

THE WALDEN POND

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DAY: SUNDAY

DATE: JULY 12, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

PUNCH AND COOKIES



Earlier this summer, the Walden Pond asked staff members

IF YOU RENAMED THIS CAMP, WHAT WOULD IT BE CALLED?

Apart from Camp Long Lake (the most popular answer) and Camp Kikiwaka (the second most popular answer and the camp in the Disney show *Bunk'd*), here are some of the things they came up with...

- **KATIE SEEBECK:** Camp Wally
- **AVA BROWN:** Camp Nedlaw (Walden backwards)
- **LAUREN MCCASH:** Camp Denwal (syllables reversed)
- **CAM KOCHIS:** CAMP
- **OWEN DOWNING:** Camp Cool
- **OWEN MCELROY:** That's Camp!
- **LUCAS CARLILE:** Camp Fun
- **KYLE CRONAN:** Under the Trees Camp
- **LIZZIE RAMAEKER:** Tall Pines
- **WILLIAM MACKMURDIE:** Camp Hickey
- **SAM HEYWOOD:** Camp Boom-Boom
- **JENNA MURTO:** Camp Like Home
- **TERA SMITH:** Campy Camp
- **REESE ROSENBERG:** Fun Town
- **LUKE GRUENHAGEN:** Camp Crack-a-Tackin'
- **JOSLYN PHILLIPS:** Michigan Magic
- **JAY EDWARDS:** Stevens Sanctuary

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TRADING POST TONIGHT

Tonight's evening program is a Trading Post! You can trade all sorts of fun stuff with other people in camp. **NO MONEY, JUST TRADING!** So bring some goodies to exchange with others:

Old toys * Souvenirs * Candy * Snacks * Knick-knacks *
Artwork * Used items * T-shirts * Sweatshirts * Stationery *
Stickers * Magazines * Stuffed animals * Nature art * Pop
Tarts * Sunflower seeds * Trading cards * Fidgets *
Jewelry * Clocks * Fans * Collectibles

Bring whatever you want (or don't want).

LOST AND FOUND REMINDER

Please remember to check the Lost and Found box for missing articles of clothing, towels, or other items that may belong to you. The Lost and Found box is the big wooden chest in the middle of the main P&C benches.

TANUGA RESULTS

Staff Games

Soccer – Walden won ☺

Volleyball – Walden won ☺

Camper Games

Pickleball – Draw/tie ☺

Basketball – Walden won ☺

Kickball – Tanuga won ☺

Soccer – Tanuga won ☺

Volleyball/Newcombe – Draw ☺

GaGa Ball – Was a hit but no winner ☺



Awesome job and thank you everyone who participated and cheered Walden on!

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of July 11

FIFA
Esp def Bel 2-1
for at trip to Top 4
Big match
Eng v. Nor
Arg v. Sui

Walden Under,
originally
scheduled for
tonight, will now be
on Wednesday.

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- **LYLA CHIN:** That blueberries are one of the healthiest fruits.
- **SANDY NEVILLE:** That Ethan and carter Loevy know an ordained minister with a motorbike and sidecar.
- **ETHAN LOEY:** Not to bring fudge back from Mackinac, because it melts!
- **TAYLOR MARQUARDT:** How fast you can get burnt in the sun!
- **CHO AHAM:** The Pictured Rock is an actual rock and not a picture of a rock.
- **JORDAN CRAIGHEAD:** How much I like string bracelet making
- **AVA BROWN:** Charlie Butler is really good at darts.
- **STEFAN STRICESCU:** Nothing at all ☹

JULIETTE LEENHEER:

Thanks for Spa Day
From Spatz

NOAH CASTLE:

Thanks for the great picture
of Walter. Enjoy Italy!
Karen

G-11:

Pick up the pace, ladies.
Cleaning must be done!
G-11 Admirer

G-10:

We need to lock in for cleaning
to get that sack-in!!!
Ellie Millstein

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of July 9

FIFA
FRA over MAR 2-0
Goals by Mbappe, Dembele

NBA
LeBron still being courted by
several NBA teams

Wimbledon
Noskova v. Muchova
Fery v. Zverev
Sinner v. Djokovic

FULL NAME: Max Silver
HOMETOWN: Dallas, Texas
CAREER CHOICE: Doctor
FAVORITE CANDY BAR: Twix
FAVORITE SPORT: Hockey
SCHOOL: University Park Elementary
FAVORITE BOOK: Alex Rider Stormbreaker
FAVORITE MAGAZINE: The New York Times

SILVER
ON...
SPOTLIGHT

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

JEMMA LEBENSON
AARON ZYSK
HUGO REIDE

NAVAH:

I hope your injury from
gymnastics gets better.
Brooke Moross

SACK IN NITE

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"DON'T REGRET
THE PAST, JUST
LEARN FROM IT."
~ BEN
IPOCK

RANDOM BOX



THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- BARBRA M.: Look at this house. Adam M.
- NOA N.: U R sl@yful! Lilly
- ELENA FELDMAN: Your Uggs are gonna get wet. Greta
- CAMP: Join the class! Waldemon 1B
- HUGO: Happy birthday! Parker
- G-5: We miss you! Abbi and Logan
- REESE ROSENBERG: I love you. Eden
- LUKE GRUENHAGEN: Welcome to the club! Sandy Neville
- DHEV: The blonde hair needs a little bit of work. Of course we'll have a look. Claire + Eva + Soph
- EVERYONE: Drink more water! Infirmary
- SKYLAR KAY: Bawk bawk! Lola Hafron
- LOLA HAFRON: I miss you. Skylar
- JACOB LAZARUS: You will be missed. Henry
- ELENA F.: Your painting is great! Anonymous
- B-11: Stop calling me Sebi. Sebastian
- G-11: Love y'all. Maya C.
- G-9: Y'all are the best cabin ever!! Saira M.
- G-15: Clean your cabin. Anonymous
- G-6: You guys are awesome! Your Counselors
- DUSTY LINDEN: You missed a spot! B+S
- CAMP: I love Camp Walden!!! Anonymous
- LUCAS: *camera noises* Jordan
- MALLORY CHIN: I still love your hair. Can you give it to me? ????
- ELLIE LEACH: I will win in fencing against you! ☹ Paige Howard
- G-11: Good luck on the Golden Dustpan! Anonymous
- G-37: I love you guys! OPB Berris
- THE VILLA: Give me 10, Give me 10. Melanie
- EMMA FOXX: Your boat looks so good! Noa S.
- G-7 COUNSELORS: Thank you for everything you have done. Emery Solomon

