

# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Newsletter. As is usual, this time of year is a busy one for the MAC. Our thoughts of summer often turn to thoughts of our days at Minikani. Our alumni community hopes to keep you connected to camp, connected to all the friends you have from camp, and connected to the latest in what's happening at camp.



## May is MAC Month

We hope this “MAC Month” calendar already looks familiar to you. It encourages you to use Social Media to celebrate your Minikani experience all month. In the past, we have emphasized giving a ‘gift’ to the MAC during this month. This year we’ve changed our course and are instead hoping to get everyone ‘connected’ to their alumni friends and to Minikani. (Don’t worry, we

will still accept your gift to the MAC, or you can give directly to Minikani.)

Here are a couple of things we are suggesting you may want to do during the month of May:

◆ Share Pictures. You, your camp friends, yourself as a counselor, a fun camp activity, a future camper, and camp apparel.

◆ Camp Activities you love. Sleep in a sleeping bag, make your own camp food to enjoy, have a KYBO party, sing some camp songs, and cook over a campfire.

◆ Plan to visit Minikani this summer to help with skills, join in cabin activities, or simply celebrate Minikani at a closing campfire.

◆ For your own readable copy of the MAC Month of May Calendar just click [HERE](#).

**Please remember:** This is your Newsletter. Contributions are always welcome. Suggestions for future articles are appreciated. Let us know how we are doing. It’s easy to do – email us anytime at [minikanistafflodge@gmail.com](mailto:minikanistafflodge@gmail.com).



# Minikani 2016

The building formerly known as “Paul’s house”, “Director’s house”, “That vacant house”, “Maintenance guy’s house” and “the Swiss Chalet” has been named as Cabin 20. The house has been renovated and is dedicated to being a place for alumni to gather. The family and I often spend weekends at the house and I live there in the summers. It’s the perfect spot.



During each drop-off day this summer, I’ll be hosting a gathering for all alumni and friends who have brought kids to camp that day. So, after you drop off, please come on over to Cabin 20. All are invited. By the way, I already know if your kiddo(s) are coming to camp, so there will be no excuses!

Lastly, you are all invited to the closing campfires this summer. It’s really important to me that each of you know you are welcome at camp, anytime. Please just email, text, or call and you can join me for a meal and a campfire. I look forward to it.

Jon Fleming McLaren  
Operations Executive – Camp  
Minikani



## Ad Staff for 2016

Oliver	Wierdsma	AC Skill Head
Peter	Drews	Assistant Summer Camp Director
Matthew	Kolb	Boys Unit Director
Amy	Schiman	Crafts Skill Head
Grace	Barlow	Day Camp and Equestrian Unit Director
Claire	Wojnowiak	Equestrian Day Camp Director
Keegan	Hasbrook	Explorer Director
Patricia	Layde	Explorer Director
Michael	Rooney	Explorer Director
Rachel	Whaley	Girls Unit Director
Carlyn	Shanley	GNR Skill Head
Ryan	Ballentine	Lead Day Camp Director
Cat	Edquist	LT Director
Paige	Harari	LT Director
Gordon	Goetz	LT Director
Max	Leonhardt	LT Director
Emma	Strode	Minicamp Director
Tom	Cramer	Summer Camp Director
Alex	Compton	Trips Director
Rachel	Kornetsky	WF Director
Will	Shanley	Wrangler

**Summer Dates at Minikani 2016**

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> – Alumni are invited for Staff Training Dinner  
(Check MAC’s website for up-to-date info.)

Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> – Camp Starts

Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> – White Rag Ceremony 1

Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> – White rag Ceremony 2

Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> – Purple Rag Ceremony

Saturday August 20 – Camp Ends

## 2016 Camperships

Over the past 7 years, Minikani Alumni have been very generous with their gifts, and we've been able to use the money to sponsor kids at camp. This year we are able to help 8 kids make camp the best part of their summer. Thanks.

Kendall Dowsett is the sponsor for 2 of the campers. Here is what she says about them:

“Miguel came to my classroom in 2013 as a second grader who couldn't read. His grandmother had recently gotten custody of him and his sister after living with a mother who suffered from drug addiction. Together, we stayed every day after school for the duration of second grade and worked our way from an early kindergarten reading level (Level B) to nearly on-level for second grade (Level M). A week at camp was his reward for so much hard work, and camp has provided an incredible place for him to learn and grow socially, surrounded by great role models and peers.”



