

THE WALDEN POND

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DAY: SUNDAY

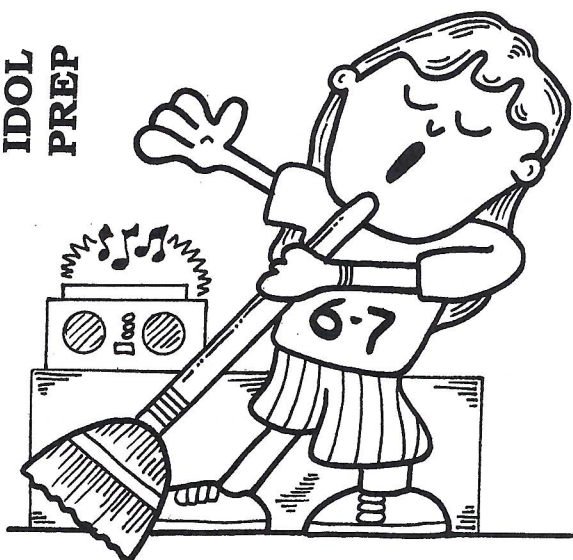
DATE: JUNE 28, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

WALDEN
IDOL
PREP



Walden Idol is on Thursday! This is a camp program where every cabin will perform a segment of a popular song in front of a live audience (the live audience being everyone in camp). You don't have to sing. You just dance and act it out like you're the band while the music plays in the background. Tonight during evening program, you'll have time to rehearse.

NEWS AROUND CAMP

Collected by Jordan Craighead

- Fiona Vanosdol, the counselor from G-14, is double-jointed in her arms. She'd be happy to show it off.
- Alyssa Gross from G-8 learned how to do the V-stitch in the 1A string and beads class.
- Emy Beckett, the CA from G-9, is studying physics online this summer through Michigan Virtual. She's getting credit now so she doesn't have to take it senior year!
- Josie Clifford is a ceramics pro. She's been doing it for three years in an advanced ceramics class at school. She is so excited to be teaching it. Josie is a CA in G-8.
- The stick fairy has been visiting Joey Schneider in Unit 1.
- Avi Slatkin got three cards in archery during Twilight on Thursday. They were all spades! Avi is in B-7.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember to wear bug spray and sunscreen at all times.

IF GRAVITY STOPPED

FOR 10 SECONDS, WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD GRAB?

The 1A Pond class asked people this question and got a bunch of different responses. Some people interpreted it to mean what would you save so it wouldn't float away, and others thought it meant what would you do to prevent floating away yourself. (Both versions are correct.)

- **BEN LAFER:** A pole on the ground
- **JUDAH SLATKIN:** A basketball hoop
- **ELLIE STRICKSTEIN:** A plate
- **DECKLYN CARR:** A tree
- **AVA BROWN:** My stuffed hippo Carmel ☺
- **JUDE ROSENZWEIG:** JD's hot sauce
- **JACKSON JANIS:** Off-limits soda from Costco
- **PARKER GRANDE:** A six-course meal
- **JOELY LISS:** Something anchored to the ground like a tree
- **OWEN LEWIS MCELROY:** I would grab my phone or computer, it's something to do
- **LUKE BRUCE:** A tree
- **MALLORY CHIN:** My two dogs!!
- **ALEXA FEINSTEIN:** A table so I don't fly away
- **KINZIE LERNER:** I would grab my family
- **AIDEN HOROWITZ:** My phone
- **ALEC BODZY:** My family
- **MAX SILVER:** My family
- **ARI RAINES:** My parents
- **SAMMY KALNIZ:** Marco Pasillas
- **CASEY PHOTENHAUER:** My dog
- **OAKLEY MOST:** My dogs and belongings
- **FAITH D. FERRY:** The nearest tree so I don't go anywhere
- **JAAN TREPTE:** The ground as I don't want to float away up into the sky
- **JIMMY MULLIGAN:** I would grab a boat and start flying the boat
- **PEGGY ROSE:** A railing
- **DAISY NEWTON:** Food!

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of June 26

FIFA

Norway v. France 1-4
Spain v. Uruguay 1-0
Belgium v. N. Zealand 5-1

NBA Draft

Wizards: AJ Dybantsa, BYU
Jazz: Darryn Peterson, KU
Grizzlies: Cameron Boozer, Duke
Bulls: Caleb Wilson, UNC
Clippers: Keaton Wagler, ILL

Thanks to Peggy Rose



HORSE OF THE WEEK



Last year's champ Hot Shot got off to a great start. He's going for a 3peat/Triple Crown which has never been done at Walden. He's a handsome chocolate palomino who is calm and very smooth to ride. Karen wishes we had 15 Hot Shots in all different sizes! He says to the other horses – Game On!

PONY PALOOZA

Our ponies came back from their winter home a bit on the tubby side. So they are all on a no green grass diet. They have to spend their free time in the big riding ring eating only hay ☺. They are getting bored, so we got them a giant blow-up ball. We're going to put it out for them during Twilight on Sunday. Come down if you want to see what happens:

1. They could all be scared.
2. They could actually play with it.
3. One could pop it.
4. They could care less.

We'll see Sunday night.

BIKE RULES

Biking is sometimes offered as a Twilight or optional activity. Please keep these rules in mind whenever riding bikes at camp:

1. Get in line at the trip shed porch if borrowing a bike.
2. Use a helmet that fits.
3. Wear closed-toed shoes.
4. **Do not ride on any courts (pavilion, tennis, basketball)!**
5. Bring the bike back before the bell.
6. Please keep your speed at a reasonable level.
7. Don't park your bike, play around, and then bring it back later. Ride it!



TOMORROW IS A
**LETTER
DAY**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SAVANNAH JOHNSON
★ WERONIKA
LOJEWSKA ★

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"THERE'S ABSOLUTELY
NO REASON TO BE
RUSHED ALONG WITH
THE RUSH."
~ROBERT
FROST

RANDOM BOX

**PARKER
GRANDE:**
Thanks for choosing me.
Cash

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

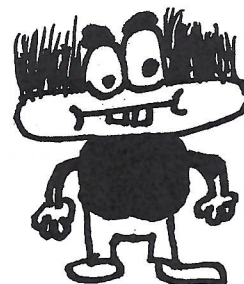
- MASON: You da goat. Jazmin
- HALLIE LEVIN: Welcome to camp!!! G-37
- BROOKE: Hi. Ellie
- JUDE: We having some patingting for lunch? Jolie
- ALL OF CAMP: G-37 is so cool. We need to be more like them. B-15
- OWEN: Sleep is essential for a growing boy like yourself. The Notorious Night Crew
- SYDNEY: Pls stop snoring! Theo
- JACK: I got the PB. Noah
- G-14: You are awesome friends! Zola
- G-2: Please sleep past 5am. G-2
- REESE: You can be my prince. Princess Alli
- EMMY: Hi. Hayley
- CLARA G.: One goal!!! Leni
- G-14: Guys, we need to prank the counselors. Unknown
- G-7: So glad to be your counselor. Let's go, G-7! Ellie
- G-13: You guys are the best cabin! Can't wait to spend the summer with you guys. Alexa F.
- MARIO SANCHEZ: What is a s'more? Max Freeman
- CHURPIOS: Kachow!!! Kate
- B-11: RIP Stinky. Ben
- JOEY: Have a swell day. Camden
- G-9: I hope you guys have a good summer!! Aniyah
- ALL CAMP: Have a good day. B-9

In 1957, the average American lived without a dishwasher, clothes dryer, television, or air conditioner, and more people reported being "very happy" than do now.

