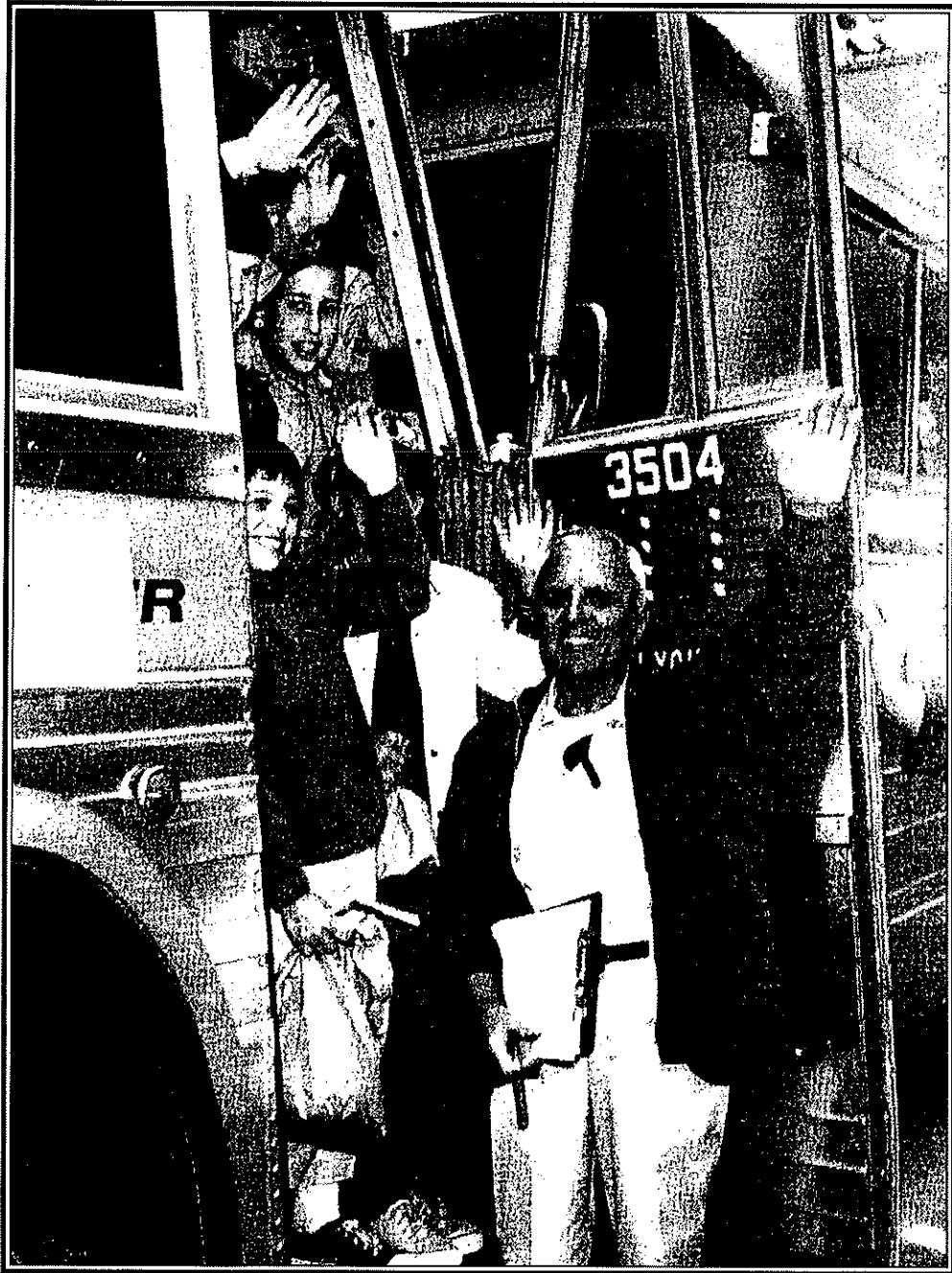


WEST END HOUSE CAMP



2006 SPIRIT

DEDICATION

The Camp Breakfast as we know it today began about 20 years ago. It was first held in the gym of the West End House Boys & Girls Club and was put on by members of the WEH Camp Committee and WEH Alumni Association (eventually aided by a caterer). After a few years the event was moved to the Guest Quarters Suite Hotel (now the Doubletree Hotel) on Soldiers Field Road in Allston. For the past 12 years we have been at Boston College.

Throughout all these years two people have not only attended each time but have also given of themselves and their resources to ensure the success of the Breakfast.

They are Bert and Esther Wynn.