“Ivan has been a student of mine for the last two years and has left an equally great impression on her as a teacher as I've hopefully left on him as my student. Equal parts challenge and reward, Ivan is the kind of student every teacher hopes for--unflinchingly curious, constantly entertaining, and incapable of telling a lie :) Each day Ivan is medicated for ADD and

ADHD so that he can be successful in school, but I know camp will provide him with the outlet he needs to be uninhibited and free to explore the world around him. I can't wait to hear him reflect on his new experiences!”

Tom Cramer is sponsor for 4 of our campers. Here's what he says:

“WOW! Where to begin with Bheyon, Burron and Brushon? These guys are basically a Minikani institution. They have all been attending camp since they just barely met the age requirement. Now Bheyon, the oldest, is a second year explorer! The family was originally connected to Minikani by Karl Schoendorf through his work at La Cause Crisis Nursery in Milwaukee. Now they are as much a part of camp as the Huck Finn or grilled cheese and tomato soup. This year they will be moving to Texas, which is putting additional financial strain on the family. They would not be coming to camp without the MAC scholarship!”

“What a guy! Izaya has been attending camp for a few years, and he was hooked from the start. Last year he was a second year explorer and an exemplary camper. Izaya was the kind of camper who would be seen holding the door open for his cabin in the dining hall, greeting everyone with a smile, and volunteering to collect water at basecamp. He was a great candidate for the LT program, but when we offered him the spot, he immediately turned it down. I followed up with a phone call and found out that Izaya knew how much the 3 year program would cost, and his family could not afford it. Now, thanks to MAC, Izaya will be an LT1 this summer!”



Brookfield, WI



Chicago



Milwaukee



New York, NY





## MAC Gifts to Camp By Bruce

The MAC, through your continued support, has been helping Minikani update their facilities to meet their current needs. When I first started at Minikani, the boy's Kybo in the Pioneer Unit was a building near the parking lot. Later a new Kybo was built on the back of the Maintenance Building, which itself became Coffman Lodge. The original Kybo, became a storage building until the late 90's, when it was re-named the Sugar Shack and stored all the equipment needed to turn maple sap into syrup. In its latest reincarnation last winter, it has been to be redesigned as a place for staff to stay, thanks to a gift from the MAC.

The Chapel Area along the waterfront has also undergone a change. Originally it was large enough for the entire camp to meet after breakfast for the morning Password. It was also used as a meeting point for evening activities and special days.



Later, for some reason, the area was totally redesigned to seat a much smaller group on large limestone blocks. The MAC celebrated their first meeting at the Alumni Weekend in 2009 there, and most of us present wondered why the area had been changed so severely. Financed by a sizable gift from the MAC, this spring the



blocks were removed and the area was graded with a gentle slope towards Amy Belle, making it once again possible for larger groups to meet there and enjoy the beauty of the lake.



## MAC Class Chairs By Michael Luckey

One of the greatest blessings from my time at Minikani was the friendships I formed with my fellow counselors. Though maintaining close contact gets more difficult as the years go by, a single phone call, text, email, or visit instantly brings back all the memories of the good times we had.

The Minikani Alumni Community was set up as a way for alumni to remain involved in camp life. As we can all agree, much of "camp life" is connected to the people we knew as campers, LTs, counselors. Minikani just wouldn't be Minikani without those bonds.

As a MAC Board, we believe that the best way to pursue our mission of engagement and

involvement is by fully utilizing these relationships. All it takes to increase attendance and improve communication is a person like you reaching out to everyone in your year or era at camp, offering them a personalized invitation to participate in a MAC event.

With that in mind, we have begun to compile a list of MAC "Class Chairs". The role of a Class Chair is simple and would involve a very minimal commitment – simply reaching out and offering a personalized follow-up for Minikani Alumni Community events and priorities.



Many of you are doing this already, and it shows. The MAC continues to grow year after year. This year, however, we would like to make it official so that we on the MAC Board can work more efficiently with leaders from each year or era.

If you are interested in serving as a "Class Chair" for the MAC for the remainder of 2016, please let our Membership Co-Chair, Michael Luckey, know. He can be reached at [luck1791@gmail.com](mailto:luck1791@gmail.com) or (262) 302-0693. Time of commitment would be minimal, but your service to camp would be much appreciated.



