



## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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### Pathfinder Celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Season

**Centennial Advisory Committee:** Early in June, Sladds and Glenn gathered together a group of Pathfinder alumni to discuss plans for the Centennial year. Attending were individuals from the 1960’s to the present. Here’s the group.



Front row (left to right): Glenn Arthurs; Shrub Gallagher; Dana Kimberly\*; Mike Sladden; Erik Willers; Grif Edwards. Second Row: Jim “Gyro” Coakley; Will Hopkins; Derrick Irwin; Quin Sladden. Third Row: John Herman; Trip Pierson; Brent Hurley; Jake Pierson; Brian Bissonette; Chris Brackley.

\* Dana is the daughter of William “Kim” Kimberly, camper and staff from the 1940’s.

Photo by Jim “Gyro” Coakley

**100<sup>th</sup> year events:** Pathfinder invites all alumni to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. We have set up a number of events in convenient locations throughout the northeastern United States and Ontario. I hope that you will consider attending one or more of these events. Here are the dates of all the events, and details of those that are scheduled for the fall. To help our planning, please RSVP. See the description of each event to see where to send your RSVP. Let us know which event you are attending, and a list of the names of who is coming.

#### **October, 2012:**

**George Liederhaus Memorial - October 5-7, 2012:** The thirteenth annual George Liederhaus Memorial Race Weekend is scheduled for October 5-7, 2012. The event is organized by Jake and Trip Pierson and is a fundraiser for our Algonquin Campership Fund. The weekend is open to everyone who is at least age 19. This is an opportunity to spend a weekend on the island with current and former headmen. Competing racers must have led a trip for Pathfinder with campers. You can attend without racing, or enjoy paddling the course unofficially. Last year we had 58 attendees – 32 racers. Registration and details are on the George Liederhaus Memorial Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5849796473/> or contact Jake Pierson directly at [jake\\_pierson@yahoo.com](mailto:jake_pierson@yahoo.com). The \$50 contribution goes directly to the Algonquin Campership Fund. Pathfinder provides all the meals.

**Boston Reception - Friday, October 26, 2012:** This will be our first alumni event in Boston. We are looking for a good turnout from Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Campers and families, future campers and families, staff, and alumni are all invited. Here are the details:

Friday, October 26, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Hosts and Sponsors: John and Pearl Herman  
129 Moffat Rd  
Waban, MA 02468  
617-527-5962  
RSVP to me at [jcoakley@comcast.net](mailto:jcoakley@comcast.net).

The Hermans tell me that their home is located near I-95 (also known as Route 128) and public transportation.

#### **November, 2012:**

**New York Reception - Friday, November 9, 2012:** This will be our third reception at the Princeton Club. Campers and families, future campers and families, staff, and alumni are all invited. Last year about 50 people attended. Let's grow that number! Here are the details:

Friday, October 26, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Host: Andreas Nauleau  
Sponsors: Camp Pathfinder and MindGrub Technology Innovation,  
Todd Marks, President.  
Princeton Club of NY  
15 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10036  
RSVP to me at [jcoakley@comcast.net](mailto:jcoakley@comcast.net).

**Toronto Reception - Friday, November 23, 2012:** This will be our first alumni event in Toronto. We are looking forward to a good turnout from southern Ontario. Campers and families, future campers and families, staff, and alumni are all invited. Here are the details:

Friday, November 23, 2012. 7:00 PM  
Badminton and Racquet Club  
25 St. Clair Ave. West  
Toronto, Ont.  
Hosts: Pat Hodgson, Sr. and Don Lamont  
Sponsor: Camp Pathfinder.  
RSVP to me at [jcoakley@comcast.net](mailto:jcoakley@comcast.net).

**Buffalo Reception - Saturday, November 24, 2012:** Following the traditional camper, parent, and staff reunion at the Saturn Club in the afternoon, the third annual alumni event is scheduled for 4:00PM. Alumni and current staff who are at least 21 years of age are invited. Here are the details:

Saturday, November 24, 2012, 6:00 PM  
The Saturn Club  
977 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14209  
Host: Barrett Wadsworth  
Sponsor: Camp Pathfinder.  
RSVP to me at [jcoakley@comcast.net](mailto:jcoakley@comcast.net).