SOME HAPPY-GRAMS THAT WERE COLLECTED YESTERDAY
WILL APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S POND.

RIDING NEWS

1A Riding class took the very first trail ride Friday! Kevin was the lead pony and Julia Pearlman was his rider. All the horses and riders enjoyed a break from the ring. Lots of riders were working hard to improve their skills – especially the posting trot.

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Bethenny Thomas

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"DON'T REGRET
THE PAST, JUST
LEARN FROM IT."
~ BEN
IPOCK

RANDOM BOX



LUNCH BOX

SLOPPY
LEFTOVERS
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

BAKED
CHICKEN
RED ROASTED
POTATOES
SALAD BAR

KITCHEN STAFF:

You all are doing an amazing job.
I'm proud of you. Retcher.

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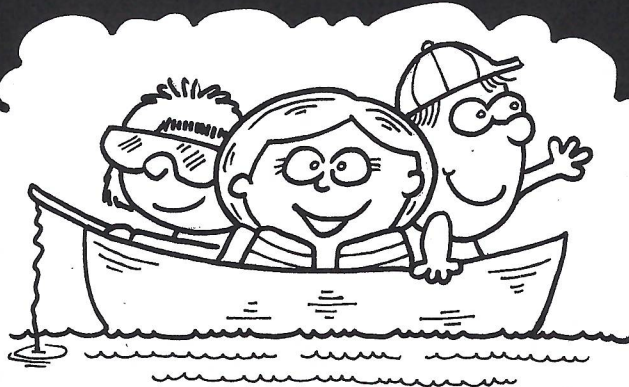
SPECIAL DAY

WHAT'S THE WEIRDEST THING YOU EVER NAMED AND WHAT DID YOU CALL IT?

Thanks to the 1A Pond class for doing this survey.

- **LULU HOWARD:** My sunglasses are named Sunny.
- **HARPER SCRENAR:** When I was like six, I named my dreamcatcher I made Clarissa, and I named my bed Lisa.
- **HARPER FANTICH:** I named the G-11 mop Pickle and Taco. They are great at cleaning!!!
- **LILA TURNER:** I named a hand towel Ryan Jr. after Ryan Sr. which is Ramen.
- **BROOKE GILBERT:** When my sister was born, I wanted to name her Fluffy Windowsill. I was four.
- **NASH LERNER:** Three ants named Jim, Fred, and Bob.
- **MADDIE PEARLMAN:** A cicada named Peep.
- **LONDON FLOYD:** Grapes Grapies.
- **THEO GRAINES:** My sister's car, which is named Valerie.
- **FAITH D. FERRY:** A stuffed animal dinosaur (triceratops). I named it Pedro Pascal.
- **KINZIE LERNER:** I named my brother Nashville, and he hates it.
- **LAKE FEFERMAN:** My croissant Jellycat's name is Crossianthima.
- **MAX SHERMAN:** The tree in front of B-12. Name: Mitchell Weiss.
- **SHAI WALCHER:** Mt perfect curl named Curly Whirly.
- **LUKE GRUENHAGEN:** JP is pretty weird. I named him Boo.
- **NEAL LEVIN:** Some of mu cartoon characters have weird names like Legs Benedict, Grumblecord, and Dude From Outer Space.
- **EDDIE RYKE:** I once named a tree Chicken Nugget.
- **JORDAN CRAIGHEAD:** My alter ego: her name is Gertrude.
- **MALLORY CHIN:** A rock called Globble.
- **KINZIE LERNER:** I renamed my counselor water bottle in a British accent. Her real name is Daisy.
- **ALEZ FEINSTEIN:** A tree in my best friend's backyard. We named it Treebert.
- **REESE ROSENBERG:** I made a short film about rocks and had three stunt double rocks named Trevor, Patricia, and Margaret.
- **JUDE, SHALE, AND HENRY:** We named a bug in our sand castle Timothy.
- **G-37:** We had a cabin moth named Shakira and another named JLO.
- **OPB:** I had a fish named Batman and a duck named Derek.
- **JULIA RAYA:** It was a cake that I made with my friends. I named it Crusanet.

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Good times and tan lines.

G-3 HAS MONSTERS IN THEIR CABIN

"I have been haunted by two monsters," Colin Carps explains. "We almost got in serious trouble, because I have been screaming at night. It seems that one of them is someone from our own cabin, and when they go to sleep, their body turns into a monster." Max Silver agrees and says the monsters are hard to describe, but "they're shiny." Joey Schneider, who is the cabin next door says, "I heard Colin screaming like a little girl." Colin says, in order to get rid of the monsters, they have been prepared to shine flashlights at them, but every time they seem to duck under the bed.

THE COOKIES WERE FOUND

By Eddie Ryke

For weeks, the B-8 kids have wondered who ate the cookies. When Jonah Berke discovered that the cookies were taken, but for a week the signs pointed at the G-4 camper Ben Lafer, and then the news was announced when Ben Lafer said, "The cookies were already eaten by me." So Ben ate the cookies!