Bert and Esther grew up in the West End of Boston, where their childhood romance developed into sixty years of marriage! To look at them, you would not think they were even sixty years old, never mind married for that length of time!

Bert has been a most active member of the West End House, WEH Alumni Association, and WEH Camp – he is a Past President of the Alumni Association and is on the Board of the Camp Corporation. He has served as member and chair of many committees, and has donated his time, resources, and expertise far and above the call of duty. Indeed, he is the person responsible for the donation of carpeting (for the docks, etc.) to the Camp. He is also a World War II veteran, having been one of the youngest people ever to enlist in the service during that time.

It has not always been easy for Bert and Esther, but the strength they draw from each other has enabled them to weather the storms that have arisen.

The Camp Breakfast would not be where it is today were it not for this dedicated couple and the raffle that they sponsor. Once the event ends, Bert will start getting items ready for next year!

When you speak of good people and great couples, Bert and Esther Wynn are always at the top of the list! And they keep on going! As Bert recently wrote (acknowledging a small party on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and paraphrasing the late President John Kennedy): “Don’t ask what the West End House can do for you, ask what you can do for the West End House!”

With the greatest admiration, we warmly salute and fondly dedicate the 2007 Spirit to

BERT AND ESTHER WYNN

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

There are many people whose assistance during this past year has been invaluable to us. We would like to acknowledge the following individuals and institutions that contributed to the success of the season:

·Marty Jacobs, President of the WEH Camp Corporation, for his leadership, advice, and presence all during the year.

-Members of the Camp Corporation, who oversee the operation and whose committees have been meeting regularly to ensure that WEH Camp is the very best it can possibly be. These great people are listed elsewhere in the Spirit and each has been tremendous in his support of the Camp. Special thanks to Adam Barr for his work on the website, to Brett Barenholtz for sponsoring Bunk1 on the website (the pictures of camp life), Steve Curley for arranging for the donation of so much of our athletic and program supplies, Billy Swiecicki for his effort in ensuring that the Camp always looks and runs its very, very best (!), and to Immediate Past President Henry Barr for his continued support and efforts.

·Aaron Leppo (Full Line Graphics) – thank you for your patience and generosity in arranging for the printing of the 2006 Spirit!

·The Camp Breakfast is always a great time, and Bert Wynn ensures success by buying and providing a huge number of raffle prizes for the children.

·Cliff Cudjoe drove the rented supply truck round trip on staff opening day in June, and Tony Goroshko picked up excess luggage in the Goroshko Moving Co. truck on the last camp day in August. Thank you both for your great efforts!

-The fine folks at Franciscan Children's Hospital in Brighton – we thank you for the use of your parking lot for bus departures and arrivals. It is an ideal meeting space!

·Sincere gratitude to the staff at the West End House Boys & Girls Club, especially Executive Director Andrea Howard and Director of Support Services, Karen Cyr, for cooperation and assistance throughout the year.

ABOUT THE COVER

The WEH Camp has provided campers with round trip bus transportation from the Greater Boston area for many years now. The meeting places, however, have seen some changes.

Originally, buses departed from the West End House when it was on Blossom Street in the old West End. Once the Club was vacated in the late 1960s and sold to Massachusetts General Hospital, the meeting site was changed to the back parking lot of the Circle Theatre in Cleveland Circle, Brighton/Brookline line.

That lasted about ten years, until the management put a low overhang at the entrance to the back lot. It was too low for a bus to pass under it; thus, the camp then went to the Riverside MBTA parking lot in Newton – a spacious area that was the special favorite of the New York folks who did not have to enter into any city traffic!

When the MBTA lot changed from free parking to paid parking, the WEH Camp found another meeting place, this time the Franciscan Children's Hospital parking lot in Brighton. This, by far, is the ideal place – right around the corner from the WEH Boys & Girls Club, easily reached by public transportation or even by foot for boys who live locally; and easily accessible by car (right off Commonwealth Ave. and only about a mile from the Massachusetts Turnpike).

Pictured on the cover is Allie Coles, Executive Director of the West End House Camp from 1958 – 1972 (and also Executive Director of the WEH Boys Club from 1958 – 1971) checking in the campers at the Cleveland Circle site in 1969.

Allie had joined the Club in its very earliest days, attended the Camp, and prior to becoming Executive Director had been very active in the West End House and WEH Alumni Association. He had a great singing voice, which he used every morning to wake up the campers at first bell (7:30 a.m.) with a fine rendition of Irving Berlin's "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning!"

