

THE WALDEN POND



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DAY: MONDAY

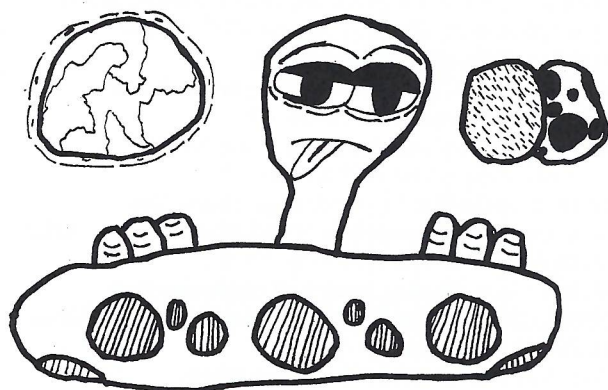
DATE: JULY 27, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

Cartoon by Luke Goldman



WARNING

Earlier this summer, we asked staff members

**IF YOU HAD TO WEAR A WARNING LABEL,
WHAT WOULD IT SAY?**

Here, in their own words, is what they replied.

- **ANNA KNOTT:** A little messy
- **CHARLIE BUTLER:** Don't talk to me, I won't stop
- **ELLIE FULLER:** Smiles and laughs ahead
- **EMILY BOWLEY:** Loves a dad joke
- **MASON MARCUS:** Sarcastic
- **TAYLOR MARQUARDT:** Might scream if you chew loud
- **KATE THUMMLER:** If I'm mad, give me Nutella
- **GEORGIA WEISHAUS:** Little bit feisty
- **MADDIE HAWK:** Ultimate Fangirl
- **EVIE LONG:** Remembers everything
- **FIONA VANOSDOL:** Too whimsical
- **FAITH FERRY:** Will spend hours talking about tornados
- **REESE ROSENBERG:** loud and fast talker
- **JORDAN CLEVENGER:** Laughs easily
- **OLIVIA RANDEL:** Might bite
- **MIA ASRAF:** Don't talk to when hungry
- **EMILY SNYDER:** I'm a nervous nelly
- **SAM ZELENOK:** Directionally challenged
- **ANITYAH TAYLOR:** I love sushi
- **JORDAN CRAIGHEAD:** Dazzling smile might blind you
- **NOAH MCCAUGHAN:** Ginger alert
- **ADDIE JACOB:** Doesn't stop talking
- **SONIA STRZALKA:** Trips a lot
- **ADDI SOROTA:** Don't sit on my bed
- **CLARA KOESLER:** Can't hear you

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CAMP NEWS!

A miscellany of miscellaneous messages from around camp, as collected by yesterday's Walden Pond class

- Lucas Carlile just joined the Peace Corps. He will be teaching English in Ecuador starting in January.
- B-8 had a chipmunk in their cabin.
- There was also a chipmunk in G-3.
- Amber, Marco, Angus, Ozzie, and the kitchen staff saw a bald eagle at Tahquamenon Falls.
- Charlie Feiler hasn't fully cleaned his bed after three days, according to Avi Slatkin.
- Boz and Fer want to thank all the guards and staff who worked swim tests and congrats to all the campers who swam.
- Sophia Orman has been using the wrong everything for archery for four years straight, yet she still got many awards.
- The Girls Front tetherball is missing!
- Penelope is missing her hair brush.
- The chipmunks are enjoying their corn at the Chipmunk Café.
- Chipmunks like barbeque seeds better.
- There are four more days until Walden Idol.
- B-7 is a master bridge builder.
- Devon G. lives in B-11's walls.
- JoJo got her Shark the other day. Barbie C. is so proud!
- Lou, Isabel, and Jaime say they would be cooked in fishing without Zach.
- Get ready for Color Clash tomorrow!
- Neal says the Yellow Team will win Color Clash.
- Mateo G. has 16 bags of sunflower seeds.
- Ximena is in the Pond (courtesy of Fer).

G-5 FOUND THE PICTURED ROCK!

G-5 found the octopus rock on Saturday evening during Twilight. It only took four clues – which may be an all-time record – and incredibly, they also figured out the Phantom the same day! Congratulations go to Allison Berman, who actually discovered the hidden rock, along with Olivia Berris and Pax Deacon. It was by a tree near the snack shack. "I'm really glad, and G-5 is amazing," Allison says. The whole cabin wins a trip to Dairy Queen for this incredible feat.

Continued from front

- **LYDIA SLOAN:** I talk a lot
- **DAISY NEWTON:** Don't wake me up while I'm sleeping
- **CAM KOCHIS:** Can be dramatic
- **KYLE CRONAN:** Likes to stay on schedule
- **AVA BROWN:** Might interrupt your sentence ☹
- **MARIO SANCHEZ:** You are looking at the GOAT
- **WILLIAM MACKMURDIE:** Please let me sleep
- **TERA SMITH:** Handle with care
- **MARTHA LOVELAND:** Brutally honest
- **RILEY BAKER:** Will start tap dancing at random
- **ERIKA MIKLOVIC:** Cougar on the prowl
- **HAYLEIGH LEWIS:** I'm not a doctor
- **BRYN COLEMAN:** I just work here
- **OWEN MCELROY:** It's ok, he does that...

And yes, these counselors were warned that these answers could appear in the Pond.

SECRETS OF THE WALDEN POND

Do you know how the Walden Pond is put together? You may be surprised at some of these facts:

- ❖ **The Pond is not done on computer** except for some typing. Everything is either drawn or handwritten on paper, or else cut out and taped onto paper with double-stick tape.
- ❖ **Neal types the Pond with one finger** and writes the rest with one hand.
- ❖ **The cartoons and artwork are all drawn** in camp with Sharpies. Neal draws most of them himself except those that are credited to other people.
- ❖ **The Pond is printed on the copy machine** in the office. The copy machine shrinks everything down to about 73% of the actual size and puts the pages back-to-back.

Stop by the Pond office if you want to see the Pond being made.