# Stew Brown

1934 - 2016 *By Bruce*

What can I say about Stew? He was my Camp Director for 10 years while I was on staff at Minikani, and it's hard to think of camp without thinking of Stew. His quiet presence instilled confidence, dedication, and caring in the 'job' we were all doing for kids. As with most jobs, it was not always fun and easy, but that never seemed to matter to Stew.

I have photographs I took at Minikani from about 1975 – 1988. When Stew passed last February, I searched my collection to find a suitable picture of him to share with others. There was Stew - barely visible in the very back row of a staff picture, or one of him almost totally blacked out at the end of a campfire giving his infamous "Bear Hunt" story. Another has him during a busy Opening Day check-in, and one where he is flipping burgers for a special staff snack. In short, there were pictures of him at camp, but always busy doing things with and for others. Looking back, I might have taken a photo of him mopping the floor of the dining hall, working with tools at one of his many carpentry projects, or simply doing a load of laundry for a needy camper, but I didn't. But that was Stew. If there was a job that needed doing, he was on it.



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I don't think campers knew much about him, nor did the counselors. But under his direction Minikani thrived, and programs set in place during his years still help make the place what it is today for everyone. I personally owe him a debt for

showing me the pleasures of hard work, helping others, setting high goals, and developing a quiet leadership style that works well with my personality as it did with his. Minikani was fortunate, indeed, to have had Stew for so many years.

## Comments about Stew from Facebook:

**Perry LaRoque:** You can't walk ten feet at camp and not see where Stew's presence has been left. Whether it's signs he carved, programs he supported, or people he inspired. He taught me humility, kindness, creativity, but most importantly to surround myself with greatness. I was fortunate to know Stew as long as I can remember and always appreciated his calming and kind demeanor. If anyone needs an example of dedicating your life to service, look no further. I can't think of many people who will "live on" as much as he will.

**Troy Lange:** I'm remembering a quiet voice as Stew tied on one of my rags.

**Greg Branch:** Stew was as good as they come and made a great impact on my life. I'm fortunate to have been in his presence at a young age.

**Jen Feltz Hense:** Amazing how one man could have such an indelible mark in so many places. I am so thankful our paths crossed and loved to get long emails, unexpected mail and good wishes throughout my time at camp.

**Rob Tegmeier:** Stew steered my life in unexpected and fantastic ways. I am blessed to have been mentored by him. He will be missed by all who were touched by his spirit.

## Memorial for Stew

There will be a Memorial event in Stew's memory in Colorado on May 14, 2016. The Brown family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to one of two organizations that were particularly important to Stew and his life's work:

### YMCA Camp Minikani Scholarships

"I would be giving and forget the gift," were certainly words that Stew lived by. The family will collect donations on behalf of children who cannot afford to attend YMCA Camp Minikani. They will deliver the donations in Stew's honor to Camp Minikani. What better way that Stew's legacy lives on, that in the smile of a camper.

Checks should be made out to "YMCA Camp Minikani" and write "Scholarships" in the memo. Shawn Brown will take the collected donations and deliver them to YMCA Camp Minikani on everyone's behalf. At this time please mail your donations for YMCA Camp Minikani to:

Lewis and Glenn Funeral Home,  
203 E Sackett Ave.,  
Salida CO 81201

If you need information about the Memorial on May 14<sup>th</sup>, contact Shawn Brown at [shawnandamanda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shawnandamanda@sbcglobal.net)

# SpotLight On Alumni

By Travis King

◆ **What is your history at camp?**

I was a camper from 8 years old (Mike Kodner made me want to be a counselor) and I began working at camp in the summer of 2001 as an LT3 and Kitchen 3. I spent the next 5 summers working as a BU counselor, Explorer counselor, Adventure Challenge Director, and then Skills Director.

◆ **Any favorite places at camp?**

Cabin 13... or the Whale Watch... or Indian hill (good memories of a campout with Big D).

◆ **Any particularly ‘fond’ memories of camp?**

Many, but the time Michael Huertez stood up in front of the whole camp and yelled “where we from?” instead of “who are we?” to start the BU cheer after dinner.

◆ **Were there any special skills you learned while at camp?**

All sorts. I still play a lot of music (mostly just for fun or bizarre open mics all over the world) and that definitely started at camp. I also still love shrinky-dinks and grilled cheese sandwich day.

