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A TURNING POINT THE SUMMER OF 1962

Details in this article were derived largely from the first-hand accounts of former Mowglis staff and alumni, and from interviews with them about their recollections. They include: Bob Bengtson (camper 1968-1969, staff 1970-1982, Director 1983-1994, 2002-2009), Bill MacDonald (staff 1945-1950, Trustee 1962-1982), Joe Beckford (staff 1957-1960) and Charlie Walbridge (camper 1959-1962, staff 1963-1964, 1966-1967, 1969-1972, Trustee 2003-current, Board President 2005-2010).

Fifty years ago, in the spring of 1962, the Beatles debuted on the BBC. John Glenn was the first American to orbit the planet and an American rocket landed on the moon. Alongside these accomplishments loomed an escalating Viet Nam war and the specter of nuclear conflict between superpowers. Cold War tensions mounted with a tightening U.S. embargo on Cuba. By August, secret Soviet plans to build nuclear missile bases there were brought to light.

We can't know exactly the thoughts that must have played in his mind on one 1962 fall morning as Bill Hart (staff 1932-1941, Director 1963-1982) set off to Boston from his Connecticut home. His mission to sustain Camp Mowglis was in its final strokes, but the endeavor had stalled with the recognition that they had not raised the necessary funds in time. A letter was drafted to Owner-Director John Adams (Director 1958-1962) acknowledging the shortfall. The letter still unmailed, Hart drove to Boston to address the widow of former camp Director, Col. Alcott Elwell.

Among the forerunners in a pioneering movement of outdoor education, Mowglis was founded in 1903 by Mrs. Elizabeth Ford Holt for the development of younger boys. Her vision for the camp crystallized through her reading of Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book, where a lost boy, raised by wolves, learns invaluable lessons, and, in time, helps foster community among the animals, finally going out on his own. For Holt, personal satisfaction and success were derived more from cooperation than from competition, and these were built on a foundation of individual strength and independence.

Holt gained Kipling's permission to use his character names and themes to define the camp's identity. She named the camp after The Jungle Book's protagonist, the man-cub, Mowgli. At Kipling's own suggestion, she adopted the plural, Mowglis, for the numerous boys who Kipling's adventuring character would represent. The camp would create opportunities for boys to grow as individuals and to work together.

Holt ran the camp until 1924 and died the next year, leaving Mowglis to Col. Alcott Farrar Elwell. Born to British parents and raised in Boston, MA, the Colonel had earned three education degrees at Harvard and wrote a thesis on summer camp education. During World War I, he left school to serve in the army where he fought in France and also trained new soldiers because of his background in education. He returned to his study of education after the war, and continued to work at Mowglis during summers, ultimately lending the remainder of a lifetime to the camp's dedication. Between 1905 and 1953, he served as Counselor, as Assistant Director, as Associate Director, and, upon Holt's death, as Director and owner of Mowglis.

Elwell gave structure to Holt's vision for how the camp would influence the boys who enrolled. Informed, both by his military service and by his friendship with Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, Elwell implemented instruction and programs designed to teach self sufficiency. Boys would learn, experientially, skills useful in the outdoors and would strive to earn ribbons comparable to the merit badges earned by boy scouts. Elwell ran the camp until 1952.

In 1953 the camp was sold to his Assistant Director, Darwin Kingsley, III (1953-1957). Kingsley was a graduate of Yale who had studied and worked in education, teaching English for The Fay School of Southborough, MA. As Director, he built Baloo Cove, the waterfront used for younger boys, and also had the former Honor House moved to Baloo Cove Road, where it was built up to be the more substantial cottage, now known as Hathi. But despite Kingsley's efforts, the camp fell into indebtedness.

In 1958, John Adams acquired Mowglis and became Director. Adams had worked for the Boy Scouts of America and had long desired to run a camp of his own. Adams increased the athletic programs at the camp. Denite Charlie Walbridge recalls Adams as the only director ever to patrol the camp in a golf cart, owing to a skiing accident before the summer of 1961. "Adams was a sound director - someone I liked very much," Walbridge recounts. But the camp continued to slide into debt, and Adams contemplated closing Mowglis.

In the years following his tenure as Director, Col. Elwell continued active involvement at the camp, visiting regularly, and leading many campfires, as he had done for so many years before. Elwell died on March 9, 1962.

Among the attendees at the Arlington National Cemetery funeral was Elwell's Assistant Director, Bill Hart. Hart and Elwell had formed a close friendship. "Hart was like a step-son to Elwell," explains Bill MacDonald. Elwell offered Hart half ownership of the camp to stay on as Associate Director. Hart declined. Having graduated from law school, he began a career with the FBI where he would eventually go on to work on the Manhattan Project before departing to take over his family's retail business when his father passed away.

With only the imagination enough to dream that the course of things remained undetermined, and the audacity enough to consider that they might work together to redirect it, they began an effort to wrest the camp from its demise, an initiative about which they had not the least assurance they would succeed.

In September of 1961, Joe Beckford recounts visiting Hart at his workplace to alert him that Adams planned to close the camp that summer. Enrollment had fallen, and, Adams, struggling to pay off thirty-odd creditors, reluctantly planned to sell.

The two discussed ways to form a nonprofit entity which might acquire the camp so that it could receive tax deductible, charitable donations - rather than rely strictly on camper tuitions for revenue, as would a for-profit enterprise. Additionally, a nonprofit corporation or foundation would provide constancy, without overreliance on any single individual.

They knew that any intervention would require more experience and manpower, so Hart contacted Tyson Stokes (camper 1917-1921, staff 1922-1928, Assistant Director 1927-1928), who had also been close to Col. Elwell and who owned a home adjacent to Mowglis. Stokes was a renowned Philadelphia attorney, a formidable man, according to Bob Bengtson, whose legal knowledge would prove helpful.

Next, Hart contacted Bill MacDonald who had served as Counselor under Elwell before pursuing a career in finance, then working at a Boston bank. MacDonald's financial experience and contacts would also prove helpful.

Bound, in part, by their love of the camp, and, in part, by their love of the recently deceased Colonel, these men were stirred to act. With only the imagination enough to dream that the course of things remained undetermined, and the audacity enough to consider that they might work together to redirect it, they began an effort to wrest the camp from its demise, an initiative about which they had not the least assurance they would succeed.

Hart and Stokes met with Adams where they discussed the possibility of a bank foreclosure and that Adams had already found possible buyers for the property. Unfunded, and uncertain how they might be received, Hart and Stokes proposed to buy the camp and to take over its management. Adams, though taking losses, was eager to keep the camp running, and agreed to keep it open that summer while the group worked to acquire it.

MacDonald, then 35, approached the President of Concord Savings Bank to convince him to hold off on the foreclosure to allow time for the group to organize and solicit funds. The bank favored a sale of the camp property to satisfy the loan. In his written memorial of Col. Elwell, in The Mowglis Call 2012, MacDonald writes: "...that meeting with the president was a difficult meeting, for he professed a lack of confidence that the camp could survive and that the sale of the property was the best solution."

MacDonald pointed to the camp's proposed new ownership structure and board of trustees, and promised recruitment and fundraising drives. The bank agreed to forestall foreclosure, deferring the required principal repayment until July of 1963.

It was the breathing room they needed. Hart went to work immediately, recruiting campers and staff for the coming season. News releases assured the public that Mowglis would still welcome boys to Newfound Lake that summer.

The plan to restore the camp took shape, with Hart, Stokes and MacDonald conducting weekly calls and working in parallel to their day jobs. MacDonald recalls his secretary once asked who her real employer actually was – the Bank of Boston or Camp Mowglis.

Stokes continued to work out the acquisition with Adams and to organize the creation of a tax exempt entity that would take ownership of the camp. He enlisted attorney John McClane, of the McClane Law Firm in Manchester, NH, to form a foundation, although tax exempt status would not actually be granted until March 12, 1964.

Even without tax exemption, appeals for donations would go out to alumni. Bengtson recounts that Hart estimated that he, Stokes and MacDonald personally approached approximately 280 camp alumni that summer.

Each of the camp's creditors would be contacted and assured of the effort underway to repay them, and a number of handshake agreements were made, according to Bengtson. One creditor had placed a lien on the property. Stokes would attempt to hold him at bay.

On July 1, 1962, even before the foundation's filing for official recognition, Stokes, Hart, and members of the proposed board made an option agreement with Adams to purchase the camp from him for \$125,000.00. The agreement would stand until September 30.

On July 13, bylaws and articles of association for the Holt-Elwell Foundation were filed with the town of Hebron and with the state of New Hampshire. The Foundation would be run by a board of trustees composed of widely respected individuals who had experience with Mowglis.

On July 20, the first official board meeting took place, although there was not a quorum, so it was only the next day that the board took its first official actions, including electing officers, and advancing funds to Adams towards the camp's purchase. (Officers of the first board included Stokes as President, Gaius Merwin, Jr. (camper 1933 – 1937, staff 1938-1939, 1941-1942, 1946, Trustee 1962-1982) as Vice President, MacDonald as Treasurer, and Fred Kent, II (camper 1932-1933, staff 1934-1940, Trustee 1962) as Secretary.

Although significant funds were raised, the drive fell short of the purchase price agreed to with Adams for the Sept. 30 deadline, so Adams reduced the price to \$105,000.00, and extended the option agreement until Oct. 15. Still, as the extension period concluded, it became clear that there would not be sufficient cash raised to proceed. Stokes wrote to inform Adams.

Before Stokes mailed the letter, Hart drove to Boston to address the Colonel's widow. If she would lend \$25,000.00, they could take a mortgage from Pemigewasset Bank for the remainder.

Mrs. Hellen Chaffee Elwell, daughter of one U.S. Army general, and sister of another, married Colonel Elwell on Sept. 15, 1938. She visited Mowglis regularly while her husband ran it, but maintained primary residence in Boston. After the colonel's death, she returned to the camp annually for board meetings. A devout Christian Scientist, she attained the position of Second Reader in The Mother Church.

Hart later reflected that it was really after the colonel's passing that Mrs. Elwell fully grasped the magnitude of the camp's influence upon the hundreds of boys who had attended, and upon the men they had become. Bengtson recalls, "There was a stunning outpouring of love and respect for the colonel by the alumni, and of desire to see the camp continue."

Moved by these events, Elwell pledged \$50,000.00 to preserve the camp, dedicating the proceeds from the sale of land across the lake, which is now known as Paradise Point and owned by the NH Audubon Society. The Foundation officially took ownership of Mowglis on November, 13, 1962, with Hart as Director, and the camp's name was officially changed from "Mowglis for Boys, Incorporated, Limited," to, simply: "Mowglis".

Even so, Mowglis' future remained uncertain as the country grew its involvement in the Viet Nam conflict. According to Bengtson, Stokes wrote to Hart of the possibility that Mowglis would have to close if the Cuban missile crisis were to lead to war.

Now in its 110th year, the Foundation endures and the camp continues to receive boys to Newfound Lake, and, according to Holt and Elwell's early vision, to fashion their characters after Kipling's man-cub, Mowgli - raised in the wilderness to strength and independence while working in cooperation and unity with others.

In 2012, Stokes' grandson, Roel Hoekstra, and grandnephew, Jim Graff, served as Mowglis trustees. Joe Beckford's nephew, Randy Beckford, served as counselor. Stokes' great grandson, Carter Hoekstra, and great grandnephew, James Graff, were campers, along with Bill MacDonald's grandson, Brinton MacDonald.



PACK HISTORY 2012

After arriving early, the counselors spent a week training and getting the camp and themselves ready for the fun and fast-paced summer ahead. Fourteen of the counselors paddled the recently restored 1926 War Canoe for the first time to Belle Island for an overnight trip. Spirits were high, and the air was filled with excitement for the campers' arrival and the start of the first Regular Mowglis Day.

During the first weekend, boys settled down and reconnected with old friends. Picnic Supper on Sunday evening capped off the Opening Day ceremonies and gave the boys time to meet each other. What has become a picnic supper tradition commenced again that Sunday, as the United States took on the World (represented by foreign boys) in soccer. The game began with intense patriotism, scrappy tactics, and ended in a tie.

The first week of the summer was most likely the wettest week of the season. Den was focused on Graduation Requirements, and overnight trips were underway. The Cubs paddled to Belle Island and Baloo headed north through Crawford Notch to the Nancy Brook base camp site, where they saw first-hand the destruction from Hurricane Irene the previous fall. Akela hit the trail on their first pack trip up north on the Kilkenny Ridge Trail. Despite the wet conditions, camp functioned well the first week, and we all picked up right where we left off



last summer. The days passed quickly and due to the rain, we didn't make it to the campfire circle until the week was nearly over. Mr. Ruiz dazzled us with a trivia game, Mr. Berkey made sure we all knew how to pack for trips, Mr. Wright's gun show was a big bang, and Mr. Kingsley arrested Mr. King for the first time. These gentlemen set the bar high for a great season of campfires to come.

