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Valentines Day Edition!!!



Happy VALENTINE'S DAY!!!!!!

Well, it must be close to Valentines day, cause it seems like Love is in the Air, everywhere I look. Large, white, fluffy, freezing cold flakes of love, sweet love, just coating every road and tree andwhat's that? It's not love everywhere I look around, in every sight and every sound? It's not love whispering in the trees, thundering in the seas? Surely it must be love with the rising of the sun and when the day is done? Oh, its snow. My bad. You would think, after shoveling great, dirty piles of it out of the MTC parking lots, watching weathermen and school administrators freak out over it, and overall spending most waking moments dealing with it, we here at MTC HQ would be able to tell the difference between snow and love. You would think that, if you maybe forgot that we here at MTC HQ have now been MTC-less for 178 days and counting. 178 with out a single ringing of the bell for wake up! 178 days without saying good morning to Monique or hearing what a beautiful day it is going to be in the state of Maine! 178 days with no tennis, no wheel throwing, no GUITAR! Its enough to send anyone a bit loopy. Maybe Valentine's day will bring us, instead of cookies and heart shaped chocolates, some of your favorite photos, camp memories and stories to share and get us through the rest of the Maine winter. If you heart camp, send us some love, photo/story or otherwise, and it will make winter melt into spring just like that. Or, well, cookies in the mail always helps us deal...



Xander Wikstrom...CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU AND THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION!

Speaking of enrollments, our spots are filling up... Here are some of the new and improved MTC crowd. (Don't worry if your name isn't on the list, it will be in the next newsletter) AARON Barton, AARON Coven, AIDAN Flores Hall, ALEJANDRO (ALEX) Roquero, ALEX Kresner, ALEJO Lopez-Balcells Romero, ALEXANDRA Algazy, ALICE Manac'h, ALYSSA Lindbloom, ALLISON Hector, AMANDA Surret, ANGUS Macdonald, ASTRID Andersson, AUDE Chartier, BELEN Ilarduya, BRITTANY Schacht, CAMILLE Surret, CARMEN Rodes, CHARLOTTE Coste, CHARLENE Boudreau, CHRISTINA Garrubbo, CHRIS McLellan, CHRISTOPHER Smith, CLELIA Gurdjian, CURRY Marlow, ENIO Chinca, EVAN Dechance, EVAN Maynard, FLORIANE Borel, FANNIE Powell, HALEY Hinds, HAYES McNelis, HUGO Stintzy, IAN McDowell, ILANA Miller, JACOB DeClue, JAKE Presson, JEREMY Marshall, JORDAN Cohen, JORDAN McKinnon, JORDAN Tepper, JULES Bejot, JULIA Grosman, JULIA Liss, KRISTINA Sievert, LAURE Gurdjian, LEAH Gussoff, LEAH Snider, LENA Grosman, LENNY Moore, LISA Barton, LISE Rohart, LOGAN McMillen, LOUIS Destailleurs, LYND SAY Armacost, MACKINNON (MACK) Montague, MADELAINE Levey, MARC Larroque, MARCO McKinnon, MARTY Simpson, MARTIN Chartier, MATTHEW Findel, MEGAN Goodson, MIKE Shaffer, Michel Goodall, MICHAEL (MIKE) Mankowski, NATALIE Armacost, NETA Hochman, NICOLAS Larroque, NICOLENA Giordano, PATRICIA Ilarduya, PIERRE Mergui, QUANDEL Johnson, REBECCA Fowler, SARA Fisch, SARAH Lowy, SEAN DeClue, SENAI Mogos, SETH Alterman, TARA Wolfson, TARYN Carlson, TED Tripp, TED Levin, THOMAS (TOMMY) Upton, VALERIE Coughlin, VALERY Morse.

RANDOM VALENTINE FACT #4 – Did you know that in many parts of Antarctica, Valentines Day is also known as Waffle Day, and the traditional gift is melted syrup? Mmmm. Heart shaped Waffles!

HAVE YOU HELPED YOUR PARENTS LATELY??

Yes, now, you can help your parents – here's how... go to the website (teencamp.com) and download the PRE CAMP PACKET of information. In this wonderful composition of paperwork, you will find such items as the medical information, travel document, camper profile, etc... all due back to our office by the time you arrive at camp! Yes, I know it's several months away, but get started... your parents will love you for it. And it IS Valentine's Day right?!

The Sports Report – How about that Super Bowl, huh?

MTC DATES AND PRICES 2009

First Session June 28 – July 23 \$4550

Second Session July 26 – August 20 \$4250

Third Session June 28 – August 9 \$5650

Full Season June 28 – August 20 \$6650

Two Week Session July 26 – August 9 \$2850

Just complete our Registration Form and send it to our office with a \$750.00 deposit or payment in full to secure your spot.