◆ **How often do thoughts of Minikani and Minikani people ‘pop’ into your head?**

All the time - I often tell people that after my family, camp was the second most formative aspect of my younger years. Also, in my current job I constantly think of things from camp. I recently spoke to the other

staff at Remote Year about the concept of “united front.” I wrote a song that my fellow Popes would be proud of, and I take pieces of rituals and activities that originate from Minikani almost daily. Also, many of my best friends on the planet are from camp, so... yeah, every day.

◆ **How did you transition from camp to the “real” world?**

I’m not sure I ever really did. I ended up working with youth in the nonprofit sector because it was one of the only “jobs” I knew I was good at (and being a sociologist apparently isn’t a job). Then I ended up running a group home in New Orleans and ultimately went back to get a masters in nonprofit management. After graduating, I left to travel for what I thought would be 5 or 6 months, but has turned into almost 4 years living and working abroad.

◆ **What are you doing now?**

I now work as a Community Manager for **Remote Year 3**, a program that takes 75 digital ‘nomads’ from all over the world traveling to 12 cities for one month at a time for a full year. My role is essentially being an international traveling camp counselor, I’ve also been referred to as the “cruise director” by a few people!

As former camp counselors, you all know that this means I do everything - I try to have great personal relationships with



everybody, I try to push them to grow as people, I plan LOTS of events and activities in every city, I try to start traditions and rituals to bond the community, and I connect the community with local contacts in every city we go to. You can google ‘Remote Year’ to learn more about the company and to follow along with my community’s travels - Next stop, La Paz, Bolivia!



◆ **What is in your future?**

More travel, maybe building a tiny house, maybe starting a non-profit or a hostel somewhere (maybe they’re the same thing!) or maybe opening up a pancake parlor. I really have no idea to be honest... but I imagine working at Remote Year for a few more years because it’s a start up that is scaling up VERY quickly (we just passed 100,000 applications for program participants).

◆ **Anything else you’d like to share with Minikani alumni?**

I hope to make it back to Alumni weekend one of these years, and a big thanks to those who continue to organize and mobilize the alumni community, because although I’m gone a lot it’s still amazing knowing that the community exists and thrives back home.





# Nature Notes

By Bruce

## Robins

I love robins. Well, to be entirely truthful, I love robins as harbingers of spring. I don't love them so much when a hopped-up male sees his reflection in a window and, thinking it is another male, flies into the window to attack – about 500 times a day. I also don't love them so much when they relieve themselves over my newly washed car – How do they know?

But enough about the few minor distractions caused by robins. I do rejoice at the 1<sup>st</sup> sighting of the robin near the end winter around here. About that time I've had it with cold and dreary, and the robin carries the promise of nicer weather to come.

Most people think that robins migrate south in the fall to get away from the cold, but it's more likely that they are moving around to find food. Farther south (from Southern Illinois to Texas and Florida) they



can feast on berries and insects all winter. But the fact is, some robins stay right in Wisconsin all winter. We don't see them much, as they spend time in the woods looking for fruit and berries rather than hunting worms in our frozen lawns.

So robins' feeding habits direct their movements. Robins can eat up to 14 worms when they are having a good day. They are able to find earthworms by cocking their heads to the side and using their monocular vision, rather than by using their ears and listening as some bird experts previously thought.

You've probably seen a robin's nest - a grassy little bowl, held together with weed stalks and mud, in the crook of a tree. The female does most of the nest building, taking about 5-6 days. Like most birds, they lay one egg a day until their clutch is complete. Other birds lay their eggs about sun-up, but Mrs. Robin is busy catching worms in the wet grass then, so her eggs are laid around noon. If you remove one egg each day, some kinds of birds will keep laying for a long time, as if they can stop laying only when the clutch of eggs feels right underneath them. If you keep taking a chicken's eggs away from her clutch she may lay 200 eggs in a year. Robins normally lay *four* eggs, then stop.

And you probably already know the color of the eggs – Robin's Egg Blue. The pigments that give bird eggs color and patterns are produced by the breakdown of hemoglobin from ruptured red blood cells, and transformed into bile pigments and carried to the uterus to be deposited in the developing shell during the last 5 hours before the egg is laid. The pigmentation may have developed to hide the white eggs from predators. To a color-blind mammalian predator, blue, green or brown eggs blend in with the nest better than white eggs when the nest is unattended.

