

# SEEN AND HEARD

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THE CAMP OF KNOWN DELIGHT

Fall 2011

## Becket finishes 108<sup>th</sup> Season and is already planning for next summer!

Greetings from the Berkshires,

One of the things I like most about autumn is that it marks the beginning of my travels to see many campers, staff and alumni. Upon visiting there is one consistent thing that everyone is feeling. After camp we all settle back into our daily routines of school, work, practices, and rehearsals. This soon becomes exactly that, routine.

When we have settled in and realize that it is eight or nine months until we get to go back to the beautiful Berkshire hills to sit beside Rudd Pond, all of a sudden there is a need for a Becket connection. These connections take place in all different ways. Some of you have LIT or TSP reunions, cabins will create a facebook group, and some of us connect by putting on our Becket t-shirt or hoody and know that we are not the only one wearing it that day.

One of the many things we have learned at Becket is when we are faced with a difficult situation we need to work together to accomplish the goal. In the upcoming months when you leave the house in the morning think, "Do I represent the Becket Way outside of camp?" If we all do this, the inspired feeling of camp will glow inside us, and we will know that there are many other members of Our Loyal Band making our local communities better. Find every opportunity to see other members of camp, whether it is at the Boston or New York reunions, at a home visit in your area, or by connecting with a cabin mate through a letter or text. There is also a comfort in knowing that we will all be united on New Year's Eve when we light our candlelight candle.

Finally when the Becketite comes out during the winter, sit around and remember all the wonderful times we had together this past summer.

I look forward to seeing you on Opening Day 2012!  
Until then keep living the Becket Way.

Amici,



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## FALL CONTEST!

We want you to tell us when you think Rudd Pond will **freeze over**. Send Dan an email ([dberg@bccymca.org](mailto:dberg@bccymca.org)) and tell him your **name** and the **month** and **day** you think the pond will be covered in ice.

We will email back the winner and let everyone know in our spring edition of the *Seen and Heard*.

Oh and did we mention the **winner** will be the first to own a 2012 **Ultimate Disc** and **Water Bottle**!

Help The Other Fellow

Do Your Best



## ASK KAFUCHE

Q: Dear Kafuche,  
Over the Summer my friend and me swam to the 440's with our Counselor and got our purple tags. I've been thinking though, why are the rocks called the 440's?

- Frontier Camper

A: Hi Frontier Guy,  
That's a really great question. We are a little foggy on the whole story, what we have heard is that the 440's are a pile of rocks left over from the construction of a man made road. The name comes from the fact that it is located 440 yards from the Frontier flagpole.

We will try to get Program Director, Dan Berg out in a boat and measure the distance and see if this is fact or legend. Find out in the Spring issue of the Seen and Heard

Hope this helps!

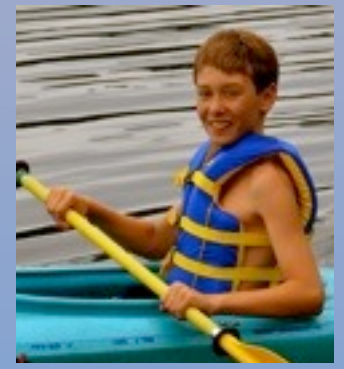
- Amici K

If you have a question you want to ask Kafuche , send him a letter at:

Kafuche  
Camp Becket - Woods  
748 Hamilton Road  
Becket, MA 01223

# SUMMER - 2011

*...and now the summer days have found me ...* And Becket is all around me, I'm on a spree, Becket's for me.



## **CAMP HISTORY: Did you know?**

**Becketites have lived in various buildings and groups for over one hundred years...**

The first Becketites in 1903 lived in tents a part of a group around main camp (present location of Frontier Village), in 1939 the first cabins were built to replace tent houses. Later, campers were divided into three groups from youngest to oldest. They were; Abanaki Village, Junior-Middler, and Seniors. The cabins were still at this time only identified by numbers. In 1956 however the three groups were split into four and renamed as Iroquois Village, Pioneer Village, Frontier Village, and Ranger Village. At this time the cabins were given names as well.

In 1957 Becket's 8<sup>th</sup> director, Vern Harper, brought a passion and knowledge for camping and tripping programs and added a fifth Village, Explorer Village. It was created on the far side of Gibson cove. Explorer Village gave older campers trips that surpassed everything they had done previously in camp. Campers would only come back to main camp for the noon meal and chapel on Sundays. With a renewed focus on camp programming. Explorer Village was pulled back into Ranger village in 1962.



## **Taking Home Becket: Words from Candlelight**

"I, along with every person here holding up the flame of Becket, will venture outwards, upright, carrying the purpose, driven by the momentum, with the knowledge that we are all bearers of an ideal that will never go out."  
Luke Alpert

"One of the most difficult steps towards momentum is the starting point. After that, it's what separates a small success from a large movement."  
Brian Sobel

"Becket is a special type of school, and instead of teaching math and science, it teaches us something much more valuable. It teaches us how to live correctly, how to enjoy every waking moment, and how to feel thankful for the time that we have been given." Dan Gold

# **Bison NEWS**



**We had such a fantastic summer that many people have already signed up to be back at camp next summer.**

**Don't wait to sign up for camp next summer we are already over 75% full for 2012. This is ahead of previous years!**

## **CABIN CROCKETT - UPDATE**

Both first and second sessions construction cabins had a great undertaking in building the first of the new Pioneer cabins. Their efforts over the summer along with their counselors and construction foreman left Crockett in great shape at the end of camp. Since the end of camp the maintenance staff have put in the windows and doors, shingled the roof and started the wavy pine siding. During the winter they will continue to put up the interior walls, floor, and build bunks and cubbies. Check our facebook page for more photos and for updates throughout the year.

Mark your calendar now and make sure to see us (and many of your camp friends) at our **Boston** and **New York Reunions!** We will have giveaways, singing, and a slideshow of this past summer.



If you still **need your camp fix** make sure to check out **Winter Camp**. Like summer camp but in the snow! Be part of a cabin group, and participate in winter and traditional activities, cabin chats, and a ski/snowboard trip. Check [www.bccymca.org](http://www.bccymca.org) for more info.

**BOSTON REUNION**  
Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
  
Held at the:  
Newton Marriott  
  
2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA

**NEWYORK REUNION**  
  
Details coming soon!  
  
Our New York Reunion will be held in March.  
  
*Make sure to check out our website, facebook page, and look for a mailing with location and date.*

### *Myths & Legends of Becket*

We are in the process of collecting the stories of Becket's myths & legends. In the coming year we will begin asking for stories about the One Armed Breakman, Kafuche, The Enchanted Forest, Explorer Village, La La Lady, and others. Illustrations will be done by Camp Alumnus, Brad Alston.



In this edition of the Seen And Heard we are asking you the reader to submit your story about the **Kafuche**. Submissions can be made by mail, email, or our facebook discussion at [facebook.com/campbecketymca](https://facebook.com/campbecketymca)

Tell us your story of the Kafuche, who is he, what is he, and what he's all about.

Cut out this corner of the Seen and Heard and mail it back to camp with your ideas or email Dan Berg at [dberg@bccymca.org](mailto:dberg@bccymca.org)



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*Each For All - All For Each*

*Play The Game*