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MEMORIES FROM THE '40s

By Allan Sher

Almost by definition, if you're taking the time to read this publication, Camp Nebagamon holds a special place in your heart. If you're like me, at some point this summer, something — the smell of a campfire; a star-lit sky; or the sight of a sailboat dancing across the waves — will jog your memory and take you back to thoughts of camp. I would suggest this emotional pull is not just a function of fun times experienced, but that it occurs because for countless alumni, Nebagamon helped shaped our value systems.

Camperships for Nebagamon board member Allan Sher's connection to camp goes back nearly three-quarters of a century. He was born in Duluth and his family's camp relationship dates back to his father acting as the lawyer for Muggs and Janet Lorber when they acquired the property on which camp now sits. The following are some of his memories of Nebagamon from those early days in the 1940s. — Editor

My experience with Nebagamon began at the age of seven when my father rented a cottage along the road by the waterfront. At the time I was too young for camp, so the Swampers seemed like big kids to me. My playmates were Muggs and Janet's daughters, Ruth and Sally.

Above everyone else, there was Muggs whose influence was everywhere. The Pushes were men in their 40s like Big Pete [Peterson], [Andrew] Rinde, [John] Horvath, and [Chubby] Harr. Bernie (Obie) O'Brien ran the waterfront. The cabin counselors also were older than they seem to be today.

My first summer was 1941, and all campers were eight-weekers. The one Big Trip was competitive, and I never made it. But we had great canoe trips on the Namekagon from Cable to Hayward that lasted three to four nights. I'm glad to see that those trips have been brought back.

Pow Wow Day was huge. We had four tribes made up with kids from all age groups. We also did have Cruiser Day with cookouts. But nothing was competitive and there was much less emphasis on food than today. Breakfasts usually consisted of cereal with the occasional addition of pancakes on Sunday. Meal lines were

sometimes reversed by Muggs when he would announce, "The last shall be first, and the first shall be last." Then he would turn the entire line around. So it never paid off to rush to be the first in line.

We would have some games between villages, usually one-sided but a lot of fun. We had our own version of lacrosse, using our old tennis rackets with strings replaced by rope netting and played with a softball always on the lower diamond.

During World War II most of the trains were being used to move the troops around the country. Therefore, camp trains were made of the oldest railroad cars. One year the train from Chicago to Spooner actually had gas lamps.

During the summer of 1947, I was at Hodag which was a unique and memorable experience. That summer there were 18 guys, all 15 or 16. We lived in tents and worked for three hours every morning doing construction work. We built a cabin from scratch, and we built a back stop for ball games. After the work period, we could go swimming and then have lunch followed by a rest period.

Afternoon was up to us as a group. We could play baseball, go fishing, or *(Continued on p. 3)*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By John Wasserman



Carrying on a family tradition, Allan Sher's grandsons, Gabe, Simon, and Finn (pictured here) now share the same love for Nebagamom as their father and grandfather.

Summer is upon us once again and for the 86th season campers from different cities and backgrounds will be arriving on the shores of Lake Nebagamom for a summer filled with canoe trips, cabin cookouts, athletic contests and the opportunity to learn something about themselves and the others with whom they share the experience. The Camp Nebagamom described by Allan Sher is not too much different than the one his grandsons, Gabe (age 16), Simon (age 14), and Finn (age 11) experience today. Sure they arrive at camp by airplane and bus, not primitive railcars with gas lamps, but maybe the 2015 Follies or GTC will see the likes of a future Tony Award winner.

Recently I had the opportunity to speak with Allan and his grandsons about camp and each of them in their own way expressed their love for the Nebagamom traditions they share and the friendships they have made, which in Allan's case have extended over 70 years. Simon mentioned the awe of maybe sitting in the same spot at a Council Fire as his grandfather, while Gabe reflected on canoeing the same lakes and rivers.

In addition to sharing these experiences, Allan and his grandsons share a passion for CFN and what it means for camp. In Allan's case he has been a director of CFN for the past five years while Gabe and Simon have experienced firsthand the benefits of a more diverse Nebagamom and the realization what a special privilege it is to attend summer camp. Gabe expressed it perfectly when he said "Nebagamom is an incredible and special place and the more people who get to experience it the better for all of us." Gabe expressed that "it is so cool that my friends and I regardless of our backgrounds get to share and appreciate nature and the wonders of a canoe trip in the Boundary Waters."

Recently, a CFN board member told me about the following comment he heard from Walter Issacson (the director of the Aspen Institute and author of a recent biography about Steve Jobs) who said: "One of the most important things we can do to transform our society is to provide every child in America with an enriching summer experience."

This summer CFN will help send 35 boys to Nebagamom and 24 girls to Camp Wehakee where they along with all of the other campers will get to share the experience and magic of summer camp. If you haven't done so already, please consider the start of the 2015 camping season as an opportunity to make a contribution to CFN at cncharities.org. Be assured your continuing support is making a difference in the lives of all who get to attend Nebagamom and Wehakee. Keep The Fires Burning.

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anything else we could dream up. We always had two guys on KP.

The highlights were our two visits to camp [Nebagamon] during the eight weeks we were at Hodag. I remember a softball game with the junior counselors which we won. And then there was the Hodag Scandals, the show we put on for the entire camp. Our songs were written by John Kander, who went on to greater fame on Broadway, with lyrics by Jim Goldman. Many songs were from *Rigoletto*. My contribution was to wear a dress and sing "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun."

Later, of the 17 other boys with whom I spent the Hodag summer, I was surprised that five of us ended up at the same college, Princeton. Those guys became my closest friends. In fact, between junior and senior year of college, four of us, who had all been in the same village all through camp, shared a canoe trip in Quetico. Some of us remain friends today. While much has changed at Nebagamon, over the years the strong bonds and friendships remain as true today as they did when I was a camper.



Philanthropy has been a core value of CN since its earliest days. Hodag was a work service program for older boys. Located in Gordon, WI, Nebagamon boys helped build a camp which today is Camp Bovey operated by the East Side Neighborhood Services in Minneapolis.





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