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am writing this message on Sunday, December 31, 2006, just as we are about to enter a new year - and a new camp season. As you read this (after the Breakfast) we are virtually at the half way point between the end of last season and the start of next season. Slowly we are gaining more daylight each day and time will seem to pass by more quickly.

This is the final piece of the Spirit before Aaron Leppo picks up the master copies and arranges for the printing. As I reread the pages, I truly realize that last summer we experienced another tremendous season, filled with great kids and a great staff. The operation of the camp just does not happen by itself - some of the people who were so helpful are listed on the acknowledgments page. I do, however, want to single out some very special individuals.

Steve Lepler has made such a positive difference at Camp during his eight seasons as Assistant Executive Director that I do not know where to start. He is tireless in his efforts to make West End House Camp the best it can possibly be, and although he works elsewhere full time during the off season, he devotes the equivalent of a full time job (and more!) on camp matters also! He is always looking to the future and how we can continue to be an exciting and fun place for campers during the summer. It is a pleasure to work with him - he always stays focused and never lets barriers arise that will stand in the way of success!

Josh Swiecicki rose to the occasion in his first year as Program Director. His commitment, stamina, leadership abilities, and just plain common sense all contributed to an excellent year in this very important and sensitive job. Best of all, he gave his commitment early to returning for the 2007 season - and hopefully for far beyond that, too! Thanks, Josh, for being there for us and for the campers!

It is always difficult to secure the services of a nurse, but for the last three summers we were so fortunate to have with us Sandi Nelson. She is a caring and conscientious person who ministered to our health needs all summer, and rarely, if ever, left camp. She is looking forward to returning in 2007, complete with camper and dogs!

Our head cook, Lee Russell, returned for his third year and was assisted so very ably and professionally by his wife, Linda (a veteran in the kitchen of the 2004 season and the 2005 Old Timers Week) and by Nelson. Lee is a person who genuinely takes pride in his work. What a delight to have him on board - I hope he will be back for many more summers!

As I have said many times, the Custodian is the key to the operation, and John Fredette willingly faced any and all tasks. He is such a knowledgeable and talented person and he made sure that the facility ran smoothly at all times. Thanks, also, to Norman Scott, whose efforts and presence at Camp each day are genuinely appreciated, and our gratitude to Joan Scott for her help and support. They are a great couple!

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Ramie Lepler, who once again this summer volunteered in many instances and was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand. Thank you, Ramie, for all that you have done for our West End House family.

I am especially pleased to offer my thanks to my wife, Bryna. Her volunteer efforts keeping track of the campers' spending money, picking up the mail, making trips to the clinic or hospital, running the canteen, helping in the infirmary, picking up supplies, picking up or dropping off campers or staff at the airport or train station, etc., are truly invaluable. Indeed, so much of this Spirit is the result of her typing that I do not think I would have had it ready in time had it not been for her efforts. She is a remarkable person!

Most of all, I want to offer my gratitude to the staff and to the campers. Ultimately, the success of the season comes down to quality of campers and quality of staff - and once again both "categories" were of the highest level!

Don't forget to check out our fantastic website (westendhousecamp.org) and to let your friends know about us! We continue to attract new campers largely through word of mouth, and we welcome your referrals.

In 2008 we will be marking our 100th year with a number of special events and programs. As we go into 2007, watch for announcements about the year ahead and what will be happening at the Camp Breakfast in 2008, on Visiting Day in 2008, at Old Timers Week in 2008, and on May 3, 2008 at Gillette Stadium!

In the meantime, stay well, and take care. Call (617-787-4044, ext. 18), email (webhgclub@aol.com) or write (105 Alston St., Allston, MA 02134-5029) me if I can help in any way.

- Bill Margolin

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Where did I go for my annual post-camp walk? It was a tough choice, but I decide to go up Hessian (or Blueberry) Hill, a 5.5 mile loop with amazing views of both camp and the White Mountains. This stroll was relaxing and scenic and helped me gain some perspective on the terrific WEHC 2006 season.

