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Twenty seven years ago, I packed my trunk for the last time leaving Dartmouth Cabin after a fantastic three year run of summers spent on the shores of Crescent Lake. This summer I was offered an opportunity to relive those camping years.

While change is inevitable, much has stayed the same at Agawam. Water skiing was always a favorite activity of mine, but that has been replaced by Windsurfing, which is much kinder to our loon population. The distinctive calls of the loons now draw me to sleep after taps. For some reason I did not recall the fourth of July Midway booths or Counselor Spectaculars, but this summer I fully enjoyed my rides down tarps doused with watermelon shampoo, my attempt to snatch a donut hung from a ring on yet another slippery tarp with a camper trying to box me out, and a challenge by a camper to a friendly duel with pudding-laced brooms.

I remember Katiaki being sacred and feeling nothing better than earning it at the Council Fire. They're still regarded as such. And I always thought earning Ranger Trail awards took a different kind of energy and persistence. They still do. It's heartening to walk by cabins after "Taps" to hear counselors reading to their campers, continuing to make that important connection a priority.

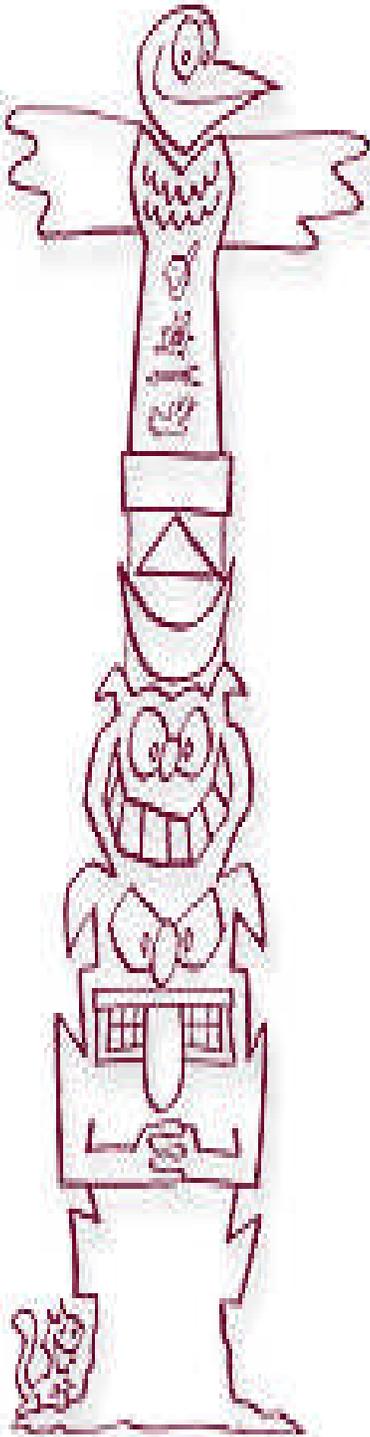
I'm still not quite sure why the Chief asked me to be the Director of Program, but I do know first hand just how big those shoes were that "Bowman" Scott Malm filled for the camp. Bowman Malm is a real testimony to the dedication that he, and many of the counselors who work here, brought to Agawam. His working knowledge has been missed, and I know I speak for many when I say I fully appreciate all that he did. How, How!

Just the other day, I headed up to the archery range to watch eighteen-year-old "Bowman" Charlie Hedlund, a five-year camper and first time counselor and Activity Head, to watch what he did best. Bowman exemplified what I have witnessed all summer from the counselors. He was particularly patient and appropriately firm with his archers, simultaneously aware of all of their needs, providing instruction based on praise as well as constructive criticism. Far and away the most impressive factor of Agawam is the time and energy that the counselors and staff dedicate to the campers. This is what makes Agawam, Agawam. Although I have not been out and about nearly as much as I would have liked this summer, the compassion, involvement and teaching that I have seen has been impressive. One might say, "It's ridiculous" it's so good.

So we head off in our own directions, hopefully using the skills we learned while at camp. It doesn't matter if it is using the cross-bow rudder, starting a wet day fire, or playing fair because we know foul play is treachery, we are all learning to be good leaders and the best shrub on the side of the road.

'Till we meet again,

"Colonel" Seth Worcester



A Note from Chief...

As each new season starts here at camp, we more deeply appreciate the span of time Agawam has served its campers and staff. A milestone was reached last summer, when we celebrated our 85th anniversary with over 200 visitors. We now continue into our 86th summer. Yet, over those decades, the original values and goals of our community have prevailed. Fathers, sons and grandsons have enjoyed their summers on Crescent Lake and grown in the same ways.

Coming from a world filled with change and innovation, with emphasis on the newest, the "leading edge", the fastest -- Agawam staff and campers grow quickly to appreciate our camp's changelessness and simplicity. While some change is unavoidable and desirable, we feel that the underlying ideas that form a summer at Agawam are tried and time tested. The simplicity of camp and lack of distractions so common outside of camp, combine to allow us to focus clearly on our targets for the summer.

