



The Chinga Bugle

YMCA CAMP CHINGACHGOOK

DECEMBER 2008

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Camp has really quieted down from the exciting times of summer. Right now we're all waiting for snow to come and the lake to freeze. Walking on the frozen lake and snowshoeing up Buck Mountain are some of my favorite winter memories at Chingachgook. Plan on visiting Camp this winter, you won't regret it!

Upcoming Camp Events

November 27

Family Thanksgiving Feast

Bring your entire family to play tennis and volleyball, watch football games in front of the fire, and of course celebrate Thanksgiving with the entire family

Month of December

Did you know?

That December's flower is the holly, and its birthstones are turquoise and blue topaz.

December 21

Did You Know

That December holds the northern hemisphere's shortest day and the southern hemisphere's longest day of the year?

To register for Chingachgook programs

Visit our website:
www.chingachgook.org.

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From the Desk of the Summer Camp Director

Here is another great history lesson about Camp. We've continued from where we left off in the November issue of The Chinga Bugle.

In 1917, the newly organized Schenectady Council of Boy Scouts held a camp at Assembly Point. The following summer, arrangements were made for the Boy Scouts and the YMCA to share the site on Pilot Knob. From 1918 through 1921, both groups ran their camps, each calling them 'Chingachgook' with the YMCA operating their camp in July, and the Scouts in August. In 1922, the Scouts began calling their camp "Rotary" after the Schenectady Rotary Club, which had made substantial contributions to the new mess hall and furnishings. The Scouts continued to jointly own and operate the camp through 1943, when they developed Boyhaven (near Saratoga Springs) Camp Boyhaven continues to operate to this day.

The YMCA and Boy Scouts shared more than just the common site. Both groups held similar programs and philosophies regarding the purpose of the camp. Much of today's schedule has its basis in traditions established in Camp's first years. Everything from morning exercises, assemblies, and cabin inspections, and Indian lore are activities found in camp's very first brochures and schedules are preserved in the Camp archives. The original method of announcing wake-up, class times, meals, and bedtime by bugle survived from Camp's first years until 2007. Physical evidence of Camp's early days still exists, from an oxen yolk from the Phelps farm (now hung above the fire place in Rotary Hall) to the original "Camp Chingachgook in July / Camp Rotary in August" wooden sign (now located behind the dining hall.)

Check out the Camp blog: www.campchingachgook.blogspot.com

CAMPER/STAFF THOUGHTS

"Camp Chingachgook has meant so much to me ever since the first time I set foot in Camp seven summers ago, and nothing would make me happier than to have the opportunity to give something back" - Chingachgook staff applicant

Previous trivia question: What is the elevation of Buck Mountain?
Previous trivia answer: 2,330 feet.

Summer 2009 Dates

Session 1: 6/28 - 7/10

Session 2: 7/12 - 7/24

Session 3: 7/26 - 8/7

Session 4: 8/9 - 8/14

Session 5: 8/16 - 8/21

Session 6: 8/23 - 8/28

Registration is now open!

Song of the Month

Disturbia - Rhianna

Meal of the Month

Turkey Dinner

Refrigerator Trivia

What year were the yurts at Camp built?

Find the answer in the next edition of the newsletter.

Adventure 2009 Dates

Major Rock 6/28 - 7/10

Sea & Sand 6/28 - 7/17

So. White Water 6/28 - 7/10

Habitat 1 6/28 - 7/3

Adk Grand Slam 6/28 - 7/10

Adk Lakes Bike 6/28 - 7/3

Sail Lake George 6/28 - 7/3

Adk 46'er 7/5 - 8/7

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