to an unearthly speed beneath the surface of the earth.

At first, an impenetrable darkness wrapped around Yannick. Then, streaks of blinding light flashed before his eyes. These beams radiated in all directions, merging into a wall of colors previously unknown to the human experience. A low hum gradually intensified into a deafening howl. Finally, an intense heat overwhelmed Yannick, and he lost consciousness.

As Yannick began to stir, the caramel scent of freshly baked stroopwafel wafted into his nostrils. He looked around and beheld row after row of cream and lilac tulips, showered by sparkling droplets that fell from an abundance of watering cans. He had returned to the Tulip Festival in his Dutch homeland, and there was not one hint of dehydration.

Yannick took a celebratory bite of his gouda cheese and hopped on his Dutch bicycle. It was time to return to the windmill he called home. He closed his eyes briefly to enjoy the Dutch sunlight's gentle caress, but when he opened them, he found that the sun had become completely obscured by a humongous fellow now standing in his way...

## FRANCHI'S FUN FACT

The bass player of Canadian rock band Nickelback, Mike Kroeger, gave the band its iconic name. As Kroeger tells the story, when he worked at Starbucks, a coffee was \$1.95, so he would recite the line, "here's your nickel back," after almost every transaction.

### Sanga-Volatility

- Pangea is up 66.7%
- Sticks are up 300%
- Mustaches are up 140%







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