FULL NAME: Charlie Elizabeth Aerni-Flessner
 FAVORITE BOOK: Wings of Fire
 FAVORITE MOVIE: Mean Girls
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: Gilmore Girls
 CLUB: Girls On the Run
 SPECIAL TALENT: Pogo sticking
 LIKES TO HANG OUT AT: Universal Studios
 WOULD NEVER CHANGE: her ability to cartwheel

SPOTLIGHT ON:
 CHARLIE
 AERNI-
 FLESSNER

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- **G-12:** Thank you for being the best cabin ever! Maya Pensler
- **DREW:** You're still French. Devon
- **HIKAYLA:** Remember to make me my bracelet. Sophia
- **POTATO:** Hope your butt gets better. Lucas G.
- **ABY:** Hi. Me
- **MATEO G.:** Mateo G. From Mateo G.
- **EMILY B.:** I love you, my camp mama. Ginny L.
- **WESTON:** Hi slay Weston. From ???
- **MACKENZIE:** You are a good friend. Aria
- **ROBERT EDERY:** I love you and you are the best! Audrey
- **RORY BLANCK:** What's in your porse??? ☹ Harper
- **ADDI:** Addi Sa-rooo-ta! Olivia Berris
- **MAYA & JOEY:** You guys are great cousins. Harriet
- **LILA T.:** Look at this house. From ???
- **JEFFREY:** Disney's dare to dream Jr. Mr. Schu
- **G-13:** Our cabin is kind of clean. From ???
- **KATE & GEORGIA:** I love you sugar plums. Clair
- **G-16:** I love you guys so much. You made my summer. Abbie
- **AINSLEY H.:** Put your knife away. From ???
- **NINA S.:** Stop climbing on my bed! Mackenzie Ross
- **OWEN LOUIS MACKELROY:** Remember when you fell on the swing? Anonymous
- **G-11:** Stay fun and stay kind. The counselors
- **G-14:** Thanks for being an awesome cabin! Anonymous
- **CAMP WALDEN:** G-9 is going to win the Golden Dustpan. G-9

Running class is fun! ☹ #22

BREAKING NEWS!

An anonymous source revealed that G-15 has been having rave parties. They made a DJ set out of a cardboard box and gave out Mac and Cheese and flavored water and pretzels as prizes to the best dancers. Maddie Fienman did the best dance moves to win!

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of July 26

WNBA

Caitlin Clark turned down the 3 point contest
 Azzi Fudd wins 3 point contest
 All Star Team Spoon beat Team Coop in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the League
 Caitlin Clark, Jonquel Jones (Team Spoon) and team caps:
 Paige Bueckers and Angel Reese

OOPS!

In yesterday's article about the glass bottom boat, it meant to say that campers could see what happens directly "underwater," not "underwear."

WELCOME DOCTOR
 LAUREN
 EICHENBAUM

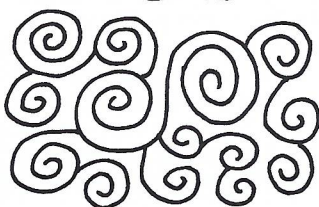
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 OAKLEY MOST
 FREYA SHARP

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY
Oakley Most

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"THE REAL HAPPY MAN
 IS ONE WHO CAN
 ENJOY THE SCENERY
 ON A DETOUR."
 ANONYMOUS

RANDOM BOX



LUNCH BOX

BONELESS
 WINGS
 IN DIFFERENT
 FLAVORS
 SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

LASAGNA
 GARLIC BREAD
 ICE CREAM

THE WALDEN POND

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DAY: TUESDAY

DATE: JULY 28, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

COLOR CLASH TODAY

Today's special day is Color Clash. Everyone will be split into six teams around the theme Old McDonald's Farm. The teams are the Red Pigs, the Orange Chickens, the Green Ducks, the Yellow Horses, the Purple Sheep, and the Blue Cows. Be sure to dress in the color of your team.

Teams will compete in a variety of fun and unusual events. In morning events, teams will test their athletic abilities on the A-Field. In the afternoon, teams will compete in events on the waterfront like stand-up paddleboarding, egg on spoon races, sand castle building, and tug of war. Later we will have a pick-up relay, which incorporates several smaller events into one long relay. Unit 4 will also compete in a Jenga contest on the tennis courts in the evening. Bonus points will be awarded for team spirit, banners, and cheers.

MAGIC: THE GATHERING NEWEST SET

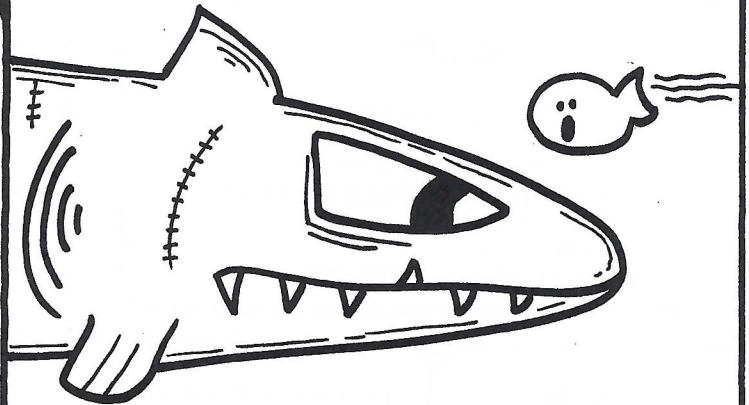
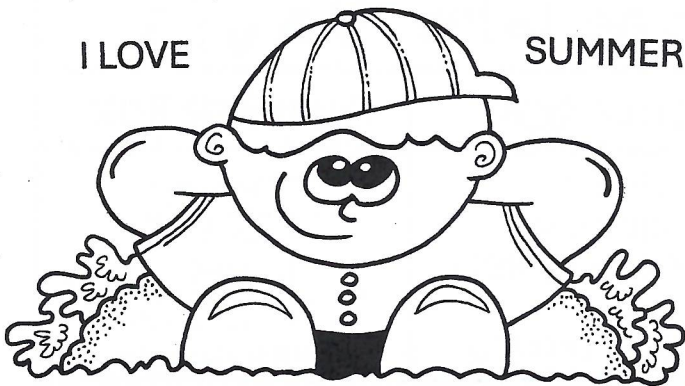
By Liam Fienman

Two weeks ago we got video from designers of *Magic: The Gathering*. They came out with a new spoiler for the next set, the new set being the *Star Trek* set they showed us at the end of last year. Not only did they show us the headliners of the set, they also showed a new mechanic that will be a part of this new *Star Trek* set.

