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The 2001 Juvy War Canoe

Beef O' Bob

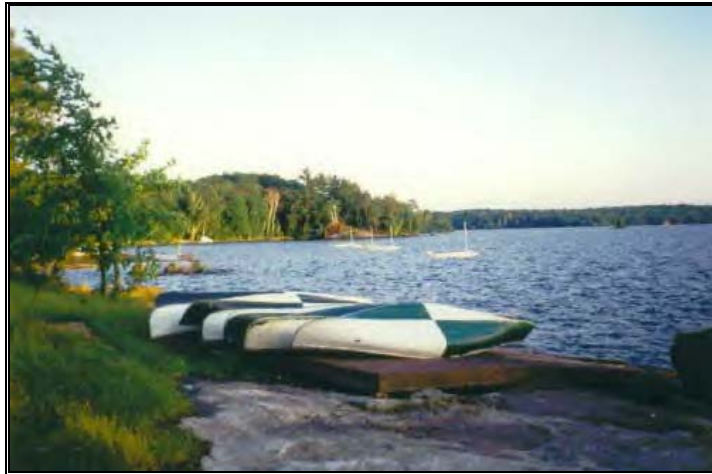
Greetings to the Chikopi nation from sunny Florida! We hope that this newsletter finds all of you doing well. We've been busier than ever this winter putting together what looks to be one of Chikopi's best summers yet.

As the summer season is fast approaching, we all must begin to prepare for it. We are extremely excited about this summer, as we have numerous special events planned and some very skilled guest coaches visiting to work with us on everything from swimming to trampoline. We have worked hard to update much of the daily sporting equipment and facilities at Chikopi.

We have also gone to great lengths to put together a top notch, international senior staff. Each year the senior staff is hand selected based on character, maturity, talent and experience. This summer there will be many skilled university level student-athletes at camp to teach some of your favorite sports and hopefully some that you've never tried before. That's what Chikopi is all about; allowing you, as the camper, to grow personally in your areas of expertise while introducing you to experiences that you cannot get anywhere else in the world. We have worked hard to update much of the

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This summer marks the 83rd summer that the Chikopi green and white canoes will have graced the shores of Ahmic Lake. We are hoping that all of you will be back up at camp to carry on the rich tradition of Chikopi's past while at the same time leading camp into the new millennium with bold new ideas and experiences. This year will be the first time in nearly 15 years that WOD's will be held at the Centre Island Paddling Course in Toronto. We are looking forward to contending again in the juvenile and junior races, while hopefully adding onto the fleet with successful midget and bantham war canoes as well as adding more C-boats. The swimmers will also be looking forward to another successful meet down in London at the Paul Hauch Invitational where they hope to build on the haul of medals that they brought back to Chikopi with them after last year's meet. We are also looking forward to returning to Killarney Provincial Park after a year's absence for a few action packed canoe trips. Trips into parks like Killarney and Temagami are what you all should aspire to, as they test both your physical and mental toughness while providing fond memories that you will cherish for a lifetime.



The Chikopi shoreline awaits your return.

WINTER UPDATES:

Over the Canadian Thanksgiving long weekend, Ryan McKee, Ryan Smith and Brian Tracy all made their way up to camp to help Bob, Colette and Oreo make sure that Chikopi was ready for the winter ahead. It looks like they all did a good job - word from Carl Crossman is that camp is looking great just waiting for us to get up there to experience and enjoy the many unique opportunities that it offers. Just like many other places in North America, camp had a pretty mild winter. Usually, Ahmic Lake freezes so thick that snowmobilers routinely use the lake as a main trail, and herds of deer from the Akomak side of the lake cross over the ice to feed on the salt licks placed in the back fields each winter by the Ontario Wildlife Department. But, according to Ryan Smith, because of the mild winter this past year, the lake never even froze completely. This should translate into very warm waters for those early birds and Chikopi mile swimmers. It will be just like those hot days of last July and August when all you wanted to do was be in the lake the entire day.

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CAMP NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- Malcolm Macauley wrote to say that he, Braydon, Nathan and Devin are doing well at their home in Ontario. The boys have been studying up on their taekwondo this winter; hopefully they'll be able to teach all of us a thing or two come July. Malcolm already has a bunch of great plans for another fun year of canoe trips throughout the Ontario Provincial Parks system.
- Joe Davies wrote. from Jersey, United Kingdom to say that he is looking forward to another productive year at Chikopi. He has been swimming and surfing in Jersey this year and recently reported that he hung ten on a 25-ft. wave. He'll have to give lessons on the beach during elective time this summer!
- Ryan Smith relayed the exciting news that he will be attending his first year of Laurentian University in North Bay, Ontario in the fall. Congratulations Ryan! He is looking forward to joining the University's swimming team in between weekend escapes back to help at camp.
- Leslie MacDougall recently informed us that he will be attending teachers college at the University of Maine in the fall. Way to go Leslie!
- We saw Shane Davis, along with his younger brother and father a week ago here in Ft Lauderdale at a Masters swim meet. Shane's father designed the Chikopi swimming logo that appeared on the back of the old camp t-shirts.
- News from Finland: Sampo Makela wrote that all is well over in Scandanavia. He has recently recorded a CD with his band, which is doing very well in Finland, playing to crowds of over 2000 people.
- Vincent Douville reports that he will be spending nearly a month in Prague, Czech Republic touring the city and the surrounding areas before he returns for another summer at Chikopi.
- Dan Mikulskis wrote with some rather interesting news. After camp, Dan toured the US and Canada for a few weeks with a few friends from home. They were fortunate enough to visit New York City. On September 10th, Cand and his friends rode the 107 story elevator ride up to the top of the World Trade Center. It was here that Dan was one of the last people to ever take in the breathtaking view and see the last sunset from atop those beautiful buildings. It is with a great sigh of relief that we can say Dan truly experienced a bit of history.
- And finally, Brian Tracy has finished his sophomore year at the University of Michigan and is now down here in Florida helping us out to get ready for camp.

2002 REGISTRATION

Make sure that you get your registration forms in soon, camp is filling up fast! We don't want to leave any of you out of having another amazing summer up at Chikopi. So far this summer we already have campers coming from all over Canada, the United States and Mexico, as well as campers coming from as far away as Japan, Thailand, Cambodia, England, France and Germany.