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n Olympic-caliber swimmer can train their entire life, only to come in second place and feel disappointment. Chances are their time in the sport will run short and they will have to move on with their life. However, in Major League Baseball, a batter can fail 70% of the time and be considered the best in the business for years and with big paychecks to come.

We have been diligently working towards successfully welcoming campers and staff back to Chippewa after last summer's hiatus. We all can't win gold, or be the next big slugger, but we can get back in the game, and that's just what we intend to do. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we are all in the same storm, just different boats.

COVID fatigue is real, but vigilance is key to keeping yourself and loved ones healthy. Studies show the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have an efficacy of nearly 95% which is unheard of for vaccines and something to be celebrated. And more and more people are getting vaccinated everyday.

Masks at camp will become as ubiquitous and important as wearing a PFD. In other words, they will be mandatory at the right times and places. PCR tests and time will help us determine when cohorts can begin to blend. Much of camp will look normal, and new expectations will soon become routine.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) working with the American Camp Association (ACA) have recently recognized camp staff as essential out-of-school-time workers. Several states have administered the vaccine to those working at camps. What does this all mean? The vaccine will keep me safe...masks will keep you safe.

Not every athlete wins gold and no one, not even the late, great Hank Aaron (my neighbor from the Milwaukee Braves) can hit the ball every time. We are preparing for a successful summer and we know you are too.

Before your son leaves for camp, please make sure he does not attend any gathering where someone who may be asymptomatic infects others unknowingly. Keep him safe and healthy so we can all be safe at camp.

At Chippewa, we get to un-Zoom, feel the sun, swim in a lake, and sleep under the stars. We get to have deep conversations, learn new skills, and feel the thrill of wind in our sails. And we will rekindle old friendships and forge new ones all while practicing strategies we know work to prevent the spread of the virus. And we get to feel as normal as we have since March 2020. We're getting excited, and know you are too. See you soon.

Mike Endres, Director





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Summer Highlights 2020

We asked our Camp Chippewa community how they spent their summer away from Camp last year. These are some of their adventures.



Ben and Adam P. (left) enjoyed some time in Bemidji, Minnesota. Mason Z. (center) spent time working outside on the farm. Hayden M. (right) went whitewater rafting and ATVing in Montana.



Charlie M. (left) spent time in Belgium's outdoors, at a BLM protest, and building a dog house. Avi R. (right) went on an adventure with his father, Tony, including rafting on the Colorado River.



'Round the Mark

- Located at the heart of camp, the Rendezvous has long-served as the scheduling hub for both campers and counselors. Last summer it received the renovation it so deserved. Head of maintenance, Jon Stauffer, spent many long days getting the Rendezvous back in tip-top shape. Who is going to sign up for the first open period of waterskiing?
- The Sentinel Climb has seen a lot of activity since its first summer in 2015. The holds are a bit worn; the routes are a bit too familiar. After a thorough cleaning (and we mean thorough), Abby and Jacob bolted six new routes all along the climbing tower. Who is going to reach the top of the advanced Salathé Wall first?
- Star Island has always been a mere two miles away from Camp's shores. As of July, 2019, Camp's shoreline now includes 200 feet of beach on Star Island. Camp Chippewa is the proud owner of one acre of land on the west side of O'Neils Point. Last summer, Mike, Mary, Abby, and Jacob spent many hours clearing brush and getting the land ready to serve as a campsite for all sorts of Chippewa canoe trips! Who is going to pitch their tent on the new site in 2021?
- The old clay basketball court is no more! The court has always been a dusty place to shoot hoops and very slippery after a rainstorm. A new and larger concrete court is being constructed in its place. New hoops and backboards will join the concrete surface for games of pickup during free period. Who will be the first to drain a three-pointer?
- Plans for a pavilion are nearing completion. An outdoor space to sit out of the rain, play games, and enjoy a hamburger or hot dog roast will ensure our cabin cohorts stay safe.
- Water fountains will be turned off this summer. Water bottles will be the standard hydration method for 2021. Keep your hands washed and your bottles full!



