

Camp CHIPS



Change and Tradition at Chippewa

During Camp, a ten-year-old pulled us aside. “Sam and Ryan, what’s going to be different next year?” Weeks later, at a gathering in Denver, an alum asked a similar question. “So Sam, what’s changed at Camp since I was there?”

We understand they aren’t only asking about changes; they want to know what will be the same.

As Ryan and I step into new roles, we realize Chippewa must change to meet the evolving needs of campers and staff. We must adapt to challenges facing camps, non-profits, and our world.

Simultaneously, we will stay deeply rooted in tradition. Taps will be played every night. Counselors will read aloud to their campers. “We Thank Thee for the Morning Light” and “For Food and Health” will be sung in Knutson Hall. Boys will return to Camp from their first canoe trip in Canada wearing

the Dress Gordon Tam. And when alumni return, they will say, “Camp hasn’t changed.”

Camp Chippewa is a remarkable place. Decades of boys and men have called Camp home as they grow into resilient teammates and compassionate leaders. We are here to keep that going—to keep serving, teaching, and allowing boys to experience summer in the Northwoods, all while keeping the camp relevant and healthy.

For campers, this means being pushed outside their comfort zone, but never past the robust support they have. For alumni, it means continuing to improve our camp while staying grounded in Cap Endres’ vision.

We are rooted in the past, with an eye to the future. Here’s to the next 90 years.✌

—Sam Endres and Ryan Hove





2025 Camper

Who's Who 2026

Gavin F. Westwood MA
Nick J. Bethesda MD
Josh A. Boulder CO
Lucas A. Boulder CO
David E. Elk River MN
Elliot C. Boca Raton FL
Zeke G. Chelan WA
Peter F. Wellesley MA
Philip F. Wellesley MA
Anderson G. Vienna VA
Oliver C. Clarendon Hills IL
Mauricio R. O. San Luis Potosi SL
Jack W. Aurora CO
Ben S. Denver CO
Charles B-M. Brussels
Ryan B-N. Los Angeles CA
Will V. San Diego CA
Cole K. Highlands Ranch CO
Lucas B. Shawnee KS
Charlie B. Menlo Park CA
Junior H. Candler NC
Ramsey S. Austin TX
Zander Z. Tulsa OK
Gage C. Leawood KS
Simon H. Arcadia CA
Sam V. St. Louis MO
Colin G. Northville MI
Quinn G. Northville MI
Archibald C. Washington DC
Niam S. Hoboken NJ
Teddy W. Orono MN
Odin L. San Marino CA
Jasper M. Los Angeles CA
Iker V. San Luis Potosi SL
Elam C. Los Altos CA
Silas C. Los Altos CA
Dylan T. New Orleans LA
Jackson W. Mequon WI
Cruz C. Mission Hills KS
Julian V. Mission Hills KS
Matias M. G. San Luis Potosi SL
Grant H. Tulsa OK
Lincoln H. Tulsa OK
Logan W. Fort Collins CO
Thomas H. San Francisco CA
Jesse V. Duluth MN
Henry J. Indianapolis IN
William B. Duluth MN
Beck M. Los Angeles CA
Carmelo B. Duluth MN
Owen A. West Chester PA
Charlie P. Kenilworth IL
Fisher W. Austin TX

