

THE CHIKOPI CHANT

Camp Chikopi's Informational Newsletter

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Beef-O-Bob

Much has happened since you departed from Chikopi last summer. It sounds like a long time ago, but it seems like just yesterday. In this Winter Newsletter, we will try to remind you of all the events from last summer. We have grouped them by dates. If there is something not mentioned that you would like to mention, let us know and we will have it for the next newsletter. Moreover, let us know how you have been and what you are doing so that we can include it in the Newsletter. We sincerely hope that you are doing well and we want to hear from you. (campchikopi@aol.com). A happy 2006 to everyone.

A Time That Was Active Summer 2005 **June 29th – August 18th**

What a summer! Hot! Dry! Full of activity! All action!

We could not have asked for a more perfect Canadian summer than the one we had. Remember those warm, (hot), sunny days that warmed up the water so much you had to dive down to the bottom of the lake just to get cool. Remember the daytime activity breaks we had to take just to get out of the sun for a while. Remember always having to carry your water bottle just to hydrate during the day. Remember the trips to Knoepfli Rapids and other places to spend time in the water, fishing and having "stick" races in the fast water. Oh – we do remember the untimely rain shower on a couple of the canoe trips and overnights taken with cabin mates. If you did not have your rain jacket within easy reach then, you certainly will remember to have it tied to the canoe seat the next time. As we continue to watch over and over again the CD of Chikopi summer photos given to each 2005 Chikopi camper and staff member, it brings a smile to our face to see the smiles on all of your faces as you go through the action, the excitement and the non-stop activities of Chikopi. We owe a big thank you to the Chikopi counselors and staff for helping to make those smiles.

Those of you in attendance for the seven week session, will remember all the events of 2005. Four-weekers who would have missed either the first or last three weeks of the full summer program may be surprised at seeing all of the summer special events and activities:

- Week One - Knoepfli Mile Swim.
- Week Two – Ak-o-Mak Exchange Day. Icelandic Horse Back Riding Clinic, "Rambo" thru the forest to Magnetawan.
- Week Three – Chikopi Field Day, Chikopi-Ak-o-Mak Baseball Game, Chikopi Dance, Chikopi Sunfish Regatta, Ahmic Harbour Steamship Monument Unveiling, Barrie Open Water Swim Race, Chikopi Talent Show, 10K run from Magnetawan.
- Week Four - Trip to Niagara Falls, Ak-o-Mak Regatta, Chikopi-Ak-o-Mak Soccer Game, Old Man Barlow Story, First four week recognition luncheon.
- Week Five – Ahmic Harbour 3 Mile Swim, Chikopi-South River Soccer Game, Chikopi 12K Run to Ak-o-Mak, Ak-o-Mak Exchange Day, 7 Mile Swim to Magnetawan.
- Week Six – Chikopi Wilderness Canoe Trips.
- Week Seven – Finish Chikopi Canoe trips, Chikopi Triathlon, Ak-o-Mak Dance, Skit Night, Summer-End Banquet.

These special events took place, between the regular daily activities of Early Bird swim or run, morning activity session, library and game room activities, team practice time, team competition, elective time, Saturday night at the movies, cookouts, canoeing-running-cycling trips, hikes in the forest, overnight canoe trips, fishing contest and much more.

There is much to do – not a minute to waste. I hope we see you again this summer to do it all over again and much more.

2005 Award Recipients Announced at the Chikopi Banquet on August 16th.

Chikopi Sports Awards 2005

(Presented to the outstanding camper in each of these age groups - Junior (10-Under), Midley (11-13) Senior (14-Over), as determined by the sports instructor)

