

THE WALDEN POND

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DAY: MONDAY

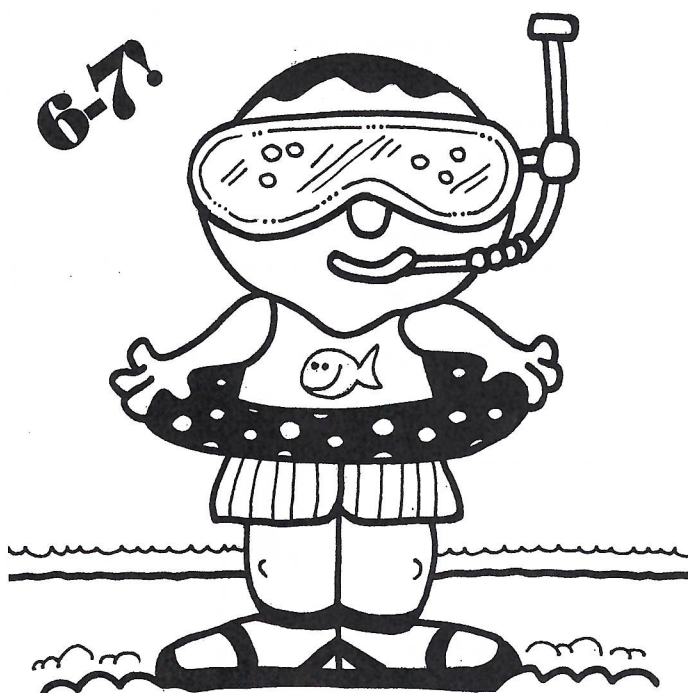
DATE: JUNE 22, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

WELCOME TO WALDEN'S 67TH SUMMER!



SWIM CHECK

Your swim check results depend on what you can do at the waterfront this summer. There are three basic levels (Bluegill, Walleye, and Muskie), and there are three additional levels you can achieve later (Shark, Dolphin, and Whale).

LEVEL	LENGTHS	WAT YOU CAN DO
Bluegill	0-6	Swimming in Bluegill Fishing with life jacket
Walleye	7-11	Swimming in Bluegill or Walleye Fishing with life jacket
Muskie	12	Any waterfront activities
Shark	40 at once	Any waterfront activities Skip swim check next summer
Dolphin	72 at once*	Any waterfront activities Skip swim check next summer
Whale	500 in total	Any waterfront activities Skip swim check next summer

* Must swim Shark first

WHO'S YOUR UNIT HEAD AND UNIT PROGRAMMER?

In addition to cabin counselors, each unit will have a Unit Head and Unit Programmer this summer. Unit Heads will be available to help you get adjusted to camp and deal with special problems that may come up. Unit Programmers will be in charge of organizing special day programs and evening activities.

UNIT HEADS

Boys Units 1-2: JP Moussier
Boys Units 3-4: Luke Gruenhagen
Girls Units 1-2: Freya Sharp
Girls Units 3-4: Riley Baker

UNIT PROGRAMMERS

Boys Unit 1: Jonah Levy
Boys Unit 2: Kyle Cronan
Boys Unit 3: Max Freeman
Boys Unit 4: Mario Sanchez
Girls Unit 1: Kate Thummler
Girls Unit 2: Julia Raya-Cortes
Girls Unit 3: Cami Silva
Girls Unit 4: Ashley Singer

WHAT'S HAPPENING TONIGHT

This evening the Area Heads will introduce you to the activities you can sign up for tomorrow at Registration. Each camper can choose four daytime activities for A-Days and four for B-days. You will be going to these same activities for two weeks. The Area Heads will explain what counselors will be teaching so you can decide what you're most interested in or would like to learn. You can also ask them questions.

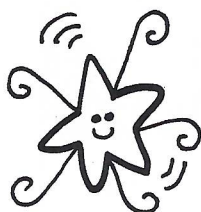
Then there will be our Welcome Back Campfire to kick off the summer with camp songs, more introductions, and surprises. Dress in warm clothes and wear bug spray. It can get chilly at night.

After that, it's back to the cabins. All staff are on duty tonight. No off grounds.

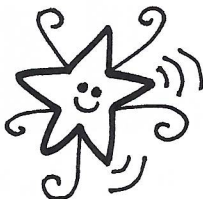


CONGRATULATIONS

to the following campers who won the Phantom contest in the winter editions of the Walden Pond (mailed home to campers during the school year). They each win a staff T-shirt or some other prize as determined by Scott or Liz.



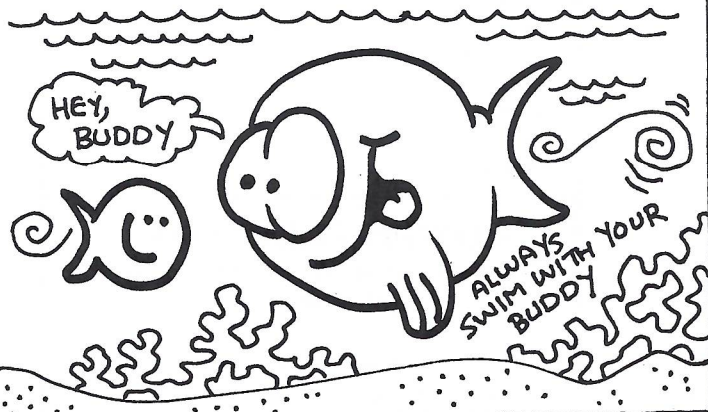
**HARPER FANTICH
JULIA ZENDEL
JILLIAN LAZARUS
JOEY CAPLAN
JULIA PEARLMAN
LEO FANTICH**



If you are here at camp this session, please see Scott or Liz to claim your prize.

