



RAQUETTE LAKE NEWS

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NEW MAINTENANCE SHOP AT CAMP HUNTINGTON

Until 2007, the last "new" construction at Camp Huntington were the wastewater treatment plant and the Carlson Classroom in 1999. Over the summer and fall, a new maintenance shop has been constructed.

The old shop no longer met our maintenance needs. Consequently, a new building was designed to better accommodate today's equipment and the space necessary to complete repairs.

It is located in the exact same spot as the previous building and measures 30' x 50'. The new shop has a second story to store our camping equipment, which is currently being stored above the cook's residence.

Construction began in August and was completed at the end of October. Crews were very fortunate that the weather cooperated. It has been a very dry summer and fall in the Adirondacks. It took 12 minutes for the old shop to be demolished. The debris was then loaded into ten-wheel dump trucks and barged to the mainland where it was taken to the landfill. All the materials for this building - cement, lumber, paint, roofing and sheet rock had to be barged over to Camp Huntington from the mainland.

The workshop is a modern facility that blends with the other buildings in the immediate area. It will provide a safe and healthy work environment for decades to come. We can now work on our equipment indoors during the winter. The garage doors in the old shop were too small to allow some of the equipment to fit into the shop. Robert DeShaw, mechanic, will really appreciate this when it is 30 degrees below zero and the wind is blowing at 20 mph.

The new workshop was funded by the campus capital construction fund and donations to the Raquette Lake Endowment Fund. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who helped fund and work on this project.



COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES Community School visited Antlers for the first time this past May. The students, ranging in age from 13-18, and the staff had a memorable



Community School on Antlers Beach

time experiencing activities such as campfires and the challenge course.

Travis Getzke '99, physical education and health teacher, along with the help of Andy Prinzing, principal, planned and

executed the capstone trip beautifully. The students were hand-picked according to attendance, behavior and an essay explaining why they should be able to attend the retreat. They had an action-packed adventure that included canoeing, kayaking, a service project, swimming and the highlight of using the challenge course.

The ropes course presents many challenges for the groups that use it. The Community School wanted to focus on communication, self-esteem, team work and trust. The day started out with group work and the low ropes course before advancing to the high ropes course. Right away the group gelled with positive affirmations, energy and bouts of laughter.

Getzke, an alumnus of the physical education program, wanted the students to carry on the tradition of service projects. In an hour's time the group had stacked and piled up all of the fallen branches and limbs from the awful fall and winter storms. What an immense help that was!

A heart-warming debriefing and closing ceremony included sentiments like, "I hope we can talk like this at school," and "this was the best time I have had in a long time." The students were extremely respectful not only to each other but also to their rustic surroundings. Needless to say, we look forward to working with the Community School again!

SMOKEY THE BEAR WOULD BE PROUD!

Alumni visiting Raquette Lake are always eager to lend a hand whenever needed. A windy day in August proved no different. A couple in a canoe paddled up to the Antlers Beach just after lunch. The couple stated that there was a fire on Big Island and that the wind was too rough to paddle into town to get help. Without hesitation Mark Brazeau '70,



Mark Brazeau and Ken Furnkranz

Photo courtesy of Matt Zak

Ken Furnkranz '70 and Matt Zak, son of Michael Zak '79, wanted to help. Not sure what they would find, they grabbed shovels and buckets.

Thin swirls of smoke whirled with each gust of wind on the south side of the island. They

docked the boat and cautiously searched to find out specifically where the fire was and how big it was. A ground fire was spotted and looked as though it had been burning for quite some time. With a cell phone, the fire department was called while the alumni started to dump buckets of water on the fire and cover it with dirt. Matt took several pictures between dumping buckets. A short time later, the fire boat arrived complete with Raquette Lake's new DEC forest ranger, Jason Scott, his first day on the job. They collectively doused the fire with water as the ranger answered all of their fire questions. Thank you to Ken, Mark and Matt for their willingness to help and their helpful hands!

