

# The Wilmot Weekly

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## Better Is One Day

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

For my soul longs and even faints for you.

For here my heart is satisfied within your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

Better is one day in your courts.

Better is one day in your house.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand else here.

*-Author Unknown*

*Counselor Anna Ichikawa sang her favorite song to her campers in Cabin 8.*

## Wilmot Fires Up for Fun

by Laura Doyle, Mark Hamel and Jessie Nguyen

July 20- A crowd of campers sat around a blazing campfire while singing on Sunday night at Camp Wilmot, NH.

The campers played the game "Name That Tune", from an old time gameshow where people guess how many notes it will take them to name the tune.

Mark Vigoroso played the drums while Kathy Freeman played the guitar along with him.

The songs that were played were Bible-related songs. Sometimes they would give a clue, such as if it was a counselor's favorite theme song.

The teams for the great game were, boys against girls. And the results were... the girls won!

But the boys were not that far behind. The score was an estimated 18-16.

"Fair game!" quoted Jessie Nguyen, 12, Cabin 4, South Boston, MA. "Both teams earned their points."

Rachel Feldstein, 10, Haverhill, MA, smiled and sang loudly with her friends from Cabin 7.

"It was fun" she said. "My favorite song was *Lady On The Mountain*."



## "Foxes" from Cabin 4 Compete in First Cabin Challenge

By Jessie Nguyen

July 21- Cabin 4, also known as the "**Foxes**," showed up at the Dining Hall for their first cabin challenge ever. Their challenge was the Claymation, an activity where campers used clay to animate a Bible story.

The campers molded flowers, a path, seeds, birds, Jesus, bushes and a sun to tell the parable of The Seed Sower. The story was about faith and trust said Program Director Kate Murphy. "I thought it was great," she said. "And the girls will never forget the parables of Jesus."

There was also an interview with one of the Foxes, Natalie Guardino, 12, Millbury, MA.

"It was fun because I thought animations were cool," she said. "Communicating helps us finish the teamwork."

The Foxes enjoyed the cabin challenges while also growing their own loving friendship. They learned that being in a cabin means love and trust and that you should treat your cabin friends like a family.

# Wilmot's Wackiest Olympics

By Mark Hamel

July 21- Laughter rang from inside the walls of the cafeteria as rain beat down upon the soggy ground. Inside the warm dry building campers were being assigned colors for teams that would compete in a friendly competition to see which team was the wackiest and most respectful.

The first event was the egg passing relay race.

"Egg passing was fun," said George Om, 11, South Boston, MA. In the relay race, half of your team went to one side of the room and the other half went to the other side of the room. Each side got a spoon and a wooden egg. The egg was supposed to stay on the spoon as the person walked to the other side of the room and passed it to the next person.



Going wacky at Wilmot.

The second event was a fun one. Your whole team stood in a line holding hands while they tried to get a hula hoop over their body and through the whole chain of people. The wackiest and first team to get the hula hoop down the chain won the game.

The third event was tricky. Three people put a foam noodle through their legs, held on, and ran to the other side of the room. There, they turned themselves around and hurried back, and the next group of three went.

The fourth event was the water balloon toss. "It was my favorite event, because I threw a balloon at Nick," said Will Patey, 13, Boston, MA.

**"I caught the balloon inside my shirt so that it wouldn't pop," said Anthony Edwards, 10, South Boston, MA.**

## Campers Shake Things Up at Dance Night

By Jessie Nguyen

July 22- Everyone in the whole camp prepared for the Dance Night. Each cabin group performed in the Dining Hall for fun.

First, we had folk and square dancing. Amanda Correllus, age 11, Cabin 4, Fitchburg, MA, said, "It was a good learning experience. There were types of dances from all over the world."

Another camper here at Camp Wilmot is Barbara Om, age 11, Cabin 4, from South Boston, MA. She spoke about the DJ-style dance and said, "It was kind of fun and kind of boring because there is some slow music that doesn't get you moving at all." But she enjoyed the last dance. "It was fun because it was funny," she said.

Counselor Kathy Freeman organized the event. "I went to a dance workshop and my teacher, Phyllis Weikart, showed me the dances and wrote a book on how to do all the dances," she said. "The dances do come from all parts of the world."

## Carnival Booths Offer Food and Fun

By Laura Doyle

July 24- "Hurry, hurry, get to the cabin to start our booth!" cried the cabins. Each cabin had their own booth. Cabin 1 did a sponge throwing game. Cabin 4 did a doughnut-eating contest. Cabin 5 did trivia. Cabin 7 did apple-bobbing, and cabin 8 did a stale marshmallow toss. They also had ice cream sandwiches, ice cream cones, popcorn and candy at each booth. I had a conversation about the Carnival with Evelyn French, 11, Amherst, NH. I asked, "What did you think about the Carnival?"

