

# AGANEWS

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## **85<sup>th</sup> Season Kicks Off With A Sunny Day!**

Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> dawned with pleasant temperatures and sunny skies. The staff made last minute preparations to welcome our 2004 camper family to the shores of Crescent Lake. Meeters and Greeters were on hand, bus chaperones ready with lists, and airport shuttle drivers were all set to head to the Portland Jetport. After the dust settled, Agawam was pleased to welcome 130 campers from over 20 states and a half dozen foreign countries to join the 61 members of the Agawam summer staff. After campers donned their gray and maroon uniforms, we gathered in Mason Hall for dinner and then after dinner the fields were active with Basketball, Soccer, Lacrosse, and Tennis, the Canoes were filled with campers and their counselors, and many exhausted themselves with a rousing game of the popular favorite, Frisbee Tag. As taps sounded on that first evening, campers drifted off to sleep dreaming of the fun to come this summer at Camp Agawam!

## **AgaActivities Await**

Campers could not wait until all the unpacking and checking in had been done so that they could get down to the business of just plain fun! Activities began in earnest with 2 cabin assigned and 2 optional activities on Friday. While the boys in the Lower and Middle Campuses enjoyed in-camp activities, our Upper Campus campers left camp to explore nearby mountains on our annual Day Hikes. Four groups of campers and trip leaders left Agawam after an early breakfast to explore Mt. Pierce and the Mizpah Hut, Webster and Jackson Mountains, Mt. Chocorua, and King Ravine. Great times were had by all of our campers!

## **Gods of the Four Winds Put First Council on Hold**

Despite a day of rain, Agawam Campers and staff hoped that Sachem Masconomo would be able to work a deal so that our first Council Fire could be held without problem on Saturday night, but the gods (and the internet weather forecasters!) were toying with us. After late afternoon consultations, a decision was made to postpone Council for one night. Of course the rains soon abated, and the sun graced our campus before dinner ended. Although Council was not held, the boys did enjoy an evening of outdoor active games after a day of indoor Rainy Day activities. All of us, especially our Neophytes, look forward to our first Council Fire being held on Sunday night.

## **Ag-Wam Season Ready to Kick into Gear**

After two seasons of Ag victories, the Wams are looking for a comeback. Both teams took time on Saturday to work on selecting leadership for the 2004 season. Returning Upper Campus Ags and Wams nominated peers for Captaincies during Rest Hour. Receiving the nod from the Ag squad: Roger Richardson (3<sup>rd</sup> summer); Si Rioux (9<sup>th</sup>); Zach Rioux (9<sup>th</sup>); and Hunter Sprole (8<sup>th</sup>). Wam nominees are: Mike Colt (5<sup>th</sup>); David Feig (6<sup>th</sup>); BJ Grondin (5<sup>th</sup>); and Spence Pollack (6<sup>th</sup>). All returning Ags and Wams will vote for their favorite candidate Sunday after lunch. Results will be announced at the exciting Team Selection Ceremony on Monday.

## **Events of the Coming Week:**

1<sup>st</sup> Specialty Starts Today

15 Year olds venture to Acadia National Park to Rock Climb, Hike, and Sea Kayak  
Baldface Mountain Trip leaves with Upper Middle and Upper Campus Campers  
Soccer, Kickball, Tennis, Basketball, and Sailing Inter-Camp Competitions begin

For a look at our daily schedule visit: [www.campagawam.org/CurrentSeason.asp](http://www.campagawam.org/CurrentSeason.asp)

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