WALDEMON IS THE BEST

By Stefan Stricescu

Waldemon is the best part of Camp Walden, because it makes people really think about themselves. But when I think of myself, I think chaos - action, so I had a mission to make the most overpowered card in Walden. So I made a card that can regenerate health by 10. Have 30 health and do 20 damage. So watch out, try hard, because I will destroy you. P.S. Stats may change.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT POND SUBMISSIONS

Neal will be out of camp for a few days at the end of the session. The last few Ponds for first session will be printed in advance. **The deadline for any submissions, including goodbye messages, is today by lunch.** Items turned in later this week will be considered for one of the winter editions to be mailed to campers during the school year.

Continued from front

- **OAKLEY MOST:** I named my friend with red hair Leproconia.
- **ERIKA MIKLOVIC:** I named a hedgehog Spike, but I wanted to name it Reptar.
- **AMELIA HACKNEY:** I named a singular carrot Mr. Potatoes. Then ... I ate the carrot.
- **MARLEY ELKUS:** I named my pet duck Alfredo and my dog Bunny!
- **ELYSSA GROSS:** I named a chipmunk Gerald, and I am still trying to catch it.
- **SONIA STRZALKA:** I gave my sister a nickname of Squeed!
- **LYLE CHIN:** I named a tetherball court Plain Old Tether.

G-37: You guys are amazing! Just remember to clean more. It gets yucky. Anonymous

FULL NAME: Dhevan Nijhar
HOMETOWN: Birmingham, UK
SCHOOL: University of Birmingham
CAREER CHOICE: Astronaut
FAVORITE MOVIE: Dune2
FAVORITE CLASS: Outdoor cooking
FAVORITE CELEBRITY: Moises Caicedo
FAVORITE SONG: Passion Fruit by Drake

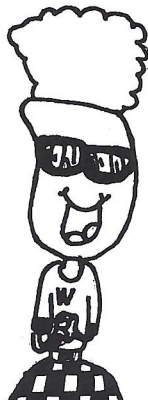
SPOTLIGHT
DHEVAN
NIJHAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

STELLA BORMAN

WELCOME

DOCTORS
CAREN STALBURG
AND
STEPHANIE
BORKIN



Cartoon by Lake Fefeman

Cartoon by George Mandel



**CAST OF
BEETLEJUICE:**
Break a leg on opening!
You guys are doing
amazing!
Claire Jakymiw

BigFoot

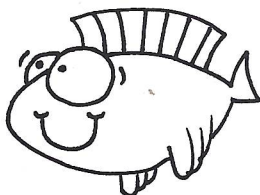
AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Max S.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"PEACE OF MIND
IS FREEDOM
FROM DESIRE."
~ SHANE
PARRISH

RANDOM BOX



LUNCH BOX

TATOR TOT
CASSEROLE
CHICKEN/EGG
SALAD CROISSANTS
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

MEATBALLS
AND
NOODLES

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- **OAKLEY MOST:** Hiiiiii bestie. Your Favorite Cabin Mate
- **CALLAN GILBERT:** I love you ☺ ☺ Holden Janis
- **OLIVIA R.:** S4. Joely Liss
- **HARPER F.:** I love your stage presence. You are so talented. ☺ Lila T.
- **NOAH CASTLE:** Goodbye, Castle. I can't wait to play some FM with the very one. Ben Kay
- **SAJ:** Stop throwing stones. Owen
- **NOAH CASTLE:** Thanks for being a good friend. I will miss you. Marvin
- **G-9:** Cuz tonight will be the night that I will fall for you. ????
- **RORY:** How are your pillow friends? Kendall Chroman
- **KENDALL:** My pillow friends are great!!! Rory
- **4A IMPROV CLASS:** Have we found Courtney? Joely
- **MITCH:** BUDALK. Levin
- **JAY:** Time out total: 5. ☺
- **NAVAH L.:** Hang on better to the tube next time. Clara G.
- **CAMP:** He he he. Eric the Chipmunk
- **CAMP:** ROCKS!!! Mateo B-14
- **SUZZI T.:** It's still funny. B-11
- **B-7:** Clean your cabin. Anonymous
- **VICTOR:** I love lapidary. Joey Schneider
- **LILLY K.:** How's your ear doing? Anonymous

SOME OF THE HAPPY-GRAMS AND GOODBYE MESSAGES
TURNED IN YESTERDAY WILL APPEAR IN FUTURE PONDS
LATER THIS WEEK.

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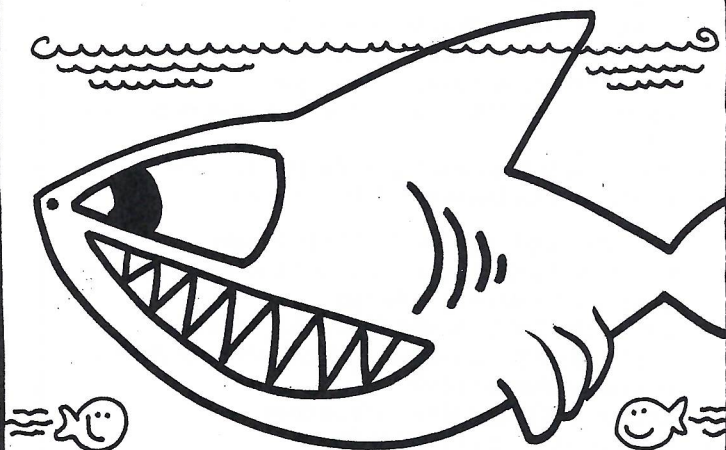
DAY: TUESDAY

