

# CEDAR CHEST - FALL 2012

## HELLO THERE

It's time for the first edition of the Cedar Chest. Everyone is back at school and camp is being prepared for the off-season. We are busy making plans for the 2013 season, which will be our 60<sup>th</sup> summer!

We would very much like to hear from you during the year. Not only do we enjoy hearing from you but we also like to print your news in the Cedar Chest. It is a great way to let all your camp friends know what you are doing. As well as sharing news, we also like to print any articles and stories you have written and would like to have in the Cedar Chest so if you have something to contribute, just send it to us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## FATHER & SON WEEKEND

Our annual Father & Sons Weekend was a great success. We enjoyed a wonderful weekend with over 70 campers sharing Camp with their dads. The two-man Father & Son 4-Square Tournament was a hit, and extending their extraordinary winning streak, the counselors won the father/counselor softball game for the 59<sup>th</sup> straight year!

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## HENRY HACKER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

After camp, we ran our annual camping experience for inner city at-risk campers. This year, we were able to extend the opportunity to over 80 boys and girls. We would like to thank all the counselors, nurses and kitchen staff who stayed to make the experience so special for the Hartford Police Athletic League. The children enjoyed everything from the waterfront and archery to the zip line, arts and crafts and slip 'n' slide. Everyone, staff included, had a great time.

Also, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to Cedar's Community Service program this past year. Counselors and campers spent dozens of afternoons working at the Wayside Soup Kitchen, cooking, serving and delivering meals. Griffen Dresner, who was chosen by his peers as the "Big Candle Holder," (a special honor amongst our Senior II's), has been in contact with a number of his bunkmates in an effort to determine how we can best donate our leftover funds. Thank you Griffen, as well as our seniors and our camp families, for making all of this happen.

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## BOB'S NOTEBOOK

We have been busy fixing things up and getting camp put away for the winter. We have taken all the docks out of the water, extended the roof over the Gaga court, and improved the far-far away post. We have been resurfacing the floors in a number of bunks, and installing new

bathroom sinks and vanities in every bunk on camp. Next up, we have to drain all the water out of every sink, toilet, shower and water fountain in camp so they don't freeze and break the pipes in the winter. Everything will freeze around here including the lake!

We've spotted all sorts of different animals around camp this autumn. The foxes are back, and some wild turkeys have been spotted too. We haven't seen any moose yet, but we hope to see some soon!

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

(Re-printed from previous editions)

The beginning of school is often the most important time of the year, because it is during this time that the foundation is prepared for the entire year.

Try hard to pay close attention to everything that is said in class, and keep up to date on all of your assignments. Don't let yourself fall behind in any subject, and try to do a little extra work if you have time.

Reading is very basic and very important for all schoolwork. Make an effort to do some reading every day, and try to improve your vocabulary, not just by memorizing words, but by reading good books and learning new words from them. Read for school, and read for pure enjoyment. That is a great way to learn.

There is a vast difference between homework and studying, and it is important to learn the difference. Homework is usually some daily assignment that can often be done in school during study periods or can be done at home. It is based on current work being learned. Studying, however, is never finished. Studying is that extra effort shown by reviewing and remembering. Try to develop good study habits. Study hard and we hope you all have a great year in school.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

As we mentioned at the beginning of the Cedar Chest, we always like to hear from you during the offseason. Be sure to call, write or email, and we will continue to print your news right here in the Cedar Chest!

**Jason Tanenbaum** has been in touch. **Grant Carstens, Ollie Godfrey and Dan Wilcock** stayed at camp well into September, and built some really cool stuff at the outpost camp! We heard from **Isaac Green** recently. Last month, he got together with **Spencer Olesky, Jake Simon, Sam Squadron, Ben Stark and Ethan Stavisky. Zach and Charlie Frank** have been very busy this fall, playing football and soccer. **Richard Driver** has been in touch. He is enjoying teaching, and looking forward to next summer. **Raph Samost** wrote the other day. He is working hard at school, but misses camp every day. Raph's younger brother **Jonah** is prepping for the SATs. Good luck Jonah, and all of our other Cedar friends who are taking the test this fall. **Jeff Lee** is doing well in school. **Josh Novick** has been in touch. **Josh** recently wrote about camp for a school project, something many of us can relate to! We hear from **Jared Freid** from time to time. **Jared** recently performed a comedy show right here in Boston! **Evan and Drew Myers** played lots of soccer this fall and are both doing great! Congratulations to **Jake Greenberg**. **Jake** was offered a full time job at a law firm in Philadelphia, and plans to move back there next summer. Last month, **Jake** visited long-time Cedar friends, **Dan Braunstein, Josh Goldstein and Jason Speigel** at the wedding of their former bunkmate and longtime counselor, **Adam Prince**. Congratulations **Adam!** We've heard from **Griffin Harris** recently. **Griffin** started at a new school this fall, and is playing football and lacrosse. **Aden Solomon** is doing well, and we can't wait to have his brother **Jarrett** joining us next summer! We welcomed an old friend back to Maine this month, as former counselor **Brian Amaral** has moved to Portland, joining recent counselors **JJ Jick and Matt Powers** who also moved into the Portland area. **Cody Costa** keeps in touch. **Cody** is substitute teaching at a nearby school in Brookline, and loves the experience. Jeff ran into **Ben Rogers** shortly after camp. **Ben and Will Gansler** are already looking forward to visiting next summer. Former campers **Jake Karlsruhe and Jake Squadron** wrote recently. Inspired by their close friend and fraternity brother at Vanderbilt, who is rehabilitating from a spinal cord injury, **Jake and Jake** are hard at work, raising money for new training equipment to help support those in similar situations throughout the Nashville area.