PICTURED ROCK CLUES

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

Bucky cartoon
by Parker Brandt



AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Mark Paradise

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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NO REASON TO BE
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THE RUSH."
~ROBERT
FROST

RANDOM BOX

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LUNCH BOX

CHICKEN
NUGGETS
CHIPS
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

BAKED
CHICKEN
RICE
GREEN BEANS
COOKIE BARS

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DAY: MONDAY

DATE: JUNE 29, 2026

A-DAY

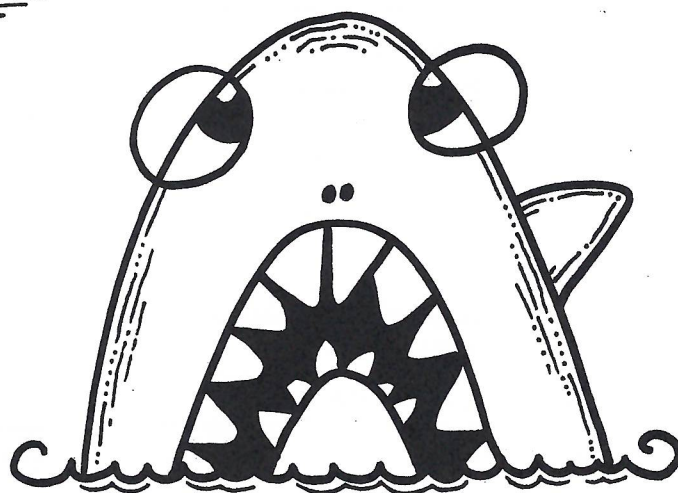
B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

CAMP NEWS

A bunch of news and interesting tidbits collected around camp yesterday by the Walden Pond class.

- Erika says they had a 100% success rate on the first kiln firing. No one's pottery exploded!
- Emma Geiringer and Ryan Saperstein have been seeing stick figures outside of G-8's window.
- Maddie Pearlman says G-7 is going to win the Golden Dustpan.
- G-13 has three wasp nests on its roof.
- G-11 killed their family of yellow jackets on Saturday, according to Mae Stoner.
- Ellie Fuller wants to announce that her birthday is on Wednesday.
- Max Sherman says Mitchell Weiss is the blueprint.
- JP Moussier farted loud during the Unit Head meeting on Sunday.
- There is a new gate code for animal care.
- Callie can fist bump only awesome people such as Jacob Lazarus.
- The clinic gave Jacob Lazarus their last popsicle yesterday morning when he was asking them for news.
- Emma from G-9 was seen communicating with rocks.
- Georgia Olson is turning 14 today.
- Martha says, "I'm so proud of my campers. In particular Elizabeth from G-12, as she is participating in a range of sports. Even male dominated ones."
- G-3 is going to have a Waldemon card according to Ben Lafer and Joseph Nelson.
- Someone is smearing Wow butter in B-11.
- Somebody in B-10 keeps stealing the Walden Pond.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following people who swam their SHARKS AND DOLPHINS

New Sharks

Paige Brady
Mallory Chin
Dean Cohen
Zach Dorf
Alexa Feinstein
Brooklyn Gilbert
Gabby Grande
Charlotte Herskovic
Jacob Lafer
Sydney Leber
Zoe Leber
Kinzie Lerner
Noomi Levine
Morgan Linden
Elizabeth Metzger
Jamie Mills
Jacob Moses
Oakley Most

Jasmin Ost
Mark Paradise
Madison Piolet
Samuel Renshaw
Bryn Resnick
Sadie Rosen
Jolie Rosenzweig
Elizabeth Rudnik
Van Savage
Samantha Spilman
Theo Stevens
Bree Swedler
Jack Turner
Jonathan Yagoda

New Dolphins

Dean Cohen
Charlotte Herskovic
Jonathan Yagoda

This list includes new swimmers as of 7:00 pm on June 25.

To swim your Shark, you must swim 40 lengths. To swim your Dolphin, you must swim 72 lengths. (Remember you must swim your Shark before swimming your Dolphin.) To swim your Mackinac, you must swim 500 lengths. See a swimming instructor if you'd like to try.

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of June 27

FIFA

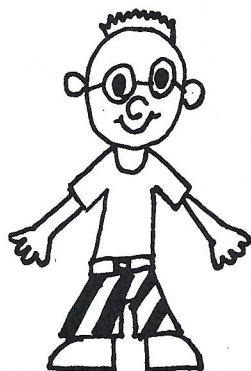
Croatia v. Ghana 2-1
Panama v. England 0-2
Congo v. Uzbekistan 3-1
Argentina v. Jordan 3-1

NHL Draft

Leafs draft McKenna #1
Penguins draft both Ruck twins
San Jose drafts Ivar Stenberg #2

Thanks to Peggy Rose

Cartoon by Cara Post



DO YOU LIKE BIRDWATCHING?

Are you interested in watching birds? Camp Walden has lots and lots of wild birds ranging from loons to eagles. "I can tell you we have the downy woodpecker," Liz says, "the hairy woodpecker, the red-headed woodpecker, the red-bellied woodpecker, the piliated woodpecker, we have the flicker, we have lots of robins, we have Michigan ravens, we have crows, we have blue jays, we have nuthatches, we have black-capped chickadees, and we have chipping sparrows, among others."

For those interested in birdwatching, Liz will call a meeting this week and talk about how they'll schedule sessions to go out and watch them. Birdfeeders are also scheduled to go up around camp.

5 QUESTIONS WITH TY ROSENBERG

1) How many years have you been at Walden?

Either three, five, or seven, I'm not very sure, because some of the years were spent in the infirmary with my parents. Some of the years were spent just as counselor, and some were spent as an actual camper.

2) Why were you with your parents in the infirmary?

My doctor worked as the doctor here at camp.

3) What condiments do you put on your hot dog?

