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TECUMSEH 2005 - CONNECTING WITH THE PAST

Tecumseh's 103rd summer proved to be one of the best in camp history. The athletic fields were busy, the waterfront was almost always in full use, boys were busy on mountain trips or in the Opera House. Thanks to people like Jim Talbot, Jim Fraser, Bob Glascott, Mark Luff, Jay Luff, Pete Gillin, Charlie Erwin, Terry Cooper and a host of other veterans, the 2005 summer went well.

In true Tecumseh fashion, several of the campers are second (or third) generation at Tecumseh. Campers and counselors from the 1970s and 1980s such as Tom Armstrong, Peter Benoliel, Bucky Buckley, Bob Flood, Art Garrett, Steve Jannetta, Albert Manwaring, Brian McBride, Brooke McMullin, Corny Merlini, Matt Naylor, Tim O'Shea and Allan Stiner, just to name a few, are now parents of Tecumseh campers. The alumni of Tecumseh are certainly a major part of Tecumseh. In an effort to strengthen the connection with alumni, Tecumseh will be holding several regional gatherings this winter in different parts of the country. We will be contacting people in each geographical area about the various get togethers that we will be organizing.

Tecumseh will also be forming an Advisory Board consisting of former campers and counselors to help maintain the direction of Tecumseh. The Advisory Board will be headed up by current Trustee Bob Gray. More information on this new program can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Also in this newsletter is an article about the new Boathouse built in 2004 by a group of alums. With the old Boathouse over 70 years old and falling apart, Dave Preston (a camper in the 1950s) and his friend Tom Banks, led a group of alumni in tearing down the old Boathouse and building a new Boathouse in its place.

Another article in this newsletter has an update on the Centennial Fund that was created in conjunction with our 100th Reunion back in 2003 to help solidify the financial future of Tecumseh. Our thanks to the many alumni who have contributed to this very worthy cause to date.

One of our biggest goals is to stay in touch with our alumni. Hopefully all of you have seen our web page and browsed through the alumni section. If we do not have your e-mail address or mailing address, and you would like to be kept up to date about upcoming alumni events, please forward your contact information to Biff Sturla at bsturla@netreach.net. Biff is also looking to add additional camp pictures to the archives photo album which now has over 800 pictures from as far back as 1903.

TECUMSEH REUNION: AUGUST 16 - 20, 2006

Back in 2003, Tecumseh celebrated its 100th year of operation with two giant reunions. The first reunion was held in Philadelphia in April at The Union League. A total of 475 people came from places like Italy, Monaco and California for this massive celebration. Then, in mid-August of 2003, an on-site reunion was held. Almost 300 people attended that Reunion. With the help of some great weather, Tecumseh alums could again hang out on the dock, eat in the Dining Hall, search for their plaque in the Lodge, strike out on the softball field, put a soccer ball over the goal on Grant Field, put up a few air balls on the basketball courts, jump the wake behind the motorboats, get on stage in the Opera House and climb a few mountains. A complete list of attendees from 2003 can be found in the Alumni section of camp's web page (www.camp Tecumseh.net). Many pictures of the reunions can also be found at that site.

Due to the huge success of these two Reunions, requests for a follow up reunion soon followed. Tecumseh is pleased to announce that we will again have an on-site reunion up at camp in August, 2006. This reunion will be similar in nature to the 2003 reunion held up in New Hampshire. Alumni are invited to attend and bring their family. Information on the reunion, including registration material, can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. A variety of housing options are available for this reunion. Meals will be provided and most of camp's facilities will be available to everyone.

We hope to see up at Tecumseh in August, 2006. Bring your baseball glove, tennis racquet, swim suit and favorite Tecumseh stories.

AN UPDATE ON THE CENTENNIAL FUND

By Dave McMullin, Chairman Of The Board

A \$2 Million Centennial Campaign to celebrate the 100th year of Camp Tecumseh and to position it for a strong future was approved by the Board of Trustees in the fall of 2002. To date, \$1.8 million in donations and pledges has been received. Actual cash or securities received so far totals \$880,000. The three primary goals of the Campaign are to raise funds for the camp's endowment so as to help in the maintenance and expansion of our facilities, support our scholarship efforts, and enhance our programs.