Camp is a young person's world, filled with play, laughter and fun. With this as a background, and with the instruction, guidance and examples set by older members of the group, each person can start to understand his strengths and weaknesses, learn how to get along with others and make good friends, learn how to make responsible decisions, and discover a new sense of our environment and our responsibility to it. Such opportunities are crucial to becoming "the best of whatever you are."

For eighty-five summers, the men and boys of Agawam have had the same objectives. We have gotten a great start on another productive stay together!

"Chief" Garth Nelson



“Chief” Garth Nelson, Director of Camp Agawam, hails from Hanover, MA. A good friend of his worked here in the early 1980s, and “Chief” was able to work at Agawam first as Program Director in 1985, and then as Director after Dave and Peg Mason retired. “Chief” has found that he really enjoys Agawam’s “traditions like Ag-Wam, Council, and Vespers [and] the positive spirit of counselors and campers alike.”

Barbara Nelson helps out in the Office as Chief’s Assistant. Barbara is a teacher in Massachusetts during the school year, but is happy to return to Raymond in the summer to watch the campers grow up through the years.

“Bos’n” Bill Auerswald grew up in Longmeadow, MA, where he heard about Camp Agawam from a friend of his mother’s in 1976. After many summers at Camp, “Bos’n” now works at Camp year-round as an Assistant Director and Business Manager. He loves working at Camp because he loves the culture at Camp, “where people focus on doing things right and treating each other well.”

“Capt.” Diehl J. Estes is from right down the road in Webbs Mills, ME. He is an Assistant Director and Operations manager year-round, having originally learned about the position from an advertisement. He loves Bob’s Shop!

“SuperCoach” Mark Hogan has recently signed on as Agawam Council’s Director of Alumni Relations. He is also the Upper Campus Unit Head with his dog, Courage (the noblest of all attainments), and heads up the Windsurfing program. “SuperCoach” followed his brother, “Colonel” Bill Hogan, to Agawam as a camper, and is happy to still be making new friends every day.

“Colonel” Seth Worcester is at Agawam for his first year as Program Director, but certainly not his first year at Camp: “Colonel” was a camper from 1976-1978. This summer, he has found that he loves “the willingness, patience, and inclusiveness of the counselors. The tradition runs deep at Agawam. And the traditions are worth preserving.”

“JVP” Janet Ver Planck is our Camp Secretary, and will often be on our end of the phone when you call, able to answer any question! “JVP” lives in Casco, ME, and found out about Camp Agawam from Dana Jordan, a former Camp maintenance man.

“Nurse” Janice Bowers of Ashland, OH, first heard about Camp Agawam many moons ago through an advertisement in a nursing magazine. At Camp, “Nurse” stays *very* busy passing out pills, putting on band-aids, looking at throats and ears, filling out paperwork, and generally making sure that we are all in good repair.

Allie Thayer claims to live in North Kingstown, RI, but really lives in Portland, ME. This summer, Allie is only able to be at Camp on weekends, but she keeps busy as an Office Assistant, “cage” organizer, and uniform distributor. She first learned of Camp from “Capt.” Estes and “Bowman” Malm while working at Migis Lodge, but she keeps returning to see the familiar faces every summer.

“Ensign” Emily Auerswald is at Agawam for her third summer and found out about Camp from her husband “Bos’n” Auerswald a few years ago. She is the Assistant to the Program Director, works with Arts & Crafts, and edits the *Aganews* and *Agalog* (so really should be writing this in the first person).

Judy Webel joins the Agawam Office staff for her first summer. She is the mom of four current campers, and is happy to have quiet in her house now that the boys are all at Camp!

“Cox’n” Erik Andrews hails from Cumberland Foreside, ME. When he was six, “Cox’n” toured a number of local summer camps and picked Agawam. Save for last year, he has been here ever since! This summer, “Cox’n” works with the Swimming and Trips programs.

“Lt.” Mark Andrews arrived at Camp at the same time as his brother, “Cox’n.” He loves the community and close friends he has at Agawam. “Lt.” frequently works with Challenge and Swimming.

Bob Bailey of Casco, ME, has been a member of Agawam's maintenance staff for 49 years! He lives in the neighborhood, and enjoys each year because of the kids and the counselors.

"Yeoman" Shane Bishop heads up the Small Craft activity and is a cabin counselor in the Lower Campus. "Yeoman" joins us from Gisborne, Australia, where he is a student.

"Mate" Chris Bravman is at Agawam for his second summer. He is a cabin and activity counselor of sailing and photography. "Mate" first learned about Agawam from his roommate at Stanford, "Ace" David Auld. Mate loves "sailing on a really windy day and admiring the natural beauty of this awesome place."

"Sarge" Toby Brown comes to Crescent Lake by way of Bradford, England. He is working as a cabin counselor and with the Tennis and Soccer programs. "Sarge" is enjoying his summer thus far, and likes the teamwork of the staff and the outgoing campers.

"Sparks" Amy Butler is the Head of Riflery, a kitchen helper and supervisor, a cabin counselor in Mason, and helps out in the Office. "Sparks" loves hanging out with Bob at his shop.

