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## Pack History 2009

The 2009 season did not start with a bang. Instead, it began with rain, drizzle, light rain, and thunderstorms. On eight of the first ten days we had rain of some sort, yet even this was not enough to dampen our spirits. The Cubs and Toomai began our trip program by paddling to Belle Isle. From there, they visited Wellington Beach and scaled the Sugarloafs. Not to be outdone, Akela went to Nancy Brook and conquered Mt. Crawford. For the fourth of July, we walked down to Onaway and enjoyed games and a cookout with the girls.

The following week, it was Baloo's turn to paddle. They went to Cliff Isle and got to play capture the flag against the MacDonalds' camping group. Panther slogged through fog and rain along the Franconia Ridge, while the Den scaled the Baldfaces. The Den started in cold and rain, but the weather turned and they were able to enjoy great views and a perfect final day of hiking. Athletic teams were formed and the first industry rotation came to an end with several Silver and Yellow ribbons being earned.

In the third week, Baloo traveled to Waterville Valley where they conquered Jennings Peak. The Den paddled on the Connecticut Lakes, while Akela went on their first back-packing trip. Covering the Kinsman Trail, Akela hiked 25 miles in 3 days as they proved their savvy on the trails. In the meantime, the Den was working feverishly on its Project – building walkways at the Waterfront. All of a sudden, it was



visiting weekend and parents were at the camp. Soggy conditions saw Woodsman's Day as the Deadwood Devils, Teak Valkyries, Oak Tree Orcs, and Maple Man-Bear Pigs battled. At the end of the day, the Devils emerged victorious. We went into Grey Brothers for the talent show and listened to guitars, pianos, and songs. Though small in numbers, the East Hebron Madrigal Society was big on heart.

Week four saw Panther tackle the Mahoosucs. Although there was much anxiety and trepidation ahead of time, both Panther groups thoroughly enjoyed the trip and came back raving about the hike. The Cubs and Toomai scaled Mount Cardigan. We were joined by alums on two different nights who helped present evening programs – Kenyon Salo and Robert Morrison. The Den went rock climbing for tier trip day and the entire camp readied



for Land Sports Day where the Valkyries took home top honors. The Brass Choir could barely fit at the Chapel as its numbers had expanded to at least eight players.

Squad Week arrived with the usual anticipation among the Dennites. The Mount Washington Squad had seven boys while the Gopher carried six. Perfect weather greeted the boys as they set out to scale the Presidentials. In camp, the newly formed tetherball tournament was well underway as was the tennis tournament. Ribbons started to trickle in as boys were completing the challenging requirements. The Brown Ribboners scaled the Sugarloafs as part of their night hike, and the week ended on a glorious note for Water Sports Day. The Maple Man-Bear Pigs showed their prowess in Newfound Lake.

The sixth Saturday of the season saw the Brass Choir travel to Laconia where they played at a church. Later that night, the boats were announced and Crew Week officially began. We enjoyed great weather, finally, and played a game of capture the flag with the Reds versus the Blues. On the water, we saw a classic battle between Red Crew unity and Blue Crew strength. The 2009 Crew Day will go down as the most evenly matched day in Mowglis history. The Reds narrowly earned victory in the 2nd form race. For the 1st Forms, only one second separated the boats as the Blues pulled ahead. And in a truly monumental Racing Crew race, the finish line judge declared a "Dead Heat" for only the seventh tie in Mowglis' history.

The final week of camp was here and Lazy Day saw many ribbons earned. The Red Ribbon trip left to paddle whitewater in Massachusetts, and Mr. Charlie Walbridge gave his usual exciting canoeing campfire. Baloo earned her tenth inspection to join all the other dorms in reaching that milestone. At Graduates' Dinner, the fourteen Dennites heard wonderful toasts and enjoyed candlelight service, and now candleboats have set sail. It is hard to believe that another Mowglis summer has come and gone.

We can look back with many fond memories. Who can forget Koko snapping at campfire sparks, Mr. Bengston's attire for costume day, Mr. Gutierrez's Aztec dancing, Mr. Reiff's wrestling demonstration, playing Frisbee at soaks, Mr. Coons and his kiteboard, Dennites trying to wakeboard, "Hello Dolly", Mr. Billingslea's hat, Miss Mitzi's aerial dancing, movie nights, the end-of-summer slide show, or the trivia contests?

So now the camp has fallen silent. We will have to wait another year to hear the sounds of axes splitting wood, the yell of "Winners on Baloo", the cry of "Second call, off the fence", the cannon firing at colors, and, of course, all the bugle calls. Although this was the wettest summer we can remember, it was also our most enjoyable. Friendships were either newly made or re-established after a 10 month lull. The familiarity of every building in camp and the schedule of the Regular Mowglis Day made each of us very comfortable being here for the season. So now, as we consider all that has come before us, we can only say one thing: MOWGLIS 2009, WE SALUTE YOU!

-Alvin I. Reiff



## MOVIE NIGHT

Because of the bad weather on Trip Day, we got a movie night. We watched “The Series of Unfortunate Events”. On Saturday we watched “National Treasure”.

- Foster Conklin

## RAIN AND SOCKS

It rained yesterday... and the day before and the day before. It was super muddy. I went through four pair of socks. I don't have any more socks. I think I should stop wearing socks with my scandals.

- Will Phelps

## DEN PROJECTS

This week we were assigned our den project. We need to drain and create small rivers at the water front. So far it is going really well.

- Nathan Sirgutz

## DEN PROJECT

This week we hiked Bear and Sugarloaf for the third time in our Mowglis career. We also did a thorough job on the Den project. All I'm going to say is that it is really fun to get your hands dirty for a good reason.

- Theo Harris



## POKER

This week in Panther we played poker. Some people got out but we started a new game.

People who did not get out kept their poker chips, like Graeme, who had a mountain of chips. During relax, Mr. S. Wright came and Graeme bought him three times because he kept on losing his chips. So now he owes Graeme a lot of chips.

- Axel Nunes

## 4th OF JULY

Yesterday was the 4th of July, and we woke up to four cannon shots and somebody screaming, “Happy Birthday America!” From there we had a sort-of normal Mowglis afternoon. After lunch as went to Onaway, for maybe two hours, before coming back to camp and watching “National Treasure”.

- Ian Concannon

## TOOMAI TO BELLE ISLAND

Toomai went to Belle Island for an overnight trip. It was the worst trip I have ever been on because it rained the entire time. We hiked Little and Big Sugarloaf. We also had movie night last night. We watched "National Treasure 2". It was good until I fell asleep. I still don't know how it ended. Nobody will tell me. We also went to Onaway. I liked kickball the best. I was playing tennis but we had to leave.

- Manning Sears

## MANLY THING

This week I saw the most manly thing ever. Cam Carothers split a log with one hand. It was awesome, but not as awesome as me.