Several alumni have asked what has been or is being done with the funds raised to date. There are two visible things in the way of facilities that have been completed, and the third is well on its way to completion. First, \$47,000 was spent to straighten up the Lodge, which had developed a noticeable lean to one side. The original part of the Lodge dates back to 1787. Being a post and beam structure, a portion of the top plate, which is the top of the frame to which the roof is attached, and a number of the rafters had to be replaced. The porch and roof on the tennis court side were completely replaced. Neil English, one of New England's premier barn restorers, took pictures of every name plate in the Lodge and even measured their exact locations so as to be able to return them to their original locations. After camp was over, a \$34,500 brand new Correctcraft ski boat with a 350-hp. Chevrolet engine was purchased and will be ready to kick off the 2006 season.

The third facilities project under way is the major restoration of the lower structure of the barn. This project will end up costing \$120,000. All of the support beams in the basement – formerly known as the cow barn – which support the first floor – where the horse stalls and wagons were – had to be replaced. 30' wood beams measuring 10" x 12" had to be replaced. The concrete milking walls in the basement along with 75 tons of rock under the floor had to be removed. The first floor wood flooring on the north side had to be replaced. The ventilation system up through the cupola on the roof has been rebuilt and works, so that a climbing wall can eventually be installed.

These projects are being funded out of the \$150,000 annual allocation from the Replacement Fund. The Board has approved the funding for this fund from depreciation and a fixed allocation from the Endowment, a major portion of which is the Centennial Fund. Since there is so much deferred and future ongoing maintenance, it is not reasonable to expect all of the funds raised by The Centennial Fund to be spent. Our goal is to raise enough funds for principal so as to be able to support the announced goals out of income generated. Tecumseh would like to thank everybody who donated to the Centennial Campaign. We are still short of our announced goal of \$2 million and actively ask for the support of those who have yet to give to the Campaign.

Note: Anyone who would like to contribute to the Centennial Campaign may contact Tecumseh Chairman of the Board Dave McMullin. His e-mail is dbmcm@verizon.net



DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SUMMER 2005

By Jim Talbot, Director

Tecumseh's 103rd summer was a reel full of highlights! Names of campers like Buckley, McBride, Garrett, Benoliel, Jannetta, Stiner, Armstrong, O'Shea and other sons (and Grandsons!) of alums dotted our roles. There were so many Rookies that for the second consecutive year we had to form a separate basketball league just for them. There were also counselors by the name of Glascott, Fraser, Cooper and Luff to make sure all good Tecumseh traditions were passed along to these Rookies. A beaming Jim Fraser looked on as Camp did 13 perfectly silent jumping jacks on Tecumseh Day and Mark Luff did the same as his cast of *Iolanthe* performed, not only for campers and parents, but also for the public for the second consecutive year. Jay Luff took campers to Maine and the Adirondacks as well as up Red Hill and Mt. Washington and Coop held forth on court five per usual.

Our Junior Ones were invited to play at halftime of the Major League Lacrosse game between the Philadelphia Barrage and Boston and performed beautifully, scoring five goals and giving up zero in ten minutes! They also led us over long-time rival Camp Pemi in a solid Tecumseh victory. I know alums always want to know how that day went! We are close to our 100th celebration of that inter-camp rivalry, believed to be the oldest of its kind in the country.

A trip to Fenway to see the World Champs play, a mini-marathon, the Iron Man swim-run and Clinic with visiting coaches from UNC, Ithaca College and Temple (yes, Lebo was there!) rounded out a great final two weeks. By the way, Lebo must have done 50 up-downs on Tecumseh Day. Hopefully he will come back again.

Probably the best highlight of all is that everyone returned home safely and from the responses I've seen it was one of Tecumseh's very best summers from the standpoint of "Making good boys better."

I can't resist a little plug for two things that camp always needs: campers and donations to the Blue-Gray Fund. If you know of a young man in your neighborhood who would benefit from a summer in the most beautiful place in the world, be sure to let me know about him; and if he needs a little financial help, dig into your pocket and support the Blue-Gray Program that has made it possible for lots of great kids to be with us.