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SESSION I: Emilio T. Gaga ball. **Henry J.** Getting my paddle. **Philip F.** Getting my rainbow string. **Eli R.** When I won scatterball. **Jasper M.** Shooting my high score and scatterball. **Beck M.** When we slept in Manitou for a week. **Nico T.** When I shot a 42 in riflery. **Costa T.** Paddling the Mississippi with my friends. **Mau R.** Fishing in a sail boat. **Cole K.** Playing aerial darts. **Dorian M.** The storm. **Nick A.** When Dorian was wearing his goggles at rest period. **Jack W.** How the storm was really bad but we adjusted really fast! **Charlie L.** Earning my Bar 5. **Lucas A.** When my brother Josh came back from the Kopka. **Dainis B.** The storm. **Peter F.** Kitchen raid. **William B.** Playing games. **Cesar T.** When I went to Star Island with my brother, it was really fun. **Townes M.** Getting on the climbing wall. **Andrew G.** Seeing the full moon that was bright orange. **James B.** Seeing people earn their rainbow strings. **Anish M.** Earning my Junior Archer. **AJ W.** Shooting a 48 in riflery and seeing Asa shoot a full court basketball shot. **David E.** Sailing canoes away from a storm. **Dylan T.** Sailing an Open Bic when it was really windy. **Matt H.** Watching the sunset with my cabin on the Voyageurs. **Xander T.** Going on my trip. **Odin L.** Winning Scatterball. **Elliott L.** On the trip, it was fun telling stories with everyone. **Jhailen S.** Playing Scatterball. **Simon H.** When I went on my trip. **Vance M.** Trip prep with my friends. **Owen A.** Getting to the Valley of the Gods on the Kopka. **Logan W.** The whole Kopka trip. **Drew H.** Being in the Valley of the Gods. **Tommy H.** Valley of the Gods. **Beau M.** Entering the Valley of the Gods on Day 11 of the Kopka. **Jack H.** The Kopka. **Jesse V.** Returning from the trip. **Josh A.** The storm and seeing all the counselors help out. **Xander G.** Thunderhouse Falls. **Daniel F.** Thunderhouse Falls. **Charlie P.** Getting books for all of the kids in Bunkhouse. **Ben P.** The whole Missinaibi trip. **Michael A.** Eating burgers after arriving in Mattice on the trip. **Nate H.** Missinaibi. **Nico L.** All the time getting to know my cabin better on the trip. **Julian W.** The view at Thunderhouse Falls.

SESSION II: Patricio G. First time sailing an Open Bic. **Dany O.** Paddling to Star Island. **Nick J.** When I got a bunch of awards at the Awards Ceremony. **Anderson G.** Dipping in Cass Lake. **Mau R.** Going on my trip. **Gage C.** When I got invited to the fencing meeting. **Ryan R.** Paddling the clear water of the Mississippi. **Evan R.** Counselor Hunt. **Ajay T.** Too hard to pick, there are so many! **Lucas B.** My trip. **Lucas A.** When a muskrat ran right next to us on my trip. **Zander Z.** Hanging with my cabin. **Iker V.** Battle of the Bands. **Matias M.** Counselor Hunt. **Truitt T.** Meeting people in my cabin for the first time. **Grant H.** When I earned Bar 2. **Gavin F.** Going to Hook Island. **Easton M.** Playing tag. **Jack R.** Jibing for the first time while sailing. **Alejandro O.** The trips. **Townes M.** Getting up on waterskis for the first time. **Sam V.** Going on the Crow Wing. **Julian V.** Looking at the moon after the Awards Ceremony. **Adam O.** All of it! **Elam C.** The Crow Wing. **Ben Y.** Earning my Midshipman. **Will V.** Our canoe trip after



Highlights

one of our portages. **Cole B.** Looking at the stars. **Dylan T.** Skipping in the Regatta. **Cruz C.** The Regatta. **Ben G.** Seeing Voyageurs National Park, it was very beautiful and nice. **Colin G.** Swimming in the Regatta. **Oz S.** Dipping on the last night of camp. **Sonny H.** Tubing. **Drew Y.** The Hawkcliff. **Silas C.** Fishing. **John R.** Getting up on waterskis was amazing. **Vance M.** Playing Uno with Dylan while hiding during Counselor Hunt. **Jackson W.** The trip and the Davis Cup. **Ramsey S.** Completing the trip. **Fisher W.** Catching a big pike at Buck Lake. **Charlie P.** Catching a giant pike and getting to cook and eat it. **Ryan S.** Cliff jumping on the Hawkcliff. **Rex S.** Meeting Junior and getting to know him. **Rowan B.** Earning Master Archer and being in the Fencing Tournament finals. **Charlie B.** Watching the moon with my cabin. **Quinn G.** Day 8 of the English (rapids day), lots of fun being with the cabin. **Tommy H.** Flipping my canoe on the trip. **Josh A.** Earning my Expert with Ben P. **Charlie B-M.** The English. **Jack N.** Cooking fish near English Falls. **Wallace D.** English Falls. **Henry L.** Stargazing at night with clear skies. **Jesse V.** The English. **Colin G.** Shooting the 4th set of rapids on day 8 of the English and going straight through a standing wave. **Hayden M.** Pre- and post-trip saunas. 🏆