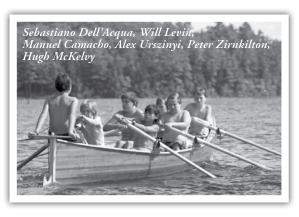
Mowglis Crew Boats began to ply the waters of Newfound Lake early in the season. The determination and discipline of the older boys was seen early on, as they practiced often with the hopes of making this year's race one to remember. Toomai experienced the unpredictability of New Hampshire's weather, as they got soaked on the grassy hill at the base of Mt. Cardigan. Baloo was out again, this time in Waterville Valley on the Sandwich Dome base camp trip, Panther conquered the Franconia Ridge, and the Junior Staff pioneered a new trip in the Pemigwasset Wilderness. Mr. Gridley's fire-staff spinning impressed campers and staff alike, so much so that Mr. Ruiz invested in his own new fire spinning staff. Mr. Gutierrez gave another interesting campfire on some of the projects and people who have inspired him

to become an architect. On other nights we learned Mowglis Songs and enjoyed live music, which was a nice change of pace as we finished up week two. On the evening of the 4th of July, we all experienced the power of a thunderstorm that brought one of our large Mowglis pines crashing down on top of Akela. This is an event that will not soon be forgotten for those who were at camp.

The third week marked the beginning of a new round of Industries and requirements were beginning to be marked off on a regular basis. The dinning hall filled with cheers and applause with the announcements of a Silver Arrow and a Row Boat Safety accomplishments. Mowglis alum Kenyon Salo gave a very energetic campfire on the excitement and dangers of base-jumping. The Den went on a new pack trip to the Pemigawasset Wilderness under the guidance of Mr. Jay Hurdman and Mr. Berkey. The trip was a great success. The Akelites enjoyed beautiful views along the Baldfaces, while receiving Mother Nature's blessing of dry weather. The War Canoes were out again and made almost weekly journeys across the lake to Wellington Beach, where the boys felt the swing and speed of two unique pieces of Mowglis history.

With the start of week four, the camp population grew as new campers arrived. Dorms bustled with activity whenever call to quarters blew as the boys played cards, board games, and even engaged in a few pillow fights.

Panther headed off to the Mahoosucs and were delayed only briefly after being dropped off at the wrong location, yet still returned to camp in great spirits and in need of a shower. The Den once again headed off to the Connecticut Lakes under the guidance of the Watermaster, Rozlin Alber. Although no moose were seen, the group enjoyed good food, good company, and great views. They were fortunate enough to see some other wildlife and saw a spectacular sunrise while sitting in their boats on the East Inlet.



Mr. Punderson's bike show gave the boys a view into a different side of their Director, Mr. Carothers's Appalachian Trail trivia game clued us in on the history of the trail we so often tread on, and Mr. Gulitti's Music Appreciation and guitar playing relaxed us. The week was not over yet though, a surprise swap of Open Period and Campfire topped off by an evening Soak kept all the boys on their toes. Soon enough, the Junior Staff received a muchneeded night off, where they raided Wal-Mart's candy isle and got a chance to kick back and relax. Mr. Jay Hurdman ended the week sharing his ROTC experiences from the past year at college.

On the eve of Squads Week, we anxiously awaited the arrival of eleven new Cubs. Both the Gopher and Washington Squads experienced the unpredictable weather in the Presidentials. After struggling through intense heat on the first day, 50 mph winds, pelting rain on day two, and below freezing temperatures on the third morning, Washington Squad enjoyed

spectacular views of the northern Presidentials on their final afternoon and a relaxing night in the recently renovated Madison Spring Hut. Gopher Squad hit the trail early that Wednesday and followed the footsteps of the Washington Squad, completing the same first day and staying in Mizpah Hut that evening. All the boys pushed onward through the steep, rocky terrain and returned late Thursday night to get some well-deserved sleep and prepare for the final two weeks of camp.



On a windy day back in camp, Toomai departed from the beach for an overnight to Belle Island. With a strong tailwind at their backs, the boys were making good time until a few swamped canoes forced several successful t-rescues. Luckily, they were able to spend the remainder of the day exploring the island and enjoy evening s'mores by the campfire.

Belle Island was paid another visit during the sixth week as the Cubs started off Crew Week with a quick one-night trip. They practiced hard and showed great form as they learned to paddle the newly restored war canoes in preparation for Saturday's race. The Red and Blue, under the leadership of Mr. Chris Hurdman and Mr. Cam Carothers, engaged in exciting pep rallies, poster making, and more, as the spirit of Crew Week was alive and well. Mr. Slusher may have created a new requirement for the Bronze Ribbon while properly preparing the boys to row on Saturday. Skits were a huge hit at meal times and helped bring the spirit of Crew Week all the way up to the dining hall. We were all witness to the camaraderie between the Racing Crews, which helped fuel a positive week and bring out leaders from the ranks of the Pack.

All boys enjoyed an action-packed week of rowing, games, Industries, parade preparations, count-offs, skits, pep-rallies, and finally, the bonfire. During this week, Mr. David Concannon brought a camera crew to camp to shoot film for several Mowglis videos. The boys and staff were able to use GoPros on the raft during soak, and even sit down for a few interviews. Alumni, guests, and families all came together to cheer on their respective crews and commemorate the beginning of the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation fifty years ago. We were treated to a thrilling Cub race in the war canoes. The Second Forms showed determination as they swung together in a very close race. First Forms gave us a sneak preview of what's to come next year, and the Racing Crews rowed hard as they battled past Waingunga Rock and then crossed the finish line less than a boat length apart. In the end Blue was victorious. We all enjoyed a fabulous picnic supper and an evening Talent Show that was the culmination of a memorable week. Baloo found Mr. Beckford in their skit, the Drama boys earned their Lavender Ribbons, and we all heard about how the Hurdman brothers first year at camp went as they read to the camp from some letters they had written home years ago.

Before we knew, it the final week was here and Mr. Gulitti had his hands full in the Craft Shop overseeing the construction of candle boats. The Red Ribbon Trip departed under the guidance of Mr. Charlie Walbridge, Mr. Forty Conklin, Mr. Bruce MacDonald and several Mowglis staff. They enjoyed hot weather, fast moving rapids, and instruction from

Mowglis alumni. On Trip Day, the Cubs took on the Squam Lake Nature Center and The Pack Headed to Cardigan, where they enjoyed the traditional watermelons on the summit.

The final week was crammed full of Industry and Signup periods, where the boys worked hard, earned requirements, and finally their Ribbons. Graduates Dinner was a capstone event for the Denites, as they made the transition from campers to Graduates. Chef Bruno served a fabulous meal, we were treated to stories in the Jungle House, and the evening ended with the singing of the Graduates Hymn.



The Inner Circle Ceremony on Friday night was one to remember, as the camp was soaked by rain throughout the course of the day and during the Ceremony. Even still, the fire lit, the new members were inducted, and we all stayed relatively dry.

Finally, on the last night at camp, boys, staff, and parents alike enjoyed the Candle-light Chapel Service and then proceeded to launch their Candle Boats as they began to prepare for the transition to life at home. The summer was filled with excitement, with smiles on the boys' faces, and with laughter in the dorms, with goal-setting and hard work. New friendships were forged and old ones were strengthened. The boys have grown and learned a great deal. In this, the year 2012, Mowglis has changed for the better, yet still held onto the time tested traditions. O' great guardian of the jungle, we thank thee for thy care this summer, help all those in Mowglis to travel safely and to return as the great young men that they are in a short, ten months for the 2013 season.

Mowglis 2012, WE SALUTE YOU!

W. THOMAS GREENWELL



FRANCIS

When we first moved into the Ping Pong Porch there were 5 campers. After one night we have a new resident. She will run along the ceiling, poop on Mr. Slusher's bed and then stare at you with her huge scary eyes. Her name is... Francis. She is our dorm squirrel/chipmunk. She is small and fast like a chipmunk, but the color of a squirrel. We don't know what to do with her. Most of the dorm wants her to stay, but Mr. Slusher disagrees. I hope she comes again tonight to visit.

-CARTER HOEKSTRA

RIFLERY

Today in clubs I went to Riflery. I got my 4th bar and 10 qualifiers in total. I had a lot of fun. This is the most qualifiers I've gotten in one day. One of them was a 44. I'm really proud of myself.

-CESAR CAMEJO

KAYAKING

Today we had Clubs and I chose kayaking. It was hilarious. First of all Mateo got stuck because the wind was so strong and then Mr. Nunes lost his glasses.

-SEBI DELL'ACQUA

ARCHERY RIBBON

I am about to earn my Archery Ribbon. I'm like 2 or 3 requirements away from my ribbon. Archery is my favorite Industry at Camp Mowglis. I have been working on my ribbon since last year. I hope I get my Golden Arrow soon.

-EMILIANO COVARRUBIAS



TOOMAI

Dear Toomai,

I didn't know anything about you guys until the TRIP. Ethan, two senior staff members, and I were with you guys for a couple days. Don't give a trip report because this was the trip: sleep, relax, swim, rain, climb, relax, swim, pack up. P.S. Morgan is the ring-leader of Toomai.



-BRINT MACDONALD

REMEMBER THE TITANS

We watched *Remember the Titans* last night for movie night. It was a good movie, in my opinion, and I think a good one for the camp to watch. It teaches us to not necessarily like, but to respect, each other's differences. This is very important at this camp, considering there are campers from all across the world.

-MAX PEROZEK

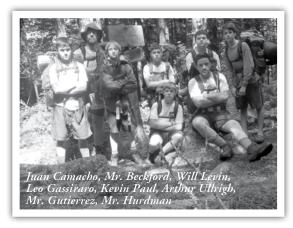
THE GOLDEN AGE OF MOWGLIS

As many of you know, Camp Mowglis was in its Bronze Age for the past two summers. The boys learned to lay still and rotate at proper times to achieve the light, sought-after golden brown tan, also known as the perfect bronze. Unfortunately, Mr. Chris Hurdman was not able to return for the entire summer, and without him, the boys this summer seem unable to achieve the laziness or bronzed abs Mr. Chris Hurdman worked so hard for. Luckily, Mr. Chris Hurdman will be coming later this summer. Some have tried to replace Mr. Hurdman like Abdominal Russell and "Cocoa Butter Cameron Carothers," but both are too motivated and driven. The key to Mr. Hurdman's Bronze Ribbon is laziness. He will return to the T-dock soon, and with his arrival, Mowglis will enter a golden age of evenly bronzed bodies. He turns 22 and with another year of experience, new sunscreen, application techniques and new refined ab workouts, Mr. Chris Hurdman will fulfill our Manifest Destiny of Golden Abs and Bronze Ribbons.

-MR. JAY HURDMAN, SWIMMING

DEN 9

The Den of 2012 is one that will not be forgotten anytime soon, especially by me. Although I am not in your dorm, I have created a bond with each of you, one that will never be broken. Ethan, we have gotten a lot closer in these past few years, and you are someone I can trust with anything. Foster, you have the heart and will power to achieve anything. Sergio & Giancarlo, I have watched you both grow from little Cubs that speak almost no English, to the men that you are today. Nathaniel, you have the rare mix of being an absolute monster on the outside, and being genuinely nice and caring on the inside. James, you have become so much more independent and self-sufficient in recent years, it amazes me. Brint, from Cubs to today, you have always been a close friend, you are a true Mowglis man. Silas, you are always compassionate and looking out for everyone else, thank you. And Russell, from



dominating in two-on-two games to the YMCA to rowing our hearts out for Big Red, you have always been there for me. You are a one in a million friend and you bring new meaning to the term 'bro'. I am proud to have known this Den and I am a better person for it. You guys have completely changed my life and have molded me in the man I will soon become. This is our last year together as campers, but our friendships will live on forever.

-MANNING SEARS

DEN DAY TRIP

Three days ago, Den went on a nine-mile day trip and it was awesome. We ate at the hut and met some Alumni who knew our parents. We got to the bus minutes late.

-JAMES GRAFF

TETHERBALL

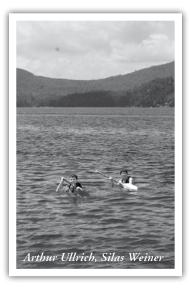
Tetherball is a Mowglis tradition. As the ball gets hit, it swings around the metal pole and you feel excited and full of energy, but as the ball comes around again you keep your eye on the ball. Then you tether and it is one of the best feelings.

-EBEN JACKSON

HIKING

The Den is leaving on a four-day pack trip to the Pemigewasset Wilderness. This might be my last pack trip as a camper unless I make a Squad. I hope I do. Although I only hike in the summer, I still love it. The trip is 40 miles long.

