


# MAINE-E-YAK

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## Happy VALENTINE'S DAY!



*Romeo, oh Romeo, wherefore art thou, Romeo? Oh, you're right there. Why are you standing in the street? You lost your keys? Again? Well, come on up, its open, and dinner is almost ready. Ah, when the immortal bard wrote those lines in the late 1920's, who knew the impact it would have? Who knew the invention of romance in the "Adventures of Shakespeare" comic (not even as popular as Garfield - fact, look it up) would eventually lead to the discovery of the moon, and later the stars and your name being shouted from rooftops? It is therefore highly disturbing to learn that NASA funding for future moon visits may be cut. If we do not have access to the moon, then the Earths supply of valuable romance will begin to run out in just a few short years. Alternative romance sources are being explored - but the combination of Whitmans Samplers, those chalky-heart-shaped message things (the direct ancestor of todays text message, but with better syntax), wildly overpriced roses and hastily purchased greeting cards will hardly begin to cover the deficit. Should we be worried? Should we ever be worried when something fabricated and contrived tries to replace the real thing? Not that we here at MTC - HQ are cynical about the idea of Valentines Day - that you only really need to tell someone you love them one day a year, that a store bought trinket can substitute for a hug, or that \$30 for a half-dozen roses is reasonable. No, its not that so much as the fact that if summers at camp have taught us anything, it's the value of real experiences. The importance of the genuine is an essential part of camp. While it may be about making friends, or trying a new, challenging activity, or learning to understand a little more about your true self, the lesson of camp is this - appreciate what's real. You can't fake getting out of bed early for a lake swim, you can't pretend to jump off the zipline or sing along to guitar at camp fire. So this Valentines Day, give your loved ones a hug. It'll mean a little more....*

# LTs 2010

Before we announce the LT's, let us first address a rumor. The grapevine would have you believe that we pick LT's by reaching into a jar of pickled eggs, and whoever picks the green one gets to become an LT. Now this is entirely baseless. Pickled eggs are for eating, and grossing out dinner guests. The actual process of application, interview and reference checks means that the LTs are nothing but grade A, free range, Top Gun best of the best - well you know what we mean when we say your **LT's for 2010:**

**Jess Bernstein, Becca Fisher, Leah Gussoff, Lucas Haarmann, Patricia Ilarduya, Rachel Kayser, Ian McDowell, Zach Schutzman, Ben Tarloff, Jordan Tepper, Tommy Upton**

**Thanks to everyone who submitted an application to the program.**

Speaking of campers, our spots are filling up... Here are some of the new and improved MTC 2010 crowd (alpha by first name) **ABBY** Gilbert, **AIDAN** Flores Hall, **ALEX** Kresner, **ALEX** McKeon, **ALEXANDER** "VICTOR" Naeve, **ALEXANDRA** Algazy, **ALEXANDRE** Nadiras, **ALEXIS** Epstein, **ALICE** de Saint Pierre, **ALISON** Brack, **BELEN** Ilarduya, **BEN** Fisher, **BEN** Garelick, **BENARD** Gueho, **BENJAMIN** Tarloff, **BLANCA-BELEN** Caturla, **BRADLEY** Rains, **CAMILLE** Russel, **CARTER** Soso, **CATHERINE** Kulke, **CHARLES** Russel, **CHARLOTTE** Saul, **CLELIA** Gurdjian, **DALE** Bellitto, **DANIEL** Kemsley, **DANIELLA** Dryan, **DANIELLA** Zimmerman, **DEIDRE** McGovern, **EILEEN** Akbaraly, **ELIZABETH** Gilbert, **ELIZABETH** (LIZZY) Raboy, **EMMA** Santulli, **ENIO** Chinca, **ERIN** Spinella, **FRANCESCA** Livesey, **GABRIELLA** Schilling, **GAIL** Levy, **GEHRIG** Schilling, **GREGOIRE** Bensimon, **GUY** Shipman, **HALEY** March, **HANNAH** Stokes, **HAYES** McNelis, **HELOISE** Danneels, **HERMAN** Bendera, **HOLLY** Pollack, **IAN** McDowell, **IMRAN** Akbaraly, **ISABEL** Palomo, **JACK L.** Wines, **JACOB** DeClue, **JAKE** Barnett, **JAMIE** Fiero, **JEAN BAPTISTE** Nacher, **JENNA** Shnayerson, **JESSICA** Loizou, **JORDAN** Lewis, **JOSHUA** Strauss, **JULIE** Bouchard, **KARA** Powers, **KATE** Ablon, **KEVIN** Lamour, **KRISTINA** Sievert, **LAURA** Taylor, **LAURE** Gurdjian, **LEA** Salustro, **LEAH** Gussoff, **LEAH** Spingarn, **LEVI** Levenfiche, **LOUIS** Kemsley, **LUCAS** Haarmann, **LYNDSAY** Armacost, **MACKENZIE** Tagliaferro, **MACKENZIE** Trubee, **MADISON** Rafuse, **MADELINE** Sands, **MARTIN** Lameyre, **MATTHEW** Speizman, **MAX** Brandl, **MAX** Shipman, **MELISSA** Torgerson, **NATALIE** Armacost, **NIKKI** Wines, **REBECCA** Fisher, **ROB** Persons, **ROBIN** Lameyre, **SABRINA** Smith, **SACHA** Ullman-Hamon, **SAMANTHA** Goldman, **SARA** Dowd, **SARAH** Simone, **SELINA** Lau, **SOPHIA** Levy, **TAYLOR** GRACE Foley, **TIM** Haarmann, **TODD** Welsh, **VALERIE** Coughlin, **VICTORIA** Antkowiak, **ZAK** Burns ...and so on, and so on...(if your name does not appear, the MEY was published before we received your registration, sorry! It will appear in the next issue.)