CAMP DATES 2026

FULL SESSION
June 17th to August 10th

SESSION I
June 17th to July 13th

SESSION II
July 15th to August 10th

BADGER CAMP I
June 17th to June 30th

BADGER CAMP II
July 15th to July 28th

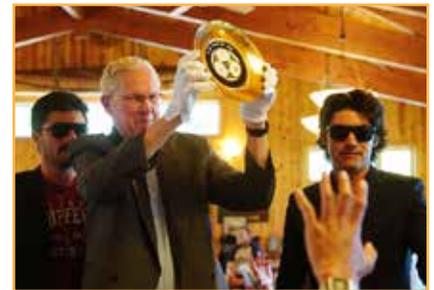
Benjamin G. Richmond VA
Eli R. Belgrade MT
Adam O. San Carlos CA
Charlie L. Indianapolis IN
George H. Milwaukee WI
Sterling H. Evergreen CO
Emmett H. Evergreen CO
Drew Y. Mountain View CA
Rex S. San Francisco CA
Oz S. San Francisco CA
Jack L. Washington DC
Andrew G. Florence KY
Bridger T. Brainerd MN
Truitt T. Tulsa OK
Sonny H. Atherton CA
Bowen R. Lake Bluff IL
Dorian M. Milwaukee WI
Ethan S. Moorhead MN
Xander T. Scottsdale AZ
Costa T. Scottsdale AZ
Nico T. Scottsdale AZ
Jhailen S. Philadelphia PA
Wallace D. Chicago IL
Ben Y. Mountain View CA
Blake I. Chicago IL
Theodore S. Wilmette IL
Hatcher K. Boulder CO
Jaxon W. Boulder CO

Camp Happenings

Expert Riflemen

The Rifle program has always been Camp's safest program. From Cap Endres' military background, discipline and excellence have been ingrained in the program since its inception. And no rank celebrates discipline and excellence like Expert Rifleman, awarded to campers who have shot ten targets scoring 40 or more from all four positions—prone, sitting, kneeling, and offhand. Reaching Expert takes years of patience and resilience. As soon as the form and technique of one position is mastered, it is time to move on to the next, more challenging one. This summer, three campers achieved the rank of Expert, each in a remarkable way. **Nate H.** (16) earned his Expert the day before flying

home to California. **Josh A.** (15) and **Ben P.** (17) earned their Expert on the same day. As always, passing the rank of Expert is certified by the Home Office in Downtown Pennington, MN. Commensurate celebration always follows. Congratulations riflemen! 🎖️



Sanders Cup

Second Session 2025 hosted the first Inaugural Sanders Cup™, so named in celebration of Phil Sanders (age not included at the bequest of Mr. Sanders' legal team), and his dedication to the integral role of parading the soccer trophy around Knutson Hall during lunch before the end-of-camp soccer tournament. His reverence and pageantry are truly unmatched. Going forward in perpetuity, the Sanders Cup™ will be held at the end of each session at camp. The first Sanders Cup™ champions were celebrated during the Final Banquet. 🎖️



Former and current experts at Camp (L to R): Andres Lazalde, Alec Wilson, Xander G., Haley Fox, Josh A., Ben P., Tori Fox, Karl Maher, Jacob Endres, Sam Endres, Mike Endres, Herluf Lund.

Fencing Tournament

Camp Chippewa's fencing program continues to trend upward. Having produced a number of collegiate fencers, 2025's program was elevated by Adam Peters and Jack Parsons, former Chippewa campers who continue their love of the sport at their respective universities. Fencing was a popular activity choice,

with bouts being held in the Pavilion and during open evenings in preparation for the famed Fencing Tournament. Hoisting the trophy this year were **Simon H.** (14) and **Rowan B.** (15). Congratulations also to runner-ups **Matthew H.** (13) and **Quinn G.** (15). Next year's field already looks stacked! Great job fencers! 🎖️



Phil Shirt

Peter F., Cesar T., and Jose Pablo T. brought friends to camp this summer, earning themselves the sought-after Phil Shirt!

In Session II, **Nico L.** introduced **Nick J.** to Camp, **Julian V.** invited his friend **Sam V.**, and **Rex S.** brought along his brother, **Oz.** **Grant H.** brought along his little brother, **Lincoln**, earning the RP Shirt! **Sonny H.** brought friends **John R.** and **Silas C.**, earning both the Phil and RP Shirts! 🎖️



Open Horizon

BY MIKE ENDRES

Just past the Ivy Bowl stands a cabin called Tumblehome. As you may recall, the inward slope of the upper sides of a canoe, boat, or ship is called tumblehome—so I thought it would make a fitting name for our cabin.

