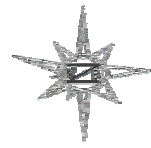




Nani-Ba-Zhu Highlights



Greetings Fellow NBZer's,

The NBZ Committee would like to take a moment to thank the summer and executive staff for another season of a successfully run honors program. While we sit in our air conditioned homes, the staff battles the bugs and elements to make opportunities for every camper. With growing numbers and interest in living the dreams of summer camp through the alumni association, we are pleased to announce our first ever annual Ride for Kids Event. This bike ride will take you through the scenic area of East Troy and surrounding communities. All proceeds from this ride will go to our future at Camp... the campers! So join us on June 16, 2012 and ride or just enjoy activities at Camp Edwards. If you have any questions on this event, or need to update your contact information, please contact the NBZ Member Chair at nbzmemberchair@gmail.com. Also check out our Facebook page, Camp Edwards NBZ. The NBZ Committee wishes you the best this holiday season and hopes you will visit us again soon!

Ashton Lucas
NBZ Membership Chair

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Faces
Program Staff

Name: Brandon Bowey
From: Princeton, WI
School/Degree: UW Stevens Point, Wildlife Ecology, Wildlife Education; Biology minor
Favorite Sandwich: bologna crunch
Personal Statement:
"My favorite part of Environmental Education is sharing my passion for the natural world and teaching people the hidden traits that make the world amazing!"

Name: Katie Rodger
From: Madison, WI
School/Degree: UW La Crosse, Therapeutic Recreation; Psychology minor
Favorite Sandwich: Grilled Cheese
Personal Statement:
"I have always loved everything that camp has to offer, and I am excited to be back working in the camp setting"

Name: Alvin Lawrence
From: Long Beach, CA
School/Degree: Golden West College, Emergency Medical Dispatching, and holds certifications in EMT and Fire Science
Favorite Sandwich: Philly cheese steak
Personal Statement:
"I love making a difference in kids' lives... I am excited to be a part of the Camp Edwards family (for another season!)"

Name: Kaity Hey
From: Bardstown, KY
School/Degree: Lee University (Cleveland, Tennessee), Physical Education/Outdoor Recreation
Favorite Sandwich: meatball sub
Personal Statement:
"I enjoy golf, camping, ultimate Frisbee, ice cream, and college basketball! My dream is to one day run an outdoor leadership training school."



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Arrowhead

Edwards YMCA Camp & Retreat Center
A Branch of the Prairie Valley Family YMCA

Greetings from Camp Edwards!!



A beautiful Indian summer has descended over Southeast Wisconsin giving us all a reminder of the past summer. However, as the leaves begin to change, apple picking is replaced with pumpkins, and the sun peeks through clouds instead of shining high in the sky, camp starts to look forward to the new season and hopes for another successful summer in 2012.

With the challenges of an economy still in flux, we plowed full steam ahead this past summer serving 976 campers in our resident program and 187 in our day camp operation. We are always mindful of the challenges facing many of our families and are committed to maintaining a solid program at an affordable price. Although the memories our campers take with them remain priceless.

We continue carrying on family traditions at Camp Edwards. We thank all of you for keeping camp relevant and prosperous through the opportunity to allow us to work with your children, your volunteer hours, and financial contributions to our Friends Drive that help us provide scholarships for those in need and facility improvements for all.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon. Have a great fall and prosperous New Year.

In the Spirit of Camping,
Jody Heimos, Executive Director



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Facility Improvements / Friends Drive

Through generous contributions and certain mandates, camp had a transitional summer of improvements. First, we would like to thank all of those who helped us to reach our Friends Drive goal for the first time in over 7 years. Camp staff and volunteers managed to raise \$60,000 that funded scholarships and afforded us to complete our climbing wall updates, high ropes course and zip line. The entire high ropes course and zip was completed by the second session and we were able to put all campers who wanted, down the zip line for the first time.

Campers were also greeted this year with a new cabin design that eliminated the three tier bunk beds and reduced cabin sizes to 8 campers in the majority of our cabins in the main camp area, increasing the camper to cabin leader ratio. To make up the lost capacity, camp invested in a new yurt and renovated the upper level of Edwards Lodge. Campers seemed to welcome the new digs and enjoyed the camaraderie the accommodations provided.

For next year, we will be raising funds for scholarships and new furniture and carpeting for Runge Lodge and the Micklewright Loft.

We thank you in advance for helping us reach our goal.



Chef's Corner

Thanksgiving is a holiday that brings with it the perfect time for families and friends to gather and give thanks to the Almighty for all that He has done for our good throughout the year. At this time families share some time together, share some food, and also spend some time catching up with each other if they traveled far and have been away, thusly giving a chance to create further memories for the future.

