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MANITOU SUMMER NEWS FOR OUR MANITOU FAMILIES

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THE DIRECTORS' CLIPBOARD

The summer has come to a close, and what a successful summer it has been. As we always like to say, it's "been the best summer ever". We all came together as one Manitou family, and it's truly amazing to see, in just a few weeks, friendships were made and strengthened and campers truly embraced new opportunities and self confidence. Our campers have learned so many life lessons: to live in the moment, to appreciate nature and the outdoors and to communicate openly and honestly within a tapestry of respect. This summer will go down in history as one where our first year staff, our new first time staff and our old timers all blended together as mentors, peers and friends to accomplish their goals and our personal objectives for each and every camper. Can't wait to start planning summer 2011!



- Mark & Jeff

CLOSING NIGHT

Packout day is always a bit somber at camp. After all the great moments of the summer, it's finally time to say goodbye to our summer family. But closing night is also a special time at Manitou filled with final memories for all to share. The Senior Leaders worked on the final Banquet with a "country club" theme. After a great Serge meal, we all headed to Main Field for our activity award presentations, including our first ever walking trophy! From there it was into the Theatre for our final 10-year blanket presentations and closing slide-show. We ended it all off by gathering around the flag pole for closing "Camp Is" speeches, the Lokash Award presentation and a final singing of the camp song and lowering of the flag. It's time to start the countdown to 2011!

FINAL SUMMER SHOWS

The final shows of the summer kicked off last Thursday night with the much anticipated Dance show. All of our Dance campers looked stunning on stage as they went through their numbers for the entire camp. No sooner had that ended that we were into the Manitou Show. Junior Theater campers took the stage for the 12th season of the camp spoof. Many of the favorite Activity Heads and Unit Heads were portrayed by campers for the great amusement of all. This year's plot had CIT Coordinator Emily Weizel plotting her way to become the star of the camp play. Her evil plot to kidnap Matt was foiled by a super-team of Activity Heads. After the silliness of the Manitou Show, Friday Night's production was a lot more intense. Senior campers and CITs put on the show that kids have been asking for for years: RENT. With epic songs, great dancing and acting, the show was a huge hit. Congratulations to all of the camper and staff who worked so hard to bring this production to the stage.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD...

One again in 2010, World Games lived up to all the hype of being the granddaddy of all summer programs. From the moment the campers walked down to the riverside to sit in the mud and scream their heads off cheering on their captains and team tug-of-war, we knew again it was going to be a special three days. This year, the teams were representing the countries of South Africa and South Korea. Through openings, closings and dinners, South Africa told the fable of a thunder bull that rode a lightning bolt down to the earth to save it from a devastating drought. South Korea's tale focused on a young woman's quest for love and struggling against the disapproval of her family. Though both sets of productions were memorable, we will also remember the fiercely competitive events. Starting with the track meet and dance off on Sunday, followed by the marathon and cabaret on Monday and finally the Apache Relay on Tuesday, in addition to all of the other team and individual sports along the way, the spirit of competition was truly alive and well, in addition to the importance of spirit and sportsmanship. South Korea came out of the gate strong winning many of the events on opening day. Teams fought to a draw on Monday, with the marathon ending in a tie. On Tuesday, South Africa battled back winning the cabaret and Apache, but it wasn't enough to catch the Koreans who held on for the big win.