DATE: JULY 14, 2026

A-DAY

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SPECIAL DAY



CONGRATULATIONS to the following people who swam their SHARKS AND DOLPHINS

New Sharks

Cole Zweig
Talia Schackman
Zoey Weibeler
Ari Sheran
Parker Grande
Hallie Levin
Aaron Rosen
Andrew Silverman
Ben Lafer
Colette Mellon
Lyla Sacco
Piper Smith
Emmy Sutker
Cole Rathman
Ada May-Nolker
Emmett Glass
Ryland Kaplan
Dylan Canner
Juliet Leenheer

Sloane Reynolds
Maya Rosen
Emma Kay

New Dolphins

Mallory Chin
Eddie Ryke
Jonh Berke
Kinzie Lerner
Zoe Hernandez
Hallie Levin

Mackinac

Jacob Lafer
Jolie Rosenzweig
Maddie Pearlman
Samuel Renshaw
Mallory Chin
Kinzie Lerner
Eddie Ryke

GET READY FOR



TODAY'S SPECIAL PROGRAM

EVERYONE:

Good morning!!

What a great day to be
alive!
Ty

DRAWING 4B:

You guys make our days
funny and so interesting!
Dada and Sonion

ENGLISH STAFF:

I'm coming home!
Max F.

NASH L.:

You should give me back
taco cat goat cheese pizza.
Kinzie L.

5 QUESTIONS WITH NOA NATHAN

1) Describe your dream house.

My dream house is a house in either Utah or Colorado, because I already live in Colorado, but like a mountain house. It would have a pool and a hot tub and it would be like 20,000 floors tall.

2) What is the least amount of money you'd accept to eat a spider?

Um, ten bucks. Spiders just like crawl in your mouth anyways, so ... you might as well.

3) Have you ever had a spider crawl in your mouth?

I don't know. Maybe. Not that I know of.

4) What never fails to make you happy?

Making me laugh, because laughing is just enjoyable, and it's fun. Anything really makes me laugh.

5) This interview?

Yeah. This interview makes me laugh, as well.

This list includes new swimmers as of 8:00 pm on July 12.

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.



HORSE OF THE WEEK



Horse of the Week #3 goes back to Hot Shot. He had a lot of competition, especially from the ponies Dixie and Gypsy. We now have decided to start a separate category for Pony of the Week. A big battle is brewing between Kevin, Cash, and Chuck.

OLIVIA R.:
Mmmm tubing!
☺ Sam R.

SHALE R.:
How are your thoughts on Camp
Walden?
Unknown

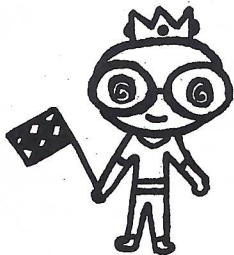
PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of July 13

FIFA
Upcoming Semi's
ENG v. ARG
FRA v. ESP

Wimbledon
Ladie's winner Noskova in 3
Gentlemen's winner Sinner over
Zverev in 4
Men's Doubles Heliivaara/Patten
Women's Doubles Guo/Mladenovic
Mixed Arevalo/Ostapenko

FULL NAME: Mallory Chin
FAVORITE CLASS: Science
FAVORITE BOOK: Twilight
FAVORITE SINGER: Fall Out Boy
FAVORITE FOOD: Grilled cheese
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Ginny & Georgia
SPECIAL TALENT: Fit whole cookie in mouth

SPOTLIGHT
ON...
MALLORY
CHIN



Cartoon by
Joey Boyer

SACK-
ON

BE IN THE POND THIS HALLOWEEN

The Walden Pond is mailed to campers a few times during the school year. The first issue usually arrives around Halloween. If you would like to be in the Halloween Pond, come fill out a short survey sheet in the Pond office. See Neal if you have anything else you'd like to contribute.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- CONNOR: Stop going to bed so early. Asher
- B-8: Are we the only cabin that has broken a light? Asher
- G-14: Stop taking ladders and hiding under beds. Elisa
- RILEY: I love you to life. Emmy
- G-12: You guys are super cool!!! Marley Elkus
- JONAH L.: Thank you for hosting the beast games. Anonymous
- MAX: Did you put away your laundry yet? Jake Potoscsky
- B-8: I'm going to steal all your cookies at night. Ben laker
- G-14: Elphaba and Glinda. If you know, you know. Brooke
- G-14: Guys, chat, what flavor/texture is the sky? True or false, A or B? Stella
- CALLAN: Your outfit looks good. Holden
- CLARA: Por favor mi amor. Anonymous
- ZOLA: You are the best big sis ever. Lyla
- EMERY SOLOMON: Hope you had fun in gymnastics. Eden Rosenberg
- B-8: The cookies are amazing, by the way. Ben Lafer
- CAMP: there are monsters in G-3! Anonymous
- OAKLEY MOST: First fav????!!? Ellie Milstein
- ELI WEINTRAUB: I know you haven't won yet, but congrats on winning Wimbledon. Eddie Ryke
- MILES GRIFFITH: 676767676767 Riley Raznick
- ELYSA GROSS: Stop laughing like an AI robot at night. It is very creepy! Samantha Falk
- SAMANTHA FALK: Never!! Elyssa Gross
- STELLA: Happy late birthday!! G-11
- ENGLISH STAFF: I'm coming to Spain. Mario
- BROOKE MOROSS: Fireball by Pitbull. Anonymous
- CAMI AND JP: Can't wait to skip around the room with you! Office Fer
- AVI S.: 67 is good! Judah S.
- NOA N. AND EMMA: How was the trip? Noa S.
- G-12: Guys, our cabin is actually disgusting!!! Cabinmate
- KINZI: Twinkle twinkle...
- GABBY GRANDE: Fletcher! My knee hurts. Harper
- STEFAN: Your card is not OP. You know who
- LEVI: Hi. Dylan
- RILEY AND DREW: LARP. Blarp
- CLARA K.: Can I say it? Fiona, Sam, and Oscar
- Kathe T.: Best sailor on camp. lysm Barby C.
- G-8: Barney is a dinosaur. Samantha
- ALEX HARVEY: Uou are very cool! Marley Elkus
- B-8: The cookies were not found. Ben Lafer

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Teddy Robinson

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"IT IS NEVER
TOO LATE TO BE
WHAT YOU MIGHT
HAVE BEEN."
☺ ANONYMOUS

RANDOM BOX

If you can read this,
you are not illiterate.

