

THE FIREFLY

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Happy Birthday Chimney!

Chimney celebrated its 75th anniversary last night with a waterfront birthday party and a huge fireworks display.

There was limbo, hula-hooping, a campfire, pin-the-clothing-on-the-chimney-girl, musical chairs and dancing.

The Invaders stormed the party with an truck full of ice-cream.

Once it got dark, the surprise fireworks display started.

Happy Birthday Chimney!

Fireworks on the waterfront last night - the display was a surprise to campers.

A tearful goodbye at Candlelight

Wednesday night's Candlelight ceremony was a full of tears, laughter, and microphone problems.

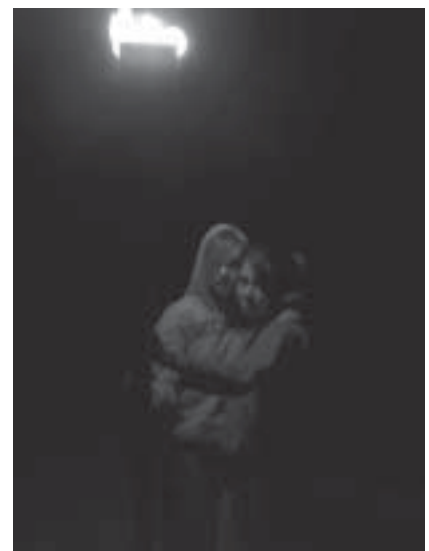
Campers Eliza Bessone, Chloe Papier and Campbell Hart spoke on behalf of their units, and Casey Baginski spoke for the Invaders.

"Sometimes I wish everything would slow down just for a minute, so I could write it all down," said Eliza for Chimney moments.

Casey Baginski spoke of true love, and taking shorter showers just so she wouldn't miss moments with her girls.

Lily Cosgrove, Sarah Holmes, Donna Lovelock, Diana Gonzalez, and Steph Finn spoke for their staff groups, and Shannon closed the speeches.

Invaders Casey and Anya at Wednesday's Candlelight



Chimney News

All Drama at Chimney

By Sara Mestre

On Sunday it was a special day in CCC.

Anthony was showing to everyone in the camp the drama performance with Drama 2 and Drama 1.

The first show was some animals and the second one it was the Spider Gift and at the end of the show some people were asking many questions and the drama performance said thank you to Anthony, Shannon, Emily, Michelle and all the people working for stage crew and drama.



Chimney Love, By Maddie Miller

Campfire, songs, and Fruitfuls too
Talent shows, Song 'n' Sign. Loosing your
shoe

Activities. Friends, counselors, and hives
Laughter, Moms, aides on their bikes
How will my parents ever see,
That Chimney is my favorite place to be.

A Weekend for Moms

By Maddie Miller

Wow! Who would have thought that Mom's Weekend would come and go so quickly!

I know I had a great time doing activities, swimming, and just hanging out with my Mom, and here are some other who did too...

"My favorite part of Moms' Weekend was the family day" – Ali Mehiel

"My favorite part of Moms' Weekend was going to Becket to visit my Dad and brother" – Maddie Miller

"My favorite part of Moms' Weekend was sleeping in the tent!" – Orian Painter

"My favorite part of Moms' Weekend was the raffle and doing activities with my Mom" – Sara Mestre

Lots of people had fun with their Moms. I know I did!

The Musical for 75th anniversary of CCC

By Sara Mestre

Tuesday night, it was the very important evening activity in camp - everyone was here.

It was the musical called From There to Here which celebrated the 75th anniversary of Chimney Corners Camp.

It was the story of Shannon's dream; it was the whole camp's history starting 1931.

It was very good.

I say thank you to Shannon, Kate, Anthony, Matty and the Stage Crew who made the musical good for everyone.



and other chimney things...

Kindness Is...

By Jordyn Iger

Simply being good of heart
A delicate yet rewarding art.
In kind world, we would all be glad
That selfishness is not to be had.

Helping others, not as a chore
Sadly, some have never done so before.
Nuh it's never good to bear kindness forward
When only expecting some good reward.

Minor things can mean quite a bit
Like standing up so an elder can sit.
Or taking time to comfort a grieving friend
May help to bring their sadness to an end.

Mean words, like fire, spread far and fast.
Give thoughts to your actions, their meanings will last.
When you show others that you care,
You'll help spread kindness everywhere.

Kindness is just being good of heart
A most delicate yet rewarding art.
But it's never good to bear kindness forward
When only expecting some good reward.

For the Gang

By Maddie Miller

It's the last week of camp, and you may be thinking, is there anything I want to tell my cabin? I know these people do!

Hey Terabithia! I love you guys so much and I'm gonna miss you all. Do you want fries with that?! Luff ya!! – Maddie Miller

Terabithia! Ahh, lots of love, real good times!! Love you all forever! Hi my name's Glen I work at Burger King, do you want fries with that? Love Tyla.

Atlantis – you're the best crew. I'll always love you! Love, Cristi

Celeste, dudes! I love you guys soooo much. You are like my highlight of the session. So like yeah... like it's been fun... yeah – Bobby

Galactia '06 – yeah, we rock. Good times in school, our 'chats', shaving parties, I love you guys so much! Jiggity-Jigg! Love, Grace.