GENERAL WATERFRONT RULES

1. Only an Aquatic Supervisor may open the waterfront.
2. A certified lifeguard must also be on duty in order for any activities to occur.
3. All staff and campers must pass their swim check in order to participate in waterfront activities.
4. Campers who choose not to take the swim check may not register for any boating activities.
5. All campers will be assigned Buddy Numbers.
6. During a "general swim" (at V-Pack or Twilight, for instance) campers must pair up with a Buddy before going in the water and sign in and out (by Buddy Number) with the check-in guard.
7. The swim-area supervisor will call regular Buddy Checks.
8. Everyone must wear life jackets on *all boats at all times*.
9. The Waterfront Director has the final say on all decisions pertaining to the use or rules of the waterfront.



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HEY, YOU!

You might have noticed there's a contest on the front of the Pond. The Pictured Rock Contest has been a Walden tradition since 1987. If your cabin finds the hidden moon rock, you'll win a trip to Dairy Queen for ice cream. Be sure to read the small print for official rules and important information. If the print in the Pond is too small, check the yellow posters hanging around the mess hall. It's small there too, but it will help you out. One official clue will be printed in the Pond each day until the Rock is found.

GET YOUR OWN POND BOX

Would you like your own personal box in the Walden Pond? You can have a box with a personal message written in it anytime you want. Or maybe you want a regular box that appears every day. Something like "Bob's Movie Quote of the Day." If you know a lot about movies. And if your name is Bob. You can also have a regular box for your cabin or activity area.

See Neal to have your own box set up.

OFFICIAL TYPO DISCLAIMER

You'll find plenty of typos in the Walden Pond this summer for your entertainment and enjoyment. Sometimes handwritten printos too. Do not be afraid! Typos will not harm you and, in most cases, they're more afraid of you than you are of them. Although there is a limited supply of typos to last throughout the summer, additional ones are available upon request. No purchase necessary.

Her area a fw typos too git use started.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LIVI
WILLIAMS



WWW
Today is
Wear Walden
Wednesday

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Jimmy

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"THE FUTURE IS
ALWAYS BEGINNING
NOW."
~MARK
STRAND

RANDOM BOX

THANKS TO ALL STAFF
WHO HELPED OUT WITH
REGISTRATION
YESTERDAY!


LUNCH BOX

GRILLED
CHEESE
ONION RINGS
TOMATO SOUP
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX


DINNER
MASHED POTATOES
CORN
BISCUITS
BOZ LOVES BOZ

THE WALDEN POND

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DAY: TUESDAY

DATE: JUNE 23, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

There's an old saying that goes, "There are two ways to be rich: make more or desire less," and while that may be true, it has absolutely nothing to do with what's happening at Walden today.

This morning at Walden, we'll be registering for classes in two shifts. See the article on the right for more details. When you're not registering, you'll have more time for unpacking. Units will also be meeting with administrators.

After lunch will be a Mock General Swim where the Boz and her staff will explain all the important rules for the waterfront.

At 3:00, everyone will meet on the B-Field for a game of 4-way soccer while the area heads are having their SCREAM session. (They scream at each other while fighting over which counselors will teach in their areas. Yes, it's true. Counselors will find out their assignments in the morning.)

Then there will be Punch and Cookies (our daily snack period) and Wuddles (cabin discussion groups), followed by wash-up and dinner (tacos tonight). Evening program will be a Welcome Back Show at the outdoor stage, and then it's time for bed.

Things will get a little more normal tomorrow when you start going to all the fun activities you registered for.

For more information on what's happening today, see the "1st Few Days of 1st Session" schedule that should be posted in your cabin.



REGISTRATION THIS MORNING

This morning all campers will sign up for the classes they want to take for the next two weeks. Each camper makes two schedules: one for A-Day and one for B-Day. Schedules alternate each day.

Units 1 and 2 will register first. Then Units 3 and 4 will register. Use your A/B menu to mark a first and second choice for each period. If you don't get your first choice for an activity because it's full, ask the counselor to put you on a waiting list so you can get in the class next time. Listen to the bells to find out when to come down to the mess hall.

Counselors, please check the sheets posted by the mess hall doors to see if you've been assigned to work at registration. If so, you should come down during clean-up to help set up. All counselors not assigned are to remain with their campers all morning.

Here are a few of the exciting activities you can sign up for:

Waterskiing * Archery * Tennis * **Softball** * Hammocks *
 Weight Training * **Lacrosse** * Jewelry * **Frisbee Golf** *
Canoeing * Soccer * Riding * Digital Photo * Flag Football *
 Animal Care * **Outdoor Cooking** * Fencing * Radio *
Pickleball * Sailing * Volleyball * **Yoga** * Ultimate Frisbee
 * Basketball * **Dance** * Guitar * **Ukulele** * Jam Session *
 Drama * Candles * **Tubing** * Farm and Garden * **Fishing** *
 Shrinky-Dink * **Gymnastics** * Meditation *
Walden Pond

Please see the official A/B Menus for a more complete list of offerings and listen to last minute announcements for changes.