-SERGIO COVARRUBIAS



MOWGLIS FAMILY

On Den's day trip to Lincoln and Lafayette, we met Mowglis graduates. As soon as we got to the top of Mt. Lafayette, we sprinted to a shelter of rocks to get out of the wind. As we were sitting down, we heard, "What dorm are you guys in?" We all looked around and saw 4 or 5 men who introduced themselves as Mowglis graduates. They knew Mr. Bengston, Mr. Punderson, Mr. Walbridge, and the fathers of Sergio Covarrubias and James Graff, Benji and Buzz Ringe – Nathaniel's relatives among others! Almost all of us had connections to these random people. We were all part of the Mowglis family. We all shook hands, laughed, and took pictures. It was an incredible experience. Small world, big family.

-SILAS WEINER

MY FIRST DAYS OF CAMP

My first day in camp was good, but it became a little bit bad because they told me that we are moving to the Ping Pong Porch because a tree fell on Akela.

-GONZALO SAN SALVADOR



SWORDSMANSHIP WITH MR. BERKEY

The Mowglis experience is a very special thing. Kids try new skills. Today during Clubs, I tried swordsmanship. Mr. Berkey told us some stories and showed us some basic blocks and attacks. One of the stories Mr. Berkey told was about him getting destroyed with an attack. This experience was one of the best I've ever had. I hope to do it for Clubs next week.

-LOGAN GALLAGHER

BALOO TRIP

Last week I went with Baloo to Waterville Valley. It was for the Brown Ribbon. I had a great time helping to lead the trip. I never knew how much went into a base camp trip. Cooking is especially difficult. We were fortunate enough to have extraordinary weather for the hike itself, but there were major thunderstorms at camp. I was disappointed to leave, but also happy to return to camp.

-FOSTER CONKLIN

DEN REQUIREMENTS

Den requirements are something that every Denite has to do. I have a lot of them left but I think I can get them all before the end of the summer. Den requirements pretty much teach you how to be proficient in a bunch of skills and how to become a true Mowglis man. I hope I get all my Den requirements.

-ETHAN CHRISTENSON

RUSSELL'S COOKING

I don't trust Russell's cooking anymore. On one of our trips, Russell was in charge of cooking dinner. But the table was on fire! I'm so glad that was the only meal he had to cook.

-PETER ZIRNKILTON



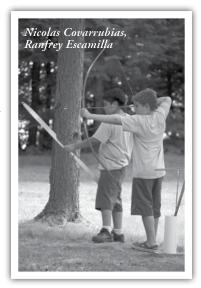
LAST FRIDAY

Last Friday was a great day. Not only did the Den have Lone Wolf, I had a great day otherwise. I noticeably improved both sailing and windsurfing and I earned the opportunity to take my swim test to become a swimmer.

-NATHANIEL EISENMAN

ARCHERY

The first time I did Archery at Mowglis, it was an awesome experience. I was able to get my Golden Bowstring in three days. The requirements were to know
the safety rules of the range. We also had to know the
parts of the bow and arrow. For shooting on the range,
I had to hit the target ten times with all three arrows.
And I had to hit the target five times in a row with all
three arrows. The last requirement was to string and
unstring a bow. It was hard at first but it got easier the
more I practiced. I am excited to work on my Silver Arrow.



-ZACHARY HOEKSEMA

DUTIES: THE MINES

Today, at Duties I needed to clean the most disgusting part of Mowglis: we call it the Mines. First, I had to listen to Mr. Hurdman sing a song about cleaning toilets. It goes like this: "Toilets! Toilets! Gotta scrub those toilets clean! Gotta scrub, dub, dub and make 'em sheen!". Next, I had to plunge a toilet that was filled with number one and number two. I had to clean the toilet right after my brother used it. Next time my brother has Mines duty I am going to make him clean my toilet. Next, I had to scrub the toilets with a brush and I accidentally flung water on Mr. Jay Hurdman. Then I had to pick up Mr. Kingsly's old towels that he had left outside. Next I had to pick up wet paper towels, and then Mr. Carothers clogged the toilet. P.S. Mr. Greenwell, please don't put me on Mines duty again!

-EMILIANO COVARRUBIAS

TEDDY BEAR

Mr. Crawford is afraid of his teddy bear. It has six-pack abs and a small axe. Mr. Crawford is still afraid to this day.

-NICK SANDERSON

ROCK PATROL

Today I had Specials for Duties and Mr. Nunes said I had to pick up 150 rocks. At first I thought he was joking, I was wrong. Then Kai showed up, he was on Specials, too. I thought it would be faster. Again, I was wrong, and we had to pick up 150 rocks each. I hope that I won't be on Specials for a while.

-CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS

CANDY

Dear whoever put candy under my bed and then stopped, I would appreciate it if you keep putting Milky Way and Snickers bars under my sheets. Love,

-RUSSELL NICKEY

THE SUNKEN BOAT

I really want to find the sunken mail boat in Baloo Cove! Two years ago I heard it was out there and I'm going to find it before Den!

-PETER ZIRNKILTON

DEN OF 2012

The Den of 2012 is a great group of people. Even though we are missing some people from our original group, we are still strong. We have kept together since Cubs and we know each other very well. This year we have already had fun times creating a ribbon, getting lost in the woods and watching Russell break records. Even in the first week of camp we were glad to see all our friends and have a good time.

-BRINT MACDONALD

TETHERBALL

This week I played Mr. Guttiarrez in tetherball. I called tournament and serve. Then he chose the direction and the court. I tethered without his hitting it. I gave him three wraps and he hit it. I came back with a hit and he failed to hit it and I tethered it.

-JOHN SWANSON



LATE ARRIVAL

I just got here yesterday because of final exams. I am very excited for the summer. I am going to take Crew and Riflery for my Industries. I hope to get my Red White & Blue Ribbon. My dorm is really interesting. I had a great first night.

-MICHAEL ZACHARIES

MY FIRST BULLSEYE

In my third day of Archery, which is my Industry, I wasn't shooting really well at the target. So Mr. Shankweiler told me the right stance and on the first shot I got a bullseye!! I think Mr. Shankweiler is a magician. He has the magic words.

-RANFERY ESCAMILLA

SWIMMING

You realize it is freezing but you can't just stand there and peer into the murky mess. You shut your eyes and grit your teeth and jump in. As soon as you hit the water you begin squirming in the frigid lake. Five minutes later it is a lot better.

-HUGH MCKELVY

CAMP

I love camp. It is very nice. Today, Sunday, I went with the brothers Solis to kayak. Everyday I have fun. P.S. The food is awesome.

-DIEGO MONTIEL

CAMP GOALS

So far camp has been fun. It was great to see old friends and staff. Yesterday Michi came to camp and had an interesting first



night in Panther. I have many goals this year, like making Racing Crew, and getting a few ribbons so I can be in the Inner Circle, which is another one of my goals. I have a feeling that this is going to be a great year.

-CARTER HOEKSTRA

FUTBOL

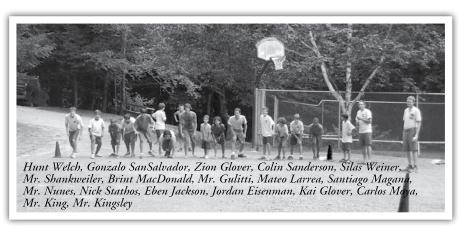
Picnic suppers are probably one of my favorite things about camp. Bruno always has delicious food ready on the grill, we get to be outside and take a break from eating in the dining hall, and, most importantly, USA takes on the world in soccer. I feel kind of bad that the United States always ends up beating the international team. Aside from the trips, handballs, and holds, we always play fairly. If it were not for our guerilla tactics, superiority in numbers, and incredible athletic ability, the world might just have a chance. In fact, now that I think about it, I can't remember one picnic supper where the red, white, and blue was defeated. The Union must, and shall, be preserved!

-MR. JAY HURDMAN

ARCHERY

My goal this year is to get the Silver Arrow and Golden String awards. I want the Golden Arrow, too. I'm three requirements away from the Golden String. For one week I am making great progress. I just need five ends in a row without missing, ten ends without missing, and how to string and unstring a bow. I'll get it in a few days.

-ETHAN WHITE



MOWGLIS FRIENDS

The first week of Mowglis has been an epic experience. We have traveled in a war canoe. We have also made close bonds in the dorm of Toomai. On day one, all of us arrived and unpacked, even though we barely knew each other we all settled in. Eventually all of us knew we'd be good pals. We mostly played tetherball, but we still bonded a lot more along the way. I have made lots of new friends. Then was the canoe trip, based on how much fun we have had, we probably bonded more. Right now I will finish because we are singing and annoying Baloo.

-MORGAN REESE

THE FASTEST CUB

Every meal, Mateo is the first in line. Some have described seeing a blur, or feeling the wind rustle through the camp as Soupy plays. No one knows. This morning, I tried to run up from the Mines as soon as Soupy blew, but when I arrived he was pushing himself up to sit on the railing. Can he fly? Teleport? No one knows, except Mateo.



-SILAS WEINER

PACK TRIPS IN A TUNE

I love pack trips and think they are really fun, Hiking and running in the sun, Falling, tripping, and getting wet, Sinking in mud and getting fed.

-WILLIAM LEVIN

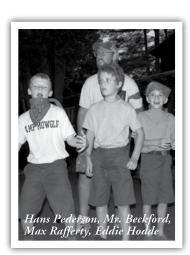


TABLE BOYS

Today, Table Boys was really easy. I put one plate away, started sweeping, and before I knew it, I was done. "Ready to report, sir! I yelled. He came over to me (He meaning the C.O.D.) and said, "Report!" I said, "Sir, I have done my Duties to the best of my abilities." "Dismissed" the C.O.D. said. "That was easy," I said. Do you know what the easiest part is? I wasn't a table boy.

-NICK SEARS

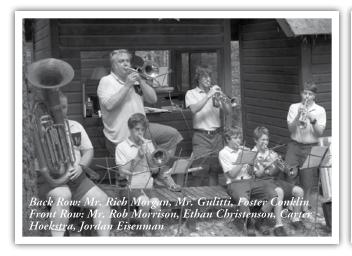
BASE CAMP TRIP

This week we had an awesome base camp trip. It ended up being great, but some things weren't so good. For one thing, when we got there we realized we had forgotten the food. Mr. Punderson had to come bring it to us. That was really nice of him because otherwise we would











have to eat squirrels. We set up our tents and made a fire. The next day we went on a hike to Mount Crawford. It was really fun. That night we had some amazing burritos and s'mores. The next morning we ate pancakes and packed up to go back to camp. Overall it was a great trip.

-HENRY HODDE

MT. CABOT

This week we were on a trip to Mt. Cabot. It was very cold and windy. It rained all the time. Finally we got to the cabin. Maybe one hour we played "bies" but after Mr. King proposed we play "speed." Nobody knew the game and Mr. King taught it to each of us. Then we made a tournament and Kai and I won it!

-DIMA MULLER

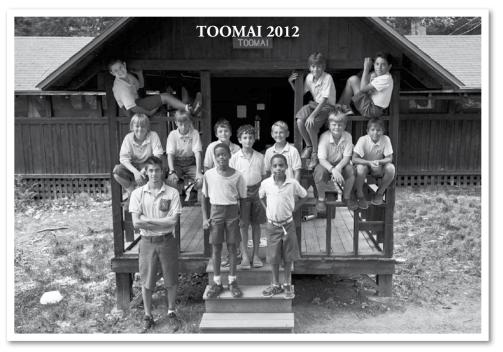
THE TREK

On Thursday, the Den went trail clearing. Our goal was to clear the trail that climbs Plymouth Mountain and find the White-Footed Mouse trail on the descent. The plan was to arrive across the street from the Jungle House. After breakfast, Mr. Punderson drove the Den, along with Mr. Carothers, Mr. Gridley and Mr. Crawford to the trailhead. We started up the very neglected path with clippers, axes, hatchets, and lively lads. After two hours of arduous work, we finally cleared a useable trail to the summit. It was not back breaking, but we were all relieved for the break we earned at the top of the mountain. Brint was given the compass to navigate us down the mountain. The terrain was not very friendly but we only hiked about an extra ¾ mile. From there, we found an ATV/snowmobile trail. After more trekking, we found a road and followed it. It was the steepest road I had ever seen. We eventually got to the J. Tyson Stokes State Forest. Soon later, we arrived at Mowglis. It was difficult but I enjoyed the adventure. Maybe it was due to the crudely designed map, but unfortunately, we never found the White-Footed Mouse trail.

