



# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## Late Summer 2011 News

**Summer 2011 Awards:** Awards for the best camper and most improved camper in each age group are given at the banquets at the end of each half. The Pathfinder Tripping Award and the Pathfinder Award are given at the second half banquet. Award recipients are selected by vote of the campers. The Tripping Award is by vote of the campers and also the Trip staff. This year's award recipients are:

**Pathfinder Award:** Riley Hanson

**Pathfinder Tripping Award:** Bailey Mahoney\* & Josh Osinski

First Half		Second Half	
Best Mic and Chipp	Ian Zohn	Best MicMac	Tate Pierson*
		Best Chippewa	Max Blum
Most Improved Mic and Chipp	Akira Hasegawa	Most Improved Mic	Rohan Kirshnan
		Most Improved Chipp	Ben Zeif
Best Cree	Santi Sosa	Best Cree	Ravi Krishnan
Most Improved Cree	Ian Hanson	Most Improved Cree	Zach Berzon
Best Ottawa	Coulter Deacon	Best Ottawa	Sam Egan*
Most Improved Ottawa	Jack Guan	Most Improved Ottawa	Derek Jin
Best AA	Graham Waind	Best AA	Alex Holmwood
Most Improved AA	Graham Waind	Most Improved AA	Antonio Vives

(\* Indicates award recipient is a member of an alumni family.)

**Tripping, 2011:** Steve Szymkowiak, Director of Tripping, reports that 83 trips left the dock, and all returned. To see where they all went, check out the 2011 postings from the website.

[http://www.camppathfinder.com/fileadmin/content/text\\_library/AAA2011CanoeTrips.pdf](http://www.camppathfinder.com/fileadmin/content/text_library/AAA2011CanoeTrips.pdf)

**The Outpost:** Readers of the early summer newsletter may recall that Pathfinder had dispatched Warren McDermott and Kathryn Babin to set up the Outpost on Burntroot Lake. They stayed for four days. After them, Brent Hurley and Henry Shepley continued the program. Trips passing through stopped for a night or two to slow down the pace of travel, live in the Park, and explore some of the more traditional aspects of tripping. Campers handled campsite cooking, shelter building, map and compass skills, fishing, exploration of logging camp remains and more. I caught up with Warren and Kathryn and talked to them about the outpost.

- **How many trips visited the outpost?** The first trip that came through was led by Jamey Bumbalo and Tiger Lion – they brought supplies and food for the trips that were coming later. Our next trip was George Berking and his crew. They visited for the day. Then, Thomas Bryce stayed for two days. Next, Jeremy Wadsworth came with his trip. Finally, Grif Edwards and Finn McCance and their crew came for two days.
- **What were the activities that the campers and staff participated in?** As part of our cooking activity, we made carbonated root beer, bread, and stews. The campers also constructed a floating bonfire.
- **My recollection is that there are a number of artifacts from the logging days on Burntroot Lake. Did you get a chance to do any exploring?** We came across the alligator at Barnet Depot. We spotted the clearing from one of the farms on the lake.
- **Probably many of readers don't know what an Alligator is. Can you tell us about that?** It is a large steam- powered amphibious machine which was used to drag logs across the lake. When they reached the end of the lake, the winch was used to move the logs to the mouth of the river.
- **With six trips coming through, over 50 Campers and Staff from the first half had an opportunity for this experience. Did they seem to enjoy these activities?** They seemed interested in the programs that we were able to offer. The Crees, especially, liked the opportunity to spend some time learning about Algonquin Park.

## Race News

- **Guides Race:** Pathfinder placed 2,3,4,6 on Sunday 8/31. Cache Lake brothers Turner captured the cup for the second year. These former Olympians trained twice a day for 6 weeks, beat Warren McDermott and Grif Edwards by a few boat lengths. Warren caught up a 20-boatlength deficit on the portage with a sprint that defied description. Conor Peterson, fresh off the Attawapiskat, and James Berking were right behind Grif and Warren. Henry Shepley and Charlie Katrycz were just behind them. Kathryn Babin from the Pathfinder staff raced as cottager with Ahna Peace.