ATTENTION RIDERS

We're looking forward to lots of fun times at the stables this summer. If you are one of our riders, a riding instructor will come around and talk to you before registration. Please make sure you know your assigned riding time before you register for activities tomorrow. See Karen Spreen if you have any questions.

INFIRMARY REMINDERS

The infirmary staff would like to remind all campers about these important infirmary procedures:

- ★ All medication should have already been turned into the infirmary, but if you still have any, please bring it there. Medication is not allowed to be stored in cabins.
- ★ Meds will be distributed at your table by the CHO's.
- ★ If you take nighttime meds, we will deliver them to your evening activity or with your snack bags.
- ★ Sick call is every day right after lunch and right after dinner. For after-hours emergencies, find the CHO on call (listed on the infirmary door).
- ★ Please remember to wash your hands frequently to prevent spreading germs.

BE IN THE POND

Anyone can be in The Walden Pond! If you have something to contribute, bring it to the Pond office (located between the staff lounge and the computer room) or leave a message on Neal's digital recorder which he usually carries around with him.

The Walden Pond accepts news items, articles, advertisements, Happy-Grams (messages to other people in camp), poetry, black-and-white line drawings and cartoons, and your own ideas!

RECYCLE YOUR POND

When you clean up after breakfast, please put any clean Walden Ponds in the "Old Ponds" box by the fireplace. Old issues will be kept in the box until it gets full, so you can check there if you miss an issue. Feel free to help yourself to as many back issues as you want. When the box is full it will be emptied to make room for new issues.

WELCOME
DR. SHERI
ROSENFELD

THUMBS
UP
MEANS
QUIET



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"RELAX AND
TAKE IN THE
ABUNDANCE
OF LIFE."
~ ANONYMOUS

RANDOM BOX



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RIDING STAFF:

Thanks for all your
hard work last week.
Karen and Abi

EMY BECKETT:

Thanks for Spa Day!
Spaz

LETTER DAYS AT CAMP

Tuesdays and Fridays are Letter Days. We encourage you to write a letter home the night before (that means tonight) and bring it with you tomorrow to breakfast. You can give it to a parent liaison in the mess hall or drop it in in the white wooden mailbox next to the bell near the office.

"We write letters because our parents have been supportive of us to send us to camp, and it's a great way to tell them about our camping experience," James explains.

Since these letters are written and mailed on paper, the US Postal Service will not deliver them unless they are addressed correctly and include a stamp in the upper right corner.

DOES YOUR ENVELOPE LOOK LIKE THIS?

Your Name
Camp Walden
PO Box 604
Cheboygan, MI 49721

NAME (who are you sending to?)
Street Address
City, State ZIP CODE

Stamp in the
upper right



Front

Back

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Diego

LUNCH BOX

COLD
CUTS

DINNER BOX

SPAGHETTI
GARLIC
BREAD
GREEN BEANS

THE WALDEN POND

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DAY: WEDNESDAY DATE: JUNE 24, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

CAN YOU FIND THE MOON ROCK?



A rock with a picture of the moon (and stars) has been hidden in camp.

If you find it, your cabin will win a trip to Dairy Queen!

Every day a clue will appear in the Walden Pond.

If you put enough clues together, they will lead you to an area in camp.

Search around that area to find the rock!

To win you must be the first and only person to hand the rock to Neal Levin.

The fine print: The rock must be on camp property. The rock is not near the water. The stables, farm, gardens, tall grass areas, deep woods, and waterfront are off limits. The rock is not in any cabin or building. You can be disqualified for searching off grounds, making fake rocks, trying to get clues ahead of time, or asking for special clues. No searching during Rest Period! The picture is painted with permanent markers and signed and dated on the back. It may be inside a small plastic sandwich bag and may be covered with natural elements such as sticks or leaves but is not underground. Groups consisting primarily of staff, CA's, or LIT's are not eligible. Only one cabin will be determined as a winner, and all members of that cabin will share the prize. The judge's decision is final. Enjoy your hunt!

CLUE #1: OUTDOORS

CHIPMUNK CAFÉ UP AND RUNNING

The Chipmunk Café is now open outside the Pond office. Throughout the summer, Neal provides free food (i.e. dry corn) for the local chipmunks to munch on and store away for the winter. Yes, these are real live chipmunks! Drop by to watch, but please don't feed the chipmunks by hand.

Last week Neal wasn't sure if the Chipmunk Café would open at all because the chipmunks were missing, but he's happy to report that the chipmunks came back.

A/B ACTIVITIES START TODAY

Today is the day! Official camp activities start this morning. Remember to go to the A-Day activities you signed up for at Registration. Tomorrow you will go to the B-Day activities. If you don't know where your activity meets, see the instructor.

Attention Staff: Please check your teaching assignments posted in the Mess Hall. If you have questions about your assignment, see your area head.

PROOF OF LIFE PHOTOS

Today before lunch we'll be taking "proof of life" photos. These are photos that will be posted online this week to show your parents that you're alive, you're awake, and you feel great! These photos may or may not appear in the yearbook. Official cabin photos for the yearbook will be taken later this session. Please report to the Punch and Cookie benches at the lunch wash-up bell and wait for your unit to be called for photos before going into the mess hall.