- Mason Harris

## BELL ISLAND ADVENTURE

Last Tuesday Toomai went to Bell Island. It was a nice day that day. But the next day it was really rainy. We hiked Big and Little Sugarloaf. When we got to the top I found a hatchet. The last day of our trip it rained really hard. We had to squish under a tiny tent. Then we canoed to Wellington Beach. There we got picked up by a van. When we got to camp we all took hot showers.

- John Mulliken IV



## BLESSING

The first week of camp has been rainy, but the few days that have been sunny are a blessing. I hope they continue for the rest of the summer.

- Will Rotch

## DEN YEAR

I can't believe it is our Den year and a week has already gone by. A lot has happened this week in the Den. We all saw each other for the first time in a year, chose our industries, practiced crew, trail cleared Bear Mountain and the Sugarloafs, saw the sun for the first time, and went over to Onaway. It has been a good week so far. Next week we are hiking the Baldfaces.

- Robby Hurdman

## CUBS

When you are a Cub you get a field and a fireplace. You get to shoot cannons. Cubs are awesome. I love being a Cub!

- Kevin Paul

## DEN PROJECT

Today we worked on our Den project. We finished the first bridge of it. We had a lot of fun doing it although we missed clubs.

- Owen Kingsley



## FAVORITE STAFF

My favorite staff of all time is Alfonso Guittierez. He has taught me about a bunch of cool stuff. One thing he taught me to do is to be respectful and think about important things that nobody pays attention to. Last night I had an epic dream and I told him about part of it, and he described that there are parts of our mind that we do not use. But they maybe hold the qualities

of our ancestors and animals which our heredities evolved from, and that could be what constructs part of our dreams. In my dream I was underwater and could breathe. Also, Mr. Guittierez teaches axemanship, which is my favorite industry. Now everything I do I want to excel in, I do with patience and respect, and that raises skills to a higher level.

*- Jack Newcomb*

## STOVE REQUIREMENT

During the past week I got my stove requirement in camping. I was really nervous and I burned my finger and let gas into the air. I still got my requirement!

*- Silas Weiner*

## HAPPY CAMPER

The camp is great. The camp has a lot of activities. I am in tennis, canoeing, and swimming. The camp has very good food. On the 4th of July we went to Onaway and I saw my sister. Mowglis and Onaway played a game in a circle. I want to be a swimmer. I like my dorm because I have a friend next to me. You should come to Camp Mowglis.

*-Gonzalo San Salvador*

## THE APALAPA

On Wednesday we went on a two night trip. We went with Mr. Billingslea and Mr. Reyes. On Wednesday and Thursday it was raining, so we had to find somewhere to cook and put all the food. Mr. Reyes and I began to think, and he remembered the little house on the beach. We made exactly the same thing, and he calls it "apalapa". It was like a pyramid with a stick in the middle of it, so the water didn't accumulate at the top. It fell to the ground. We cooked very well there.



*- Ignacio Conde*

## CLUBS

Today we had clubs. There were a lot of choices. I chose kayaking, and then I got to go swimming. It was a lot of fun.

- Ethan Colon



## CHAPEL READER

Today is going to be fun. I might be the chapel leader, or at least one of the readers. It's going to be funny because I'm an atheist and I'm not sure if I am still supposed to sing "Amen".

-Mike Drennan

## CAMP FIRE

At camp fire we do fun things, like we had a gun show. We tell lots of stories and do lots of fun stuff. Sometimes we go inside. I like outside more, and I can't wait for lunch.

- Kevin Paul

## YELLOW RIBBON

This week I had fun. I got my yellow ribbon, and I went sailing with Samuel, Gonzalo and Mario. I love sailing. I love camp.

- Giancarlo Ciocca



## CLIFF ISLAND

I went on a trip and we had a lot of fun. I went swimming and we had good food. I jumped off a cliff, but don't worry, we landed in the water.

- Robert Swanson



## WEEK TWO

With the second week over and our new industries chosen, the next week is bound to be full of new adventures, and fun, and hopefully sunshine.

- William Rotch



## KAYAK

I love the good weather because I can kayak.

- Silas Weiner

## CHIPMUNK

I saw a chipmunk fall out of a tree and land in a river and float away.

- AJ Bott



## SAILING WITH FRIENDS

The camp is great. I want the black ribbon. In my dorm I have a friend next to me. Mr. Reiff has a list, and I put in sailing and crafts. I sail with Mario, Giancarlo, and Samuel in a sail boat.

- Gonzalo San Salvador

## PINE CONE FIRES

Yesterday I went to camping for sign-up period. I got the part of the fire requirement where you have to keep a match fire going for five minutes. Then some of the other kids came and made a giant fire out of pine cones. They tried to keep it going. After they put it out, Mr. Bartlett poured water on their heads.

- Will Phelps

## BLACK RIBBON

So far camp is great. I can't wait until Crew Week. I hope I make a form. I think I will get my black this year. I am one requirement away. I can't wait to see my family. My industries are swimming and sailing. I love camp.

- Manning Sears

## DEN PACK TRIP

Earlier this week Den went on our first overnight of the year. The first day was rainy and cold, but after about 8 miles we got to the shelter where we stayed for the night. The next day was longer but more fun because we had good weather and it was mostly ridge walking. We met up with the other group at the top of Eagle Crag. From there we went to North Baldface, and then to the summit of North Baldface.

After that we went down the Baldface which took longer than we expected. By the time we got down we had two more miles to Emerald Pool and it was already 9:00 pm. We didn't reach the campsite until 9:45. The next day was very short. We woke up, had breakfast and finished the last .7 miles. Overall it was a fun trip but it was weird having our last pack trip together as a dorm.

- Billy Mullin



## BALOO TRIP

Our trip was pretty fun. We left after lunch to Cliff Island, even though Mr. Hoekstra forgot his. We still made great timing but it started raining so we set up our tents. The next day we hiked the Sugarloafs and Bear. On day three we paddled back and took hot showers.

- Ethan Christianson

## DORM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

So far this year me and Russell got our silver ribbons, Giancarlo got his yellow ribbon, Foster got his 2nd bar and I got my third. Nathaniel is about to get his yellow ribbon. Brint is about to get his silver, and James and Silas are about to get their black ribbons. Russell swam a double full Waingunga in 22 minutes.

- Gabe Friedin



## LOTS OF FUN

Today I talked to my parents. This week I have been having lots of fun, especially in riflery. Next week I am going to sign up for tennis. And I have learned how to sail with Giancarlo, he is really good. In the craft shop I've done a keychain and I love this camp.

