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Winter Campout at Edwards

by **Ed Jung**
aka: **Running Bear**
Kuna Tribe

So you decided to blow this one off because of the weather? Too bad. You missed a good one! For all of us winter enthusiasts, here was the kind of weekend we live for. All right, so it could have been just a tad warmer!

What was important was having a real sled race for a change! Each of the tribes took one death defying plunge down the perilous course, all dads watching grimly as their progeny took a headlong dive toward the Tree of Princess Trauma. The Kuna dads merited recognition for chivalry, pre-testing their psychedelic bus before risking heavy medical bills with the daughters. All joking aside, the Red Fox ran a good safe race. The happy ending: the only devastation was the 40 foot oak tree we nearly incinerated with the sled bonfire.

Da Bears dominated the camping weekend; too bad just the opposite happened on Sunday evening. Kudos to one slightly crazed assistant expedition chief who fell one naked tattooed chest short of being the Bears fan we all wish we had the testicles to be. Nice spirit James!

We really enjoyed the movie clips on Friday night. The tribe deserves credit for coming up with a great variety of films that kept us all entertained.

Harron's Run, or as it is popularly known, the Black Hole, was quite the rush. Having a nice long run-out on snow makes a difference!

The 70's game shows run by Mariposa were illuminating. With "Name That Tune", the princesses taught the dads how clueless they are when it comes to modern music. Sad to say, now we know how our parents felt. Jack "Dawson" ran the "Tribal Feud" with style and panache, but sans cigar.



The 50's sock hop drew more greasers than some of our more "seasoned" dads have seen since high school. "Wolfman" Facey did a nice job of spinning the vinyl and keeping evening running oh-so-smoothly. The Elvis impersonators showed more style than substance, but hey, that's what we wanted, right? The King himself would have been impressed. The gummy bear relay race was a huge success since we did not have to administer the Heimlich to even a single princess. Finally, everyone was happy to see our own Sunshine prevail in the musical chair competition.

Speaking from the Kuna perspective, the weekend was a big success, and not for the reason you think. The fact is, we all had a great time, and believe we share the view with the majority of you. Best of all, not a single reported case of frostbite!

Winter Rules!

A Tribute to Pete

by Ed Jung
aka: Running Bear
Kuna Tribe

At Camp Edwards, a moment of silence was observed for Peter Fay, who passed away shortly after our fall campout.

Pete was fine example for all of us as dads and husbands. He was talented: an accomplished engineer, an airplane and balloon pilot, as well as a dedicated educator. He held several degrees, but you would never know that from the humble way he carried himself.



Pete was probably best characterized by the way he lived his life. He epitomized the Christian lifestyle. Never drawing attention to himself, he just spent his time making the world around him a better place.

He devoted endless hours as a volunteer at Prairie Crossing Charter School. If there was a task that needed doing, Pete was all over it, never asking anything in return. This could range from trouble shooting the heating and air conditioning at the school, installing lightning rods after devouring the requisite manual, convincing our 6-year-olds to clean up the litter at the ball fields (and not complain a bit), to volunteering his hay wagon for our Memorial Day parade float.

To say he was a devoted father and husband is simply an understatement. A true family man, he was happiest spending time with son Forrest, daughter Arielle, and wife Laura.

Most of us had too short a time to really get to know Pete. Yet we will never forget him.

Junior is a Bears Fan!

by Carter Isaacson
a.k.a. Running Wolf Junior
Volcano Tribe

Hi there my name is Carter Isaacson also known as Running Wolf Junior because Mikey Mariella is Running Wolf and he is older than me. I'm going to write about how I like Adventure Guides. I like it because I get to meet new people. I also like doing the projects like decorating pumpkins. I liked building the rockets and paper airplanes and painting t-shirts. I like having time together with my dad. It is very fun! I bet adventure guides will be great I really look forward to my first campout.

Peace out and go Bears.

I can't wait!!!!

by Devin Papiernik
a.k.a. Lightning Bear
Volcano Tribe

Hey guys this is Lightning Bear and I just thought of a new Adventure guide name. It is a cool nameFlying Hawk. Me & my dad had a lot of fun at the Wolves game... it was awesome! I am so excited for the first campout at Camp Edwards. Maybe we'll be able to use the ZIP LINE! What a rush that is! Make sure to bring your sleds for the toboggan slide. Maybe this year we can play dodgeball with snowballs! But not like last year we played with balls. Best of all we get to be with our dads all the time and learn new things.

Fun until the Very End!

by Ryan Jones
a.k.a. Jumping Tiger
Volcano Tribe

This year I am graduating from Adventure Guides. It is going to be fun because we are going to Tecumseh for our spring campout. Tecumseh is the best camp site. I hope we do a flour ball fight. It is so much fun. Also, I like the chants in the morning. But, most of all, I like it when our tribe wins awards like the Spirit Award.

Flying with the Volcano

by John Caffarelli
a.k.a. Flying Turkey Feathers
Volcano Tribe

Hi, my name is John Caffarelli, aka Flying Turkey Feathers, and I joined Adventure Guides in the fall. My dad and I are in the Volcano tribe and we meet once a month. In the fall I made a rocket. I enjoy Adventure Guides because I get to see my friends who go to different schools and meet new friends. My favorite event was the Olympics. My Dad and I had a great time working together to compete. I am looking forward to the next camping trip and the sleep over at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Camp Edwards Winter Fun

by Jason Palmer
a.k.a. Running Bear
Hawaii Tribe

This year's winter campout at Camp Edwards was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed sledding with all my friends. Going down the sled hill was a lot of fun because I went really fast. I had fun hunting for animals behind the cabin. Launching rockets was really cool, even though my toes were cold. Thinking about it, I always have fun at Adventure Guides events.