One memory I would like to share with everyone at camp is a Thanksgiving about 30 years ago when my father decided he would teach my sister Laura and I how to help out by preparing the Thanksgiving turkey. Dad always prided himself in his cooking abilities and we spent a wonderful morning together, with dad doing most of the work, to accomplish this very large and important task.

As the events of the day took place, we boasted to friends and relatives how much work we did and had hoped that all would like our offering, which they eventually did, but not without some holiday humor. Being so proud of his son and daughter, dad, with carving knife and fanfare, proceeded to carve the turkey at dinner exposing with the first cut the bag of giblets we left inside the turkey before we stuffed it.

So wherever you find yourself this year at holiday times, remember to laugh and to truly give thanks for all that you have. We look forward to seeing all of you here at Camp Edwards and are thankful when you spend time with us.

Fred Triebe

Food Service Director



Why Do We Call Autumn "Fall"

The leaves are changing colors, pumpkin displays are popping up, and each morning I leave the house, my car is covered with pine needles, which can only mean one thing; the autumn season is under way! Many people believe that we call this time of year "fall" because leaves die and literally fall from the trees blanketing the ground. However, it is a little more complex than that. You see, trees are programmed to actually cut their leaves off, and use the help of the autumn breezes to remove them permanently. As days grow shorter and colder, deciduous trees trigger a hormone that sends a message to every leaf that says "Time to go!"

Botanist Peter Raven says that once that message is received, tiny cells appear where the leaf stem meets the branch. These are called "abscission cells" or literally, "scissor cells." Each leaf then develops a thin line of bumpy cells that slowly push the leaf away from the stem. If you were to see this process through a microscope, it would look as if these cells were actually a pair of scissors chopping the leaf off of the branch!

Without this process, the next step (photosynthesis and the production of sap) would not be possible, and we wouldn't have one of the things Camp Edwards has become famous for... Maple Syrup! Be sure to read the Spring Arrowhead and check out the results of Maple Syrup Season 2012!



Women's Wellness Weekend

January 27—29, 2012

- Friendship
- Outdoor Recreation / Relaxation
- Wine Tasting

We've got it all! Relaxation, Fitness and More!

Join us for our 2012 WWW!

Call for more information: 262-642-7466

Limited space... Call and reserve your spot today!

Family Camps // Women's Wellness

During summer check in, many of our parents mention about how fun it would be to come to camp. My typical response is, "You can!" It is no secret that Camp Edwards operates year round and offers a variety of programs. Two programs in particular are for the young and/or young at heart.

Family Camps Camp Edwards offers four family camps throughout the year. Some are 2 night (Mid-August and New Year's) and some are 3 night (July 4th and Labor Day). Different seasons bring different activities.

Coming up soon, the weekend of December 30 - January 1, we will ring in the New Year at Micklewright Lodge. Activities throughout the stay include ice skating, cross country skiing, sledding, tube sliding, broom ball, snow ball fights and other activities to round out your holiday season. This weekend is a great time to see camp in a different light. The peacefulness and tranquility of the winter provides you with respite from your busy daily life. Hopefully we are fortunate to have a fresh snow, enhancing the silence and beauty of the woods; everything you need for quiet solitude and reflection.



Women's Wellness We have put blurbs in the Arrowhead before about Women's Wellness, but what is it? Simply put, moms do a lot and sometimes they just need to get away for a couple of days to relax, play, and find friendship and camaraderie with other women. We offer Women's Wellness twice a year; one in the winter and one in the early summer. Depending on the season, this all women's retreat offers many of our summer/winter activities with a whole bunch of other fun things mixed in. Yoga classes, Tai Chi, manicures, and massages compliment the wellness side, while theme nights, wine tasting, and night time socials provide a relaxed fun atmosphere. Special speakers of women's issues and wellness are brought in to present information to help women on their road to a healthier life. We encourage you to bring some friends and enjoy the tranquility of Camp Edwards.

Visit our website or call for dates and prices

Help Wanted - Sewers

Did you know that the neckerchiefs used in the summer camp Honors Program are hemmed by volunteers? Over a thousand neckerchiefs are needed each summer with the sewing completed during the winter. NBZ is looking for people to double turn back and topstitch (turn raw edge under twice and stitch) each neckerchief. The cut fabric is distributed in bundles of 25 triangular pieces, and volunteers may request as many bundles as they are willing to complete. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact camp and your name will be passed on to the Neckerchief Committee chairperson. Arrangements can be made for drop-off and pick up of the completed bundles before June 1.