- Mario Suarez

## CARTER BALDFACES

Last week Den went to a pack trip to the Carter Baldfaces. After 1.5 miles, we summited a hill. We waited for an hour in the rain while Mr. Gutierrez was seeking the trail. We had a lively discussion about many things. After we thought we had finished the 4.5 miles that we were supposed to hike that day, it turned out that we had another 3 miles left to hike. Did I mention that it was nice most of the day? It actually wasn't. It rained the whole day. When I woke up the next morning Billy was sleeping completely on top of me. When I pushed him off he started kicking me in his sleep. It wasn't fun. We hiked 4 miles summiting Mt. Meter and Eagle Crag mountains. On Eagle Crag we stopped for a 90-minute lunch break. After an hour there, the other group showed up and we chatted. Then we hiked for about 1.6 miles on a very steep trail. Then we summited North Baldface and stopped for a little break. Then we continued on to South Baldface and took a break there. Then we started down the Baldface. It took us 2.5 hours and a lot of butt sliding. Then we got to the shelter but it turned out that we weren't allowed to stay there. We had to hike another 2 miles to Emerald Pool which we reached at 9pm and it was pitch black. Our staff didn't bring tents so we had to fit 5 people in a 4-man tent. Billy kicked me in his sleep again that night. On the last day we only had to hike .5 miles, so I hiked in crocs that day. On the car ride back Owen and I played cards.

- Alex Reiff



## WINDY

This week has been fun. The Den went on the first and last pack trip of the year. Also yesterday was really windy and great for sailing. I had to sail and rig a sailboat on the lake in strong wind for Mr. Reyes. But other than that it was a lot of fun.

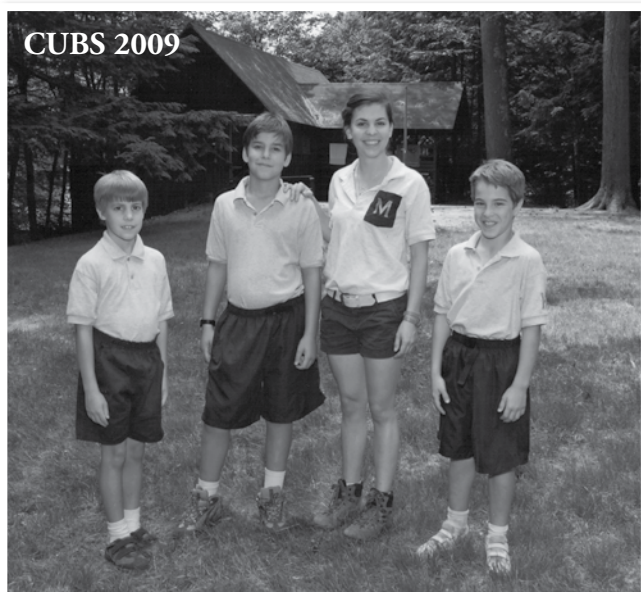
*- John Davidge*

## MR. GIBBONS

Over the past two weeks I've had the opportunity to meet a British man by the name of Mr. Gibbons, and now we have an INTENSE rivalry.

It all started with a simple disagreement on British words that make no sense, like lorry, cutlery, serviette, chips and crisps. In American English that's truck, silverware, napkin, French fries, and potato chips. Then came some knock-out face-offs where we would hit each other's basketballs across Grey Brother or down the hill, then there was our argument about whether or not American football is better than rugby (which it is). Oh, and by the way, I am his mini-me. But in the end we're cool.

*- Graeme Frost*



## ZOMBIE FISH

When we got to the sand bar on Friday we saw a hawk fly out of the water. Something was in its beak, it then fell out. We all canoed over and saw it. The fish was ripped in half except for the head. We could still see the heart beating and it flopping on the ground slightly. Then Mighty Mr. Gibbons used a paddle and shoveled the zombie fish into the trees.

*-Robby Swanson*

## PLYMOUTH MOUNTAIN

Last Thursday we hiked Plymouth Mt. It took us only about forty five minutes to get to the summit of Plymouth Mt. and about twenty minutes to get down to the bottom of the mountain. We stayed on top of Plymouth Mt. for three hours. On top of the summit we made a fire. It lasted about ten or fifteen minutes or so. We left the summit at about 12:15. On our way down, I was one of the last people down. On my way down I saw a fox carrying one of her young in her mouth. Boy I wish I had my camera.

*- Devon Krahn Burke*

## CAMP

Camp is a lot of fun. I like my counselors. I got to go tubing. I had fun.

- Carter Hoekstra

## ROCK CLIMBING

This week Den went rock climbing for a trip day, I thought we were going to go trail clearing, but we were all pleasantly surprised. We had a lot of fun, both outdoors and indoors. I hope we do this more often.

- Nathan Sirgutz



## DODGEBALL

Sunday, Dodge ball, Clubs, Ouch These were common words said today because today was Sunday and we had clubs. WE PLAYED DODGE BALL!!! It was great fun, a lot of us got head shots and made some really great plays. Me and Mr. Gibbons had an ongoing battle. I got him a lot and so did he get me. Once Sawyer said it was a no elimination game, we all went wild and had a great time.

-Mike Drennan

## SQUADS

I can't wait until squads are announced. Everyone in Den is hoping to make either Washington Squad or Gopher Squad. The only problem is that there are 14 spots for squads and 14 Denites, so if a few Pantherites make a squad then some people from Den won't make a squad. I really hope I make a squad, but I would rather let someone else have my spot because I know they would really enjoy it, and in the end, it's all good.

-Liam Leas



## ROCK CLIMBING

This week on trip day the Den went rock climbing except for Robby and Billy. It was really fun and a great experience. We went indoor rock climbing, it was awesome. One of the best trip days.

-Joel Alvarez

## TUBING

Today I went tubing for clubs. It was really fun. Me, Mason and Axel were on the same tube. I fell off, so I went on the boat for a while. When I saw Mason I was wondering why he popped the tube. He actually lost his bathing suit 5 feet behind him. So I took his spot on the tube again.

-Owen Kingsley



### MR. BENNETT

Addison Bennett is my favorite Junior Staffer (sorry Zeke). He is a rifle GOD and is pretty much the reason I didn't give up on my 1st bar. Addison also taught me how not to be bad at tennis. I also idolize Addison for other reasons, such as his unparalleled knockout ability and the fact the he's always the first person to talk after 'fake' "Shhhhhsh"ings in the dining hall.