LEARN TO LEAD

The Learn to Lead program at Massena Central High School was designed and implemented by Mary Aracdi '77 and the special education faculty. The program was delivered at Camp Huntington for the first time October 22 -24, 2007.

The goal of the program was to integrate students of varied abilities into activities with other students who would mentor them. Each of the mentors and students were teamed up together to participate in physical education activities. While at Camp Huntington, each team participated in activities such as canoeing, hiking, ice breaker initiatives, problem solving and the low ropes course. The mentors took their responsibilities very seriously and were always close at hand to help when necessary.

From the outside looking in, the program appeared to be very successful. Seven faculty and nineteen students were involved with this initial program. The Camp Huntington environment provided the resources necessary for the program to meet their objectives. Massena has already scheduled a date to return in the fall of 2008. Perhaps they will serve as a model for other North Country schools to follow.



Massena on top of Blue Mountain

HEMLOCK GETS A FACELIFT

The Hemlock Dorm, with a total of 28 beds, was constructed in 1968 at Huntington Memorial Camp. The new dorm was needed to accommodate larger class sizes.

As the dorm approached its 30th birthday, it received a facelift. Bob Collins, caretaker, and Will Schleicher, a recreation intern, spent a good part of the summer installing novelty exterior siding. Hemlock's exterior is now consistent with that of the blacksmith shop and the carpenter's shop. The new siding also complements the windows donated last

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LIFE IN THE WOODS

During the peak of the leaf-peeping season, alumni and family gathered for the first Lifelong Learning Program offered at Antlers. The amazing weather, coupled with a great group of folks, made for a week full of laughter and learning.



Group at the Adirondack Museum

The week's activities were pulled together and lead by Judy Thaler and Wayne Robins of Nature Ed-ventures. The group enjoyed visits to Adirondack Museum, Camp Pine Knot, Ferd's Bog, Great Camp Santinoni, Visitors Interpretive Center, and the WW Durant.

A personal tour through the Adirondack Museum's rustic furniture display followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the storage area proved to be worthwhile. The rustic two-year display featured some pieces from Camp Pine Knot as well as the Durant's guest book. The storage area boasted five large rooms filled with everything from boats to stoves and furniture to snowmobiles.

Great Camp Santinoni offered an hour-and-a-half ride to the camp by a horse-drawn wagon, to give an idea of what it was like to travel by horse and buggy! The camp itself, built in 1893, has a massive 56 paneled roof that encompasses separate buildings underneath. The doors and main house interior walls offer patterned bark-covered half logs and birch bark adornments. The outlying buildings include a gatehouse 4.7 miles away from the main camp and a farm compound 3.7 miles from main camp.

There is not enough room in this newsletter to describe the full week. The group had a wonderful time and is eager to return next year. Two separate lifelong learning opportunities are planned next fall. For more information contact Rhonda or visit our Web site.



Forest Rangers training students

SEARCH AND RESCUE

As usual, Camp Huntington and Antlers hosted the physical education camps during the spring and summer of 2007. One of the camps coordinated by Tom Spanbauer, men's basketball coach, at Camp Huntington

was provided with a very unique opportunity.

About a half hour before dark Jack received a call from the local forest ranger, Pete Evans, regarding a missing person. Pete asked him if he would go down to our east property line to see if he could find this person or see any evidence of them having been in the area. Jack quickly did so while it was still light. As he neared the Silver Beach swamp, he came across a small track that could have been from the

missing person. Jack discovered the same track on the trail passing through the swamp. It was now getting dark, so he returned to camp to call Pete and tell him what he discovered.

The next day Jack had to travel out of town. On his return trip, Jack stopped at the Command Post for the search located at Golden Beach Campground to see if the missing person had been found. Unfortunately, they had not been located. At that point, he volunteered the students and staff of the physical education camp to assist with the search. The search leader did not hesitate when Jack offered the help of 70 searchers who were somewhat familiar with the area. Jack returned to Camp Huntington and broke the news to Tom, who was more than happy to have the group assist with the missing-person search.