Hope to see lots of you at the Alumni Reunion in 06. If it's anything like the one in 03 you won't want to miss it. After all, how many times do you get to see Chris Roe throw Edwin Van Dusen in the lake? If you can't make reunion weekend, come visit anytime!



THE HAT REMAINS AT TECUMSEH

The Annual Tecumseh vs. Pemi competition was again a big part of the summer. Fortunately this summer, the result was in Tecumseh's favor. The competition between the two camps is believed to be the oldest camp competition in the United States. A few years from now, the two camps will be celebrating the 100th year of the competition!!

TECUMSEH ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

By Bob Gray, Tecumseh Trustee

When I was at Tecumseh in the late 70's through the late 80's, I was out of school in early June and usually had a couple of weeks to kill before heading off to camp for seven weeks. Then, as camp wound down in mid-August, I would have a couple of more weeks of downtime before heading back to class after Labor Day. Many of you who are reading the *Blue-Gray Banner* today probably had a similar experience. Many of you are also thinking, as I am writing this, why on earth did I ever leave? This is a valid question, but sadly one that will not be addressed in this column.

The largest threat that Tecumseh faces today is the rapidly shrinking summer. Kids are getting out of school at the end of June and heading back in mid-August. Some high school coaches are even requiring their players to attend mandatory practices all summer long. Specialty camps are attracting athletes who feel they need to attend these programs in order to play at the college level. In addition, fewer parents are willing to part with their boys for seven weeks because it leaves little family time between the end of Camp and the beginning of the school year.

While the Board of Trustees has many responsibilities, our primary goal is to ensure that the Tecumseh experience is as vibrant and life altering today as it was when we got off those buses (or boats, as it was for some of our more esteemed *Blue-Gray Banner* subscribers) for the first time many years ago. The Board believes that the seven week program is critical in allowing Tecumseh to work its magic. All of you reading this newsletter who feel a connection to Camp, benefited in some way by leaving the comforts of home to spend seven weeks with 180 other like minded souls in the middle of New Hampshire. Those bonds that were formed over seven weeks are the reason 475 people came from all over the world to attend the 100th reunion in Philadelphia two years ago. Those who were at the Union League that night will never forget it, and there were many highlights. The one that sticks out in my mind is the arrival of the Mazza brothers, fresh off a plane from Rome, and the look of excitement on their faces as they reconnected with old friends. While Tecumseh has many assets, its greatest was on display that night. If there is another summer camp that has produced a more accomplished and loyal alumni, I am not aware of it.

Our challenge then, both the Board **and** the alumni, is to preserve the integrity of the CT experience for future generations while dealing with the reality that summer is shorter than it used to be. Traditionally, Tecumseh has drawn heavily from the Philadelphia / New York / New Jersey area. Because our alumni base is scattered far beyond these boundaries now, we need to do a better job of staying in touch with, and leveraging you to help us find future Tecumseh campers. To that end, the Board of Trustees would like to create an **Advisory Board** that would be comprised of former campers and parents of current campers. The mission of the **Advisory Board** would be twofold:

- Assist the Camp Director in setting up regional "open houses" where Jim Talbot could tell the Tecumseh story to a group of prospective parents and campers.
- Advise the Board of Trustees on ways to improve the Tecumseh experience, and serve as a pipeline for potential Trustees.

Serving on the **Advisory Board** would require a minimal time commitment, we are simply looking for people who love Tecumseh, think that they can get a few prospective families together for an Open House, and who want to play an active role in shaping the future of CT. If you are interested, please email me at bnngray@netscape.net or call me at 617-236-8900.



TECUMSEH REUNION - AUGUST 2006

By Biff Sturla, Tecumseh Trustee

Due to the huge success of our 100th Year Reunions back in 2003, Tecumseh will be holding another reunion in August, 2006. The format will be similar to the August, 2003 event held on-site, up at Camp Tecumseh, in New Hampshire. Most of Tecumseh's facilities will be available to alumni and their families during the week. Many different fun filled activities will be planned for all family members. Please note that dogs and other family pets will not be permitted at the Tecumseh Reunion, no exceptions.

