

TRIBUNE

A newspaper to highlight the best part of our camp experience

Camp, a Labor of Love

By *The Tannadoonah Tribune Staff*

Camp Tannadoonah is a great place to spend part of your summer ... We all have enjoyed ourselves, and we wanted to give you a taste of what Camp is all about. There are a lot of things that go into running a camp full of kids ... here are a few.

Interview with Mrs. Amber

Question: Who came up with camp?

Answer: It was founded in 1921 by campfire girls.



Mrs. Amber

Question: When did camp start being built?

Answer: They built the adventure cabins in 1929 but main lodge and the camp store were already here when camp started being built.

Question: When was camp done being built?

Answer: The most recent building was the shower house, built in 1990.

Question: Where and how did you find out about camp?

Answer: I found out about camp because I lived on Birch Lake, and I started coming to camp when I was 5 years old, in 1985.

Question: How do you find counselors?

Answer: I get counselors from job fairs and campers coming back to be counselors. This year we got some of our counselors from Europe. We used a staffing agency to help.

Question: Why did you become the camp director?

Answer: Because I love camp and I wanted to make sure lots and lots of other kids got to come to camp.

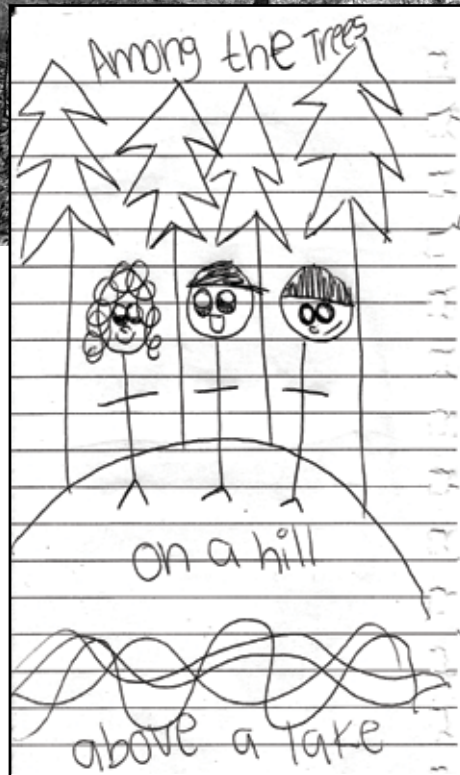
The magical woman behind your Smiley fries: Mrs. Peggy, the Camp Cook of the century

Mrs. Peggy has been Camp Tannadoonah's cook for 10 years this year, with the favorite part of her job being us, the campers. With a laugh, she said that it must be fun if she's been coming back for this long. She, her assistants, and swabies all play an important role in making



Mrs. Peggy

sure you get fed 3 times a day, 17 times a week. Everybody plays their own specific role, but everyone pitches in if one person is overloaded with a specific job. She describes the experience of serving Camp Tannadoonah for ten years in an adverb and an adjective, saying its "very special." The most popular foods include Chippers — campers go through about 2,520 of these each summer, Kool Aid where we go through roughly a whopping 350 gallons each summer, Hamburger Patty levels rise to 1,120 every summer, and apples are so popular sometimes the kitchen runs out, with about 3,500 apples being consumed every summer.



Miss Amber about becoming a counselor and fill out the application.

The process to apply includes essays, references, qualifications, certifications, and experiences, which makes a very long application. If Miss Amber likes you, she calls you and you have an in-person interview. During this interview, Miss Amber asks general questions about camp

issues.

Then, you go home and wait.

Miss Amber makes a call and asks if you want the job. The training session is about one week. Three to four hours are used for First Aid and CPR training, while two days are used for lifeguard training. The rest of the time is used for team-building activities and emergency situations. These are the steps to having one of the most important and fun jobs at Camp Tannadoonah.

Maintenance: Mr. Cullen

Ever wonder why your light bulbs don't work one day and are shining



Mr. Cullen

brightly the next or how the grass is never too bushy or long? Mr. Cullen has been coming to Camp Tannadoonah for many years, as a camper, counselor, and now



Miss Louise

Camp Counselors

What does it take to become a counselor at Camp Tannadoonah?

Miss Louise told the Tribune about the process. People who want to be a counselor need to go online and look for the application. Afterwards, they email

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Cabin Culture

The juicy details of life in a Camp Tannadoonah cabin.

By **Emma Graczyk**
Morris Lodge Camper

Camp Tannadoonah is known to all for its cabins that the campers live in for the week they stay here, but how does it feel to be in a cabin that you haven't lived in? Four different kids were interviewed, and they talked about their lives in a cabin for a week at Camp T.