First Impressions

by Sydney Cox
aka: ?????
Heron Tribe

I like being in Adventure Princesses with my dad. We go on fun campouts with my friends and all sleep in the same big room. I like all of the fun things that we do at the campouts. I liked giving some of my toys at our Christmas meeting to other little girls who don't have any. I'm going to the daddy daughter dance with my dad and we had fun last year at it too.



Submariners

by **Scott Anderson**
aka: ??????
Aspen Tribe

On February 2, 2007, the Rocky Mountain Expedition had its museum overnigher at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is a wonderful experience. It has everything you can imagine about maritime history on the Great Lakes, from the days of tall ships on Lake Michigan, to the shipbuilding of the present. The highlight of our stay was the USS Cobia, a fully restored World War II submarine. It's one of six United States Navy submarines from World War II still in existence. How this submarine came to be in Manitowoc is a story in and of itself. This is what we learned at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

When World War II broke out, our country desperately needed more submarines. Manitowoc was already a site for shipbuilding and became one of several locations where U.S. Navy submarines were built. Manitowoc built 28 submarines for the Navy during World War II. They all served with distinction. The Manitowoc submarines were collectively awarded 4 Navy Crosses, 13 Silver Stars, 22 Bronze Stars, 2 Legions of Merit, 1 Navy & Marine Corps Medal, 1 Presidential

Unit Citation, 9 Navy Unit Commendations and 80 Battle stars. Four Manitowoc submarines were lost in battle with all hands. The USS Cobia served with distinction. It went on six patrols and sunk thirteen enemy ships. On one patrol, it sunk eight ships. The Cobia was awarded four Battle Stars for its war patrols.

Just becoming a submariner in World War II was hard! Only a handful of volunteers made it through the initial screening and then rigorous training. Submariners in World War II were young! The average age of an enlisted man on a submarine in World War II was 19. The average age of a commanding officer of a submarine, leading those young men into battle, was 30. One in four submariners were lost in combat, giving submariners the highest casualty rate of any branch of service in World War II.

When the war ended, most of the United States Navy submarines from World War II were decommissioned. The USS Cobia remained in service as a reserve vessel for the Naval Reserves in Milwaukee. It was finally decommissioned in 1970 and brought to Manitowoc as a monument to those who served and to Manitowoc submarine-building. Since then, the USS Cobia has been



painstakingly and authentically restored. It serves as a location where its crew members have their reunions. It's a fascinating museum open to the public.

Upon arrival on February 2, 2007, the 75 or so of the Rocky Mountain Expedition received a tour of the USS Cobia by museum guides. Our tour guides explained each and every detail of the USS Cobia, from its weaponry (torpedoes, cannons and machine guns), to how it submerged and surfaced. What was amazing was how much machinery and equipment was compacted into the space of the USS Cobia. Not an inch was wasted. We learned what every day life was like for its crew, both in and out of harm's way.

After the guided tours, we broke into smaller groups on the submarine. Some of us were torpedoemen. Some of us were on the bridge. Some of us were in the engine room. We all manned our battle stations as the guides took us on a simulated patrol. My group was stationed in the forward torpedo room.

There, we learned how a torpedo was actually fired and simulated doing just that. Before and after the tours and activities, we had some more free time in which to explore the “land” portion of the museum. Our boys got a kick out of that as the museum provided activities for the boys, including a scavenger hunt.

At 11:00 pm, it was time to “load gear” and get ready to sleep. When midnight rolled around, it was time for “lights-out”. We got our sons, and dads, ready to sleep. Most of us slept on the USS Cobia, moored on the Manitowoc River just outside Lake Michigan. We were tightly packed, from one end of the USS Cobia to the other. I don’t think any of us will ever forget the experience of sleeping on a World War II submarine.

My son and I slept in the forward torpedo room, with eight other dads and sons. Naturally, my son wanted to sleep in the highest bunk, seven feet off the steel deck. A twenty-two foot torpedo, two-and-a-half feet in diameter, was secured directly below the highest bunk. There were no ladders or stairs to get to that highest bunk. Of course, I had to sleep right next to him. At “lights-out”, I made the harrowing climb to my bunk. I lay there in the highest bunk in the forward torpedo room. The interior

hull of the Cobia was less than a foot above my head. The water level outside the USS Cobia was just below my bunk. As I lay there, I listened to the sound of the ice from the Manitowoc River grinding and cracking against the hull of the Cobia. I couldn’t help but wonder how our young men did this everyday in a time of war, facing unknown risks, uncertain if they would ever return.

This was an unforgettable event for my son and me. My father served in the United States Navy in World War II and again during the Korean War, on a submarine as a torpedoeman. How many grandsons, like my son, get to relive what their grandfathers did? To all members of the Mighty Rocky Mountain Expedition, thanks for joining my son and I on this adventure. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

For more information on the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, please visit:
www.wisconsinmaritime.org.



On a SUBMARINE!

by Nick Anderson
aka: ??????
Aspen Tribe

Being a sailor on the USS Cobia was hard work. Their worst enemy was a plane. Being outside the submarine was cold. On the Cobia, I ran through the submarine and jumped through the hatches. Where I slept was in the torpedo room. I slept on the top bunk above a torpedo. I was surprised to see that there were no lifeboats on the Cobia. In the museum we looked at all the boats on display.

Do-Gooder

by Ryan Cox
aka: ??????
Nene Tribe

I like Adventure Guides because it is exciting and fun. We get to go on cool campouts and do neat activities when we are there. I'm looking forward to the winter campout, but hope that we get more snow for it. We do good for other people that have less, like at our December meeting when we gave toys of ours to other kids that don't have any and hopefully made them happy. I have a good time spending time with my dad at Adventure Guides.



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