DATES

The New Hampshire Reunion will start on Wednesday, August 16 with lunch being the first meal served. The last meal will be Sunday Brunch on August 20.

MEALS

- Wednesday: Lunch in the Dining Hall at noon.
Bring your own dinner to the beach at 6:00.
- Thursday: Continental breakfast in the Dining Hall.
Lunch in the Dining Hall (salads and sandwiches).
Dinner at the waterfront supplied by camp: chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and salads.
- Friday: Continental breakfast in the Dining Hall.
Lunch in the Dining Hall (salads and sandwiches).
Clam Bake dinner at the beach (steamed clams, lobster, corn on the cob, etc.), supplied by camp.
- Saturday: Continental breakfast in the Dining Hall.
Lunch in the Dining Hall (salads and sandwiches).
Pasta dinner in the Dining Hall, supplied by camp.
- Sunday: Brunch at 11:00 (last meal).

HOUSING

There are a variety of options for housing. Please be sure to indicate your preference on the registration form.

RV and tent space will be provided on the Senior Baseball Diamond. There will be no tents, RV's or vehicles allowed at the waterfront. Tecumseh will provide transportation to the waterfront for anybody who is unable to walk to the waterfront. The road to the waterfront however will be roped off at all times.

The tents on the senior campus will be available to families or other groups of 4 - 6 people. Please note however that the tents are near the waterfront where late night activities will again likely take place every night. It will be very noisy late into the night so the senior tents will not be the best option for a quiet sleep. Families or groups of 4 - 6 people who wish to reserve a tent on senior campus should indicate this on their registration form. Since availability of the senior tents is limited, please contact Reunion chairperson Biff Sturla (bsturla@netreach.net) to see if any tents are still available.

Single male adults may stay at the Intermediate cabins. Beds will be available on a first come, first served basis.

There are several local hotels in the area. Many of them will fill up fast because of the various summer activities taking place in the area. Below is a list of some of the hotels in the area. If you wish to stay in a hotel, please make your reservation as soon as possible, before the hotels fill up.

MORE TECUMSEH 2006 REUNION

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A LIST OF NEARBY HOTELS

Berry Pond Motel	Moultonborough	603-476-5571
Center Harbor Inn	Center Harbor	603-253-4347
Heritage Motel	Meredith	603-279-3141
Inn at Mill Falls	Meredith	603-279-7006
Kona Mansion	Moultonborough	603-253-4900
Matterhorn Inn	Center Harbor	603-253-4314 (name might be changing soon)
Red Hill Cabins	Moultonborough	603-253-6712

ACTIVITIES

There will be a wide range of activities planned during the Reunion including:

Mountain Trips	Basketball	Water-skiing	Tennis
Canoeing	Softball	Horse shoes	Swimming
Sailing	Soccer	Slacking On The Dock	Opera House Activities

Golf will be available on a limited basis. The Bald Peak course will tentatively be available on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. If you are interested in golfing at Bald Peak, please contact Tecumseh Trustee Bill Hamilton by e-mail at wghamilton@comcast.net. Golf will also be available on other days at the local Waukegan course as well as the Ridgewood course. If you would like to golf, please contact Bill to arrange tee times. There is an extra charge for golf.

Back by popular demand will be another Gilbert and Sullivan Revue on Saturday night in the Opera House, headed up by legendary Tecumseh figure Sam Griffin. People who would like to participate in the Saturday night Gilbert and Sullivan Revue should contact Sam at swmg1@aol.com

We also anticipate having Paul Luff and his band again entertain us down at the waterfront one evening. The exact details of this event have not been worked out yet.

Also returning in 2006 will be the second Al Piper "Memorial" softball game on the Junior Diamond. We are hoping that Al will again participate. We also hope that Al will not injure himself this time.

REUNION COST

The cost for the Reunion is \$150 per person for people ages 21 and older. The cost is \$100 per person for people ages 8-20. There is no charge for children under the age of 8. The cost is the same no matter how many days you will be staying. There is a \$400 maximum that will be charged for any one family.