Sport	Junior	Midley	Senior
Archery	Eli Davis	Daniel Roche	Martin Boersma
Badminton	Alex Mc Millen	Alonso Gonzalez	Lucas Currah
Baseball	Alexander McMillen	Ben Case	Mak Levin
Basketball	Eli Davis	Jose Menjivar	Angelo Ciralo
Canoeing	Geoff Cloud	Zane Randell	Martin Boersma
Gaelic Football	Javier Usabiaga	Max Anderson	Jeffrey Caulfield
Golf	Geoffrey Cloud	Max Anderson	Jeffrey Caulfield
Kayak	Gannon Davis	Peter Colliard	Santiago Gonzalez
Lacrosse	Abi Light	Zane Randell	Jimmy Doheny
Mt. Bike	Gannon Davis	Shane Davis	David Boersma
Running	Eli Davis	Daniel Roche	Jeff Caulfield
Sailing	David Dubrovsky	Zach Haughn	Martin Boersma
Soccer	Eli Davis	Daniel Roche	Martin Boersma
Swimming	Gannon Davis	Ben Case	Angelo Ciralo
Tennis	Brett Saunders	Max Anderson	Toti Ruiz
Ultimate	Geoffrey Cloud	Zane Randell	Martin Boersma
Volleyball	Sam Brunswick	Ben Case	Wes Greig
Water polo	Geoffrey Cloud	Ben Case	Danny Gardiner
Rugby	Joaquim Aguilar	Zane Randell	Lucas Currah

Chikopi Belt Buckles 2005

(Presented to the outstanding all-round athlete in each age group as determined by each camper's rating score for each of 19 sports)

Junior (10 - under)

Gold - Geoffrey Cloud

Silver - Eli Davis

Silver - Sam Brunswick

Midley (11-13 years)

Gold - Max Anderson

Silver - Daniel Roche

Bronze - Ben Case

Senior (14-17 years)

Gold - David Boersma

Silver - Lucas Currah

Bronze - Angelo Ciralo

Hollard Family Award 2005

(Named for the family who farmed the land from 1900 to 1920 prior to the beginning of Camp Chikopi in 1920 and presented for mastering canoe tripping skills and tripping etiquette.)

- Lucas Currah -

Sisu Award 2005

(Named for a Finnish word which represents a "never say die" concept of always trying your hardest, always doing your best, never giving up and always focused ahead just as with Kai Makela, Chikopi's running coach from Finland, from whom the award originates and who exemplifies it's criteria.)

- Danny Gardiner -

Other Nominations included Stephen Pariser, Toti Ruiz

Charlie Award 2005

(Named after Chikopi's 14 year mascot, Charlie the dog, (1976-1989), and presented for outstanding personal development over a summer or period of years)

- Geoffrey Cloud -

Buck Dawson Cup 2005

(Named after, Buck, Chikopi's owner emeritus and track world record holder, (800y relay), in the 1940's and presented for running the most miles while at camp.)

- Jeffrey Caulfield - 222 Miles

Matt Mann Cup 2005

(Named for Chikopi's Founder, 1952 U.S. Olympic Swimming coach and University of Michigan's famed 30 year swim coach and presented for swimming the most miles in the lake, surrounding rivers and Chikopi pool)

- Angelo Ciraolo - 150 Miles 750 Meters -

Chikopi Camper Of The Year 2005

(Presented for outstanding conduct at Chikopi as determined by election from fellow campers. Nominations are made by counselors and staff members)

- Jimmy Doheny -

Other nominations included Martin Boersma, Lucas Currah, Angelo Ciraolo, Charlie Frye, Louis-Philip Huot, Jose Menjivar, Daniel Roche, Enrique Rodriguez.

Sportsmanship Award 2005

(Presented for exhibiting good sportsmanship qualities during the camp season as determined by counselors and staff)

- Stephen Pariser -

Chikopi Gold Ring 2005

(Gold ring presented for 5 years or 35 weeks)

- Colin Dolman -
- Blair Dolman -
- Sherri Dolman -

Chikopi Gold Watch 2005

(Gold watch presented for 10 years or 70 weeks)

- Malcolm Macaulay -

Chikopi 30 Years Recognition 2005

(30 years or 210 Weeks at Chikopi)

- Bob Duenkel -

Fisherman Of The Year 2005

(Largest fish caught during the 7 weeks of camp)

- Colin Dolman -

Star Certificates

(A written account showing a campers achievement in any given sport)

- Presented to every camper -

Team Comp 2005

(Overall winner of Team Comp for the 7 weeks)

Finn Lyons And The Rodeo Razors

Coach - Finn Lyons

Bernardo Castilla

Raul Castilla

Jimmy Doheny

David Dubrovsky

Santiago

Gonzalez

Captain - Martin Boersma

Zach Haughn

Andy Lao

Sergio Stenger

Diego Suarez

Inspection Award 2005

(Overall Winner Of Cabin Cleanliness For The Seven Weeks)