-FOSTER CONKLIN



Back row: Mr. Julian Kingsley, Cesar Camejo, Foster Conklin, James Graff, Mr. Gary Wright, Russell Nickey (front)



Top Row: Kurt Gassiraro, Liam Hamilton, Diego Montiel, **Middle Row:** Morgan Reese, Nathan Soukup, Hugh McKelvy, Cristoforo Dell'Acqua, Zachary Hoeksema, Nicholas Sears, Emiliano Covarrubias, **Front Row:** Mr. Gridley, Christian Williams, Zion Glover

MY FIRST HIKE THIS SUMMER

At 12:30 I left my car at the Westridge trailhead parking lot. I huffed and puffed up the trail mostly looking at where I put my feet, but looking up just enough to know I was still on the trail and counting myself lucky to know the forks. I hadn't been on this trail for a long time. When I got to the rocky part of the trail, not far from the summit, I decided if the moon was bright enough I'd put my flashlight away. Cardigan's summit was wonderfully easy, Canaan glowing to the west while a few lonely lights glowed through the misty shadows of the surrounding hills, the constant 30 mph breeze cooling my sweat-soaked shirt. Hoping to see a sunrise, I napped restlessly, retreating from the wind every hour. Finally it was light but cloudy. A few warning sprinkles sent me back down the trail I now could see. I met a fellow hiker and his dog near the base and told him it was a good day.

-MR. ROBERT MORRISON

THE WATER WARS

On Friday, Ethan and I were canoeing, then Russell came over and gave Ethan the camera. Then Russell jumped out of the canoe that he was in and we held it. He says, "Can I do a dry capsize?" Morgan and Emiliano said "yes." Russell flipped his Aqua Finn, and as Morgan tried to flip Russell's canoe and I played whack-a-mole with his hands. Ethan was recording the whole time. Russell did it one more time. Mr. Greenwell came and "saved" Morgan and Emiliano. Then we T-rescued Russell.

-JAMES GRAFF

PACK TRIP TO THE BALDFACES

We went on a pack trip to the Baldfaces. The first day it was easy. The second day it was long and hard. We climbed big rocks. The last day wasn't that hard, we finally made it.

-JUAN CAMACHO



CANOE TRIP

Yesterday we took the silver canoes and paddled across the lake. We went up the Cockermouth River and found a giant sand hill. It was really fun to climb up but also really difficult. Next we went to the sandbar. Zach and I tried to tackle Mr. Nunes into the water but it was way too hard. Then we found a blueberry bush and I ate so many blueberries my tongue turned blue.

-CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS

SAILING

I like camp. Most of all, I like sailing. It is really fun to turtle the boat and go fast. Mr. Gridley is a great instructor.

-COLIN SANDERSON

MAKING FRIENDS

At the start of the year I was afraid it would be hard to make friends with the six former Cubs in my dorm. Three weeks later, I know every one of the Toomites and I have made lasting friendships with all of them. I will remember my Toomai year forever.

-HUGH MCKELVY

TIME FLIES BY

Camp has gone by so fast. It is almost halfway done. I hope the next few weeks go slower so it feels like I'm at camp longer.

-EBEN JACKSON

THE FASTEST SUMMER

This year has gone by so fast. I can't believe it is already Parent's Weekend. I have under 30 days left as a camper here at Mowglis and it is starting to set in. Not to mention that we have Connecticut Lakes trip followed by Squads week, Crew Week, and then it is the last week of camp. This is by far the fastest summer has ever gone by here at Mowglis.

-ETHAN CHRISTENSON

TRIP DAY

Trip Day was yesterday. Panther and Toomai paddled down the Cockermouth River together. I was with Emiliano. We were singing the whole time, then we all went back to the sandbar and played for three hours. I really liked it.

-MANNING SEARS



Back Row: Mr. Hurdman, Jake Peluso, Henry Hodde, Manuel Camacho, Nick Stathos, Jordan Eisenman, Nicolas Covarrubias, Logan Gallagher, Mr. Solis, **Bottom Row:** Mr. Burke, Ranfrey Escamilla, Sebastiano Dell'Acqua, Carlos Moya, Eben Jackson, Ben Morgan-Butcher, Peter Zirnkilton, Ethan White, Mr. Harris

THE GHOST

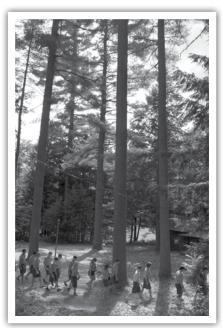
There is a ghost haunting Toomai and Panther. Mr. Ruiz is currently haunted. The reason why Mr. Ruiz is haunted is because the ghost tried to kill Nick Sanderson with a tree falling on his dorm. Since Mr. Ruiz saved them, they were unable to get Nick Sanderson. Nick Sanderson must have upset the ghost. Lots of incidents happened in that week that are unexplainable, but I will figure it out! P.S. Mr. Ruiz is living in our dorm. We are done for...



-MORGAN REESE, GHOST DETECTIVE

MUD AT THE SANDBAR

At the sandbar, so much mud
At the sandbar, so much fun
At the sandbar, Frisbees fly
At the Sandbar, tanning under a clear blue sky
More like, half the crew is burning
Without our sunscreen we are learning
An eagle flew above our heads
For some canoes turned into beds
Relaxing, or not, this trip was a blast
I wish it didn't go so fast.



TWENTY-NINE DAYS

For six years I have given up the luxuries of home life for Mowglis. There has not been a single instance here where I have even thought of regret. For 50 days, every year since 2007, I have been able to get away from everything and thoroughly enjoy myself at summer camp. Recently though, I have started to realize that although Den is the best dorm, my time in it is quite limited. Every person in Den has 29 days to enjoy themselves as a camper. Most of the kids in Den have been living together since Cubs. Over that time we have grown to be brothers. While some have left over the years to pursue other goals, the core group has remained. There is no one I am more grateful towards, for giving me such an amazing experience at Mowglis, than my dorm mates. Nathaniel has been-without fail-a great friend for six straight years. I can still remember being a nine-year old child nervously walking into Old Ford Hall with

you. Throughout the years, Russell has been a leader of our dorm. He has helped all of us through some sort of problem. James and I are second-generation Mowglis friends. He adds a unique aspect to our community. Although I have spent the least time with Ethan, because he is the latest addition to our dorm, I would say he is the closest thing to a brother that I will ever have. Giancarlo is another person I have been with since Cubs. My camp life would not be the same without him. Silas is the sensitive one who everyone can talk to. He always knows the right things to say. For having the most years spent at Mowglis, Brint returns with a renewed passion for camp each and every year I have had the pleasure of knowing him. His great yearning for excitement always brings about great fun. Sergio is another camper I have been with since Cubs. Over the time I have spent with him, we have grown to become great friends. To the Den of 2012, thank you for every moment I have experienced at Mowglis. The fun I have had here will never be rivaled by anything. For the last 29 days of camp, Den of 2012, I salute you.

-FOSTER CONKLIN

CANOE TRIP

This week for trip day, Baloo got to row to Wellington Beach on the war canoe. There was no wind so our boat glided across the warm morning water. I would say we were going at the speed, or a little slower, than the Mowglis crew boats. Once we got there we played water soccer and dodgeball. Then we made a giant sand castle. Then we went for a one mile hike. On the way back it only took us 45 minutes to get to Baloo Cove.

-NIC STATHOS

MR. SLUSHER

Mr. Slusher is never here. He is either on a day off or on a pack trip. He is just not at camp. I have very few times to do Crew requirements, so I have to use my time well.

-WILLIAM LEVIN

SWIMMING

I've been practicing swimming all week. I'm tired of the beginner section. I want the intermediate section. It is a lot nicer. Also, it is deeper, bigger and warmer. Carter has been helping me, he is nice. I'm going to pass.

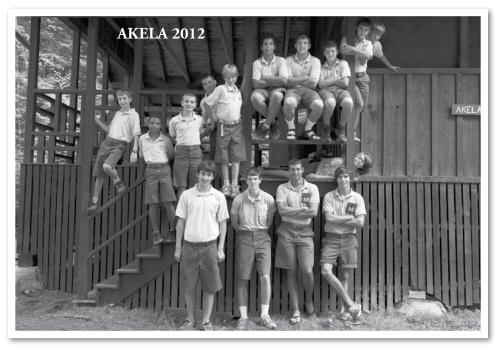
-ETHAN WHITE



THE RETURN OF THE KING

Mr. Chris Hurdman's return is not far off, yet he now carries heavier than we previously thought. Frodo carried that great ring all the way to Mordor on his long, epic voyage; but, even that tale of Biblical proportions does not compare. Just as Frodo battled hordes of Orcs, just as Mowglis slayed Shere Kahn, Bronze Ribboners must prepare for their manifest destiny: an enduring battle against the corruptive forces of productivity. Mr. Chris Hurdman will lead you away from paleness; he will be your Moses.

-MR. JAY HURDMAN



Top Row: Nick Soukup, Zion Glover, Dima Mueller, Santiago Magana, Will Levin, Nick Sanderson, Alex Urszinyi, Leo Gassiraro, Juan Camacho, Kevin Paul, **Bottom Row:** Mr. Wyatt Platt, Mr. Hunt Welch, Mr. Slusher, Mr. Solis, John Swanson

SAND CITY

It started out with the castle right on the land. Then came the holes and tunnels due to the sand built out of the castle right on the land. Next came the water, the cool clear water that



flowed through the tunnels dug into the sand, built out of the castle on the land. Then came the filters built out of the leaves that cleaned the water that flowed through the tunnels that were built out of the sand. Next came the buildings next to the filters that cleaned the water that ran through the tunnels that were built out of the castle built on the land.

-HENRY HODDE

WAR CANOE TO WELLINGTON

We took a war canoe to Wellington Beach. It was fun but it took forever because the paddling wasn't consistent (including my paddling). When we got there we swam a little, then some people started to make a sand castle, which later failed. We then expanded it. Peter made a mountain. Me, Henry and Sebi all dug holes to the water then connected them. They later collapsed, leaving an island in the middle. We then came up with using sticks as bridge supports. I was the bridge master. Then we made houses, casinos, etc. At the peak of the sand kingdom we were forced to go on a boring hike on which we got lost about five times. The thirty-minute hike became an hour long hike. When we got back we saw a giant pile of sand where our kingdom sat. We tried to confront the six year olds who beat it with a stick, but he was six years old. Soon after we had to leave for camp.

-MAX PEROZEK

DEN

This has been a great year. I have been here for five years and no other summer has been as good as this one. It is sad that we only have four more weeks of camp. But there is nothing we can do about it. Just enjoy what is left. So here is some advice for the younger campers: enjoy every single second of your life as a young child. Because once you are a grown man you will want to go back to your life as a child.

-SERGIO COVARRUBIAS



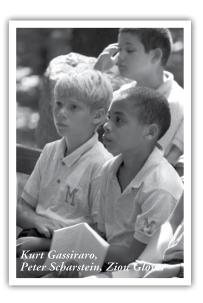
DEN REQUIREMENTS

I am almost finished with Den requirements. Den requirements are a list of about 15 requirements needed to graduate from the Den. The list consists of achieving: level 5 Swimmers, Green Ribbon, other ribbon, Axe Test, Canoe and Rowboat Safeties, and Sharpshooters in Riflery. You also need to have your Knife Test, go to an Onaway mixer, and join the rest of your dorm mates to create a project to help make their camp better. We also have to trail clear, lead or read in the Chapel, climb Mount Cardigan, and lower the American flag at colors. I have five requirements left, including: Canoe Safety, Axe Test, Onaway mixer, trail clearing and Den project. I recommend to all younger campers to start working on them early and while they are in the younger dorms because maybe you won't want to have to work on these requirements and have to fit them all in during your last weeks as a camper. Den requirements are interesting because one person in the dorm might be really good at obtaining one of the requirements, so everyone who doesn't have that requirement asks the person who has it for tips. I believe that everyone in Den of 2012 is going to obtain all of the requirements and graduate this year.

-RUSSELL NICKEY

GRAY BROTHERS

The trees, the flowers The food to devour The leaves, the water The Cardigan tower The lake, the staff not getting a break... From camper energy that feeds from their power The wind, the spirit Listen and you'll hear it The song, the call The Pack and Old Ford Hall The blackness of night and the light of day The fun that is had from the games that we played Tis' a season of joy and augmenting the reason For returning the next summer season The miss you gain of your home and your ways The miss of Mowglis when you are away The fall, the winter, the spring and the summer Each year that we age, we grow with each other No matter the differences No matter the color



-MR. SHANKWEILER

PARENTS WEEKEND

We all grow to be Gray Brothers

Today parents are coming. I am happy about that but also sad about that because that means that we already went by three weeks at this wonderful place. It is amazing how fast time goes by at Mowglis. So if you ever get a chance you should stop and think how lucky you are to be here, instead of just rushing through the days and not being thankful. Mowglis is a great place to be at and I hope you realize that.

-CARTER HOEKSTRA

MOUSE IN MY BUREAU

Last Thursday night I was sleeping when I heard a very scary noise! When I got up, I didn't see anything. Suddenly, I saw a mouse scurry out of my trip bag. I flashed my light at it. Then the mouse froze and I swung my arm and smacked it across the dorm- by Jordan's bed. The next day we had a campfire about skydivers and I thought to myself, "maybe the mouse did the same."