Emerald City – I love you guys! You are the best and this session is amazing! You're do super-fly! Mwah! – Kate Rich

Firefly Poll: What Activity Do Like Best?

By Maddie Couture and Averill Clapp

Outdoor Cooking, 11 people
Dance, 8 people
Archery, 6 people
Alternative PC, 5 people

Word Scramble

Unscramble Ali and Averill's camp words!

Answers on the last page.

1. Rfyifile -----
2. Ewrbtlaote -----
3. Stvictaei -----
4. Smlea -----
5. Tworneftra -----
6. Ingsolgmn -----

Camp's Little Lessons

By Jordyn Iger

- Do your best to teach your cabin mates about courage. They'll need it in order to brave the darkness to get to the light of the washhouse.
- Never speak unless spoken to. Otherwise you could invade people's privacy.
- Never buy Chimney Corners staff water bottle. What could happen if people think you work here?
- Make a lot of friends outside your cabin. Staying with the same people all the time causes boredom and lack of excuses.
- Never be terrified of your instructors, you never know when they have a day off and substitutes come – they tend to be overprotective since they don't know you very well.
- Try not to picture random thoughts during cabin chat. When one person starts laughing, the rest of the cabin starts laughing and the counselors get really mad.
- Be careful about what you shout between 10.30 and 12.00 at night. What happens when OD hears you shouting inappropriate things in your cabin?
- If there's a big line for Fruitfuls, don't bother. Either many flavors will run out or stalkers may be among the waiting crowd.
- Avoid hyper cabin mates. They may question you about the stupidest things in the world and do the stupidest things in the world.
- Talking about cereal killers makes people hungry.
- Getting lost in the dark on the way back from the washhouse is one of the best ways to make friends.
- If you find a frog in your washhouse, do not under any circumstances set it free. Frogs eat bugs; that's why it lives in your washhouse.
- It's not a good idea to make fun of people's accents, other people might think you mean something else.
- When in doubt, go jump in the lake.
- Learn to tune yourself apart from the rest of the world. This skill might be useful when trying to relax during siesta, while the rest of the cabin is having a fiesta.
- Do not attempt to steal other people's popsicles. "Hey, what's that on your shirt?"
- Keep your pants under control. They tend to fly off completely unexpectedly.
- Keep your crazy creek closed, especially when sitting on a hill. Don't think it would be much fun to break your bum.
- To prevent trespassing into the wrong cabin, remember the location of your own cabin from the washhouse. Who wants stranded guests in the middle of the night?
- Never eat too much for lunch – you won't have enough room for siesta candy!
- There goes the bell again – you better not be late for lunch!

Firefly Poll: What's your favorite type of Fruitful?

By Averill Clapp

Banana – 4

Lemon – 4

Strawberries and cream – 3

Coconut – 3

Lime – 3

Green Tea Melon – 1

Mangoes and cream – 1

Peaches and cream – 1

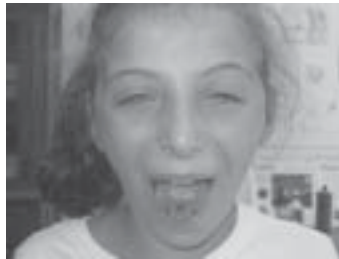
Chimney Campers' Amazing and Weird Talents

By Orian Painter and Maddie Couture



Maddie's Marvelous Tongue: "Yummy."

Zoe's Zany Fingers
"Now if I could just get my fingers out of this position."



Zoe's Zapping Clover: "Maybe if I made one more leaf I could get lucky."

Lauren and Allie's Amazing No Hand Balancing Act
"I could stay here my whole life...",
"Me too - not!"



Short Story: Fred

By Orian Painter

"Mal! Mallory Rose Jenkins wake up right now! Come on, I really have to go so bad."

I opened my eyes.

"What's going on?" I mumbled. "Is there a fire?"

"No. But there will be one in my pants if you don't take me to the washhouse right now!"

"Okay, fine."

I got up and walked to the bright light of the washhouse, and Cally locked herself in a stall.

I heard a rustling noise from the bushes outside; I slowly opened the door...

"Don't leave without me!" shouted Cally.

"I won't" I said.

I was outside by now and the rustling was louder - oh my God, I thought, what if it was a snake or a bear!

Be brave, I thought to myself.

I lifted the bush and there was a little baby bird trying to fly to its nest on the branch above.

I picked it up and put it where it belonged.

"Ready, Cally?" I asked.

Short Story: Coconut the Monkey

By Ali Mehiel

Once there was a monkey named coconut.

No-one ever really talked to him because he absolutely hated bananas.

Since no-one liked him, he decided to run away. He walked miles and miles 'til finally he came to a small village, where he met a little girl.

She took him in and fed him, found a bed for him and played for many months.

But one day she had to go to camp.

He was so afraid she would get hurt, so he sneaked into her trunk and rode to camp with her.

It was a really long trip, but they finally got there. When she opened the trunk and found her monkey she was surprised.

They did everything together.

But when the time came to go, the monkey didn't want to leave so he stayed, and every summer the girl would go to camp and see the monkey.