



Birch Pond Beacon

July 2008

Casco, Maine

Slow down!

Our 2008 season is flying by way too fast. We are two weeks into the first session and it's incredible to see the Netop spirit, energy and enthusiasm. It's especially fun to watch the old friendships rekindled and the new ones form. This group of campers and staff clearly enjoys being together!



Campers and staff played a rock concert before the July 4th fireworks show on the baseball field

Hot Netop bats



The 13U baseball team enjoyed a big win at O-AT-KA

Meet the 2008 Netop Staff



90% of Netop staff members are returnees

Program highlights

We've already experienced so many highlights, including:

- July 4th fireworks and rock concert
- First annual Beach Party Barbecue
- Adventure trips on Saco River, Coffee Pond and Coos Canyon (up next).
- Klondike Day
- Tribal games, including Medicine Stick, Field & Swim Meets and 3-ball soccer
- Popular morning activities such as film making, archery, sailing, rock band, conditioning, leather craft, lacrosse
- Ladder tournaments in ping pong, tetherball, tennis, foul shooting, chess and checkers
- Inter-camp competition in baseball, soccer, basketball, kickball, dodgeball and swimming
- Name That Tune, Nukem, Capture the Flag, Rattlesnake Mountain hike

Volunteer crew gets it going



The crew is shown on a new waterfront lifeguard tower

A great volunteer crew joined us June 18-23 to complete many projects such as a new game area and camp store in the Lodge, a solo tennis practice wall, custom shelving in three new sports storage sheds, prep work for the music building, basketball court lights and new canoe/kayak racks at the beach.

Laughter is contagious



Think these campers get along?



12U soccer team plays to a tie on the Netop pitch



Campers get creative at the Beach Party Barbecue



Seniors in Tent 11

Taking time to reflect

Each Netop day ends with a period of "reflection", as the tent groups discuss a meaningful topic. These may be about values such as listening, patience, caring and teamwork or how to grow in each of the four spokes (mental, social, physical and spiritual). Reflection time is marked at the start by a quiet song and at the end by Taps.



Thank you to Netop alum Leif Liberg for our beautiful new mahogany carved sign

Session II campers – We look forward to the arrival of many new campers on July 20!