I actually do not like hot dogs, but if I did, I'd eat them without a bun with ketchup and mustard.

4) Who are your favorite musical artists?

I like Zach Bryan. I like Adele. I like Bruno Mars. And I like Buffalo Traffic Jam.

5) What is your greatest recent achievement?

About a year back, I won Buzzing Heart Award at school, which is voted on by the student body for the nicest kid at school.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- KAREN SPREEN: Stop horsin' around out there. Scott
- NOAH MCAUGHLAN: I like your glasses. Bryn Coleman
- B-10: Clean the cabin! Ari Wolfe
- B-15: We will revenge you. Jonathan
- B-15: Stop rizzing up the girls. Santiago
- SANTIAGO: Why are you so good at poker? Julian Gitlin
- ANNA K.: Your smile brings joy to my day! Cam
- CLAIR H.: Hola mi amigo. Colton
- B-15: Stop stealing little kids' bikes! A person
- G-11: We are WINNING the Golden Dustpan! Grand Slam, here we come!!! Harper
- B-9: I will haunt you guys at night. Dennis (the puppet)
- NAVAH LEVINE: Mi armor por favor. Clara Guarino
- B-9: Grunge and sponge!! Andrew Zusel
- SAMMY: Stop farting. Rikki

FULL NAME: Zoe Harper Leber

SCHOOL: North Hills Middle School

FAVORITE CLASS: Design & tech

FAVORITE BOOK: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

FAVORITE FOOD: Chicken nuggets

FAVORITE ANIMAL: Monkey

SPECIAL TALENT: Batoning

MOST PROUD OF: Making her travel soccer team

SOMETHING SHE LOVES: Playing soccer

SOMETHING SHE HATES: Not playing soccer

SPOTLIGHT...
LEBER
ZOE

TICK REMINDER FROM THE INFIRMARY

To avoid ticks, wear bug spray and at night cover your arms and legs. Also make sure you check yourself and if you get one, go to the infirmary. They look like moles.

PICTURED ROCK CLUES

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6. Between trip shed and infirmary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ALEXA FEINSTEIN
GEORGIA OLSON
MARK PARADISE
NOMAR TORRES
BREE MCKERRACHER

WELCOME
DR. AMP
MARKS

welcome
ETHAN AND
SANDY

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Gen Schloss

CHIPMUNK CLUB: Lainie Strickstein saw a chipmunk run under the deck on Saturday and believes that is their home.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"MY GOAL IS NO LONGER TO GET MORE DONE, BUT RATHER TO HAVE LESS TO DO."
~FRANCINE JAY

RANDOM BOX



LUNCH BOX

SLOPPY
JOES
CHIPS
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

LASAGNA
GARLIC BREAD
SALAD BAR
BROWNIES

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DAY: TUESDAY

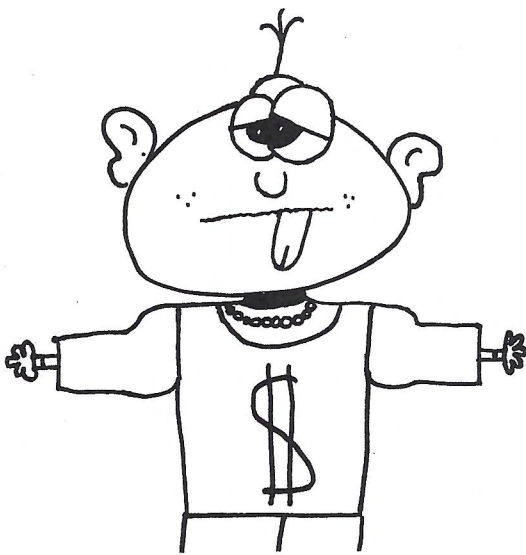
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A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

Billy Buff Knuckles



Cartoon by Zoe Leber

NEW STITCH AND SEW CLASS IS WILDLY POPULAR

"Every year in arts and crafts we have our counselors come to us with different talents," Erika says, "and this year we have a lot of people who are talented in embroidery, cross-stitch, and sewing." That's how the stitch and sew class started. Campers in the class, which is offered 3A and 1B, have been making a variety of unique things: adorable stuffed animals from scratch, as well as stuffed avocados, hearts, tennis balls, and more, cutting them out and sewing them and adding embellishments.

Campers in these classes are Mark Paradise, Cara Post, Charley Herskovic, Anna Wintrob, Zoe Wintrob, Olivis Renshaw, Julia Zendel, Lenny Wolf, Clara Guarino, Maddie Pearlman, Lyla Chin, Lily Rashkow, Joely Liss, Juniper Jungers, Edith Shokair, Ada May Nolker, Hayle Loomstein, Farrah Alli, and Olivia Renshaw. Good job, everyone!

TODAY IS

HOME COMING

Get ready for flag football, floats, dancing, and more! Unit Programmers will provide more information.

REAL NEWS

- A new study shows that **bumblebees can use objects** around them to **solve a challenging puzzle** they've never seen before. The results suggest that even though bumblebees have tiny brains, they can think in much **more complicated ways** than most people believed.
- Brands promoting their products online are quietly deploying **AI-generated influencers** on social media, an investigation has found, prompting calls for **greater transparency**. The findings suggest companies are increasingly turning to AI-generated content while giving no indication that the people are not real.
- Millions of children in the **United Kingdom (England)** will be **forced off social media** after the government announced it would ban under-16s from accessing a range of platforms. Apps including **TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram** will become inaccessible for children, British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said.
- ***Toy Story 5*** secured the **biggest box opening** of the year as of June 21. At \$160 million, it was also the biggest opening of the franchise and the second best of all time for an animated film.
- **Taylor Swift's wedding** to Travis Kelce is widely reported to be scheduled for **July 3, 2026, at Madison Square Garden** in New York, based on multiple corroborating sources. However, none of this has been officially confirmed by Taylor, so **all the news about the wedding is "unofficial."**
- **Giant pandas are no longer endangered**, but they still need protection. Their status is now "vulnerable", which means they're safer than before but not completely out of danger. There are currently about 1,800 pandas in the wild and another 600 in zoos and research centers worldwide.
- The latest **Scripps National Spelling Bee champion** is Shrey Parikh, a 14-year-old from Rancho Cucamonga, California, who won the 2026 National Spelling Bee in a thrilling, **record-breaking spell-off**. Shrey Parikh spelled 32 words correctly in 90 seconds, setting a new spell-off record and defeating finalist Ishaan Gupta, who spelled 25. His championship word was "bromocriptine."
- **Bright pink cleats** have taken over the **2026 World Cup**, and people are loving the colorful trend. Players and brands chose pink because it boosts confidence, stands out on the field, and doesn't clash with any team uniforms. **Major brands** like Nike, Adidas, Puma, New Balance, and Skechers all released special pink versions. Experts say this wasn't planned together, but market research showed players wanted bold, bright colors.
- Scientists studying wildlife in the Democratic Republic of Congo recently confirmed that **tiny shellfish can climb the steep rock walls** of Luvilombo Falls. Kids in the area had reported seeing the fish "walking" up the rocks for years, and now researchers have finally documented it.