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## LOST ITEMS

If you have any clothes or equipment that belongs to someone else, please send it on or contact the camp office so we can get the item back to their rightful owners. Thanks in advance for your help. We have already sent out all labeled items that were recovered at camp.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to longtime counselor and administrator **Jason Koscho**. Jason and his wife Julie gave birth to their first daughter, Kathryn Rose, on September 15, 2012.

Congratulations to longtime counselor and administrator **Nicola (Gregson) Ashurst**. Nicola and her husband Darren recently gave birth to their first son, Finley.

Congratulations to **Daniel Belfer** and **Mason Lonoff** for celebrating their recent Bar Mitzvahs.

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## **\*\*WEDDING BELLS\*\***

A special congratulations to our dear friend **Michael Cardarelli**. On October 21, Michael married his long-time girlfriend, **Rachel Calabria**, at a small ceremony in Austin, Texas.

The entire Cedar Family wishes Michael and Rachel nothing but love and happiness in their future together.

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## UPDATES FROM THE GRIDIRON

Many of you were fortunate enough to meet and speak with former camper **Evan Rodriguez** when he visited Cedar this year. Evan, a rookie fullback with the NFL's Chicago Bears, has worked very hard, and been rewarded with playing time both on offense, and as a member of the Bears Special Teams Unit. After a minor injury caused Evan to miss two weeks, he is back on the field with the Bears and his teammates could not be happier. We will continue to watch Evan as he strives to be an NFL regular, and wish him nothing but success. Be sure to keep an eye out for #48 during Bears games this season.

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## CEDAR TRIVIA TIME

1. This summer, both Little Color War and Big Color War came down to Song Night, thanks to a **2 POINT DIFFERENCE** in each war. Has this ever happened in the last 59 years?
2. A pair of twins was selected as camper leaders for Big Color War this past summer. Can you name them?
3. Another pair of twins, currently at camp, was selected as camper leaders for Little Color War in 2009. Who were they?

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## CAMP CHAMPIONS CELEBRATION

We are proud to be a part of the second annual "Camp Champions Celebration," which will take place November 1, 2012 at Fenway Park. The event raises money so that at-risk children can enjoy the same summer camp experience we're fortunate enough to enjoy year-after-year. Jeff helps chair the event as an ACA board member, and a great number of Cedarites past and present, alumni and parents, have lent a hand as donators and organizers, while others will be joining us as guests. We hope this year's event will be an even bigger success than last year, and we are so proud that Cedar and our extended camp family continues to help lead the way in community service activities!

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## VIDEO YEARBOOK

**Andrew Pava** is busy putting on the final edits to the Cedar video and it should be out early this year. In the next issue of the Cedar Chest, we will be able to let you know when we expect it to be complete.

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## WEBSITE

Be on the lookout for our new and improved website in the weeks ahead ([www.campcedar.com](http://www.campcedar.com)). Here, you'll be able to find a digital copy of our Cedar Chest, as well as the 2012 Log in its entirety. Let us know what you think of the new site, and as we rotate new pictures into the site, keep an eye out to see if your picture is up there!

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## PRESIDENTIAL WORDS OF WISDOM

"One man with courage is a majority."  
- Thomas Jefferson

"You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can not fool all of the people all of the time."  
- Abraham Lincoln

"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement, and the thrill of creative effort."  
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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## THE BAD JOKE CIRCLE (Sorry in advance!)

Why didn't the grizzly wear any shoes?  
*He wanted to go bear foot!*

What did the apple say to the banana?  
*Nothing. Apples can't talk!*

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## CEDAR TRIVIA TIME ANSWERS

In 2004, Big Color War was tied entering Song Night. However, we have NEVER had a summer in which both wars were this close at the end. Great job by all of our leaders and participants!

Sam and Jack Hooker were leaders for Big Blue & Gray.

