



# TOHKOMEUPOG

summer camp for boys



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## Where The Buffalo Roam

13 months, 16 countries, 27 cities, 5 gatherings with alumni, and a lifetime of memories. Living and working in Europe for over a year proved to be the most amazing experience of my life. Employed by the US Department of Defense at a resort for American soldiers and their families, I lived in the heart of the Bavarian Alps, in the ski resort town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. The highest mountain in the country pierces through the sky above the lush, green valley, and it's not uncommon to see an elderly man riding his bike in his lederhosen.

While the town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen was a fairy tale in itself, I set off to travel Europe with any chance I could get. Whether skiing in Bulgaria, hitchhiking through Albania, running with the bulls in Pamplona, climbing the highest point in Germany (beat you, Stevo!), eating bizarre foods in Istanbul, or rafting in the Czech Republic, I used experiences and knowledge gained at camp to feed my travel bug and adrenaline.

Some of my greatest memories were shared with Tohko alumni. In April, I went on a ski trip to Livigno, Italy with Jojo Klotz and about fifty of his German friends. In June, I went backpacking with Piotr Tilka in the High Tatras of Poland. In July, Chris Siddel stopped by my town on a Trans-European road trip for a hike. In September, I visited Jojo in his hometown of Lorch, Germany, a small village right on the Rhine River, overlooking vineyards and castles. And to top it all off, Reid Lavoie came to visit in September, and we travelled through Zurich, Switzerland, visiting Charlie and Bill Pryor, down throughout Italy, ending a great trip with a weekend at Oktoberfest in Munich. Four days later, I was on a plane back to Boston. For friendship, opportunity, and outdoor adventure, I am TRULY grateful!

- Rob Cooper (CIT 06)



*Rob Cooper (CIT '06), Charlie Pryor (CIT '08), and Reid Lavoie in downtown Zurich, Switzerland*

Nate Rickler (CIT '08) studied in Brisbane Australia, and in addition to traveling all over Australia, Nate got to see several parts of Asia including Kota Kinibalu, Borneo; Bali, Indonesia; and Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

Will Sorin (CIT '09) studied in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Will was able to hike for 8 days across Argentina and Chilean Patagonia as well as over the glacier Perito Moreno. Will also participated in trips to Machu Picchu, Cordoba, and the waterfalls of Iguazu.

Ben Rich (CIT 06) & Nate Gordon (CIT 06) are currently hiking the Appalachian Trail with a start date of March 13, 2013. They are excited to be out hiking as this has been a goal of their's for some time. Ben and Nate are looking to reach Mt. Katahdin by mid to late August.

### WOOLEGAN!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DON BARTON FOR BEING THE SECOND 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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## Camp Tohkomeupog Update 2013!

In 2012 Tohkomeupog saw its 83rd summer of Outdoor Adventure, Friendship and Opportunity! With the 84th summer on the horizon, the Tohkomeupog tribe is excited to get underway. In 2013, camp hopes to have yet again another 100% staff return rate as well as increased camper numbers. Recruiting efforts have taken place throughout New England during the off-season. With a new camping season, Tohkomeupog will see a new shelter built at Spruce point that campers and staff will be able to use while out on trip!



Camp Tohkomeupog staff Leo Tanhiemer (CIT 07), Andrew MacDonald (CIT 08) and Doug Belliveau at Halloween Town promoting camp to the thousands in attendance!

As the snows are slowly starting to melt, anticipation from campers and staff alike is slowly growing as the start of the 2013 camping season approaches! We are all excited to have yet another memorable summer and hope to see everyone soon!

Camp Tohkomeupog will host an Open House on the weekend of May 18th & 19th to give potential campers and their families an opportunity to see camp and participate in activities. Everything will be set up as if it were ready for the summer with planned activities, camp style meals and lodging in one of the main buildings. To confirm your attendance or inquire about more information, please call: 603-367-4010

**Are you thinking about camp?  
We invite you to learn more**

**Marketing Event – Open House**  
Weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

 **TOHKOMEUPOG**  
SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS

Join us on the grounds of Tohkomeupog  
For a weekend of traditional camp fun!  
(Overnight lodging, Meals & Activities)

**If you are considering sending a boy to Tohko, or if you know someone else who may be interested, then please...**

**Be our Guest**

For more information, and to confirm your attendance – 603-367-4010

### WOOLEGAN!

#### *Congratulations to the C.I.T. Class of 2013:*

RYAN BURNHAM, STEPHAN PEPI, MICHAEL PARKS, PATRICK PENDERGAST, JEFF CONOCENTI, RODRIGO ALONSO, MICHAEL CHEN, ANDREW ORGEL, & HENRY HUNTLEY.