**Pathfinder Guide's Race Team: (left to right) Grif Edwards, Warren McDermott, James Berking, Conner Peterson, Charlie Katrycz, Henry Shepley, and Kathryn Babin. (photo by Brent Hurley)**

- **Joe Lightning:** This is a newer race and is held on Source Lake at the end of the season. Any pair of staff or pair of AA's can compete. The route is from the canoe dock to the liftover to Landlock Lake. The portage is west along the railroad bed; competitors set back in the lake across from Loon Point and paddle back to the canoe dock. This year's winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Warren McDermott & Callum McCance; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Evan Hutley and Royce Hepburn; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Henry Shepley & Grif Edwards.



**Joe Lightning Canoe Cup Race Winners: Callum McCance and Warren McDermott (photo by Jim "Gyro" Coakley)**

- **George Liederhaus Memorial Race: Upcoming October 7 – 9:** The twelfth Annual George Liederhaus Memorial Race Around the Horn will be held on Canadian Thanksgiving (Columbus Day) weekend. This Alumni and headmen race Around the Horn is open to individuals who have led a canoe trip for Pathfinder, and benefits the Algonquin Campership Fund. The defending champions from 2010 are Zach Arem and Max Brown. Contact Sladds or race organizers Trip and Jake Pierson for further information.

**The Canoe Shop:** As reported earlier, the Canoe Shop was under construction early in the summer. Warren McDermott gives us an update. “The building construction was completed before the camp season began. Electricity and power tools arrived during August. We are now able to replace broken keels, seats, and thwarts as the canoes return from trips. Wood canvas canoes that need more extensive repairs and recanvassing are also able to be repaired. We have taught campers and staff how to patch a canoe. Campers were able to participate in an optional activity period occasionally during the second half. A number of staff learned the art of caning and repaired over a dozen canoe seats. Also, we will be starting furniture for the staff cabins as needed. Warren is looking forward to doing some boat restorations this fall.”



**New Canoe Shop (photo by Austin Ferguson)**

## Alumni News:

**Charlie Dorkee visits CPI:** Pathfinder Alumnus, Charlie Dorkee from Philadelphia, was asked by his son to gather together some photos and other memorabilia to display at his upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. He found a few photos from his year at Pathfinder, 1927-1938. He googled Camp Pathfinder and found the website. He decided to come for a three day visit in mid July. He called Sladds to get the train schedule, and found that we now arrive by highway. “You mean that they finished that road all the way to Found Lake?” I picked him up at the car dock, and he remarked that “These trees have really grown since I was here.” It was his recollection that the Canoe Dock is in the same general location as it is today, and that the swim area “looks pretty much the same to me.”

Charlie did not remember that there were any private leases on Source Lake when he was here. He showed us a photo of Blueberry Island, later called Huckleberry Island, now held by lease by the Davis family. There was no cabin on the island in Charlie’s time.

He reported that “They put me on the train at Grand Central Station and told the porters to make sure that I got off in Rochester to get the train to Pathfinder.” He was six years old.

During Charlie’s visit to CPI, he spoke to the campers after supper. He said: “Pathfinder was a great opportunity for me. It instilled in me the love of the outdoors, which led me to Dartmouth College, Class of 1943.” He went on. “You campers have one of the greatest ways to spend a summer or many summers, and I can see that you are taking advantage of the programs that Pathfinder offers.”



**Charlie Dorkee photo by Gill Stanley**

He went on to talk about his trips in the Park. Many of them cover the same territory that we do today. He and Herman Norton, Jr. were planning a trip for 1939 from Source Lake to James Bay. Unfortunately, World War II came along, and he was not able to return to camp in 1939.

One of his duties at camp was to get the mail from Park Headquarters on Cache Lake, three days a week. He would paddle over to the train station on Source Lake, and use a hand car to propel himself down the railroad tracks to Cache Lake, and then take the hand car back to Source.