I thought about what made this summer so special and what is unique about WEHC in general. I came up with the top 10 reasons why WEHC is the best place in the world for a boy and a young man to spend the summer:

1. Bill and I know everyone, interact with all the campers and staff on a daily basis, and make sure that everything goes smoothly.
2. The experienced, talented staff, capably led this year by Josh Swiecicki, Danny Walsh, Jason Cohen and Robbie Gordon also care so much for the kids and the camp that they do not settle for anything less than excellence..
3. The friendly, bright, diverse group of campers bond like brothers, and pass the word along to their friends at home to join in on the fun during the next summer.
4. The incredible sports facilities for a small camp give all campers the opportunity to utilize and improve their skills, within the framework of both competition and sportsmanship.
5. The beautiful waterfront holds unlimited opportunities for campers to learn new activities that are fun now and can be used forever.
6. The layout of WEHC is ideal for kids easily getting from place to place, hanging out with their friends, and having staff being with or near them.
7. The amazing traditions that continue each year bridge the generations and give all campers and counselors the privilege of being part of something unique, lasting and important.
8. The values of mutual respect, trying one's hardest, friendship, independence and maturity help all at camp as they grow older and move towards being successful teenagers and adults.
9. The combination of structured activities, elective/free play times, intercamp sports, and intracamp tournaments provides everyone with a balanced, busy, fun schedule.
10. The cabins, the gym, the dining hall, and the facilities and the program in general are better than all other camps, even camps that cost twice as much!

It is no wonder why 2006 was such an amazing summer at WEHC. The spirit of camaraderie that was evident all summer long and during the last few days as the season was winding down was felt by everyone. I am already looking forward to the summer of 2007, which will build upon our recent successes, and promises to be the best one yet. I can't wait to see you there!

Best regards to you and your families,

-Steve Lepler

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The 2006 summer, for me, began with poison ivy taking over my entire body. While sitting in the infirmary during setup week, I remember thinking that the summer could only go up from here. Well, the summer went far and beyond my expectations.

I can talk all day about the programs and activities at West End, but that will be for another time. The summer of 2006 represented change and new faces to the West End House Camp staff. With a smaller than usual number of returning senior staff, all members of the staff were forced to step up, work together, and accept the roles that had been held by older staff men in previous years. If there ever was a summer that the West End House Camp spirit was alive and well, it was probably most relevant and effectively seen this past year.

I would like to take the time to personally thank my co-workers on the staff, as camp cannot run if the staff does not volunteer their time like they do. From the first year CIT's doing their tough, respectable work in the kitchen to second year CIT's and senior staff running activities and coaching intercamp sports, the staff did an incredible job making sure that campers had a great stay at West End in 2006. These 30 guys are the best, and truly deserve praise for the amount of work and effort which they put into the past summer.

On behalf of the entire staff, we would be naïve not to thank Bill and Steve for allowing us to spend our summer at West End. Also, there are two staff men that I would like to thank for their efforts this past summer; Danny Walsh and Robbie Gordon.

Danny Walsh was a camper and counselor at West End from the mid 1980s to 2000. As the summer approached, the senior staff was on the younger side. Danny, at age 28, came back to camp to help out for this summer. His veteran leadership and experience set a great example to the overall young staff. Thank you, Danny, for your help.

The second person I would like to thank is Robbie Gordon. Robbie, who has been attending West End since 1996, was only able to come 4 weeks this summer. Nevertheless, Rob, like Danny, was able to help the staff grow and improve throughout his stay.

I thank these two individuals on both a personal standpoint, and on the foundation of the Spirit of West End House Camp. Whoever comes to West End always hears about the "Spirit of the House." When asked what the Spirit of the House is, many have trouble finding the words to describe it. However, veterans like Danny and Robbie helped the 2006 staff represent the leadership and role models that James J. Storrow had in mind when creating the "Spirit of the West End House Camp" back in 1908.

How does West End continue to run after 98 years? Beyond the sports and waterfront activities, the most important aspect of the camp is how these attributes are passed on from staff man to staff man, staff man to camper, and generation to generation. As a West End House staff member, you realize the responsibility that is placed upon your shoulders, as it is an honor and privilege to spend your summer in East Parsonsfield, Maine. The entire staff loves West End, and this is how young campers gain the love for the camp and continue to come back summer after summer.

2006 was great for me, and I truly believe it was just as great for the campers and fellow staff. As long as I do not get poison ivy, 2007 can even be better!

See you in six months!

-Josh Swiecicki

WEST END HOUSE CAMP CORPORATION

Members of the West End House Camp Corporation are people who have all had a long affiliation with the West End House organization and who volunteer extraordinary time and efforts throughout the year for the benefit of the West End House Camp. The Officers and Directors, as of January 1, 2007, are:

President: Marty Jacobs
Vice President: Michael Berger
Vice President: Jim Stoller
Vice President: Bill Swiecicki
Treasurer: David Bikofsky
Clerk: Elmer "Bud" Runyon
Immediate Past President: Henry L. Barr
Past President: George E. Kane
Brett Barenholtz
Adam Barr
Brian Bloch
Sidney Boorstein
Ron Cochran
Paul Cohen
Steve Curley
Carolyn Eggert
Hy Escott
Michael Finn
Robert Goober
Harold L. Goober
Paul Gordon
Dr. Jeffrey Kublin
Aaron Leppo
Bruce Levine
Kevin Lustig
John Parker
Robert Ryter
Bob Sherman
Steven Wynn
Bert Wynn
John Zinman