*-Graeme Frost*



### TUBING

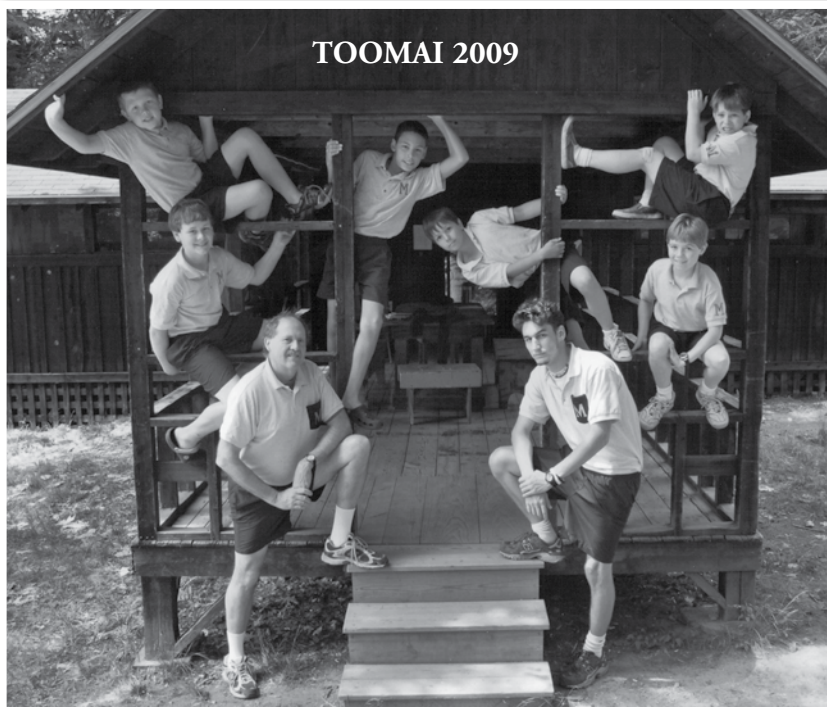
Today for clubs I went tubing. Russell and Graeme's tube went 4 feet in the air. Ignacio and Giancarlo's tube flipped over. When Giancarlo's raft was coming back to swimmers raft he did a back flip off of the tube. Tubing is so fun.

*-Gabe Friedin*

### DODGE BALL

Today we played dodge ball. It was awesome! I got hit in the eye twice. 1st round I was the last person alive. On my team I dodged the balls and screamed, and then Brint got me out. It was fun.

*- Will Phelps*







## THE NOTCH

The Notch was awesome but painful and deceiving. It started on dirt, not much rocks and I could still feel my head. After an hour or so we were climbing over rocks and crawling under rocks. 20 minutes later the Notch had a lot of moss and I stepped on moss so I slipped. As I slipped my head tilted and bashed against a rock. Once my head hit the rock my head bounced back almost throwing me off the rock, pack and all on to more rocks. I pushed on through the whole Notch and at the end of the Notch we had lunch, it was bumble bee tuna.

*-Codie Crawford*

## REFLECTION ON MOWGLIS

I heard once that every man is only as good as the base of his youth. It is no secret that every story in our life is only as good as the man who keeps them. Mowglis, as every day, has become a true memory of youth, strength, age, and wisdom. With dreams that come to be on the trail, and sights of a precious future with every bugle in our days.

Today is a Mowglis day, and the day starts with lazy noises that unravel slowly as still droplets waiting to drift into the sun.

Today is a Mowglis day, as the notes come out of their sleep falling to give birth to a new day when the turn into clarity of living water we taste. Capturing crystal droplets only broken to the next bugle.

Today is a Mowglis day, when the water warms to the light of day with laughter, goals and achievements that point echoes in the lasting memory.

Today is a Mowglis day, as we collect memories in a finite sphere on moments that foster an endless summer.

Today is a Mowglis day.

*- Mr. Joaquin Martin del Campo*



## THE BARBER

The barber came today.  
I got a hair cut. I like it.  
The barber is very nice  
we talked about where  
we live. It was fun.

*-John Mulliken*



### CREW WEEK

I am really excited for crew week. I hope I make second form. I am on red Crew, Crews are announced tonight. Yippee!!!

*-Manning Sears*

### DODGE BALL

Dodge ball is awesome especially free for all. I hope the club is offered next week.

*-Beauchamp Zirkilton*

### CREW WEEK

I can't wait for crew week I have heard so much about it and it is so much fun. I can't wait!

*-Ethan Christenson*

### SLEEP WALKING

Last night I was sleepwalking. I ran into a wall and walked out onto the wash porch. Mr. Bennett told James NOT to wake me up but James woke me up anyway. I'm kind of glad he did because I was about to walk off the wash porch. In my dream I was going to lunch. I am not sure what would have happened.

*-Will Phelps*

### CREW WEEK

I can't wait for Crew Week it is going to be so fun. I think I am going to be red form.

*-Brint MacDonald*





### CREW WEEK

Today is Sunday, that means they announce crews today. On Friday we have the bonfire, next Saturday is crew day and it will be fun.

*-Mike Drennan*

### MT. WASHINGTON SQUAD

Last week Liam Leas, John Davidge, Billy Mullin, Robby Hurdman, Owen Kingsley, and I went on the Mt. Washington squad trip .We reached the summit of 11 peaks in 4 days. They were Webster, Jackson, Pierce, Eisenhower, Franklin, Monroe, Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Clay and Monroe. We stayed at the Mizpah Lakes of the Clouds, and Madison huts. Madison was my favorite hut. The crew there was named Maddie, Maayan, Dre, and Muscles. We like Dre the most. He was funny. There was some guy who kept moaning in the night. It was weird. I can't wait for crew week.

*-Alex Reiff*



## LACONIA

Today the brass choir went to Laconia. We played 2 hymns and Jay played a song on the piano. We got ice cream on the way home.

*-Foster Conklin*

## MOUNT WASHINGTON

Washington squad was the most fun trip in my four years at Mowglis. We stayed at the Mizpah, Lakes of the Clouds, and Madison huts. Over the course of the trip we summited all of the presidentials including Mt. Washington where we stayed for about an hour in the summit buildings.

*-Billy Mullin*

## GOPHER SQUAD

This week I went on Gopher Squad, and seeing as I was the only Pantherite I had some new people, such as the Venezuelan kid (Joel) and then there's Chase and somehow I survived the Denites. The next day we went up Washington and despite winds that almost pushed me off the trail, and pelted hail at my face, I trucked up the mountain. Being at the top was awesome and for me a very BIG moment. Several years ago doctors said I would not be able to walk a city block without a wheelchair, but I had just climbed the tallest mountain in the Appalachian Trail, so HA!! Also for several moments I was the tallest person in the North East.

*-Graeme Frost*

## THE QUEST

It began in the beginning  
On the first day, if you will.  
With old faces, like Russ and Foster,  
And new ones like Ethan and Will  
We went on a trip to this island  
In the middle of this really big lake.  
By storm we did take.  
The Questing began and we traveled  
from our campsite  
To places most far.  
By giving us all names and titles,  
The questmaster prevented a war.  
We grew in our trials to heroes,  
Champions, DDA's Dogs of War.  
Through challenges, great and fantastic  
We learned what the titles are for.  
We found through a great effort a treasure.  
A questing stick, a staff of great power.  
On return, Kako found and devoured it.

That was the questors last hour, though the token is gone, and we're finished, the leader is done and retired, our glory cannot be diminished. The questors, AWAY, never die.