Jack H. (left) spent lots of time trout fishing with his grandfather in Colorado. Jack C. (center) went on several adventures, visiting the Cascade Mountains, Yellowstone, and the Outer Banks, NC. Even without Camp in session, Reagan F. (right) was on the trail this summer. Here he is with a beautiful stringer of fish.



Pierson T. (left) picked up a new sport this summer, surfing. Andres, Mauricio and Alejandro L. (center) spent 12 days in Vail, CO. They enjoyed all sorts of adventures, even paddling a canoe. Dillon H. (right) went to Montana to get some of the "outdoorsy experience" that he would normally be enjoying at Chippewa.



Griffen K. (left) spent the summer raising and loving rescue golden retriever Ava, and puppy Riley. Bo and **Cole B.** (center and right) enjoyed playing baseball, and hiking and camping in Colorado.



Isaiah and Micah A. (left) hiked, jumped off rocks into pools, skateboarded, and surfed. Luke and JP B. and their parents, Scott and Tina, (right) went to Mammoth, CA, to hike and be in nature.







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and Dick at Camp Chippewa.

"Boss of the Plains"

BY MIKE ENDRES

hat was the term given to the hat that became synonymous with those pioneering the American West. You may recognize it more commonly as the Stetson. John B. Stetson would go on to make over 3,300,000 hats a year in his Philadelphia factory. One of those recipients was Dr. Bob Endres.

Many old timers at camp will recall meeting (and never forgetting) the man who wore a tam with pride, but his Stetson with pleasure. I can still hear my Aunt Esther say, "Bob, take that dirty old hat off." Uncle Bob wore it on a canoe trip he went on with his brother, JP, son Bob, and nephews, Brian, Chris and me. We paddled the Quetico, portaged the old trails, laughed until tears clouded our vision, and swam in sky blue waters.

In December 2020, Dr. Bob passed away at age 97. He is survived by his five children and five grandchildren. As a





pediatrician he began his career making house calls carrying a black bag and sometimes being paid with whatever a farmer had available, or nothing at all. He served his country as a medic and helped his parents build a camp.

Bob is known for telling a few tales. His baritone voice had a bit of "Okie" as he lived most of his life in Tulsa, Oklahoma. That voice could silence a ruckus crowd or calm a cat in a rocking chair factory. He was quick with a joke as well as a magic trick. And he loved to sail his Grumman aluminum canoe on Cass Lake.

Past the Ivy Bowl, there are a few cabins. The A-frame was built in the '60s and provided a cool escape from the Oklahoma summer heat for Bob and Esther, an RN. They served as camp doctor and nurse for many years.

To say Dr. Bob wore many hats would not only be cliché, it would be wrong. I really only saw him wear two. His tam and that old Stetson. To say he impacted many people would indeed be an understatement. If you were lucky to know Dr. Bob, count yourself a better person. He may not have been "boss of the plains," he was more like boss of the water. He was skilled with a paddle, fishing pole or tiller. Great hats and a great man. Sail on.

A Note from...

The wind does not fight on a level playing field. It throws everything at you, attacking your strength, teamwork, skill, and most of all, your determination. It tries to break you down, testing your muscles and your mind. As we paddled, I made the mistake of glancing at the shore to our right. I watched as trees crawled past, receding more slowly than if I were walking.

Despite paddling as hard as I could, we inched forward. I looked ahead; maybe our campsite was close. No. No open land in sight, just trees and rocks and water as far as I could see. The sun was setting, meaning we would soon be paddling blind in the freezing cold.

For as long as I can remember, I listened to men I looked up to talk about their canoe trips to Hudson Bay.

It's a badge of pride among canoers to be able to say, "I went to the Bay" and to me, the Bay seemed legendary. This trip was important to me, and, from the beginning, I knew it wouldn't be easy. You can't get to Hudson Bay without pain and struggle, but it is always worth it. The effort itself is often part of the reward.

In the moment, it's hard to appreciate this aspect of the reward. It's too easy to focus on everything telling you to stop. The wind, whipping past my ears, hissed at me to stop. My muscles, exhausted from a long day of paddling, screamed at me to stop. My freezing limbs, thoroughly soaked, begged me to stop. Even my mind, frustrated at being unable to combat the wind and dreading the hundreds of miles to come, cried at me to stop. Nevertheless, I kept going.