-MANUEL CAMANCHO

THE END IS NEAR

My days at Mowglis are numbered, the end is in sight! Counselors would often tell me that they wish they could be campers again and that I need to use all the time that I have. This is becoming more and more of a reality. I wish I had more time to work on requirements and enjoy the experience of camp and my friends. It is comforting to know I can always come back! I wish it could last forever.

-SILAS WEINER

MAHOOSUCS

This week Panther went to the Mahoosucs. It was really cool. My favorite part was the Notch because it was like rock climbing for a mile and I really enjoyed it. I just wish there was a place to swim on the trip. People always talk about the Mahoosucs like it is ridiculously hard so I was really nervous. But I didn't think it was that hard and it is definitely my favorite trip so far at camp.

-MANNING SEARS



GOING BY FAST

The year has gone by so fast, I wish it could be longer -LIAM HAMILTON

SQUADS

Today squads are being announced. I'm not sure about whether I'm going to make one. If not, then it is fine since it'll give me more time to shoot down at the range. Crew Week is also arriving soon and I hope to make Red Racing.

-MICHI ZACHARIAS

ARCHERY

Archery is really fun. Sometimes I am focused on getting requirements; but most of the time I just shoot for fun. The only way you could become as good as Robin Hood is if you have teachers like Mr. Shankweiler and Mr. Gulitti. They are amazing! They are probably a more advanced and more awesome version of Robin Hood. If I could, I would buy my own bow and arrow, and also a target. Sadly, I can only shoot until Den. But when I am Senior Staff, I am hoping to teach archery. P.S. Archery is awesome!

-RANFERY ESCAMILLA

5TH SUMMER AT CAMP

This is my 5th year at camp. I got selected for the Rifle Team and got my Third Bar. I went sailing with Sergio and I would try to flip the boat while he was trying to fix it. I had fun. We went on the Connecticut Lakes trip. We got candy and went rowing, but didn't get to see any moose, only some snakes.

-CESAR CAMEJO

FRIDAY AT DISHES

This Friday I did dishes with Cesar, Sergio, and Giancarlo. I have to admit, even though it was dishes, it was easily one of my favorite Mowglis moments. I had so much fun that night. I hope that as my Den year ends, I can have many more memories like this one.

-RUSSELL NICKEY

LACONIA

Every year the Brass Choir takes a trip to the Laconia church. This was my first year going to the church. We woke up at 6:45am. We got up then drove to the church. For breakfast we stopped at Dunkin Donuts for munchkins, donuts, orange juice and English muffins. Once we got to the church we played two songs. Afterwards, I stuffed my face with three handfuls of popcorn, two muffins, bug juice and 20 Oreos. On the ride back we had about 15 Munchkins. The trip was delicious. I wish we did this more.

-JORDAN EISENMAN

DOOMED

Everyone in the dorm has made a cross bow and/or a catapult! This isn't going to end well.

-PETER ZIRNKILTON

LIKE FAMILY

Camp makes you love things more than you used to. You get to meet new people and make new friends. It is something I can't find at any other camp. It is like a new family.

Henry Hoddle

-LEO GASSIRARO



Left to right: Mr. Calum Gridley, Russell Nickey, Ethan Christenson, Silas Weiner, Brinton MacDonald, Giancarlo Ciocca, Sergio Covarrubias, Foster Conklin, Mr. Codie Crawford, Mr. Jay Hurdman

CAMP IS HALFWAY DONE

I can't believe that camp has gone by so fast. We are already four weeks through camp. There is really only one regular Mowglis week left until we begin Crew Week and the final week of camp.

-NIC STATHOS

FROGS

There are loud frogs living in the hydro. I tried to pee last night and they were making weird noises while I was peeing. I don't like frogs.

-HUGH MCKELVY

CLUBS

Today in Clubs I took Tennis and Ping Pong with Mr. Solis. The first thing we did was choose the teams. The teams were: Sergio and Giancarlo, Mr. Solis and me, and Santiago and Manning. Mr. Solis and I won versus Sergio and Giancarlo 2-1, then we won 2-0 to Manning and Satiago in like one minute. Then Mr. Solis and I went to play Tennis on the lower court. We said whoever loses has to give their dessert to the others for three days. Guess what?? I lost 6-2, but oh my god, it was funny. Then we went to the upper court and volleyed a little bit with Dima and Juan. I think it was one of the best mornings at camp.

-GONZALO SAN SALVADOR

ROWBOATING

I finally have my Silver Ribbon. I was working on my ribbon since the beginning of the year and I am so glad I finally have my Silver Ribbon.

-NICOLAS COVARRUBIAS



Left to right: Mr. Jay Gulitti, Manning Sears, James Graff, Carter Hoekstra, Cesar Camejo, Gonzalo San Salvador, Nathaniel Eisenman, Michael Zacarias, Mr. Ignacio Conde, Mr. Gavin Slusher

PHIL

Phil gets in every dorm stealing contraband and wrappers. If you don't know Phil, he is a raccoon that will penetrate your dorm in the night. We also met Willy this week. He is a weasel. He likes to walk through dorms and he is harmless. Willy is a friend. Phil is a foe. Let the Den and Mr. Hurdman handle Phil.

-BRINT MACDONALD

CUBS

A lot of Cubs are coming. I'm scared they might attack us. They will have an army of Cubs, which will be lead by Ms. Audrey. They will fill the beginner's area and force everyone into the intermediates. Then they will always be the first people in line for soupy. When we are in the dining hall they will eat all the food before we can get any. So everyone prepare because the Cubs are coming.

-KAI GLOVER

MISS GRACE

Some of you might not know her very well, but I happen to. For about two days I was stuck in the lodge with sickness. And she helped me the whole way. Nurse Grace is one of the most interesting people I know. She is always willing to help you. And she can make you feel a lot better.

-JAKE PELUSO

GOOD TIMES

Camp is fun. I like my Industries. I can't wait for Crew Week. I have heard that it will be great.

-ALEX URSZINYI

CREW

"SWING, SWING TOGETHER; THINKING NOT OF YOURSELF BUT THE CREW."

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RACING CREW										
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Sergio Covarrubias	Stroke	Russell Nickey								
James Graff	5	Giancarlo Ciocca								
Foster Conklin	4	Manning Sears								
Nathaniel Eisenman	3	Alex Urszinyi								
Gonzalo San Salvador	2	Brint McDonald								
Juan Camacho	Bow	Michael Zacharias								
FIRST FORM										
Ben Morgan-Butcher	Cox	Dima Mueller								
Carter Hoeskstra	Stroke	Will Levin								
Manuel Camacho	5	Kai Glover								
Nicolas Covarrubias	4	Silas Weiner								
Kevin Paul	3	Cesar Camejo								
Leo Gassiraro	2	Henry Hodde								
Carlos Moya	Bow	John Swanson								
SECOND FORM										
Hugh Mckelvy	Cox	Sebi Dell 'Acqua								
Emilliano Covarrubias	Stroke	Nic Stathos								
Logan Gallagher	5	Peter Zirnkilton								
Nick Sanderson	4	Eben Jackson								
Kurt Gassiraro	3	Jake Peluso								
Zack Hoeksema	2	Ethan White								
Christian Williams	Bow	Ranfery Escamilia								
CREW LEADER	CREW COACH	CREW LEADER								

Mr. Gavin Slusher

Mr. Cal Gridley

Mr. Jay Hurdman

CREW HISTORY

1910	Blue	1935	Red	1963	Red	1988	Blue
1911	Red	1936	Blue	1964	Blue	1989	Red
1912	Red	1937	Blue	1965	Red	1990	Red
1913	Red	1938	Red	1966	Red	1991	Blue
1914	Blue	1939	Red	1967	Red	1992	Blue
1915	Red	1940	TIE	1968	Blue	1993	Red
1916	Blue	1941	Red	1969	Blue	1994	Red
1917	Red	1942	Red	1970	Red	1995	Blue
1918	Red	1946	Blue	1971	Blue (record 3.13.3))1996	Blue
1919	Red	1947	Blue	1972	Blue	1997	Red
1920	Blue	1948	Red	1973	Red	1998	TIE
1921	Red	1949	Blue	1974	Blue	1999	Blue
1922	TIE	1950	Blue	1975	Red	2000	Red
1923	Red	1951	Blue	1976	Red	2002	Blue
1924	Red	1952	Blue	1977	Blue	2003	Blue
1925	Blue	1953	Blue	1978	Red	2004	Red
1926	Blue	1954	Red	1979	TIE	2005	Red
1927	Red	1955	Blue	1980	Blue	2006	Red
1928	Blue	1956	Blue	1981	Blue	2007	Blue
1929	Blue	1957	Blue	1982	Blue	2008	Blue
1930	TIE	1958	Blue	1983	Blue	2009	TIE
1931	Red	1959	TIE	1984	Blue	2010	Blue
1932	Blue	1960	Blue	1985	Red	2011	Blue
1933	Red	1961	Blue	1986	Red	2012	Blue
1934	Blue	1962	Red	1987	Blue		



BELLE ISLAND

This week we went to Belle Isle. It was a lot of fun! We packed and went in canoes in the morning. My canoe flipped over. Eventually we arrived and set up tents. After we had chilli-



mac for dinner, we had s'mores. Then we went to sleep. The next day we paddled to Wellington Beach to hike Sugarloaf. At the top we had pepperoni and cheese tortillas. We hiked down and then swam at Wellington. Eventually we got back. We had burritos for dinner and s'mores. The next day we went back to camp. We also got a cheer from Onaway.

-MORGAN REESE

ALMOST OVER

I cannot believe this year is almost over. Today is Sunday. We just had Clubs, then we will have Chapel. Today is the first day of Crew. Later we have a cook out tonight.

-LIAM HAMILTON

SUNDAY

Sunday is the best day. We have Clubs, then we have Chapel. And to top everything off, we have picnic supper. The delicious hot dogs, the lemonade, and the thing Manuel loves the best... ketchup!

-CARLOS MOYA

ALMOST CREW WEEK

I can't believe Crew Week is coming already and that means it is almost over. What I like about Sundays is Clubs and picnic supper. Soupy is about to blow so I can't write everything. Diego is right—the tables are terrible to write on.

-CRISTOFORO DELL'ACQUA

BELLE ISLE

This week we recently went to an island called Belle Isle. I've been there many times before with my family. Toomai all went there, and slept over for a few nights. It was really fun. We went on a hike on the second day we were there. After we canoed to Belle Isle, we canoed to Wellington Beach where we walked across the street, and started our hike. That was really fun, too. So far I think camp is really, really, really fun.

-NATHAN SOUKUP

CAMP IS FUN

I had a wonderful day. Camp is fun. Everything in camp is fun. I like everything about camp! I like when mail comes to me and my brother. I like my dorm with my friends. The Mines are gross!!!

-KURT GASSIRARO

SAILING

Sailing is so fun. During first Industries there might not be wind though. When there is, it is fun. I need to learn more though. Mr. Gridley will teach me.

-ETHAN CHRISTIANSON



CREW WEEK

I can't wait for Crew Week. This is possibly the best week in the entire camp time. First of all, there is lots of rivalry between the two crews and also because of the bonfire. Especially on Crew Day because there is lots of suspense on which crew will win. Obviously, Purple crew will win. But this year I just know it will be a Red Crew sweep, also known as RVD day.

-RANFERY ESCAMILLA

CREW WEEK

Crew Week starts tonight. Crew Week is my favorite week at camp. I have been on Red Racing Crew since my Akela year. I lost in Akela and Panther. I am excited for Crews to be announced tonight. I have a picture in my mind of what the Red Racing Crew will look like and I think that it will be a very fun boat. I hope that this year will have better outcomes than years past. Red Crew hasn't won a Racing Crew race since my brother rowed bow.

-RUSSELL NICKEY

WATERSPORTS DAY

Yesterday we played watersports. I won two of two games, in the game of watermelon. My team won the very first round, and in the last we tied. P.S. What Ben said is true. The dorm tables are horrible for writing.

-DIEGO MONTIEL

BLACK RIBBON

For my Akela year I started to do Crafts as an Industry. Throughout the whole year, I've been working there and now I'm doing my final project. I hope I get the Ribbon, otherwise I'll continue next year.

-KAI GLOVER

CREW WEEK

We are almost completely there. Today all the boats are going to be announced from Second Form to Racing Crew. I hope to make Racing Crew again. This year's race is going to be close. Both Crews have good rowers. I still think Red is going to win.

-MICHI ZACHARIAS

CREWS

Today Crews are announced and I am so excited no matter what boat I am put on because nothing beats the adrenaline rush of racing on a boat. For those of you who haven't experienced a Crew Week, it is awesome and I hope this year is a BVD.

