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Alumni Cam Twiss and the Maine Red Claws

The Maine Red Claws are team in the NBA Developmental League, and are affiliated with the Boston Celtics. They also have an affiliation to Camp Tohkomeupog. The Manager of Basketball Operations for the Red Claws is none other than Tohko Alumni Cam Twiss.

He is responsible for many of the everyday requirements of a basketball team such as clean laundry and uniforms, to the business side of operations such as planning travel arrangements and basketball skills camps for children (CITs, sound familiar?). He takes his role in the organization seriously and draws upon his summers at camp for inspiration.

Cam was in the Tohkomeupog valley for six summers, where he found special moments on the tennis and basketball courts. He holds a place in Tohko's history book by scoring forty-five points in a basketball game against William Lawrence Camp. But it was on the tennis court where a lasting impression would be made. Tohkomeupog legend John Nute influenced Cam by teaching manners, sportsmanship, and kindness towards everyone.

"I think about John Nute often when I interact with people of varying personalities," Cam explains. His experiences at Camp have taught him how to be a well-rounded man, with the mantra of "What Would John Nute Do?" continuing to guide him in his life.

Sports have been a part of Cam's life since the age of eight when he worked on the sidelines as a ball boy for the Boston Celtics. This allowed him the opportunity to play and shoot with stars including Michael Jordan and Larry Bird. He continued his love of basketball and tennis at camp, and was a star in both soccer and basketball at Endicott College.



Cam Twiss poses next to the Maine Red Claw's basketball hoop. The Red Claws are an NBA developmental League and are affiliated with the Boston Celtics

A nephew of famed Tohko Alumni Larry Hitchcock, Cam Twiss still has the Tohkomeupog spirit running in his veins. The lessons learned from his time at camp still echo just as strongly within him as a booming "Keste!" reverberates throughout the valley.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OSCAR WILKERSON FOR BEING THE THIRD RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN NUTE AWARD. THIS INCREDIBLY MEANINGFUL RECOGNITION IS EXTENDED TO ONE SELECT MEMBER OF THE TOHKOMEUPOG TRIBE. ONE WHO EXEMPLIFIES THE QUALITIES OF COURAGE, TEAMWORK, AND STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND WHO REGULARLY SHOWS THE COMPASSION TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO SUCCEED.

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Big Chief Update 2014

2013 marked the 82nd consecutive best summer ever in East Madison, NH. We were, once again, very fortunate to have 100% of our staff having spent multiple summers at Tohkomeupog. We welcomed Rob Cooper back as a first time director in the Wolf Clan; he did a great job leading the Wolves for the first month of camp. Dan Bowers was the director of the Bear Clan for Option F, and moved over to the Wolf Clan for the last three weeks. Stevo and Reid returned to direct the Deer and Panther Clans.

Don Barton and John Sexton returned as Tohko AD and Waterfront directors. Ken and John Petersen returned to the Archery and Rifle Ranges, and Tim Folsom was back at the helm of the Tennis Center. While Brian Hampton kept us well fed, Dawn Peterson returned to capture memories and oversee the office. Finally, Helen Crowell and Marianne MacDonald kept us healthy. Overall, our camper attendance was down this summer, especially in the Bear and Deer Clans. Alumni recommendations and referrals have always been the best source for new campers, and we hope this will continue!

If you know of any boys that would benefit from experiencing all that Tohkomeupog offers - it would be great if you could put them in touch with us.



Above: The Panther Clan poses at the base of Tuckerman Ravine.

Below: The Wolf Clan gets ready for Council Fire after Saturday night cookout & awards



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Congratulations to the C.I.T. Class of 2014:

OSCAR WILKERSON, ANDREW RICHARDSON, PARKER JOHNSON, IAN LUBKIN,
COLEMAN MCKAIG, JASON STABINER



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The Appalachian Trail with Nate Gordon and Ben Rich

The Appalachian Trail is the oldest of the three major long distance hiking trails in the United States, and everyone at Camp knows about it. The distance is hard to pin down exactly, year to year, and it varies from one year to the next due to installed switchbacks and other changes in course. But in a given year, you can generally get a pretty consistent number showing up in the various guidebooks. In 2013, according to the AWOL AT Guide and the “Thru Hiker’s Companion,” it was 2185.9 miles long. And of that, every step was a dream.