The next morning, a number of New York State Forest Rangers arrived at Camp Huntington to train all the volunteers in Type III Search and Rescue Procedures. This was the "real deal" and something everyone will always remember. The large group was broken into teams, each smaller team was assigned a forest ranger. Students reviewed maps and the area they were to search. When groups were being deployed into the Silver Beach Swamp and other areas of Long Point, they received a radio message that the missing person had been located.

Jack received a letter from Pete Evans thanking the SUNY Cortland students and faculty for assisting with this operation. Jack, too, would like to thank Tom Spanbauer, his staff, and all the physical education students who assisted with this initiative.

KIRBY CAMP

Kirby Camp has completed its fourth successful season of serving SUNY Cortland alumni, faculty and staff. It seems each year we see more and more interest in people wanting to utilize Kirby Camp.



Karen, Paul and Mia

We will continue the lottery system for selecting parties. This past season we had as many as five different groups asking for the same week. Then again, we had a few weeks for which there was only one application. We anticipate the same situation for the 2008 season. Registration forms will be in the spring issue of SUNY Cortland *Columns*.

In August, Karen and Paul Thompson rekindled memories of thirty-three years earlier when they enjoyed their honeymoon at Kirby Camp. When they were first married, Karen worked in President Jones' office on campus; Paul was a student. Even then, Kirby Camp provided a unique opportunity to "get away" at a very reasonable price. Karen and Paul both mentioned the renovations were greatly appreciated. Later in the week they were joined by their children and granddaughter.

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year by Steve Abramson '75, President and CEO of Pace Window and Door. The bathrooms also were renovated in 2005.

The only interior renovation anticipated in the next few years will be the interior walls and lights. Who knows, one evening you might even find a chocolate mint on your pillow?



Bob Collins and Will Schleicher

FACILITIES TAKES ON THE LOW ROPES

The personnel from the Facilities Management Office and the Facilities, Planning, Design and Construction Office enjoyed a late September retreat at Camp Huntington. Traditionally, their retreat has focused on campus construction and renovation projects; yet this year, their stay took on an additional focus.

Over the years, a number of the participants commented they had little free time to actually enjoy Raquette Lake's offerings. Nasrin Parvizi, associate vice president, and

Marianne Evangelista, secretary, of the Facilities Management Office, decided this year would be different. As part of the retreat, the participants would have the opportunity to enjoy the low ropes course.

Two facilitators were contracted to work with the group for a period of four hours. Activities focused on a variety of leadership and problem-solving activities. Initially many in the group feared the worst. Was this going to be a touchy-feely exercise?

The four-hour time frame flew by.

The facilitators, Kevin Corcoran and Jim Clarke, did an excellent job getting everyone in the group involved. By the end of the morning, many of the participants indicated this was the best activity and retreat they had ever participated in at Raquette Lake. Some even suggested that they needed to add an additional day to their next visit.

It is always a pleasure to host this group from the campus. These are the people who have helped with so many maintenance and construction projects at Camp Huntington. Tim Slack, director of the physical plant, has been instrumental with the acquisition of new trucks for Raquette Lake. This past summer he also arranged to cover the drive way with crushed stone in front of the Antlers Casino. Thanks again, Tim!

CROSS CULTURAL WEEKEND

Once again Lara Atkins, interim director of international programs, and Colleen Buchanan, lecturer, physical education, conducted an outstanding program for SUNY Cortland's international students at Raquette Lake. It is always a

pleasure for us to introduce SUNY Cortland's extended campus to these students. The students are so attentive when discussing the history and the Adirondack architecture.

We had more countries represented by the group than ever before. Students represented 11 different countries that included: Australia, Belgium, China, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Norway, Tanzania, Turkey and the United States. This was the first time during my tenure here that we had students from Belgium, Kenya, Norway, Tanzania and Turkey.

