



MOOSEPRINTS

YOUR SPECIAL SUMMER RECAP OF ALL THINGS MANITOU



WE'RE ROCKIN' NOW!

Many years ago a young Steven Page and Ed Robertson met on the shores of Lake Manitou-wabing and began to jam. Their partnership would form the foundation of the Barenaked Ladies. This summer, many new partnerships may have been formed as campers flooded the Rock Studio for our new Rock Music program. Under the guidance of Mike Plume, front man for the Mike Plume Band, campers learned to play guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, harmonicas and even a little mandolin. Our rockers may have set the highlight of Visitors Day, especially when Panousis, Lever and Shafir belted out their self-written, hit single "Torn." We might wish that we'd collected some autographs!

FALL 2005

We often joke about how Mark always tells us that each summer was always "the best ever." But for all the jokes, anyone who witnessed the emotion and tears as the flags lowered on 2005, would probably tell you the same thing. Mark says that it's because each summer's success is built upon the foundation of the last, making each summer just a little more impressive than the one before. As you settle back into your yearly routines, take a few moments to remember some of the highlights of 2005 as we all start moving towards 2006.

A PASSAGE TO INDIA

In it's 17-year history, there have been some incredibly close competitions. But for all the close calls over the years, perhaps none had been more contested than Romania and India's battle in 2005. Both teams put on sterling opening and closing presentations and team dinners. Both battled hard in events from Track & Field, Marathon and Apache Relay to the Dance Off and Cabaret. We will never forget the dinner we ate in a spooky vampire castle with secret passages and haunted chandeliers, nor the quiet serenity of the babbling brook running through the glade at India's closing. Congratulations to both teams for making World Games THE grand finale of the summer.

JAILBREAK! Video KITE DAY

It's never a good scene when you get shady characters such as Dr. Evil, Captain Hook, Cruella DeVil, and Darth Vader hanging out in the same place. And when all four bust out of jail together, one might expect trouble. With the help of the CITs however, we turned this ugly episode into one of the greatest parties of the summer complete with food, drink and carnival games and prizes. Darth Vader's welcome back at camp anytime.

It's be hard to argue that the most exciting addition to 2005 was anything other than our Video program. Our second session campers were wrapped up in all kinds of filming, editing and special effects production with our video pro Karen Shopsowitz. It all led up to our first ever Film Festival Finale in the final week of camp, where 12 video shorts entertained and delighted campers and staff. Video will be back again in 2006 for another 2nd session EXCLUSIVE!

The winds were blowing and the sun was shining on our final Thursday morning and the Freshkids and Sophomores took to the skies to fly kites that they had constructed and painted themselves. It was a beautiful sight to see the sky over main field dotted with dozens of kites painted in so many colours. Despite a few tangles, it was an impressive event that we're sure will return to main field soon.

CAMP FAVOURITES THUNDER BACK

What would a summer be without the favourite camp-wide events? We started of another great schedule this year with Stock Ticker. Though about ½ the companies listed on the Manitou Stock Exchange were bankrupt by the end of the night, campers certainly made plenty of cash on the game in the quest that their cabin would be the grand prize winner. Soon after, the camp took to Main Field for another Manitou Carnival, complete with music show

Manipalooza . The games, food, prizes and mammoth inflatables were all fantastic, but not as impressive as our campers and staff rocking out on stage. If the Carnival party left something to be desired, then the newly named Vegas Night must have certainly fit the bill, with the excitement of the games, only matched by the yummy snacks. Campers could also escape to the Lounge for VIP treatment from CITs. But to top it off, Vegas night saw the return of Manitou Idol, with top contestants

battling on stage for this year's crown. For sheer spectacle, nothing will top 2nd session's Halloween night. With campers flocking to main field in full costume and trick-or-treating, followed by a huge costume dance, it's always a night to remember. This year's event was

especially memorable thanks to the boys in B-15 and their haunted house. We're told Mark Diamond is still hearing noises in his basement.

