



The Chinga Bugle

YMCA CAMP CHINGACHGOOK

The fall in the Adirondacks is a big hiking month for a couple of reasons. The weather is cooler and the views of the fall foliage from the top of mountains is absolutely breathtaking. These boys aren't exactly at the top of a mountain but they're definitely practicing their reactions to the beautiful views! Visit the Camp Blog for more great fall pictures.

Upcoming Camp Events

November 4

Presidential Election

Who will become the forty-fourth president of the United States? This is election day, who would you vote for if you could?

November 7 - 9

Volunteer Work Weekend

Come to Camp with friends and family and help make it a better place for everyone by helping with projects!

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

To register for Chingachgook programs.

Just visit our website: www.chingachgook.org.

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From the Desk of the Summer Camp Director

Do you know the origins of Camp? Well, they come. Over the next couple of newsletters we will examine exactly how Chingachgook came to be.

Camp Chingachgook's beginnings can be traced back to the Schenectady YMCA in the summer of 1912. It was in that year that Boys' Work Secretary Clarence E. "Pop" Drake organized an exploratory wilderness trip to Lake George. He launched a motorized war canoe, (named "Chingachgook" after the Indian chief from James Fenimore Cooper's novel The Last of the Mohicans) from Lake George Village, and headed northward.

The trip was such a success that in the following summer of 1913, Drake organized for the Schenectady Y to establish a small encampment on the shores of Lake George. This wilderness outpost, named 'Chingachgook,' would serve as a base camp to provide Schenectady city boys an extended outdoors experience. The site was located directly across the lake in Basin Bay.

Drake's wilderness camp had generated such interest in Schenectady that enrollment for the 1914 season skyrocketed to over 100 boys, necessitating a much larger campground. Drake, along with Mason W. Hall, Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee of the Schenectady YMCA, located the present Pilot Knob site, though the Y did not have the resources to purchase the land outright. So, in November 1915, Hall purchased the site for \$5000 from the Phelps family who had a small cabin and farm on the land. Mr. Hall held the title to the land from 1916 until 1922. Through his generosity and the contributions of others, indebtedness was greatly reduced.

See you soon! - Aaron

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

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 starts

Song of the Month

MGMT-Kids

Meal of the Month

Tuna Noodle Casserole

Refrigerator Trivia

What is the elevation of Buck Mountain?

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

Registration starts

Camper/Staff Thoughts

"You shouldn't think that the summer just ended, you should think that it is only 240 days away!" - Anonymous (okay, it was me)

Previous trivia question: Who were the four village directors and two CIT directors this summer?

Previous trivia answer: SGU - Erika Miszewski, JGU - Lori Seal, SBU - Phil Hol-