MICHAEL W. CATALDO, SR. AWARD

Mike Cataldo had been affiliated with the West End House since childhood. He served as President of the WEH Alumni Association, the WEH Boys & Girls Club, and the WEH Camp, and was Co-Chairman of the Camp Committee for many, many years. He was a most dedicated and tireless worker for the organization, and we all felt a profound loss when he passed away in 1999.

In his memory, an award is presented annually to a person whose efforts, commitment, and service to the West End House Camp are in keeping with the tradition and character so exemplified by Michael W. Cataldo, Sr.

Recipients have been:

2000 Billy Swiecicki
2001 Henry L. Barr
2002 Bert Wynn
2003 Marty Jacobs
2004 Elmer "Bud" Runyon
2005 Hy Escott
2006 Steve Curley
2007 Bryna Leeder

CAMP ELECTED OFFICIALS

Each year elections are held at camp- the results for 2006 are listed below. This entire group is known as the Cabinet, which meets with Bill Margolin, Steve Lepler, and Josh Swiecicki to discuss matters of interest and importance and to offer suggestions and address any concerns that the campers as a whole might have.

CO-PRESIDENTS

Shaun Cronin and Matt Freund

VICE PRESIDENT

Jacob Shochat

ADVISOR TO THE COMMISSIONER-SENIOR LEAGUES

Luke Goroshko

ADVISOR TO THE COMMISSIONER-JUNIOR LEAGUES

Jacob Stetson

SENIOR POSTMASTERS

Jake Leppo and Todd Zucker

JUNIOR POSTMASTER

Ben Eggert

SENIOR SERGEANT AT ARMS

José Noyola

JUNIOR SERGEANT AT ARMS

Aiden Driscoll

SENIOR LIAISON TO THE COOKS

Justin Avergon

JUNIOR LIAISON TO THE COOKS

Mike Otten

WEST END HOUSE CAMP 2006

ELITE 8

We are pleased to recognize the following campers who made the wise decision to spend the full 8 weeks at WEHC this past summer. By virtue of their commitment, skills, and continuity, they were the primary leaders in their age groups and in the camp in general. They did an outstanding job of leading camp to one of its best years ever. They received special privileges, recognition, and responsibilities throughout the season. We hope that you become a member of the Elite 8 during the summer of 2007.

**Danny Bernard
Shaun Cronin
Ben Eggert
Zach Goroshko
Luke Goroshko
Ben Grosser
Alex Hebert
Panharith Kong
Ryan Leary
Zach Leppo
Sam London
Sam McGann
Chris Moriarty
Kevin Reyes
Roque Reyes
Vicheth Seang
Neil Sharma
Jacob Shochat
Jacob Stetson
Evan Swartz
Marcus Tingling
Corey White
Ben Yudysky**

INTERCAMP RESULTS

Intercamp sports is a time for campers who are especially interested in a sport to try out and practice with a team coached by members of the staff who have experience in that field. After daily practices, the team plays in either a tournament or a game against other summer camps in the area. There are MANY opportunities for campers of all ages and sport interests to participate in these games or tournaments. Win or lose, campers always come out of the experience with more knowledge or fun in the sport than they had previously. Thank you to all who participated.

June 30	15 Under Basketball v. Robin Hood	Loss	66-61
July 6	15 Under Basketball Tourney @ Robin Hood	0-2 record	
	13 Under Basketball Tourney @ Robin Hood	0-2 record	
July 7	15 Under Basketball Tourney @ West End	2-1 record-	runner up
July 11	11 Under Basketball Game @ Oatka	Win	
July 12	15 Under Basketball Tourney @ West End	1-2 record	
July 13	15 Under Baseball Tourney @ Robin Hood	Rain-out	
July 14	11 Under Softball Game v. Oatka	Win	
July 19	13 Under Soccer Tourney @ Robin Hood	0-2 record	
July 20	15 Under Basketball Game @ Robin Hood	Loss	68-61
July 26	11 Under Basketball Game v. Winaukee	Loss	
	11 Under Soccer Game v. Winaukee	Loss	
	11 Under Softball Game v. Winaukee	Loss	
July 31	13 Under Basketball Game @ Oatka	Win	
August 4	15 Under Baseball Game v. Oatka	Win	

2006 CAMPER AWARDS

Each summer, on the night before the campers go home, awards in various categories are announced in front of the entire camp. The recipients are young men who, in the opinion of the Senior Staff, have exhibited qualities that the counselors feel should be recognized. The actual trophies are presented in the following January at the Annual Camp Breakfast at Boston College.