Cabin 8

Pancho Walsh

Simon Huot

Braydon Macaulay

Joaquim Aguilar

Sam Brunswick

Alejandro Caraco

Sebastian Casares

Bernardo Castilla

Ian Colliard

Rodrigo Gonzalez

Douglas Jaing

Andres Jorge

Andy Lao

Abi Light

Alexander

McMillen

Brett Sanders

Mikhail Sidyakov

Javier Usabiaga

Ten Swimmers Swim To Magnetawan

Maybe it was the warm water. Maybe it was the calm lake conditions. Or maybe it was good ole Determination that allowed 10 of Chikopi's swimmers to complete the 7½ mile swim from the Chikopi Dock, down Ahmic Lake, around the Big Island, up the Magnetawan River and under the Town Bridge to the finish dock over four and more hours away.

Swimmers included 10 and unders, Geoff Cloud, David Dubrovsky and Gannon Davis as well as Andy Davis, Gannon's dad who was training for a swim around Long Island, older campers Danny Gardiner, David Boersma, Angelo Ciraolo and Stephen Pariser, and staff members Zach Hurd and Ryan Smith. Zach, Angelo and Ryan managed to swim under the bridge exactly during the festivities taking place above them during the official town grand opening of the bridge. What timing! It looked like they were part of the celebration.

Congratulations to Chikopi's ten swimmers!! – maintaining the tradition.

Chikopi Treasure Hunt – 2005

The final Team Competition Event, The Treasure Hunt was held on the last day of camp. Over 50 clues were up for grabs. Teams had to answer a clue, go to the clue site to retrieve the clue identification and return it to the officials, hopefully with the correct identification. If correct, the team received the next clue. The event lasted for seven hours of intense thought, planning and exercise. Here are a few of the clues. Did you get any of them right?

1. One last plot for a Scot.
2. Bring your rain jacket or maybe just come in your PJ's.
3. Growing back to it's original roots
4. If it is wrinkled, Barney will have you ironing.
5. Home of the one and home of the sick.

6. Turn a little and you will get enough, turn too much and you will shoot this stuff.
7. Sunny weather take a lap, stormy weather watch it snap.
8. A large northern pine looks over the lake, it grew here for Tikkala's sake.
9. Red, yellow, blue, black, white.
10. They all go marching 2 by 2, to go and sail the ocean blue.
11. Beat me with the birch leaves.

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| 1. Chikopi sign | 6. Water Fountain |
| 2. PJ Library & Game Room | 7. Pool/break Waters |
| 3. Back Field | 8. Pine Tree at 50m pool |
| 4. Sailing Pavilion | 9. Archery Range |
| 5. Infirmary | |

12. Jack be nimble, jack be quick, Jack beware of those fox's tricks.
13. As they blew in the breeze we spoke and listened with interest and ease.
14. Double, double, toil and trouble. Consider swooping gulls where the drowned babies bubble.
15. A leader chosen. A deer frozen. A hero sunk. A man-made bird's bunk.
16. Here they lie one by one, watch your arms, they weigh a ton.

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| 10. The Ark | 13. Flags by Mainhouse |
| 11. Swim shack/Sauna | 14. Gulls Rock |
| 12. Bocce Ball Courts | 15. Gulls Island |
| | 16. Canoe Racks |

Chikopi Alumni Reunion - 2006

On the Anniversary of the 87th year of Camp Chikopi, alumni and friends are invited to attend an "Alumni Celebration of Chikopi", to be held on the third weekend of July from Friday July ? thru Sunday, July ?. If you "graduated" from Chikopi anytime between 1920 and 2005, you are invited to attend this grand re-awakening of Chikopi Spirit. It is during the busy part of camp, so that you can see Chikopi in operation and reminisce about past summers. Meals will be served in the Buck and RoseMary Dawson Mainhouse, (a small charge to cover food costs), activities will take place as usual with campers, (you can join in, including Early Bird swims or runs), and with campfires on The Point, you may see or hear from Old Man Barlow. All the camp equipment will be set up. If you were a sailor, you can sail on one of our 15 Sunfish boats at the Bob Barney Sailing Centre or play tennis on the Harvey Muller Tennis Courts, swim in the Matt Mann Pool, take a sauna in our 12' x 12' redwood sauna, play soccer on Wally Weber Field, hit a softball on the Pro Boim Baseball Diamond or gaze out over the lake from Guest House Rock. Lodging can be at a couple of the local motels/bed and breakfasts or for the adventurous pitch a tent on the Chikopi Field. A couple of rooms may be open at the Guest House, (for a nominal charge), on a first-come-first-served basis.