CANOE BUILDERS

There is a certain magic and grace that comes with paddling a canoe on the waters of a Northern Ontario lake. But imagine how it would feel if you'd actually built that canoe yourself? Several campers had that experience first session at camp as they collected birch bark and learnt to bend cedar strips in order to construct our very own birch bark canoe. It was truly a beautiful scene as the whole camp watched Mark and Jeff paddle out for the first voyage on a sunny Thursday morning.

Fantastic FreshKids

It's a special experience trying out camp for the first time. And for dozens of Freshkids, 2005 marked their first ever taste of a sleepover camp experience. But the Freshkids left plenty of marks on Manitou this summer too. Events like FreshDay brought the unit into the centre of attention, including the unveiling of our brand new FreshZone behind the office. This summer also saw special events such as the FreshLympics and "Get Dermott Day." There was so much fun, that 2nd session, every single 2-week camper stayed on for 3! We're looking forward to seeing the whole crew back next summer!

SENIOR SURVIVOR

From the producers of Fear Factor and G.I. Jane came a whole new camper challenge. In second session, Senior campers participated in the first ever edition of Senior Survivor, a game devised to test athletic skill, wit and cunning. But this wasn't your mother's Thursday night CBS experience! Over 100 campers were divided onto 8 tribes, and not a single one was eliminated until all of the challenges were completed. Instead, tribes earned stones for victories in each of their challenges. The tribes with the most stones held the advantage in Tribal Council voting and when eliminated, a tribe would pass off their stones to another, shifting the balance of power. When the dust cleared it was Chippewa that had convinced the jury that they were the most worthy of victory.

Proud Pirates

As the sun rose over the black flag of the Jolly Rodger, we knew that something was amiss. When The Black Pearl appeared in the dining hall and hoards of Sophomore campers ran through camp wearing eye patches and screaming "Y' arrrr!" as their battle cry, we knew that Pirate week had arrived. Treasure hunts, traders markets and a "walk the plank" luau marked an exciting week for all sophomores now ready to set sail on the seven seas.

QUICK HITS

It all started with the Late Show starring Mike and Matt before the flags were raised on the first night of camp.

The annual Breakfast at Wimbledon tennis tournament was a hit, but Jeff Wilson may still be bitter about his loss to Mark Diamond.

Campers got the star treatment at Basketball when they took part in the NBA All-Star weekend.

A new King and Queen of the Court were crowned at Volleyball after an exciting tournament.

Visual Arts campers were out on the prowl and produced our first ever graffiti wall.

Word workers crafted their own hobby cars for a "cub-car" style rally.

Investigation was everything at Photography when campers were sent out on assignment for C.S.I. Day.

Does anyone really know who Dale Even is? Even if not, his Ropes/Climbing Challenge was a huge success.

Mike Ford of Moxy Fruvous was back for another rocking day to jam with our Guitar and Rock campers.

Who says Santa only comes once a year? This summer, Santa popped by in July for a visit and had campers and staff sitting in his sleigh.

Camp Zodiac arrived for another great weekend in August made possible by our Activity Staff and Senior Leadership campers.

You would have never believed how much fun you could have in a tunnel until Tunnel Day happened at Guitar.

It was a huge season for great canoe trips including themed trips for Yoga, Martial Arts, Eco Adventure and perhaps the most bizarre of all, the Guitar/Art Prank Trip, otherwise known as Guitart.

The M.O.M.A. Lunch (Museum of Manitou Art) left many awed and inspired by the level of talent on display from our campers and staff.

Soccer players were world class when they stepped up to compete in the World Cup of Manitou Tournament.

The Apocalypse was back at Wrestlemania to capture the world heavyweight championship, but proved to be no match for Jeff Wilson fiddling with the sound system.

The end of sessions were particularly memorable because of our New York New York and Return of the NHL Banquets.

Community Week 3

A nice way to wind down the season is getting our campers and staff to think about others and how they can give back to the community. Different programs come up with ways they could impact others around them. Programs like Dance, Theatre and Guitar did their annual road trip to Parry Sound where they performed at a local seniors home and hospital. Eco campers pitched in by doing a clean-up around camp and on the waterfront. Other activities ran events to raise money for Habitat for Humanity, including our annual 24-hour Radio marathon. Roland challenged his campers to a soccer bouncing competition at flagpole, while the Tennis staff sacrificed their bodies for "Hit the Pro" day where money was donated for each pro hit with a tennis serve. A number of campers showed some creativity in organizing a hand-stand walk to raise funds as well. Of course, not every part of community week was a planned event. Many cabins took part in our Random Acts of Kindness program to give back to others around them as well.