"Chips" Holly Carriere is back at Agawam for her second summer, at which she is the head of Arts & Crafts. "Chips" first heard about Camp from family friend "Bos'n" Auerswald. She loves Morning Dip, Rest Hour, and "Taps."

"Trapper" Dan Cluchey followed his older brother "Commodore" to Camp, but has found many of his own activities during his years at Agawam. He is a member of the Baseball, Ranger Trail, and Lawn Games staff as well as being a cabin counselor in the Lower Campus.

"Commodore" Jeremy Cluchey is at Agawam for his eleventh summer, six of which were as a camper. "Mode" is the Upper Middle Campus Unit Head, Sailing Director, and Extreme Gimping Coordinator. He *loves* Morning Dip!

Mike Colt, SC, found out about Camp Agawam through his school nurse in his hometown of Groton, MA. He enjoys Agawam's traditions

that remain the same every year. Mike is a counselor for Swimming, Ranger Trail, and Archery.

Billy Craft, SC, is a member of the 2005 Senior Club and works with the Challenge, Soccer, and Tennis activities. His cousin Jeff was the first in the family to attend Camp, and Bill followed two years later. He loves "the unique environment that only Agawam can create."

Jeff Craft, SC, is a resident of Hopkinton, MA. He learned about Camp Agawam while running in the Casco Days Road Race. He watched all of the camps that participated in the road race and parade and thought that Agawam looked most interesting to him.

"Cutter" Ricky Cullen joins the Agawam staff for his first summer. "Cutter" works with Small Crafts and Ranger Trail. Being new to Camp, "Cutter" has been impressed by "the way the staff pull together like one big family and support each other, no matter what."

"Coach" Bob Dickerman heads up Agawam's Baseball and Track programs. His is an Agawam family, as his sister works in the winter office! "Coach" likes that attention that Camp Agawam pays to details.

"Striker" Tommy Dodge currently lives in Colorado, but originally hails from Canada (and is proud of it!). He learned about Camp from "Swampy" Chris Marsh, with whom he teaches during the winter. "Striker" is our Rainy Day Coordinator, Head of Soccer and of Drama, and works with the Volleyball and Music programs, as well.



Travis Faust, SC, works with Ranger Trail, Baseball, Track, and Soccer. He first came to Camp Agawam with his cousin Morgan, who recommended it to Travis. He is happy to return each year to be with the great people.

David Feig, SC, is a member of the Senior Club after spending a number of years as a camper. Dave is from Newton, MA. He first learned about Camp from his cousins, and especially likes the competition that he finds at Agawam.

“Sarge” Bobby Fleiss lives in Jamaica Plain, MA, and will be with us on a part-time basis this summer as he launches his own business! “Sarge” is working with the Challenge and Ropes Course, and will go on a few Trips, too. Camp Agawam is a long family tradition.

“Swampy” Jimmy Forbes comes from Alpharetta, GA, and a large number of his Forbes family relatives have attended and worked at Camp. “Swampy” is a Middle Campus cabin counselor and works with the Sailing, Challenge, Track, and Tennis programs. He is also a terrific guitar player.

“Cruiser” Meg Greenberg from Hopkinton, MA, knows the McMullan family (See: “Skipper” Dru McMullan) and they referred her to Agawam. “Cruiser” is now the Head of Swimming, Assistant Waterfront Director, and the Lower Campus Unit Head. She is at her happiest on evenings when we have Dairy Maids!

“Bowman” Charlie Hedlund of Readington, NJ, is the head of Archery and works with the Tennis, Small Craft, and Ranger Trail programs. He points out that at Agawam, you have many opportunities that you do not have elsewhere – like Archery!

“Ranger” Melanie Hemer of Melbourne, Australia, first heard of Agawam through an advertisement. She loves the people at Camp as she works with the Ranger Trail and Lower Campus.

“Dusty” Bruce Hilton is from Steepfalls, ME, and heads up our Woodshop program. He loves that Agawam’s traditions endure through the

years, and that many counselors return for a number of years, as well.

“Ace” Sagar Lakhani of Kitale, Kenya, is joining the Agawam staff for his first summer in Maine. “Ace” is a member of the Tennis and Soccer staff, and really likes the soccer coaching that he has seen thus far at Camp.

Eddie Layng, JC, is from Summit, NJ. He first came to Camp as a camper after hearing about Agawam from a colleague of his father’s. This year, Eddie is a member of the Swimming staff and is a cabin counselor, too.

Nathan Levin, JC, joins us from Toledo, OH, where he is a friend of the Phillips family (“Dodger,” “Major,” and Morgan). This summer, Nate is a counselor and plays Frisbee, Baseball, and Tennis. Thus far, he is a big fan of the food.

“Guide” Jeff Lewis of Chester, VA, joins Agawam for his first summer. “Guide” first found out about Camp through NOLS (The National Outdoor Leadership School). He is a trip leader and cabin counselor in the Middle Campus. Like many folks at Agawam, “Guide” enjoys the lack of technology at Camp!

“Scout” Bosco Li is at Camp for his second summer from Harrow, England. He is a counselor in the Upper Campus and works with Ranger Trail and Arts & Crafts. “Scout” joins us through BUNAC, an organization that brings counselors to US camps from overseas.