More information will be forthcoming to alumni, but keep the date on your calendar. We would like to see as many in attendance as possible.

Camp Dates 2006

A reminder that bunks are still available for the 2006 summer season. Don't miss out on registering for the summer. Dates are:

- 7 Weeks – June 28th – August 16th
- 4 Weeks – June 28th – July 26th
- 4 Weeks – July 19th – August 16th

Please call or email if you need more information or an application form.

Chikopi Photo Buttons

Your 2005 photo button is enclosed with this newsletter. The photo buttons are a reminder of your 2005 summer experiences and to prove to your friends that you were here. Line them up on your bulletin board and see how you have grown from year to year. Enjoy!

Icelandic Horses At Chikopi

In the summer of 2005 we re-initiated horseback riding, an elective sport we had back in the late 1980's, early 1990's. It was only a year and a half ago we discovered that the only riding stable in North America featuring Icelandic horses was in our backyard. Icelandic horses are smaller and gentle but extremely powerful animals that originally inhabited Iceland from the time that the Norseman brought them to the Island over 1000 years ago. Other than their smaller size and strength, their unique feature is their ability to have a one-of-a-kind gate which only Icelandic horses have, which allows them to glide across the ground without the usual horseback riding "up and down" movement in the saddle. They are beautiful animals and ones which are an experience to ride.

For those of you wanting a horse back riding experience for the first time, we can visit the stable one or two times. For experienced riders, we will visit the stable more often so that your proficiency is developed. All sessions include the best of safety equipment and the finest of instruction from Otmar Fueth and Kandula Reinhartz, Icelandic horse raisers, trainers and instructors, originally from Germany. Additional information about the horse stable and farm can be found on: www.icelandichorses.ca. Tell your friends who are serious horseback riders or who want to experience horseback riding, that they can have a great summer camp experience and improve on their equestrian skills, too.

An additional fee is charged for horseback riding.

Peter Michenzie Meets Alessandro Maggiani In Italy

Last summer we missed Pete at Chikopi. For those of you who do not know Peter Michenzie, he has been Chikopi's wrestling coach, self defense teacher and most recently bocce ball guru almost every summer since 1962. A Commonwealth and Olympic Games wrestler, Pete brings an introduction of wrestling to many boys who have had no appreciation of what this sport is all about. For accomplished wrestlers, he brings expertise and knowledge to improve. As an

international referee, he completes a full circle of athlete, teacher, coach, official and fan. And no, it is not like the WWF.

Pete was born in Italy and with no English skills immigrated to Canada at age 15. Last summer and 55 years later, he returned to his home country side for a more extensive visit to his relatives living in the homeland. Accompanied by his Chikopi son and daughter, Mario and Marina, Pete spent several months there, at a time when he is usually at Chikopi. While there he visited 2001, 2002 Chikopi camper, Alessandro Maggiani, and stayed at Alessandro's mother's hotel. Isn't it great that you can visit the Chikopi family where ever you travel throughout the world? Alessandro was Pete's guide for a day and as Pete said, "I very much enjoyed visiting Alessandro and talked allot about camp and all the good experiences that he had while at Chikopi"

We are looking forward to seeing Pete again this summer.

Chikopi wrestling coach, on right wearing his Chikopi T-shirt, meets Chikopi alumnus Alessandro Maggiani on a mountainside in "Le Cinque Terre", Italy.

Buck Turns 85

Halloween can be a very scary day for many of us, filled with witches, goblins and pirates. The biggest pirate of them all, camp's own Buck Dawson, turned 85 last October 31st – Halloween Day. Many say that Buck never took off his Halloween pirate patch and that is why we sometimes fly the pirate flag at the Chikopi Dock.

Chikopi and Ak-o-Mak alums attended a surprise party at Buck's cabin – and it was a surprise. Chikopians were, Tom Dudley, Chad Thompson, Neil, Sherri, Colin and Blair Dolman, Paul Anderson, Dianne Young, Joe Mentor, Zach Hurd, Ryan Smith, Jack Crossman, Carl Crossman, Colette, Teagan and Bob. Many wore costumes because they all knew Buck would be wearing his pirate outfit. Happy Birthday, Buck. We are eager to hear more of your stories next summer.