In part, it was because I knew my stern-man relied on me. We were in this battle together and we both needed to put in everything we had. We relied on and trusted each other to get through this struggle and had built this trust through years of canoeing together. I realized I had few





Above, Sam (at right) with fellow Athabascan, Max W., near the confluence of the Little Churchill and Churchill Rivers. Below, Athabasca Cabin paddling the Churchill River in 2016.

people I could have that much mutual trust with. These relationships mean a lot to me and I will do whatever I can to live up to those expectations.

In part, it was because this was my chance to get to Hudson Bay. As a kid, I longed to be one of those legendary canoers. Going to the Bay never left my sights since the first story I heard about it, and this was finally my chance which had seemed like it would never come. The Bay is the culmination of the hard work I've put in my entire life. It's a symbol of the camaraderie and dedication of my group and an opportunity not many people get.

In part, it was because, as I nervously glanced to my left to see how far the sun had set, its simultaneous peril and beauty reminded me why I go on these canoe trips year after year. The sun had dipped below the tree line and set the horizon on fire, silhouetting the trees against bright streaks of orange and red. As I craned my neck to take in as much of the sky as possible, I stopped caring about my aching limbs and freezing fingers. In these moments my pain and worries are replaced with awe and wonder.

In reality, it was a combination of all those factors and more that kept me going. I found the moments that tested my ability to continue on this 300 mile journey were what transformed me from someone who dreamed about going to the Bay to someone who could actually make it there. So, even though the wind doesn't fight on an even playing field, I know I can battle through it, for those relying on me and for myself, and even manage to enjoy the battle. *



ids need camp. We have known this for a long time, and it remains true today. Camp is where kids can learn about themselves and connect with others in a screen-free outdoor environment. Camp is where kids can experience challenges and feel supported by friends and role models. Camp is where kids can build physical and emotional skills to better handle adversity and gain self-confidence. Camp is where kids experience what it means to be a leader. You get the idea.

But did you know that adults need camp just as much as kids? Whether your child attends camp or you work at camp yourself, camp benefits you in just as many ways. As a parent, camp allows your child to develop secure attachments, learn from other adults, and experience living and cooperating with peers. All three of these things are critical in developing independence. As a staff member, camp allows you to unplug from the bustle and toxicity of the digital age where all that matters is "getting ahead." You learn oral communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving, interpersonal and leadership skills, creativity, and collaborative skills. The fact is, the friendships you make and life skills you develop at camp will help set you apart from everyone else trying to "get ahead."

So we all need camp. COVID-19 has changed so many things in our lives, but not this. This summer will be different, but it will still serve to meet these vital needs that are not being met in our lives outside of camp. Those of us at Chippewa have been staying up to date with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and American Camp Association (ACA) about how to make camp this summer as safe and beneficial as every summer before. This is what we know so far:

#1 STAY SAFE & HEALTHY

Limit your interactions with others outside your immediate household as much as possible for 10-14 days before coming to camp. Take your temperature each morning and monitor

for COVID symptoms. Now is a great time to start taking a more active role in your health. And wash your hands.

#2 GET A COVID TEST

No more than 72 hours before you leave for camp, perform a PCR test. The goal is to receive a negative COVID test result before you start traveling to camp. Be sure to share your result with the camp office right away. It's your pass to get into camp. And wash your hands.

#3 TRAVEL SAFELY TO CAMP

Driving with your immediate family is safe as long as you do not give anyone a hug at the gas station. Airplanes are safe, but you should still practice social distancing and wear a mask while in the airport and on the plane. And wash your hands.

#4 AT CAMP CHIPPEWA

Campers will form a cohort with the rest of their cabin mates and counselors. Activities, meals, and free time with their cabin cohort will be mask-free just like every other summer (sleeping too, obviously). And wash your hands.

#5 NONPHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS (NPIS)

When interacting with campers or counselors from other cabin cohorts, these 3 NPIs need to happen: wear a mask, stay six feet apart, and be outside. The table tennis tables are over six feet long in case you were wondering. And wash your hands.