Ben Rich, who would become Nickelodeon, and I, Pack Rat, set out on the first of March, naively expecting a warm southern Spring in Georgia. We were bitterly surprised to find that Winter indeed reaches the South, and we spent our first month pushing through snow and huddling by fires. Our southern adventure was definitely a Winter hike. Spring came as we made it into Virginia, a monster of a state where the trail stretched for more than five hundred miles and where Nickelodeon and I both



Nate ‘Pack Rat’ Gordon looks towards a cloudy Mt. Katahdin as his journey nears its end.

sustained injuries. Summer finally came as we crossed the Mason-Dixon, but we hit the typical rains of New England as we made our way north.

Ben and I didn’t stay together for every step of the way. We parted ways in Pennsylvania, reconnected in Vermont to hit the Whites together, our old stomping grounds from years at Tohko, and ultimately terminated at different mountains, I at Katahdin in July, and Ben at Greylock after a Southbound finish in September. But in a larger way, we were always there for each other. Ben had gotten off trail to work at camp when I was finishing, so on my last day he made the long drive to be there as I finished, and I came out to Greylock to catch him.

I would expect no less from a couple of Tohko boys. And we were far from the first of our ranks to make the trek. Jon “Skywalker” Quade and Bob “The Dude” Kelly had hiked the trail NoBo in 2002, Sam Ward, Matt “Pyro” Bruno, and Doug “Pusher” Belliveau hiked in 2008, Sam “Spirit Fingers” Kellogg in 2010, and 2012 saw Jake “Achilles” Mehlman head north as Leo “Lieutenant Dangle” Tannheimer and Ben “Coonskin” Ward went south. It was thanks to Tohko’s culture of encouraging hard work and comfort with the outdoors that all these people, all of whom I count as brothers, had the tenacity to set out on those journeys, and thanks to all of them that Ben and I had even the faintest idea of what we were getting into.

The trail’s magical connection to camp is something I am so proud to be part of. The hike is something I will never forget. On the trail or not, at camp or fourteen states away, it’s nice to remember – Life is good. Enjoy the journey.

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ALUMNI WEEKEND MEETING AGENDA:

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT

IV. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA BY
BOARD MEMBERS

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TREASURER

B. GOLF COMMITTEE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESIGNATIONS/NOMI-
NATIONS/ELECTION OF ALUMNI
BOARD OFFICERS

B. GOALS FOR 2014-
2015

- FINANCIAL GOALS

- INCREASING CAMP

NUMBERS



Sawyer Dennis Levett is looking forward to spending summers with the Tohkomeupog Tribe in his sunday uniform!

CAMP NEWS & NOTES

1. TOM & JOANIE LEVETT WELCOMED SAWYER DENNIS LEVETT ON AUGUST 26TH, 2013. SAWYER WEIGHS 6LBS 15OZ AND WAS 20.5' LONG AT BIRTH
2. NICK & SARAH TODD WELCOMED HUNTER TODD INTO THE WORLD
3. MARIANNE & TOM GILMORE WELCOMED ANNEBELLE GILMORE INTO THE WORLD
4. RYAN & SARAH O'ROURKE WELCOMED CALDER ROBERT O'ROURKE INTO THE WORLD
5. CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN O'ROURKE FOR EARNING HIS JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE, CUM LAUDE AT THE UNH SCHOOL OF LAW. RYAN IS PRACTICING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW WITH LOGINOV & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, OF CONCORD, NH.

ALUMNI WEEKEND GOLF TOURNAMENT

THE ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH AT THE PROVINCE LAKE GOLF COURSE. TEE TIMES STARTING AT 10AM.

TO RESERVE A TEE TIME PLEASE EMAIL TREVOR DODGE AT DODGY2876@GMAIL.COM

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