



Birch Pond Beacon

August 2009

Casco, Maine

Happy & healthy!

We had a fantastic summer at Netop! Rain or shine (plenty of both), Netop campers stayed happy and healthy. It's a fascinating process to see new and old campers from many different backgrounds transform into a spirited cohesive group and form friendships that will last a lifetime. From 14 states and 3 countries, our Netopers created an amazing community that we will miss until next year.



Senior campers traveled to Bar Harbor and spectacular Acadia National Park for a 3-day trip in early July



The 13U soccer team battled with Camp Timanous

Program highlights

We had many great highlights this summer:

- July 4th fireworks and rock concert
- First annual Netop invitational ping pong tournament with three other camps
- Beach Luau Cookouts, Klondike Day, Carnival Night, Kelpor Day
- Adventure trips on Saco River, Baldface Mtn., Crooked River, Acadia Nat'l Park
- Film Fest '09 with creative short films
- Tribal games, including Medicine Stick, Field & Water Meets and 3-ball soccer
- Popular activities such as conditioning, woodcraft, archery, sailing, rock band, basketball, baseball, soccer and lax
- Camp-wide Kubb tournament and Pizza League basketball event
- Inter-camp competition in baseball, soccer, basketball, kickball, tennis
- Name That Tune, Nukem, Capture the Flag, Flour Bombs, Gaga, Spelling Bee



Netop was the overall champ in 2 out of 3 age groups in the first invitational ping pong tournament

Volunteer crew kicks things off



Another amazing crew got us off to a great start in June

New improvements at Netop this year included the opening of “Taj”, our new craft house, a second game area in the Lodge, new tents, dining tables and benches, new ping pong tables and a whole series of new building and trail signs hand carved and painted by alumnus Leif Liberg.



Incredible scenery along the Saco River canoe trip

Forming friendships is a big part of camp. These guys just met a short time ago!



Campers are rockin’ and rollin’ during the ever popular “Name That Tune” event.

Netop to expand season in 2010!

We are pleased to announce exciting new changes to our season for 2010. The season will lengthen by one week and additional session options will be available.

2010 camp season dates:

6/27 – 7/21	3.5 weeks
7/22 – 8/7	2.5 weeks
7/22 – 7/31	10-day “starter” option*
6/27 – 7/31	5 weeks
6/27 – 8/7	6 weeks

*10-day option for new campers only, ages 8-11

Wood craft takes off at Netop



Campers made lots of wood burned projects including clocks, plaques and desk items in the Taj craft house

2009 Four Spokes Awards

Congratulations to the campers who most exemplified the “four spokes” in 2009:

Mental – leadership, responsibility, creativity, resourcefulness, judgment

Social – friendships, empathy, teamwork, communication, helpfulness, service

Physical – achievement, sportsmanship, fitness, skill development

Spiritual – values, character, inspiration, influence, sense of community

	<u>Session I</u>	<u>Session II</u>
Mental	Charlie Tabachnick	Converse Peirce
Social	Matias Sancho	Bobby Phinney
Physical	Craig Michelbacher	Jeff O’Brien
Spiritual	Jake Levin	Deion Desir