CONGRATULATIONS

to these staff members who were newly certified in archery this summer:

Jordan Craighead

Owen Downing

Faith Ferry

Alvaro Fuentes

Euan Irons

Luke Kelly

Gunny Loakes

Weronicka Loweska

Will Mackmurdle

Daisy Newton

Casey Potenhauer

Freya Sharp

Sonia Strzalka

Martha Szczepanow

Aniyah Taylor

Isabelle Villareal

These counselors were certified by Peggy Rose according to the guidelines set forth by the National Archery Association.

SIGN UP FOR DAY OFF

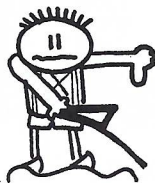
Counselors, remember to sign up for your first day off today. Your choices are Saturday or Tuesday. The sign-up sheet comes down tomorrow after breakfast.

HAND SIGNALS FOR SKIING AND TUBING

GO FASTER
Thumbs up

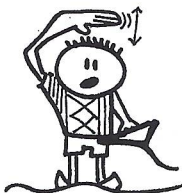


GO SLOWER
Thumbs down



**CUT OR
STOP
BOAT**
Hand
across
the neck

GO HOME
Hand patting
top of head



I'M OKAY
Wave both arms over
head after a fall



The Walden Pond is
NOW ACCEPTING

- ★ Spotlights
- ★ Autographs of the Day
- ★ Favorite meal dedications (with your name)

Come to the Pond office after breakfast!

NOTE: The items listed above fill up quickly. If you'd like to reserve a spot in a future issue of the Pond for your autograph, etc., make sure you do it within the next day or two.

FULL NAME: Jacob Lazarus
FAVORITE CLASS: science
FAVORITE MOVIE: End Game
FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi
FAVORITE JUNK FOOD: Skittles
FAVORITE CANDY BAR: Twix
HOBBY: Minecraft
SOMETHING HE HATES: Mosquitos
WOULD LOVE TO VISIT: Japan
WOULD LOVE TO FIND: The Pictured Rock

SPOTLIGHT on...
JACOB LAZARUS

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

NO HAPPY-GRAMS TODAY BECAUSE THERE WAS NO FIRST PERIOD POND CLASS YESTERDAY DUE TO THE RAIN. CHECK BACK HERE AGAIN TOMORROW.

5 QUESTIONS WITH STACEY REESER

- 1) If money was no object, what kind of house would you live in?
I would have a villa in Italy with lots of land.
- 2) What's the best thing to do in the mess hall?
Eat cinnamon toast.
- 3) Would you rather have breakfast for dinner or dinner for breakfast?
Definitely breakfast for dinner! Definitely French toast or pancakes.
- 4) What about cinnamon toast?
Obviously. That goes without saying.
- 5) Have you ever had your fortune told?
Yes. But I don't remember. And I don't think it came true.

LETTER DAYS ARE NOW MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS!

Remember to write your letter home on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from now on and bring it with you to breakfast on Monday and Thursday where parent liaisons will be collecting them.

World Cup Scores as of June 24

Scotland v. Brazil 0-3
Czechia v. Mexico 0-3
Switzerland v. Canada 2-1

Thanks to Peggy Rose

PICTURED ROCK CLUES

1. Outdoors
2. Natural area
3. Wait in line

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SKYLAR SOLLS
SOPHIE BROWN

HAPPY HALF BIRTHDAY

MIKE RETCHER

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Avis.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"THERE IS NOTHING
IN THE WORLD SO
IRRESISTIBLY
CONTAGIOUS
AS LAUGHTER AND
GOOD HUMOR."
- CHARLES DICKENS

RANDOM BOX



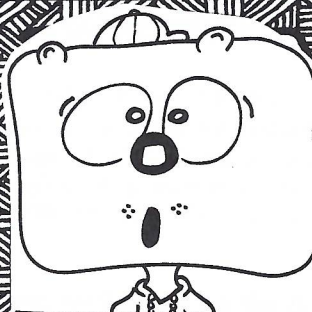
LUNCH BOX

BBQ BURGERS
AND MEATBALLS
EGG NOODLES
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

PIZZA
PRETZELS
COOKIE BARS

THE WALDEN



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DAY: THURSDAY

DATE: JUNE 25, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

SHOP AT WALD-MART

Wald-Mart, the official Camp Walden store located in the back of the office, will be open periodically during the summer for different units on different nights so you can purchase some of the exclusive Walden items not available anywhere else – not even at the real Wal-Mart.

Some of the items you can buy this summer include mini stuffed animals (elephants, hippos, blue dinosaurs, cows, and teddy bears), new quick-dry Walden beach towels, new notebooks, water bottles, T-shirts, sweatshirts, snacks (Swedish Fish, Nerds, Sour Patch Kids, Twizzlers, Oreo cookies, and gluten-free chocolate chip cookies), mini desk sets, Martin Beek postcards, tattoos, mini erasers, flashlights, beanies, fanny packs, playing cards, buttons, bracelets, magnets, patches, socks, and more. Be sure to stop by when it's your turn!

Campers can pay for Wald-Mart purchases with money parents have already put into campers' accounts.

OVERNIGHT TRIPS PLANNED FOR EVERY UNIT

Every unit will have the opportunity to go on an overnight trip this summer. The first trip will be tonight! All of Unit 1 (boys and girls) will go to Walden II. Bring your sleeping bag, bug spray, a water bottle, close-toed shoes, and a good attitude.