A registration form is attached. Registration material is also available on the Camp Tecumseh web page:

www.camptecumseh.net in the Reunion section. Please be sure to register no later than June 1, 2006 so that we can properly handle staffing needs and food ordering. Checks should be made out to "Camp Tecumseh - 2006 Reunion." Please mail the registration form and check to: Biff Sturla, 396 East Montgomery Avenue, Wynnewood, PA 19096.

Please note that the above scheduling information is subject to change. Please visit the Camp Tecumseh web site, www.camptecumseh.net regularly to see any updates to the Reunion schedule. As we get closer to the reunion, our web site will also have a list of alumni and families who are signed up for the August 2006 Reunion.

If you have questions about the New Hampshire Reunion, please feel free to contact Tecumseh Trustee Biff Sturla at bsturla@netreach.net or 610-649-5745.



CAMP TECUMSEH 2006 REUNION

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Names of Adults Planning To Attend (ages 21 and up):

Names of Youth Planning To Attend (ages 8 - 20):

Names of Children Planning To Attend (ages 0 - 7):

Name of Tecumseh Alum:

What Years were you at Tecumseh?

E-Mail Address:

Address:

Town, State & Zip:

Phone Number:

I / We plan to be at Tecumseh on (circle days): August 16 17 18 19 20

Housing Information:

- I plan to stay in the Intermediate cabins (adult men only)
- My family will be staying on the Senior Diamond in an RV
- My family will be staying on the Senior Diamond and pitching a tent
- My family will be arranging to stay in a nearby hotel
- My family would like to stay in a tent on Senior Campus, subject to availability.
- I / we will be commuting from home.

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Please return this registration form and your check (payable to “Camp Tecumseh – 2006 Reunion”) no later than June 1, 2006 to: Biff Sturla, 396 East Montgomery Avenue, Wynnewood, PA 19096.

Golfing will be an extra charge. To arrange for golf tee times: contact Bill Hamilton (wghamilton@comcast.net) for Bald Peak (Thursday afternoon and Friday morning only) tee times as well as Waukewan and Ridgewood tee times.

To participate in the Saturday Night Gilbert & Sullivan Revue, please contact Sam Griffin at swmg1@aol.com

MIKE GERBER - PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

By Lee Allman, Senior Trustee

Congratulations to Michael Gerber (Tecumseh 1982-85) who won election to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania House of Representatives, District 148 for part of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Mike upset the incumbent and was sworn in as a member of the House during January 2005. Attending the ceremony was his former counselor and current trustee, Lee R. Allman.

Mike and his wife Jessica, also a Blue Bell native, live in Broad Axe (Whitpain Township) with their two sons and future Tecumseh rookies, Benjamin and Samuel. Mike's brother, Pete also attended Tecumseh. In addition to serving in the House of Representatives, Mike is an attorney at the Philadelphia law firm of Wolf Block and was recently honored as a "Lawyer On The Fast Track" by the *Legal Intelligencer*.

The values he learned at Tecumseh have served him well as he played varsity football for The University of Pennsylvania, playing on two Ivy League Championship teams. Before being elected to office, Mike coached youth football and high school baseball in his spare time. Mike was one of many Germantown Academy students that attended Tecumseh during the mid-eighties and keeps in touch with Lee Allman, Eric Pokorny, Ted Durkin, Bob Glascott, Jim Fraser, Howdy Goodwin, Chris O'Neil, Bruno Enrich, Alan Werther, and Jay "Bugs" Renfro.

As a legislator and young attorney, Mike's performance reflects his Tecumseh heritage. In addition to serving on the House Judiciary, Transportation, Children and Youth, and Local Government Committees, Mike was recently appointed to the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Board, a statewide board that appropriates more than \$50 million annually to universities, technology businesses, venture capital firms and non-profits for economic development. These accomplishments, coupled with Mike's leadership on issues such as Growing Greener II, mass transit funding, and violence against women, has earned Mike *Rookie of the Year* honors in the Pennsylvania Report, the premiere journal reporting on Pennsylvania politics.