Bailey lives in Morris, which is the eldest "girl" cabin. She enjoys being with the oldest girls because it's easier for her to make friends and get along. Bailey also enjoys that there is enough room that she can be by her friends and have room for her in the same place. She said that although the cabin is nice, Morris gets hot, especially at night, and there are many spiders as well. Morris has a special ritual, which is the Morris Girl Song, a song which is sung by the Morris campers at the Council Fire on Friday.

Ben lives in Exchange, which is an adventure cabin near Rotary and Wallace. Ben enjoys the interesting people who live with him in his cabin. The only thing Ben doesn't enjoy is the lazy people in his cabin. These kids can be messy and ruin their chances for winning the Golden Broom.

Ava lives in Exchangettes, which is a cabin located by the store and next to



The entrance to Morris Lodge at Camp Tannadoonah.

Luta Koda. Ava enjoys the small number of people in her cabin, which makes it easier for them to bond and to learn each other's names. She also likes the

awesome counselors that live with her. The only problem is that the cabin has no bathroom attached to it, so she has to walk to the shower house. A special ritual in Exchangettes is a drawer in the cabin that is full of Post-It notes that have good things that happened that day. The girls each fill out a Post-It note and share them at bedtime before going to sleep that night.

Andrew lives at Wallace, a good-sized cabin across from Exchange and Rotary. Andrew likes that his counselors who live with him are nice and that his cabin is big. When Andrew was asked what he didn't like about his cabin, he replied, "nothing." Wallace has 10 kids this week, but can fit up to 13 kids.

Although not all of the cabins are mentioned, it will just make it a surprise for anyone who gets into one of those cabins a different week. No matter what cabin you are put in, it's going to be a great week!



A typical "bunk" inside Morris.

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New Best Friends

Esther, who lives in Morris this week, really enjoys camp. Esther says that the hardest part of Camp Tannadoonah is the swim test, since she hasn't swam since last summer. The best part of camp is the people. Esther likes being able to meet the people in her cabin and become best friends with all of them. She said that this camp was similar to what she thought it would be and it was very welcoming when she arrived. Esther thought that the food was good and her favorite happened to be the chicken sandwich we had on the first full day of camp. Esther's opinion on the schedule is positive. She loves the organization and how they have many activities to do throughout the day at camp.



My first Campfire

Ruben described his first day at camp as pretty good, and explained that "we all came in strangers, and the next morning we were friends!" He thought there was a "good selection of activities" and that there were "excellent counselors helping, who knew what they were doing." He said he liked camp Tannadoonah because it had more freedom, with less structure (than the camps he had been to previously), and thought that having no electronics was great, freeing himself to do other more fun things with his friends outside in the wilderness. He thinks Mrs. Peggy's biscuits and gravy are better than any other biscuits and gravy he has ever had (in a very good way). He also thinks having the mixed ages are fun, especially while playing 3-way capture the flag, and Ruben's favorite counselor is Mr. Conrad because of his funny personality.



Haig Johnson, A Camper for Life It's just fun

When I first asked Haig how long he had been a camper at Camp Tannadoonah he had to think about it, that says something. Haig has been a camper at Camp

Tannadoonah for 10 years (since he was six years old!).

He only has free periods to do his favorite activities such as nature and the well-known Ga-Ga Ball.



He told me Camp Tannadoonah sets itself aside from other camps with the watchful eyes of others, while still being able to have fun, "within reason."

He doesn't have a favorite counselor but his favorite cabin is Luta Koda, and when I asked if there was anything he would've done differently than his past counselors, he said he would've done, and will do the exact same thing.

Haig, being 16, is wrapping up his time to be a camper here at Camp Tannadoonah, but hopes that he will come back as a counselor.

Haig complimented Mrs. Amber for her excellent running of the camp, and said that his favorite Mrs. Peggy meal was either Banana Goodness or Dirt Pudding.

When asked how he would describe Camp Tannadoonah in a nutshell, he said "a home away from home, where you always fit in."

Haig will be attending Penn High school as a junior in Mishawaka next year, where he was born, and raised.

Homesickness — The Truth

A hard part about going to Camp Tannadoonah is the feeling of homesickness. This feeling can strike anyone at any time. Emma Koch in Morris says she never gets homesick, but has advice for someone who does. If you ever feel homesick, think about telling your parents about all the fun activities and adventures you did while at camp. This is sure to drive the sadness away!

Home sickness tips

- Occupy yourself with the activities around you.
- Make sure you always try to have fun, if you have fun you can always feel better.
- Look on the bright side of what you're doing or where you are.
- Don't be shy if you open yourself up and make new friends you can have tons more fun!