Porter or Marco will talk to each cabin individually to explain about other unit trips to places like Hoeft State Park, Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes, or Pictured Rocks. "We always cook s'mores," Porter says. "On every trip except for Walden II, there's swimming available. We cook together, we sleep in tents, we'll sing songs or tell stories and play games." Porter also says you can look forward to "trip sauce!" There will be a special trip for CA's as well.



ALL LIFEGUARDS:

Thanks for all of your hard work during staff week. Cheers to an awesome long lake summer!
Boz and Fer

G-5:

Glad to be back with you guys. Let's rock the casbah this summer!!
Brilana

G-12:

Thank you guys for being the best first cabin I have ever had!!
Faith Ferry

THE KITCHEN STAFF:

Thank you all so much for all of your hard work!
Lizzie R.

TOMATO

By Lucas Carlile

If fruits could say their name, I'd like to hear "Tomato." No one would sound the same, Certainly not "potato."

I'd like to see as well The red fruit's dancing troop. I bet the dance would smell Just like tomato soup.

And if they played cards, and Walked tomato dogs along Pizza rocks, salsa sand Singing their name out in song,

"Tomato! Tomato!" That'd be a bit much, but I'd Sure smile to hear one go, "Tomato," red with pride.

GOLDEN DUSTPAN COMPETITION

CABINS THAT SCORE HIGHEST FOR CLEAN-UP WILL WIN THE GOLDEN DUSTPAN AWARD!

Every morning after cabin clean-up, cabins will be rated on how well they were actually cleaned and will be given a score of 0-40 points.

Eight areas of your cabin will be inspected, and you will receive up to 5 points per area for a total of up to 40 points a day.

10-19 points – Single
20-29 points – Double
30-39 points – Triple
40 – Grand Slam

If you score less than a double, you will have to clean up again during rest period.

The areas that will be inspected are shelves, floors, trash, bathroom, beds, porch and grounds, clothesline, and lights.

Whichever cabin gets the highest score at the end of the session wins the Golden Dustpan award! There are separate winners for the Bee Side and the Gee Side.

HOW TO MAIL STUFF FROM CAMP

If you want to mail a letter, but it's not a Letter Day, what do you do? Simple: Drop your **outgoing mail** in the white mailbox next to the bell. Stamps may be purchased in the camp office. (It costs 78 cents to mail a one ounce letter anywhere in the United States. Postcard stamps are 61 cents. See the office staff for overseas fees.)

Incoming mail is distributed during Punch and Cookies. Please do not ask for your mail early. No mail is delivered on Sundays.

NOTE: Stamp prices are scheduled to increase on July 12, 2026, to 82 cents for letters and 63 cents for postcards.

GET MEASURED FOR SWEATSHIRTS AND JACKETS

If you are a four-or-five-year camper (or three-or-four-year staff member), we will be measuring you for your sweatshirt or jacket sometime today. Listen to messages for exact time and location.

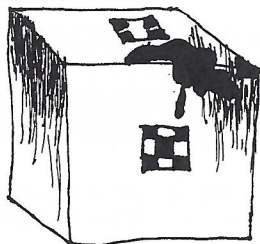
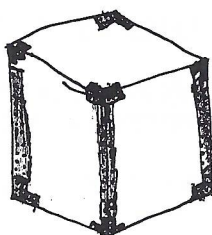
TWILIGHT ACTIVITIES POSTED

Not sure what's offered during Twilight? A list of A-Day and B-Day Twilight activities has been posted by the Mess Hall doors and on the office window. These are the activities you can go to. You do not have to sign up. Just drop by!

NEWS FROM B-9

Colton Hallock and Holden Janis in B-9 report that there are two chipmunks that appear on their porch and sit on their bench whenever no one is around. "I think they went to the Chipmunk Café, because they have grains in their mouth," Colton says. Holden reports that they also have a puppet named Dennis.

Cube drawings
By Jaan Trepke



TOMORROW IS
A
LETTER DAY

PICTURED
ROCK
CLUES

1. Outdoors
2. Natural area

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"LIFE IS JUST SO
DAILY."

~ DICK
SATTLER

RANDOM BOX

If you cannot help worrying,
remember that worrying
cannot help you.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- PARKER B.: Stop moving so much at night. Noah G.
- MARTHA: Thanks for helping my cabin yesterday! Taylor M.
- ELYSSA: You did amazing on bracelet making! Fiona L.
- G-13: Yoi guys are all so great! Can't wait to spend the summer with you. Daisy N.
- G-10: Hello. Lainie
- CREW: Good luck, everyone! Cast
- NOAH: Go to sleep. B-15 kids
- NOAH GITLIN: IDK. Parker Brandt
- NATHAN HEILBRUNN: Come find me! Your phone
- CHARLEY MCKERRACHER: I will win in ball net next time! Rikki A.
- HOLDEN JANIS: Hello. Jimmy
- G-13: You are all so nice to me and I love you all so much! Molly Cohn
- MARLIE BRANDT: U R A chestnut. ???
- CAMP: B-15 is the best. From G-37
- JP: Hola, JP. You are my best friend. Ximena
- RIKKI AND SAMMY: Hi, mom and dad. We love you! CA's
- FIONA VANOSDOL: Thank you for teaching me to make bracelets. Elyssa
- AVA CARRICK: Have a great freaking day! Scott
- BROOKE AND AUDREY: Hey there, Delian. Navah
- BROOK AND NAVAH: What's it like in NYC? Audrey
- NOAH C.: Blanket. Noah C.
- JULIA: Thanks for doing pickleball with me! Leni
- RYAN: You are good at tennis. Stop saying you aren't. Eddie
- G-10: We are gonna win the Golden Dustpan! Ellie!!!©
- B-8: No sag, no swag. Eli Cole, Ryan, and Reid
- MALLORY: I hope you're having a great time at camp! Iyla
- IVY: Have a great time at camp, even though you've already been! Neve
- TO CHO'S: You are all the GOAT! Jordan
- G-11: We need 4 Grand Slams! Maya
- G-11: So excited for tea time! Pinkys up! Mae
- MAELYN S.: Your turtle will haunt me forever. V.E.R.B.
- ARI K.: You're going to be great!