“Major” Brent Locke is happy to be back for the second half of the season. A student at William and Mary, “Major” is a member of the Tennis staff, is a cabin counselor in the Middle Campus, and helps out with a variety of activities.

“Scout” Pat McClellan found out about Camp Agawam from JVP, and is a long-time Main Idea camper and staffer. We are very happy to have him on the full summer staff, where he is a counselor in Lower Middle Campus and with the Soccer and Baseball programs. He has really enjoyed getting to know the campers this year.

“Corp” Ted McDermott of Rye, NY is a trip leader, Head of Fishing and Lawn Games, and is a ropes course instructor. His uncle attended Camp long ago, and “Corp.” came for his first year as a camper in 1996.

“Skipper” Dru McMullan loves the people he knows at Camp Agawam, and has had a number of friends and family members attend, as well. This year, “Skipper” works with the Lower Campus, Sailing, and on Trips.

Nick Noreña, SC, first learned about Camp Agawam through friends who attended Camp Wawenock. After spending a number of years as a camper, Nick is glad to be back as a member of the Senior Club. His favorite parts of Camp Agawam are the atmosphere and the people.

“General” Jared Patton has many responsibilities at Camp, as he is the Infirmary Assistant and also works with Riflery, Magic (he is the Head and only staff), and other non-athletic programs.

“Slugger” Tyler Peterson is currently the head of Agawam’s expansive Trips program. As such, you may find him preparing trips or out on the trail! “Slugger” first heard about Agawam from “Bowman” Scott Malm. In his two summers here, he has found that he really likes Agawam’s people.

“Dodger” Andrew Phillips of Toledo, OH, is the head of Agawam’s Lacrosse program and is a coordinator of the Ag/Wam season. “Dodger” is part of the Forbes clan that has sent many of its family members to Agawam throughout the years – five this year alone!

“Major” Duncan Phillips is happy to return to Camp for his first season as a full staff member. He is working with the Racing Sailing, Lacrosse, and Basketball programs, and is co-Head of the 2005 Slide Show. Many of his family members have attended and worked at Camp. “Major” reports that his favorite parts of Camp are Dairy Maids and searching for Korona.

Spence Pollack, SC of Short Hills, NJ, first found out about Camp Agawam through the Murphy Family. After spending many years as a camper, Spence is happy to be back as a member of the Senior Club. He returns year after year because of the new friendships he starts each summer, and of course for Dairy Maids!

“Doc” Scott Pragoff is the Waterfront Director because the waterfront is “the coolest place in town.” A long-time camper, “Doc” found out about Agawam through his brother “Guide” Dave Pragoff and his cousin “Ensign” Tad Hershey.

“Chips” Chris Richards first heard about Agawam from another Agawam family, the Neales, of whom “Scout” David Neale and his father Henry Neale were Agawam campers and staff. He enjoys the healthy competition he finds at Camp. “Chips” is a cabin counselor in the Upper Campus and heads the Basketball program.

Si Rioux, SC, is from Cape Elizabeth, ME. His uncle works for Camp Wawenock, and his cousin “Slugger” Dunklee attended Agawam, so it was natural for Si to attend, too. Si was a camper for a whopping nine years.

Zach Rioux, SC, is also from Cape Elizabeth, which is not surprising, as he is Si’s twin brother. Zach is a member of the Senior Club and works with the Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball programs.

“General” Andrew Rogers spent the first half of this summer studying for the bar exam, but is pleased to be back in Raymond for the second half. He is an Upper Campus cabin counselor, works with a variety of program activities, and specializes in writing the toughest questions possible for Ag/Wam Upper Treasure.

“Admiral” Sam Rogers of St. Davids, PA, is the Lower Middle Unit Head, a staff member for Swimming activities, and the Snorkeling instructor. You will often find “Admiral” in the lifeguard tower, or helping to conduct Crescent Lake’s semi-annual loon count.

“Commander” Stuart Ryan of Zurich, Switzerland, is a cabin counselor, Sailing staff member, and trip leader. He first came to camp as a camper after his aunts, who attended Camp Wawenock, recommended it to him. He loves Camp’s traditions, and the friends he makes each year who uphold those traditions.

“FM” Jake Shechtman of Wynnwood, PA, is a cabin counselor and works with the Basketball and Tennis programs. He was a camper here after his cousins, “Slugger” and “Boom” Baxter were campers, too. As a counselor, “FM” enjoys Ag-Wam, walkthroughs, and Vespers.

“Inspector” Dan Schuker is happy to join the staff for the second half of the season. “Inspector” is a Middle Campus cabin counselor, Ranger Trail staff, and “dabble[s] in other activities.”

Paul Terkovich, JC, learned about Camp from “Admiral” Eric Bergh, who he knows from his home in New Jersey. Paul works with the Soccer, Lacrosse, and Ranger Trail activities. His favorite thing about Camp is... Dairy Maids!

“Commissioner” Betsy Worcester, from Deerfield, MA, is the head of the Tennis program. She first learned of Camp Agawam from her husband “Colonel” Worcester and his uncle and several cousins in the Gregg family who attended. She is happy to be among such an enthusiastic group of people!