BEETLEJUICE SET CLASS WORKING HARD

The 2B set design class is hard at work creating the set for *Beetlejuice*. Martin Beek is creating the main backdrop, but about 15 campers are helping with other designs for the musical as well.

"There's one main set with a backdrop but there are other props like pictures on the wall which will change," Martin explains. "We're designing a room in Victorian style with a staircase and table and ornaments. The campers are really working hard. They're going to be painting the poster boards outside and the netherworld entrance as well."

Martin, who is a professional painter from England and a former arts and crafts director at Walden, made the backdrops for the camp musicals for the last four years, but in all he's probably made about 20 of them, plus backdrops for special productions like *Walden Under*.

The Pond wondered what happened to all of the other backdrops from previous years and was shocked to discover that most of them have been painted over! What??? But they're Martin Beek originals!

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of June 29

Wimbledon

Started yesterday
Sinner beat Kecmanovic in 5
Bencic, Pegula winners

MLB

Central Standings

Brewers 50-31

Cubs 46-38

Cardinals 43-38

Pirates 42-42

Reds 39-43

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FULL NAME: Harper Rose Fantich
CAREER CHOICE: Dancer
FAVORITE CLASS: Lunch
FAVORITE BOOK: Heartless
FAVORITE TV SHOW: the Traitors
FAVORITE SINGER: Tate McRae
FAVORITE FOOD: Pickles
MOST PROUD OF: Winning two dance titles
SPECIAL TALENT: Making clover with tongue
WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES HER: Funny

SPOTLIGHT on...
HARPER FANTICH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GABBY GRANDE
JONAH LEVY

HARPER FANTICH

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

NO HAPPY-GRAMS TODAY BECAUSE YESTERDAY'S WALDEN POND CLASS WAS RAINED OUT AGAIN. CHECK AGAIN LATER.

REMINDER: CAMP HORSESHOE IS COMING TOMORROW

Camp Horseshoe, a boys' camp from Wisconsin, is visiting us tomorrow. Ava and Cam say you can still sign up to compete in sports (Unit 3 boys and girls primarily). See Ava, Cam, or Sandy for more information.



ARCHERY SHOOTING FOR AWARDS

Peggy would like to remind archers how to shoot for awards:

Yeoman @ 15 yards, six rounds of 5 arrows each
Record on the card

Bowman @ 20 yards

Archer is "30 yards"

Use 20 yard marker with a 36" target face

B-B-B-BULLSEYE!

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Julian Gitlin

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"HAPPINESS OFTEN
SNEAKS THROUGH
A DOOR YOU DIDN'T
KNOW YOU LEFT
OPEN."
~ ANONYMOUS

RANDOM BOX

Why are you holding
the Pond upside
down?

LUNCH BOX

CRISPY CHICKEN
SANDWICHES
CHIPS
SALAD BAR
FRESH FRUIT

DINNER BOX

TACO BOWLS
REFRIED BEANS
CHURROS

THE WALDEN POND

VOL. 67 NO. 16

DAY: WEDNESDAY DATE: JULY 1, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

CAMP HORSESHOE WILL BE VISITING WALDEN TODAY

Camp Horseshoe, a boys' camp from Wisconsin, will join us today to compete in athletics. They will arrive around 10:00 and stay through lunch and rest period.

Walden campers who have signed up will challenge the Horseshoe campers in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and tennis in the morning. Campers who would like to watch the games need to check in at their regular morning activities for attendance, and then they can go watch the games.

During rest period, there will be a staff volleyball game in the meadow. Come watch the staff game after lunch and cheer on the Walden staff!

After the volleyball game, Horseshoe will be leaving and B-Day activities will continue as normal.

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of June 30

FIFA
BRA v. JPN 2-1
GER v. PAR 1-1 Pens Para
NED v. MAR 1-1 Pens Mar

NBA
Ja Morant traded to Blazers

Wimbledon
Keys over Day in 3
Swiatek over Townsend in 3
De Minour over Burruchaga in 3

TICK CHECK REMINDER

Liz wants to remind everyone: "Remember you should be doing a tick check several times a week on yourself, especially if you've been hiking in tall grass, at outdoor cooking, on the farm ... anywhere you have spent time outdoors that isn't in a mowed lawn like the meadow, you need to check for ticks."

Another way the camp is trying to lessen the possibility of someone having ticks is when kids go on overnight trips, they're leaving all their stuff in the van, then we're doing laundry. We will also have all-camp tick checks periodically.

STAY COOL IN HOT WEATHER

Here are some tips for surviving hot weather at camp:

1. Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty.
2. Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
3. Spend less time in direct sunlight.
4. Wear plenty of sunscreen if you do go in the sun.
5. Pace yourself by starting activities slowly and picking up the pace gradually.



CABIN HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the fun and interesting facts from the pink cabin surveys filled out after dinner on Monday:

- A funny thing happened to B-13 when they hid a plastic chicken squeaky toy under Henry's pillow, then apparently Henry threw it in the lake.
- A hornet flew into B-8 and landed on Jonah's arm and Jacob's sheets.
- G-11 had a bee funeral, and they are special because they cook.
- G-3 has the world's smallest leak on a top bunk. They also have a casino.
- G-10 built a tether and volleyball court in their cabin and came up with a cabin cheer.
- The bathroom window of G-15 fell off the other day, and they have a "Welcome to Our Crib" flag.
- G-17 says their cabin is full of love, laughter, and joy, and they have a raccoon living in a tree next to it. Ashley wakes up to loud music every day.
- JD has six bottles of hot sauce in B-15, the cabin of "heart throbbers."
- G-9 did Jeffrey's hair and made him wear it around. They have two pet rock mascots named Bubbles and Pete, and also Sally the rat.
- B-9 has an eleventh camper named Dennis who is a puppet, and they hold the record for the most shoes on their porch.
- The other night there was a wasp in G-7, and Lyla Chin got her shoe stuck on the roof. By the way, G-7 is heaven, and it used to be the camp infirmary.
- G-13 went cave exploring in their attic. Someone got their head stuck in a bedframe, and somebody broke a light with a shoe.