GOT POND NEWS? TELL NEAL

TODAY IS A LAUNDRY DAY

All camper laundry goes out today, except for two-weekers. Laundry will come back as completed (within a few days).

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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DAILY."

~ DICK
SATTLER

RANDOM BOX

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remember that worrying
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LUNCH BOX

CHICKEN NOODLE
SOUP
AND VEGGIE SOUP
BISCUITS
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

BURGERS
TATER TOTS
and
POP

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DAY: FRIDAY

DATE: JUNE 26, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY



Born
to play
basketball.

ATHLETICS PREVIEW

Ava and Cam are happy to report that the athletics department is off to a great start! "We have really athletic kids this summer," they say. "A lot of participation and smiley faces."

Besides the regular A/B activities, there will be other events as well. Walden Wimbledon is a tennis tournament based on units. Campers can sign up and play against each other during Twilight or other free time. There will also be two tennis trips to the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix on July 1 and July 8.

Peggy will be taking people to run in the annual 5K fun run early in the morning on the Fourth of July in Harbor Springs.

Many of the athletics classes have formed leagues which will compete against each other throughout the session. These include the WBA (Walden Basketball Association), the WSL (Walden Soccer League), and the WWSL (the first ever girls soccer league), all of which will have final playoffs during the fourth week of camp. Volleyball and flag football classes are also forming teams.

Two other camps will be visiting us in the coming weeks to compete in sports as well. Camp Horseshoe, a boys' camp from Wisconsin, will come here on Wednesday. Camp Tanuga, a camp similar to Walden in Kalkaska, Michigan, will come here on the Thursday during the third week. Horseshoe competitions will be primarily for Unit 3 boys and girls and will probably include volleyball, basketball, soccer, tennis, and softball. Tanuga games will be mainly for Unit 2 campers and will most likely be soccer, basketball, and softball. Athletics directors will be asking for sign-ups later.

CHIPMUNK CLUB: Zach found a chipmunk hanging with Woody the Woodpecker at the rec hall yesterday.

BEETLEJUICE CAST LIST

Marlie Brandy	Adam Maitland
Molly Cohen	Sky Mover 2
Maddie Dan	Beetlejuice
Zachary Dan	Priest/Mover 1/Ensemble
Harper Fantich	Mrs. Argentine/Ensemble
Callan Gilbert	Maxie/ Ensemble
Laila Gaule	Charles Deetz
Lauren Howard	Floater/Crew
Claire Jakymiw	Lydia Deetz
Reese Leff	Juno/Ensemble
Colette Mellon	Barbara Maitland
Alexa Palm	Maxine/Cheerleader 1/ Ensemble
Harper Srenar	Cheerleader 2/ Ensemble
Lainie Strickstein	Otho
Lila Turner	Delia Schlimmer

CREW

Brooklyn Gilbert	Tech
Charley Herskovic	Curtain/Backdrop
Olivia Renshaw	Props

Congratulations to all of our talented performers and crew members. We are looking forward to the musical on Thursday, July 16.

HIKES AND TRIPS CLASS WENT TO THE GORGE

Peggy's Hikes and Trips class (offered 3A-4A) hiked over two miles at the gorge on Wednesday, across from the University of Michigan Biological Station near Pellston, Michigan. The gorge is an example of an erosional process called sapping, the result of Douglas Lake being 118 feet higher than Burt Lake. Water drains from Douglas Lake by seeping underground for a half mile and then reappearing as springs in head of the gorge.

The class also went to the hiking trail and playground at Alverno. Campers included Elan, Owen, Krishna, and Duncan. Staff members were Peggy, Euan, and Emily. On Friday they're going to Onaway. Peggy is also planning day trips to other locations around northern Michigan, possibly including Old Mill Creek, the Fort in Mackinaw City, the Oden State Fish Hatchery, the Children's Trail in Cheboygan, and various lighthouses. If you would like to join some of these daytime adventures and get out of camp for an afternoon, you can sign up for Hikes and Trips during the next two weeks.

JOIN THE WALDEN SPACE PROJECT

This year we hope to introduce the next phase of the Walden Space Project, as James likes to call it. "Not only will we be launching model rockets," James says, "but we will be bringing our rockets back to the launchpad safely. We might need the video editing class to help us out with making that a possibility, but there is no AI here at Camp Walden."

