

C^{amp}CHIPS

Fall 2014

I have been a science teacher for 30 years. During that time I've noticed kids are still pretty much kids. There is a lot more technology at their finger tips (I remember using an Apple IIGS for the first time in the classroom in the late 1980's). Despite all that speed, power and sophistication, children still need the challenges found in the great outdoors. Adventures that develop character and allow them to grow up resilient, confident, and productive contributors to society.

Last spring, I locked the door to my classroom—my home since 1990—for the last time. Now, Mary and I look forward to focusing all our energy continuing the traditions established by Cap, JP and Michael Thompson.

Chippewa's intentional program of in- and out-of-camp activities and trips, with guidance from skilled and caring adults, give boys a chance to unplug from their daily routine. Boys will grow, learn and develop lifelong skills

and lifelong friends at Chippewa.

I miss working with students in an academic setting. Getting the teenage brain engaged in learning, discovery and critical thinking—especially in science—is a rewarding experience. Now, my classroom is nestled between two lakes, among rustic cabins and countless pines.

We are on a mission to help your son travel the path to adulthood—fully capable of reaching his potential. We teach, we listen and we give boys a taste of leadership and confidence, away from electronics and virtual reality. Situated in a wilderness setting, we provide risks under the supervision of a highly qualified and trained staff. I'm still a teacher and Camp Chippewa is my classroom. Join me for the education of your life.

—Mike Endres, Director





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'Round the Mark

- Cass Lake will soon be covered by ice. Each day the sun's energy becomes less powerful. The canoes are stored and the watercraft are silent but that doesn't mean we aren't thinking of wilderness trips for 2015. Canoes will once again ply the waters found in Minnesota, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. First time Canadians will explore the Quetico Provincial Park. Is this the year of the Gammon, Flindt, or some new Exploratory for Chippewa Voyageurs?
- Chippewa gatherings, events and Rendezvous have been well attended. Mark your calendars for the Ski Event in Breckenridge, CO, Sunday, February 15th. We will be there. Keep checking the website for further updates. Plans are always being made for cities near and far. See you soon!
- Chippewa's sailing program last summer was extremely popular. The Hobies, Bics and X-boats were making use of the winds on a consistent basis. Last summer was highlighted by several sail races, 2 regattas with Camp Kamaji and evenings exploring Cass and Buck Lake. How about a sail trip to Cedar Island in 2015?
- 'Rounding the Mark and heading toward 2015 could not happen without the support of so many Chippewa families. The bonds that are forged in the fires of Chippewa are made strong because of your time, talents and gifts. Thank you for your generous support.

Summer Highlights 2014

Avi Ross: Passing my Pro-Marksman and Marksman. **Manny Bojorquez:** When Trevor took me out to see the thunder and lightning. **Ben Gershuny:** Going down the first real set of rapids on the Sandford. **Jackson Jones:** Fishing with Joe, Ryan and Jamie. **Dominic Polly:** Going to Hook Island. **Connor McLaughlin:** Going for a dip every night and having fun. **Lars Fyhr:** Seeing Magnus get his Expert and playing so much soccer this year. **Nathaniel Verbeck:** Cliff jumping on the Bloodvein. **Ian Hales:** Being in the Regatta. **Channing Carlson:** Staying for 4 more weeks. **Caleb Treuer:** Going on the Bloodvein with the rest of Muir. **Owen Pearlman:** When Mike came out with the chainsaw on Paul Bunyan Day. **Augie Avery:** Going on the Sandford and building an even stronger bond than we already had. **Joe Hesse-Withbroe:** Being in the Fencing Tournament. **Jack Hesse-Withbroe:** Sailing and fencing. **Sean White:** Coming back from the Quetico knowing what we accomplished. **Miles Allen:** Competing in the Fencing Tournament. **Ian Patton:** Being with this group of guys and having great counselors. **Gordon Mitchell:** Cliff jumping on the Sandford. **Sam Hirsch:** The Sailing Regatta. **Powers Trigg:** Playing tennis and soccer. **Tom Sorensen:** The Bloodvein River trip. **Etienne Loos:** All the trip and World Cup. **Sawyer Nelson:** Free swim and Counselor Hunt. **Jondall Norris:** Sailing in super high winds with Owen, Jack and Jackson. **Luke Aloe:** Meeting new friends and doing all the activities. **Alec Wilson:** Fencing with everybody. **Barrett McKee:** Shooting trap. **Evan Hansen:** When Joe Milligan was spraying down the table and accidentally got Gyde in the mouth. **Brau Diaz:** Being in a very funny cabin. **Jamison Davis:** Shooting trap and coming out to camp and seeing what's new and different. **Grant Quasius:** Knowing that I am ready for my first Canadian next year. **Avery Garski:** Going on the Kopka and archery. **Roan Pluta:** Reading at night on the houseboat or making pancakes. **Christian Calian:** My cabinmates being hilarious. **Jack Patterson:** When the frog jumped on Mau. **Sam Calian:** The whitewater on the English. **Matan Diermeier-Lazar:** The whitewater on the English and Kettle Falls scenery. **Nicholas Matranga:** Waterfalls on the Quetico.