“Doc” Joel Wylie comes to Camp Agawam for his second (non-consecutive) summer all the way from Camira, Queensland, Australia. After attending daily Morning Dip, “Doc” works with the Riflery, Small Craft, and Basketball programs. He is here through the CCUSA (Camp Counselors USA) program, which brings counselors to the US from all over the world.

And in the kitchen...

Olga Atrashevskaya is from Ilinsk, Belarus. She assists in the kitchen. Olga likes that “every person can participate in any activity.”

Gus DaSilva, head Chef, comes to Agawam through the Sodexho company by way of Willimantic, CT.

Natalia Filimontsava of Belarus learned of Camp through CCUSA. When she is not helping out in the kitchen, she enjoys swimming and playing basketball.

Walter Gurney lives in Casco, ME, and is one of this year’s cooks. He really likes *everything* about Camp!

Joseph Hoffman of Gray, ME, first learned about Camp Agawam in the newspaper. He loves to see young people having fun and meeting old and new friends.

Alesia Khantsevich joins us from Baranovichi, Belarus. She has enjoyed taking part in a number of Camp’s activities when she is not helping in the kitchen.

Natalia Lakhseyeva hails from Osintorf, Belarus. Natalia loves to swim in Crescent Lake. She is a member of the kitchen staff, and learned of Camp from CCUSA.

Yuliya Lisai from Obuhovo, Belarus, also arrived in Raymond with the help of CCUSA. Yuliya is a helper in the kitchen. She likes to see that the great number of activities at Camp ensure that the boys are never bored.

James Reed of Goffstown, NH, is our breakfast and lunch cook and baker who is at Agawam for his first summer. Thus far, he enjoys “the way everyone gets along with everyone else. It makes you feel like we are all family.”

Dave Mason Receives 2005 Halsey Gulick Award

On Wednesday, July 6, Camp Agawam Director Emeritus David W. Mason received the 2005 Halsey Gulick Award in recognition of his lifetime of service to camping. The award, presented by the Maine Youth Camping Association, is presented annually to “recognize those people who have distinguished themselves by giving unselfishly of their time, energy, and resources to improve organized youth camping in Maine... Recipients are selected by their colleagues in camping for their record of public service to the camping movement in Maine.”

MYCA cited Dave’s involvement not only at Camp Agawam as its Director from 1955 to 1985, but his other work with camping, as well. Dave and his wife Peg began the Main Idea program in 1971; this program hosted over 100 deserving boys from southern Maine in 2005. Another camp director stated, “Dave was a conservation pioneer with Saco River clean-up and environmentally sensitive camp facility construction and practices. His camp was always two steps ahead of the times in conservation effort and education.” Dave also set a wonderful example of bringing the camping season into the winter months by hosting vacation ski camps at Agawam Kezar Ski Camp.

As MYCA stated in the program for the award presentation, “Through his numerous innovative endeavors and lifelong commitment to youth development, Dave Mason personifies the very best in camp directors.” How! How!



From Back Left: Barbara Nelson, Camp Agawam Director “Chief” Garth Nelson, Assistant Director “Capt.” Diehl Estes, “Bowman” Scott Malm, and Assistant Director “Bos’n” Bill Auerswald join Directors Emeriti Peg and Dave Mason at the 2005 Halsey Gulick Award presentation ceremony

By “Ensign” Emily Auerswald with assistance from the 2005 Halsey Gulick Award program

Tennis Specialty 2005

By “Commissioner” Betsy Worcester

The first Tennis specialty for beginner and intermediate players focuses on the fundamentals of the game. The players learn one new aspect of the game each day. Instruction covers tennis etiquette, grips, footwork, scoring, and shot placement. Next, we move on to forehands, backhands, serves, volleys, and overhead shots. Each session reviews the previous day’s lesson and usually includes a game to practice the new skill. The Tennis staff appreciates the good hustle and positive attitude of all of the players, and can look forward to seeing all of those campers who had to take swimming instead in the first Specialty. Next up for second specialty we welcome the advanced group. Get psyched for A.A.I.T.T.!



Swimming Specialty

By “Cruiser” Meg Greenberg



The 2005 Swimming staff is looking forward to a terrific season. The campers in our first Specialty have persevered beautifully through cold and rainy conditions, and their strokes and skills improve every day. Our swim team brought home a third place finish in the Timanous Relays and is anticipating a fast season under the leadership of “Lt.” and “Cox’n” Andrews, as well as “Fast Eddie” Layng, JC. We have enjoyed diving board, Navy SEAL, and racing Optionals. Stay tuned for more updates on life down at the H-dock.

Red Cross Blood Drive

By “Admiral” Sam Rogers

Editor’s Note: On Monday, July 11, nine members of the Camp Agawam staff went to a Red Cross blood drive in Casco. The following is “Admiral’s” tale of the day – as recounted just after he completed his donation.

