

THE TAK TALK

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Camp Takajo Shine in Invitational Tennis Tournament

by Harry Crowe

It's no exaggeration when we say tennis is one of the most popular sports at Camp Takajo. With state-of-the-art facilities, all of our campers are desperate to pick up a racket and follow in the footsteps of tennis legends past and present, such as John McEnroe, Bjorn Borg, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, and Roger Federer. As such, all eyes were on the court on Thursday, July 14th, for the Invitational Tennis Tournament.

There were four camps who competed in the Invitational Tennis Tournament: Takajo, Cedar, Wildwood, and Winaukee. The rules were simple: matches would be decided by a pro set - the first to win eight games would be awarded the winner. On Invitational Day, Takajo squared off against Cedar and Takajo impressively came out victorious in both the selected age groups. In the 14's, Takajo produced an eye-catching 11-1 triumph and the 15's rounded off a fine day with a 9-0 success over their near neighbors. The team members of Takajo's 14's and 15's age groups were as follows:

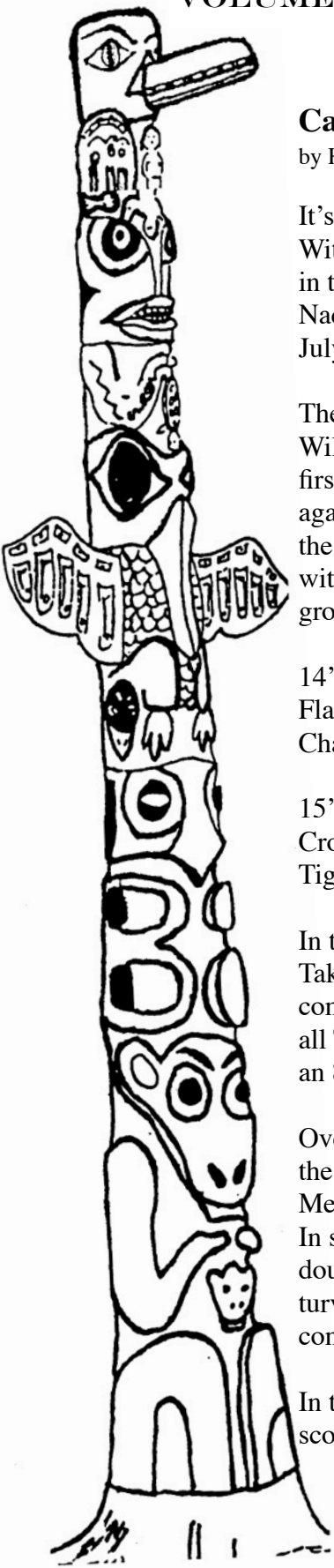
14's: Nate Rosenblatt, David Lefkovits, Andres Siso, Jack Badner, Parker Forman, Spencer Flaxman, Lucas Kaplan, Simon Gunzberg, Dean Pretlow, Alexander Doft, Asher Seelig, Charlie Starr

15's: Matthew Jachman, Chase Meyers, Austin Lemer, Mason Davis, Natan Kramskiy, Sam Croopnick, Blake Bennett, Matthew Finvarb, Andrew Doft, Nate Miller, Jasper Heitin, Will Tighe.

In the individual results, Chase Austin celebrated 3rd place in the 10's boys singles after Takajo defeated Winaukee 8-3, while Brady Abrahamson was awarded the accolade of consolation champion. There was joy and jubilation in the 10's boys doubles final as it was an all Takajo affair with Andrew Sherman and Jack Croopnick being declared the winners, after an 8-2 victory over Ian Grossman and James Cohen.

Over in the 12's boys singles, Wyatt Melnikoff produced a spirited and valiant effort to reach the final, but had to settle for a runners-up spot after Wildwood recorded an 8-1 win. Meanwhile, Levi Schaner finished in 3rd place after Takajo enjoyed more success over Cedar. In similar fashion to the 10's, it was another all Takajo showdown in the final. The 12's boys doubles team of Malcolm Greene and Simon Dorment narrowly came out on top in a topsy-turvy encounter, as they beat the pairing of Jake Finegold and Jax Novador 7-4 in a compelling contest.

In the end, there could only be one winner and Takajo won the Invitational with an overall score of 215. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the event.



Would You Rather...?

by Leo Pottruck

Leo went around on Thursday, July 14th and asked those around Hobby Lane if they would rather invent the world's first computer or build the world's most fantastic roller coaster. He noted the results here:

Alexander Feinberg said he would create the world's most fantastic roller coaster. Hudson Brotspies said he would also create the world's most fantastic roller coaster. The score is now 2-0 in favor of roller coaster. Teddy Erlichman said he would invent the world's most fantastic roller coaster. Now it's a 3-0 score. Aaron Altschuler said he would invent the world's most fantastic roller coaster. Now it is 4-0.

The tables turned however, when Zander Cohen said he would invent the world's first computer. This brought the score to 4-1. Jude Harris said he would create the world's first computer. Dylan Cherkas said he would invent the world's first computer bringing the score now to 4-3. Jordan Till said he would invent the world's first computer which now brought the score to an even 4-4. The tie-breaker ended up being Max Zimmerman who said he would create the world's most fantastic roller coaster which brought the score to 5-4, for building the world's most fantastic roller coaster.