*- James Graff*





# CREW

*"Swing, swing together; thinking not of yourself but the crew."*



## BLUE

## RED

### RACING CREW

Robby Hurdman	Cox	Nate George
Axel Nunes	Stroke	Alex Reiff
Liam Leas	5	Billy Mullin
Erik Wong	4	Codie Crawford
Theo Harris	3	Chase O'Connor
Owen Kingsley	2	John Davidge
Nathan Sirgutz	Bow	Mike Drennan

### FIRST FORM

Graeme Frost	Cox	Ethan Colon
Ignacio Conde	Stroke	Joel Alvarez
Mason Harris	5	Corey Crawford
T.J. Suarez	4	Gabe Friedin
Sam Nickles	3	Beauchamp Zirkilton
Foster Conklin	2	Will Rotch
Tyko Costandine	Bow	Russell Nickey

### SECOND FORM

Max Frost	Cox	Ethan Christenson
Ramon Secades	Stroke	Giancarlo Ciocca
Nathaniel Eisenman	5	Chance Begnoche
Carter Hoekstra	4	Brint MacDonald
John Mulliken	3	Will Phelps
Gonzalo San Salvador	2	Manning Sears
James Graff	Bow	Robby Swanson

### CREW LEADER

Mr. Mike Bartlett

### CREW COACH

Mr. Al Reiff

### CREW LEADER

Mr. Jarin Foster

# CREW HISTORY

1910	Blue	1942	Red	1977	Blue
1911	Red	1946	Blue	1978	Red
1912	Red	1947	Blue	1979	TIE
1913	Red	1948	Red	1980	Blue
1914	Blue	1949	Blue	1981	Blue
1915	Red	1950	Blue	1982	Blue
1916	Blue	1951	Blue	1983	Blue
1917	Red	1952	Blue	1984	Blue
1918	Red	1953	Blue	1985	Red
1919	Red	1954	Red	1986	Red
1920	Blue	1955	Blue	1987	Blue
1921	Red	1956	Blue	1988	Blue
1922	TIE	1957	Blue	1989	Red
1923	Red	1958	Blue	1990	Red
1924	Red	1959	TIE	1991	Blue
1925	Blue	1960	Blue	1992	Blue
1926	Blue	1961	Blue	1993	Red
1927	Red	1962	Red	1994	Red
1928	Blue	1963	Red	1995	Blue
1929	Blue	1964	Blue	1996	Blue
1930	TIE	1965	Red	1997	Red
1931	Red	1966	Red	1998	TIE
1932	Blue	1967	Red	1999	Blue
1933	Red	1968	Blue	2000	Red
1934	Blue	1969	Blue	2002	Blue
1935	Red	1970	Red	2003	Blue
1936	Blue	1971	Blue (record 3.13.3)	2004	Red
1937	Blue	1972	Blue	2005	Red
1938	Red	1973	Red	2006	Red
1939	Red	1974	Blue	2007	Blue
1940	TIE	1975	Red	2008	Blue
1941	Red	1976	Red	2009	TIE





## CREW WEEK

Today is the start of crew week. My goal is to make first form but I don't think I will make it. I am really nervous for it. I also want Foster, Gabe and Giancarlo to make first form.  
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*-Russell Nickey*

## WATER SPORTS DAY

For Water Sports day I did front crawl relay, canoe relay, gazungah! And team medley. I found out I could swim in front crawl. The canoe relay was very fun, gazungah gave me a chance to show everybody what I do best...fall. Team medley I just did not want to do.

*-Codie Crawford*

## CREW WEEK

Crew week is going to be awesome because everybody is going to be really excited and going to cheer a lot. The best part is the Bon Fire because there is the fire and some parents. This is also when the teams cheer against each other and when 1st form and racing crew go to Wellington. The saddest part of this week is when half of the camp is sad because their team just lost the race. That's why we sing together after the race. I really hope it's going to be a good race and a good week.

*-Axel Nunes*

## MR. REIFF

Mister Reiff is very sneaky. He is the assistant director and is super strong. He only appears when you are doing something that you are not supposed to do, but when you are helping someone out he is never there to see you. He is a tank.

*-Max Frost*



## CREW WEEK

I'm really excited for crew week. I went last year, it looked really cool and I can't wait to find out the crew members. I heard that they go to Wellington on crew boats, it's so awesome. I really hope to be on first form.

*-Corey Crawford*

## GOPHER SQUAD

This week I was on Gopher squad. We hiked 5 miles on the first day and 7 the second. We hiked Eisenhower, Monroe, and Washington. It was a great trip.

*-Nathan Sirgutz*



## BRASS CHOIR

Today was fun. I got to go with the brass choir to Laconia. After the end we got cookies and ice cream, it was a fun day.

*-Carter Hoekstra*



## FINAL WEEKS

The final three weeks of camp are always the best. I had a great time this summer but it's weird that camp is almost over.

*- Billy Mullin*

## MY LIFE AT CAMP

2004: I arrived as a 9 year old cub and did what every cub does: riflery, archery, swimming, and crafts. I never thought that I would make it to where I am today.

2005: Again I arrived, only this time in Toomai with bigger goals. At the end of the year I was winning 2nd form stroke and had been inducted into the inner circle with my blue, black, silver, and purple.

2006: Baloo, I knew that I would never achieve as much as I had my previous summer, but I trudged ahead, obtaining my Swimmers, Sharpshooters and Green Ribbon. I was also the only Balooite rower on 1st form.

2007: Akela held a lot for me and I made the best of it. I made racing crew, while obtaining my canoe safety, Gold Ribbon, and White Ribbon.

2008: This year I was in Panther and I was on racing crew again. I also got my axe test and my Red & Aqua ribbons.

2009: this year I made Washington Squad, Racing Crews and earned my Orange and Brown Ribbons and Kaa Award.

I will remember Mowglis forever.

*-Alex Reiff*



### EXCITING LAST WEEKS

The last 2 weeks have been really exciting. First, crew week when last Saturday both racing crews tied. That was amazing! No one lost everybody won. I am getting silver, and green, getting in the circle. The 2 weeks have been really fun and I am really sad because the camp's over.

- Joel Alvarez



### AWESOME YEAR

Crew week was awesome this year. I made red racing crew and there was a tie it was cool! I want to try a crew shell!

- Nate George

### SAD TO LEAVE

This week I have been having a lot of fun I am only 1 requirement away from my ribbon and this week wasn't as exciting as last week but I'm having a blast. I am sort of sad to leave camp but it doesn't bother me because I don't have to fold sheets or make my bed and NO MORE INSPECTION. Over all I have been having a great summer.