#6 CAMP-WIDE COVID TESTS

During the first week of camp everyone will be tested again. If results are all negative, we can begin integrating cabin cohorts. We will be outside all the time because outside is better than inside. Camp life will look and feel quite similar to how it was in 2019!

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We are learning new things every week about what camp this summer will look like. One thing we are still waiting to hear is if the Canadian border will be open this summer. It is currently closed, and Camp Chippewa has ten amazing Boundary Waters canoe trips planned for the summer. If the Canadian border opens, we will begin making adjustments to send our voyageurs into Canada. If it remains closed, the Boundary Waters present a wonderful and unique opportunity to explore a new area rich in Fur Trade history.

Uncertainty surrounding camp this summer can feel a little overwhelming. But here's the good news. Camp Chippewa will still be able to deliver its mission this summer regardless of COVID. Campers will be outside. Campers will be socializing (in person!) with their friends. Campers will be learning from their role models. Campers will be growing physically, mentally, and emotionally. And campers will not be staring at a screen all day. This summer is going to be exactly what we all need! *



t's known as the Aurora Borealis. More commonly known as the northern lights. I have seen them many times in my life. I am lucky because I live in Minnesota where chances are pretty good to see them at this northern latitude. Unfortunately, I also spend nine months out of the year living close to Minneapolis where the city's lights wash out the sky and make for poor nighttime viewing. That's why Camp Chippewa, which is located 90 miles south of Canada, is a great place to see the aurora's display. What's even better is a clear evening up at Hook Island or a starry night on the Quetico or Sandford. Trips to the Bay are not very good because it stays light much longer that far north.

What are the northern lights? They are lights in the night sky created by

charged particles from the sun. These particles follow earth's magnetic field, impact the upper atmosphere, and release energy as light. Periodically, the sun will experience violent eruptions sending ions out into space traveling at a million miles an hour. Even at that speed, it takes several days to get to earth. And just like iron filings following a bar magnet's field of influence, these ions cascade down close to the Earth's magnetic poles. Gases in our atmosphere like oxygen and nitrogen glow with colors like green, yellow, pink, and occasionally red. Just as a fluorescent light bulb glows when you flip the switch, our atmosphere will do the same thing when hit by charged particles. One very special night many years ago, the auroras covered the whole sky continued on back cover

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Into the BWCA

Veryone remembers their first canoe trip into Canada. It is the thing that every camper looks forward to from their first summer at Chippewa. The anticipation felt during the van ride; the excitement upon pushing off from shore onto the first lake. No one can forget the adversity of their first real portage, battling through a headwind, or canoeing in the pouring rain. The challenge of the trail is what contributes to the overwhelming sense of accomplishment you feel at the end. And let us not forget earning your first tam. It is the first tam ceremony that no one forgets no matter how much time passes. Taking part in these traditions helps connect us to the history of the Fur Trade era. From the traditional gear and simplistic lifestyle to the tams we wear and the routes we travel, we draw upon the Voyageurs of old for inspiration.

The summer of 2021 presents us with an incredible opportunity to explore a region rich in history from the Fur Trade. The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness extends along the US-Canada border all the way from Lac La Croix, along the Quetico Provincial Park, and to Lake Superior. People remember many historic places of the Fur Trade era: York Factory on the Hayes, the Churchill River, Norway House on the Nelson, and Hudson Bay. Voyageurs were traveling the Boundary Waters long beforehand.

The Boundary Waters connect Lake Superior and the Atlantic Ocean with the interior of the continent. It contains both the Grand Portage along the Pigeon River and the Laurentian Divide, which separates the Atlantic and Hudson Bay watersheds. Making the historic Grand Portage west from Lake Superior into the Boundary Waters and crossing the Laurentian Divide at Height of Land Portage was a monumental achievement for any voyageur.

Sigurd Olson, namesake of Olson cabin, spent his entire life writing and traveling all over North America on countless adventures. He canoed the Churchill River, visited Cumberland House, explored Great Slave and Great Bear Lakes, and even traveled in the Klondike and Yukon regions. But it was the Boundary Waters that he loved most and fought to conserve.

