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Good morning! Well, here we are, almost to a close of the 4th Camping period. To all the Scouts and Scouters, we hope you enjoyed your stay here at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, and that it was a great experience for you. Before you leave, stop for a moment, and look around you--even though we have alot of rain, and hot, muggy weather, stop and take a long look at the beauty, and the peace and quiet, (after the Scouts are asleep), that is all around us. Despite the bugs, rain, heat, and a few other things, we really are pretty lucky to be here, at this time, in this place. Enjoy the things that are around you, dear friends.

WEST CAMP-Staff meeting after lunch.

Reminder: Scoutmasters meeting at the Commissioner Site on Friday after lunch. Mugs will be given and checkout procedures discussed.

Retreat tomorrow-5:45, full uniform.

Exciting news from both sides of Ray's Bleachers. Q.M. News-- All Scoutmasters, please, would you turn in all equipment to the Q.M. tomorrow morning at 9:00 - 11:30 AM. T.P.--The postponed, extra exciting, Ray's refill giveaway day is on--Free refills on pop, to the person who receives a special cup. P.S. No coke yet, hang in, tho he's coming today!!!

NASPA Members-Dave Edwards, NASPA vice-president, found Herkimer J. Aardvark's leash near Bridger yesterday. Herkimer thanks you dearly as he just lost his collar.

A special thanks to those Scoutmasters who participated in the M.O.L.E. session yesterday. The input was valuable and Scoutmasters from East & West are encouraged to attend tomorrow's session, when Neal Beamus, Scoutmaster, will be holding a session highlighted by compass work.

PERSONAL-John Hopkins-Prepare to meet thy doom. Love, KS

Paul Schulz-Hope you enjoyed your extra-special birthday surprise. Signed, Your Chauffeur P.S. Hi, Kennie!!

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The West Camp kitchen staff claims superiority over all other kitchen staffs in the area of "milk crate stacking". Tuesday night, the men, (Lola, too?) from the West Camp Dining Hall, stacked 38 crates, to a height of almost 40 feet, WOW!! Those "men" in the West Side, challenge those kitchen boys on the East side. Remember, falling milk crates don't tickle. BE CAREFUL!!

Rumor has it that July 15, was the other commissioner's birthday. Well, fans, we missed it, but, today we can make up for it after lunch.

A BIG WELCOME to the following troops, who have already made their reservations for the 1979 Camping Season. Troop 21, Michael Weidemann, Period 3 & 4, East Camp, Mohawk Village; Troop 23, L. J. Hart, Sr., Period 3 & 4, East Camp, Chippewa Village; Troop 155, David Zuehlke, Period 3 & 4, East Camp, Blackfoot Village. Welcome, and we're glad that you will be here to help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. See ya' there.

EAST CAMP-Water Carnival today at 1:30. Come one, come all!

Tonight, the one and only "Euell Gibbons" edible plant demonstration and feast, kicks off at East Eco-Con, at 7:00 PM. Nuts, berries, greens, tubers, and a variety of beverages, will be served. Wilderness survival people, and other interested Scouts are welcome. "Good times at Eco-Con."

East T.P.-Today is "Hannie Babies" favorite item day once again at your friendly East T.P. Just come up and tell me "Hannie Babies" favorite item. If you guess what it is, you will win:

- 1) Free Coke
- 2) Free Survival Kit
- 3) Free line pass

P.S. MMMM is still on. Friendly Dave

Field Sports-Wowie, kazowie!! Talk about a tight race for the Silver Bullet; this is incredible. You just wouldn't believe how difficult it is to score targets down at the rifle range with the tight patterns that some Scouts are making. Take it easy, guys. You know, I have trouble counting with my fingers and toes, especially since I can't bend that one ?*!X??*\$ knee. (I'll NEVER sing that song again.) Anyway, we have a TIE for first place in the competition. Both John Sanderson, T-260, and Chuck Kodie, T-174, chalked up fantastic scores of 47 each. And, right behind them, yearning to claim that most coveted of all prizes (the Silver Bullet klutz!) is Eric Wiberg, Troop 162 with a score of 46.

The NRA Qualification Shots have brought a large number of Scouts down to F.S. to compete against one another and themselves and to improve their skill. As of this morning, the

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total number of certificates awarded have been: Pro-Marksman-39; Marksman-20; Marksman 1st Class-12; Sharpshooter-7; Bar 1 of Sharpshooter-1. Congratulations to all of the certificate holders from the Field Sports Staff. Take a bow, you all deserve it.

SILVER

Make sure that you complete all of your NTA targets by Friday. If you don't complete the rank that you're working on, you'll revert back to your last completed rank. Several Scouts are half or nearly finished with a rank. Hurry up and finish those ranks, guys!!

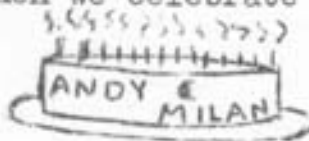
All F.S. merit badges must be completed by Friday at 5:00. Competition for the Silver Bullet and Golden Arrow will also end at 5:00.

Bow & Arrow Department-The results are in for the great and wonderful "William Tell Shoot Off." After the stiff competition at the 10 yd. target left only four competitors. the apple was moved to the 20 yd. target. At the end of competition, there was left only one person to match William Tell-John Sanderson, Troop 260--Congratulations. ←←←

FAMILY CAMP-Down in the lovely confines of Family Camp, we have two very special birthdays to celebrate. Young Mr. Andy Jensen, son of the world renowned "Bronze Tiger", is celebrating his sixth birthday today. His Dad says, "In the Lake", but, I think around the mess hall would be plenty. After all, Andy is not "Bronze Tiger" II, yet.

Our second birthday, is indeed a special one. Mr. Milan L. Cook, a guest in Family Camp, is celebrating his 94 birthday today. Mr. Cook, from Ithaca, Michigan, is here with Troop 155, and staying at Cabin #14. Mr. Cook won't be running around the dining hall, and I suggest that no plans be made to throw him in the lake, but, why not stop by and wish him a very special, Happy Birthday. We hope Mr. Cook will celebrate 95 with us next year, when we celebrate 50. Our very best wishes.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO YOU



6-ANDY 94-MILAN

We also are pleased to let you know, that Triangle-N has a new hand-Stella. Stella has volunteered her time as a Wranglerette, and in her spare time yesterday, went fishing, and came up with a 19 inch large mouth bass. Welcome, Stella, and good fishing.

That's all for now--remember to smile, it can brighten any day!!