This new mechanic is called face a Dilemma. It happens whenever you make a choice for a spell or ability. The headliner cards also have something interesting about them, because instead of having numbered cards, they are doing something new. The cards will be signed by the actors that played the characters these cards are depicting. There will be 7-10 different character cards with only 250- 500 of each being made. These are unlike anything MTG cards have ever been and these will be a major collectors' piece.

I LOVE

SUMMER



CONGRATULATIONS to the following people who swam their SHARKS AND DOLPHINS

New Sharks

Jojo Watson
Wyatt Aaron
Charlie Aerni-Flessner
Ethan Arcaro
William Dwan
Easton Foon
Charlies Hooper
Ben Kutinsky
Bailey Leber
Zachary Leber
Pierre-Henri Moueix
Josie Plamondon
Aria Raznick
Marie Stanton
Henry Sutherland
Carter Trust
Samuel Weber
Mateo Gonzales
Matthew Klein
Gabi Schwartz
Brooke Balonick

Madelyn Alexander
Jack Kravitz
Alli Arnkoff
Rosie Barnett
Goldie Berk
Jay Burkiewicz
Johannah Ceresnie
Grace Cohen
Anette Eichenhorn
Nathan Elkin
Leo Fantich
Maya Pensler
Annabel Shapiro
Sylvie Stanton

New Dolphins

Samuel Weber
Zachary Leber
Pierre-Henri Moueix
Henry Sutherland

This list includes new swimmers as of 8:00 pm on July 26.

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



Week #5's winner was a big surprise! The win goes to Cash. This is his first ever win. He's a small bay pony who is ridden in Western style. He looks and walks like a little race horse. Cash would like to thank his riders who gave him good scores and peppermints.

GLOW

By Amber Warnke

I watch the fireflies glow above
As they shine looking for some bug to love
But do they look down
As they flit around
And wonder what I'm thinking of?

JENNA:

You are the best
gymnastics coach and
friend.
Tera

GEORGIE:

You are the wind beneath my
wings. Thank you for all you do.
Erika

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT as of July 27

NFL
Mahomes ahead of schedule in his
rehab of ALL team, Game 1 return
but concern over leg's smaller size.
Tyreek Hill still has no power in his
injured, repaired leg (and no team).
Aaron Donald may return
to the Rams.
Lions place 3 on PUP list: Kerby
Joseph, Brian Branch, and Tyler
Conklin.

FULL NAME: Melanie Kay Shoemaker
FAVORITE SONG: Choosing Texas
FAVORITE CELEBRITY: Tate McRae
FAVORITE MOVIE: Leave the World Behind
FAVORITE TEAM: Ohio State
SOMETHING SHE LOVES: Her friends and family
SOMETHING SHE HATES: Tomatoes
MOST PROUD OF: Running accomplishments

SPOTLIGHT ON...
MELANIE
SHOEMAKER

The most commonly used
letter in the alphabet is E
and the least used is Q.

SAGH
TONIGHT

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- G-11: I love you guys! Charlie Aerni-Flessner
- JULIA R: Castanuelitas. Maraquitas
- CAMILA, BELLA C., AND MADISON: You are the best co's ever!!! Love you, Anna G.
- NOMI: Feel better. © Rory
- LIFEGUARDS AND WATERFRONT STAFF: Thanks for all of your hard work this summer! Have a great last two weeks. Boz and Fer
- MARCO: You're the G.O.A.T. Lucas
- MAX FREEMAN: I love you Max xx Your secret admirer
- OALEY: Happy birthday! Easton
- MAX SHERMAN: You the real Goat. Miles G.
- GEORGE H.: Hey Georgieeee. Malcolm
- CONNOR: You like in a porta potty. Jack
- PUMPERNICKEL: The campers want you to climb the tallest tree in camp. Cherry Blossom
- MARIO: What is Walden idol? Anonymous
- CAMI SILVA: Give me my Jolly Ranchers!
- WESTON: I know you like to eat cockroaches. Alon
- BARK: The weather is so nice! K
- ALON: You eat bugs. Easton
- JACK W.: You stole my name. Jack
- LUKE: Who stole the bench? Billy
- LIZZIE R.: Make sure to grab life by the talons. Fiona V.
- CHARLIE AERNI-FLESSNER: Yes. You can have some gum. Emmy H.

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

Penelope Davis

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"FRIENDS ARE THE
FAMILY You CHOOSE
FOR YOURSELF"
— EDNA
BUCHANAN

RANDOM BOX

To avoid trouble and insure
safety, breathe through your
nose. It keeps your mouth
shut.

LUNCH BOX

CRISPY
CHICKEN
SANDWICHES
AND
LEFTOVERS

DINNER BOX

TACO
TUESDAY
WITH QUESO

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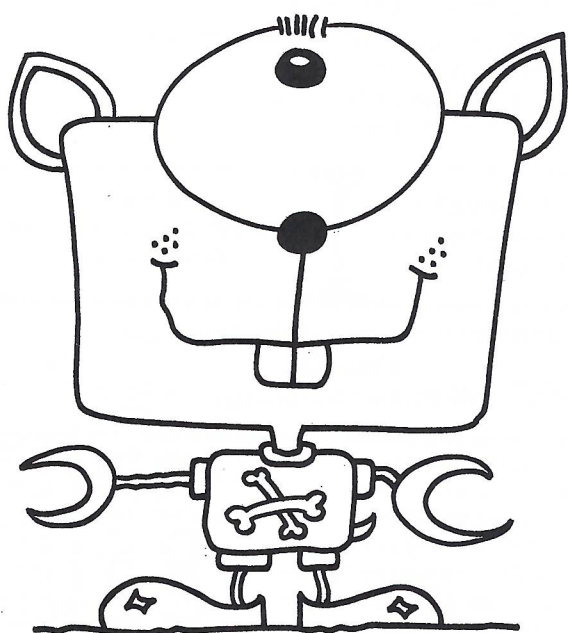
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A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

BE UNIQUE



WHAT'S THE MOST RANDOM FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

Thanks to the 1B Pond class for conducting this survey.