**Alumni Guest Staff:** For the past several years, Pathfinder Alumni have joined the staff for a portion of the camping season. Most come for two weeks, others stay longer. Each brings different talents and experiences. Some co-lead a trip, others work on the in-camp program. Most of us truck trips. This year the following spent time as Alumni Guest Staff: John Baronich, Jamey Bumbalo, Gyro Coakley, Brent Hurley, Tiger Lion, Chris Mui, Andreas Nauleau, and Kiel Pfaff. Sorry if I missed someone.

**Alumni Trip:** This year's alumni journey to the mighty Moisie River in Labrador and Quebec completed over 400km of world-class river tripping, and got back safe and sound early in August.



**Alumni Trip Crew:** (pictured left to right) Mike Floyd, Adrian Kelly, Barrett Wadsworth, Ryan Arthurs, Karl Doench, and Tim Lamont.  
(photo by Tim Lamont)

**Alumni Sightings:** We had encounters with the following Alumni since mid July:

I ran into Bill McFarland, who runs Northern Wilderness Outfitters in Round Lake (west of the Park), while I was picking up a trip led by Tiger Lion and Jamey Bumbalo. We think Bill was at Pathfinder in the 1930's and 1940's.

While renting cabins on Cache Lake, the following stopped by at CPI: Joe Beecher, Mike Georger, John and Linda Leighbody, and Katie Rand. Cam Quinn and Riley Chapple were able to attend a social function on Source Lake.

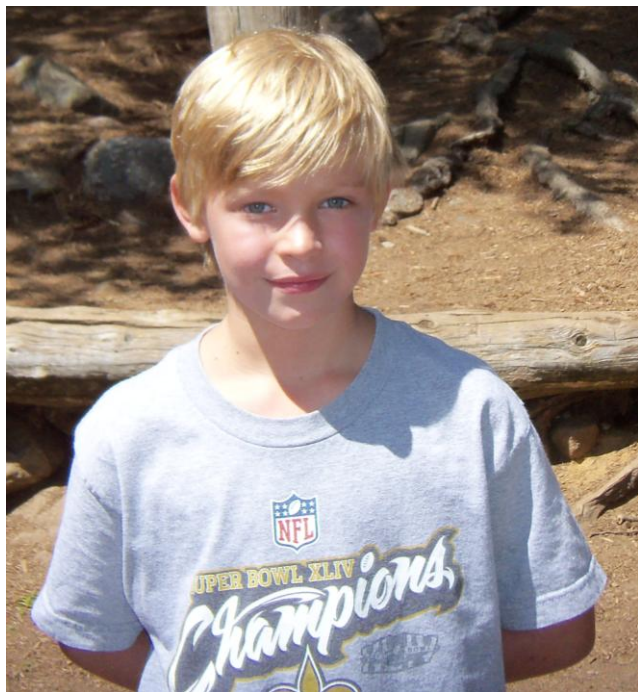
Max Saperston is a first half Chipp, in his second year at camp. His grandfather, Howard, is a Pathfinder alumnus, and visited camp to pick Max up. He wrote: "Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed returning to Pathfinder yesterday after 61 years to pick up Max. It is exactly as I remembered it. I was in the cabin next to Max my first year (1949) and in the second tent from the cabin my second year (1950). I even remembered my table in the dining room. My forty-five minutes on the Island brought back some great memories. Chief Norton owned the camp and Monty Montgomery, the Cornell track coach, and Al Chestnut, a survivor of the Bataan Death March, were two senior counselors. Max absolutely raved about camp on the ride home. He can't wait to return next summer."

Zach Arem, Ryan Arthurs, and Mike Floyd also stopped by on their way out on and returning from a trip, as did Mike Price and his wife Allegra Glashausser. Sorry if there were others who visited who I missed.

## Feature Article - Campers:

For this edition of the Alumni Newsletter, I thought you might be interested in meeting a few of our campers. In early July, while the season was just starting, I interviewed one camper from each age group.