-CARTER HOEKSTRA

CREW WEEK

The war is starting, Red Unity vs. Blue Strength. But they must come together to defeat Purple Crew. They have come up stronger than ever. We must defeat them or all hope is lost.

-KEVIN PAUL

WATERSPORTS DAY

I love Watersports Day. Jake and I won the Gazunga for juniors. And Nick Sears and I paddled our way to victory by 38.2 seconds in the junior canoe race. Sergio knocked me over at the last second when I was about to take the watermelon from Manning. Watersports Day was epic!

-HUGH MCKELVY



TRIP DAY

For Trip Day we went on the 19 Mile Carter Notch Brook trail. It was four miles long. When we got to the trail it was lunch so we ate there. When we were almost at the top we had to run down very fast because... the world was ending. Black and white bees were popping out of the ground. Half of the dorm got stung.

-LOGAN GALLAGHER

THE EPIC WATERMELON BOWL

The Bowl starts with Mr. Berkey. He takes the watermelon and goes to the middle of the Beginner's area. He drops the melon and everyone runs for the melon. When the other team gets the melon you try to push them back into their zone. It is a lot of fun.

-ZACH HOEKSEMA

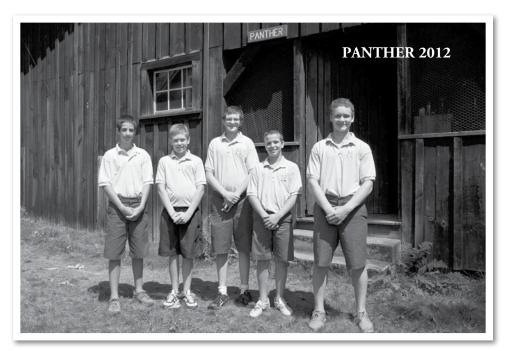
GOPHER SQUAD

I went on Gopher Squad this week. It was really fun and it was an honor. There were beautiful views and relatively good weather. The hut was really cool. It was really awesome and I hope to make a Squad next year.

-MANNING SEARS

LASTS

It is at this point of the year when I start to notice my lasts. For example, today was the last time I will have Clubs. This year is my last year as a camper and it's gone by so fast. As we



Left to right: Michael Zacharias, Carter Hoekstra, Sam Urszinyi, Gonzalo SanSalvador, Manning Sears

enter my last Crew Week which is my favorite week of camp, I hope to make it the best for me and everyone else. This is my last Crew Race and I have lost two before and will not lose again. Good luck to both crews. RVD 2012!

-ETHAN CHRISTENSON

FIRST WEEK

This was my first week at Mowglis this year. Even though I was here last year I am still getting back to the rhythm. I still have not taken the Swim Test. Last year, I got Intermediates, but I don't know if I can get there because of my leg. I am close to my Black Ribbon. I just have to do an artisan, one craftsman, and my final project. I will not get my Green Ribbon this year, but I will keep trying. On Friday, I got my Golden Bowstring in Archery. Next week is Crew Week. I am on the Blue Crew. I probably won't be rowing this year, but next year I hope to be rowing.

-NICK SOUKUP

DEAR BRUNO

My RMD regularly consists of my three favorite events: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. As soon as mess call blows, I am running to the Dining Hall as fast as a bullet. And three people are making the meal happen two Junior staff and Bruno. Bruno's food is way better. Teriyaki steak every week, salad every meal, plus bacon and eggs is yummy. Every dinner, the food is like on the Graduate's dinner so I am wondering how delicious the food will be this Graduate's dinner. Thank you very much Bruno for every meal.

-DIMA MUELLER

PARENT'S WEEKEND

I can't believe its Parent's Weekend already. Camp is going by fast. I can't believe it's already week six, almost week seven. Also Crew Week is going to be awesome because crew is fun. Sports take teamwork and silence in the boat. Blue Crew may win. Red may win. It is not a big deal—really it's mostly for fun and building strength; but you still should try your hardest to win but do not get too mad if you lose.

-LOGAN GALLAGHER

OFF TO THE RACES

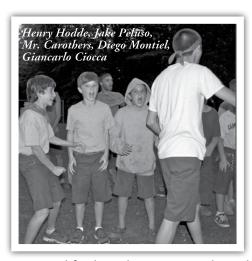
Every Mowglis year is full of twists, turns, and excitements. This was no different from realizing seven weeks with no technology from the sweat lodge, and for now we go off to the races. From your final decision to come here to choose to what pre-views to be an everlasting sleep over and what post-views to be the best experiences you've ever had. Thank you Trustees, Mr. Berkey, Mr. Greenwell, Mr. Punderson, Russell, and all of Baloo for a spectacular year. I wish this summer was eight weeks.

-JORDAN EISENMAN

NEARING THE END

I'm really sad that camp is ending. It was a good experience. I met people from different cultures and different languages. I would like to come next summer. The bonfire will be cool. Akela is a nice dorm. Dima is intelligent and really funny. Juan is a nice guy, he is really good at soccer and he will be on the team that wins crew. Alex is really good at basketball and he is really tall. Will—he has a lot of sportsmanship. Leo and Nick are the craziest in the dorm. Kai, Kevin and John are the magic masters of the dorm. They love magic and don't touch their magic cards. This is Akela 2012.

-SANTIAGO MAGANA



CAMP IS ENDING

Camp is ending and I'm really sad. I want camp to last longer. I'm close to my Maroon Ribbon, but Mr. Slusher kept making me do crew so I might not get it. Now I have to work extra hard. Tomorrow is Crew Day and I have to row on 1st Form. I hope we win. Then I'll be happy. When I go home I'll be sad but I'll be back.

-KAI GLOVER

THE RED RACING CREW

On Sunday night the Racing Crews were announced. Once I heard the seven names

announced for the Red Racing Crew I knew there was going to be a week full of great times and a lot of fun. Crew practice started on Monday and a seat change was already made. We have been correcting all of our form this week. At meals we have a great time. Our Red Racing Crew is led by Mr. Cameron Carothers. Mr. Carothers is full of energy and is always willing to help correct our boat. Mr. Carothers has wonderful sportsmanship and is always

ready to help the Blue Crew also. Our coxswain for the third year in a row is Ethan who is an expert at motivating the mighty Red Crew. I stroke the boat and I'm the captain. Giancarlo is the 5 seat and the king of the starboard rowers for red crew. Manning is the port powerhouse at 4 seat. Manning is also a motivational leader. The 3 seat and starboard powerhouse is Alex, who has the strength to spin the boat with ease. Brint is the 2 seat who shows wonderful sportsmanship and great form. Last but certainly not least is Michi at the bow seat. Michi rows with great confidence and finesse. Regardless of the outcome on Crew Day, I will always remember how much fun it was being on the Red Racing Crew of 2012.

-RUSSELL NICKEY

HOWL

This week is Crew Week. The Junior Staff is making the bonfire for today. Tomorrow is the day of the races. Yesterday was Trip Day—Blue and Red Racing Crews went in the Crew boats and first form Blue and Red went in the big canoes. We went to Wellington. It was a good beach. We were training when we were going to Wellington. When we were coming back we broke two oars. Then we had Soak. Blue Crew!!!

-JUAN CAMACHO

ALMOST OVER

I can't believe Mowglis is almost over! It feels like it was my first day here. I'm having so much fun! Anyway, it's Crew Week, and I can't wait until the race. I think it's going to be really close this year. But I'm a little mad because the bonfire isn't that big this year, but it's still OK. I'm really excited to see my family tonight. Tonight is going to be awesome.

-NATHAN SOUKUP



CREW WEEK

So far Crew Week has been really fun. I'm the Blue Racing Crew 3. I can't wait until the bonfire tonight and the race tomorrow even though will be the end of Crew Week. BVD 12.

-NATHANIEL EISENMAN

THE BONFIRE

The bonfire is awesome. Each Crew does their cheers and it is one of the best nights at Mowglis.

-EBEN JACKSON

CREW WEEK

I can't wait for the start of Crew Weekend. We have the bonfire and pep rally tonight. Tomorrow is Crew Day and Red Crew is going to win. Then we have the final week of camp when I can hopefully get my two ribbons Silver and Golden Anchor. Then hopefully we get our ice cream and a lazy day.

-NIC STATHOS

I've come to camp for five years. This is my last year as a camper. I'm going to miss my dorm, and I hope I come back as a Junior staff. This year I've been most of the time in Riflery and Sailing. This has been my favorite year. I can't wait for Racing Crew. P. S. Go Red Crew!

-CESAR CAMEJO

A TRIP TO WELLINGTON

Yesterday first form and Racing Crew went to Wellington Beach. It was really fun. We swam. First Form went on war canoes. Racing Crew went on the crew boats. A lot of people were buried in the sand. Manning and Russell were bronzing.

-CARLOS MOYA

MR. KINGSLEY

If anything is wrong or you don't feel good you should probably go to Mr. Kingsley because he makes you feel better by telling funny jokes. And he makes you feel happy. So next time you feel bad, talk to Mr. Kingsley.

-JOHN SWANSON

CREW RACE

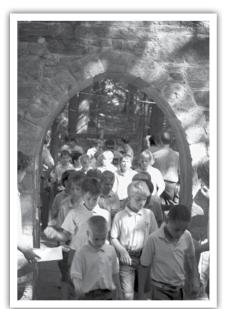
Tomorrow is the Crew Race. I'm so excited to see who will win because this year is close. Tonight is the bonfire and parents are coming. I am so excited.

-CARTER HOEKSTRA

HOWL

My parents are coming and I'm excited. I want to show them what I learned and what I can do.

-KEVIN PAUL



CREW WEEK

Crew Week has been the best week. I can't wait for tomorrow for the race. And I really hope Blue wins. I can't wait for the race, I'll stroke as strong as I can.

-EMILIANO COVARRUBIAS

RED RACING CREW

Regardless of the outcome on Saturday, the Red Racing Crew of 2012 will go down as one of the best boats in Mowglis history. I have created friendships with each member of the boat that are so strong; I know that it will never change. Even as the cox of our boat, he has Red Crew coursing through his veins, and he can motivate me better than anyone else on this earth. Russell is our stroke and he was born to be a leader in a rower.

Giancarlo is our five seat, and he is determined to pull out a win for mighty Red. I am the 4 seat and, and I do my best to keep everyone in high spirits outside the boat, and make sure everyone is motivated inside the boat. Alex is our 3 seat and although he is new, I know he cares about Red crew just as much as I do. Brint is our 2 seat and he always has great sportsmanship and he never quits. Michi is our bow seat and he rows with such concentration and power, and it could make a lion purr. We are determined. We are persistent. We are powerful. We are unity. We are Red. Red Racing Crew of 2012, I salute you!

-MANNING SEARS, RED RACING 4

BEST TRIP DAY EVER

Yesterday First Form and Racing Crew went to Wellington. Racing Crew went in the crew boats and First Form in the war canoes. We paddled, like, for an hour and we got to Wellington. I spent almost all the time in the water playing. Carlos was sitting in a hole in the



sand and we put sand over him. We covered sand from his waist to his face and shaped it like a mountain and we called it Mount Carlos. Then we did the same with Henry and Kai. Then we went back to camp and paddled for 50 minutes. When we got there we found a dead catfish floating in the water. Then Mr. Gridley told me to throw it in the woods. That was the best trip day ever.

-NICOLAS COVARRUBIAS

CREW WEEK

I love Crew Week. It is the best week. Every year the staff makes a big bonfire. The bonfire is very big in that we see who is going to win. I think this year Red Crew is going to win because we have: Brint, Giancarlo, Ethan, Manning, Russell, Alex, Michi and the Red Crew leader Mr. Carothers! Saturday is going to be RVD!

-DIEGO MONTIEL

LAST WEEK OF CAMP

Camp is almost done. This year I met a lot of new and funny people. I made First Form Cox, went on two pack trips, canoed to Wellington Beach, and learned how to solve the Rubix Cube. On the 12 August I'm flying back. I will miss everybody and I hope that all come back next year.

-DIMA MUELLER

PARENT'S WEEKEND

It is parent's weekend. Tonight we're having the bonfire. It is not as big as last year though. I am doing my solo on Sunday. I want my Green Ribbon.

-NICK SOUKUP

CREW WEEK

Crew Week is the best week of camp. I finally got on Second Form Red Crew! Also today is the bonfire and the pep rally! I love how some staff and campers get pumped up in the pep rallies. But that best day is Crew Day. That is when the real races begin. Everyone cheers for their Crew. But as we all know, Red Crew will win! P.S. RVD!

-RANFERY ESCAMILLA

THE BONFIRE

I am super excited for tonight's bonfire. It looks like the fire will be huge because of how big the stacks of wood are. The Junior Staff and Senior Staff did a really good job!