- **KATE THUMMLER:** I have a disco ball in my bathroom.
- **EVERLY WERTHEIMER:** I am a really good tap dancer.
- **ALEX LIPSON:** I prefer to flip instead of walking.
- **HARPER FANTICH:** I am an extremely talented dancer in all styles, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, etc.
- **LONDON WOLF:** I love dance.
- **RORY BLANCK:** My friends call me Lil Dino.
- **JACK KRAVITZ:** I can touch my nose with my tongue.
- **ETHAN FINK:** I am double jointed in my thumb.
- **JAMES KRAVITZ:** My pinky cracks infinitely.
- **VINCENT BARRINS:** I can make a dying duck noise.
- **JACK WALDRUP:** I don't like bananas, but I like saying "bananas."

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REAL NEWS

- A NASA astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts safely returned to Earth after spending about eight months aboard the International Space Station. During their mission, they carried out science experiments, tested new technology, and helped keep the orbiting laboratory running before landing safely in Kazakhstan.
- Hasbro says trading card games, especially *Magic: The Gathering*, are growing faster than many traditional toys. A new Marvel-themed card set became one of the company's biggest launches ever, showing that collectible games remain a huge hobby for kids and adults alike.
- Mattel introduced a Barbie inspired by WNBA basketball star Angel Reese. The new doll celebrates athletic achievement and gives kids another role model in the Barbie collection.
- Halloween decorations and candy are showing up in stores months earlier than usual, thanks to the growing popularity of "Summerween." Many families are enjoying spooky movie nights, decorating early, and buying Halloween treats in July instead of waiting until October. New Halloween candies arriving in stores this month feature bold flavors and unique textures that make them stand out.
- One of this summer's biggest fashion trends is called "board short summer." Even people who have never surfed are wearing colorful board shorts and beach-inspired clothing, showing how sports and outdoor hobbies can influence fashion.
- New research published this month explores evidence that huge octopus-like animals may have lived in Earth's oceans more than 70 million years ago. These ancient creatures may have been among the largest invertebrates ever to swim through the seas, giving scientists new clues about prehistoric ocean life.
- Streaming services announced several new family-friendly shows and movies coming in August. Highlights include *Camp Rock 3*, which brings back familiar characters while introducing a new generation of campers and musicians.
- The trailer for *Spider-Man: Brand New Day* continues making headlines after becoming one of the most-watched movie trailers ever released. Fans are eagerly waiting for the next adventure of the famous superhero.
- The Super Mario movie series has reached a major milestone by earning more than \$2 billion worldwide at the box office. It is the first animated movie franchise based on a video game to achieve that record.
- Singer Ariana Grande released her new album, *Petal*, this week. Fans say the songs have a dreamy pop sound, and the album is already one of the biggest music releases of the summer. Several other well-known artists released new music over the past weeks, including Charli XCX, Kelly Clarkson, and Shaboozey. Music fans have plenty of new songs to explore as summer continues.

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- **JOHANNAH CERESNIE:** I really like pasta and pickles.
- **SYLVIE STANTON:** I have seven pets.
- **JULIA RAYA-CORTES:** I have an extra bone in my foot.
- **HARRIET TOPPER-CURTIS:** I'm in competitive gymnastics.
- **RUBY ARNOLD:** I do eight sports.
- **ELLE BERMAN:** I skateboard a lot on weekends back in Los Angeles.
- **MARY THE GOAT:** I like to stick my head out the gate on the farm.
- **BUNNIES IN ANIMAL CARE:** You can adopt us and take us home!!
- **DHEV NIJHAR:** I like chips and custard.
- **SYDNEY ROSENBERG:** My sister is nine years younger than me.
- **CHARLIE AERNI-FLESSNER:** I can burp on command.
- **MARLOWE SPECTOR:** I'm mastering my Chinese ladder bracelet.
- **OLIVIA ARNKOFF:** I'm the best at pickleball.
- **GRACIE OJETWA:** When my teacher is talking, I randomly do the moonwalk.
- **ERIKA MIKLOVIC:** I didn't have art class in elementary school.
- **NEAL LEVIN:** Lauren Eichenbaum (the camp doctor) took my cartooning class at school when she was a kid.
- **LUKE GRUENHAGEN:** I can fit my fist in my mouth.
- **MAYA PENSLE:** I love to sing.
- **ADLEY SOLOMON:** I have a twin and an older sister.
- **ROSIE BARNETT:** I have read a 846-page book in one-two weeks.
- **ISABELLA VILLARREAL:** I love doing handstands.
- **BEX WEISS:** I am a probationary black belt in karate and have been training since the age of five.
- **FIONA VANOSDOL:** I am mildly allergic to bug bites.
- **EMMY HALLIWILL:** I can juggle.
- **AMBER WARKE:** My grandfather was a geologist who studied mountains in Antarctica. When he discovered a mountain there, he named it Mt. Warnke, and the name still remains.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- **NATHAN ELKIN:** You excited for the ice cream party? Ginny
- **G-9:** You guys are the best!!! From ???
- **G-12:** We are the best cabin ever! I love you guys! P.S. Go to bed! Rosie Barnett
- **UNIT 2 GIRLS:** You are the best!!! Love you!! Julia RC
- **G-12:** G-12 will win the Golden Dustpan!!!
- **MAX:** Hi. Bex
- **WALDEN:** G-12 is the best cabin! Harriet
- **G-9 AND G-8:** We're going to win Walden Idol. Riley, Harper, and Kylie
- **NEAL:** Thanks for making the Pond so much fun! Rosie B.
- **G05:** You guys are the best cabin ever!! Love u girls. Tera
- **LUKE IN B-8:** You have a cool chain. Dhev
- **ALISON & AMY:** we are so grateful for you! SLAJ
- **CHURIPOS:** Hola, los amo. Kate T.
- **EVERYONE:** Are you excited for tubing? Henry S.
- **RICKY:** Hi Bro. From ???
- **KITCHEN STAFF:** Bacon! Everyone
- **G-6:** Best cabin ever!!! Sydney

ROSIE BARNETT:

You are the best sister ever.
Summer

RIDERS:

Great job at riding this week!
Karen and Abi

*Breakfast is the most important meal
of the day.*



What are you eating?