Continued on back

Continued from front

- B-11 imprisoned Jack Frey with ladders.
- B-14 loves Pop Tarts!!!
- G-2 has a stick fair and Ari K. gives candy.
- A spooky thing happened to G-14 when Cami knocked on the door during a scary story and everyone screamed. Ava communicates with the weather.
- In G-12, a counselor used a rubber chicken to wake up her cabin. (They weren't very happy!) They also have a ghost called Aras who is 163 years old. Juniper and Edith's drawing is their mascot.
- There was a spider under Mia's blanket in G-6, and they decorate their cabin with birthday balloons and fairy lights.
- G-8 likes to draw bikinis on unicorns. They even have a tablecloth with unicorns on it that you can color.
- G-16 has LED lights around their cabin, and they put a photo of Everly's sister in their window. They also have a night light named Ffred as their mascot.
- G-37 loves bedazzling. There are 27 people who are all friends, including Hannah who sleeps with her tennis racquet. They were recently attacked by water bugs!

If your cabin wasn't included, it probably means you didn't turn in your sheet. Anyone who has other cabin news, let Neal know if you want put it in the Pond.

5 QUESTIONS WITH CHARLIE MCKERRACHER (BREE'S SON)

1) How do you like camp?
I like seeing the farm.

2) What are your favorite animals on the farm?
Horses and peacocks. Nothing else.

3) What about the pigs?
Yeah. I like them 'cause they're stinky.

4) Can you tell me about your favorite character Spiderman?
He can swing on webs and crawl on walls. He can save people.

5) Did you ever dress up as Spiderman?
Yes. For Halloween. Now it's too small for me, so now I wear a pirate costume.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

NO HAPPY-GRAMS TODAY BECAUSE MONDAY'S WALDEN POND CLASS WAS RAINED OUT. CHECK AGAIN LATER. HERE'S A JOKE INSTEAD: WHERE DO CANOES AT SUMMER CAMP GO WHEN THEY GET SICK? TO THE DOCK.

GUM ALERT:

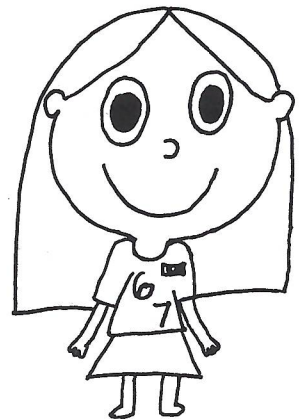
Please do not throw gum on the ground, and remember gum is not allowed at any waterfront activity!

FULL NAME: Noa Nathan
HOMETOWN: Denver
SCHOOL: Colorado Academy
FAVORITE CLASS: Science
FAVORITE SONG: Pink Skies
PET: Dog named Clifford
FAVORITE ANIMAL: Elephant
FAVORITE SINGER: Zach Bryan
OTHER FAVORITE SINGER: Noah Kahan

SPOTLIGHT
NATHAN
ZACH
...No

PICTURED
ROCK
CLUES

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Cartoon by Cara Post

HAPPY BIRTH-
DAY
JILLIAN
LAZARUS
ELLIE FULLER

TOMORROW IS
A
BETTER
DAY

COUNSELORS
SIGN UP FOR YOUR
NEXT DAY OFF!

WWW
Today is
Wear Walden
Wednesday

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

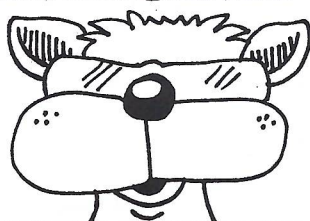
Cara Post

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A SMILE IS AN
INEXPENSIVE WAY
TO CHANGE YOUR
LOOKS."

CHARLES GORDY

RANDOM BOX



LUNCH BOX

GRILLED
CHEESE
TOMATO SOUP
LEFTOVERS

DINNER BOX

MARY ME
CHICKEN
GREEN BEANS
LITTLE POTATOES
CAKE

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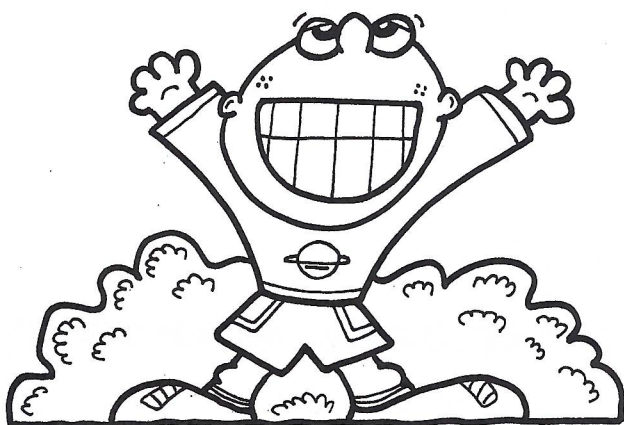
DAY: FRIDAY

DATE: July 3, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY



Unstoppable from day one.

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR CAPTURE-THE-CAMP

Capture-the-Camp is an old-time favorite program, but if you've never played it before, you may not know how it works. So here's how:

Everyone is on either the Red team or the Yellow team, and the whole camp property is split down the middle: the Red side and the Yellow side (with some neutral territory in between). Each team has six "flags," which are cardboard cut-outs of the other team's color, that are hidden on their side. Team members have to sneak onto the opposite side, find their own hidden flags, and bring them back to their own side without having their belt pulled off. Whichever team gets the most of their team's flags back by the end of the program wins.

Listen to messages for more detailed instructions and schedules, as well as which areas of camp are in bounds.

A Yiddish Folk Tale

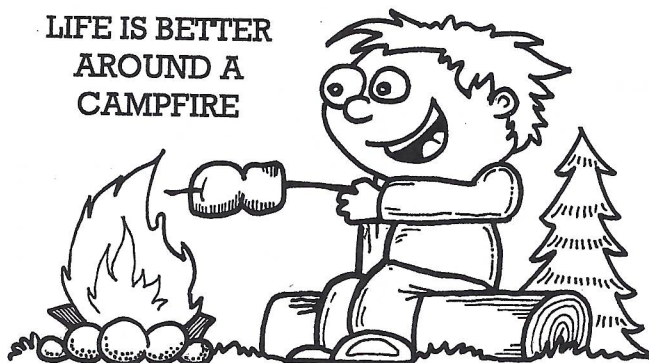
An old man sat outside the walls of a great city. When travelers approached, they would ask the old man, "What kind of people live in this city?" The old man would answer, "What kind of people live in the place where you came from?" If the travelers answered, "Only bad people live in the place where we came from," the old man would reply, "Continue on; you will find only bad people here." But if the travelers answered, "Good people live in the place where we came from," then the old man would say, "Enter, for here too, you will find only good people."

CAMP NEWS

Some relatively interesting things happening around camp as gathered by yesterday's Walden Pond class.