"I thought it was...interesting," she answered.

"What was your favorite part?"

"Working," she said.

Everyone looked like they were having fun! So there you have it...The Wilmot Carnival!

Mark Hamel, 11, Sudbury, MA, and Anthony Edwards, 10, from South Boston, MA, won the water balloon toss.

"I caught the balloon inside my shirt so that it wouldn't pop," said Edwards. "It landed about five times on the ground and didn't pop."

At the end of the Wacky Olympics, everyone went into the Barn for roasting marshmallows.

"It was my favorite part of the Wacky Olympics," said Russell Kaptan, 12, Newton, MA.



Hanging out at the lakefront during free time.

# Polar Bears Rise Early for Swim

By Laura Doyle

FOUND: A great new way to wake up in the morning!

"It's too early!" moaned my cabin as the CIT's banged on our windows.

At 7:00 am – 7:45 am, we have something called Polar Bear Swimming.

This is what we do: we go down to the lake and wait for everyone to come who plans to.

We then walk "the Polar Bear Walk" down the dock to the water:

To do this, you touch your toes and walk like a bear.

Next you get down on all fours



Doing the Polar Bear walk into the water.

and test the water.

The next thing you know, you've rolled into the water.

Then you splash around a bit and then hop out.

Finally, you grab your towel and run to your cabin to get the first shower.

Then you get dressed and go to breakfast.

And at the end of the week, if you do it every morning, maybe you'll get a prize!

Polar Bear Swimming is sure one good way to get up! Give it a try!

## The Great 2003 Archery Tournament

By Don Soule

The final day of the Great 2003 Archery Tournament at Camp Wilnot was Friday, July 25th. By the end of the week, so many archers wanted to improve their scores, we had to double the size of the range. Arrows flew into the targets and scores went up and up. There were 25 archers in all.

The Grand Champions for 2003 are Natalie Guardino and Evan Shaughnessy. Natalie shot 22 arrows into a target without missing, and Evan shot 24.

### Top Archers of the Week:

Individual Girls: 1.) Natalie 2.) Chrissy 3.) Ashley

Individual Boys: 1.) Evan 2.) Will 3.) George (Director Rob did well too!)

2 Person : 1.) Elise & Natalie 2.) Amanda & Ashley 3.) George & Anthony

4-Person: 1.) Elise, Natalie, Anthony & George

2.) Kelly, Evelyn, Will & Russell

3.) Jamie, Laura, Evan & Rob

## Keeping Those Cabins Clean

By Laura Doyle

"Have the cleanest cabin and get an award from Nick!"

This weeks winners were...

Monday- Cabin 8

Tuesday- Cabin 1

Wednesday- Cabin 4

Thursday- Cabin 8

Friday-Cabin 8

Good job to all who participated!



Archer Anthony Edwards hits the mark.

"Thanks be to God, this has been a stellar week! I have been amazed by the energy and commitment of our staff and the courageous and joyful spirit of our campers."

-Rob Mark,  
Camp Director



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## Wilmot Reporters Publish First Edition

By Becky Evans

While their roommates snored and thunder boomed outside their cabins, the Wilmot Reporters stayed awake to record the day's events for Camp Wilmot's first-ever newsletter.

Mark Hamel, 11, of Sudbury, MA, chose reporting because he wanted a new experience.

"I decided I would try something different and I also like to write," he said. "It turned out to be my favorite thing at camp."

Hamel, who attends First Presbyterian Church in Sudbury, worked on his story before bedtime and during his free period.

Jessie Nguyen, 12, of South Boston, MA, signed on as a Wilmot Reporter because she enjoys writing.

"I think reporting is interesting

and fun," she said.

Two years ago, Nguyen entered a news writing contest sponsored by the Boston Globe. Her article about the endangered manatee won a prize and was published in the Globe.

Nguyen attends First Presbyterian Church in South Boston.

Reporter Laura Doyle, 10, of Shrewsbury, MA, also is an experienced journalist. The past two years, Doyle and her classmates published a monthly magazine, *The All-Star Magazine*.

Doyle, who attends St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shrewsbury, enjoyed her third year at Camp Wilmot.

"This is the first time they offered newsletter, so I thought I would try a new activity," she said. "I liked everything about it. It was fun reporting."



The three Wilmot Reporters pitched story ideas, interviewed campers, covered nightly activities and designed the layout of the newsletter. Their enthusiasm and dedication helped produce an excellent first edition of the

Wilmot Weekly.