LUNCH BOX

SANDWICHES
AND
LEFTOVERS

DINNER BOX

CHICKEN
FAJITAS

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SPECIAL DAY

DEAR ED...

Dear Ed, How big is Camp Walden? Jacob Potocsky

Dear Jacob, About 100 acres. The main camp is 90 acres with an additional 10 acres in Walden II (a smaller piece of property on Long Lake used for campouts). Ed

Dear Ed, How many different kinds of trees are there on Camp Walden grounds? Faith D. Ferry

Dear Faith, There are many assorted types. The majority are beech and maple, but you can also find willows, cottonwoods, basswoods, spruce, birch, hemlock, red and white pine, and more. Ed

Dear Ed, Who named Walden Walden? Adam in B-11

Dear Adam, Bluma Schechter - everyone knows that! No, just kidding. Even Ed didn't know until he asked Liz. Bluma was Neal Schechter's sister-in-law, and Neal Schechter was Liz's father's partner when they opened the camp together. She suggested it be called Walden because it reminded her of the book by the same name written by Henry David Thoreau. Ed

Dear Ed, Why is Camp Walden called Camp Walden? I feel it's a good but unusual name. Cole R.

Dear Cole, The book *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau was about a man who lived in a cabin in a forest called Walden Woods, next to a pond called Walden Pond. Yes, it's true! Thoreau wrote about what life was like in that peaceful environment, and since Camp Walden is similar to that place and embraces many of the ideas in the book, the camp was named Walden. Ed

Dear Ed, Why don't we have music playing for meals? Tommy Pearl

Dear Tommy, Retcher said that's a great question! Probably because nobody created a good enough playlist yet. Ed

Dear Ed, How many people per year on average swim Mackinac? Asher Epstein

Dear Asher, According to Boz, first session we have 5-6 and second session between 15-20. Ed

Dear Ed, When is the next turkey dinner? Boz

Dear Boz, Retcher explained that all the turkeys have flown away, so it's not likely to happen anytime soon. Ed

Dear Ed, How do glow sticks work? Alec Bodzy

Dear Alec, Ed has no idea, but since you asked, he looked it up. A glow stick creates light through a chemical process called chemiluminescence. Inside the plastic tube is an outer liquid (phenyl oxalate and a fluorescent dye) and a fragile inner glass vial holding hydrogen peroxide. Snapping the stick breaks the glass, mixing the chemicals and triggering a light-emitting reaction. So now we both know. Ed

Dear Ed, Which cabin is the cleanest? Samantha Fink

Dear Samantha, That's easy. The one that wins the Golden Dustpan. Ed

WALDEN UNDER THE STARS

Walden's annual talent show Walden Under the Stars is taking place today! We are very excited to showcase the talents of many campers and staff through singing, dancing, and more! This year the staff will be performing a rendition of *Beauty and the Beast* and will feature all of your favorite songs like "Belle," "Be Our Guest," and the famous song, "Beauty and the Beast." We are looking forward to another fun-filled night at the Outdoor Stage!

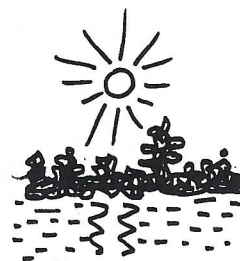


ART SHOW TONIGHT

Immediately after dinner
Dessert will be served in the Art Barn

Tie Dye shirts
Pottery * Candles
Model Magic Sculptures
Stitch & Sew Soft Sculptures
Drawing & Painting * More

and featuring original
Martin Beek Watercolors
from around camp



If you have additional work you'd like to display, bring it to the art barn by 3rd period today, even if you're not in an art class!

Remember to pick up your projects after the show to take home.

5 QUESTIONS WITH CAMI MOUSSIER

1) What do you like best about your job in the office?

I love that I get to meet so many new people, so many internationals, not only people from Mexico but also getting to know people from different countries and all the different kids.

2) What kind of work do you do at home?

I don't really do much, but right now I'm producing a play in Mexico City, which I'm going to be acting in with my mom.

3) What's the play about?

Me and my mom. It's basically our story.

4) How did you come up with that idea?

My mom has been in the industry all her adult life. I started writing it a couple years ago. I just didn't know what I wanted to do with it.

5) What's the main theme?

It's literally our life. Like how your mother can be your best friend and how a daughter can become such an important part of a woman's life.

RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES

Don't throw away used batteries! Keep them out of the landfill by bringing them to the office to be recycled. There is also a recycling bin for paper.