Camp Dates 2015

Full Season
 June 17th to August 10th

First Session
 June 17th to July 13th

Second Session
 July 15th to August 10th

Badger Camp I
 June 17th to June 30th

Badger Camp II
 July 15th to July 28th

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Our Staff

Many parents ask us, “Where do you get such a terrific staff?” Camp Chippewa hires men and women with great integrity, maturity and a nurturing attitude. The medical, maintenance, kitchen and counseling staff, all work in concert to make the mission at Chippewa a possibility each and every year.

Camp Chippewa is very fortunate—our employee return rate is quite high when compared to the industry standard. Dr. Chuck Spencer has been keeping camp healthy since the '70s.

Mary Keely recently stepped down after 22 years as our head cook. Her understudy, Gina Miller, already has 13 years of experience with Margie and Roxy by her side. Caretaker Lonnie Harmon spent 15 years keeping camp looking great before handing the keys to the kingdom to Jesse Rensberry. We look forward to many years of service from our new cook and caretaker as they continue the traditions of excellence that were passed down to them.

And what about the men in the cabins? Many are educators who migrate every summer—just like loons and eagles—to return to Cass Lake. They are eager to continue their positive influence as mentors, leaders and role models. It's wonderful and amazing to see campers return year after year. We watch them grow physically and emotionally. Boys advance in the activities and go on longer trips deeper into Canada's pristine wilderness. Most first-time counselors were campers themselves and are ready to pass the traditions down to the next generation of boys.

In addition to these men, what makes our staff so exceptional is the careful selection of new counselors who are unfamiliar with Chippewa's rich history. Why is this important? New perspectives, fresh ideas, and ripe imaginations propel our program forward. These men are willing to take chances and try something new. Some of our first-time counselors are experiencing the United States for the first time as well. Hailing from the UK, France and Mexico, these young men are looking for adventure. They come to Chippewa to teach and then tour the U.S. when the camp season is over.

Our returning staff develop with each passing summer. With age comes wisdom and maturity and thus better decision making, risk management, and creativity. We work hard during staff training and throughout the summer. Bonds



and lifelong friendships develop. But life moves on and jobs, families and careers eventually prevent our counselors from spending their entire summer at camp. Thankfully, many choose to use their two-week vacation to return to Chippewa to be busy, active and renew bonds with counselors and campers. Or maybe it's just the three fabulous meals a day in Knutson Hall that brings them back.

Some of these men realize camp is more than a job for the summer. They want to pursue the possibility of building a career at camp. Michael Thompson, Chippewa's 3rd director, is a fine example of this. And in a round-about way, I am as well. Choosing education as my vocation offered me the opportunity to spend my summers at camp for many years.

I am fortunate to be among men and women who volunteer their time, talents and love for the outdoors to work with children. Spouses of our counseling and medical staff as well as educators I have worked with for the last 30 years have donated their time to Chippewa's program or have come to introduce something new. Both Mary and I volunteered our time and talents over the last 10 years before becoming Camp Chippewa's 4th directors.

It's been said that world-renowned Mayo Clinic is like living inside a bubble. It's a teaching hospital where teams of health professionals make shared diagnoses to heal the sick and injured. That same vision is what I see at Chippewa; a place where boys experience the innocence of childhood in a bubble of sorts. In a time where childhood is becoming endangered, our boys and staff can live, grow and risk being who they were meant to be, free from the pressures of school, sports and peers. I believe that's why Chippewa has a dedicated and outstanding staff to help guide your son along the path to adulthood. Join me in 2015 for Chippewa's 80th.