-SAM URSZINYI

AMAZING SUMMER

This summer is amazing. It has been pretty hectic. We have gotten a grand total of a zillion ribbons. It's just about an even split concerning crews: six Red, six Blue. It's been so fun to come back to Mowglis for the third time. Mowglis 2012, I salute you!

-NICK SEARS

TIME

When you're being lazy and sitting on your butt playing video games, parents always tell you to go outside and do something. I never realized why until I came to Mowglis. It's because time flies and you want to have done something other than sit on your butt. Time is better spent with your friends making real memories.

-BEN MORGAN-BUTCHER



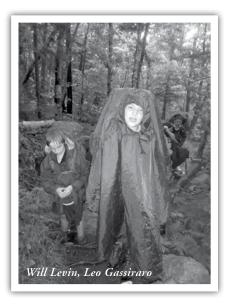






THANKS TO THE STAFF

In the past, my last Howls have been about my accomplishments. I have now realized that I never would have achieved these goals without a certain group of individuals, the Senior Staff. You all have helped me through problems or requirements or something around camp. I truly appreciate it. Thank you Hurdman brothers for having as much fun with me as you do, and possibly being the chilliest pair of brothers in Mowglis history. Thank you Mr. Gulitti, for inspiring the entire camp with your wonderful music. Thank you Solis brothers for making jokes and being as energetic as you are. Thank you Mr. Gutierrez for keeping us in line while making sure we are having fun. Thank you Mr. Popinchalk for making us laugh at some point this summer. Thank you Mr. Beckford for being enthusiastic on a consistent basis, it makes a big difference. Thank you



Mr. Shankweiler for all the time you spent in Panther, we had a great time. Thank you Mr. Kingsley for having time for camp every day. Thank you Mr. Nunes for doing your best to make each day great. Thank you Miss Audrey for molding future Mowglis men. Thank you Mr. Slusher for making every second of the summer memorable. Thank you Mr. Ruiz for being someone I can relate to and talk to. Thank you Mr. Gridley for keeping everyone in high spirits. Thank you Mr. Carothers for being someone I can trust and talk to without fear of embarrassment. And finally, thank you Headquarters staff for keeping this camp going and ensuring a good summer. You are all good role models and have Mowglis spirit coursing through your veins. So thanks staff of 2012, and from the bottom of my heart, I salute you.

-MANNING SEARS, PANTHERITE OF 2012

HOWL

This is almost the end of camp. I will come back. It will be hard to say goodbye this summer. I didn't get any Ribbons because I just tried to have fun. Next year I'm going to try to get some Den Requirements and some Ribbons.

-SANTIAGO MAGANA

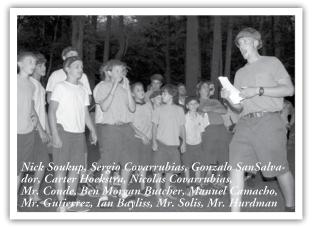
DEAR HOWL

I can't believe this year is nearly over. It's been amazing. I hope every year is as good as this year and forever live the Den.

-ZION GLOVER

MY MOWGLIS EXPERIENCE

I can pretty much describe to you my first day ever at Camp Mowglis, and while it wasn't the best of days, it was a start. For the rest of that first year, I was "The Homesick Kid." Then, my Baloo summer was one of new experiences. To be honest, I don't know what brought me back for year two, but I'm glad I came. Instead of being homesick, I actually made friends with the people in my dorm. Akela was a big summer for me in so many ways,



because I really enjoyed camp that year. Before I knew it, I was in Panther. In my mind Panther was my most successful summer here. I earned two more Ribbons and a spot in the Inner Circle. Panther was a great year because I realized I could have great successes here. Finally, Den has been my favorite summer here and it's gone by the fastest. I have gone from looking up to the Denites to being a Denite. In Den I was a graduate at graduate's dinner

instead of being a waiter, and that's hard for me to believe! This year I have made brotherly bonds with my dorm mates and I will definitely keep in touch about Camp Mowglis. I wouldn't be the same person if not for camp, camp has made me into a much better person. Thank you to all Mowglis for letting me be a part of this great experience. I will never forget my time here as long as I live. Camp Mowglis, I salute you!

-ETHAN CHRISTANSON

WATER EVERYWHERE

It's pouring rain today, and now there is a stream coming from the dining hall to the lower mines! I'm having a lot of fun at camp. There is a lot of water everywhere. It's overflowing camp! The tennis courts are soaked. Everything is soaked.

-KURT GASSIRARO

END OF CAMP MOWGLIS

In two days camp will be over. I am excited to go home but I also am very upset to leave. I will miss all of my friends at camp. This year at camp was my favorite year ever. I will do my best to come back to Mowglis in the future. I will miss the lake most of all. In my years here I have gathered all of the waterfront Ribbons. Most of the best moments of my life have occurred



on Newfound Lake. I will never forget my first double full Waingunga. I couldn't have asked for a better way to spend my previous five summers, then here at Mowglis.

-RUSSELL NICKEY

ALMOST OVER

It's almost over!! The summer's almost over. I'm very sad. I will miss everybody.

-EBEN JACKSON

I love Mowglis, this is one of my favorite places in the world. Here at Mowglis you can do lots of things and meet new friends. I'm sad because I'm going to miss camp and all my camp friends. I love this camp and hope they will keep camp going always. Thank you so much!

-GONZALO SAN SALVADOR

AKELA

Camp is just about over and I'm sad. My Akela year was pretty irregular. A tree fell on Akela, and so we all moved to Panther. Then on a hike, Arthur broke his arm and had to leave. A few weeks later, Nick Soukup came late because he was recovering from a broken leg. Now it's the end of the summer, and not many people have received Ribbons, even though last year so many more got Ribbons. Also, next year when I come back I will live in the same dorm as this year. That will be weird. Now I will go finish my Camping test and my final project in the Craft Shop.

-KAI GLOVER

ALMOST THE END

I can't believe camp is almost over. After Racing Crew all the days went by really fast. I am really happy because the first year I'm on Racing Crew, we won, Blue Crew. I feel really sad because one of my best friends was in the other boat. I hope I get my White Ribbon. I feel really sad because camp is almost over. I'm going to come back next year with my little brother, and have a great time with all my friends. Thank you Mowglis.

-GONZALO SAN SALVADOR

THE BLACK RIBBON



I am going for my Black. I need one more requirement for my Black. It was a BVD in 2012. I was in a play. And my dorm loved Connect Four, and playing cards. My dorm has a lot of energy.

-NICK SANDERSON



MOWGLIS STAFF 2012

Mowglis staff of 2012 will be honored forever. With Mr. Crawford's almighty strength. Mr. Gridley and his ninja skills, Mr. Gutierrez and his stories and honesty, as well as all the other staff that have a special talent that will make people gasp in awe, laugh with joy, or make us feel safe. But all staff here will protect us forever for years to come. Let the staff of Mowglis live forever.

-JOHN SWANSON

AN EXCITING YEAR

This year has been exciting, many things have happened. A tree crushed Akela on the 4th of July. It has rained a ton. We have had Chapel inside, more than once. Had a BVD again. And I may get four Ribbons this year. I will have my Black, Green, Golden Anchor, and Lavender. I hope I get them.

-KEVIN PAUL

BITTERSWEET

I am excited to leave camp, but at the same time sad. Although I have only been here for a short amount of time, I was just starting to realize how good camp is and how wrong I was to quickly judge it. I enjoyed the time I had with my fellow dorm mates. Good luck to those who will be in Den next year.

-SAM URSZINYI

THINGS TO REMEMBER

This is almost the end of camp. I love Mowglis, I'm going to remember all the moments for the rest of my life. I'm really happy to have come here. Also, I'm going to remember those moments playing tetherball, Picnic Supper, soak, everything! It was amazing. Thank you everyone.

-JUAN CAMACHO

A GREAT SUMMER

This last week has flown by; I can't believe it is already the end of the summer. On Monday and Tuesday I was busy getting my Silver, and then Wednesday was Trip Day. Then on Thursday I was a waiter for Graduates' Dinner. Now it is Friday and the Inner Circle Ceremonies will happen today. Then on Sunday we go home. It has been a great summer at camp.

-HENRY HODDE

LAST WEEK OF CAMP

This week is the last week of camp. It feels like I have only been here one week! I am sad about leaving Mowglis. Today I will take the Green Ribbon test. I am hoping to get my Camping Ribbon this year. It would be the first Ribbon I get here at Mowglis. I have also been working in the Craft Shop a lot. I am making a huge clay bunny. I am almost done and it has only taken me two days. Next year I may get my Black Ribbon. I am sure coming back!

-NICK SOUKUP

YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

This is has been awesome for these little (average) 10 year olds. It may not sound like a lot, but we have 4 Ribbons for us Toomaiites. I don't want this year to be forgotten. I've enjoyed every second I've been here. It's my third year at Mowglis, and I finally got my very first Ribbon. Toomai 2012, I salute you!

-NICK SEARS



THE BEST WEEK

The last week is the best week. The last four days are the best because

we have Candleboats and we get a chance to earn our last Requirements. The last day of camp is very sad. We have to say goodbye to everybody, but we are also happy because we can finally go home and see our parents. The candlelight during Chapel is beautiful! Afterwards the boats are sometimes funny because they pull a Titanic, catch on fire, and sink. Everything that has happened to us at this camp (from Riflery to Sailing, to Crew Week) passed to the back of our minds now, but as the years go on we will remember and smile.

-MANUEL CAMACHO

HORNET'S NEST

Today during Relax we were looking at the brook near Baloo when a hornet stung my lip. I went running up to the Lodge and told the nurse about it. Logan got stung five times, and Manuel one time. Then Mr. Glen sprayed a weird spray in the horner's nest.

-NICOLAS COVARRUBIAS

ALMOST OVER

I can't believe that camp is almost over. In two days I will be at home. Next year I will try to get my Silver and Yellow Ribbons. Hopefully I get these Ribbons. I hope my friends come back next year. This year has been really fun. I can't believe camp is almost over.

-ZACHARY HOEKSEMA

THE LAST THREE DAYS

Today we are in the last three days, I can't believe because it is the seventh week. I remember when we were just in the first week! And I thought it was going to go by slowly. I was wrong. All my life I am going to remember all my Mowglis years. I am coming back next year.

-DIEGO MONTIEL

CAMP IS FUN

Camp is fun, I don't want to go home, but at the same time I do. I love camp, it's been in my family for years and I want it to stay that way. I'm coming back next year, and I want to be in the Inner Circle by my Den year. I love hiking and taking a sailboat out, I love everything about camp. I can do things here that I can't do anywhere else. My dorm is great, and I will miss many of my friends here. Camp is really, really fun.

-LEO GASSIRARO

FUN IN BALOO

Baloo is by far the best year of mine at camp so far. I had earned my Lavender. Achieved many things. Had so much fun. But all things come to an end. Many things will be forgotten. But the most precious memories will stay in our hearts.

-CARLOS MOYA

TRIPS

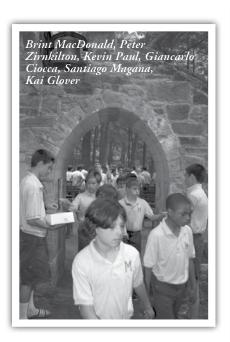
This was my favorite year ever; we had a lot of privileges. I went on a lot of trips like Lafayette pack trip, Pemigewasset pack trip, Connecticut Lakes, Mt. Washington Squad, and my favorite, the Red Ribbon trip. I didn't have a lot of time to do a lot of other stuff, but I had lots of FUN.

-GIANCARLO CIOCCA

THE BEST YEAR

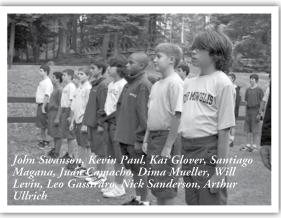
This year has been the greatest summer in my seven years of coming to Mowglis. I only got one ribbon this year but I learned that it wasn't supposed to be all about ribbons in this camp. I learned that having fun and relaxing is much more important to the Mowglis experience. This was my last week as a camper and I had a blast. Whether it was paddling with Charlie Walbridge on the Red Ribbon trip, or swimming Waingungas with Russel Nickey. I had fun doing what I love for the last chance. I am just remembering fun times rolling down a hill inside of a box in Cubs. I will also remember Den in late years of life, looking back on such a good time I've had. I will always remember camp because I grew up here for seven summers. Mowglis is responsible for all the friendships I have made at camp. I have been with them all for a minimum of four years for every summer. Mowglis, I salute you for molding me into the person I am today.