LOGAN F.:

Thank you for letting me play with your keyboard fidget.
Jeffrey

ROBYN:

We appreciate you so much!!
We love you,
UP Fun Squad

FULL NAME: Kinzie Lerner
NICKNAME: Kinzle
CAREER CHOICE: Soccer player
FAVORITE TV SHOW: The Rookie
FAVORITE SINGER: Noah Kahan
FAVORITE FOOD: Pasta
WORST FOOD: Tomato
FAVORITE ANIMAL: Dogs

SPOTLIGHT
ON...
KINZIE
LERNER

TOMORROW IS A BITTER DAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JORDAN CLEVINGER
CLARA KOESLER
CAMI MOUSSIER

WWW
Today is
Wear Walden
Wednesday

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- G-2: The monsters from G-3 is coming to G-2. Anonymous
- G-13: We're gonna win the Golden Dustpan! Molly
- G-11: We are gonna win the Golden Dustpan! Harper
- CLAIRE JAKYMIW: Did the dumpster fire eat your coffee again? Harper
- CLAIRE JAKYMIW: Did you enjoy Chipotle? Lulu and Harper
- G-15: Clean up your cabin! Anonymous
- G-2/G-4: G-3 is going to win the Golden Dustpan, not you. G-3
- EMILY: AC EMILY! Brooke, Caroline, and Audrey
- G-15: Thanks for cleaning! Anonymous
- NOAH CASTLE: Bye-bye, Castle. Alex Harvey
- LYLA C.: Hello, Lyle... Mallory C.
- OWEN: Stop throwing stones. SAJ
- LYLA CHIN: Dental hygiene! Maddie Pearlman
- MATT ASHLEY: Hey, Jude! Max F
- SIENNA: You are my favorite! Love you! Mom
- G-7: You girls are the best cabin! We love you! Logan and Liv
- SCARLETT: Love you so much! Everly
- LYDIA, HAYLEIGH, AND SOPH: We love you so much. Thanks for everything! Scarlett
- G-16: I'm gonna miss you so much. Can't wait to see you next year. Zoe F.

Laugh Until You Cry Cry Until You Laugh

CLARA K.:

Thank you for my Dr. P! You da best, my darling angel.
Taylor M.

B-8:

Why do you guys hate waking up in the morning?
Kyle

WALDEMON 1B and 3A:

Thank you guys for taking the class!!
Faith D. Ferry

NYA YOUNG:

Don't ever jump off a tree stump! You fell once!
London
Floyd

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

BUK D

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW
SMALL, IS EVER
WASTED."
~AESOP

RANDOM BOX

We don't know exactly when the modern fire hydrant was invented because the patent was lost in a fire.

LUNCH BOX

GRILLED
CHEESE
AND
CHIPS

DINNER BOX

SPAGHETTI
GARLIC BREAD
SALAD BAR

THE WALDEN POND

VOL.67 NO.31

DAY: THURSDAY DATE: JULY 16, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

REAL NEWS

- A huge new *Star Wars* exhibition is getting ready to open in Philadelphia as part of the franchise's **50th anniversary celebration**. Visitors will be able to see original movie props, costumes, and interactive displays, with tickets expected to go on sale later this year.
- Ten **middle school students** have been named **finalists** in the 2026 3M Young Scientist Challenge after creating inventions to solve real-world problems. Over the summer, each finalist will work with a scientist mentor before competing for the title of **America's Top Young Scientist** and a **\$25,000 prize** this fall.
- Movie theaters are offering more **family-friendly films** than they have in recent years, making 2026 one of the biggest years yet for kids' entertainment. They include *Toy Story 5*, *Minions & Monsters*, *The Mandalorian and Grogu*, *Paw Patrol: The Dino Movie*, and a live-action *Moana*.
- NASA awarded nearly **\$600 million in contracts** to three American space companies to deliver scientific instruments to the **Moon in 2028**. The missions will carry cameras, radiation detectors, and other equipment that will help scientists learn more about the Moon and prepare for future exploration.
- Many famous actors and musicians have been **sharing photos and stories about their pets** this month. Fans enjoyed seeing dogs, cats, and even tiny chihuahuas belonging to stars like **Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Zendaya, Chris Evans, and Demi Moore**, reminding everyone that celebrities love their pets just like everyone else.
- Toy experts say **classic-style toys** are becoming popular again in 2026. Collectible figures, toy vehicles, dolls, building sets, and even old-fashioned games are returning to store shelves alongside brand-new inventions, giving kids and parents something to enjoy together.
- **Summer concert season** is in full swing, with major artists performing around the world. **Maroon 5** recently headlined a large concert in London's Hyde Park. **Benson Boone** also kicked off his **Wanted Man Tour**, with performances of hits like "Beautiful Things" along with songs from his newest album. That tour has become one of this summer's fastest-growing pop concerts.
- One of the world's most **unusual office buildings**—a seven-story headquarters shaped like a **giant picnic basket**—is back on the market for \$8.5 million. The building was created by the Longaberger Basket Company and has become a famous **roadside attraction** in Ohio, east of Columbus, because it looks exactly like one of the company's woven baskets.
- Researchers have discovered a previously unknown **fossil goose** in **New Zealand** that is changing ideas about how giant flightless birds evolved, and the discovery is helping paleontologists rewrite part of the region's prehistoric history.

BEETLEJUICE JR.

Tonight is our production of *Beetlejuice*! This junior adaptation of the Broadway musical is much more elaborate than the two-week camper show. It's also more similar to the Broadway musical than to Tim Burton's original 1988 movie which you might have seen on TV. "There are a lot of plot changes," Robbie says. "They kind of adjusted it for stage."

After losing her mom, a sad teenager named Lydia moves into a new house that is already haunted by a friendly ghost couple. Lydia is the only living person who can see them, and she soon meets a wild, funny green-haired demon named Beetlejuice. To shake things up, Beetlejuice tricks her into saying his name three times, which unleashes hilarious, spooky magic all over the house. Together, this unlikely group learns how to face their fears and become a real family.

There is a lot of dark humor in this show, which means making light of serious or spooky topics, but it's all done in good taste, and we're sure you'll enjoy it. Join us in the rec Hall at 7:00.

"I am so proud of the cast and crew and staff. They worked really, really, really hard – learning their lines and working on choreography and building sets, giving it their all."

Robbie Mullin



LIVE!

