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As we face another day here at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, the sun is bright and getting brighter by the minute. The temp is supposed to be in the high 80's today, and humid, so cool it, gang, cool it!

Before we get into the really important news, there are a few personal announcements that must be taken care of;

I have been informed that there was a recount on the newly arrived baby ducks--this newspaper reported yesterday that there were 24--we have since been informed that there are 25. Ed has named them all. They are respectively, A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V,W,X,Y. Ed assures us that he can tell them apart, too. (I wonder if he really can?)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



A very special Happy Birthday to the Beauvais brothers, Ken and Kevin who are on the camp staff.

From the rest of the Camp Staff
(Best wishes from Smoke Signals, too, guys.)

I'm sure all of you join me in wishing a big "Get Well" to Radar's van. Van was taken ill yesterday while performing it's many jobs for all of us here at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. It is recovering nicely at the "Van Hospital", and will be rejoining us shortly. Get well soon, Old Friend. Radar misses you very much. (So do all the staff whose vehicles are being borrowed.)

WEST CAMP

Formal Retreat tomorrow night, 5:45, at Camp Flag pole.

Silver Bullet award goes to Dan McGuffin of Troop 13 with a score of 43. Nice shooting, Dan.

NASPA Members: There was a reported Aardvark sighting in the 1 today in West Camp. So far, we know of two living in camp.

The Ecology/Conservation and Commissioners Staff will present "AN EVENING WITH EUELL GIBBONS". It will start at the west Nature Center at 7:00 PM, going out into the woods and ending with an edible treat. (Did you ever try breaded pine cones?)

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WEST TRADING POST -

- 1) A poem about dirty Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan trails:

"Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan's beautiful trails are getting dirty and tired,

Let's all join in and spruce them up,

So I may open to fulfill your hearts' desires."

- 2) It's contest time--today is "Guess a chosen staffman's favorite item." Come on down and find out more details!

Winner gets a ????????

- 3) The great equalizer is loaded!

- 4) The QM is complaining about his dirty view--let's clean it up. (Is dirt only in the eye of the beholder, such as beauty?)

Attention all West Camp Bowhunters--The action archery of Balsam Forest is now open for all top-notch shooters or maybe anyone who wants to try this tough course. The target archery range is open for "FREE" shoots after 2:00 PM 'til 5:00 PM; then to 7:00 to 8:00 PM. And, then the Archer of Day Award will start tomorrow at 2:00 PM. So, boogie on down to Field Sports, where the white bunny rabbits run, run!!

Archery Administrator

"Bo" Hopkins

P. S. Hi, Good-Guy!!!

**West Camp Staff would like to express their appreciation to Mr. Roy Van Hagen for his talk last night on Emergency First Aid Trail Procedures. Thanks for keeping us "prepared".

Thanks, also from the boys in Wilderness Survival.

EAST CAMP

East Camp handi-craft will hold a best looking projects award for each merit badge taught Friday at 3:00. Only the people who have made things this week can enter.

FIELD SPORTS-Congratulations to Robert Valenziano, Troop 89, who scored a 43 on the rifle range to take the lead in the competition for the Silver Bullet. A twenty-one gun salute to him: BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, BANG, and finally, BANG!

Gene Townsend, Troop 248, is in the lead for the Red Bullet Award. (better known as the Big Beng) on the shotgun range. Gene shot seven birds in a row and then missed the eighth one.

Come on down and try your luck. Competition is fierce and a lot of scouts are shooting for NRA, so worm your way in and help us burn some powder.

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***Thank you again, Mohawk Village, for a very nice time last night. Signed T.M.

TRADING POST-Trivia lovers: Today is trivia day at "Hannie Babies" T. P. Anyone who answers a trivia question correctly, receives a free, yes, free survival kit. By the way, a purchase is required to enter.

And, until Friday, a purchaser of the famous beadcraft kit receive a Bi-Centennial Patch for only 50¢. P. S.--I am now taking applications for Trading Postmanship Merit Badge.

Down at the Archery Range, the competition for the Golden Arrow is shooting away. So far, the top archers are:

10 yard Target - Al Gehring, Troop 73

Roger Braber, Troop 195 ←

20 yard Target - Tom Olson, Troop 73

30 yard Target - Jim Weiss, Troop 73

40 yard Target - Adam Pracente, Troop 134

COME AND COMPETE!!!!

Pull out your hankies, folks. We have some sad news for you--

An East Camp Tragedy: Yesterday, June 28, 1978, there occurred in East Camp, an act of felony so vile and deplorable, that it brings tears to our eyes. We are referring to the premeditated kidnapping of one of East Camps permanent residents. Waldo, friend of Commissioners, and guardian of Scoutcraft, was fiendishly and horribly removed from his honored perch. A terrorist group calling themselves the "East Camp Phantoms" has taken responsibility for the act. We fear greatly for his life and have launched the greatest Rock Hunt in the history of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. A specialist, Nick Danger, 3rd Eye, has been called in to assist and has vowed that no stone will remain unturned. East Camp Residents are asked for their complete cooperation and are urged to stop by Waldo's perch in the Commissioner Site to sign in sympathy for Waldo. We pray for his safe return. Terrorists, BEWARE!

Notes from the Commissary:

Rumor has it that Dave Cahill, East T.P. Operator, can carry on an intelligent conversation. So, go up and talk with Dave, and Find out if the rumor is true. (I haven't found it to be true)

His Boss,
"P.C." Freze

Family Camp reports that it will try again today for the 1:00 Nature walk. I'm not quite sure what happened yesterday, but won't you join us???

(Just a little more)

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We have a riddle for you today. What is it that has two legs, is red all over the body, and is cold all the time? Bet you can't guess. Watch for the answer tomorrow.

Have you been in the Country Store yet? Better stop by and see all the good things they have in there. The girls are getting really good at making all those ice cream concoctions.

We have a new survivor of "Hernia Hill." Our new title holder is "Hernia Helen", and she climbs that treacherous hill at least three times a day, and is getting better at it, every time. Before too long, we are sure she will be jogging up and down that hill, and not even get short of breath.

Well, Troopies, that's it for this time. Our wish for the day--

ENJOY, ENJOY!!

ORDER OF THE YBBOM