FULL NAME: Emma Brown
HOMETOWN: Northbrook, Illinois
SCHOOL: Field Middle School
FAVORITE SINGER: Morgan Wallen
FAVORITE BOOKS: Hoops and The Outsiders
FOOD SHE AVOIDS: Breakfast sausage
FAVORITE ANIMALS: Panda and dog
AWARDS: Medals from tournaments

SPOTLIGHTON...
BROWN

SHOUT OUT

to G-14
You guys are amazing!
Daisy

G-13:

Can't wait to see your
Walden Idol performance!
Ella

**You never know
what you have
until it's gone**

... like toilet paper.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

NATI
SULLIVAN

TOMORROW IS A
GETTER
DAY



WWW
Today is
Wear Walden
Wednesday

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Finn Wagman

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"IF YOU CAN'T BE
A GOOD EXAMPLE,
YOU'LL JUST HAVE
TO BE A TERRIBLE
WARNING."
- ANONYMOUS

RANDOM BOX

Truth or Consequences, a
city in New Mexico, is
located five miles from
Elephant Butte Lake.

LUNCH BOX

OR. DAVE'S
**GRILLED
CHEESE**
TOMATO SOUP
SALAD BAR

DINNER BOX

**MARRY ME
CHICKEN**
LITTLE POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
ICE CREAM



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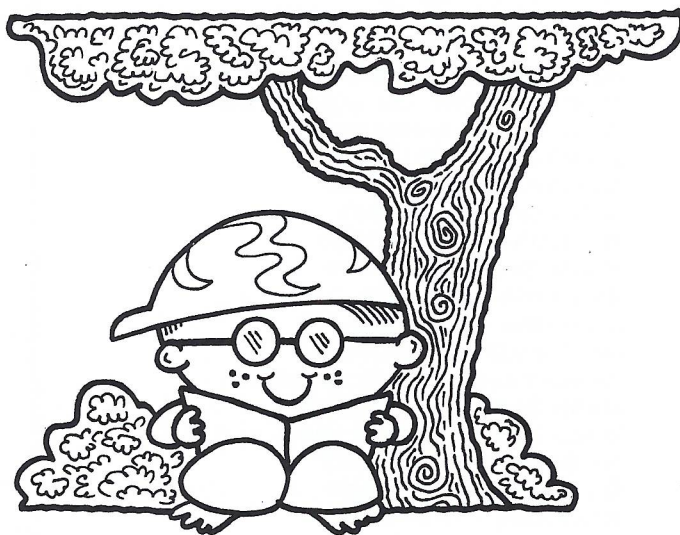
SPECIAL DAY

CAMPAGRAMS

All of the following phrases are anagrams of people on our staff. That is, if you rearrange the letters, you'll get the name of a staff member. How many can you figure out? (Note: Some people may not currently be at camp, but they are all part of the 2026 staff roster.)

Amazon riches
A dog moniker
Hijack me, yes?
Ancestral grub
O, spy in harbor
Voila, Ireland
Kick me, ravioli
Hero guide
Soggy peer
A China menu
Tech Err
Creek hermit
Mr. Ethical Cheer
Serene prank
Like a berry
Marshy café
Radio toads
A snail room
Banker time
A level inn
Claim Visa
Caviar rack
Dock machines
Brownie shop
A fuller beard
His big tariff
Soda grams
Lemon fans
Romance awards
A showman kid
Scam launcher
Rather iffy
Gone live

Give up? Check the answers on the back!



THE MARKER

By Mateo Gonzales and Billy Daum

During Color Clash, a camper in B-11 found a black paint marker and put it so it was sticking out of the cast on his arm. With the marker, he ran around and snuck up on people, putting black dots on around 75% of camp (yes, you too, counselors). Nobody knows what these markings mean, but he says it's for "the hunt." Be careful because he pretends to bump into you, but in reality, he is marking you. So if you see a splash of black paint on you, shower to try to get it off, because it's washable. But we can't tell what could happen during the hunt. "Breaking your thumb isn't the worst thing," the camper commented.

HAMMOCKS RULES

Please follow these rules when using the hammocks in camp:

1. Staff supervision required! Don't use when CLOSED!!!
2. No more than 3' in height
3. No more than 8 hammocks on a structure
4. 1 person per hammock
5. No standing or climbing on hammocks or structures
6. Limited swinging and no pushing of others
7. Clean feet before entering hammock
8. Make this a calm and soothing environment

"Every time I see an adult on a bicycle, I no longer despair for the future of the human race."

H. G. Wells



CAMPAGRAM ANSWERS

If you rearrange these names, you get these phrases:

Mario Sanchez – Amazon riches
Mark Goodine – A dog moniker
James Hickey – Hijack me, yes?
Caren Stalburg – Ancestral grub
Robyn Shapiro – O, spy in harbor
Olivia Randel – Voila, Ireland
Erika Miklovic – Kick me, ravioli
Hugo Reide – Hero guide
Peggy Rose – Soggy peer
Annie Mauch – A China menu
Retcher – Tech Err
Mike Retcher – Creek hermit
Michael Retcher – Mr. Ethical Cheer
Karen Spreen – Serene prank
Riley Baker – Like a berry
Amy Schafer – Marshy café
Addi Sorota – Radio toads
Maria Olson – A snail room
Martin Beek – Banker time
Neal Levin – A level inn
Cami Silva – Claim Visa
Ava Carrick – Caviar rack
Camden Kochis – Dock machines
Sophie Brown – Brownie shop
Debra LaFleur – A fuller beard
Abi Griffiths – His big tariff
Adam Gross – Soda grams
Sam Fenlon – Lemon fans
Andrew Marasco – Romance awards
Madison Hawk – A showman kid
Lauren McCash – Scam launcher
Faith Ferry – Rather iffy
Evie Long – Gone live