Eight minutes. Eight minutes?? I thought I had finished in at least four. The blood scientist must have had it out for me. After denying that I had Oberhømerukin-Jakob’s disease for the third time, the needles were sharpened and the bags made ready and I hit the “operating table.” The blood scientist was a classy, witty fellow and he removed my A-positive with ease, though it took eight minutes. It was great to help out the community and the Agawam staff is great to be so generous with their time and “life plasma.” At the end of the day, Terry Pratchett went down in the 5th round. Ding ding.

Challenges

By Allyn Engle, 11

At Council there are challenges. Some of the challenges I like are the talk fest because people talk about subjects in funny ways. Last time someone picked milk and vegetables as the subjects. Another challenge that I like is the old school and new school stare fests because people make funny faces and it is fun to watch. Last Council, the counselors wrote a funny song. Hamlet sang a body part song and won the song fest.

The Bowman

By Dylan Souter, 10

My Specialty is Small Craft. I am working on my Bowman, the second award. You have to learn how to get in and out of a canoe without flipping the boat over. There are two strokes. The cross stroke to the bow, which is sweeping across the boat up to the bow. The other is the cross stroke which you put the paddle in the water and pull it to the boat. You only do the strokes if the sternman doesn't see them because the sternman usually steers. There are just a few of the things you have to do.



"Base Relay" by Robert Reichenbach, 14

Rest Hour

by Josh Christy, 12

Read a book
Write a letter
Just make sure to be quiet.
Now is the time to rest and relax
Not to run and yell at your max
On your bed not on the floor
Or the M.O.D. might lower your cabin cleanup
score
There's the bell
I've got to go
Because the first six to Small Craft get to row

Agawam Baseball 2005

Scores of the season

Intercamp competitions

15-and-under: Agawam 6, Timanous 0
Agawam 7, Timanous 6
13-and-under: Agawam 5, Laurel South 3
12-and-under: Agawam 4, Timanous, 4
10-and-under: Timanous 5, Agawam 3

Ag/Wam

Upper: Wams 10, Ags 1
Upper Middle: Ags 20, Wams 1
Lower Middle: Wams 10, Ags 5
Lower: Ags 9, Wams 8

Camper-Counselor Game

Counselors 6, Campers 5

Top Five Baseball Point Earners – by Campus

Upper

1. Derek Sicotte
2. Michael Anderson
3. Tim Jablonski
4. Robert Reichenbach
5. Chris Harrington

Upper Middle

1. Simon Greene
2. Jim Goodenough
3. Christian Johnson
4. Emmet Murray
5. Luke Faust

High Point Baseball – 2005 Top Ten

1. Simon Greene
2. Derek Sicotte
3. Jack Near
4. Michael Anderson
5. Andre Johnson
6. Tim Jablonski
7. James Goodenough
8. Robert Reichenbach
9. Chris Harrington
10. Joseph Noreña



Lower Middle

1. Jack Near
2. Andre Johnson
3. Joseph Noreña
4. Walker Stockly
5. Sandy Brown

Lower

1. Allyn Engle
2. Peter Moran
3. Enrique Espailat
4. Matt Fitzsimmons
5. Luke Noreña

The 20 DOs and DON'Ts of Racing Sailing

by Will Degerberg, 13, George Williams, 14, and Cam Panno, 14

1. DO wear sunglasses
2. DON'T hit other boats
3. DON'T take off your sunglasses
4. DO roll tacks
5. DON'T have ugly sunglasses
6. DO well at regattas
7. DON'T wear unpolarized sunglasses
8. DO sail fast
9. DO chillax with the Wawenock or Arcadia girls
10. DON'T chillax with both of them at the same time
11. DON'T leave eyes unprotected from UV rays by not wearing sunglasses
12. DON'T lose to Wawenock or Arcadia
13. DON'T lose without style
14. DO tack on headers; DON'T tack on gusts, while avoiding Timanous and their helmets at all costs
15. DON'T lost a protest to a girls' camp
16. DO what "Mode" tells you, no matter how unreasonable.
17. DO make nice with the Committee boat
18. DON'T turtle
19. DO the three C's (be calm, cool, and collected)
20. DO live slow and sail fast

Ranger Trail

By "Ranger" Melanie Hemer



Ranger Trail Specialty is filled with many new faces and mostly campers from the Lower Campus. They are all working hard to earn their Partner award, the first of the four Ranger Trail awards. For this award they have been learning knife safety, how to build fires, knots, and other things like how to put up a tent and first aid. The boys are having so much fun and show great enthusiasm. Many are keen to pursue further Ranger Trail awards.

“Hand”

by Reece Parsons, 13



Agawam vs. Timanous Baseball Game

By Derek Sicotte, 15

The first two innings of the game went very well for Agawam who was up 2 to 0. So far **Michael Anderson** has been pitching a no-hitter. At the bottom of the third with Agawam up at bat the home bleachers roared with excitement as back-to-back solo homeruns were hit by **Peter Murphy** and **Derek Sicotte**. The fourth inning was also an exciting inning with two more runs driven in. The score was now Agawam-6, Timanous-0. The score remained the same throughout the next two innings to end the game. A few highlights of the game were two solo homerun shots and Michael Anderson who pitched a wonderful one-hitter game. Special thanks to Timanous for an exciting baseball game.