Mary and I have called this our summer home since 2000. I don't remember my first summer at Camp Chippewa in 1958, but I do know this: the waters of Cass and Buck are still clear, the forests still smell of pine, and summers spent outdoors are still exactly where kids should be.

Since passing the tiller on to Ryan and Sam this past August, Mary and I spent most of September off-grid (as much as possible) celebrating our 40th anniversary. We traveled to Alaska, where we fished, hiked, and explored mountains, glaciers, and fjords. A special highlight was Denali National Park. Our next stop was Kauai, where we snorkeled, hiked, and toured waterfalls, canyons, and the rugged Nā Pali Coast. Both are beautiful states with so much to offer, but our hearts were never far from Camp Chippewa and our 13 years as your directors.

There is still much to be done in and around the Chippewa campus. Rebuilding and reforestation efforts are

fully underway in preparation for Summer 2026. Buildings are scheduled for repair, and new trees are already replacing the venerable forests damaged in the "Storm of '25." Mary and I have been on-site to ensure the work is on track for next summer. We're excited for the expansion of Badger, Bunkhouse, and Kamaji cabins—much like Demonia in 2017. We've seen the cleanup firsthand, and although the landscape has changed a lot since the wind event, things are looking great.

Where will we be this summer (our first after retiring as directors)? I think we ought to "Tumble on Home" to our cabin next to the Ivy Bowl. Will you see us at Camp? You sure will. Teaching riflery, taking a boat of campers out fishing, tending the Camp Store, and teaching art classes—you bet.

Sigurd Olson's book *Open Horizons* reminds us that there will always be a horizon out ahead of us. "Open Horizons is the story of the unknowns I have discovered, and gone through," he writes. It has been a wonderful journey and an honor to have played a part in Chippewa's 90 years of Building Character, Discovering Adventure, and Honoring Tradition.

For now, it's time to head toward another open horizon. See you this summer! ❄️

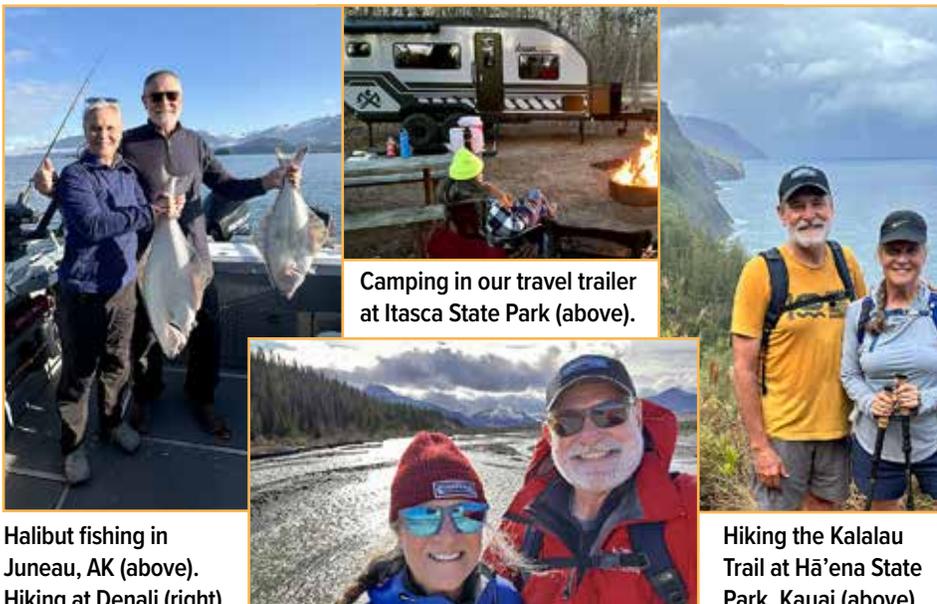
Remembrance of a Beloved Camp Figure

You all know the Camp Store well. Named the Hudson Bay Trading Post, it was located behind Knutson Hall for many years. Before that, it resided in the back corner of the kitchen. Campers would line up, awaiting their turn to climb a few steps and peak into the Trading Post's window.

If you were a camper back in the 50s, 60s or 70s, you would have been greeted by Audrey Endres. She would patiently assist you in making decisions, hand out the treasured candy bar or piece of stationary, and move on to welcome the next camper.