When asked about his days at Tecumseh, Mike offered the following:

I look back at my Tecumseh days and am amazed by how much camp shaped me. I started at age ten and loved it. Tecumseh humbled me while building my confidence, independence and toughness. It broadened my horizons, teaching me about sports I never played and introducing me to kids from all over the world. It helped me develop a work ethic, giving me a chance to hold jobs (mail crew and kitchen crew) at a young age. And most importantly, I met people that have become life-long friends. Tecumseh is a part of who I am and always will be. I can't wait to give my boys the same opportunity.

Mike, his dad Dick and his son Benjamin recently dined with "Big Jim" Fraser and wife Marty, as the trio caught up on recent events and discussed the possibility of Mr. Fraser leading *up-downs* underneath the Capitol rotunda to open the next Commonwealth legislative session in September 2005.



TECUMSEH TRIVIA QUIZ

By Mary Bee, Tecumseh Legend

In each Blue-Gray Banner, we have a Tecumseh Trivia Quiz where alumni and current Tecumseh family members test their knowledge of Tecumseh history. See how well you know your Tecumseh history and folklore. Answers to this year's trivia quiz can be found in the Alumni section of the Camp Tecumseh web page: www.camptecumseh.net

1. Name the former Tecumseh camper & counselor (now a Trustee) who once wrote a trivia page for the Sunbeam at camp and accidentally misspelled the title of the trivia page "Italian's Triva"
2. What former Tecumseh counselor went on to kick field goals for the Houston Oilers of the National Football League in the late 1970s and early 1980s? (note: the answer is NOT Jim Fraser).
3. Tecumseh legend Al Piper is known for many things including being a standout football player (Villanova University), standout lacrosse player (all state in high school), Senior Basketball League MVP and having more different types of skin rashes while at Tecumseh than any other camper. His numerous skin rashes were the subject of a very funny skit in the Tecumseh Video Sunbeam of 1989. What was the name of the skit that featured Al and his skin rashes?
4. Back in the 1950's, there was a well known camper / counselor who possessed tremendous running speed. One day on Grant Field, a historic race was setup between this person and Director George Munger riding horse back. In front of the entire camp, this person got out to an early lead on the horse but was unable to hold the lead. Name the person who almost beat George Munger and his horse in this legendary race.
5. Tecumseh has always been famous for nicknames. Some nicknames became so common that people did not even know the person's real name. Name the campers or counselors who possessed these nicknames back in the 1970's: Sailboy, Derby, Tex.
6. What famous Tecumseh personality from the late 1970s and early 1980s had two different color eyes?
7. The store on the other side of the Neck Road has been around for countless decades. In the 1960's and 1970's, it was known as McCormack's Store. For the past 20 years, it has been known as Jo-Jo's. For a short period of time in between, the store had a different name. What was the store called after McCormack's Store and before Jo-Jo's?
8. What famous Tecumseh person competed in several Winter Olympics in the Bobsled and what country did he represent?
9. In 1991 and later again in 1996, several counselors got together for a group photo inside the Widdow and mailed it out in the winter in the form of a Christmas card from "The Widdow Club." Three people appeared in both Christmas cards, name them.
10. The Intermediate Tecumseh Boy Award was first given out in 1983. Since then, three campers have won the Junior Tecumseh Boy Award, the Intermediate Tecumseh Boy Award and the Senior Tecumseh Boy Award. Name these three campers.
11. The seven cabins currently on the Junior Campus have been around since 1968. Which of the seven cabins is the newest cabin, having opened up in 1968?
12. What former camper / counselor starred in a movie in the 1990's with Jodie Foster?
13. Name the people in the pictures below.



WHAT WILL THE 2006 REUNION OFFER?

Photos From The 2003 Reunion At Tecumseh



Reunion Basketball Games



Reunion Soccer Games



Opera House Entertainment With Sam



Reunion Softball Games



Reunion Mountain Climbs



Fun With Friends At The Waterfront

CELEBRATING TECUMSEH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY AT CAMP



Group Photo From the August 2003 Reunion in New Hampshire. We hope to see you in the 2006 photo.