The Pond verified this with Commander Mark Goodine, who explained, "Walden's rockets and robotics program is our venture into the space program here. We build a small model rocket very similar to something Elon Musk was building in his younger days, and we send it up into low Earth orbit of about 800 feet. If all goes well, it comes back down to Earth. They say everything that goes up must come down. That's not true with rocketry, because we had plenty of rockets over the years go up and did not come back down, because they got stuck in a tree." You can sign up for rockets and robotics as part of the A/B program.

OUR CAMP MUSICAL IS BEETLEJUICE

You can sign up to be in *Beetlejuice*, an adaption of the musical and Tim Burton's film. We follow Lydia Deetz, a unique, quirky teen trying to grieve her mother. Beetlejuice, a wild demon wanting fun and mischief, tries to create problems with Lydia to rid them from their new home. Come join ghosts Barbara, Adam, and the rest of the *Beetlejuice* characters as they take you down a kooky, silly, and chaotic adventure. Come sign up to be a part.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

EMY BECKETT
MILA
VASSANJI

POP ON THURSDAYS

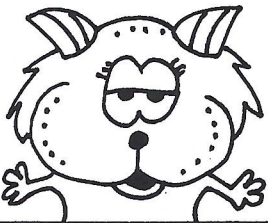
You can look forward to pop (aka soda, aka Coke in Texas) every Thursday night with our burger dinner. We'll have grilled cheese on Wednesdays and cinnamon toast on Thursdays. Meals on other days will vary.

WALDEN RIDERS:

Can't wait to see you all at the stables. Don't forget to wear long pants, socks, and hard sole shoes.
Your Horse Friends

WALDEN HORSES:

I'm going for a 3peat as
HOTY!
Hot Shot



ALL STAFF
ON
FOR EVENING
PROGRAM 2NITE

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"OUR ATTITUDE
TOWARD LIFE
DETERMINES LIFE'S
ATTITUDE
TOWARD US."
-JOHN M. MITCHELL

RANDOM BOX

ONE SMILE CAN'T
CHANGE THE WORLD,
BUT
YOUR
SMILE
CHANGES
MINE.



THE WALDEN EXPRESS!

THE WALDEN EXPRESS! IS A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SEND MESSAGES TO OTHER PEOPLE IN CAMP. JUST WRITE YOUR MESSAGE ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND GIVE IT TO NEAL OR LEAVE IT IN THE POND BOX IN THE POND OFFICE OR ON NEAL'S DESK.

Please put clean Ponds in the box by the fireplace after reading them.

ADOPT A KITTEN OR BUNNY!

The nature center is now taking names of campers and staff who are interested in adopting one of the kittens or bunnies and taking it home at the end of the session or summer. We will call campers' parents to get permission. If you're going home on the bus, you will get a carrier to take the animal in, as well as some food and other supplies for the trip. You'll also get the vet records (kittens have already started to get their shots but may have to continue at a veterinarian at home).

There are at least 5 kittens and at least 6 bunnies currently available.

See John or a nature staff member during an animal care class or at Twilight. We're looking for great homes for these animals to go to.

The animals will be available all summer at camp for you to play with and help care for!

SIGN UP FOR WALDEN POND CLASS

Go around camp and gather news and Happy-Grams for the Pond, play games, write articles, draw cartoons, and have a lot of fun!

Walden Pond is offered 1A or 1B

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Samantha Falk

LUNCH BOX

CHICKEN
NUGGETS
CHIPS
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

TACO
REFRIED BEANS
QUESO
AND OTHER
TOPPINGS

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A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

Portrait by Martin Beek



INTERVIEW WITH QADREE TRIMBLE

Qadree Trimble is our kitchen manager this summer, as well as a talented writer and musician. His name is pronounced "KOD-ree." Let's find out more.

POND: What are you looking forward to at camp this summer?

QADREE: My intention was mostly to be able to work with kids and also look forward to training staff. So, yeah, I like to teach and train.

POND: Are you planning any special meals?

QADREE: I am still learning all of the menu, so as of now I'm just working with the menu as it is.

POND: What would you like to prepare if you could choose the food?

QADREE: It's hard to say, just because we have a lot of people with allergies and stuff like that. So, if I could though, it would be something like Japanese cuisine. Maybe Japanese curry. But that's a little complicated, I think.

POND: Sushi?

QADREE: No, not sushi! I think that would probably not go over really well.

POND: If people have special food needs or requests, what should they do?

QADREE: So if someone has a special needs request, as far as just a general meal or just something special, they can come and talk to us at the window. We always have a little something on the side, whether it's just plain noodles or cereal, gluten-free nuggets or dairy-free whatever, there's always options.

POND: What kind of experience do you have working with food?

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Today is a SPECIAL DAY at Camp Walden.

Yes, we know ... Every day is a special day at Camp Walden, but Saturdays and Tuesdays are special Special Days. Since half the staff has a day off on these days, we run all-camp events or unit programs instead of A/B activities.

Today's Special Day programs are:

BROTHERHOOD DAY

For the Bee Side

BIG SIS/LIL SIS

For the Gee Side

Your unit programmers will explain more.

MARVIN'S MARVELOUS MECHANICAL MUSEUM REOPENING SOON

If you live in the Detroit area, you probably know about Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum, a popular arcade and museum featuring vintage game machines, animatronics, and mechanical oddities, most of which are functional and can be operated by visitors. Exhibits include the fortune teller machine that used to feature in many carnival sideshows.

