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Smiles and Fun Summarize 37th Main Idea

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The 37th Main Idea got off to a great start. As the staff and volunteers greeted the first early arrival, we knew it was going to be a great week at Agawam. Camp quickly filled with the noise and laughter of campers unpacking their sleeping bags and meeting their cabin mates. All rejoiced in the ability to get out of the hot and steamy Maine weather, and into Crescent Lake for a quick dip before dinner.

As the week began, campers participated in activities from sailing to riflery and everything in between. The Camp started to change colors after so many campers had begun to make colorful gimp necklaces in Arts and crafts. Boys were filled with energy as they tried each activity at camp including huge games of buzz-ball, cops and robbers, and pom-pom pull away. The battlegwagon was in full force as Bill Glass and "Scout" Craig Pattengill helped campers raid the lake by catching over 50 fish.

As the days were winding down the boys would cool off during "walkthroughs" before heading to bed. But on two evenings they entire Camp enjoyed a campfire! These included challenges such as two fingered pole balancing, cat on the back fence and songfest featuring "Brown 2002" singing the Copacabana. Oh how the campfire rang out with fun and excitement.

As the 37th Main Idea wound down, the entire camp entered its final campfire. There were many congratulations and awards given to the 14-year-olds and the excellent Main Idea camper body. Thanks were given to excellent Main Idea volunteers as the campfire ended. The boys awoke to a great surprise of the "Mission Impossible", which consisted of a huge counselor manhunt! As the bags were packed, and the shirts were signed, the boys lined up one last time for a delicious BBQ which was prepared for the parents and the campers. As the cars were leaving the boys yelled out "I cannot wait till next year," as they waved good-bye to their cabin-mates and counselors, and the 37th Main Idea had ended.



2007 Main Idea campers, staff and volunteers



“Chips” Holly Carriere and “Admiral” Stephanie Hogan unveil the 2006 Main Idea Quilt Project. Boys from the 2006 Main Idea created their own quilt squares at Art and Crafts, and then over the winter, Brooke Robinson, a friend of “Admiral” Hogan, sewed all the patches together to create a Main Idea Quilt! “Chips” and “Admiral” unveiled the quilt at dinner during the 2007 Main Idea to all the boys who had participated. It was received with a hearty round of applause and was then put on display in Governor Hall.



“Canoeing in Crescent Lake”
By: Brandon Bell



“Windsurfing”
By: Colin Bridge-Koenigsberg

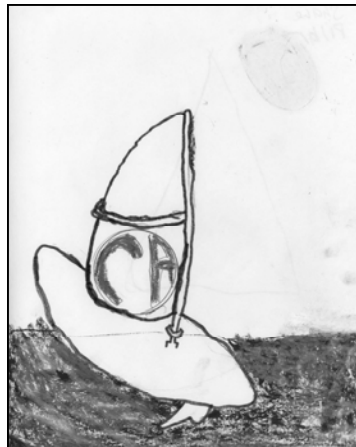




For the second year, Main Idea Alumni were invited back to Main Idea to enjoy a cookout dinner and then attend the first Campfire on Council Hill. Attending this year were J.D. Clark, David Mead, and Aaron Tripp. The boys are pictured here with Main Idea volunteer and former Agawam Council Board President “Coach” Bob Demont, just before heading into the Campfire.



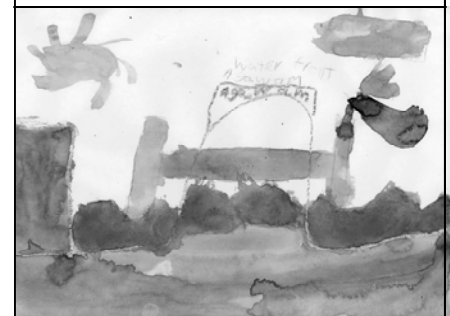
“Agawam Waterfront”
By: Dillon Dorr, Cabin of Penn