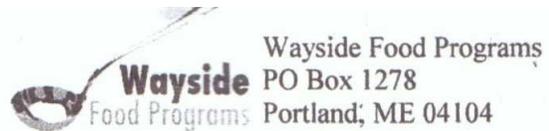
The Sloan twins, Chet & Luke, were both leaders in 2009.

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## KEEP IN TOUCH

Remember you can contact us by e-mail at [info@campcedar.com](mailto:info@campcedar.com). We love to hear from you so drop us a note and let us know what you are up to. We hope you all have a great winter. Be well!

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*Hey, Counselors & Campers*  
*Wow - three wonderful meals this year! It was a great experience for everyone at the meals. Our guests really enjoyed and appreciated all the love and attention that went into preparing the meals and serving the meals. Great lunch you have up there!*  
*Sincerely - Judy*

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## Camp Cedar Log 2012 (Preview)

Opening Day, Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Almost everyone arrived on time (a few sick kids had to come a day or so late-Max Marell, Max Jacobs, Matthew Kenvin) and it ended up being a beautiful day until the late afternoon when it rained for a little while. Our traditional turkey dinner was served and we all sang "Drink a Highball."

Our admin team this year is: Warriors-Kenya and Richard Driver, Freshmen-Victoria Hughes and Chelsea Cwiklik, Sophomores-Adam and Brad Meeder, Juniors-Austin Wehrwein & Kathleen VonEuw, Inters-Ian Thomas and John Fahey, SR1 and SR2s Alex Deveau and John Fahey—Camp Managers are Kevin and JJ Jick, Our program team is Tremaine Skeen, Andrew Pava, Kaso Peterson and for a few weeks Kevin London Greenacre. Colleen Zapcic is Sue's assistant and Maggie Brown is the Head of Waterfront. Bob Thomas is back for his 33<sup>rd</sup> year and Gil Stansfield is back for his 3<sup>rd</sup> season with his family. Max the baker is back for his 12<sup>th</sup> summer and Vern has been here 12 summers as well. VJ Gibbins is back to head our Health Center and this marks his 14<sup>th</sup> season.

Staff show was a huge success---one of the best ever! The funnel was done to Cody Costa because he is just a great guy.

There's lots of new stuff at camp this year. We added a vertical playpen with a cargo net, rope ladder and firecracker. Only a few boys are able to climb the firecracker this year.

We have a new ski boat that has adjustable wakes for skiing and wakeboarding.

The new new glass backboards on the bitty courts are adjustable and lots of boys play "jump21" on them.

The far-far away post has been expanded and there are some cool new fire pits and tent platforms out there.

We added a house on the lake to the left of camp and we added a lot of new tubes and kayaks down at the waterfront.

It was a rainy first few days but we played outside as much as possible. Chelsea led the Warriors and Freshmen in a new indoor activity called Zumba!

On Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> Michael Fowlin came to speak with the Sophomores, Juniors, Inters and Seniors about being kind and being aware of how your actions and words impact everyone around you. A very powerful presentation and YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL!

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Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> – The Inters left for a short trip in New Hampshire. They slept out and went through the caves at Lost River. Brendan Holmes is 6 feet 8 inches and he got through all the caves, even the lemon squeeze!!!

The Senior 1s left for their raft trip on the Kennebec River in Forks Maine. Everyone had a great time, even Danny Morgan.

Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Steal the Bacon at Skylemar –our boys played great and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Sophomores had the first breakfast cooked by Adam for an inspection prize.

Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> Pizza League & K-Different Day--really, really fun day. Pizza League was a huge success and everyone played two games. There was a huge rainstorm in the middle but it didn't stop the fun.

Bryce Gell hit the ring toss 3 times in a row.

The Warriors built forts and club houses under all their bunks.

During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, all campers and counselors participated in Laser Tag. Everyone had a great time and photos are posted online.

After Laser Tag, the Inters took part in 4<sup>th</sup> of July t-shirt spray painting extravaganza with their head counselors, Ian. Later, the freshmen thought it was so cool, that with Victoria and Chelsea, they spray painted t-shirts too!!!

By July 4<sup>th</sup> 14 campers had already completed the Milkshake Mile down at the waterfront.

On Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 the 15 year-old Cedar baseball team won their second of back-to-back championships. Cedar won both of their games at home while Wildwood dropped the second of their games to Skylemar, leaving Cedar as the only 2-0 team in the tournament. Griffen Dresner started both games for Cedar, dominating the second game striking out 12 batters in the four innings he pitched. Dresner earned the win in both games. A two run home run by Noah Allanoff provided the spark to get the offense started in the first game. Dresner supported himself by blasting a two run homerun in the second game. Ian Lipman in the first game Jacob Bernstein in the second provided solid relief pitching.

**Be sure to check out our website ([www.campcedar.com](http://www.campcedar.com)) for a full version of the 2012 Log in the next few weeks!**