The honorees for 2006 were:

JUNIORS

Staff Awards

Sam Haas
Zach Chason
Jacob Sands
Aaron Rappaport
Gabriel Johnson

Directors' Award

Josh Marram

Rookie of the Year

Ian Finn

Unsung Hero

Steve Kessler

Outstanding Sportsman

Evan Swartz

Ian Greenblatt Spirit of the House Award

Mitchell Lesser

Most Valuable Player

Eric Lesser

Jacob M. Burnes Award

Jake Ryter

SENIORS

Outstanding Seniors

Neal Sharma
Ben Olins
David Lach
Luke Goroshko

Staff Awards

Ben Yudysky
Matt Freund
Shawn Leahy
Chris Ruocchio
Nick Sobel

Directors' Award

Shaun Cronin

Rookie of the Year

Jeremy Rubera

Unsung Hero

Alex Giordano

Outstanding Sportsman

Justin Avergon

Ian Greenblatt Spirit of the House Award

Matt Spector

Most Valuable Player

Ryan Leary

Louis I. Kane Leadership Award

Zach Goroshko

James J. Storrow Award

Danny Bernard

EVENING ACTIVITIES: 2006

At the weekly staff meeting every Sunday night the upcoming week's evening activities are outlined, and various members of the staff are put in charge of the planning process. These after dinner events offer the chance for kids to take a break from the everyday schedule and to participate in activities that are often special and eagerly anticipated!

- 6/25 Bunk Activities
- 6/26- Monte Carlo Casino Night
- 6/27- Counselor Hunt
- 6/28- Challenge the Staff
- 6/29- Conference Challenge
- 6/30- House Game vs. Robin Hood
- 7/01- Deal or No Deal/ Senior Social
- 7/02- Leagues
- 7/03- Prize or Consequence
- 7/04- Cookout/Bonfire/ Bill's Story
- 7/05- Stock Market
- 7/06- Triple Play
- 7/07- American Idol
- 7/08- League Championships/ Open Waterfront
- 7/09- Bunk Activities
- 7/10- Gold Rush
- 7/11- Camp War
- 7/12- Liars Club
- 7/13- West End Elections
- 7/14- Sea Dogs Baseball Game (Portland)
- 7/15- Junior Bombardment/ Senior Social
- 7/16- Treasure Hunt/ Desert War Rules
- 7/17- Desert War
- 7/18- Jai Alai
- 7/19- All Stars
- 7/20- Triple Play/ Hood Game vs. Robin Hood
- 7/21- Watermelon League
- 7/22- Cards, board games, movies/ League Championships
- 7/23- Bunk Activities
- 7/24- Double Leagues
- 7/25- Choose your Own Adventure
- 7/26- Beach Resort Casino
- 7/27- Super Monopoly
- 7/28- Auction Cleanup- Part I
- 7/29- Auction Prizes- Part II
- 7/30- Wrestlemania
- 7/31- Gottlieb Hunt
- 8/01- Specialty Clubs
- 8/02- Stock Market
- 8/03- Gold Rush
- 8/04- Liars Club- Color War Edition
- 8/05- Watermelon League
- 8/06- Camp War
- 8/07 Jai Alai
- 8/08- Watermelon League
- 8/09- 8/13 Color War
- 8/14- Color War Song Night
- 8/15- Bill's Story
- 8/16- "British English" Quiz/Judgment Night
- 8/17- Funtown
- 8/18- Award's Night.

DESERT WAR 2006

Desert War has grown to become one of West End House Camp's best and most popular activities. Created in 1998 by Adam Barr, it has truly flourished year after year at camp. Indeed, this one day activity that takes place during the first four weeks of camp each year is eagerly anticipated by campers and it consistently rates as one of the most popular activities.

Basically, the campers are divided into two teams, with members of each team wearing headbands that signify their color. The day is broken down into three events for excitement and fun.

In 2006, team TAN defeated team PURPLE. However, there was only a 5 point differential going into the event's final activity. Brandon Avergon, Jesse Charney Golden, and Josh Daigle coached Tan, and purple was coached by Jordan Shapiro, Dave Voshchin, and Jeremy Finney.

Morning- Color Rush- Double Overtime

Tan Wins 65 Desert War points.