“Your help with our son to get through the homesickness and the communication with us was fantastic. Mom would not have made it through the summer if she did not know how well you were taking care of him. THANK YOU!!! Loved seeing the occasional pictures as well. Great addition to the program.” –Aaron M.



Top photo: Cass Lake beach, 1950's. Bottom photo: Fish-a-Thon, Buck Lake, 1969.



The Portage

It starts with gently kissing the shore. Some canoes come up to sand, rock, brush or mud, broadside if they can manage it. This makes taking the packs, wannagins and fishing poles out of the canoe a lot easier. On the other hand, if the landing site is small, other canoes may have to queue up and wait their turn. In any case, the bowman hops out, taking what he can with him, then braces the canoe so the sternman can gingerly make it to firm ground. Gear is deposited a short distance from the water's edge near the head of the trail. The sternman helps his bowman get loaded-up and on his way. Then, in one swift motion, the canoe is briskly swung up and balanced on broad shoulders and off they go. Veteran Canadians know what they're doing. First-timers figure it out with the assistance of their trip leader, the Bourgeois. After a few days on the trail, voyageurs will do all of this automatically and seamlessly. Efficiency is key.

For most campers, the first portage is from the canoe rack to the shores of Cass or Buck Lake or to the trip-house where the van and trailer await. Younger campers eagerly anticipate their trip to the Quetico Provincial Park and earning their first tam but it is the portage that begins to test one's mettle.

Wannigans can be beastly things. They are very heavy at the start of a trip, but by the end of the journey, the load has lightened considerably. Carrying a wannigan usually necessitates assistance getting it up and setting it down.

Portaging two Duluth packs is called turtling. When turtling, you can't quite see where your feet are so looking ahead and a good memory of where the rocks and logs are located is important. It may feel good because the load is balanced front and back, but should you trip and fall, you'll soon discover why it is called turtling.

Shouldering a canoe requires a bit of practice. Start by grabbing the mid-thwart, roll the canoe onto your

opposite side, pop your hip, and with one swift motion, guide the thwart onto your shoulders. After a few adjustments, off you go. It's nice to walk the trail with another voyageur. Being under a canoe, the view of the path is perfectly clear but it's difficult to see what's above. Need a break? Ask your buddy to keep an eye out for the right tree branch or V to wedge the bow into. No matter the load you carry, it's always a relief to see blue water through the trees as you near the end of a long or particularly tough portage.

Set your gear, packs, and canoe on the ground making sure they are out of the way as the others arrive. Head back for more gear if you have to or load up, and get out on the water. Now is the time to take a long drink from the lake or your water bottle. This is also the time to take a few casts on the virgin waters while waiting for the others to join you.

For many, the portage is a welcome relief from constant paddling. Others feel it's an interruption, something to be avoided if at all possible. For me, there is a balance between the two. If you have been battling the dreaded headwind, a portage is a welcome respite. Sometimes, the brain can take no more than the seat can endure. Getting out of the canoe and stretching your legs is a wonderful feeling.

It's an old saying: no one was ever drowned on a portage. Portages are there for a reason. To take you from one watershed to another. Quite possibly around a falls or rapids too wild to run even for skilled paddlers. There is nothing like the feeling of carrying everything you have—home, kitchen, and food—across the land so you can once again glide across sky blue waters.

And so it is with Camp Chippewa. There is heavy lifting, a portage of sorts. Getting gear, food and people to the other side. I look forward to 2015 with sky blue waters on the other side. Stretch your legs, carry your share and join me for summer 80.

Rocks

Not too long ago, Camp was buried under a mile of solid ice. 10,000 years ago, these glaciers retreated leaving behind sandy beaches, streams, lakes and rivers. Massive ice sheets carved a large bowl now filled with clear, fresh water—Cass Lake. Not far away, at the height of land, a river began. This river threads itself through Cass Lake on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. The mighty Mississippi enters Cass Lake from the west and exists to the east. That means Camp Chippewa is actually *north* of the Mississippi River.

Glaciers left pockets of sand, clay, gravel and rock. Camp has all of these. Fortunately, the sand was deposited in the lake making it a safe, inviting body of water to swim and play in. The esker—located behind camp—is a hill made of clay. The esker is a great spot to run and hide during the Counselor Hunt.