- Hooray! The "Field of Dreams" sign is up on the baseball field! Yay!
- Outdoor cooking class made garbage can pizza for the first time yesterday, as well as banana boats.
- Scarlett Turner learned how to play softball, according to Everly Lawson.
- "Reese in G-14 is so old she told us about ancient Egypt," Alivia says.
- Abby Morrow says G-10 plays outside games in their cabin.
- Samantha Falk, Elyssa Gross, and Talia Schackman keep seeing creepy faces outside their window!
- Campers in G-16 brought a stick and tried to cut it with scissors, but it didn't work
- The chipmunks love their corn at the Chipmunk Café, but they're disappointed there's no Chipmunk Hotel this year for their friends visiting for the Fourth of July.
- Lyla lost her shoe on G-7's roof.
- Maddie Pearlman says G-7 should win the Golden Dustpan.
- Cole's team is currently getting slammed 3-0 in Ultimate, as reported by Sammy Renshaw.
- Bryn Coleman of B-10 fame says Can can't throw a Frisbee.
- "Justice for the wolf," according to Miles G.
- G-13 still has three wasp nests!!!
- Faith Ferry says the animals at the farm have officially named, and John confirmed that, but neither one of them told the Pond what the names were.
- LeBron is a free agent now, just like Jacob Lazarus, according to "A person."

LIFE IS BETTER AROUND A CAMPFIRE



THE EVERLASTING POPCORN BUCKET

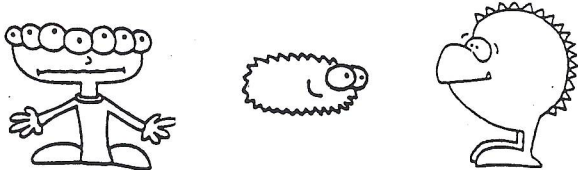
By two campers who wish to remain
Anonymous

In a time last year a random cabin had drama with another cabin. The spectators of that drama also saw a glimpse of a full movie popcorn bucket. They ate from it but did not get full, yet that buttery taste was there. This is the story of the Everlasting Popcorn Bucket!

The Everlasting Popcorn Bucket is a myth just like the stick fairy. Its name comes from a random refill that happens every time the popcorn goes below the bucket. So far it has not run out of refills or popcorn.

NEAL LEVIN'S CARTOONING WORKSHOPS AT SCHOOL

If you live in the suburban Detroit area, look for Neal's cartooning workshop. Neal visits a lot of the local elementary schools during the winter to teach afterschool classes. Watch for a flyer or special announcements at your school, or email Neal if you have questions: Sunbirdone@aol.com



FULL NAME: Julian Gitlin
NICKNAME: King Julian
HOMETOWN: Philadelphia
FAVORITE SONG: low by Flo Rida
FAVORITE FOOD: Steak
WORST FOOD: Fish
SPECIAL TALENT: Magic
WOULD LOVE TO VISIT: Rome

SPOTLIGHT
ON...
GITLIN
JULIAN

THIS BOX
COULD HAVE HAD
A MESSAGE FROM
YOU!

★
Congrats to all of the
girls in G-13 who
swam their Sharks the
other day. Y'all are
rock stars!!

WELCOME
JEAN
RAKEY

SACK-IN
TONITE

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"THERE'S A CRACK IN
EVERYTHING—
THAT'S HOW THE
LIGHT GETS IN."
LEONARD COHEN

RANDOM BOX

*If a turtle doesn't have
a shell, is it naked or
homeless?*

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- CLARA: Mi amor, por favor. Navah
- NAVAH: Hola. Clara
- G-14: Love the scary stories. Olivia W
- G-12: We get loose! We get funny! You guys rocked at Walden Idol! <3 Martha ☺
- CHO STAFF: You guys are AMAZING! Thank you for your hard work. Dr. Amy.
- G-10: Love you girls the absolute most! Will miss you! Morgan
- G-15: We crushed Walden Idol! Anonymous
- G-16: We did a great job at Walden Idol! G-16
- ZOLA: Hope you have a great rest of the summer! Fiona
- G-15: Avocado! From ?
- G-11: Love you guys so much! Best cabin ever!!! <3 Harper
- KEVIN DAWSON: Kevin love Pop Tarts. Your cabin leader
- B-10: We're going to find the rock. Santi
- B-10: Y'aight? Owen Lewis McElroy
- BEN K.: MIGEL. Parker
- B-11: Bark bark. Alpha Jonathan
- ALL OF CAMP: My meds! Ghost of TJ
- ALL CAMP: Sharing is caring.

SHOUT OUT

to Bryce Rathman for sorting and cleaning
the fencing equipment.
You are the best!

PICTURED ROCK CLUES

1. Outdoors
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4. Between Pit and B-field
5. Between parking lot and lake
6. Between trip shed and infirmary

9. Secretary and mess hall
10. Sale, not sail
7. Between office and mess hall
8. Not on ice

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of July 1

FIFA
USA v. BIH 2-0
ENG v. Congo DR 2-1
BEL - SEN 3-2

NBA
Jaylen Brown sent to 76's
Paul George to Boston

Wimbledon
Serena and Venus debut in doubles
Friday but injury doubt

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Alexa Feinstein

LUNCH BOX

COLD CUTS
CHIPS
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

**HOT
DOGS**
LEFTOVERS
SALAD BAR

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DAY: THURSDAY DATE: July 2, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

COLONEL JOHN GIVES A NATURE UPDATE

YOU CAN ADOPT AN ANIMAL

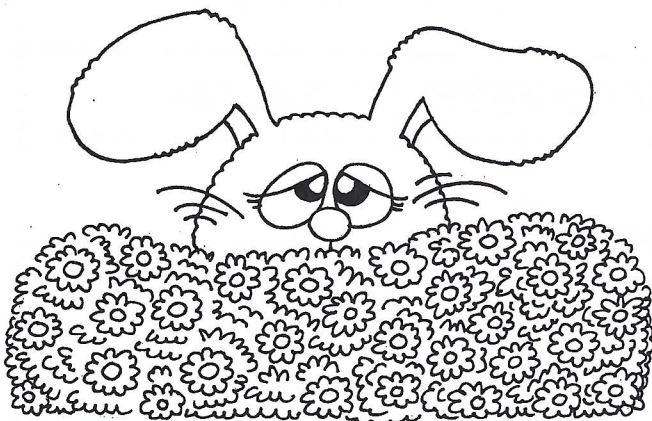
Camp Walden has kittens and bunnies that can be adopted and taken home, but so far none of them have been officially claimed. There are eight kittens available (three on the farm and five at the nature zone). "They don't have official names, but at each A/B period, they name them and they tell me what their names are," John says, "then the next group comes in and they tell me what the [new] names are. So it's kind of individualized."