Afternoon- Junior Bombardment and Senior Iron Man

Purple comes back- Tan leads Desert War by 5 points going into the evening.

Night- Capture the Flag

Tan pulls away in Capture the Flag and wins Desert War.

LET'S DANCE!

There were four socials this summer with the young ladies of Camp Huckins. The first was held on July 1st at West End House Camp! Our 13, 14, and 15 year old boys (as well as a handful of "Elite Eight" 12 year olds) hosted the Huckins girls. There was dancing and socializing, despite some technical difficulties with the Daigle sound system!

On July 15th we traveled to Camp Huckins with a large group of our older campers. This, too, was a fun evening. However, the Huckins sound system broke down midway through the event! There were games and socializing that continued throughout the evening.

The last two socials of the summer were by far the best. On July 31st we visited Camp Huckins with 32 boys for a combination barbecue and dance. The interactions during the first part of the evening set the occasion for earlier and more dancing once the music began (on a new and improved sound system!). There was a second boys' camp there, Camp Mytina, who by contrast, made our West End House Camp boys look really good. The Huckins girls clearly gravitated towards our guys. No one wanted the evening to end!

We were back for our last fun social on August 7th. This was just WEH Camp and Huckins. There was lots of dancing and socializing throughout this traditional dance. Our boys did themselves proud and had a terrific time.

The success of the 2006 socials has paved the way for continued dances in the upcoming season. Make sure that you are there!

HIKING WE WILL GO!

The summer of 2006 saw many campers take the opportunity to explore the beautiful areas around camp. There were four hikes that took place. The first was on Sunday, July 16th when a huge group of 36 campers chose to do the 3 mile hike around the perimeter of Long Pond. Joining leaders Steve Lepler, Jack Holden and Dean Tinney were Chris Forest, Sam London, Dominic Duke, Panharith Kong, Vicheth Seang, Brian Bartlett, Jacob Stetson, Adam Josephson, Anthony LeBlanc, Chetra Roth, Emmanuel Ismael, Brendon Cronin, Roy Chen, Marco Benjamin, Sam Moran, Gabe Gerson, Aiden Driscoll, Matt Herzig, Jonah Rappaport, Jeremy Zucker, Rory Hanlon, Alex Hebert, Mohamed Muhamed, Drew Stern, Jacob Shochat, Ben Ryter, Caleb Johnson, Joe McKinnon, Dylan Dunne, Andrew Oratovsky, Ben Kelley, Matt Collins, Jeff Meltzer, Eric Schwartz, Chris Moriarty, and Jeff Shochat.

The second hike was the most challenging and breathtaking of the summer. On Tuesday, July 18th, we went to Mount Chocurua, ascended the steep Brook Trail, and loped down the Liberty Trail. On the way up, we spotted a black bear which was walking up the hill away from us. What a sight! The views from the top of Chocurua were also spectacular. The stellar group on this hike was Ben Ryter, Joe McKinnon, Dylan Dunne, Drew Stern, Brendon Cronin, Matt Herzig, Hayden Stokes, Eric Nogueira, Jeff Meltzer, Jon Keil, Matt Collins, and Nikita Klimashov, led by Steve, Jack and Dean.

On Monday, July 24th, a large group of campers who were continuing after the 4 week changeover set out to conquer Mount Chocurua. This time the trail was via Champney Falls, a magnificent waterfall that was especially beautiful because of the recent rainstorm. Joining this expedition were Ben Eggert, Alex Hebert, Jeremy Zucker, Jonah Rappaport, Roque Reyes, Kevin Reyes, Caleb Johnson, Sam McGann, Chris Moriarty, David Baker, Mike Kirsten, Jacob Shochat, Jesse Weiss, and Casey Thurlow, led by Steve, Danny Walsh, and Jason Martin.

The last hike of the season was chosen by 2B as one of their auction prizes. Because of the showers in the early morning of Friday, August 3rd, we decided not to hike up to the top of Mt. Chocurua. Rather, we chose to do two shorter trails to two different waterfalls. The weather became sunny and pleasant. First, we walked up to the beautiful Champney Falls and then made haste down to the parking lot for lunch. Next, we strolled up to the spectacular Sabbaday Falls, which were truly amazing. The group did not want to leave Sabbaday falls, but when we did we had an equally fun time swimming near the Rocky Gorge along the Kancamagus Highway. A great time was had by all 2B'ers: Carlos Peña-Lobel, Ben Shaffer, Jon Shaffer, Matt Yudysky, Eric Lesser, Jake Ryter, Phil Prue, Jacob Sands, Alex Harris, Ben Eggert, Jacob Shochat, led by Steve and Matt Shivers.