Clinic 2005 On Grant Field With Jim Fraser



Performing Iolanthe in 2005, Another G & S Success

ALUMS BUILD A NEW BOATHOUSE

In August 2004, many members of the Tecumseh family put together a new Boathouse at the waterfront. The original boathouse had stood since the 1930's and was essentially beyond repair. A group of volunteers spent a week at the end of the 2004 summer to take down the old boathouse and build a new one. The effort was headed up by Tecumseh alum Dave Preston who drove all the way from Arizona to work on the project. Dave brought with him Tom Banks, a friend from college, to help with the project. Tom had never been to Tecumseh before but did a phenomenal job in putting the new Boathouse in place. Tecumseh would like to thank Dave and Tom for their tremendous work and leadership on this huge project.

Also giving significant help were Richie Allman (alum and trustee), Jim James (alum), Kevin McLemore (alum and father of two Tecumseh campers), Chris and Kevin Dougherty (C-Doc and K-Doc, longtime campers and counselors), Jim Dougherty (father of Chris and Kevin), Charlie Erwin (current senior staff), Lee Allman (alum and trustee), Jim Fraser (the legend), Pete Gillin (current senior staff), Chris Chammings (alum who did the electrical work), Dave McMullin, Sr. (Chairman of the Board), Dave McMullin, Jr. (alum), Brooke McMullin (alum and father of a Tecumseh camper), Jay Crawford (alum and trustee), Peter Stanley (alum and trustee), Blake Stabert (current counselor), Rob Waters (current counselor), Biff Sturla (alum and trustee) and Kalle Blindenbacher (Biff's stepson and camper at Tecumseh).



1) August 4, 2004: Getting ready to tear down the original Boathouse



3) August 8, 2004: Putting together the new Boathouse.



2) August 6, 2004: Starting to tear down the old Boathouse.



4) August 10, 2004: The completed Boathouse which would later get painted.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SOME TECUMSEH BUILDINGS

The following are a few excerpts from a conversation with Neill English, a New Hampshire resident who is an expert in the restoration and preservation of old barns and buildings in the New England area.

The nails used to put on the current roof of the Lodge on the basketball side and the former roof on the tennis court side were put on before 1940. The way that Neill could tell was that all the nails had lead caps that were used to seal the nails and prevent leaking. Because of WW II and the shortage of lead, lead capped nails ceased to be made in 1940. Chestnut wood was used in the top plate (see explanation in "An Update On The Centennial Fund" found on page two) of the Lodge up towards the old post office end of the Lodge that also housed Pinky Shover's old office on the second floor facing the Farmhouse road. Some of the floor was made of maple but mostly oak. The sills of the windows were made of white pine. The cross pieces used for rafters were made from spruce.

Last year, Neill went into the woods on camp's property to cut new spruce rafters to replace the old cracked or dry rotted rafters in the Lodge. Prior to replacing the rafters in the Lodge, Neill took dozens of pictures of each rafter to note the exact position of all the plaques on each rafter. After replacing the rafters, the plaques were all replaced on the new rafters in the exact same position they were in on the old rafters.

As for the barn, the concrete floor of the cow portion of the barn has been poured and completed. A new drainage system is in place to keep the floor dry. New windows for the cow barn are currently being milled to make that portion of the barn weather tight. All of the structural work to strengthen the floor to the former horse portion of the barn has been completed. The floor decking on the first floor - horse portion - is currently being completed. According to Neill, the "finish work" will be completed by February 1, 2006, and the barn should be ready for installation of the indoor climbing wall, once it is approved.

The Lodge, the Barn, the Farmhouse, and the Trunk Room are all between 175 and 200 years of age. At this time, they are in pretty good shape. Because of their age, they need constant care. In six to seven years, the Trunk Room will need repairs totaling approximately \$12,000.

CHANGES ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tecumseh's Board of Trustees are all volunteers. Some trustees are Senior trustees and remain on the Board until the age of 70. Other trustees are term trustees and serve on the Board for three year terms. Older trustees are eligible for the position of Trustee Emeritus. Each year, there are changes to the Board. Tecumseh would like to thank Walter Buckley who is retiring from the Board after over 25 years of service. Walter was a camper and counselor at Tecumseh in the 1950's. New to the Board this year is his son Walter "Bucky" Buckley, Jr. Bucky was a camper for many years in the 1970's. He has a son who was a first year camper at Tecumseh in 2005.