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- KAP: You know what they say. Jake Potocsky
- 1A CANOERS: Stop capsizing. You're going to sink it. Fishing 1A
- G-10: I miss you girls. Have an amazing day. Anna
- PURPLE SHEEP: We'll get 'em next year. Addi S.
- G-37: You guys are all so nice and funny! Catherine Shedivy
- KITCHEN STAFF: Love working with you guys. I'm having lots of fun. Arriba Mexico! Caro
- ELLE: You are the best cousin. Es
- JP: I heard you are the King of Camp, is that true? Xime
- DIEGO (BOSS): I heard you are the King of the Kitchen, is that true? JP
- OZZY: Can we capsize next class? Jay
- DHEV: You're my favorite counselor. Jay
- EMY FROM G-11: I love you, but I will love you more if you buy me a dog. Charlie A.
- WALDEN: The goats are great. Bex
- WALDEN: Farm class is the best. Charlie H.
- G-37: We need to lock in for Walden Idol!!!! Someone in G-37
- G-37: You guys are the best cabin! Emma
- JENNA: You're the best at hair. Gracie
- ALAYNA: I love you. MGG
- JAY: You go up one star. ☺
- ALL LIONS FANS: Bears are better. The truth
- ROBYN: Thanks for coming to our sack-in. You're the GOAT. G-37



MLB
 Deadline approaching Aug. 3
 Buy or sell?
 Will Tarik Skubal and
 Mason Miller go?

Up in the Air
 QB for Falcons: Tua
 or Michael Penix
 Browns: Shedeur Sanders or
 Deshaun Watson
 Raiders: Cousins or Fernando
 Mendoza
 Vikings: Kyler Murray or
 JJ McCarthy

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT
 as of July 29

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
PARKER NEIL

G37 SAW A
BABY
FOX!

FULL NAME: Leo Hudson Fantich
 SCHOOL: Way Elementary
 FAVORITE CLASS: Writing
 CAREER CHOICE: Basketball player
 FAVORITE BOOK: 130 Story Treehouse
 FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
 FAVORITE SOFT DRINK: Dr. Pepper
 FAVORITE SINGER: Michael Jackson
 AWARD: Swimming his Shark

SPOTLIGHT ON...
FANTICH

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

Jacob Morgan

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"JOY IS NOT IN
THINGS, IT IS IN
US."
BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN

RANDOM BOX

Failing to plan means
planning to fail.

LUNCH BOX

MAC & cheese
 HOT DOGS
 CORN DOGS
 SOUP

DINNER BOX

BURGERS
 SIDEWINDER
 FRIES
 POP

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DAY:FRIDAY

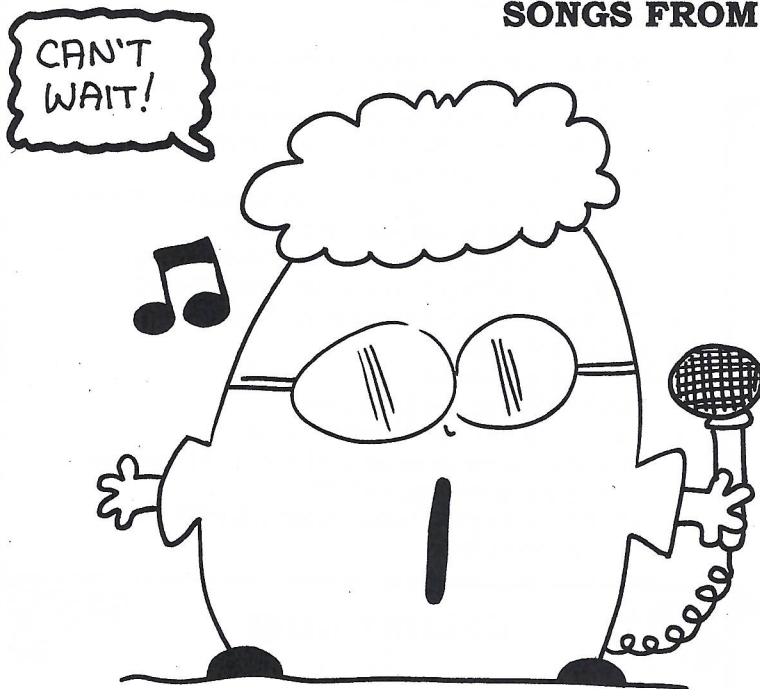
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A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

WALDEN IDOL PERFORMANCES SONGS FROM MOVIES



G2/G3 Despicable Me
G4 Everything is Awesome!!!
B7 Ghostbusters
B8 I'm a Believer
B9 You've Got a Friend in Me
B10 Danger Zone
B11 Eye of the Tiger
B12 I'll Always Love You/Soldier Boy
B13 Sunflower
B14 Be a Pirate/Dancing in the Dark
B15 Un Poco Loco

G6/G7 Defying Gravity
G8/G9 The Greatest Show
G10 Under the Sea
G11 Hapy
G12 Can't Stop the Feeling
G13 Do It Like the Zombies Do
G14 Best of Both Worlds
G15 Fire Burning/Perfect Day
G37 We're All In This Together
G16 Get Your Head in the Game
G17 I Don't Dance
G5 VK Mashup

B-7:

You guys are the best! Gonna miss you.
Dhev

G-FRONT:

It was a fun session, y'all!!
Alex Schwartz

B-8:

Keep up the great job cleaning!
Kyle

JACOB M.:

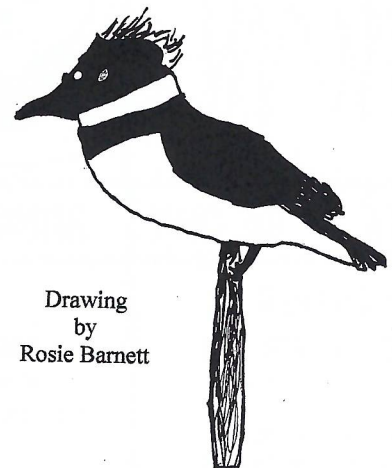
Where did you get the pickle seeds?
Jack K.

