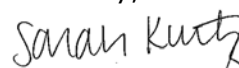


The Lands & Forests

Hello, Friends of Camp Al-Gon-Quian,

Thank you for a great summer! Things have calmed down quite a bit in the camp office now that the summer is over, and I am excited to share with all of you off-season news. If you can believe it, preparations are well underway for next summer! With early registration beginning December 1st, I am hard at work making sure everything is in order for next year. But, before then, please enjoy this newsletter's recap of Summer 2010. It can be easy to forget that there are a ton of people out there who make camp a success for the kids—from the cabin counselors to Don, our caretaker, and the hundreds of scholarship donors, THANK YOU so much for giving the more than 1,130 young people who joined us this summer some of the best weeks they could have imagined. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you soon at the Y or back on Burt Lake!

Sincerely,



Director, Camp Al-Gon-Quian

Highlights of the 2010 Season

It's nearly impossible to summarize a summer in a half of a page, but here are a few highlights from the year.

- JR and Erica kept the **waterfront** humming along and all of the buddy tags in their appropriate places, despite record numbers of swimmers due to extremely hot temperatures!
- Brock, Marra, Cory and Camp Gramp hosted two magnificent **rodeos** at the barn
- Five **new cabins** were completed in time for the summer! With minor adjustments to size and construction, they closely resemble the old feel of camp
- AGQ campers challenged Camp Walden during Session 2 and Camp Horseshoe during Session 3, showed great **sportsmanship** and won a few contests
- The Session 4 kids escaped from a **Zombie Apocalypse** (phew!)
- **Culinary FUNK** delighted us with their delicious homemade creations with ingredients from nature
- Many campers during Session 3 and 4 met the personal challenge of the third annual AGQ **Biathlon**, completing a one-mile swim and two-mile run
- Counselor Brooke Peshke brought back the "**Potpourri**" class, where campers enjoyed adventures like turning the Mini-Bus into an AGQ Ice Cream Truck
- Assistant Director **Coert Ambrosino** was inducted as an official AGQ Legend
- **E.J. Gies** (Sess. 2), **Alex Belanger** (Sess. 3) and **Maddie Boisvert** (Sess. 4) were the recipients of the Hiawatha Award for the Leaders-In-Training Programs
- Junior Counselor **Allie Stein** won the Wayomana Award for the outstanding first-year, full-summer staff member as voted by her peers
- Head Female **Jordan Peshke** won the Frodo Bird Egg Award for the outstanding senior staff member as voted by her peers



More than 60 Teens Volunteer at AGQ this Summer!

It can be difficult to conceptualize the actual amount of work that our high school volunteers put in at Camp Al-Gon-Quian throughout the course of the summer. In our Counselor-In-Training (CIT) and Junior Staff (J-Staff) programs, these high school students devote at least two weeks and sometimes up to five weeks giving their time and energy to AGQ.

This year, we had...

49 Counselors-In-Training

14 Junior Staff

Who worked more than **18,250** volunteer hours, which is like **2,281** normal work days or **8.75** years in a full-time job

These volunteers are extremely helpful to camp. Their responsibilities can include working in cabins and activity areas, doing the dishes and doing most everything a regular counselor does. At the same time, it is our goal for the CITs and J-Staff to really grow from the experience. They have designated program directors who take special mentoring roles, provide constant feedback and teach job skills and life skills the teens can use outside of AGQ.

Applications for 10th-12th graders who are interested in applying will be available November 1st and are due Feb. 15th for Summer 2011!

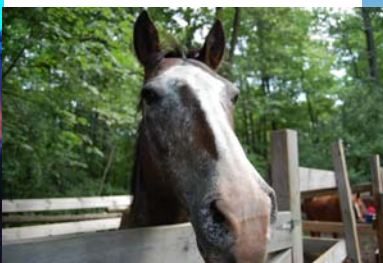
Mr. Bob Twining Donates Historical Camper Files to AGQ



Bob Twining, the son of our founder, Herb Twining, generously donated the Al-Gon-Quian camper file archives he had been personally storing.

These files, consisting of documents for all campers who were at AGQ from its start in 1925 through the YMCA's purchase of camp in 1968, are an amazing record of camp's history! The Twinings took meticulous records and this is a magnificent addition to camp's historical records.

If you have interest in helping preserve the history of Camp Al-Gon-Quian and would like to help us categorize photos, documents, film, etc., please contact Sarah Kurtz at skurtz@annarborymca.org or by calling the camp office at 734.661.8051





CAMP AGQ Photo Wall Project

We are in the process of creating a historical photo wall at Camp Al-Gon-Quian, and are welcoming contributions of photos from members of the AGQ Family. If you have a photo from your time at camp that you would like to hang on the photo wall, please contact Sarah Kurtz at skurtz@annarborymca.org for further instruction!

DONATE to AGQ...

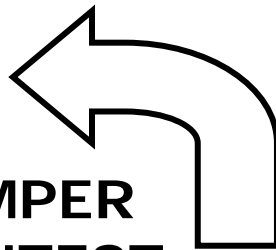
We are always looking for items to supplement camp programs. If you have any new or gently-used items that are on the following list, please call us at (734) 661-8051 and let us know.

- Dress-Up Clothes
- Tools
- Books for youth and teens and bookshelves
- Notebooks
- Arts and Crafts Supplies (yarn, beads, etc.)
- Posterboard and rolls of paper
- Camping equipment
- Outdoor education/nature equipment
- Full-sized truck
- Sports equipment (softball gloves, bats, balls, etc.)
- Journals and notebooks



CAMPER CONTEST

First camper to correctly identify this counselor and email camping@annarborymca.org will win an AGQ shirt!



Camp AGQ CALENDAR

Halloween Camp

October 29-31 (waitlisted)

Summer Staff and CIT Applications Available

Monday, November 1st

Winter Camp Registration Begins

Monday, November 15th

Early Registration Postcard Mailed to Returning Campers and YMCA Members

Week of November 22nd

Early Online Registration Begins for Summer 2011

Wednesday, December 1st

Winter Leadership Camp

Monday, December 27th – Thursday, December 30th

Applications Due for Leadership Staff

Monday, January 3rd

Open Registration Begins for New Campers

Friday, January 14th

Applications Due for Counselors and J-Staff

Tuesday, February 1st

Applications due for CITs

Tuesday, February 15th



Raya teaches a sailing lesson on our new Hunter



The 2nd Annual Mini-Camp hosted 5-10 year-olds



Jack finishes the 1-mile swim during the biathlon



Campers make a creation during Culinary FUNK



Coert built a giant JENGA set for all to enjoy



E.J. wins the Hiawatha Award for the Sess. 2 LITs



Zombies attack camp during Session 4.....



Jordan Peshke wins the Frodo Bird Egg Award