Last year we had about 50 people attend. I'm sure that we will have a big turnout for our centennial celebration.

**Rochester - Friday, November 30, 2012:** This will be our first alumni event in Rochester in many years. Campers and families, future campers and families, staff, and alumni are all invited. Here are the details:

Friday, November 30, 2012, 6:00 PM  
Genesee Valley Club  
421 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY  
Host: Tim Sladden  
Sponsor: Camp Pathfinder.  
RSVP to me at [jcoakley@comcast.net](mailto:jcoakley@comcast.net).

**Spring, 2013:**

**Burlington, Vermont:** Date to be determined.

**August, 2013:** August 23-25, 2013 are the dates for the on-island reunion.

## Feature Article – Alumni Canoe Trip

**Alumni Trip:** Six recent headmen completed a trip to the George River in Labrador this August. Upon their return, Brian Brunsing, Brent Hurley, and Henry Shepley stopped by the island to share the tale of their trip with the campers and staff. They also helped out with the daily program for a few days. I asked Zach Arem to share with our readers a story about the trip.



**Left to Right: Charlie Katrycz; Brian Brunsing; Henry Shepley; Ryan Arthurs; Zach Arem; Brent Hurley. Photo by Brent Hurley.**

*The George River By: Zach Arem*

*After many months of preparations and 26 days of canoe tripping we are back in civilization. The George River is one of the most breathtaking places any of us have ever been. It was not easy getting there, but well worth the effort.*

*We headed east and north on July 12, and after 25 hours of driving, we finally made it to Labrador City. From there we met our driver and continued another two hours east to our put in on the Ossokmanuan Reservoir. Things couldn't have started better for us, but we knew the type of country we were in. It didn't take long for us to realize how challenging things were going to be after the first couple of days.*

*Through heavy wind and rain, shallow waters, freezing cold temperatures, dangerous open water crossings, and a labyrinth of islands, we eventually finished the first phase of our trip on the inland ocean known as the Joey Smallwood Reservoir.*

*Though the sun came out, things didn't get much easier as we crossed the height of land and entered the headwater lakes of the George. The shallow waters continued, and our bodies were spent. We were almost 2 full days behind schedule, but we were determined to make it up.*

*Once on the Upper George, we started to pick up some ground. Though there were many technical rapids and difficult portages, we started to gain an appreciation for the lure of the river. Low laying bogs, lakes, and black spruce forests turned into a big flowing river lined by rolling mountains and tundra.*

*As we finished the Upper George and entered the 90 kilometer long Indian House Lake, the scenery became even more magnificent. Open faced mountains and cliffs littered with cascading creeks, spectacular views, bears, and residual snow became a constant.*

*After 8 hard days of waking up at 4:00am and endless paddling, we reached the Lower George and were finally back on schedule.*

*There aren't many words to describe the Lower George. If you have an opportunity to look at our pictures that will give you some perspective, but that still won't do it justice. The Lower George is absolutely stunning. It is by far the greatest stretch of river any of us have ever done. We spent seven straight days, and over 200 kilometers, navigating clean continuous C1-C4 rapids, hiking unbelievable terrain, viewing wildlife around every bend, and enjoying a wilderness truly untouched by man.*

*The Lower George culminates with a 2 kilometer long rapid known as Helen Falls. It's here that the river takes another turn into tidal Ungava Bay and the Arctic Ocean.*

*Just as it started, our journey also ended with many challenges. We battled tides almost washing our campsite away and swamping our canoes, freezing temperatures, and a sketchy 2 kilometer open water river crossing. Not to be deterred, we continued to push until we eventually made it to the Inuit village of Kangiqsualujjuaq.*

*After 2 flights and another 25 hour drive back to Lakefield, we finally made it home safely and without any mishaps.*