Sometimes when the wind and wave action is just right, there is a zone of small, rounded rocks just off shore. When examined more closely, these rocks and pebbles tell a story. Colors, shapes and crystal sizes are clues to what happened thousands, millions and even billions of years ago. If you're lucky, you may even find an arrowhead. These are remnants of a civilization that populated this area not long ago.

When you venture north to Canada, the rock in the "shield country" tells a different story. But that's for another time.



Adventure

We left camp exactly 4 weeks ago. I've never had 28 days go by this fast in my life. Overall, this group has been amazing. We've had up and downs, but as a whole I think we function well and make the best of our time together. This trip is the perfect choice for this group. Not only does it differ from all the other trips, it differs from itself everyday. In that respect, we experience so much more because the river is constantly changing, the terrain keeps us guessing and the wildlife is so varied. Furthermore, seeing people from all over the world come to this river makes me feel like I am truly experiencing something special. I'm excited to go down in camp history and up in the dining hall as on of the guys on the Coppermine (2010).

On a personal note, this trip came to me at a perfect time since I am leaving for college shortly after its conclusion. I've been able to reflect on priorities and other things and thus was given a great opportunity to gather myself at such an important transition in my life.

In general, I just cannot get over how impressive this river is, as it continues to amaze me each day. On other trips, I've noticed myself feeling antsy or ready to get off the trail when we approach the end. Now, however, I would feel satisfied. I would love to stay out here and I know that I will miss the river and the guys as soon as we leave it. I actually find myself surprised that it is the 25th day on the river because going into the trip, it seemed unfathomable that time could move so quickly.

My tent mate and canoe buddy has given me memories I will never forget. This experience, this adventure, has definitely helped me notice much of my own skills in the wilderness. I have grown a lot. I have had the time of my life. Thank you Camp Chippewa for this awesome adventure.

BY RYAN MOESEL

Inciting Curiosity

You've heard about curiosity killing the cat. And about Pandora, whose curiosity released evil into the world. But the more I think about it, the more I believe that curiosity is one of the most *positive* human characteristics—one we should try to develop in our children, and in ourselves.

Think about the powerful role it can play in the classroom, motivating students to learn, to pay attention, and to work hard. Think about the powerful role it can play in parenting, allowing us to look *beyond* our child's actions to what's actually *motivating* their behavior, so we can be more effective in the discipline process (which is all about teaching).

Recently I became curious about curiosity and decided to see what science has to say about the subject. The Carnegie-Mellon researcher George Loewenstein defines "curiosity" pretty simply: it's when we feel a gap "between what we know and what we want to know." In this gap, the *want* motivates us to seek, to persist, and to learn. We feel an eagerness and an inquisitiveness mixed together to know more, and we typically keep chasing it down to quell that drive. Some people have compared it to an itch we need to scratch.

What I found most interesting is that curiosity activates the learning centers, the memory centers, and the reward centers of the brain. When these different areas of the brain are active, we can learn more and remember more, then be chemically rewarded for our spirit of inquiry. Basically, the anticipation we feel between *wanting to know* and *starting to know* makes us more receptive to learning and causes us to feel pleasure in the chase.

I'm curious about how you might feel about your kids and curiosity these days. When are they most curious? Does school invoke their curiosity? Or squash it? Do they have the time or inclination for a spirit of inquiry?

I'll tell you that when I'm observing kids and counselors at camp, I see curiosity continually emerging. Being in an environment away from

their typical lives, away from technology, and immersed in nature that is always changing and even unpredictable, kids have the time, space, and natural inclination to explore and discover. Further, kids at camp curiously anticipate, on a daily basis, what wildlife they'll see, what goofy things their counselors have planned, what challenges lie ahead, etc.

Since we know that curiosity makes us better able to learn, I wonder if this environment, where curiosity runs wild, is part of why kids learn so much more about themselves, and their social and emotional intelligence can take significant leaps in the weeks they're at camp.

The research on curiosity supports this speculation. Studies show that when the "curiosity switch" gets flipped on, a person's brain becomes more receptive—not only to learning about the subject the person was initially curious about, but to learning in general. So when kids at camp become curious about how to, for example, bait a hook or sail a boat, their brains become more capable of learning all kinds of other important lessons regarding relationships and resilience and even self-understanding. (Sneaky, huh?)