Join us
for the

**WBA
FINALS**

Under the lights
After the play

END OF SESSION REMINDERS

With the end of the session approaching, please keep these reminders in mind so things run smoothly:

- ✓ Remember to pick up all your personal items from areas (arts and crafts projects, wakeboards, guitars, riding/bike helmets, etc.) before camp ends.
- ✓ Remember to check the lost and found and clotheslines behind your cabin.
- ✓ Transportation lists will be distributed once or twice so everyone can verify how they're going home.
- ✓ Packing doesn't begin until Friday.
- ✓ Counselors who want to supervise campers who will be staying in camp on Saturday afternoon/evening should see Robyn.

5 QUESTIONS WITH ELLIE MILSTEIN

1) What's your favorite holiday tradition?

My favorite holiday is Hanukkah, and I like going to my family's house because we have a Hanukkah party.

2) What's your favorite thing to do at camp?

Tubing with Max as the driver and Morgan.

3) How do you rate yourself as a tubing rider?

I mean, I think I stay on pretty well. I've only fallen off once in my whole tubing experience.

4) Meatballs or chicken nuggets?

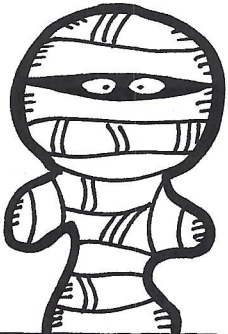
Chicken nuggets all the way!

5) Would you rather know how to SCUBA dive or know how to fly a plane?

Fly a plane, so then I can get places faster.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- G-37 CHICKENS: I love y'all!! Thank you for an amazing summer. I will miss you!! Mother Hen
- G-8: I will miss you al! See you next year! Ryan
- RILEY GUTMAN AND JOSIE CLIFFORD: The best CA's in camp! Ryan/Emma
- ADLEY SOLOMON: Byeeeeeeeeeee. Lyla Chin
- Lyla CHIN: Byeeeeeeeeeee. Adley Solomon
- B-11: I will miss y'all. Noah G.
- HAYLEY LOOMSTEIN: Hi, crazy girl! Elyssa Gross
- SKYLAR SOLL: Hi. Hope you have fun. Skylar Kay
- G-15: I will miss you guys! Leni
- TO ALL OUR RIDERS: Great job this summer! We are proud of your improvement and riding skills. Thanks for making our job fun. Karen and Abi and the Riding Staff (and the Horses)
- RIDING STAFF: Thanks for a great first half. Karen, Abi, and the Horse Team
- JILLIAN LAZARUS: Beautiful riding on Miss Lexi. Canter on!!! Karen
- G-12: Thank you for being the best cabin ever! Amelia Hakney
- G-10: You're the best! Love you! Julia R-C
- G-17: We love you so much!! Your Counselors
- G-7: Hi, my little ducklings! Kate T.
- EDEN R.: I love you. Reesie
- SCARLETT: Thanks for all your help in Tie Dye! Ella
- CAMP: Happy Gram crackers. Sherm
- OFFICE FER AND CAMI: You are the best! The UP Fun Squad
- TOM FELTON: You are AMAZING! Hayleigh
- LYDIA: You were the best to work with! I love you! Hayleigh
- SKYLAR KAY: My little angel. Abby H.



BE IN THE POND THIS HALLOWEEN

The Walden Pond is mailed to campers a few times during the school year. The first issue usually arrives around Halloween. If you would like to be in the Halloween Pond, come fill out a short survey sheet in the Pond office. See Neal if you have anything else you'd like to contribute.

FULL NAME: Avraham Slatkin
HOMETOWN: Bloomfield Hills
SCHOOL: Hillel Day School
FAVORITE CLASS: Gym
FAVORITE SPORT: Soccer
FAVORITE ANIMAL: Monkeys
HE LOVES: Technology

SLATKIN
ON...

SPOTLIGHT

TODAY IS A LAUNDRY DAY

Only laundry for second session campers goes out today. Laundry will come back as completed (within a few days).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ALEX SCHWARTZ

ARTS & CRAFTS:

Thanks for all your hard work and being so creative and cool!
Erika

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Noa Nathan

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"ALL LIMITATIONS
ARE SELF-IMPOSED."
~ OLIVER
WENDELL
HOLMES

RANDOM BOX

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.

LUNCH BOX

MEATBALL
SUBS
AND
CHIPS

DINNER BOX

PIZZA
AND
PRETZELS

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DAY:FRIDAY

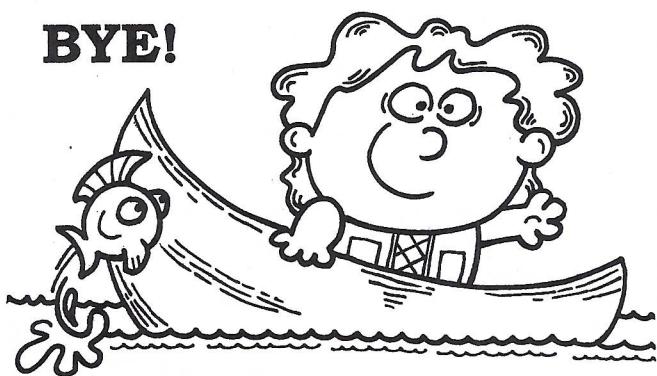
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A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

GOOD BYE!



Have a great rest of the summer!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

This morning will be devoted to packing. Please see the column on the right for important reminders and a list of things NOT to pack because you may need them tonight and tomorrow. In the afternoon, we are going to run regular B-Day classes.

Special events this evening include our popular Hallowalden Banquet, followed by an Awards Show and Slide Show in the Rec Hall and a campfire in the Pit. Please see the posted schedules for more information, including times and other events.