Counselor Birthday!

This year is Ms. Audrey's first year working as a counselor here at Camp Tannadoonah as counselor, sports and



games director, and a waterfront lifeguard (she has only been a camper at Camp Tannadoonah once before). Her favorite part about being a camp counselor is getting to know the campers in her cabin on a personal level. She is described by her campers as fun, creative, calm and collected, fierce (in a good way), and I was told that she is also a good writer and she writes down stories about the past day. Her favorite Mrs. Peggy meal is Banana Goodness, and she compliments Mrs. Amber on her humor, her awareness, and says that Mrs. Amber is just fun to be around. Some things you might not know about Miss Audrey is that she and Miss Mckayla are twins, her younger brother is a semi-pro golfer, and she will be joint attending Notre Dame University and Saint Marys University.

There is a Monster Under Your Bed!

This week, something really funny happened in Morris. On Tuesday, one of the girls in Morris Back decided to put her hair over her face and act like a monster. Before taps, she went under the bed and crawled out while making gasping noises. Another camper turned her flashlight to a strobe light mode and flashed it onto the girl. It scared the whole cabin and made the councilors think we were crazy!

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A Foreign Flavor



Mr. Conrad

Hometown & Country: Birmingham, England
 Camp Job: Rotary Cabin Counselor; Iron Chefs Counselor; Boating Counselor
 School: Coventry University
 Fun Facts: An interesting fact about Mr. Conrad is that he used to be in a band. He also used to rock climb, and is a 19 year old.



Miss Becky

Hometown & Country: Sheffield, England
 Camp Job: Camp Photographer; lives in Morris Lodge
 School: University of Lincoln (in England)
 Fun Facts: This is Miss Becky's first time at camp, and even her first time in the United States. She said that she is really enjoying the front end of her three-month stay here. Previously, she was going to school, which she graduated this year at age 21, and was working as a waitress.



Miss Jess:

Hometown & Country: Oxfordshire, England
 Camp Job: Morris Cabin Counselor; Waterfront Counselor; Lifeguard
 School: Cardiff University (in Cardiff, Wales)
 Fun Fact: Miss Jess has been to the United States as a young girl on vacation, mainly in Florida. Her right hand is smaller than her left hand, and she is currently age 20.



Mr. Steven:

Hometown & Country: Edinburgh, Scotland
 Camp Job: Exchange Cabin Counselor; Geocaching Counselor
 School: University of Edinburgh (in Edinburgh)
 Fun Facts: Mr. Steven's fun facts is that he flew a plane in a backflip. Also this is his 11th time in the United States at age 19.

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he's back as a grounds keeper. His job consists of coming to camp about 3 days a week, taking care of plants, fixing up the cabins, and overall keeping the camp the way we see it. The lawn gets mowed around once a week and the light bulbs are rarely ever changed as they last about a year.

When he was a camper there were hardly any boys, in fact there was only one cabin for boys, and there were around 15 boys coming. Later as a counselor he was the waterfront director and more specifically the first male to take that position. Also when he was here Miss Amber was still a girl and coming to Camp T.

Currently he has a very important job ... without his help the cabins may not have light or the grass would be overgrown.

Next time you see him make sure to thank him for all of his hard work.



Mr. Toby

Hometown & Country: Weymouth, England
 Camp Job: Robins & Woodpeckers Cabin Counselor; Sparks Counselor
 School: Plymouth University (in England)
 Fun Facts: Mr. Toby, at 20 years old, is also visiting the United States and camp for the first time. He loves it here and really enjoys being with the campers. Drama and theater are also things that he likes.

... An archaeologist is a person who's life lies in ruins.

... A neutron walks into a bar and asks for a drink. When he then asks how much his drink is the bartender says, "for you, no charge!"

Meet the Staff

Editor's note: This publication was produced by a great team of crack journalists — four talented Tannadoonah campers who learned by doing ... they totally planned, produced, designed and created this newsletter from scratch. I am exceptionally pleased to have met them and privileged to have been able to work with them this week.

~Phil Vitale



Name: Satarah Tittle
 Age: 10
 Hometown: Elkhart, IN
 Camp experience: 4th visit
 Cabin: Exchangettes



Name: Elena Nevins
 Age: 12
 Hometown: Chicago, IL
 Camp experience: 2nd visit
 Cabin: Luta Koda



Name: Jonathon Zapf
 Age: 13
 Hometown: Chicago, IL
 Camp experience: 3rd visit
 Cabin: Rotary



Name: Emma Graczyk
 Age: 13
 Hometown: Orland Park, IL
 Camp experience: 6th visit
 Cabin: Morris