This past May, at 94 years old, Audrey peacefully passed away. She was sound of mind and sharp of wit—always with a flair for the humorous and dramatic—her entire life. Those who knew her at Chippewa will recall her smile and her inviting conversations. She was a fixture in the Camp Store and Office, a doer of many small, unnoticed, and vitally important tasks, and a comforter of homesick campers. Audrey played a big role in helping make the Chippewa experience what it is today.

Day is done. God is nigh. ❄️



Halibut fishing in Juneau, AK (above). Hiking at Denali (right).

Camping in our travel trailer at Itasca State Park (above).

Hiking the Kalalau Trail at Hā'ena State Park, Kauai (above).



Cap and Mom Endres (camp founders), with Audrey & JP Endres, and Chip, 1963.

2025 Staff Highlights

Zylon Allen – Having the opportunity to come back and relive memories and make new ones. **Jane Beeler** – Sailing with a group of campers on a particularly windy day. Getting soaked by waves and watching another boat capsize, we laughed so much and had such a good time, and made a good memory together. **Carlos Gutierrez** – Star Island trip first session, 2nd period swimming, Mike smiling through the storm, both of my pontoon trips, hanging out with the most awesome staff ever! **Alex Haft** – Connecting with staff and campers in the camp environment had a meaning and visible impact for me that is unlike anywhere else (professionally or personally). **Andres Lazale** – The people at camp. Everyone

makes this place special. **Conor Londra** – Showing my cabin the Milky Way and stargazing. **Brodie Krusic** – Taking out the Long Mississippi during 1st Session, getting to see the growth of my campers, and making friends with campers and counselors alike. **Matias Muller** – Leading out the Hawkcliff. **Cathal O'Brien** – The Wanaki vs. Windigo basketball game first session. **Stephen Parkes** – Watching a group of campers play “Star Wars” on Cass Court. They came up with their own rules and special powers, they were all having so much fun and it was so wholesome to watch. I came over to be the counselor present, but were doing a great job on their own. **Jack Parsons** – Cooking great meals on Hook

Island. **Drake Peden** – Always feeling at home, on the trail and at camp. **Adam Peters** – Teaching campers fencing and my cabins on the trail and watching them learn and gain that independence/self-discipline. **Luis Robinson** – Seeing Mike’s positivity after the storm. **Avi Ross** – Night sailing, and nearly every moment with Manitou could be a highlight. **Joe Seymour** – Being able to work with the same cabin as last summer and seeing their personal growth from year to year. **Ethan Thompson** – My Star Island trip with Badger, they were the best campers ever! **Liam Wang** – Seeing how much certain campers appreciate my presence. **Alec Wilson** – Dipping in Cass Lake, the Kopka, and the English every day. 🌲



Who's Back in 2026?

Jane Beeler is returning for her 4th year on staff. This year, she is researching climate change at a university in Ecuador. She's also trying to learn various instruments, playing frisbee, and rock climbing.

Jacob Endres will be back for his 13th year on staff and his 23rd year overall. Jacob will be gently haunting the Trip House and various sport courts around camp. He'll spend this year coaching high school tennis and nordic skiing, teaching his daughter Iona how to walk and helping run Camp's various operations.

Sam Endres will be back for his 1st summer as Director at Chippewa (and his 14th on staff). He and his wife Emily have been enjoying their last weeks in Washington before moving back to Minnesota to be closer to family and Camp Chippewa!

Ryan Hove is returning for his 2nd year at Chippewa. Ryan recently went camping in Smoky Mountain National Park with Barley and Junior and has been enjoying the college football season. He is excited to be back on Cass Lake this summer and is preparing for another summer of adventures (and epic basketball games).

Katie Martin will be returning for her 10th summer at camp. Katie spends the offseason teaching grammar and literature to high schoolers, attending their sporting events, and singing with a local community choir.

Riley McArdle (better known as "Snap" at Camp) is returning for his 2nd summer as Media Specialist. Outside of camp, he is a FIRST LEGO League robotics coach. A few of his many hobbies are video games, retro computers, and of course, string figures.

Billy Milligan is returning for their 6th year on staff and 12th year overall. Billy is pursuing a master's degree in social work at Fordham University. They enjoy short walks to the kitchen, lying down, and eating snacks.



Mario Muller is returning for his 3rd year on staff and his 9th year overall. Inspired by Canadian canoe trips and his own journey on the Appalachian Trail, Mario is building an outdoor activities company to explore Mexico and its beautiful nature.

Matias Muller is returning for his 3rd year on staff and his 10th year at Chippewa overall. Matias is in his first year attending university in Valencia, Spain. He can't wait to teach campers to waterski and, of course, play hacky sack!