Hopefully you now know more about robins than you ever did. One more fact for you. Our American Robin (Wisconsin's state bird, by the way) has a scientific name that would make a middle school kid laugh: *Turdus migratorius*. You might remember that the next time you wash your car.



Do you have a favorite camp memory? "Do you know an Alumnus who we can 'Spotlight' in a future edition?" "Do you have questions about camp that we can research?" "Can you suggest a future topic for the Newsletter?" You get the idea. This is your Newsletter – feel free to make a contribution. The next Newsletter will come out in July. Please give it some thought. Send your email to [minikanistafflodge@gmail.com](mailto:minikanistafflodge@gmail.com).

Does the picture below look familiar to you? See page 10 for details.



# New Brewery

Kevin (Fathead) Wright is back in Milwaukee, and he's getting right to business. Using all the skills he's mastered in brewing beer, he's opening up a new brewery named "Third Space Brewing" along with another former Minikani Counselor and Ad-Staffer, Andy Gehl.



As you may have heard, Kevin earned his Master Brewer Diploma from UC-Davis and has been running the brewing operations at a growing craft brewery in California the past six years. Andy has spent those same six years navigating the concrete jungle of Chicago working as a corporate litigation attorney at a Chicago lawfirm.

Kevin will of course be running the brewing operations while Andy will be heading up the sales and marketing of the new Milwaukee brewery.

Kevin and Andy will be opening Third Space Brewing in Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley, just a few blocks east of the famous burger joint, Sobelman's. According to Kevin, they plan to offer a wide range of unique hand crafted beers that combine bold West Coast

flavors with a classic Midwest balance and drinkability.

But their main goal is to create a brewery and beers that, like their summer homeland, bring people together. Andy explained that their intent is to create a space and a beer that encourages people to gather together, set aside the concerns of daily life and enjoy good company, lively conversation and excellent beer.

As Lori Fredrich explained in a recent OnMilwaukee.com [article on the brewery](#), the name, Third Space, is derived from an idea popularized by sociologist Ray Oldenburg in the 1990s. The base concept is that we occupy three primary places in our lives: home, work and a third place, a public space where we gather, socialize and create community.

"The character of a third place is determined most of all by its regular clientele and is marked by a playful mood, which contrasts with people's more serious involvement in other spheres," wrote Oldenburg. "Though a radically different kind of setting for a home, the third place is remarkably similar to a good home in the psychological comfort and support that it extends... They are the heart of a community's social vitality, the grassroots of democracy..."

In that sense, you can think of Third Space Brewing as a sort of ... summer camp for craft beer lovers.

After all, Kevin met his business partner decades ago at YMCA's Camp Minikani, a summer camp where he spent 18 summers, working his way up from camper to counselor to program director.

"Summer camp was our third space growing up," says Kevin. "It was like our homeland away from

home. It was where I met my wife. And to me, that was what we wanted our brand and beer to represent – a place where everyone is welcome and they can come to enjoy what we're doing and engage with others from the community."

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Third Space Brewing has plans to open in an 11,000-square foot space at 1505 W. St. Paul Ave. sometime this summer. Ultimately, the new brewing operation will include a brewery and tap room, along with an open air beer garden located behind the building in a courtyard surrounded by cream city brick.

Kevin and Andy are excited to return to their hometown to start this new business and look forward to welcoming fellow Minikani alumni to the tap room and beer garden to tell stories from camp over a beer or two. If you want to learn more about Third Space Brewing, their website is [www.thirdspacebrewing.com](http://www.thirdspacebrewing.com) and they have active [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



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## Shully's River Sounds

By Nina Shully Darling

Hi Camp Gang! I thought I would bring a little sunshine (and music) into your life! Jason Horowitz and his awesome band – “The Whiskey Farm” are going to be playing at my Family's event space this summer- Shully's Cuisine & Events in Thiensville on Thursday, July 7th. It's a free concert open to the public with beverages and food for purchase. It would be great to see some lovely Minikani faces!

Go to [www.shullyscuisine.com](http://www.shullyscuisine.com) for more information.



## Help Summer Staff

By Amanda Hendrickson

The first day of camp is getting even closer! We only have about six weeks until that line of cars starts to form waiting to drop off kids at camp. As alumni, you might even be dropping off kids of your own. Many of us might want to stay, but think you can't! Don't fret there are still many ways that you can be involved with camp this summer! Also, with it being MAC Month, lots of memories have been shared that make us think about the amazing summers we've spent at camp.

