

Deerhorn Blazer

January 2011

Winter settled in early here in Bozeman, Montana, as we've had at least 6 inches of snow on the ground since the first week of November, and temperatures have not gotten above freezing. Our dog, Bridger, would much rather be chasing tennis balls into the lake instead of trying to find them in a foot of snow. I can't blame him. As I worked on editing the highlights video from last summer, I was struck by two things. First of all, last summer was a really great one and I can't wait to get back to the 'Horn next summer. Second, I feel incredibly lucky to be able to be a part of such an amazing place. I hope you feel just as lucky and are excited to join us for the summer of 2011. It promises to be a good one. Included with this Blazer is a DVD with highlights from 2010 to get you excited for next summer. Take a look- it's jam packed with action & excitement. This Blazer will fill you in on questionnaire results, introduce you to the 2011 leader crew, and give you an update on enrollment and staff. It will also give you a peek at what other campers have been doing this winter.

Staff Update... Staff members who have signed on for all or part of the summer of '11 include the following: Dick Kinney, Jim & Dottie Gauvreau, Mark Brooks, Brittni Danner, Sadie Grace, Jake Mandel, Will Kocher, Bear Miller, Seth Wormley, Judy McKay Burkey, & Cindy Marquardt. **For assistant counselors**, Tommy Harvey, Steven Zazaian, Max Turner, Dan Brooks, Parker Nixon, Spencer Rose, Johnny Sudekum, Spence Siegel, Will Greiner, Steven Papastefan, Ben Gust, George Herrmann, Rocco Mangin, Brad Cook, Trey Temple, Kevin Kane, Ben Greene, Patrick Richwine, Nick Angelopolous, Brian Reiss, Mike Maicke, Ryan Morabito, Phil Fernacciaro, Ben Paulson, Oley Yager, Peter Paleczny, & Garrett Gust. Keep checking the staff page of our website for more names.

2011 Leader Core...The hardest choice as a Deerhorn director is the selection of leaders. This year's leaders bring with them 31 years of camp experience...now that's loyalty! **Vicente Garcia** will be joining us for his 9th summer at camp from Mexico City, Mexico. He will be leading the Apache. **Ryan Farrell**, from Glencoe, IL, is coming back for his 6th summer to lead the Chippewa. **Mark Deacon**, a Bloomfield Village, MI native, is leading the Iroquois. This will be his 7th summer at camp. **Palmer Taylor** is returning for his 9th year and is leading the Navajo. He is from Lake Forest, IL. These guys are psyched for the summer and ready to help you have a blast!

Enrollment Update... Space is available in all sessions with the exception of the June Father/ Son session. This session already has a short waiting list. The B & C Sessions will likely reach capacity in the near future.

If you haven't signed up for the session you want for 2011, we encourage you to do so soon to avoid a waiting list for that session.

Camper Questionnaire Results...As you know, the scale was 1 (poor)- 5 (excellent). Here's how Deerhorn did. (parentheses are 2010 scores)

1. Koogees- 4.21 (4.09)
2. Activities- 4.74 (4.68)
3. Counselors- 4.74 (4.76)
4. Campfires- 4.3 (4.36)
5. Sunday koogee time-4.27 (4.2)
6. Food-4.32 (4.07)
7. After dinner activities-4.66 (4.52)
8. Sunday events- 4.66 (4.49)
9. Director Availability- 4.23 (4.44)
10. Other campers-4.36
11. Talent Night-4.37
12. Changeover days-4.31

Activities and trips were also scored and are shown below in order of popularity...

1. Ice Hockey-4.8 (4.91)
2. Riflery-4.69 (4.71)
3. Horseback riding-4.61 (4.58)
4. Water Skiing-4.58 (4.51)
5. Sailing- 4.56 (4.51)
6. Mountain Biking-4.51 (4.48)
7. Sports & Games-4.5 (4.38)
8. Tennis -4.38 (4.28)
9. Crafts-4.37 (4.51)
10. Basketball-4.25 (4.11)
11. Golf-4.11 (4.12)
12. Archery-4.06 (4.44)
13. Canoeing 3.92 (4.28)
14. Swimming-3.89 (3.75)

1. Waterpark-4.94 (4.9)
2. Lake Superior- 4.79 (4.65)
3. Backpack Trip-4.75 (5.0)
4. Canoe Trip-4.0 (4.5)

The most helpful counselors for you last summer were (in order)

1. **Matt Winter**
2. **JK**
3. **Brooksy**

WEBSITE...www.deerhorn.com...