Will Norris will be back for his 13th summer on staff and his 22nd overall. He does some work for Chippewa outside of the summer and also works for a nonprofit foundation, and will be spending three weeks in Europe this fall! As always, Will cannot wait to be back on an X-Boat!

Adam Peters is returning for his 2nd year on staff and his 10th year overall. He is an architecture student at the University of Oklahoma and spends his free time fencing with OU's club team and hiking.

Avi Ross will be back for his 3rd year on staff and his 13th overall. Outside of Camp, he's a student at the University of Houston studying finance. Avi can't wait to be back in the Northwoods this summer but especially to be back in a sailboat on Cass Lake!

Joe Seymour will be back for his 7th year on staff. The past year has seen Joe become a new home owner, get certified as a Wilderness First Responder, join his local search and rescue team, and pass his Detective Sergeant course. Joe lives in Barnstaple, UK.

Tobias Watson is coming back for his 3rd year on staff. He can't wait to get back on the trail and spend more time at Buck Lake leading Chippewa's swim program. While not at Camp, he has been traveling the world, leaving his home in Australia for the likes of Japan and New Zealand! 🦘





Returning Home

BY MIKE & SAM ENDRES



This August, 120 alumni from around the world returned to Cass Lake for Camp Chippewa's 90th Anniversary Rendezvous. As they made plans to take off work, break from their usual routines and travel to Northern Minnesota, many alumni fielded the question, "What is Camp Chippewa?"

Most who know Camp Chippewa are familiar with the story: a summer camp started by a couple from Tulsa, Oklahoma—a camp that was established in the height of the Great Depression and served four campers in 1935, its first year.

Ninety years later, Camp Chippewa for Boys has inspired those first four campers, and many more in nearly a century of adventure.

That impact of Camp was clear as alumni returned to Chippewa this

summer. With alumni from every one of Camp Chippewa's nine decades in attendance, Camp and campers alike fell into a familiar routine.

Alumni dove into clear waters, breathed in pine-scented air, and ended each day listening to taps. Shots rang out on The Range. Arrows flew. Sailboats rounded the mark with smartly trimmed sails.

The Sanders Sail Shanty once again became a gathering place—where campers of old shared stories, heard a tall tale from JP, and laughed across generations.

Knutson Hall buzzed with energy. Meals were plentiful and delicious. Familiar prayers were sung. Announcements filled the room after dessert as KP crews cleared the tables. It felt as though time stood still.

Amidst the reverie, the impact of the June 21, 2025 windstorm was evident. With so much repair already completed, the scars of the storm remained undeniable. The alumni stepped up as we began a campaign to Rebuild & Reforest. Momentum surged forward as many alumni pulled as one.

The final campfire of the weekend was a powerful testament to the brotherhood born, nurtured, and lived at Camp. As alumni spoke around the campfire, an answer to the question was unmistakably clear. "What is Camp Chippewa?" You are.

Until our next gathering, know that your presence at this 90th-anniversary Rendezvous reflected the enduring mission that began with a teacher and his family. And the next 90 years? They will be even better. 🌲



In Loving Memory of Cammy Endres

BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

From the moment Cammy Endres arrived in 1982, she became the camp mom for generations of campers and staff. If JP's voice was the soul, it was Cammy's unmistakable laugh that was the heart. She was the perfect foil with a wit that could disarm, a curiosity that could unlock anyone, and a tennis serve that defied both physics and coaching.

Whether you were a nervous first-year camper, a staff member in need of a quiet chat, or someone looking for a game of tennis on Cass Court, Cammy always made time. She worked behind the scenes to ensure campers would discover Chippewa, then stayed front and center to make sure they felt they belonged once they arrived to Cass Lake. She shared openly with camper parents and staff as only she could, with humor, candor, and warmth.

Evenings at the Cass'l with Cammy and JP are fond memories for many of us—games, storytelling, laughter, and a sense of belonging. She cheered the triumphant table tennis champs, and cackled with laughter at Skit Night; ensured that the kitchen staff felt part of the camp family and welcomed every camper and staff to each summer's adventure. It was often her "Wow!" that echoed from the back row of Canadian trip reports when hearing astonishing stories from the trail.



Cammy and JP at camp (above), 2014. Cammy with Mary Keely, below left, and the Rook sporting a pink ribbon, 2004. Cammy with past camp caretaker, Lonnie Harmon, (and Mike Endres), below right.