Tecumseh would also like to thank Dick Baruch who has also retired after many years on the Board. Also stepping down after six very valuable years of service is Graham Harkins. Tecumseh would like to recognize his work as well.

Returning to the Board after one year off is Jon Butler, a camper and counselor in the 1960's. Jon is very active in the Pop Warner youth football program in Pennsylvania.

Peter Stanley has moved up to the position of Vice Chairman. Dave McMullin continues as Chairman of the Board. Long time Trustee Lee Allman has been voted in as a Senior Trustee. Lee serves as Secretary of the Board while Bill Hamilton will continue as Treasurer.

Other Trustees include Scott Addis, Richard Allman, Peter Benoliel, Jay Crawford, Dave Delaney, John Gillin, Bob Gray, Sam Griffin, Buddy Haunss, Steve Jannetta, Brooks Keffer, Charlie Kurz, Alan McFarland, Gerry McGinley, Biff Sturla and camp Director Jim Talbot.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI ... DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

Tecumseh is attempting to keep in touch with as many alums as possible. Years ago, Tecumseh did not keep accurate computerized records of where the alumni lived. In recent years, Tecumseh has been able to maintain a much better database of alumni contact information. Unfortunately, younger alums change addresses several times as they get established in the real world. It is difficult for us to keep up with people when they change addresses.

Tecumseh has been working hard to get up to date contact information. Our web page (www.camp Tecumseh.net) now has a link in the Alumni section that enables alums to quickly forward their address, phone number and e-mail address. If you know of people who we do not have contact information for, please go to the Alumni section of the web page and give us their contact information.

As mentioned earlier in this addition of the Blue-Gray Banner, Tecumseh will be holding numerous mid-winter reunions throughout the country. Our plan is to pass along this information by e-mail. If we do not currently have your e-mail address, please go to the Alumni page on our website and send it in. We will post information about the mid-winter reunions on our web site, but we would like to be able to forward information as fast as possible using e-mail. We currently have over 350 alumni in our e-mail database.

For those alums who will be changing their address in the future, or who will be changing their e-mail address, please be sure we have your up-to-date contact information.

WHY TECUMSEH IS WORKING HARD TO CONNECT WITH THE ALUMNI

By Biff Sturla, Tecumseh Trustee

So why are we now working so hard to re-connect with former campers and counselors? Personally, I like hearing from all the people that I knew while at Tecumseh from 1968 - 1992 when I was a camper / counselor / guest soccer instructor. I met tons of people during my many years at Tecumseh and enjoy hearing from them.

Many of the former campers and counselors that I have talked with ask me how they can get involved in helping Tecumseh. I regularly hear from many alums who want to be able to give back to Tecumseh. There are several ways you can give back to Tecumseh. By far the most important way to help Tecumseh is to identify potential campers. Tecumseh alums have a good idea of what type of boy is suited for Tecumseh. You can greatly help us by forwarding the names of potential new campers to Director Jim Talbot. Jim can be reached at camp Tecumseh@comcast.net or 610-275-6634. We are most eager to branch out into different areas of the country for new campers. While southeastern Pennsylvania has been the biggest hotbed for campers, we have expanded into many areas in recent years, including northern New Jersey, Long Island, California and several European countries. But, we need your help in identifying potential campers.

Another way that you can help Tecumseh is by donating to the Blue-Gray Fund. This fund is an endowment to provide financial assistance to needy campers. Each year, a significant number of campers are able to attend camp because of the generous donations made to this fund. Information on giving to this worthy cause can be found on our web site.

Alums who would like to step up and help are encouraged to do so. We appreciate referrals and we appreciate help with the Blue-Gray Fund. But, most of all, we appreciate you staying in the loop. Hopefully we'll see you at the 2006 Reunion in New Hampshire or at one of our mid-winter Regional get togethers.

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