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## *Many Hands Make Life Boo-tiful at Halloween Town*

In October of 2012... with incredible support from the Tribe... the grounds of Tohkomeupog were once again transformed into the somewhat surreal and slightly supernatural world of Halloween Town. Halloween Town is a uniquely fun and fantastical experience, enjoyed by an increasing number of “trick-or-treaters” each year. In fact, in only four years of existence, attendance has gone from 300 people in 2009 to an estimated 3,500 people in 2012. Halloween Town has become a trademark fund-raiser in support of ‘The Laura Foundation for Autism & Epilepsy’.



*“The future looks good for this Tohko boy, visiting the fortune teller at one of the Bear Clan cabins at Halloween Town”*

One explanation for the dramatic surge in popularity towards Halloween Town is the fact that the traditional ability to ‘trick-or-treat’ is somewhat limited in our local communities. In many areas, houses are few and far between. By following the ‘Trick-or-Treat Trail’ at Halloween Town, kids are able to visit a series of theatrically transformed cabins (and trip-lockers... and grove areas... and Ted’s Gym... and the Tipi... and whatever other spaces we can figure out) in the search for treats... and adventure. It is a safe, entertaining way for kids to celebrate the spirit of this holiday. This is good, old-fashioned Halloween fun; we want kids to come and enjoy!

In terms of The Laura Foundation, Halloween Town serves two purposes. For one, we use the event to raise awareness about our mission, which focuses on individuals living with autism and epilepsy. Halloween Town is also a very important fund-raiser for our organization. I’m thrilled to report that in 2012... thanks to the efforts of those many hands... we raised a net amount of about \$32,000 in support of foundation goals: specifically, the development of an adaptive sports and recreation center, to be located in Madison, NH.

For more information, check out: [www.thelaurafoundation.org](http://www.thelaurafoundation.org).

-Steve Harding (CIT 85)

### KINKEEGWAN!

#### *Monthly Camp Newsletter*

VISIT [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/C3CRZ4F](http://TINYURL.COM/C3CRZ4F) OR SEND AN INQUIRY TO [TOHKO@TOHKO.COM](mailto:TOHKO@TOHKO.COM) TO JOIN CAMP TOHKOMEUPOG’S MONTHLY CAMP UPDATE LIST.

See [WWW.TOHKO.COM](http://WWW.TOHKO.COM) for information about Camp and the Alumni Association.

## Alumni Weekend Update:

ALUMNI WEEKEND WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF: **JUNE 21ST - JUNE 23RD.** FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A ROOM, PLEASE CALL: (800) 373-3754

THE ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST AT THE PROVINCE LAKE GOLF COURSE. TEE TIMES STARTING AT 10AM. TO RESERVE A TEE TIME PLEASE EMAIL ANDREW PORTER AT [AJ.PORTER@COX.NET](mailto:AJ.PORTER@COX.NET) OR TREVOR DODGE AT [DODGY2827@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DODGY2827@GMAIL.COM)

REMEMBER:  
"DON'T FORGET TO COME BACK SOMEDAY"



*Piotr Tylka (Camp America) and Rob Cooper (CIT 06) meet up in Poland in Tohko gear!*

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## CAMP NEWS & NOTES

1. CHARLES STAPLES CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE MT. WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY.
2. JOHN CHACE (CIT 89) & SARA DAVIS WELCOMED ADELAIDE DAVIS CHACE INTO THE WORLD ON NOVEMBER 5TH
3. ALEX CIRIC (CIT 03) GOT ENGAGED TO BRITTANY KEEHNER ON MAY 28TH 2012
4. CY SAMAI (CIT 86) & EMILY WELCOMED (BABY BOY - INFO COMING)
5. KEVIN THOMPSON & CHRISTINA WELCOMED OLIVER CHARLES THOMPSON ON NOVEMBER 27TH, 2012 8.5 POUNDS
6. MIKE BARTON AND ALLISON STODDARD BARTON WELCOMED MAXFIELD CORBETT BARTON ON FEBRUARY 13TH, 2013
7. SCOTT WEBSTER PROPOSED TO HIS LONGTIME GIRLFRIEND ON DECEMBER 4TH 2012 AT CENTER COURT IN THE TD GARDEN IN BOSTON, MASS.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION FOR ANY FUTURE NEWSLETTERS, SEND AN EMAIL TO DOUG BELLIVEAU, THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER EDITOR AT [BELLIVEAUD1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BELLIVEAUD1@GMAIL.COM)