Cammy was omnipresent—playful, caring, competitive, mischievous, and maternal. She rounded the edges of our all-boys environment, whether by offering an ear when it was needed, or by tidying up a camper's appearance before a regatta, or simply planting flowers around the office.

She was camp mom and camp cheerleader. If anyone knew camp was about people and relationships, it was Cammy. We'll miss you, Cammy, and thanks for all of the highlights.✧





This decision will go down in my best decision as a parent I have ever made for my son.

—Nancy, camp parent, Kansas

Henry J. roasts a marshmallow at the Campcraft site on Cass Lake.



The glorious chronicle of Chippewa fencing

On a humid July evening, in the year of our camp 1988, two Chippewa veterans, brothers Michael and Roger Thompson, returned to camp for a single day. There, upon Cass Court, they unsheathed steel, dazzled the masses, and swore a sacred oath: the art of fencing would rise at Camp Chippewa.

In 1990, Roger fulfilled the prophecy and fencing arose as an activity at camp. A tournament was born and a trophy was forged by his hand, nay, by two: his own and that of camper and future champion Kingsley Ronk.

In 1991, Michael returned to join Roger and Charles Beeler to train new duelists, including Chippewa standout campers like the swift-bladed Mark Polydoris and

the fearless Tim Martin. Training took place upon the dusty volleyball grounds, where eight chosen fencers would earn passage to the grand tournament held near each session's end, beneath the watchful eyes of the entire camp.

At the midday feast, the victor's name was etched into glory on the tournament trophy, a tradition that remains today.

Soon after the dawn of the new millennium, the sport had found its fortress at camp: a strip and armory first on Bear Paw, and then upon hallowed Cass Court, now electrified to reflect the modern Olympic sport.

By the late aughts, the Chippewa Dueling Society had emerged! In the darkness lit only by candlelight, chosen fencers claimed their battle flags at a secret ritual in Knutson Hall, sworn to defend honor in the next day's tournament.

Among other events over the decades have been single-touch Duels at Dawn on Cass Court and late-night lightsaber battles on Bear Paw.

Chippewa's fencing champions stand in rare air, among the most elusive of honors at Camp. Names like Adam Loeb, Nathan Avery, Jacob Endres, Jake Shapiro and Jack Parsons



BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

are among the few who have hoisted the trophy more than once, an historic achievement.

Thus, fencing at Chippewa remains what it has always been, physical chess with a chance at eternal camp glory.

The Rest of the Story

This summer's Alumni Rendezvous witnessed a fencing tournament for the ages as nine former champions took the strip to lay claim at a grand champion event. Drama ensued with pairs of brothers facing off, former champions being laid waste by their fellow champions and surprising fleche attacks landing (and missing). Orchestrated by fencing masters Sutton Stewart and Michael, former champs Colin Patton, Adam Loeb, Sam and Jacob Endres, Ben and Alec Wilson, Nathan and Augie Avery, and Magnus Fyhr, battled for the title. In the end, it was Jacob Endres' deceptively long lunges that evaded Ben Wilson's wicked parries in the final to claim the first alumni fencing championship. Congratulations Jacob!



Special thanks to the individuals below who donated toward upgrading Chippewa's Fencing program this year.

- Roger Thompson
- Mark Polydoris
- Helen Parsons & Family
- Jenny Beeler & Family
- John McCormack
- Tina Bryson & Family
- Michael Thompson
- Lisa Nguyen & Family
- Susie Wilson & Family

There's a Role for All of Us

BY CHRIS KNAPP

My first memory of Camp was the summer of 1975 when my brother Breck and I followed our lifelong friends, Warren and John Wilson, to Chippewa. Travel was different then. Our parents dropped us at the curb at the airport, effectively leaving it to us to navigate our way to Bemidji. In Minneapolis we changed planes to the old North Central which flew what seemed like ancient propeller aircraft to Bemidji, with a stop in Brainerd along the way. I remember the bus ride to Camp, seeing the statue of Paul Bunyan, and the sound of the wind and the waves at Cass Lake as we arrived,



all of it unlike anything I knew in Texas.