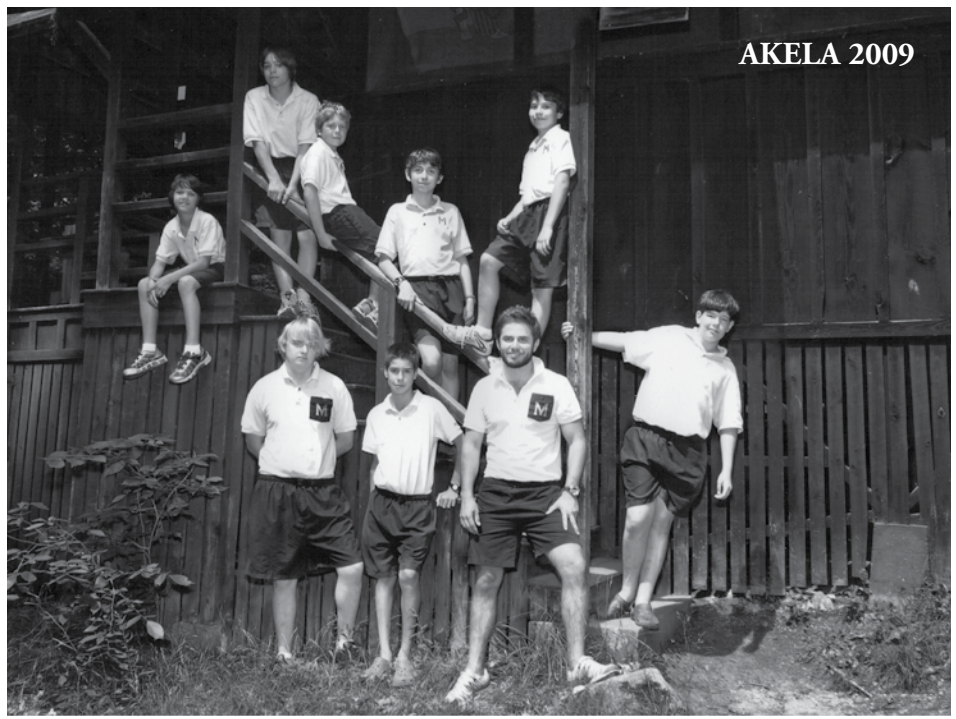
- Corey Crawford

### RED WHITE AND BLUE

Recently I got my red, white, and blue ribbon. It is pretty cool how I got it in 2 years and on the same day as Max. Theo is close to getting his and qualified 19 targets in one day. It would be really cool to see three people get the ribbon all in the same week. It has been a fun week at the range. And crew week was awesome.

- Ian Concannon





## SOLO

The other day I went on my solo. It wasn't fun. I went over after dinner and started on my shelter. Then I went to the camp fire, when I got back it was really dark and I couldn't find my shelter; eventually I found it. I never slept, for eight hours of lying in my sleeping bag in the rain. And at about midnight, a chipmunk ran across my sleeping bag just above my head. It wasn't fun.

*- Owen Kingsley*

## GRATITUDE

7 Weeks had blown by and I wish I knew where they went. I barely remember unpacking and making my bed for the first time and how I started to pack up and planning on what I'm gonna do when I get back. I remember packing for my first pack trip, feeling the rush and the excitement of gopher and blue racing crew. I remember shooting my first target and how I've wrapped up my bar. This camp has given me four incredible years, and so many independent experiences that I couldn't find anywhere else. With all my gratitude,

*- Theo Harris*

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

These last 2 weeks have been exciting. I got my silver ribbon, green ribbon, made racing crew, tied in the 7th tie in Mowglis history, made Inner Circle, went to graduates dinner, and if I can, get my swimmers and graduate. I really hope I can because I really want to graduate, then in 2 days (or more like 1 ½) we go home and no one will care about things like rowboat safety or green ribbon and probably think I'm crazy for bragging, whatever an "Inner Circle" is. But that's okay because I'll know, and that's all that matters.

*- Mike Drennan*





## AXEMANSHIP

Earlier this week, I achieved my orange ribbon after 7 long weeks of hard work and painful blisters. I've learned many things this summer in axemanship, like splitting logs, chopping and felling trees, caring for and repairing axes, and showing respect for nature and the earth around us. I would like to thank Mr. Alfonso Guitierrez for teaching me and helping me to achieve so much. Axemanship may be a difficult ribbon, but it is one of the most fun and challenging things I have done in all my years at Mowglis.

- Liam Leas

## CARDIGAN

For trio day we did the all camp hike to Cardigan. Toomai and the Baloo dorms hiked together. We went up Holt and down the Lark. I liked the Holt trail.

- Manning Sears

## FRIENDS

The camp is great I have a lot of friends. I've learned many things that I didn't know before. For example, sailing and windsurfing. I made a lot of things in crafts. I lost vs. Brint in the Finals. Crew week is great; I learned songs that I didn't know. The bonfire was fun. In one sailing, I'm really scared because the weather was really bad.

- Gonzalo San Salvador

## GRADUATES DINNER

Graduate's Dinner was a lot of fun. At my table was Mr. and Mrs. Reiff, Davidge, Owen, Frenchie, and Will Rotch. It was a load of fun. I got the attention of the entire dining hall and made Mr. Reiff start the Den song.

- Manning Sears

## LAST HOWL

This is probably the last time I will ever write howls again. I have a lot I could talk about, such as crew week, trip day or just the den in general. Over my four Mowglis years I have done many things that I am proud of. I have earned 6 ribbons and most likely going to get my blue tomorrow. I also have earned my canoe safety, axe test, and I'm about to earn my sharpshooters. I can't believe my days as a camper are over, but I always knew it would one day come to an end. Mowglis 2009 We Salute You!

- Robby Hurdman

## AWESOME PLACE

This is my last howl of the year. I've made inner circle with the Black, Green, Golden Chord, and Silver ribbons. I'm really happy. My last howl was about crew week. I was right for a part and wrong for the other. I was right that crew week was going to be fun and that the race was really good. I was wrong about half of the camp being sad and it's a good thing. This week is the last week, the week where it ends. Yesterday, it was graduate's dinner. I was a waiter and it was really fun. Robby made me go over to Mr. Reiff and say "We have an alignment, both hands are down, this is the start, are you ready, ready all now." It was not that bad. Tomorrow is Saturday, there is the chapel service and the candle boats, and it's going to be fun.

More about Mowglis now. Mowglis is an awesome place. I'm going to come back next year. Here at Mowglis, I learned a lot of new stuff. I don't have much to say that you guys don't know. The counselors are awesome; so are the campers and so is this place. I will always remember my years here from cubs to panther right now and to Den next year. I will always remember how many times I climbed Cardigan. I will always remember the stuff that I learned here. I will always remember my friends. I look forward to coming back next year and graduating.

- Axel Nunes

## PACK TRIP

This week Den went on a three-day pack trip to the Bald Faces. The first day was really bad. The second day was pretty fun. But the last day was the best.