By Robert Reichenbach, 14



Woodcrafters

By John Aloian, 15

With three years attended at Agawam, a 15-year-old has the opportunity to devote a huge portion of his time and energy to an award that earns a place next to honorable patches such as Tribal Chief and Totem. The Woodcrafter award can be applied to almost any activity in Camp. Any activity in which a 15-year-old has a love and interest can become a Woodcrafting activity. In order to earn this prodigious award, one must devote his time and energy in a myriad of requirements. For example, the Swimming Woodcrafter requirements consist of: swim five sets of 700 yards, earn the highest level in swimming, teach seven Optionals, participate successfully on the Agawam swim team, learn basic waterfront procedures, lifeguard skills, and more. Some activity requirements may even include building and donating a gift to improve a certain activity. The Woodcrafter patch is presented at Grand Council to the camper who has completed his set of requirements. Every 15-year-old this year has set the goal to earn this sacred award. This is the seventh year the Woodcrafter has been offered. Active Woodcrafting activities include Archery, Challenge, Swimming, Sailing, Soccer, and Basketball.

Stephen Hilton – Archery

Kyle Fitzsimmons – Challenge

John Aloian – Swimming

Mike Hauge – Sailing

Ted Moran – Soccer

Stefan Allard – Soccer

Jake Sandler – Basketball

Barrett McMullan – Lacrosse

Andrew Gwozdz – Trips

Peter Murphy – Sports Training

Sam Mitchell – Sports Training

Nick Phillips – Sports Training

Derek Sicotte – Baseball



Sports Training

By Peter Murphy, 15

The activity head, “Striker” Dodge, has done a great job organizing Sports Training this year. We do a variety of calisthenics, with plenty of running and weight training. In Specialty, we start off with eight timed laps around the soccer field (approx. one mile) and attempt to improve every day. Following that, we do drills that target the legs, and include squats, lunges, and jumping. Usually we will continue with ab and core work by doing a variety of crunches. We also use stability and medicine balls, as well as tension bands and some light weights for a full body workout.

Some people wonder why anybody would want to put themselves through this, but Sports Training can serve many purposes. First of all, it gets you in shape and healthy. It also helps people with their sports during the year because they will be in better condition. This was clearly shown in the Casco Days Road Race, where Agawam had a strong showing. This is my third year participating in Sports Training Specialty, and I like to go whenever I can. All in all, I believe that Sports Training is the best activity in camp due to its simplicity, as well as its benefits.

Ag/Wam Upper Campus Track Results: Wams – 170, Ags – 154

50-Yard Dash

1. Barrett McMullan (Wam)
2. Derek Sicotte (Wam)
3. Stefan Allard (Ag)
4. Jake Sandler (Ag)
5. Kyle Headley (Ag)

Long Jump

1. Jake Sandler (Ag), 15' 0"
Derek Sicotte (Wam)
2. Steve Hilton (Ag), 14' 0"
Peter Murphy (Wam)
3. Stefan Allard (Ag), 13' 6"
John Aloian (Ag)
Drew Shaeffer (Wam)

Cross Country

1. Peter Murphy (Wam)
2. Jake Sandler (Ag)
3. Derek Sicotte (Wam)
4. Andrew Gwozdz (Ag)
5. Barrett McMullan (Wam)
6. Nick Phillips (Wam)
7. Matt McMorris (Wam)
8. Sam Mitchell (Ag)
9. Matt Hogan (Ag)
10. Drew Shaeffer (Wam)

Individual High Scores

1. Derek Sicotte (Wam) – 28 ½ points
2. Jake Sandler (Ag) – 26 ½ points
3. Peter Murphy (Wam) – 22 ½ points
4. Barrett McMullan (Wam) – 21 points
5. Steve Hilton (Ag) – 14 ½ points

Ag/Wam Upper Middle Campus Track Results: Ags – 145 ⅓, Wams – 117 ⅔

50-Yard Dash

1. Jay Carroll (Ag)
2. Cor Bensen (Ag)
3. Ben Sataloff (Wam)
4. Luke Faust (Wam)
5. Christian Johnson (Ag)

Long Jump

1. Luke Faust (Wam), 14' 0"
2. Jamie Fried (Ag), 13; 0"
3. Paul Donohue (Wam), 12' 0"
Ben Sataloff (Wam)
5. Jim Goodenough (Wam), 11' 6"
Christian Johnson (Ag)
John Sataloff (Wam)

Cross Country

1. Jay Carroll (Ag)
2. Matt Glick (Ag)
3. Luke Faust (Wam)
4. Will Degerberg (Ag)
5. Cor Bensen (Ag)
6. Jim Goodenough (Wam)
7. Josh Christy (Ag)
8. Ryan Emberling (Wam)
9. Winston May (Wam)
10. Jamie Fried (Ag)

Individual High Scores

1. Luke Faust (Wam) – 24 points
2. Jay Carroll (Ag) – 23 points
3. Cor Bensen (Ag) – 19 points
4. Matt Glick (Ag) – 18 points
5. Jamie Fried (Ag) – 17 points