As has long been Chippewa tradition, we were at Camp with three generations of the Endres family. Cap and Mom were still living at Trail's End, Cap teaching us archery and riding his bicycle at unimaginably high speeds in pitch black darkness along the path behind the cabins. JP was director, and CJ and Brian were counselors who later took us on our first Canadians. There was an old pump not far from Bear Paw tennis courts. I was standing by it one day trying to understand how it worked. Cap rode by on his bike, stopped, explained it to me, and showed me how to prime the pump. I think that experience is a metaphor for so much I learned at Chippewa and what I care about and prioritize as I have gotten older. I will never forget my first Canadian and the gift of drinking straight from the lake. It left an indelible impression on me and forged a now decades-long commitment to the natural world, specifically gardens and large scale urban park restoration. Another gift was the extent of our time at Chippewa. We stayed all summer, which I wish more campers would do now. It gave us an independence and an expanded sense of time that made everything even better.

Twenty five years passed before I returned to Cass Lake. It's funny what comes back first. For me it was the smell



and sounds of the woods, the needles on the ground, and the breeze across Cass Lake. It was the memory of a life largely unencumbered and free. Joy. I wondered why I had not come back sooner. It wasn't long after this reunion that I joined the board of Camp Chippewa Foundation on which I am honored to serve in honor of the selflessness of the Endres family in both making and gifting this extraordinary place called Camp Chippewa to all of us.

The gifts I have made and will continue to make are a tribute to all of those Chippewa men who have inspired by example and shaped who I am and how I engage with the world. There's a role for all of us to play in our love for and support for Camp Chippewa, be it through volunteering, recruiting new campers, or making a financial contribution. Please join me in supporting what means so much to every one of us as we look ahead to the next 90 years of Camp Chippewa.✧



Many Hands Make Light Work

BY RYAN HOVE

As many of you have now heard, Camp was hit by an intense storm in early June. Roofs and eaves were damaged, and we lost over 300 trees. But here's what matters most: Every single camper and staff member remained safe.

Our campers and staff rolled up their sleeves for cleanup, turning crisis into a living lesson in resilience and service. With generators humming and chainsaws busy at work, camp slowly came back to life. Within 36 hours, the voyageurs of Athabasca were heading north for their expedition down the Missinaibi while the rest camp was returning to regular programming.

Since the storm, something remarkable has happened. Our camp community has come together to raise funds, and the response has been overwhelming. Our Chippewa family has pledged over \$350,000 in support of the Rebuild & Reforest campaign, putting us within reach of our \$500,000 goal. These funds represent parents who want their sons to experience the same growth they did, and alumni who understand that some places shape you forever.

Every contribution, whether \$25 or \$25,000, helps rebuild more than buildings. You're rebuilding futures. You're



The path to Buck Lake from Knutson Hall, above. Sail Shanty, below left. Buck Lake swim front, below right.

ensuring that boys will still learn to overcome fear on the climbing tower, discover their resilience while in the Canadian wilderness, and find their voice in a cabin of new brothers.

In a world that seems to get faster and more complicated by the year, Sigurd Olson's words resonated with us this summer, especially while watching the

amazing resilience of our campers.

"Joys come from simple and natural things: mists over meadows, sunlight on leaves, the path of the moon over water."

The storm damaged our grounds, but it revealed our strength. Camp Chippewa has weathered challenges for generations, and thanks to your support we will emerge from this one stronger than ever. ✨



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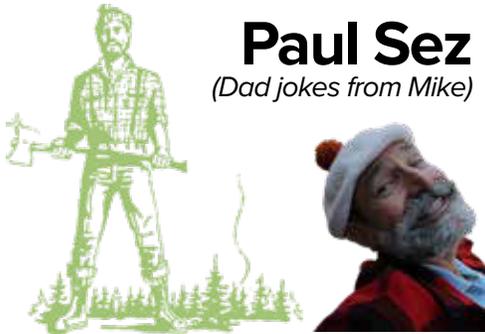


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Paul Sez
(Dad jokes from Mike)

I injured myself while measuring radio frequencies. Still Hertz.

I accidentally spilled invisible ink all over myself. Now I'm at the hospital waiting to be seen.

Why are fish so easy to weigh? Because they have their own set of scales!



About the cover:
Cole K. fishing from the high dive on Buck Lake.
Photo credit: Rylie McArdle.

Show us your tam!

Tam Day is this December 31st! Ring in the New Year with generations of Camp Chippewa Voyageurs.

Send a photo of you and your favorite Tam (extra credit for being outside!) to Sam at 763-367-0397; sam@campchippewa.com.



Eric Phillips (1976-80) with sons, Jason and Evan (2017-25).