Would You Rather...?

by Dasche Searcy and Ryder Macdonald

We asked fifteen campers whether they would have the ability to either hold their breath as long as a seal or jump as far as a kangaroo. These are the results. To kick things off, we decided to ask Tommy and Josh. They both had the same response: they would rather hold their breath as long as a seal. On the other hand, we had Iggi and Brandon respond differently. They both chose to jump as far as a kangaroo. Continuously we kept asking people including Luca, Palmer, Body, and Ben. Three of them, Luca, Palmer, and Body chose to be able to hold their breath as long as a seal. However, Ben and many others including, Logan, Jai, and Ben M. chose to be able to jump as far as a kangaroo. We decided to look for people wanting to be interviewed in the art room.

After stumbling upon Ezra, Zach, and Zachary L., we asked them this brain boggling question, and believe it or not, they all had the same response. They would all rather be able to hold their breaths as long as a seal instead of being able to jump as far as a kangaroo. To sum up this experiment, we would like to share the results. Nine of the fifteen people who participated would rather hold their breath as long as a seal instead of being able to jump as far as a kangaroo.

In Takajo's Opinion, Who's Better?

by Blake Parker, Max Popowitz, Brandon Greene, and Andrew Cooperman

On Friday, July 15th, we interviewed twenty-five kids today. We asked them a question that said, "who is better, LeBron James, Michael Jordan, or Kobe Bryant?" We thought more people would have said Michael Jordan. Even though half of them said Michael Jordan, we thought there would be more. Only five people said LeBron James was better, nine people said Kobe Bryant would be better and the rest of them said Michael Jordan.

Would You Rather...?

by Teddy Erlichman

I interviewed eight different people and asked, "would you rather discover a cure for all diseases or invent a food that would stop world hunger?" First, I interviewed Charlie Goldstein, who wanted to cure all diseases. Next, I interviewed Leo Pottruck and Joe Wood and they both wanted to end world hunger. With a tie happening, I asked Hudson Brotspies and he wanted to find a cure for all diseases. Then I asked Gus Lustig, Rohan Murdeshwar and Phillip Klein and they all answered with wanting to cure all diseases. Finally, Tara wanted to cure all diseases. Curing all diseases won 6-2.

Which Player to Meet

by Andrew "Coop" Cooperman

At first I thought that Messi would kill the tally. But wow it was so close. Even though Messi won, this was a very close match. In the end, I had interviewed fifty-nine people. Twenty-six picked Messi, fifteen picked Pele and seventeen for Ronaldo. In the beginning, so many people picked Ronaldo. I thought it was over. But boy was I wrong. I almost gave up but then the Messi tally went up like crazy. Messi came up in a whooping twenty-six tallies. Then I went back to the Tak Talk and finished the story off.



Staff Corner

by Mason Potack and Beckett Shaftel

Name: Celina Hallman
Hometown: Royal Palm Beach, Florida
Position: Nurse
How many years have you been at Camp Takajo: Two
Favorite activity: Hiking
What's your favorite animal: Boerboel dog
What's your favorite Disney movie: The Lion King
Fun fact: "Logophile is a lover of words"

Menu

Monday

Breakfast

French toast
Home fries

Lunch

Chili-cheese dogs
French fries

Dinner

Chicken fajita's
Spanish rice

Tuesday

Breakfast

Ham and cheese omelettes
Home fries

Lunch

Tomato soup
Grilled cheese

Tater tots

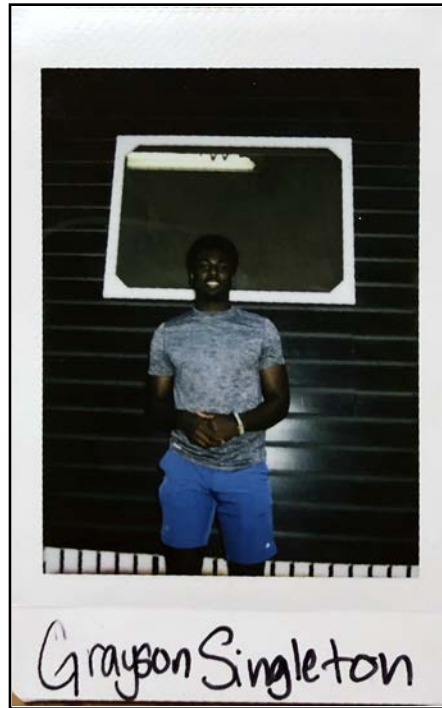
Dinner

Baked ziti alfredo
Broccoli
Garlic sticks

***All menu items are subject to change**

Did Someone Say Birthday?

Carson Deringer - July 17
Mason Potack - July 18



Counselor Corner

by Max Popowitz and Bake Parker

Name: Grayson Singleton
Hometown: Wylie, Texas
Position: Basketball counselor

How many years have you been at Camp Takajo: One
Favorite activity: Eagle basketball

What's your favorite animal: Husky

What's your favorite Disney movie: Despicable Me

Fun fact: "I have fifteen pairs of earrings"



Camper Corner

by Leo Pottruck

Name: Cameron Greene
Bunk: Tonkawa

How many years have you been at Camp Takajo: One

What grade are you going into: 4th

What do you want to do when you grow up: A doctor

What's your favorite movie: Dumb and Dumber

What's your favorite animal: Bird

Fun fact: "I am good at chess"

Please remember, any outside submissions are welcome at Tak Talk. Just slip it into the mail slot by the door.