We are SO excited about our new online application system. So far, the response to the system has been overwhelmingly positive. Parents like how easy it is to apply and that you can now pay with credit cards. If you need help with the online system, please email deerhorn@deerhorn.com or call 800-713-3130. We would be happy to answer any questions you have. **Also, this was the 2nd summer to have bulletin board updates on our website.** If you click on "bulletin board" at the bottom, and then "current events," you will find a daily blog on the daily events at camp. This also includes updates as to when the busses arrived or left camp on changeover days. It helps give parents a feel for what's happening in their sons' lives at camp. Last summer's blog will remain on the website until the summer of 2011 begins.

Parent Questionnaire Results...The scale was the same as the kids'.

1. Koogees-3.92 (4.02)
2. Activities-4.38 (4.51)
3. Changeover days-4.43 (4.5)
4. Winter Correspondence-4.6 (4.52)
5. Staff- 4.85 (4.79)
6. Value of Tuition-4.51 (4.42)
7. Director's Availability-4.8 (4.72)
8. Safety-4.76 (4.65)
9. Ratio-4.78 (4.75)
10. Camp maintenance-4.53 (4.57)
11. Food-4.33 (4.19)
12. Infirmary-4.68 (4.6)
13. Arrival/Departure Days-4.73
14. Overall satisfaction-4.7 (4.72)

What the parents said their son(s) most liked about camp included the counselors, new activities, being with all boys, and team competitions. What they liked least included going to sleep, the bathhouses, going home, and the mosquitoes. We are definitely hoping for fewer mosquitoes in 2011! Thank you, parents, for names of new families and for all of your suggestions.

HOSTING A PRESENTATION...

Thank you, also, to those of you have volunteered to host presentations. Deerhorn has become what it is due to word of mouth recommendations from people like you. If you have several friends or neighbors that might be interested in camp in the future, one of the directors would love to visit you and show the 2011 Deerhorn DVD at your home. Just call us at 1 800 713 3130 or ask us to mail them a brochure. Thanks to those of you who have hosted presentations or come by just to say hi!

What are you doing this winter?

SPORTS:

Soccer- Tenzing Mangat, Henry Pollock, Polly Polovin, Cole Clancy, Benjamin Brown, Jay Silver, Scott McLaughlin, Craig McLaughlin, Jacob Weinstein, Owen Good, Clark Reinfranck, Robert Garrett, & Tim Leathery

Hockey- Cameron Redding, Ryan Farrell, Nick Newhouse, Dawson Galloway, Jack Mignin, Polly Polovin, Simon Motew, & Henry Pollock

Football- Jack Linforth, Wyatt Dandy, Polly Polovin, William Field, Chris Murphy, Hunter Riutta, Charlie Pickus, Jack Pickus, Will Lund, & Parker Frautschi

Basketball- Jack Linforth, Mike Maicke, Jimmy Fox, Trevor Fahey, Max Bechtel, Hunter Riutta, Charlie Pickus, Jack Pickus, Will Lund, Owen Good, Bobby Thomas, & Tim Leathery

Cross Country or Track- Derek Harms, Mike Maicke, Jay Silver, Max Bechtel, Scott McLaughlin, Brad Cook, Clark Reinfranck, Bobby Thomas

Tennis- James Rivard, Wyatt Dandy, Jack Mignin, Cole Clancy, Benjamin Brown, Scott McLaughlin, Henry Moore, Jake Freedman, Owen Good, Brad Cook, & Tim Leathery