THE BELTED KINGFISHER

By Amber Warnke

Camp Walden is located within the belted kingfisher's summer range. This bird had a white or white-and-brown belly, gray-blue wings, a gray neck band, a long thick black beak, and a tufted mohawk on its head. The kingfisher lives around water and dives headfirst to catch small fish. Parents drop dead fish into the water to teach chicks how to dive. Their loud calls sound like a machine gun.

A Greek legend tells of a king, Ceyx, and his queen, Alcyone, who gave each other the nicknames of "Zeus" and "Hera." This angered Zeus, who struck Ceyx's ship at sea with lightning, killing him. When Ceyx's ship did not return, Alcyone was distraught, so Hera sent Morpheus, the god of dreams, to show her what happened. Alcyone dove into the sea to be reunited with Ceyx, and the gods turned them into kingfishers so they could live on together in a new form.



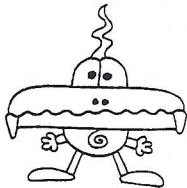
Drawing
by
Rosie Barnett

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.

CHIPMUNK WITH NO TAIL SIGHTED IN CAMP

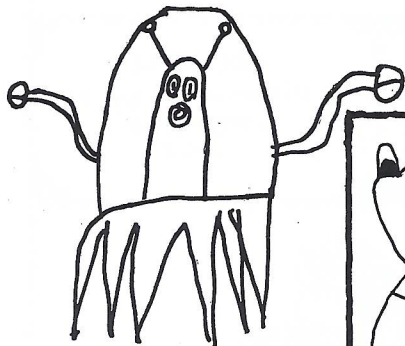
Alys discovered a chipmunk without a tail this summer. "I happened to be walking by the arts and crafts building," she says, "and there's a beautiful, big oak tree, and I heard this chipmunk just chipping. I noticed it was halfway up the tree, and I noticed it had no tail. Then I walked up closer, and it keeps going around, away from me, and I was like okay, I'll leave you alone. Then the other day when I was driving by the bike shop, there he was again." Besides having no tail, you can recognize this chipmunk because he's rather chunky.



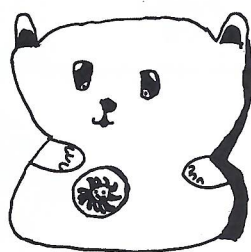
NEAL LEVIN'S CARTOONING WORKSHOPS AT SCHOOL

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVALYN ORMAN



Cartoon by Jonah Blanck



Cartoon by
Ruby Wertheimer

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A LEADER IS
A DEALER IN
HOPE."
— NAPOLEON
BONAPARTE

RANDOM BOX

Did you take a
shower this week?
If so, please give it back.

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- CAROL AND PAULINA (KITCHEN STAFF): Love you! I'll miss you! You're the best! Hope we see each other next year. Anna G.
- ALL COUNSELORS: I'm so happy I got the opportunity to know many of you!! Isabella V.
- MADISON: You are a great friend. Aria L.
- ALVARO: Bathroom. Owen
- SUMMER: You are so chaotic. Alon
- B-8: We're gonna win the Golden Dustpan! Matthew
- B-8: Congratulations on getting a Grand Slam two days in a row! B-8 Counselors
- JOHANNAH AND SYLVIE: I'm so glad you guys are friends. Can't wait for next year! Rosie
- ELI: We will miss you. Ricky
- MILA ARCARO: I will miss you when you leave.
- ETHAN ARCARO: I hope you're having fun at camp ☺ Mila
- G-8: You are the best cabin ever. Summer Barnett
- HARDY, IVANA, AND YOLI: I love you girls. You're my favorites always. xoxo Paulina
- DIEGO: I love you, Diego. You're my favorite boy. Big Fan
- JONAH: I'm gonna miss you, Jonut. Camila
- G-13: I am going to miss you guys sooo much! Georgia
- SHOELACE THE CAT: You are the cutest!!! From ???
- G-7: You are doing so much better at cleaning.
- G-9: Love you. Riley
- G-7: Love you! London
- TIGER THE CAT: You're the cutest!
- G-9: We're gonna win Walden Idol! From ???
- G-11: Your counselors are proud of you! G-11 Counselors
- ESTON: you're so strong. From ???
- ARI T: How many times have you gotten hurt? From ???
- ELI: Bye, friend. Wes

COLOR CLASH

By Rosie Barnett

Color Clash of Session 2 was on Tuesday the 28th. The theme for this year was Old McDonald Had a Farm. This session the Red Pigs won, but the Green Ducks were close behind.

In my opinion, this session's theme was not great, but others might disagree. I think the main thing was that we participated and had fun! I can't wait to see what camp has in store for Color Clash 2027!

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Olive Singre

LUNCH BOX

CHICKEN
FAJITAS

DINNER BOX

PIZZA

THE WALDEN POND

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DAY: SATURDAY

DATE: AUGUST 1, 2026

A-DAY

B-DAY

SPECIAL DAY

CAMP NEWS

Some new news (and some old news) collected by Thursday's Pond class

- Ethan and James were the only people playing lacrosse Thursday morning.
- B-12 saw a leprechaun playing basketball, trying to get his gold back.
- Hikes and Trips class went to Ocqueoc Falls earlier in the week. It's the longest waterfall in the Lower Peninsula.
- B-8 will win the Golden Dustpan, but that's not news, it's a fact, according to Finn Wagman.
- The pigs would like to report they've been interviewed for pig news.
- Robyn partied with G-37 during last sack-in!
- Jonah Levy is leaving. G-3 is soo upset! They want him to stay.
- Johnny the Goat was trying to eat Isabel Rinsky's note paper when she was gathering this news. Oh, no!
- The pig interview has been cancelled due to the pigs' inability to speak.
- The peahen on the farm (female peacock) is laying two eggs.
- Charley Flaharty reports that the pigs think mud baths feel good. Apparently, the pigs are speaking now.
- The play is going amazing, and all the cast and crew are excited for you to see it.
- Penelope Davis likes to make a mad face for no reason.
- The art show is on Wednesday. You can bring any art projects you've made to the arts and crafts if you'd like them to be on display.
- Charlie Aerni-Flessner saw a chipmunk during Capture-the-Camp, and it ate a rotten apple that was on the floor.
- Alex L. says the 1B video news class is the BEST!
- Gracie reports that few nights ago, a really, really big spider went into G-8.
- Fiona says G-11 did the best clean-up ever this week!
- Emmy says be careful. There is a fox that lives near the P&C benches. Please respect the fox.
- Amber heard that Maximus will be headed to a lovely farm after camp and may return next summer.