There is a mama bunny and her eight little bunnies. John says the bunnies are not yet available for adoption until the mama bunny goes back to her home, which will be sometime soon.

Other animals at the farm include pigs, chickens, peacocks (yes, really!), goats, and a new lamb that just arrived. The farm animals are not available for kids to take home.

As for the kittens and bunnies, "the process for adopting is this," according to John. "If you got your parents' permission, then you come to me, we'll fill out a form, and then I'll call the parents." The kittens have all had their initial shots but will have to go see the family vet for any following vaccinations.

If you'd like to participate in nature activities during the next two weeks, you can sign up for farm, animals care, hikes and trips, herbal spa, or outdoor cooking at Walden III and cook fun things like garbage can pizza, banana boats, pocket stew, and s'mores.



Tonight is Walden Idol!
The Pond tracked down, with the help of Max Freeman, a list of all the anticipated acts. We know everyone has been working hard. Good luck on your performances!

WALDEN IDOL PERFORMANCES ONE HIT WONDERS

G2/G3	Who Let the Dogs Out	Baha Men
B7	Eye of the Tiger	Survivor
B8	Hooked On a Feeling	Blue Swede
B9	Gangam Style	PSY
B10	Best Day of My Life	American Authors
B11	Kung Fu Fighting	Carl Douglas
B13	Stand By Me	Ben E. King
B14	Your Love	The Outfield
B15	You're the One That I Want	Grease
G7/G7	Jump Around	House of Pain
G8	Cotton Eye Joe	Rednex
G9	Rude	MAGIC!
G10	A Thousand Miles	Vanessa Carlton
G11	Geronimo	Sheppard
G12	I Was Made For Lovin' You	Kiss
G13	Running Up That Hill	Kate Bush
G14	Are You Gonna Be My Girl	Jet
G15	Cruisin' For a Bruisin'	Teen Beach Movie
G16	Happy	Pharell Williams
G17	Life Is a Highway	Rascal Flatts
G37	Right Hand Man/Soulja Boy	G37 remix

CONGRATULATIONS, BELVEDERE PLAYERS

The following campers played great tennis at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix on July 1:

BAD NEWS:
They didn't actually
play any games.

Ryan Swedler
Jacob Lafer
Eli Weintraub
Eddie Ryke
Cole Zweig
Reid Borman

GOOD NEWS:
They didn't actually
lose a single game.

**G-7 is going to win the
Golden Dustpan!**
Ally Solomon

**G-13 is going to win the
Golden Dustpan!**
G-13 camper

CARA POST:
You are doing amazing in all
your art classes.
Fiona VanOsdel

G-10:
You are rock stars. Watching
you soar is the highlight of my
life.
Jordan

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of June 30

FIFA

Ivory Coast v. Norway 1-2
France v. Sweden 3-0
Mexico v. Ecuador 2-0

NBA

LeBron leaving Lakers,
new team TBA
Clippers trade Kawhi to Raptors

Wimbledon

B. Shelton defeated
by O. Virtanen in 5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the Fourth of July on Saturday, some events this weekend are as follows:

TODAY (THURSDAY): Regular A-Day with Walden Idol for evening program

TOMORROW (FRIDAY): Special day with Capture-the-Camp and day off for some staff

SATURDAY: Fourth of July, B-Day morning and special day afternoon (soccer game and carnival)

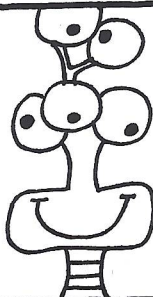
SUNDAY: Two-week campers go home, some new campers arrive, some regular A-Day activities and registration for campers who will still be here for the next two weeks

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- Wald-mart will be opening a lot more during Twilight now that everything is set up. New shirts and other items are also coming in. Listen to messages to find out what days your unit can shop.
- You can also get a few small items from the office if necessary, such as stamps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other toiletries. You can drop in any time for these.
- There are still a few flashlights available for staff on Rounds, but there are no more watches.
- Campers can bring their letters with barcodes back to the office, and the secretaries will make sure the parent liaisons email them back to your parents.
- The laundromat in town will be closed on Saturday, the Fourth of July, but laundry day in camp this week (Thursday) (today) is scheduled to run as usual.
- Laika has been an office resident this summer, and she likes hanging out there all day. If you want to come in and pet Laika, she'll be happy to get some belly rubs, but don't let her outside.
- Remember, if you're looking for someone in camp and can't find them because you have a problem, the office can help track them down.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- BARBY:** I hope you are having a great day!! Besos y abrazos, Isabella Villarreal
- NOA N.:** Make me a painting! Maya Caplan
- ASHER NATHAN:** Great dancing! Noa
- JULIA RAYA:** Thank you or taking me here with you! T'estimo molt molt, Anna Groset
- ELLIE FULLER:** Hapy B-Day (yesterday)! Maddie Pearlman
- NASH:** Great concert the other day! Joely, Maddie, and Ada
- ELI WEINTRAUB:** Thank you for asking me to HOCO. I had such a great time with you! Max Levin
- B-8:** Clean the cabin! Kyle Cronan
- SOPHIE BROWN:** Hi. Love you, Katie Vaughan
- BARBIE:** Best tie dye teacher EVER! Everly Lawson and Scarlett Turner
- JUNIPER JUNGERS:** How is Aras??? Edith Shokair and Marley Elkus
- G-10 COUNSELORS:** Y'all are the best counselors ever! Ellie
- LUKE GRUENHAGEN:** I'm only flesh and bone. Porter
- MAE, MAYA, AND NOA'S:** What does the "A" stand for? V.E.R.B.A.
- EVERLY:** Sunset! Noa N.
- FIONA:** I love that positive energy #loveit Emmy
- ERICA:** You go, queen! Art Barn staff/Zack Efron fan club
- G-15:** I love my G-15 girls! Eva
- B-8:** Who clogged the toilet? Jacob
- JEFFREY:** Jeffrey Jeffrey Jeffrey Jeffrey Jeffrey. Your fav camper
- B-9:** I am backkk!! Dennis
- CRISPY:** Did you go to bed at a crisp 8:30? French Fry



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 9. Secretary

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

Tommy Parri

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"WHEN THE POWER
OF LOVE OVERCOMES
THE LOVE OF POWER,
THERE WILL BE
PEACE."

~JIMI HENDRIX

RANDOM BOX

THE SUN
IS
300,000
TIMES LARGER
THAN EARTH.

LUNCH BOX

MAZ and
CHEESE
EGG/CHICKEN SALAD
SANDWICHES
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

BURGER
FRIES
POPS
BREAD PUDDING

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DAY: SATURDAY DATE: JULY 4, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY



IF AMERICA HAD A NATIONAL ANIMAL BESIDES THE EAGLE, WHAT SHOULD IT BE AND WHY?