Colleen kept the group very busy during their stay. The students had a campfire each night complete with brilliant night skies and s'mores. Through ice breakers and various international games the students and staff got to know one



Student on the Trapper's Cabins steps

another better. On Saturday they utilized the low ropes course for team building and problem solving. In the afternoon, the students took advantage of the canoes, hiking trails and kayaks. For many, this was a totally different environment from that of their homeland.

This is not an easy group to bring together. They are scheduled early in September and have only been on campus a few weeks. We would like to thank all the SUNY Cortland College faculty and staff for providing sleeping bags, flash lights and other equipment used to support the group. It certainly made the equipment logistics easier for Colleen and Lara.

SUNY Cortland's International Programs Office does a great job each year pulling this all together. We are already looking forward to next year's visit.

DURANT DISPLAY

The Adirondack Museum is hosting a two-year tribute to William West Durant and other rustic Adirondack architects called Adirondack Rustic: Nature's Art 1876-1950. The exhibit includes both museum and private hold-

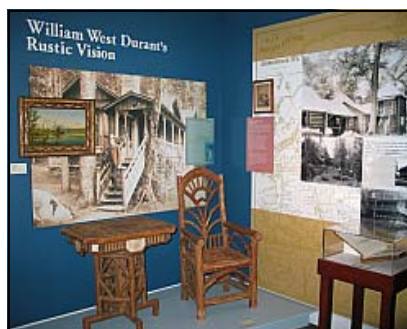


Photo courtesy of the Adirondack Museum

ings. It begins with two rustic furniture pieces from Camp Pine Knot, now known as Camp Huntington. The collection offers several different examples from the Adirondack region and artisans such as Joseph Byre and William Coulter.

The exhibit, located at the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, N. Y., is well worth the trip. The museum will host the exhibit through October 31, 2008.



Dr. Antoinette "Toni" Tiburzi
You have touched our lives through your commitment to and love
for Camp Huntington. Your legacy will live on with each of us.
Theta Phi Alpha Sorority 2007

Sentiment from the recognition plaque for Toni Tiburzi

On October 6, 2007, Antoinette "Toni" Tiburzi, professor emeritus, Physical Education Department, was honored by the Sisters of Theta Phi Sorority at Raquette Lake. During the ceremony, comments and recognition were presented by SUNY Cortland's President Erik J. Bitterbaum, as well as by Toni's colleagues from SUNY Cortland, selected friends and sisters from Theta Phi. It was a fall day with a warm, gentle breeze blowing and spectacular foliage covering the landscape.

The celebration was to recognize Toni's many contributions to Camp Huntington and the students she helped mentor. For a period of seventeen years, prior to the implementation of Title IV on campus, Toni served on the women's physical education staff at Raquette Lake. Toni was a "hands on" professor, demonstrating and teaching the skills necessary for female students to have an enjoyable, educational and

successful outdoor experience.

The night before the scheduled activities, Toni and I had the opportunity to take a walk and reflect on the upcoming program. She was sincerely moved by the recognition. Toni has always been the one to bestow praise, not the one to receive it. She also confided to me that she was sleeping in the same bunk she had used for the entire 17-year period at Raquette Lake. She was home and content with that.

An executive committee had been very busy with the preparation for this event. During the summer the committee came to Camp Huntington to identify a location for the recognition plaque and Adirondack chairs. They wanted the location to be fairly close to the Moseley Glass Dining Room, which it is. Toni mentioned during her comments at the ceremony that the site selected was only a few feet from her special rock. She would sit at the lake's edge and reflect on past and future events. No one knew this when we identified the location.

Toni Tiburzi is a very special lady, and I am very fortunate to have been her colleague and friend.



A SEASON'S GLANCE

Mother Nature provided quite a display over the summer season. It was an extremely dry year. When the ice melted in April, the lake levels rose only an inch. In September and early October, the lake level was at an all time low, down more than 14 - 16 inches. The rain and snow of October and early November have brought it back to its normal level. Hopefully, the lake will freeze early; otherwise, it will be a very wet hike for me through Silver Beach Swamp. It is the only way out of camp until the ice is thick enough to walk over to Antlers.