- Erik Wong

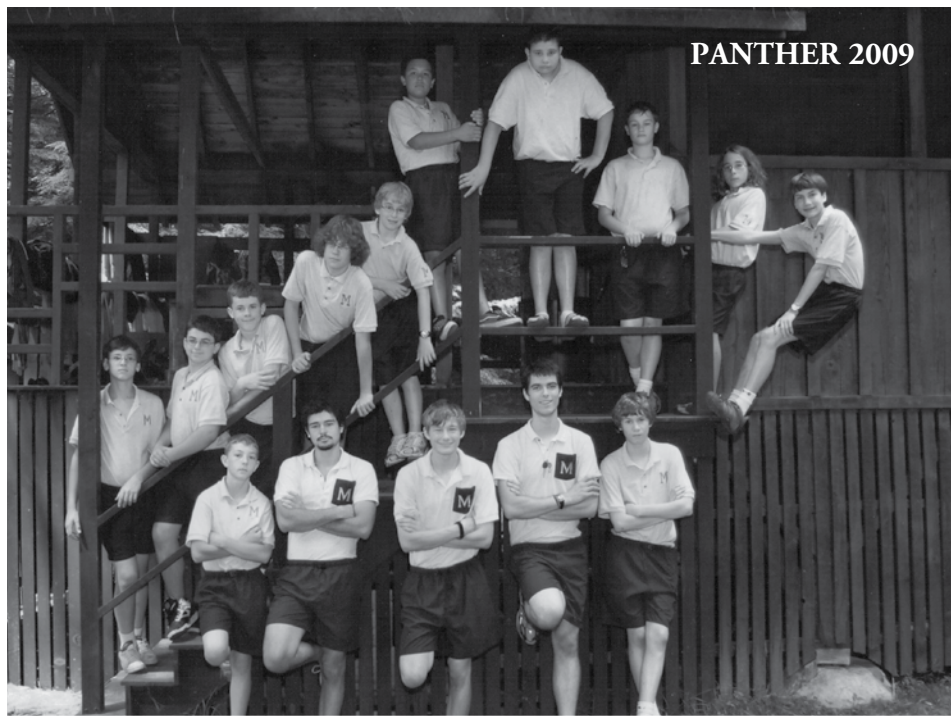
## HOWL

Erik Wong isn't who you think he is. He's a psycho monster who only comes out at night. The person you see in the day is his clone. Look, I know this sounds silly but we all know it's true.

- Chase O'Connor







## B-BALL AND BELLS

Tonight is the start of crew week. I am really excited. Today I played B-Ball with Joel, Mr. B. Rob Mike, Nate, Billie, Erik, Hoekstra, Sawyer, Graeme, Axel, and myself. It was really fun, although Sawyer couldn't make a shot. J. K. Mowglis is really scary, last night I could hear a bell going off really softly every 5 minutes. Erik and I were really scared, Mr. B came back and saved us. The End

*-Chase O'Connor*



## MY BEST FRIEND

Billy Mullin is my best friend. He is really good at sports and has tons of friends. He beats me every time in tetherball but sometimes he lets me win.

*-Chase O'Connor*


## MR. BENNETT

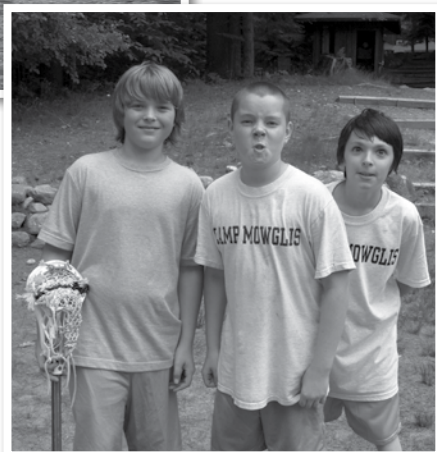
Mr. Bennett is awesome. He is a sniper at the rifle range, and I'm sure he could easily shoot a 50 standing any day. He is also really smart. He taught me how to do so many cool things! I wish I could be more like Mr. Bennett. He is a true Mowglis Man!

*-Sensitive Soul*

## FROM LUNA DOG

I had the most amazing summer at camp. I made so many great friends and everyone was always friendly to me unless I walked behind the archery range. I really like the way boys would come and talk to me and rub my head when I was tied to the Lodge porch, they would let me in when the weather got cold or rainy. On hot days Mr. B would always give me fresh cool water... thanks Mr. B. I learned very quickly that Mr. Wright had goodies in his pocket and he was the man to follow around. I just did not like that where he went during the day, there was so much noise there, I got used to it a little... what wouldn't you do for a treat? I liked putting my head on all of the boys who came into the Lodge, they seemed to forget about their cuts and scrapes with me there. One night Graeme Frost came in; he was having a hard time breathing. I put my nose in his ear and kissed him... he rubbed my sides, before I knew it he was breathing a lot better, I was invited on his bed in the infirmary and he said I gave him comfort. I am happy to be of help, and what I get in return is love. I wish my Mom could bring all of these boys home so they could rub me all of the time. I must come back next summer and see everyone. I loved camp, but I am sure I did not get my share of tater tots... we will have to work on that next year.

-Luna 





## Yearling History 2009

We started off the season with a training hike up Bear Mountain. We literally flew up the mountain, making it to the summit in about 23 minutes. The Second day we set out for the Lincoln Woods Trail, taking us past Franconia Falls and entered the Pemigwasset Wilderness. Here we began our ascent of the Bond Cliffs at a swift pace and in the first of several wet days. The summit was perfect; we couldn't see a thing past 20 meters. At the tent site, bomb proof tents were set up and boys prepped an energy-filled dinner; there were no leftovers. It was a bit of a wet day but the group was in great spirits after an 11.5 mile day, and definitely ready for bed!

We had the pleasure of hiking in the white mist of the mountains. The mountains were cooling us down and keeping us moving after a strong first day. This got our bodies, minds, and spirits in gear to make this day even better. We dropped our packs and took the summit trail to Zealand Mountain. It was a



good break and we actually had to slow ourselves down from a run to a very fast walk on the way to the summit. The more North we headed the better the sky looked, the rain stopped, clouds broke and there was sun! Our first solo hiking took place from the View Point to Zealand Pond and onto the next trail junction. One by one we met again at the Zeacliff trail to begin a steep decent heading to the shelter for the night, still miles away. As we dropped in elevation we left the spruce trees behind and entered a jungle of Maples and Birch. It felt like we had entered into a different hemisphere in a matter of minutes. As we neared Whitewall Mountain, the landscape changed again and we were face-to-face with a massive wall of granite. After crossing a flooded river, we took some time to dry our feet and eat more food. Then, only a few hundred yards further, we were at the base of the cliffs of Whitewall Mountain. We had to stop again to admire its massive presence and remote location. About an hour more and three miles later we were crossing the rock path through Ethan Pond, taking us up to our destination for the evening. We were fortunate this night to be able to stay in the shelter keeping dry, warm, batting away mosquitoes, hydrating, eating, and stretching after this spectacular 10.5 mile day.