While Camp Chippewa has done many canoe trips in the Quetico, we have never done a canoe trip in the Boundary Waters. This summer, every camper of Canadian age will have the chance to feel the excitement and overcome the challenges of exploring somewhere new. It is a chance to discover a region rich in history, wild at its heart, and full of adventure!





Top Gun

amp Chippewa's founder Otto "Cap" Endres was a Captain in the Army. He was a small arms instructor stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas circa 1916-17. It was there he taught firearm safety, shooting skills, and respect for a rifle. He also was keen on bringing the sport of riflery to camp.

Eighty-five years later Camp Chippewa continues to provide the opportunity to teach boys the wonderful sport of riflery. It is no hyperbole to say our range is the safest place on camp. The rules down on the range are iron clad. Range rules must be followed and because boys are typically eager to shoot, they are all-in when it comes to learning, understanding, and respecting camp's equipment and procedures.

Our rifles are excellent. Anschutz, 22-caliber rifles, come from the same manufacturer that builds most of the gold medal-winning rifles used in the Olympics. The goal of riflery is to be consistent. Our counselors teach proper form, patience, and how to R-E-L-A-X.

It doesn't take long for boys to learn and earn the riflery ranks. Achievement starts with the first rank of Pro-Marksman. Boys must shoot a total of ten targets in the prone (lying down) position and score at least a 20 (out of 50) points to attain this rank. If feels great to pass ranks, but it does take years to master the sport and become good enough to earn the highest rank of Expert Rifleman.

To attain the rank of Expert, campers must shoot ten targets of 40 of better in prone, sitting, kneeling, and finally offhand (standing). Averaging eight points per round in the offhand position is no easy task.

In 2019, we had one camper, in his seventh year, achieve

Andres L. shooting in kneeling position on the way to Expert. This summer, Andres is returning to camp as a first-year counselor and hopes to help campers learn the Rules of the Range.

Expert. And as a CLT he was out of camp much of the first session on the Little Churchill canoe trip.

It happened to be the day the girls from Camp Kamaji came over for an afternoon regatta. That very morning, Andres Lazalde went down to the range to shoot. He needed only two targets to attain Expert rank. With three chances to get two targets he nailed the first one easy-peasy. Got a 30-something on the second one. With one more chance on this day, he was not allowed to retrieve his target after shooting. Instead, camp director, Mike Endres, went down to pick up Andres' target. No one knew the outcome.

As many of you know, we ensure all targets are accurately scored and certified by the home office in "Downtown Pennington, MN." All kidding aside, a bright yellow Pelican box was brought out in front of all the Chippewa and Kamaji campers for hopefully a momentous announcement. First out of the box came a target of 41. Andres' ninth qualifying target with now only one to go. A second target was brought out and immediately put into flames. Not a 40. And, not one of Andres' targets. A third target was pulled from the case and it was exactly a 40. Boom!! Done! Expert! The crowd went wild.

Whether it's down on the range, on the fencing strip, or on a sail boat, our campers learn that not every target, touch, or set of sails, will provide advancement. Resiliency, mastery, challenges, and grit are all lessons learned and earned. Set backs are a part of life. It took Andres seven wonderful years and many targets to advance through the ranks. He persevered and we feel Cap would be proud that Andres earned the rank of Expert Rifleman. K

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Aurora Borealis

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from horizon to horizon—north to south and east to west. It's a myth to believe it has to be cold outside. Look up on any clear night and your chances are equally good. Only after significant solar activity will you increase your chances of seeing them. So, the next time you are sitting around a campfire and the stars look like diamonds in the inky black sky, look toward the north and you just may see the dancing and shimmering lights of the auroras. ^{*}



Every day we see the impact of Camp Chippewa in the face and actions of our now-28-year-old son. His confidence, his love for adventure, his kinship with peers, his care and attention to young people, and his respect for the environment were all honed during his 9 years as a camper. His Camp Chippewa experience gave him the tools to navigate a middle-school move and long-distance college experience without losing his sense of self and personal values. We consider Camp Chippewa a co-partner in our successful efforts to raise an exceptional man. –Marcia & Gary, Minnesota