WANT TO ADOPT AN ANIMAL?

Come to the nature center and see who's still available. You will need your parents' permission to take one home at the end of the summer.



GOODBYE Two-Week Campers!

Have a great
rest of the
summer.



MINI-MINI CAMPERS ARRIVE TODAY

Our group of 19 Mini-Mini campers (8 boys and 11 girls) will arrive at camp this afternoon. These are new campers who are "trying out" camp for a half a week. The Mini-Mini session is designed specifically to give very young campers a taste of Walden's many facets: the activities, traditions, special programs, and cabin life.

Mini-Mini campers will live in their own cabins and participate in activities with their counselors. They will go home on Tuesday morning and hopefully come back next year as regular campers.

Thanks to former counselors Jack, Noah, Nolan, Diego, Ellie, and Kate for coming back to Walden to help lead the Mini-Mini program, along with Ximena, Fer, Cami, and Sydney!

Bunnies are really kittens.
The formal name for a baby
rabbit is a kitten or kit,
which is short for kitten.

**The hardest thing to open
... is a closed mind.**

THE RACE FOR THE GOLDEN DUSTPAN

By Finn Wagman

Recently, B-8 has been getting more Grand Slams than most other cabins. They're currently nine points behind B-10, who are in first [as of Thursday morning]. They've been cleaning furiously, trying to win the Golden Dustpan. In third is B-15, close behind B-8. The results are soon, and we'll see who wins.



ELLE WES
COMIC COMPANY

By Elle Berman

Elle and Weston are cousins, and they love to make comics together. Weston writes, and Elle draws. When they get back to LA, where they live, they plan on selling some comics for money. They are making comics almost every twilight. You can stop by and check them out at the art barn. Right now they're working on a series called *The Haunted Camp*.

LOONS ON LONG LAKE

By Summer Barnett and Amber Warnke

Loons abound on Long Lake at Camp Walden, where their screeching calls can be heard throughout the night and evening. The loons' feet are excellent for paddling but are so far back on its body that it walks awkwardly. Its calls can sound like laughter, which is where the phrase "crazy as a loon" comes from.

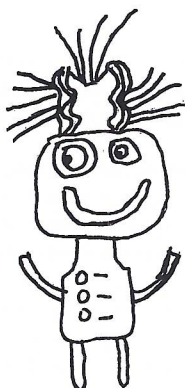
A legend from the Tsimshian tribe tells that an old man who had lost his sight sang of his woes at a lake, where he met a loon. The loon told the man to climb aboard his back and rest his head in the loon's feathers. The loon dove underwater, and when it came back up, the man had regained his sight. To thank the loon, the man gave him a shell necklace, which the bird still wears as a ring of white stripes across its neck.

FULL NAME: Cyrus Alberts
HOMETOWN: Huntington Woods
FAVORITE BOOK: The Hunger Games
FAVORITE MOVIE: Scary Movie
FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi
FAVORITE SOFT DRINK: Root beer
WOULD LOVE TO VISIT: Japan

SPOTLIGHT
ON...
CYRUS
ALBERTS



Cartoon by
Penelope Davis



Cartoon by Richard Heiner

FULL NAME: Kendall Chroman
HOMETOWN: Chicago, Illinois
FAVORITE CLASS: Writing
CAREER CHOICE: Dermatologist
FAVORITE JUNK FOOD: Ice cream
HOBBIES: Soccer and dance
WOULD LOVE TO VISIT: Tokyo
FAVORITE MAGAZINE: The Walden Pond

SPOTLIGHT
ON...
KENDALL
CHROMAN

AUTOGRAPH OF THE DAY

Summer Barnett !!!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A SMILE IS A
LIGHT ON YOUR FACE
TO LET SOMEONE
KNOW YOU ARE AT
HOME."
ANONYMOUS

RANDOM BOX

More people in the U.S. die
from vending machines each
year than from sharks.

LUNCH BOX

CHICKEN
NUGGETS

DINNER BOX

BAKED
ZITZ
GARLIC BISCUITS

THE WALDEN EXPRESS

- TWO-WEEKERS: We're going to miss you! Camp Walden
- RICKY: We will miss all of the two-weekers. Walden
- BAILEY: Hope your ankle feels better. Riley
- ALEX SCHWARTZ: Have a good time at home. ☺ Angus
- AVA B.: I love you always and forever! Camila
- G-3: I love my cabin a lot (when they are sleeping). Rogan
- CAMP WALDEN: We are the best cabin! B-12
- ALL STAFF: Do you think my scare looks cool? Diego
- RUBY & LONDON: Stop whispering about us and pay attention in class. Mia & Liv
- JP: Hey, JP! Nolan
- G-3: Stay clean! From ???
- G-17: Thank you for such a great summer! Sadie
- ZOE FREIMUTH: Have fun in fencing. Let me know how Owen does. Alex Schwartz
- FIONA: I want my Oob shirt. Genevieve
- OWEN LOUIS MACELROY: Did I spell it right? From ???
- OWEN LOUIS MCLEROY: No, I spelled it right. From ???
- BELLA: Does your eye feel better? Aleyna
- DUSTY: Do you love me? From ???
- LUKE COUNSELOR: I want my Gatorade. Sage
- MELANIE AND JENNA: The haunted house was amazing. From G-15

SICK CALL
REMINDER
Sick call in the infirmary is
every day right after lunch
and right after dinner.

PEGGY'S SPORTS REPORT
as of July 29
NFL
Mayfield felt disrespected by Bucs
offers
No sentiment
Deebo back to 49ers
MLB
Ohlani knee problems slow return
Mets deal Winter to Twins
FIFA
Plans 64-team 2030 World Cup
despite backlash