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LT's

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Last year's formidable LT coordinator Sarah Lentz, as you know, is missed greatly here at MTC, but has opened the door for another wonderful LT Coordinator or two. Those responsible for choosing are currently locked in the drum shack, and will only signal their choice via the arcane rhythms of salsa beats. We can say no more, but stay tuned... In the meantime, here are your LT's for 2009: Deb Cabrera, Kara Caso, Jordan Cohen, Jaime Katz, Ted Levin, Aaron Louque, Joe Mankowski, Evan Maynard, Jan Menoud, Lauren Parikhal, Jake Presson and

Here at MTC, we have been busy trying to come up with ideas of how to save...how to save money, save time, save the planet, and save sanity...

- Purchase Valentine's Gifts at Big Lots. Check for mold and bite marks first.
- Don't wash your t-shirts. Washing just wears them out.
- Save money on cable and watch your neighbor's TV with high-powered binoculars through the window. Be sure to wave to them every time they leave their house, making sure to comment on something unusual they are wearing that day.
- Stop text messaging your friends, go with the thrifty alternative – talking.
- Share bathwater with family/neighborhood pets.
- Reduce the time it takes to get to school, sleep in your locker.
- Take your own popcorn to the movies, ask if you can get seat next to an outlet to plug in your microwave
- Stop wasting time reading this.

Traffic Circle: Attention all cool campers...yeah, you. The Traffic Circle on our website needs your attention and clever banter. Go there...never mind all those other social networking sites that we won't mention...use our Traffic Circle. Pretty please.

Exciting new column!

GL Jimmy reviews...

Brought to you by Group Leader, James Hodges

As all of you know, GL Jimmy is practically Indiana Jones, traveling, saving precious artifacts, defeating aliens or something (what was that thing about dimensions???). As such, GL Jimmy has much experience of the finer things in life, and likes to occasionally review these for the edification of you, the public. Today's review - The Molly Pitcher Service Plaza, on the NJ Turnpike. For those not familiar, the Molly Pitcher Service Area offers an oasis of calm in a sea of madness. A weary traveler, having fought his way across many lanes of traffic, finds himself surrounded by the warm embrace of not one, but two sets of automatic doors (currently out of order). Sweeping up from the ground floor, a grand entrance staircase of at least 3 stairs ushers one into a massive foyer, where a tantalizing scent of toilet deodorizer and Roy Rogers curly fries caresses the senses. A sample of finely brewed Arabica coffee can be found underfoot, the result of a hasty patron and poorly attached lid from Starbucks. For the fortunate, a pair of Okley or Dulge & Grabbona sunglasses may be obtained for a mere pittance from a wheeled luxury goods store located just inside the entrance. Loneliness need not trouble a pilgrim to the Pitcher, so many like minded folk will be so eager to partake in the joys that lie within that getting knocked to the ground in excited rush is a must do part of any visit. Upon departing the MPSA, take one long last look in the mirror, checking for bruising, and then onwards, to the next stop...

RANDOM VALENTINE FACT #4 - Around 3% of pet owners prefer to give Valentine gifts to their pets. The other 97% are still mad the dog forgot their birthday. Stupid dog.

MTC Staff update

Bruce and Meagan VDR are back from London, after having mastered the correct pronunciation of scone. Yay, Bruce and Megs are back in the US. Contented sigh...**Amy D.** has crossed the Atlantic so many times lately that BA has introduced a new feature on its UK-US route, Karaoke in the passenger cabin. TSA is investigating...**Christian and Sarah Perry** have been in training for the World Diaper Changing Championship. Hadley, always a good team player, has been keeping them on a rigorous training schedule. **Paisley Richard** is performing around the northeast. Her song choices are a mix of Def Leppard and KISS, with a 'smooth harmony jazz'. **Deb Jones** is missing everyone from camp so much that she has designated each Friday to keeping in touch with her camp family, and singing camp songs to strangers. Sara Reichel is filming her latest production entitled, 'Puppies and Kitties'. She is focusing on the lives of domesticated small animals living in western Ohio. **Leala Omansky** is appearing on the local auditions of American Idol as the girl who gives the yellow ticket to Hollywood. Though you don't see her often, she says she's there! Yeah, right Leala...**Simone Jacobs** is not kidding, right? James Biggane discovered his real love this summer at camp...mountain biking! He has put all other things aside to concentrate on bettering his skills, and has even taken to sleeping on a bike. Arvind is working on some amazing new yoga positions - he recently became invisible for about half an hour, which was poor timing as he was in line at the DMV for his drivers license renewal at the time. **Dan Crowley** writes his own updates, man. Spaceman has been rigging ziplines around his house and neighborhood to save time between work and home. **Paul Buttin** has been in Spain studying music. Paul tells us that he can't wait to Flamenco, camp fire style! Richard Deane has not cut his hair since camp, you never know when you need to throw down your braid to a would-be rescuer. **Jon Williams** is perfecting his recipe for Welsh Rarebit, just in time for Hells Kitchen, Cardiff edition. Our MTC nurses all met up over the holidays - they said that Cody giggled the whole time, even while talking. **Sean Satin** has been teaching, losing bets on football games, and shopping for cheap lobster. Local Maine resident, Blaze, has been traveling all over Kezar Falls this winter trying to determine where everyone goes after October 1st. We tried to tell her, but she loves her friends so much that...well, you know. It's sad. **Erin Carlson** has been consulting with "Beads & Baubles 09", a competitive jewelry design contest held each April. This gig will be over by MTC, so look for her return. **Lyndsay Fox** is moving forward with her plan to rule the world. She is looking for a mass