EXCITING E.P.s

Give the Units credit for coming up with some of the most entertaining and creative Evening Programs we've seen in some time. Of course the camp favourites such as Mr. & Mrs. Manitou, Paint Your Counselor and Airbands were all repeated, but there were some exciting new additions as well. Who will forget Justin and Chris eating cayenne pepper pudding tarts to introduce their Food Games. While the boys were eating, Becky and Mel were cooking up some fun for the junior and senior girls in memorable events such as the Anti-Pageant Pageant and the G.I. Jane competition. The Seniors added some epic dodgeball tournaments, while the Juniors celebrated a Christmukkah party in July, and embarked on a nail biting murder mystery in August. The Sophomores were all about the auctions, including the Staff Art Auction and later, the annual Soph Points Auction. The Freshkids weren't going to be outdone. Their gingerbread house baking and Fresh Singsong-Smoothie Picnic were also highlights.

HEATWAVE!!! Theatre Spotlight

If you had only one word to describe 2005, the word would be HOT! Talk about high temperatures! With heat hitting mid-thirties most days in July (that's low 90's for our U.S. friends), even the lake was not so refreshing anymore, but Kirsten and the swim staff were still the most popular crew in camp. Big thanks to all the staff that powered through the heat to make those blistering days so incredible. A cooler fall will now be much more welcome.

AUSSIE INVASION

Manitou has always taken pride in brining in staff from all over the world. Just this season, we had staff from England, Germany, India, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Spain and the US, but perhaps the most impactful was our crew from Australia. Our gang of six from "down under" took camp by storm this year, teaching Kookaburra calls and feeding the head staff Vegemite (YUK!). And who could forget Aussie Day, filled with Australian vocabulary and songs? This international group combined with campers from Bermuda, China, England, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, Russia, Spain, Switzerland and the US so that in total 18 countries were represented this summer.

Intercamp Fun

It's always a blast seeing our campers compete with teams from other camps in the tradition of spirit and sportsmanship. This summer, Manitou competed with Winnebago and Tamakwa in home and away events. Teams in action included Archery, Ball/Inline Hockey, Basketball, Climbing, Football, Improv, Sailing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball. Congratulations to all of our competitors and coaches who made this summer's competitions so exciting and memorable.

The theatre season once again lived up to it's hype, which wasn't easy in a hot theatre on many nights. Fortunately, the very first production whisked us somewhere over the rainbow for the Wizard of Oz, later that session, it was on the road again, this time to Oklahoma. We also went to Hollywood that night for A Night at the Movies Dance Show. First session wrapped up with the classic Grease. Second session brought something a little darker in The Nightmare Before Christmas followed by the traditional installment of the Manitou Show entitled www.manitou_seven.com which came along with the dance show Old School. Finally a spectacular production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat rounded out the season.

You got that SDRAWKCAB!

Or maybe BACKWARDS? *Flagpole before a breakfast of spaghetti? O.A. and M.H.L to start the day? A dinner of hard boiled eggs and muffins? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?* Those were but a few of the questions muttered by campers and staff when a whole day's schedule went in reverse for Backwards Day. As much fun as it was to play with the regular routines, we now know some things just don't belong at breakfast!

HEAD SHOULDERS KNEES & TOES

No one knew much about Sloppy Joe when they were woken up at 11 PM for this year's Tribal Games break, but it didn't take long for the entire camp to erupt into cheering for his Brains, Bones, Muscles and Heart as four teams tried hard to whip him back into shape. Even the World Health organization arrived on the scene trying to discover which parts of the body would be more important to Joe's Survival. After a day of rigorous challenges and spirited competition, the Heart proved to be the winning component, and Sloppy Joe was well on his way to recovery.

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