But you may not know the museum is owned by the family of Sheri Rosenfeld (our camp doctor this past week) and her son Jonathan Yagoda in B-10, along with her husband Jeremy Yagoda. "It was started by my father-in-law Marvin back in the '80's in Tally Hall," Sheri explains. "Marvin had a lot of [the games] custom made for him, and some come from different countries." Numerous YouTube creators and local historians have filmed guided tours of the museum's machines and memorabilia.

The museum is relocating From Farmington Hills to West Bloomfield, about a mile away from its original location, and should be reopening very soon in the Orchard Mall.

PICTURED ROCK CLUES

1. Outdoors
2. Natural area
3. Wait in line
4. Between Pit and B-field

NOTE FROM ATHLETICS

Please do not hang on any nets or tetherballs! They cannot support your weight.

Ava and Cam

Continued from front

QADREE: I have lots of experience. I actually graduated from culinary school. I worked in Seattle for about ten years. I worked at a few different places, the last of which was a nonprofit where I taught adults kitchen and culinary skills for employment.

POND: What are your favorite foods to eat?

QADREE: I think, off the top of my head, one that I can't have which is the one I want the most right now, is probably some pizza. But I have a dairy allergy.

POND: What else do you like doing besides preparing food and working in the kitchen?

QADREE: I have a lot of hobbies. I'm a writer. I'm also a singer. I like to write songs as well. I've written a sci-fi fantasy novel. Singing, writing, obviously cooking. I like to also play video games.

POND: Did you publish your novel?

QADREE: Not yet. I'm still in the revision phase. I was hoping that I could have an opportunity to read the novel to some of the kids just to get some feedback.

POND: What about performing some of your songs? Maybe during our Walden Under talent show?

QADREE: If I could get the time and space to get away from the kitchen to be able to do that, it might be possible, but we'll see.

POND: What do you do during the year?

QADREE: During the year, I'm actually a full-time student at the University of Michigan.

POND: How did you find out about Walden?

QADREE: I found out about Walden through Porter. He also is a student at the University of Michigan and also is a Navy veteran, and we met at a sporting event. He told me about it. It sounded really cool to come to a place like this to work for the summer.

POND: What did you do in the Navy?

QADREE: I was an IT, so I worked with computers, put servers together, ran servers, fixed people's computer software problems, hardware problems, that's pretty much what it was.

POND: How long have you been at Walden this summer?

QADREE: This is my first time at Walden. I arrived, I think it was June 8. This is my very first time working at a camp.

POND: What was your first impression when you came in?

QADREE: I went to a camp as a kid, so it's not too far from something like that. It's a beautiful space. I love that it's on the lake. I love that the camp has a lot to offer the kids, a lot of activities. And the people are, I think, the most noticeable aspect of the camp. They're very, very friendly.

POND: What would you like to remind people about this summer?

QADREE: Well, I think to stay safe, not to overdose on food, get what you need, play hard, you know, have fun.

POND: Are you looking forward to being in the Walden Pond?

QADREE: I am. Actually, I think it's very cool that there is a Walden Pond in the first place.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- HALLIE LEVIN: Welcome to camp!!! G-37
- ELI WEINTRAUB: You have been rewarded 10 points! Emperor Ty
- ARTS AND CRAFTS STAFF: Way to rock the classes during the thunder hold. Keep it up! Erika
- ZOE: I beat you in fencing. Jonah (Unit 2)
- TY: I miss you. Luke
- G-16: Clair is OG, respect goes a long way. Get a grip. Tera ☺
- G-13: You girls have been so fun. Keep up the positive vibes!! Your Counselors
- B-11: Why did you guys bury me? I was just taking a nap. Stinky the Fish
- JULIAN: Can we be friends now? Zola
- B-11: Don't poop in our bathroom. B-9
- LYLA CHIN: Hello. Can you please take the fan. I don't want it. I already have a white fan!! Mallory Chin
- JONATHAN Y.: Heyyy, sigma Jonathan.
- LOLA JUNIOR: You are an awesome girl and will you be my BFF? AJ
- G-11: We will get our 4 Grand Slams then our pizza party. Alexa
- JOEY: Good job for being strong. Lily
- PARKER B.: Thanks for being so nice. ☺ G-37
- MOLLY: Birds are cameras and cameras are everywhere. Beware, you're never alone. The Earth

SOME OF THE HAPPY-GRAMD COLECTED YESTERDAY WILL APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S POND INSTEAD OF TODAY'S. CHECK BACK TOMORROW FOR MORE.



World Cup Scores as of June 25

USA v. Turkey 2-3
Ivory Coast v. Curacao 2-0
Ecuador v. Germany 2-1

MLB American League Central Standings as of June 25

CHW 41-38
CLE 42-39
MIN 38-44
DET 34-47
KC 34-48



Thanks to Peggy Rose

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SANTIAGO
REGULES

SADRON
TONIGHT
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

LUKE.P

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"MIX A LITTLE
FOOLISHNESS WITH
YOUR SERIOUS PLANS;
IT'S LOVELY TO BE
SILLY AT THE RIGHT
MOMENT." HORACE

RANDOM BOX

Lincoln was shot in Ford's
Theater and Kennedy was
shot in a Ford Lincoln.

LUNCH BOX

COLD CUTS
CHIPS
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

HOT DOGS
WAFFLE FRIES
ICE
CREAM