hypnotist to join her team, salary package includes benefits. **John** agrees wholeheartedly, and refuses to make eye contact with the hypnotist applicants. **Anna Gilbert** hopes and dreams of another Kiwi at camp this year...keep dreaming. **Lisa Filipiak** has the most difficult name to write and get right. Despite this, she is considered a front runner for an Oscar this year. Huh? **James Biggane** and Kevin Pierce are in London trying to find their way out of the Underground. **Dillo** was spotted on the practice courts at the Australian Open with the Williams sisters. Security personnel are still seeking his whereabouts. **Glouster** knows but won't tell. **Nigel**, on the other hand, has been back home teaching but says that he misses camp so much this time of year, that he has hooked up a make-shift wake-up bell that he uses on the courts to begin and end new lessons. **Marilynn Cashmore and Aurel Peterson** are in talks to star in the next installment of the movie, *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Both seem to think they have what it takes to act like pirates. Aurel may face some opposition however, when she tells the producers that she must be filmed wearing her Patriots jersey at all times. In other news, **Marilynn** has been collecting multiple packets of M & M candies for her desk this summer (which actually means for all of YOU this summer). Apparently her collection is getting a bit out of control, as her spare bedroom can no longer take guests. **Jocelyn Cowan, Lauren Chain, Saba S. , and Kim Janes** are making a film of the making of the music video for the spice girls hit song, "Wannabe" in the style of Frost/Nixon.. Apparently, President Obama has stolen Baz's nickname for his armoured car! Yes, Baz, you may have to back down on this one...**The Beast. Kara Borelli** is so well liked by her team of young college bball players, that she recently was awarded the 'Miss Friendly Coach' award. **Danny, Leslie, and Clinton** are perfecting their recipe for broiled squirrel - a delicacy that they tell us is both good and tasty... **Karl G.** has been travelling the west coast promoting Karl The Experience. Finally, **Pinesy and Monique** are busy at work in the winter office, researching youtube videos for the ultimate experiment involving mentos and diet coke.. **Pinchy Pines** has been in chipmunk withdrawal, and refuses to do any work.

TRIVIAL TRIVIA

If you think you know MTC, then test your knowledge...

To enter:

Submit the answers to the questions below via email: mtc@teencamp.com

1. Remember to sign your name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
2. All correct entries (all questions answered correctly) are entered into the draw to be held on the date indicated below.
3. Winner will receive the prize by mail. Answers and winner will be announced in the following month's issue.
4. All entries must be made by MTC campers only.

Here are this month's questions:

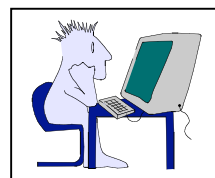
1. How many inches of snow will fall at camp, between now and January 1, 2009? Closest answer (without going over) wins!

Okay, so this question wasn't the normal Trivial Trivia question, but hey, we want to do something different! Hint: checkout online past winter records for snowfall in Maine.

Much to our broken hearts (reference to Valentines Day), no one entered this month's trivia question - perhaps it was the challenge, or perhaps the crazy holiday schedules that kept you all so busy that you could not find a spare moment to email us with a guess...a guess no less! Just a guess! That's all we were asking. Yes, you could have looked up an average snowfall record in Maine, or perhaps asked a teacher, or someone FROM Maine. But NOOOO! So, instead we are challenging you to send MTC HQ the best home baked chocolate chip cookies you can make! That's right, bake cookies for prizes. No trivial trivia this month. Doh!

ASK DR. WOODY

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Dear Dr. Woody: I enjoy going to my son's soccer games in the fall and winter, and politely clap and cheer as appropriate, and congratulate all on a game well played. It seems I am missing out on a golden opportunity to embarrass my child in front of his team mates. Is there something I can do

to absolutely embarrass him without raising my voice? Chilled in NY
Dear Chilled - I have just the solution for you. You need a snuggie. Simply show up to your son's match wearing this amazing and long overdue blanket with sleeves, and your humiliation deficit will be solved. Available in a wide variety of colors, you can show your son's team absolute support so long as their colors are red or blue. When a jacket won't do, snuggie! Stay warm!

We miss your smiling faces...Keep those spirits up and remember, less than 150 days until MTC 2009!!!