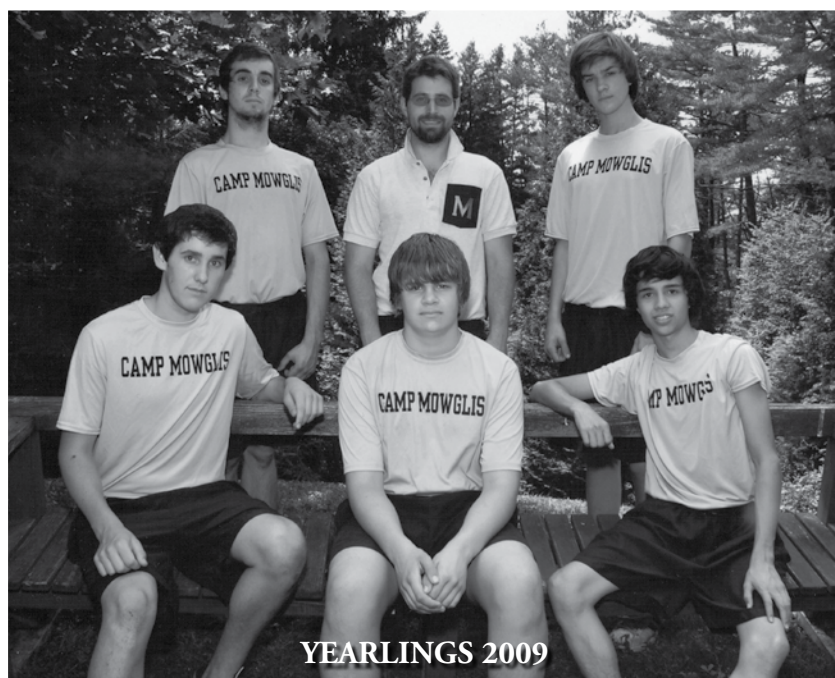
Waking early for our final day of the trek, we had 8 miles to go. Definitely not the most direct way out of the woods, but why would we want to go the easy way! We took a detour over to Ripley Falls, hiked back up to a ridge and then decanted down the Frankenstein Cliff Trail. Hiking along next to breath-taking rock formations and waterfalls was definitely the way to come down. Our 30 miles in three days had us all whooped, psyched, and in awesome shape, ready for

everything the trip still had in store for us. We enjoyed playing Frisbee in an empty parking lot before continuing up to Caratunk, which would be our base for the next few days.

We spent the next two days whitewater rafting on the Kennebec River. On the first run we were mixed in with another large group, with a total of 5 rafts going down the river in a chain. The second day was far more special for us as we were the only ones on the river with our guides. We hit the rapids at the hardest lines and the guide, though he tried, couldn't manage to toss any of us out of the boat. We were able to take some special breaks to hike up to a small waterfall to jump off of. At the base camp we stayed in a cabin which, after our backpacking trip, was full of wetness and a funk new to all of us. We took advantage of the lodge building with a movie, monopoly, pool table, and long hot showers.

Our first night of the weekend back in camp was a relaxing one with a movie about Mt. Everest, showers, and bed. A good night's rest was exactly what everyone needed to prepare for the weekend. It was off to Onaway for 4th of July celebrations with the girls playing games and having a cookout. Sunday was filled with campsite improvement projects and afternoon sailing. The whole group was ready for bed after dinner and usually had a hard time making it to breakfast on time. This was a great sign of all the hard work and play we packed into the sunlit hours of the day.

We started the new week with a day hike up the Amnoosuc Ravine Trail. The boys hiked solo for the first two miles from the trail head up to the Lakes of the Clouds Hut. We ate a snack in the Hut, signed the log book, watched the rain storms and clouds move in from the south, and were on our way cruising to the summit before the thunder started. The worst of the storm passed in about 15 minutes, and we were out for a summit photo before beginning the descent in the rain. The clouds broke again on the way down, surrounding us by storm clouds to the north and blue



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skies to the south. Rain and wetness had become a friend to us all; we welcomed it to clean our sweaty bodies and dirty clothes.

Mountain biking to Franconia Falls we definitely got more muddy than clean. A fish hook in a tire wasn't enough to slow us down as we rode to the river and hiked up to the falls. On the ride in everyone figured out how to properly use gears, navigate roots and some fallen trees, pushing the bikes to their limits and ours. No swimming in the flooded river of ice water, but we had an awesome day riding in the rain. It is definitely something we wouldn't mind doing more of.

Close to the half-way point of the trip we began rock climbing with our local guide and friend, Jim Shimberg. The first day was spent in the rock barn, an indoor climbing wall. We had a very detailed belay school and climbing techniques: legs are for power, arms and hands are for balance. That evening after climbing, we watched Masters of Stone 5 to give us some inspiration for the next few days. The climbers on this show were incredibly inspiring; two of the featured climbers have prosthetic legs fit with climbing shoes, the third is blind moving up by feel and with the aid of a bell rung by his belayer.

The next morning we went down the road to Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney, NH to a wall called the Meadows. The Yearlings and some guests total of 20 literally took over the place having a total of 12 different routes for everyone to try. These boys are monkeys once they get going!

The following two days were spent with just the Yearlings and Jim Shim refining skills and building confidence on a wide variety of climbs at the 5.8 crag and Parking Lot walls. We did some pure friction climbing, all feet and very little hands. We set up a few hard overhanging routes, great things to hold onto, but it's overhanging, and it's tough. The whole group showed a lot of improvement, enthusiasm, and support for one another.

We started our final week mountain biking in Bartlett, NH. The biking was mostly flat and we were able to go fast and find some jumps along the way. We had short rain showers and once we were wet we had no fear of mud, creeks, and even riding in the Saco River. We could not resist stopping and setting up the video camera at one of the jumps. Only one person went over the handle bars the entire day - Mr. Greenwell.

A service project for the camp was completed, clearing the hillside between Gray Brothers and the lower tennis court. We packed the van before dinner and then headed down to the Deerfield River in Massachusetts to spend the night before the first day of our kayaking clinic. The first day we practiced edging, bracing, learned some strokes, and played some games to practice before breaking for lunch. We headed to the river in the afternoon. The rapids were a lot of fun and we practiced ferrying across the river using the current to push the boats right across using only steering strokes. We all flipped our boats and swam some rapids. Back at base camp we made a wonderful hamburger and potato dinner, hung out with some other people staying in the campground, and early to bed.

The next day we were on a different stretch than the previous day, with bigger and more rapids. We did a lot more playing in the rapids and learned how to surf waves, refined our skills of catching eddies, peeling oar, and did much less swimming in rapids. In the afternoon we played





ultimate throw bag. It was a great day playing around and getting to know the boats, water, and guides better.

Our final day was a full day on the river, no pond, all river and rapids. We had some specific lines to follow the guides down rapids for practice and to see whose skills were ready for trying the Zoar Gap, a class three rapid in a narrow section on the river. There were only a few swimmers today, and everyone was out there surfing waves. The guides were impressed how fast we all improved during the clinic. It was time to load the boats on the trailer and head back to the outfitter for a quick debrief and then began our drive back to camp for one final night in our tent. We went through our pictures and videos of the last few days. Parents arrived and boys were off or changing into their Junior Staff shirts. All in all this year's Yearling Program was a huge success, with lots of work, fun, play, sweat, rain, sun, and most of all a group of boys came together and are now lifelong friends!

—W. Thomas Greenwell, Jr.

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