You're probably thinking to yourself, "How can I get involved this summer?" Here are just a couple ways: sponsoring a food night in the staff lodge, doing an alumni password, teaching a skill hour(s), or giving a package of supplies for cabins (craft supplies, candles, etc.). After talking with AD staff and other members on staff last summer, there was a lot of interest to see if Alumni members would be interested in putting together a small package of supplies for cabins. We can remember as counselors the small things we would spend our hard earned (small amount) of money on – construction paper, erasable pens, markers, candles, and other supplies for our cabin. Anyway that we can help or give as Alumni this summer will be greatly appreciated by the staff at camp. If you have any interest in any of these ideas or an idea of your own on how to get involved this summer, please contact Amanda Hendrickson at [hendrickson.amanda@gmail.com](mailto:hendrickson.amanda@gmail.com)!



## Service Day And BBQ

By Michael Luckey

We lucked out with good weather at the MAC Service Day and BBQ, and we were able to get a number of projects done. Along with shifts of rotating LTs, we were able to assemble all of the docks in Amy Belle, build a new Huck Finn-style raft for Mud Lake, and construct a new Buddy Board and Skin Diving shelves. Afterwards, we had a blast telling stories, sharing dream projects for Minikani, and enjoying burgers and libations at Jon's house (Cabin 20).

Special thanks to Jon McLaren and his son Ian, Tom Cramer, Chris McArdle, Jen Hogervorst and her daughter Sophia, David Haushalter, and Kevin Jennings for all their hard work. Next year, we'd really like to see a much bigger turnout from the MAC at this important event. Our help getting camp ready for summer is crucially important. Anyone who participated also can tell you - it's just as enjoyable as it is rewarding.

Thanks again to all who helped, and see you next year!

*(More photos on the next page)*





## Fundraising Changes



Some alumni have noticed that the MAC didn't have their annual "May Membership Month" this year. In the past we have asked alumni for a donation to the MAC during this month, and we used the money to give back to Minikani. Unfortunately, some people saw this as a 'fee' to join the MAC, which it was not. Membership has always been free to all alumni. This year the MAC Board of Directors agreed that it would be better to encourage alumni to make donations directly to Minikani, and allow the MAC to help alumni simply celebrate their connection to Minikani in ways other than fundraising.



Don't worry – you can still give money to Minikani. Here's what the people at Camp Minikani have to say:

1) Alumni are invited to donate annually to help fund scholarships, facility improvements, or any project they are specifically interested in (alumni should expect to hear from Minikani each Spring and Summer to support camperships and each Fall specifically for much needed facility improvements at our Summer Homeland). As Executive Director at Minikani, Jon McLaren ensures that each dollar donated to Minikani stays in the Minikani budget. Alumni can reach out to Jon to discuss donations. If donating directly at [minikani.org](http://minikani.org), be sure to select "Camp Minikani" from the drop down menu when donating.

2) As the 100th Anniversary approaches, Minikani will be launching an ambitious capital campaign to make some large scale improvements to our Summer Homeland. Stay tuned for details on how you can support coming later this year.



It's kind of like the famous Dickens story starring Ebenezer Scrooge. You can expect to be visited by three Spirits. The Spirit of **Minikani Past** helps alumni keep connected to camp and the friends they've made there, which has always been the focus of the MAC. The Spirit of **Minikani Present** asks you to be generous with your donations to support campers and facilities currently at camp. And the Spirit of **Minikani Future** asks you to look forward to Minikani's next 100 years. Hopefully, there will be no "Bah, Humbug".



## Pic from p. 7

Great! The drawing on p. 7 was done by our own Drew Maxwell back in 1991 to commemorate the wind storm at Minikani. Late one afternoon 90 MPH winds blew through the area and tore down branches, trees, and power lines. No one was hurt, and camp went for days while the damage was cleared and electricity was restored. At the end of the session everyone at camp was given a tee shirt with this drawing on it.

This summer (2016) is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wind Storm, and the MAC Newsletter would like to hear from both campers and staff who were there in 1991 for a story in our next edition. What was it like? What do you remember? What else? Please share any memories you have of camp and the '91 Wind Storm by sending them to Bruce at [brucerass@wi.rr.com](mailto:brucerass@wi.rr.com).