*The first 10 days was some of the hardest canoe tripping any of us have ever done, but there is no doubt that we would do it all again in a heartbeat. In all we saw 20 bears, 12 bald eagles, 3 nights of northern lights, 2 caribou, 1 wolf, and no wolverines or polar bears (thank the lord). We also drove nearly 5000 miles between two cars, flew 500 miles, paddled 785 kilometers, and most importantly lived our dream of canoe tripping in the arctic.*

*As a final note, the six of us would like to send a special thank you to our KickStarter supporters. None of this would have been possible without our family and friends in the Pathfinder community. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.*

*There will be a more extensive trip report in the months to come. In the meantime, feel free to look at our pictures on Facebook and follow the progress of the photo book on our blog at <http://lureoflabrador.blogspot.com/>.*

# Other Late Summer News

## **Paddles II:** A Book Report from Mac Rand

Mac reports that in a recent trip to the Island, he has unearthed a few documents from the lower office archives. However, things have been a bit quiet on the book front this summer. His self-imposed deadline for a rough draft is January 1st, so you still have time to put pen to paper/fingers to keyboard and submit your stories.

Don't know where to begin? Mac has provided a number of "prompts" on the CPI Facebook page to help sweep away the cobwebs. Among them:

Pathfinder in five: sum up your camp experience in just five related or unrelated words.  
Personalities: Margaret and Norm Roggow; Swifty; Roy; any others you care to talk about.  
Mother Nature: weather or condition-related stories. Big storms, rivers with no water, that kind of thing.

Animals: bear, moose, raccoons, chipmunks, whatever critters you had interactions with

"Uh -Oh" Moments: When things didn't go as planned, and what you did in response.

Food: Good food, bad food, trip food, kitchen stories.

First Impressions: How you learned of camp and what you thought those first few days on the island.

Last Impressions: What did your experience do for you in the long run?

Tripping: The heart of camp. What happened out on the trail? The good times, the rough times.

Out of Park tripping: the growth of the Bay trips.

Everyone has a story or two for at least some of these prompts. They can be any length, from a paragraph to several pages.

How to submit: easy. Either send Mac an e-mail with the stories in the body of the e-mail, or write them as a word document and attach it to an e-mail. Send to Mac at:

[shadypoint@hotmail.com](mailto:shadypoint@hotmail.com). If you really don't want to write but have something to say, call Mac at 845-593-2044 and he can record the conversation, and then transcribe it. That's more time consuming, but it's an alternative.

Mac hopes to get flooded with material in the very near future, so please be a part of the book and get those stories in!

**Friends and Family Weekend – Spreading the Joy of Pathfinder:** The Centennial celebration kicks off this Labour Day weekend with Alumni Family Camp, hosted by Jake and Trip Pierson. Headmen from the 1980s and '90s brought their young families to Share The Joy of being at Pathfinder. 18 parents and 14 kids from 8 months to 12 years old became friends, and we look forward to growing and continuing this tradition.

## **Race results – to Date:**

**Guides Race:** The Cache Lake Guides Race was won by the Turner Brothers from Cache Lake. Pathfinder finishers were: Warren McDermott and James Berking – 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Grif Edwards and Griffin Menzies – 4<sup>th</sup> place; George Berking and Russ Hanson – 6<sup>th</sup> place; and Kathryn Babin and Robert Gooding-Townsend – 7<sup>th</sup> place.

**Joe Lightning:** This is a Source Lake race for staff and AA's, held during the last few days of the season. The route is from the Canoe Dock, paddling to the lift over on the railroad bed, portaging north to the landing across from Loon Point and paddling back to the canoe dock. First Place: Callum McCance and Warren McDermott; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Emmett and Wyatt Peterson; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: James Berking and Conor Peterson.

**Facebook:** The CPI – Camp Pathfinder Algonquin Park group now has over 700 members. This group is for anyone who has ever been part of the Camp Pathfinder family. If you are on Facebook, you are encouraged to join. We will be posting centennial celebration details on the group site. This is an open group, which means that any member can post to the group. You should be aware that many of the members are current campers. Accordingly, you should use discretion in your pictures, topics, and comments to ensure that they are appropriate for all ages.