The 2007 season also provided a variety of wildlife at both Antlers and Camp Huntington. We each saw a few bears looking for a free handout. Rhonda also had a pesky raccoon that was eventually live trapped and relocated. We also had one at Camp Huntington that a camper took a digital picture of outside of the Carlson Classroom. It was a raccoon all right, ringed-tail and all.

Wildlife sightings at Camp Huntington were varied and numerous. Naturally, groups saw deer and their spotted fawns in early June. The deer continue to stay close to camp



Trapped raccoon

all fall and winter long. In fact some mornings they are bedded down right behind our cabin, perhaps they feel more secure there than out with the coyotes.

A number of groups spotted eagles and osprey. We had a population of mink and otter that appeared at the main dock periodically. One mink would run along the top edge of the dock as people sat in the Adirondack chairs. They were able to get some nice photographs of the critters. We also had a resident flock of approximately ten wild turkeys. I watched them grow over the summer and fall.

The installation of the new bulkhead and boulders in the water at Antlers has helped the fishing tremendously. Families had a great time fishing this year! Over the years Raquette Lake has become primarily a bass fishery. The PH level of the lake is fairly stable and suitable for fish. In the eyes of some, it is unfortunate that bass has become the dominant species rather than the brook trout of years ago. Smallmouth bass were introduced to Raquette Lake in about 1885 by Seth Green.

I hear the fishing gets better each year. I love to fish but don't have much time to do any. Hopefully, in 2008 the fishing will be even better, and I'll actually find some time to fish!



THE NATURE NOOK

Beginning in late July, the sunny afternoons were filled with fluttering orange and black beauties. In a screen box on Antlers' porch, 27 monarch butterflies hatched.

Monarchs have four developmental stages including the egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis) and adult (butterfly). The entire process takes approximately one month to complete with the monarch increasing its body mass by 2,000 times!

An average female monarch will lay 100-300 hard-shelled eggs over a two-to-five-week period. She lays one egg at a time, per leaf, on the underside of the milkweed plant. The eggs hatch in four to five days.

Once the larva has hatched, it will eat the shell remnants and begin eating milkweed. The caterpillar grows at an alarming rate and will molt, outgrowing its skin, four times. The caterpillar will be in this stage 9-14 days before shedding its exoskeleton and becoming a chrysalis. Warmer weather expedites the process.

The transition from larva to pupa is a sight to behold. The larva uses its silk to attach itself to a stick or leaf forming a J shape. It hangs for a day before it begins its dance. The exoskeleton or skin of the larva splits at the bottom of the J. It wiggles and wriggles until the skin has worked its way to the top. The skin falls to the ground and a bright neon green waxy

coating is exposed. The waxy substance hardens and turns darker green.

In 10-14 days the chrysalis changes from green to black and orange before hatching. The pupa typically hatches mid-morning. Several guests witnessed this glorious event just before or after lunch. As it starts to break open, the butterfly's legs attach to the chrysalis giving it a place to inflate its body and wings. The entire process takes three to four hours to complete. The segmented body is full of fluid used to "pump up" the wings and expand its torso.

Males and females have few visual differences. Females have thicker black veins on the wings than the males. Males have black dots on their lower wings that are sacks used in reproduction. We hatched 10 male and 17 female adults this fall.

An unsolved mystery is how monarchs find the overwintering sites each year. Somehow, they know their way, even though the butterflies returning to Mexico or California each fall are the great-great-grandchildren of the butterflies that left the previous spring. No one knows exactly how their homing system works; it is another of the many unanswered questions in the butterfly world.

For more information on monarch butterflies visit www.monarchwatch.org and enjoy the microscopic pictures.



Photos courtesy of Beth Anderson '79 and Rhonda Jacobs '01