G-12:

Thank you G-12 for being
such an amazing cabin.
You guys are great!
<3 Faith D. Ferry

FIONA:

I'll miss you this summer.
Bye!
Zola ☺

G-12:

I am so happy that we are in
the same cabin. I love you
girls! You're the best!
Anna

SCARLETT:

I love you.
Gonna miss you, kid.
Ximena

G-7:

I have really good friends
in my cabin.
Ava J.

G-7:

Gonna miss y'all so much!
☺ Maddie

PACKING NOTES

Today campers will be packing. Here are a few important things to keep in mind:

- Pack everything that belongs to you and only things that belong to you.
- Check under your bed, in the bathroom, in corners, attics, shelves, and clotheslines.
- Also check the lost and found box to see if anything there belongs to you.
- Wet/damp items should be put in a plastic bag before being packed.
- Items that no one claims should be brought to the office.
- Any items that belong to a camper that already went home should be brought to the office and tell the secretary who it belongs to so it can be shipped to them.
- Garbage should be thrown in the trash can, not left around in the cabin or outdoors.
- Move your luggage to the appropriate places when indicated. Luggage will be stored safely overnight.
- Cabins must be cleaned thoroughly. The more cleaning you do today, the less will have to be done by counselors tomorrow!
- Listen to announcements for other important information.

DO NOT PACK LIST

Please leave these items out when you pack to go home:

- Outfit to wear on Friday for activity classes
- Bathing suit and towel if you have water activities
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, and all shower supplies
- Long pants, long sleeves, socks, and closed-toe shoes for campfire
- Clean underwear, socks, shirt, and pants/shorts to go home in on Saturday
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Empty laundry bag to pack these items in when you leave



HALLOWALDEN
IS TONIGHT...
COME DRESSED
IN A COSTUME
TO BANQUET!

STAFF, TODAY YOU HAVE THE GOOD LIFE

Is you're a Walden staff member today, you may not realize how much better (yes, better) your job is today than it would have been in the past.

BACK IN THE DAY...

- ⊗ You might have had up to 18 campers in your cabin.
- ⊗ Staff house rooms had 4 people and 4 beds.
- ⊗ Some people had to sleep in tents in the woods, even if they weren't on an overnight.
- ⊗ Kitchen staff had to serve and clean up 6 meals a day (two shifts for every meal).
- ⊗ The only thing you could find on the salad bar used to chick peas and beans.
- ⊗ A fee for using linens was deducted from your paycheck.
- ⊗ You only got a night off once or twice a week.
- ⊗ You were not allowed to leave camp the night before your day off.
- ⊗ In the evenings, counselors were assigned to snack duty as well as to rounds.
- ⊗ If you didn't have a car, you had to walk a mile each way to the old Pines (no shuttle service).

AND FINALLY...

- ⊗ You had to bring your own pencil to every staff meeting.

G-8:

You are the best!!
Jolly Josie



G-6:

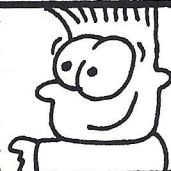
Hi, guys!
Skyler Kay

FULL NAME: Benjamin Lafer
HOMETOWN: West Bloomfield
SCHOOL: Lone Pine
FAVORITE SINGER: Travis Scott
FAVORITE JUNK FOOD: Bacon
WORST FOOD: Yogurt
FAVORITE SPORT: Soccer
FAVORITE MAGAZINE: The Walden Pond
WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES HIM: Funny

SPOTLIGHT ON...
LAFER

**PLEASE RETURN ANY CLIPBOARDS
TO THE POND OFFICE**

*so campers can gather more news
next session!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ALEX HARVEY
ZO HARVEY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TOMORROW

AARON ROSEN

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Melanie Shoemaker

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"THE YEARS TEACH
MUCH THE DAYS
NEVER KNOW."
~EMERSON

RANDOM BOX

YOU CANNOT
ACHIEVE THE
IMPOSSIBLE
WITHOUT ATTEMPT-
ING THE ABSURD.

LUNCH BOX

PASTA
SALAD
BAR

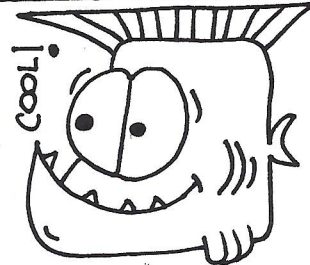
DINNER BOX

BURGERS
AND
FRIES

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- JORDAN CLEVINGER: We're going to miss you so much! Hayleigh and Lydia
- TERA: I'm going to miss you so much! Enjoy the Bahamas. Hayleigh
- YOU KNOW WHO: Tee he. Who Knows You?
- SUSHI: See you next year! From ?
- G-16: See you next year. Ada
- CAMP: I love Camp Walden!!! ☺ G-13
- MADDIE P.: You're the best sister ever! Your fav sister
- LAKE FEFERMAN: Bye, lake! We will miss you so much! Have fun! Ellie
- CALLAN GILBERT: I'll miss you ☺ ☺ ☺ Holden Janis
- G-14: You guys were great!!! Can't wait to see y'all next year! ☺ Bri
- G-11: I'll miss you sooo much! Maya C.
- G-7: You guys are the best! Joey C.
- G-12: I will miss you guys so much! Bye! ????
- G-11: Best cabin ever. Will miss y'all. See you next year! Alexa
- G-16: Love you all so much. I will miss you!! Everly
- GEORGIA: I am going to miss you. See you next summer. Love you, Scarlett
- MENI: I love ya so much. I have faith. See you in 360 days. Scarlett

**Remember to
recycle your Pond**
by dropping it in the green
tub by the fireplace
unless you want
to keep it.



LAST POND OF THE SESSION

This is the last Pond of first session. There will be no Pond tomorrow (Visiting Day) or Sunday (staff work day). Ponds will resume Monday when second session begins. Campers can also watch for a few Ponds mailed to their house during the school year.