



Birch Pond Beacon

May 2009

Casco, Maine

A life experience

The magic of another Netop season is just over a month away (40 days according to the website). While parents fill out camp forms and directors work on program and facilities details, campers eagerly anticipate the fun and tradition of Netop. For some, it will be the first time away from home. For others, it will be a chance to renew old friendships and build new ones. But, for all, Netop offers a unique *life* experience. Our core values emphasize what we hope campers will take away from their time at Netop; these include:

- **Relationships** – ability to form strong friendships and family relationships
- **Empathy** – understanding others, showing compassion and patience
- **Balance** – being well-rounded in four areas: social, mental, physical, spiritual
- **Respect** – valuing one's self, other people and the natural world around us
- **Personal growth** – gaining confidence, building skills, developing potential



Counselors enjoy the beach barbecue last year



A few Philly area campers got together in March

Introducing... the 2009 Staff

The Counselors

- **Alex Colby** – Ft. Collins, CO; Bowdoin College; waterfront, film director, ult. frisbee
- **Conor Griffin** – Yarmouth, ME; Yarmouth HS, soccer, basketball, conditioning, boating
- **Geoff Hester** – Rochester, MI; W. Michigan University; baseball, volleyball, leathercraft
- **Tommy Hester** – Silver Spring, MD; Williams College; baseball, singing, tennis
- **Kaleem Jones** – Brooklyn, NY; Packer Institute; basketball, conditioning, volleyball
- **Colby Morgan** – Hamilton, MA; University of Vermont; drama, baseball, hockey, singing
- **Matt Noe** – Fort Washington, PA; Univ. of Maryland; soccer, lacrosse, swimming
- **Brad Peirce** – Chester, NY; Warwick Valley HS; baseball, swimming, football
- **Kevin Scott** – Willow Grove, PA; West Chester Univ.; woodsman, archery, baseball
- **Jason Steinberg** – Sharon, MA; Northeastern Univ.; boating, tennis, soccer
- **Doug Symonds** – Collegeville, PA; elementary school teacher; track, coaching
- **Matt Taylor** – Fort Washington, PA; Univ. of Maryland; basketball, waterfront, tennis

Our Core Values: Relationships, Empathy, Balance, Respect, Personal Growth

The Work Staff & CITs

- Tommy Bagley – Concord, MA
- Jon Bolduc – Windham, ME
- Morgan Brown – Casco, ME
- Peter Brown – Wyncote, PA
- Andrew Carslon – Casco, ME
- Porter Grieve – Topsfield, MA
- Matt McNabb – Glastonbury, CT
- Nate Morgan – Hamilton, MA
- Kevin Slider – Dresher, PA

The Rest of the Team

- *Directors:* Steve Hallowell, Mike Griffin, David Daddio, Tim Hallowell
- *Nurses:* Brooke Hayes, Beth Hallowell
- *Work staff supervisor:* Sarah Hallowell
- *Facilities:* Rob Hale
- *Food Service:* Jon Carlson, Terry MacDonald, Gale Sampson

What’s Cookin’?

An interview with Head Chef Jon Carlson



Jon Carlson & Terry MacDonald at the waterfront

Q: What do you like about your job at Netop?

A: *“The atmosphere at camp is special. It’s great to see the kids having so much fun – and, of course, enjoying the food. I also like the fishing!”*

Q: What are the most popular food items?

A: *“Everyone loves the buffet breakfast and beach barbecues. My special Piazza Bread is a big hit and chicken patties for lunch and turkey dinner are also very popular. For the most part, these kids can really eat!”*

Q: Do you have any new items planned this year?

A: *“We’ll serve all the usual favorites, but may add a few new items like Chicken Fajitas and a Stir Fry. Terry is also planning to bring back her chocolate cake with homemade peanut butter icing – that caused a big stir at camp last year.”*

Q: How do you emphasize healthy eating?

A: *“We serve locally grown Maine fruits and vegetables every day. Every meal we offer a range of healthy selections – and the nurses are always encouraging healthy eating.”*



The Apaches and Mohawks battle in the Tug O’ War during the Tribal Field Meet

Netop Nuggets – News & More



Geographic reach expands – Our campers and staff come from across the U.S., Spain & France. States in the U.S. include AZ, CO, CT, DE, MD, ME, MA, MI, OH, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA & Wash DC.



Volunteer Weekend set – Alumni and friends are welcome to join us for the annual volunteer weekend at Netop, June 18-21. Space is limited so let us know ASAP if you would like to join in the fun!



Special Alumni Beacon – We’d like to dedicate an upcoming BPB to our alumni. Please email us with your personal news (location, job, etc.) and favorite Netop memories. If you have an old Beacon or pictures to share, we’d love to have them.



Scholarship fund needs your support – Can you help a deserving kid go to camp? Applications are pending. Gifts are tax deductible. Please let us know; thanks!