I hope that you will be joining us for one or more hikes during this upcoming season. You, too, will get that special feeling of accomplishment will have a memorable day, and will fully appreciate the beauty of nature. See you there!

WIFFLEMANIA

When Jared Klapman was jogging the Color War Distance race, someone called out "Jared, you can run faster than that!" He quickly replied, "I'm saving myself for the Wiffle Ball Tournament!" Jared's humorous response had its basis in reality. Wiffle Ball was big at West End House Camp during the summer of 2006.

In addition to pick up games, batting practice and home run derbies, there were five tournaments that included just about every camper. During the first two weeks, there was the Senior World series of Wiffle Ball and the Junior Series of Wiffle Ball. In the finals of the Senior tournament the team of Danny Bernard, Ben Yudysky, and Zach Goroshko defeated Ian Solomon, Chris Moriarty, and Anthony Brown. In the Junior tourney, the trio of Colman Lydon, Alex Melroy, and Brendon Cronin edged Evan Swartz, Corey White and Ben Grosser.

The next competition was the Senior/Junior Wiffle Ball Tournament, in which each team was comprised of two seniors and one junior. There were 26 teams that entered this tourney. The finals pitted Ben Yudysky, Danny Bernard, and Evan Swartz against David Baker, Ian Solomon, and Alex Melroy with Ben and Danny taking their second title of the season.

The biggest tournament of the year was the Camper/Counselor in which teams of one staff person, two seniors and one junior competed for this coveted championship. All together, 120 people participated in this tourney. The teams were divided into four different regions: Parsonsfield, Cornish, Limerick, and Kezar Falls. The brackets and top seeds were revealed in an exciting "Tournament Selections Show" that was viewed by many campers and staff. As the tournament progressed, all campers also had a chance to make their predictions of who would emerge as the champions of each region and who would ultimately survive in the final fours. The Kezar Falls region championship team of Jason Martin, Nick Sobel, Jeremy Rubera, and Jake Ryter could not hold off one of the tournament favorites, the powerful team of Rashad Cudjoe, Ben Yudysky, Danny Bernard and Eric Lesser who had won the Limerick region. In the other semi-finals, Parsonsfield champs Steve Lepler, Ryan Leary, Chris Moriarty, and Mike Katzen squeaked by the reigning Cornish team of Robbie Gordon, Matt Spector, Marcus Tingling and Jonah Rappaport.

The finals were a game that is destined for ESPN Classic. Lepler, Leary, Moriarty, and Katzen took a 10 run lead on the strength of Chris Moriarty's multiple home runs. However, Cudjoe, Yudysky, Bernard, and Lesser staged a valiant comeback and had a chance in the last inning to tie or win. Ryan Leary caught the final fly ball which allowed his team to hold on to a 20-19 victory. What a game and what a tournament!

The final tourney of the season was unique in many ways. It was a Watermelon Wiffle Ball Tournament. All campers were drafted onto eight teams, each led by an Elite 8 Senior. The games lasted two innings, with each person batting and playing the field in each inning. The other novel rule was that home runs could be caught and turned into outs. The exciting finals of this tournament were between Neil Sharma's team and Kevin Reyes' team, with the Sharma's emerging victorious. The Sharma's consisted of Neil, David Lach, Matt Freund, Casey Morrocco, Doug Spink, Jake Ryter, Leon Jarvis, James Bickford, Justin Avergon, Drew Paul, Jeremy Zucker, Filip Cooper, Sam Wallace, and Sam Eggert, who all enjoyed the watermelon they shared on the last night of camp to celebrate their championship.

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Runners: Josh Swiecicki, Robbie Gordon, Danny Walsh

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Rashad Cudjoe
James Adams
Rich Reid
Dave Voshchin
Jason Cohen
Mo Williams

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Soccer
Waterpolo
Volleyball

Blue Armada

Evan White
Sam Freund
Jeremy Finney
Brandon Avergon
Josh Daigle
Mike Stawowy

Officials

Josh Swiecicki, Jesse Charney-Golden, Ben Daigle
Robbie Gordon, Sam Jekowsky
Jack Holden, Dean Tinney
Evan Lepler, Steve Lepler, Pat McKenna
Danny Walsh, Neal Zucker
Bill Margolin, Jason Martin

Sport

Football
Softball
Soccer
Basketball
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Volleyball

Theme: West End Broadcasting

Low Juniors- Nickelodeon
High Juniors- MTV
Intermediates- Bravo

Low Seniors- TNT
Middle Seniors- HBO
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