

SEEN AND HEARD

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THE CAMP OF KNOWN DELIGHT



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July 4th Carnival Review

By Charles Poff-Webster

The 4th of July festival this year was a big success. With 15 different booths of varying difficulty, it was one of the best festivals I have seen. With two activities hosted by each village, an activity hosted by the Service Corps, one activity by the Aides, and four classic stations by the program staff.

Even though every activity was great, I'd like to share my top three, which go to Frontier Village, the Service Corps, and the Aides. This year, Frontier without a doubt came in with the gold medal. They made a great version of dodgeball where the goal of the game was to fight for America's liberty by getting all the counselors "out". I don't think anybody beat all the counselors. The Service Corps along with their Corn Hole get the silver medal. This was a very creative game that was different and fun from the regular July 4th booths. The goal of the game was to make seven points by throwing a beanie bag onto a wooden board. If the bag stayed on the board you got one point and if it went through the hole, you got three. This was a very creative game that most of us enjoyed.

Last but not least, the bronze medal goes to the Aides with a classic obstacle course. Save the Princess was awesome and probably one of the most brutal games at the carnival. At one point, you get stopped by an Aide with a mattress which was actually a lot more fun than I thought it would be.

These top three activities are of course my own opinion, and I'm certain everyone had their own top choices. Overall the 4th of July festival was a big success. All the games this year were very well made and while some were new and creative others were old classics like the car-wash and the dunk-tank. I hope everyone enjoyed the carnival as much as I did. Thank you to all the Becket staff for making this day great.



Coming Up Wednesday
TANGLEWOOD EAST



Coming Up Friday
DADS' WEEKEND!

This Week's Birthdays

Sunday: Myles Cameron, Aaron Haber, Ben Miller -Schmidt, Camden Parker

Tuesday: Connor Crane, Owen Feil,

Thursday: Matthew Corwin

Saturday: Delaine Driscoll, Kyle Glavey-Weiss, Linda Piraino

Fun Sports Facts! *By Ben Wisdom.*

- Bank robber John Dillinger was a professional baseball player.
- NERF doesn't stand for anything.
- The theme song for the Harlem Globe Trotters is sweet Georgia Brown.
- In a 100 yard race, Jesse Owens beat a race horse, and the horse was given a head start.
- In America, more frisbees are sold than baseballs, basketballs and footballs. I wonder if we sell more frisbees at Becket than 4-square balls?

INTERVIEW CORNER BY NOAH SIMON
 Highlighting Liam O'Connor on Construction



Liam O'Connor is a Ranger camper in Cabin Acadia, a construction cabin. Construction cabin is a special program for campers going into ninth grade.

This year the construction cabin is building a new cabin Crockett in Pioneer Village. Iroquois already has all new cabins and Liam, a camper working on Crockett, believes construction cabins should continue to build new cabins for every village. Liam said that construction is awesome and that their cabin gets along very well, resulting in efficiency.

Currently, the first wall is up and by the end of the session, all the walls and the roof should be up. Usually the cabin will split into two groups. One group cuts wood and the other puts it in place.

Liam explains that construction isn't "hard", but concentration is key and if you don't have focus, then you won't do well in construction. Liam told me that it feels incredible that he's able to contribute to the camp in such an amazing way. He really believes that the construction cabin is making camp better.



ASK KAFUCHE

Q: Dear Kafuche,
 I'm thinking of being an Aide next year. When did that program start and how do I find out more about it?

-Ranger Camper

A: Hello fellow Ranger,
 What a fantastic idea! A wonderful "camper to staff" transition. I hope you go for it. The Aides program was tested out in 1951, and in 1952, it was officially introduced into camp life. And guess what? The first Aides director was our present Woodshop Director's grandfather, Rusty Irons (or more affectionately known as Doc Irons). I'd speak to some of this year's outstanding group of Aides for more insight. Good luck!

- Amici, K

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SIESTA PUZZLER

WALK ABOUT DAY BY JONAH SCHER:

On Wednesday the camp set out for Walk-about day. This year they did something new. When you found a Village Director or another member of the Ad Staff, they would give you a sticker. The cabin in each village that collected the most stickers would get to sleep in and have breakfast in bed delivered.

We got to see places and things that one might have thought were not real. Some cabins walked for at least five or six miles. A popular place to visit was the *Enchanted forest*, which is very nice. Another popular place was *Sunny Banks*.

Walk-about day is a great time at Becket to bond with your new friends and learn more about them. Another thing that people do is sing a lot. It is definitely one of the best days at Becket.

A somewhat literal description of the game "wah".
 By Alex Yoon





PICTURES OF THE WEEK:



This week's Becket Mysteries *By Jamie Crook*

The Upper Automat:

This week, as a follow-up to last week's article, I'm interviewing three pioneer Counselors about the Upper Automat.

Julian, AC for Cabin Cody said: *"I love the upper automat because of all the sweet hot-tubs and general swimming opportunities".*

Drew, Counselor for Cabin Cody said: *"I do like the hot-tub filled with chocolate pudding, but I don't like it filled with vanilla pudding. I love the x-boxes made of sushi".*

Cam, AC for Cabin Glenn said: *"My favorite part is the security code you need to get in."*

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Near and Far:

In 1914, campers came from seven states, and sixty towns. The camper who traveled the farthest came from Philadelphia, PA.

In 1919, this grew to 10 states, 84 cities and towns. 220 boys attended camp. Fort Wayne, IN was the most distant home town.

These days, we have campers and staff members who come from all over the entire globe. Nearly 100 years on, the 2011 Becket summer consists of folks from Venezuela to Mexico, England to Australia, New Zealand to South Africa.



This week's Seen and Heard is brought to you by: Alex Yoon (Iroquois), Jamie Crook (Pioneer), Jonah Scher (Pioneer), Ben Wisdom (Ranger), Noah Simon (Ranger), Charles Poff-Webster (Ranger), and Jeannie Lee



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