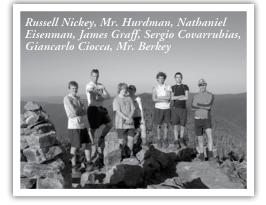
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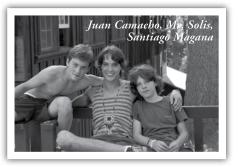














MOWGLIS CUB HISTORY 2012

The summer of Cubs 2012 began with four boys in the dorm, three of whom were signed on for the entire summer. The Cubs quickly learned the ins and outs of the camp, discovering trails through the grounds and picking up on classic Mowglis games like Kubb and Tetherball. They picked their Industries and began to complete requirements right away, setting up a good foundation for the ribbons that they aimed to earn in future summers. The boys worked hard to learn the proper way to make fires in Camping, how to take a boat out at the waterfront in Sailing and Canoeing, and how to make belts and candles in Crafts.

During the first week the Cubs were challenged to row canoes to Belle Island for their first overnight of the summer. They spent the day on the island setting up their tent and swimming near the shore. When night fell boys and counselors gathered around the fire pit to roast s'mores and talk about their first week at camp. After the excitement of the day died down the boys got into their sleeping bags and rested up for another day of rowing ahead. The Cubs ate breakfast the next morning and donned their lifejackets for the trip ahead. They paddled hard and made it back before lunch so they could rejoin the camp for a hot meal in the dining hall.

Over the next couple of weeks the Cubs learned more about their Industries and the "Mowglis way of life." They were taught about proper ways to hike on trails during weekly outings to the surrounding mountains. For many of the boys it was their first time away from home for an extended period, they learned how to take care of themselves and their belongings. Dorm living encouraged the boys to bond with each other and taught them how to rely on one another to get their daily chores completed quickly so they could start having fun.

Once the three-week Cubs joined the dorm by the beginning of week five, the number of boys in Cubland grew to 17. The boys filled the dorm as well as the two large tents on the Cub grounds. Cubland became the boys' private playground. They held Tetherball tournaments of their own and started building teepees with fallen branches that they found in the woods behind Cub Field. On rainy days the boys gathered in Kipling to enjoy a fire while reading books from the library or playing indoor games.

During Crew Week the Cubs took another overnight to Belle Island, this time paddling the newly restored war canoes in preparation for the Cub race on Crew Day. The boys enjoyed taking over the island, exploring the trails and the small perimeter. When race day came the Blue and Red Cubs paddled against each other in the war canoes to build excitement for the final race of the day.

The final week of camp was spent wrapping up projects and requirements in Industries and building Candleboats for the ceremony on the final night of camp. When the evening Chapel ceremony concluded on that last night, the Cubs led the way down to the waterfront and were first in line to set their candles alight and push their boats out onto the water. On Mrs. Holt's Day, the final day of camp, the Cubs stood together in front of the entire camp as they received their Birchbarks listing their summer accomplishments and sang the Cub Song. The boys were filled with pride at having completed their summer at Mowglis creating the first of their camp memories that will last them a lifetime.

-AUDREY MEEHAN



Top Row: Miss Audrey, Peter Scharstein, Mr. Gulitti, Eddie Hodde, Maximo Hasaj, Shoh Nishino, Jack Sears, Leonardo Carini, Hans Pedersen, Ricky Dopp, Mr. Solis, Robin Solibieda, Mr. Nunes, **Bottom Row:** Mateo Larrea, Max Rafferty, Aidan MacArthur, Elliot Bruntrager, Ian Bayliss, Dylan MacArthur, Cristobal Camejo, Simon Solibieda

TRIP DAY

Trip day was fun. We saw bears, birds, mountain lions, deer, and an otter. Kayaking on Newfound Lake is fun. I'm excited for the Candleboat race.

-SIMON SOLIBIEDA

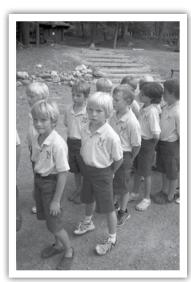
DEAR HOWL

I'm sad to leave because I love this camp. This is my second year, and it felt shorter than last. Right now I'm just thinking back on my first year here and how much I loved it, and I still do. I love Camp Mowglis.

-PETER SCHARSTEIN

CREW WEEKEND

Crew Weekend was awesome mostly because Blue Crew won! But it is not a big deal. Before the bonfire we cheered our Crew cheers and then we had people from Racing Crew get their Racing Crew shirts, and one of them lit the fire. Red got lucky and their flag



burned first. But it doesn't matter at all. The fire looked awesome! Then the next day we had a parade to the waterfront. Will Blue Crew win, or Red Crew win? Blue Crue won. That was a good Crew Weekend.

-SHOH NISHINO

DEAR HOWL

I've made a lot of new friends. I'm very happy that my mom and dad sent me Magic cards. I love playing Magic cards with my friends.

-DYLAN MACARTHUR

MOVING ON

This Cub year was fun. Next year I will be in Toomai, I am excited for next year. I think it will be fun. I will miss Old Ford Hall.

-RICKY DOPP

DEAR HOWL

On Wednesday the Cubs went to Squam Lake Science Center. When we got there we went to the river otters, then we ate lunch. After, we went to the life underground.



-EDDIE HODDE

BELLE ISLE

This week we went and canoed to Belle Isle with the war canoes. On the way there, the winds were high so it took about an hour and ½. It was very hard to row the whole lake without taking any breaks. We first had to set up the tents on a good surface on the island. The island was gigantic. But it was very pretty. We have hot dogs in marshmallows. Mmmmm, delicious. Then for breakfast we had pancakes. Then we went back to camp and it took 1 hour at the least. I was estimating 5 miles.

-SHOH NISHINO

DEAR HOWL

Crew Weekend is going to be awesome because it will be BVD! I went to Belle Isle for an overnight trip. We roasted marshmallows! And we had hot dogs and chips. In the morning we played hunt. Then we canoed back.

-LEONARDO CARINI

CANOEING

When the Cubs canoe to Belle Isle, it was hard. When we got there, we set up tents. We ate hot dogs. We had bars when we got there, too!

-MAX RAFFERTY

This week we went to Belle Isle. We took both war canoes. It was very windy. I went in the red war canoe. Our tent couldn't sleep. We had pancakes for breakfast. It was fun.

-JACK SEARS

DEAR HOWL

I am excited for the pep rally thing between the two Crews. I really like it. The bonfire looks so small. I am also excited for Parent's Weekend, my parents are coming.

-RICKY DOPP

DEAR HOWL

Two days ago we went to Belle Isle, and we had hot dogs and bars with chocolate and pancakes with syrup. My Industries are Riflery and Sailing. My Duty today was to clean the wash porch and it was hard! Tomorrow, on Race Day, I'm going to be the table boy. My sign up today was Swimming and Mr. Hurdman and Mr. Ruiz said I did a good job. I got six require-



ments! Yesterday, on Trip Day, we Cubs went to the diving board on the swimmers raft. Mr. Nunes, with the rescue tube, pushed me in the water and I did a belly flop. I turned all red! Tomorrow is the race! I made two posters and a hat for Blue Crew. I also made a shield. I want Blue to win tomorrow! BVD!

-MATEO LARREA

DEAR HOWL

Over the week I went to Belle Island. We went on the war canoes. It took about 2 hours in 2 miles. We took two boats, one blue boat and one red boat. I went on the red boat. The weather wasn't great. The wind was going towards us and the water was very wavy. Then when we arrived, we were very tired. We were the first one to arrive.

-MAXIMO HASAJ

DEAR HOWL

Yesterday I made a canoe at the craft shop for the Blue Crew. Afterwards, Mr. Popinchalk read *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Today I was Table Boy, and I was the first one in the dining hall! We canoed to an island for 1½ hours. At the island, in the evening, we made marshmallows.

-SIMON SOLIBIEDA

On Sunday I hiked 300 feet. It was tiring. We had to take a few breaks. The views were great. On Saturday we went to the Polar Caves. There were eight caves. My favorite one was called the "Lemon Squeeze."

-DYLAN MACARTHUR

PICNIC SUPPER

I love the Picnic Supper because we have hot dogs and hamburgers. I like hot dogs and hamburgers. I also like orange juice and chips. They have that too. And I love soccer games as well. I like everything about the Picnic Suppers. That is why I look forward to it.

-ELLIOT BRUNTRAGER

DEAR HOWL

This camp is very fun. It was fun to jump out of the boat by the canoes. I like this camp because the kids here are very nice and I get to sleep on the top bunk. I like when we watch movies for campfire.

-ROBIN SOLIBIEDA



DEAR HOWL

Over the week I hiked up a big mountain, about 3 or 2.5 miles. It wasn't just me who hiked it, there were kids from Cubs and counselors. It was very fun. In the morning we ate breakfast and packed lunch. I packed myself a turkey sandwich and a box of raisins and a chocolate bar for the end of the hike. After we packed lunch we went to a van to drive to the mountain. You might be wondering where we were carrying our lunch, well I carried it in my "Camelback". I also

carried a sweater and a raincoat. After the first couple of miles everyone, or almost everyone, was tired. We took a few breaks for water. Once we stopped we saw a marvelous view of mountains and little islands and a huge lake. Then when we were at the top we ate lunch. We were kind of on a big cliff. That was the best view. Then we went down and it seemed a lot faster. It hurt my knees because it was so steep. Finally we went down and I was very tired and exhausted. It was raining when we were driving back. And that's the end.

-MAXIMO HASAJ

CREW WEEK

I am excited for Crew Week. It is probably the most fun week at camp. I really like it. I am also excited for Parent's Weekend. P.S. BVD

-RICKY DOPP

Today, all of the Cubs played soccer and we made teams. Me, Simon and Robin and Eddy were on Germany. And Mr. Popinchalk and Aidan and Max and Elliot and Hans were on the Popinchalk team. Germany won 6-5. Yesterday we went to Polar Caves, it was very fun. In one cave you could choose to go into a squishy spot or a pointy spot. I went in the squishy spot but I got stuck because I had a backpack on.



-PETER SCHARSTEIN

THE PLACE FOR ME

Mowglis is a place for hiking long hikes. Mowglis is a place for running through the woods. Mowglis is a place to learn how to swim. Mowglis is the best place I can think of. Mowglis is the place to be for me.

-JACK SEARS

DEAR HOWL

Today was really fun because I did reading with Mr. Beckford and I read five chapters in my book. Also, I played poo head, which is a card game. I played with Mr. Beckford. And I made a fire.

-IAN BAYLISS

DEAR HOWL

Today I am going to play soccer and eat hamburgers and hot dogs. Yesterday I talked to my mom. All the new boys came last week. I'm sleeping in the small tent with Mr. Conde and Peter. I like it. P.S. I am happy.

-MATEO LARREA

DEAR HOWL

My favorite Denite is Nathaniel Eisenman by far. He is the nicest and most friendly person in the world. He is also the most manly Mowglis man ever. He is so good at Axemenship. He is amazing at everything and all of us Cubs adore and look up to him. P.S. He is more powerful than Superman.

-RICKY DOPP

DEAR HOWL

On Thursday, the Cubs (us) went to a mountain. (I got really, really, really tired.) When we got to the top, I was like YAY!! Then we had to leave again and I was like YAY!!

-CRISTOBAL CAMEJO

This week we went on a hike but it wasn't really a hike because we just swam. Me and Ricky were climbing trees because they were at a slant. Then I found a really cool rock that looks like a tomahawk. Then we got back to where we ate lunch and found a chipmunk. The ride back was really long but we went to the Basin and jumped on rocks. Then we got ice cream at a gas station. The next day we had camp all to ourselves. Cub trips are gnarly.

-JACK SEARS

THE THIRD WEEK

Tennis: that is my second Industry. I always hit the ball out of the court and Mr. E Solis makes me go get it. I'm always scared to go get it because it is always so close to the Ping Pong Porch. Arts and Crafts: that is my first Industry. I'm making an Indian mask and I'm starting a car parking project. P.S. Russell is the best swimmer.

-MATEO LARREA

DEAR HOWL

Russell and Brint came to our dorm to help us with Howls and letters. Brint told me to write something interesting. In Crafts I made a necklace. I also made a belt. I'm in the middle of making it for Mr. Gullitti.

-JACK SEARS

DEAR HOWL

Today we had Clubs. I picked Frisbee on the swimmer dock. Later today we have Chapel. Russell came to our dorm to help us with Howls. Russell and Mr. Gullitti wrote letters using only crayons. I love Russell and he is really cool. P.S. Russell did not help me write this Howl.

-JACK SEARS

SAILING

Today I went sailing. I had fun. I love steering and hate capsizing.

-ELIJAH PRATT





























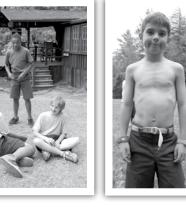








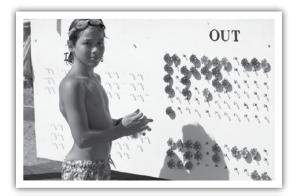








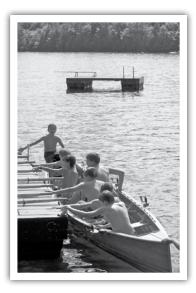


















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