The eagle has been the country's national bird and national symbol since 1782. Benjamin Franklin jokingly wanted the turkey because he thought eagles were lazy, but the eagle was selected because it's strong, majestic, and unique to North America.

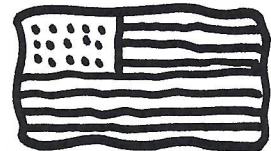
Here's what some of you think might be better:

- **FAITH FERRY:** The coyote. They live everywhere in America – cities, forests, you name it, they live there.
- **JULIAN GITLIN:** Grizzly bears because they are TUFF!
- **JAMIE MILLS:** Mosquitoes because there's a lot of them.
- **LIAM FRANKLIN:** Lion because America is the king of the jungle.
- **JIMMY MULLIGAN:** Penguins because they are awesome.
- **ASHER EPSTEIN:** Dog and why? I don't know.
- **VISHNU ALURI:** Phoenix because they are an eagle basically but just way cooler and stronger.
- **JAAN TREPTE:** Osprey because they are basically small eagles.
- **MARTHA LOVELAND:** Peggy because she could make America great again with her knowledge.
- **LILA ROSENZWEIG:** A capybara because they are cool.
- **JEMMA LEBENSON:** A platypus because they are nice.
- **RYAN SWEDLER:** Humans because they live here.
- **EVA BATCHELOR:** Chipmunks because they are everywhere.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 8:30 2-weeker show at beach
Walden Words of Wisdom
- 9:00 Breakfast
Clean-up
Packing for 2-week campers
- 10:45 Period 1B
- 11:45 Period 2B
- 12:45 Wash-up
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Rest period
Packing for 2-week campers
- 2:30 Move luggage
- 3:15 Units 1-2: Spirit parade/booth prep
- 3:45 Units 3-4: Spirit parade/booth prep
- 4:15 Staff soccer game and parade
- 5:30 Wash-up
- 6:00 Dinner
- THEN Carnival



CARNIVAL BOOTHS

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| G2 Balloon Pop | G6 Nail Painting |
| G3 Paper Airplane Contest | G7 Pick a Duck |
| B7 Ring Toss | G8 Trivia Booth |
| B8 Face Painting | G9 Mystery Box |
| B9 Dunk Tank | G10 Fortune telling |
| B10 Pranking Contest | G11 Singing Telegrams |
| B11 Make Me Laugh | G12 Face Painting |
| B13 Bean Bag Toss | G13 Hair Salon |
| B14 Bottle Knock Over | G14 Divorce Booth |
| B15 Skittles Taste Test | G15 Candy walk |
| | G16 Marriage Booth |
| | G17 Coke Taste Test |
| | G37 Bubble Gum Blow |
| | CA's Snow Cones |

Continued from front

- **MAELYN STONER:** Vermont raccoons because we love them.
- **ELLIE FULLER:** A pig – the most patriotic animal and makes the best sound – Go Pigs!
- **ALEXA FEINSTEIN:** Elephant because it's big.
- **JACK CASEY:** An ant. It's small.
- **LIZZIE RAMAEKER:** A black bear because they are strong and fast and pretty common in North America.
- **EMMY HALLIWILL:** A deer because they are everywhere.
- **HAYLEY LOOMSTEIN:** A dog because I love them.
- **MAX FREEMAN:** Raccoons because they're fun.
- **PORTER:** The wild mustang – a perfect symbol for freedom.
- **KATIE VAUGHN AND SOPHIE BROWN:** A brown bear. There's a lot of bears in the USA.
- **RETCHER:** Bigfoot. No one believes in him so his feelings get hurt a lot and this would mean a lot to him.
- **CAMI MOUSSIER:** A deer because they're very common to see on roads.
- **JUNIPER LEE JUNGERS:** Edith Shohair, just because.
- **DAISY NEWTON:** Myself! Because I want to live in America!

FOURTH OF JULY TRIVIA

Did you know that the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain actually occurred on July 2, 1776?

Adams wrote that July 2, the date the Second Continental Congress voted in Philadelphia to declare independence from Britain, not July 4, would be the day patriots celebrated their freedom. "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America," Adams wrote on July 3. "It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

So why is Independence Day celebrated on July 4th?

From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4th, because it was the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence rather than on July 2nd, which was the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Another bit of interesting trivia is the fact that most historians think that the Declaration was actually signed on **August 2nd, 1776**, nearly a month after its adoption and not on July 4th, as is commonly believed.

Which president was born on the Fourth of July?

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, in 1872.

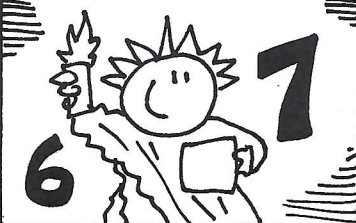
Three of the first five presidents died on the Fourth of July:

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Adams, the second president, and Jefferson, the third, died on the same day in 1826, the 50th anniversary.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"FRIENDS MAKE THE
BAD TIMES GOOD
AND THE GOOD TIMES
UNFORGETTABLE."
~ ANONYMOUS

RANDOM BOX



THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- G-12: Aras is coming 4 U!
- NOAH: Chill guy at night. Handsome
- G-8: Stop calling me unc!! Riley
- ELLIE STRICKSTEIN: You're my best friend!! Paige
- KEVIN: We're hungry. B-14
- PLAY: You are all so annoying. Juno
- G-37: Who wants to play evken? Secret
- FREE DRAW A1: Love you guys!!
- AVA: Tubing with you is awesome. Georgia Olson
- MICHAEL: You da best. Never change. Todd
- STAFF AND STUDENTS OF WALDEN POND: You guys are doing AMAZING! Keep up the good work. Faith Ferry
- G-13: We're excited for more soon! Ricky and Harper
- ABBY HEYWOOD: Love you gorgeous. Sam Z.
- ALL COUNSELING STAFF: Wow, look at you being so responsible. Campers

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of July 2

FIFA
Spain v. Austria 3-0
Portugal v. Croatia 2-2
Switzerland v. Algeria 2-0

NBA
76er's eye Lebron

Wimbledon
Djokovic win
Pegula win
Medvedev loss
Coco Gauff win

Formula 1
Hamilton gets Sprint pole

PICTURED ROCK CLUES

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9. Secretary
10. Sale, not sail
11. Shop here

What did the American flag say to the Statue of Liberty? Nothing, it just waved.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY } JULIA ZENDEL

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Joe Leber

LUNCH BOX

HOT DOGS
CORN DOGS
MAC & CHEESE
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

BURGERS
FRIES
SALAD BAR
BOMB POPS