Ag/Wam Lower Middle Campus Track Results: Wams – 150 ½, Ags – 97 ½

50-Yard Dash

1. Joseph Noreña (Ag)
2. Jack Near (Ag)
3. Will Zacher (Wam)
4. Hamlet Fort (Wam)
5. Will Stark (Wam)

Long Jump

1. Jack Near (Ag), 13' 3"
2. John Murphy (Wam), 12' 2"
3. Joseph Noreña (Ag), 12' 1 ½"
4. Will Solberg (Wam), 12' ½"
5. Hamlet Fort (Wam), 12' 0"

Cross Country

1. John Murphy (Wam)
2. David Lee (Ag)
3. Connor Murphy (Wam)
4. Alex Przedpelski (Wam)
5. Sandy Brown (Wam)
6. Will Stark (Wam)
7. JP Steers (Wam)
8. Joseph Noreña (Ag)
9. Tyler Winde (Wam)
10. Jack Near (Ag)

Individual High Scores

1. John Murphy (Wam) – 24 points
2. Joseph Noreña (Ag) – 22 points
3. David Lee (Ag) – 21 points
Jack Near (Ag)
5. Will Stark (Wam) – 16 points

Ag/Wam Lower Campus Track Results: Wams – 173 ½, Ags – 134 ½

50-Yard Dash

1. Bernardo Gonzales del Rey (Ag)
2. Rob King (Wam)
3. Miko McGuire (Wam)
4. Luke Noreña (Ag)
5. Kenn Fryer (Ag)

Long Jump

1. Luke Noreña (Ag), 10' 5"
2. Franklin Parker (Wam), 10' 1"
Daniel Paseltiner (Ag)
4. James Bilko (Wam), 9' 10"
5. Jack Martin (Wam), 9' 7 ½"

Cross Country

1. Franklin Parker (Wam)
2. Rob King (Wam)
3. Albert Richardson (Ag)
4. Daniel Paseltiner (Ag)
5. Chris Balderston (Wam)
6. Mac Hayes (Wam)
7. Kenn Fryer (Ag)
8. Connor Murray (Ag)
9. Bernardo Gonzales del Rey (Ag)
10. Jack Martin (Wam)

Individual High Scores

1. Franklin Parker (Wam) – 25 ½ points
2. Rob King (Wam) – 20 points
3. Daniel Paseltiner (Ag) – 19 ½ points
4. Luke Noreña (Ag) – 16 points
Albert Richardson (Ag)

High Point Track – 2005

Upper Campus – Peter Murphy – 54 points

Upper Middle Campus – Luke Faust – 24 points

Lower Middle Campus – John Murphy – 34 ½ points

Lower Campus – Franklin Parker – 29 ½ points

Sports Training

By Nick Phillips, 15

Sports Training is one of only three activities at Agawam to have a 13-and-up age requirement, and for good reason. Sports Training is easily the most physically demanding activity available at Agawam. Participants are often pushed to the limit of their physical ability; discipline and endurance are paramount to Sports Training success.

Sports Training, for years a fringe activity in the pantheon of Agawam athletics, has gained new popularity with the development of an Agawam Track program. Much of the Sports Training agenda has been incorporated into this track program, and as a result, Sports Training is enjoying more depth and relevance now that campers have a venue in which to display skills acquired in Sports Training. The most proficient in Sports Training are often stars of the Track program, and vice versa.

Sports Training would be nothing without a dedicated activity head, and the program has found one in “Striker” Tommy Dodge. Striker’s work routines are grueling, but his participants always see an immediate physical return from his workouts. Striker is a newcomer to Agawam, but hope remains high that he will return and bring the Sports Training program to new heights.

Sports Training has yet to gain the popularity enjoyed by more mainstream activities, but it is certainly on the right track. Specialty enrollment has never been higher, and the growth of the Track program has given Sports Training participants a theater in which to perform, complete with inter-camp competition. With a disciplined camper base, improving facilities, and dedicated, knowledgeable instruction, Sports Training is poised to become one of the forefront activities at Agawam.



2005 saw the return of the musically inclined Agawam Agonizers, led by “Striker” Tommy Dodge

15-and-under Lacrosse Game vs. Laurel South

By Barrett McMullan, 15

As we marched out of lunch on a hot Sunday afternoon we knew we were in for a good day of lacrosse. As people put on pads and started with line drills the Laurel South team marched up the hill to join us on the upper fields.

Laurel scored first, but that was the only lead they would have for the rest of the game.

Goals by **Ted Moran** and **Cam Panno** got the offense going while **Reed Miller**, **Barrett McMullan**, and **Chris Harrington** formed the defense. With **Bob Bernhart** in goal

Agawam soon tied the game at the end of the first quarter, 2-2. The second quarter was filled with good teamwork to create good

offensive plays and a strong defense. After halftime everybody suited up and took the field. The second half boasted good midfield play, both offensively and defensively. With a few key saves by Bob and good clearing by the defense Laurel South scored very few goals. The final whistle blew and our fans cheered for good play both ways, but it was Agawam that came out on top, 8-4.