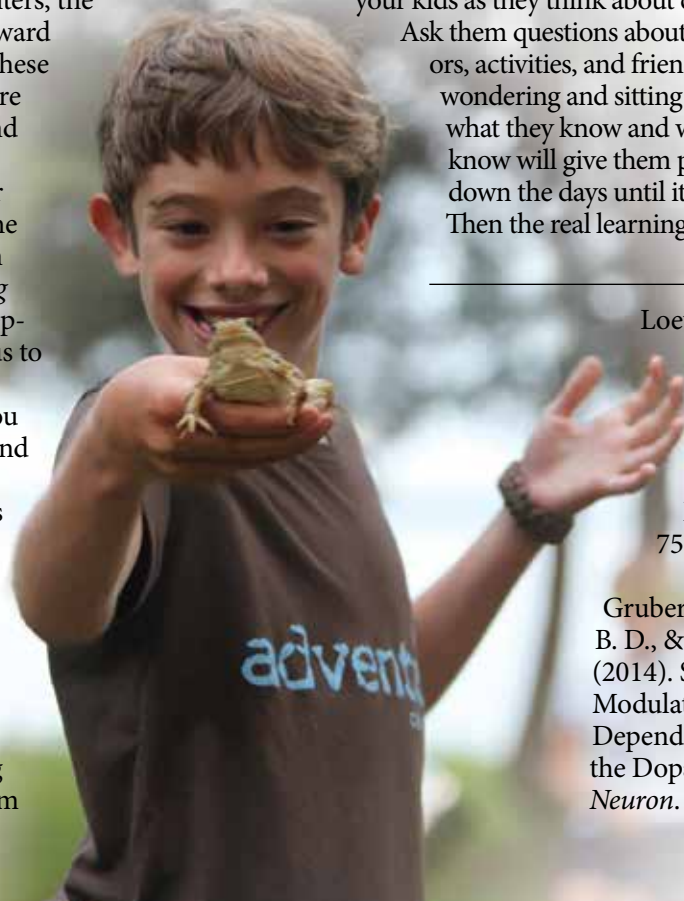
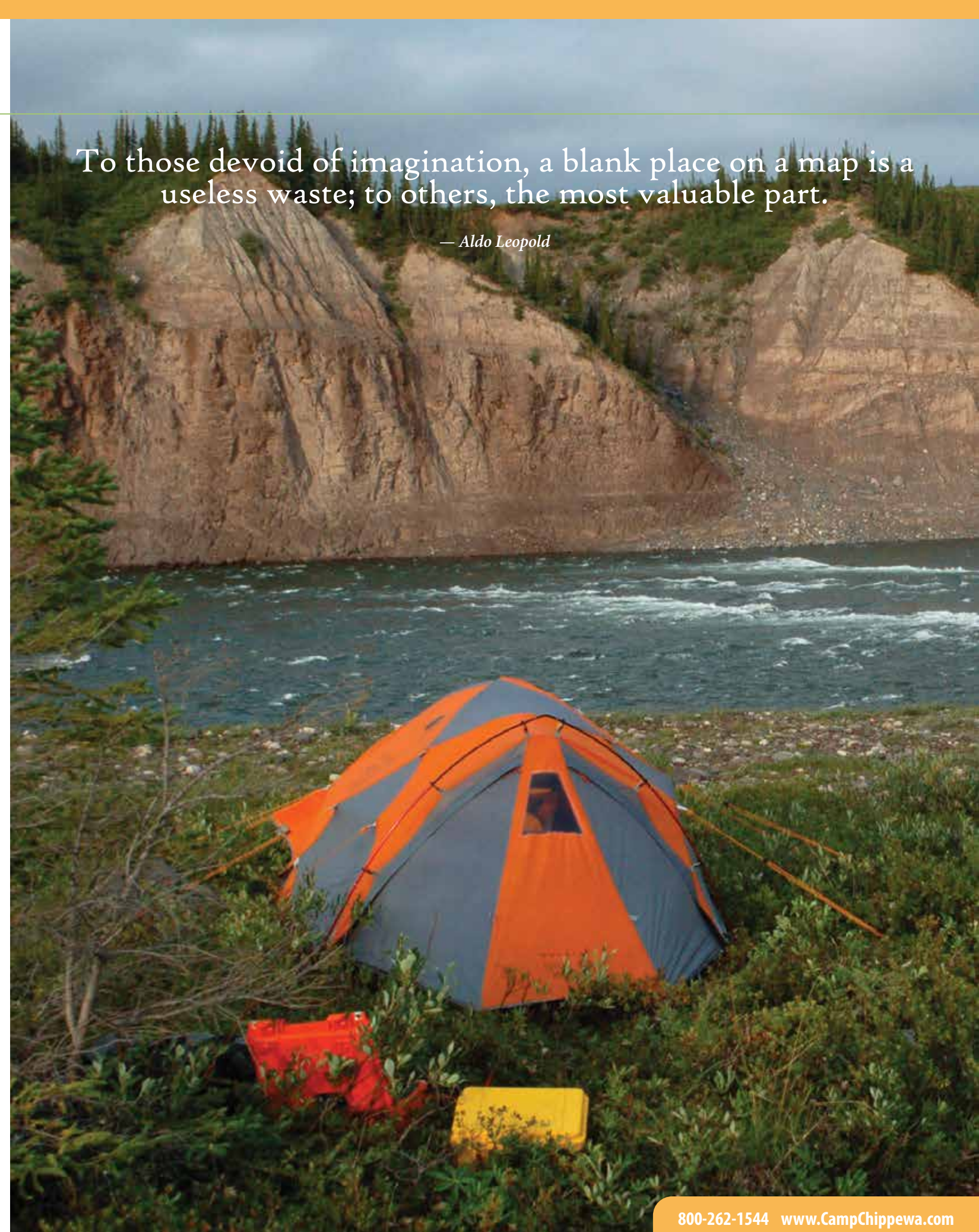
Watch for ways right now to incite curiosity in your kids as they think about camp next summer. Ask them questions about their camp counselors, activities, and friends. The anticipation of wondering and sitting in that gap between what they know and what they want to know will give them pleasure as they count down the days until it's time to go to camp. Then the real learning can begin.