“Check out the New Boards!”
By: Shane Pillar

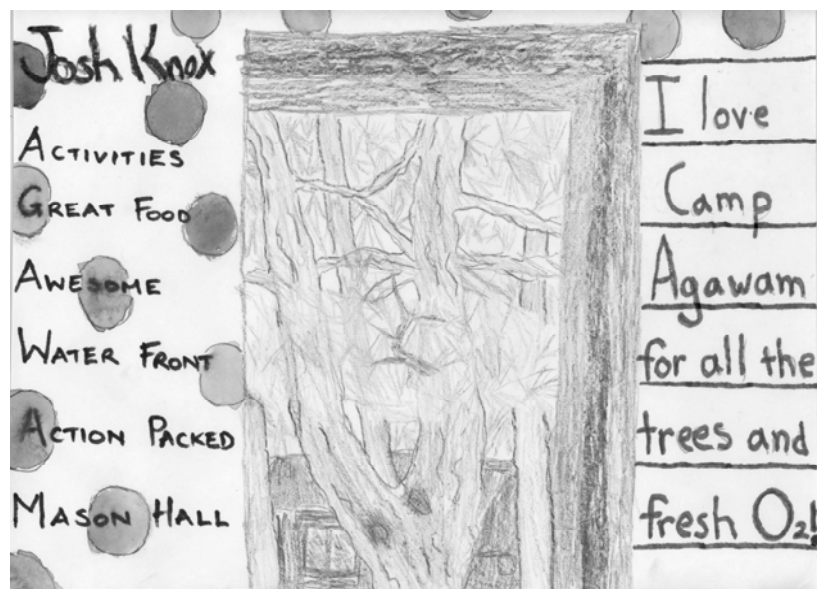
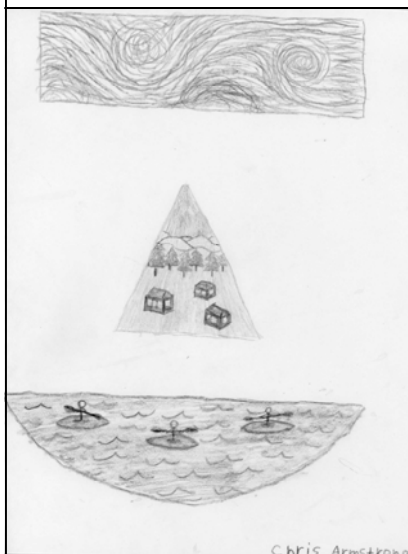


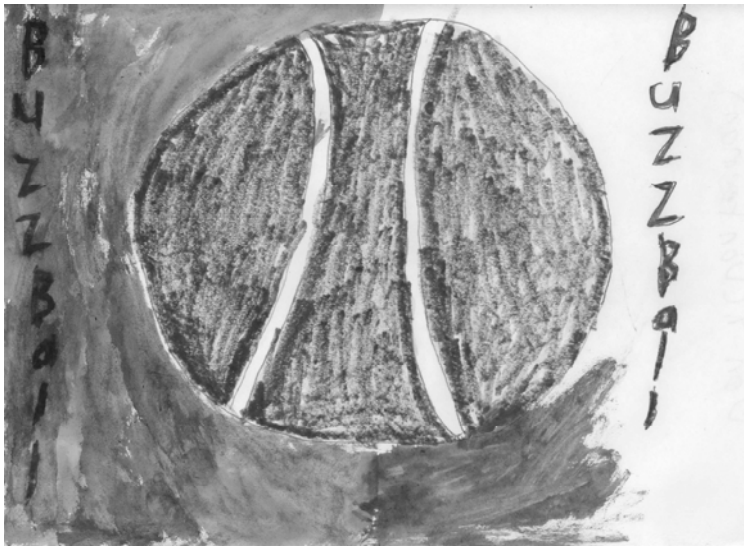
“Waterfront”
By: Cameron Milligan



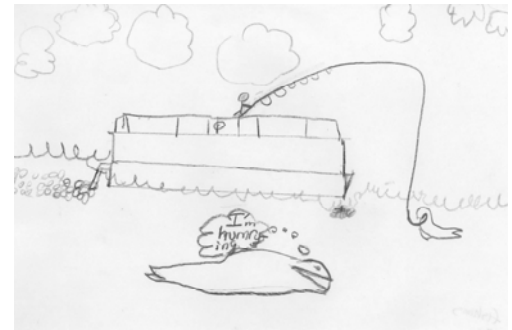
“A Camp scene within the Agawam symbol”
By: Chris Armstrong.

The Agawam symbol represents a bar/shield above a tent/camp above a crescent. It means “protect this Camp on Crescent Lake.”





“Buzzball!”
By: Don Freeman



“Fishing”
By: Andrew Richardson, Trinity 2007



“Fishing with Bill Glass”
By: Alex Damon

This year at Main Idea, campers caught a record number of fish!