**CAMP STORE ONLINE??** YES! Very very soon, you will be able to purchase all sorts of camp apparel, bags, items, and things of this nature right from our website, any time of year! Camp stuff year round for all your gifts...imagine the possibilities. The only thing missing from the store is Sherry's smile and choco tacos. MMMM USPS delivered Choco Taco...



**MUSIC CD!** *It's ready! We have*

*already mailed a copy to anyone who is featured on the CD, but if you wish to have a copy, please email us with your postal address.*

**RANDOM VALENTINE FACT #25.2** When it comes to determining the diameter and area of Valentines candies, the value of pi is actually 3.3. Crazy, huh?

**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?!

**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.

**MTC Dates and Tuition Prices 2010**

First Session June 27 – July 22 \$4550

Second Session July 25 – August 19 \$4250

Third Session June 27 – August 8 \$5650

Full Season June 27– August 19 \$6650

\*Two Week Session July 25 – August 8 \$2850

**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.

**Winner of the...MOST AWESOME TRIVIAL TRIVIA CONTEST EVER! DO NOT SKIP OVER READING THIS OR YOU WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOURSELF...**was Jordan T. of New Jersey (answer was asian noodles)! Congrats...now, do tell...how is the new Vader Toaster?

**Wear are you Now? Do you have photos of yourself wearing your MTC t-shirt in an exotic location since being at camp? If so, we'd like to see 'WEAR' you were?!?! The coolest photo submitted in digital format will be featured in the next MEY and Alumni newsletters and become a part of the new collection of MTC Wear are you Now? (MEY) and Wear have you Been? (Alum) photos album!**

**Community Service Update** – So by now you know about the early success of the Roots and Shoots community service program introduced in the summer of '09. We are in the planning stages for the 2010 service program, and as this is a program of campers for campers, we want to hear your suggestions. So if you need service hours for school, have identified a great opportunity for a service program, or would simply like to do something good and develop your own personal philosophy of service, please let us know. We are looking for good ideas, innovative ideas, any idea at all. Email [mtc@teencamp.com](mailto:mtc@teencamp.com) and tell us what you are thinking. We can do some of the groundwork now, leaving more time for doing good work this summer.

**TENNIS STROKE ANALYSIS** anyone?? Yes, this summer, you can have your tennis pros tell you what's wrong with your stroke, but you can also SEE what's wrong! Nigel and Dillo are going to be able to provide you with detailed analysis of your forehand, volley, backhand, and how great a coach each of them are!

**STAFF SNIP-ITS...**

For those who don't know, Bruce and Meagan VanderRiet are now the proud parents of little McLean 'Porter' VanderRiet...photos tell us that he's got Bruce's hard-nosed guts and Meg's good looks. Christian and Sean are working on their "great American Songbook". I think their Captain and Tenille cover will be great, but want to know who is who. Lyndsay and John Tysoe are expanding their collection of Elvis inspired furniture – anyone knowing of quality Elvis on wood items should contact them. Kim Janes has just signed on to coach Andy Murray. Will, Dillo, Nigel, Gloucester, and Jimmy have been busy with competing designs for the new MTC tennis balls for the summer. The early favorite is Jimmys learners permit photo, mullet and all. Marilyn, most recently spotted in Tuscany's newest tourism campaign, is planning her next adventure. The short list is down to Alaska, Broome, and Patagonia. Suggestions welcome! Titch Deane has been in the recording studio – Christian locked him in there and then lost the key. Anyone finding Christian Perrys "Hello Kitty" keychain is asked to return it ASAP. Sherry Main has been busy at home constructing a larger walk-in closet in her house to hold all her MTC apparel. With the opening of the online camp store, she is concerned that the current space will not be enough. That's brand loyalty folks! Baz has been taking yoga and pilates classes, hoping that the stretching will give him the little extra edge he needs to beat once-GL Jimmy in the soccer field Dash next summer....still. Leala has been doing the press tour for the new season of Lost. She is, of course, the inspiration for the Jacob character, as well as the designer of the Swan station.



**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.

*We miss your smiling faces....Keep those spirits up and remember, less than 150 days until MTC 2010!!!*