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To those devoid of imagination, a blank place on a map is a useless waste; to others, the most valuable part.

— Aldo Leopold





Top photo, from left to right: Eric Crawford, Brian Endres, JP Endres, Bob Endres, Rich Fromstein.

The 70's

In 1975, JP, Brian E., and Bob E., set out on Chippewa's first ever expedition canoe trip deep into the Canadian wilderness of Ontario and Manitoba. What they started was not only a new chapter in Chippewa tripping but also the tradition of bringing home a "trip trophy." (Ask JP to tell the story of the moose antlers hanging in the dining hall.) These antlers have become an icon because Chippewa voyaguers use it as a "tam-a-rack" when they enter Knutson Hall.

Six campers and two staff (JP joined later on) paddled from Red Lake, Ontario all the way to the Bloodvein Reservation in Manitoba. 2013 was a reunion of sorts. Joining JP, Brian and Bob were Rich Fromstein and Eric Crawford. Missing but not forgotten were Kurt Hermann, Steve Rotter, Peter Birmingham and David Ferguson. Kurt Hermann's son, David, is a legacy camper at Chippewa. The tradition continues and so does the Bloodvein which was run again this past summer. Maybe, someday, you'll have your chance to go. Hanging your tam on the tam-a-rack will feel all the more special.



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Camp Chippewa has a new database and we need your help! If you attended camp as a camper or counselor or are a parent of a camper, please contact the camp office to update or verify your contact information. Mailing address, email and phone number will help us keep you up-to-date with what's happening at Chippewa. Receive news by mail and email about Open Houses and other Chippewa events in your city, canoe trips, gatherings and ways to reconnect with others. Help us spread the word to new families about the great experience Chippewa provides to boys on their way to manhood.

Thank you!



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Caught reading the Camp Chips



Alumni Peter Kornman (at left) and sons, Alex and Charlie (at right) were caught reading the CHIPS at Alex and Alexandra's (dubbed A²) wedding, Sept. 21, 2013, in Healdsburg, CA.

The Camp Chips is sent out far and wide. It may even reach the four corners of the world. As you read the CHIPS, take a moment and snap a photo. Show us where you are! Grand Canyon? NYC? Your back yard? Send your photos to mary@campchippewa.com and if we publish yours, you'll get a free camp store!



Notable Quote

"Where would we be without Camp Chippewa? As a parent you think your influence based on your own experience will be sufficient to raise a child. Camp Chippewa taught me the limitations of that approach as I watch my son blossoming into the character he is still becoming physically, socially and mentally. I take some credit, but I can see the influence the camp has had in the comments from others as they call him trustworthy, responsible, helpful, a pleasure to know. As the son is father to the man I see his character emerging strong and capable." –Alan K.