**Alex Norton:** I caught up with Alex at the tetherball court between Lodge II west and Lodge III. Alex comes from New York City and is a first- year camper at age 9. His father, also Alex Norton, was a camper and staff for eight years in the 1980's. Alex, this year's camper, had been on his overnight to Glen Donald with Tommy Unger and Mike Songin. Alex reports that the trip was fun and there was lots of camouflage. The trip food was pretty good. Later on, he took a four day trip from Shall Lake to Opeongo with Tommy Unger, and then a three day trip Around the Horn with Mike Songin. In camp Alex's favorite activity is lunch, closely followed by tetherball and archery.



Alex Norton

(photo by Jim "Gyro" Coakley)



Peter Koch

(photo by Jim "Gyro" Coakley)

**Peter Koch:** Peter is a Cree. I had the pleasure of trucking him back from Round Lake as he completed Jamey Bumbalo's and Tiger Lion's six day trip to Birchcliffe Creek. He also had a four day trip to Louisa Lake with Finn McCance, Matt Onyskow and Wyatt Peterson. At the end of the half, he went on an extravaganza with James Berking. "The Birchcliffe Creek trip was really hard and really fun." Peter is from San Francisco, and his mother had a good friend who went to Northway, which is how they heard about Pathfinder. It is Peter's second year. He is 13 years old. In camp, he likes swimming, especially free swims, and ultimate frisbee.

**Gideon Crawford:** Gideon is a second year camper from Bethesda MD. He is a 13-year-old Ottawa. His father, Gil Crawford, attended Pathfinder in the 1970's. Early in the year, Gideon went on a three day trip with Grif Edwards. Later on he went on a ten day trip with Callum McCance from Opeongo to Hogan and Crow, coming back to Source via Drummer Lake. In camp, he likes to hang out on the Canoe Dock and at the Badminton Court. I am sure that the red and black check wool jacket that he is wearing in the photo belonged to his father, when Gil was a camper.



**Gideon Crawford**  
(photo by Jim "Gyro" Coakley)



**Riley Hanson**  
(photo by Jim "Gyro" Coakley)

**Riley Hanson.** Riley, 14 years old, is from the four-boy Hanson clan from Toronto. All of them have been to Pathfinder, but only three at a time. This is Riley's fourth year at Pathfinder and is an AA this year. He reports that his mom went to college with Henry Kronk's mom. That's how the Hansons found Pathfinder. At the time I caught up with Riley in front of the PX, he did not know where the full season AA trip was going. It left a few days later for 25 days on the Attawapiskat River. Reported on extensively elsewhere, the trip involved vans, trains, canoes, and a plane. Later on Riley went on a 12-day trip to Temagami with Simon Gooding-Townsend. Riley loves canoe tripping. In camp, he likes canoeing and basketball. His photo was taken as he was awarded the Pathfinder Award.

## Upcoming Events:

**Buffalo Reunion at the Saturn Club:** The annual camper/staff/parent/ alumni reception in Buffalo is being scheduled for US Thanksgiving Weekend. We don't have the details yet, but will put a note in the next newsletter, scheduled for mid October.

**Paddles II:** Mac Rand reports that submissions of stories for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary publication of Paddles Flashing in the Sun, volume II, are coming in very slowly. Because of the time that it takes to edit and compile, get appropriate pictures and deal with publishers, all of us need to get our submissions written (Word 2003, please) and sent off to Mac at [shadypoint@hotmail.com](mailto:shadypoint@hotmail.com).

**New York Reception:** A reception in New York at the Princeton Club is being planned for the fall. Alumni, Staff and Campers in the area are encouraged to attend. More information to come.

## Did you know?

Since Charlie Dorkee talked about cottage leaseholds and arriving by train, in the Park, I thought I would ask a few questions about those topics.

1. Do you know what year was the last year that campers took the train and arrived at Source Lake? And the last year that they arrived by train (to Huntsville)?
2. When was the last year that the Province of Ontario issued new leases in the Park? How many leases are there currently?
3. What year was Glen Donald Lodge built on the east shore of Source Lake? And what year did it stop operating? What caused it to close?

Answers to the lease and Glen Donald questions are available on a web site called [algonquinparkresidents](http://algonquinparkresidents.com).

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