Swimming- James Rivard, Alex Andresen, Owen Good, & Sam Greene

Fencing- Alex Andresen & Brian Reiss

Golf- Jack Linforth, Joe Burke, & Owen Good

MUSIC-

Jack Sadera (saxophone), Drew Bagnoli, Patrick Helle (violin), Matt Roge (guitar & drums), Tenzing Mangat (drums), Wyatt Dandy (bass), Jack Mignin (guitar), Dawson Galloway (guitar), Ryan Grady (band), Trevor Fahey (trombone), Alex Andresen (piano), Craig McLaughlin (guitar), Trevor Yamada (trumpet), Henry Moore (piano, guitar, cello), Charlie Pickus (percussion), TJ Farrell (band), Cameron Redding (guitar), & Clark Reinfranck (piano, guitar)

DRAMA-

Matt Roge, Brian Reiss, & Sam Greene

HONOR ROLL-

Joey McGrady, Cole Clancy, & Nicholas Naimo

WHERE are you going this winter?

Going Abroad- Dawson Galloway (Mexico), Alex Andresen (Galapagos Islands), Henry Moore (Costa Rica), Henry & Jake Freedman (Uruguay), & Sam Greene (Germany)

Florida- Charlie Wells, Jimmy Fox, Jay Silver, Jacob Weinstein, & Clark Reinfranck

Ski Trips- Henry Pollock (Idaho), Jack Sadera (Utah), Duncan Nyland (Colorado), Polly Polovin (Aspen), Drew Bagnoli (Beaver Creek), Trevor Fahey, Henry Moore, & Jake Freedman

Jack Austin is going on hockey trips, mostly to Chicago. Simon & Asher Motew are going to watch their brother, Max, play hockey in New York. Jake Pothast is going to space camp, and Scott McLaughlin is heading to Alaska. You all have been very busy this winter! Thanks for keeping in touch!

What would you change about Camp Deerhorn?...

"Kill all the mosquitoes!"

-Trevor Fahey

"More days like Sunday."

-Max Bechtel

"Make hockey camp longer."

-Polly Polovin

"MAKE G-SWIM LONGER."

-BRAD COOK

"Nothing- It's great how it is!"

-Daniel Hauser

What did you like best about camp?...

A few highlights...

"Everything was great, but the water campfire was the most emotional part. To hear the leaders' stories is truly breathtaking for they show how great Deerhorn is and how much it should be enjoyed."

-Henry Pollock

"Monkey Relays-I thought that was the best activity because it was fun to see how supportive everybody was of each other and their leaders."

-Cole Clancy

"When everybody was screaming at scalp and we all ran towards each other in the Braveheart run. I got out but I didn't care because it was just fun."

-Jake Pothast

"When we were at camp while Lake Superior kids were out on the trip and I was playing a-dock home run derby with Reed Nixon."

-Oley Yager

"When we played Ultimate Frisbee and everyone slipped in a mudslide on the field."

-Clark Reinfranck

"Watching Oley play his last game of scalp."

-C.J. Yager

"The Water Campfire, specifically Mack Gust's speech, which made me remember why everyone that goes to Deerhorn just keeps coming back."

-Duncan Nyland

New in 2011: Our most exciting addition to camp for next summer is the resurfacing of several of our courts. We have resurfaced the lower basketball court and the first tennis court with "sport court." So far, it seems like it will be very durable and it definitely looks great. We are anxious to see what you guys think about playing on it next summer. The blue of the lower basketball court really looks great. For pictures, check out our shutterfly site, campdeerhorn.shutterfly.com and click on "Fall 2010."

Deerhorn Trivia...Round 2

Congratulations to the winners of our trivia contest from the questionnaires...Henry Pollock, Jack Linforth, Tenzing Mangat, Matthew Polovin, and Jack & Charlie Pickus all received items from the Deerhorn Trading Post. The next round of trivia starts now. Included with this Blazer is a DVD of highlights from the summer of 2010. It is NOT the same old Deerhorn video...it includes your favorite events from 2010. Watch the video and then answer the following trivia questions. The first 5 people to email me at amy@deerhorn.com with the correct answers will win a prize. Thanks for playing and have fun watching the video!

1. Name 4 of the sections of the video. (i.e. 4 things that campers listed as favorite things at camp.)
2. What movie theme song is playing during the section on team competition?
3. Name the four teams in the order of who won the Chariots of Fire.

Thank you so much to those of you who responded to our questionnaires! We appreciate your input!

Have a great winter and we hope to see you in 2011!