



## The ONE, the ONLY, Graaaay Goose!

**By: Elizabeth Millen**

This year is the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Goosestock, and we will happily honor The Old Gray Goose. We will thank him for the many years of service that he's given to the YMCA, to Camp Kenan, to Woodsmen Village, and to our communities with his songs, his stories and his swatting flies.

Throughout the weekend we will be looking to you- the participants of Goosestock, Goose's friends - to share with everyone what he has meant to you and how he has influenced your life. If you have something to say, a story to tell of an adventure with Goose, or just want share with Goose and everyone else

what he has meant to you over the years, please e-mail Elizabeth Millen at [Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org) or feel free to approach Elizabeth at Goosestock and let her know you have something to say about Goose. If for some reason you cannot be at Goosestock, please feel free to provide Elizabeth your remarks via e-mail and they will be read aloud on your behalf at some point over the weekend. It would be appreciated if all e-mails could be received by Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in order to properly prepare for this special program.

Our goal is to make sure that our friend, The Old Gray Goose, realizes that he is a treasure, that his life's work has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated, and that he's made a mark

on the lives of all of us who have ever been a part of the Camp Kenan or YMCA experience.

With Goosestock quickly approaching we know that you are thinking about all of the songs and stories from camp that you love. This year we will be having a Top Ten TOGG songs and stories so click this link <http://poll.fm/382m4> to select your favorite ten songs AND <http://poll.fm/382n8> to select your favorite ten stories.

The results from these two polls will be tallied and used throughout the weekend at Goosestock 2011!

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## The Kenan Pole

**By: Christopher Harris,  
CNC Director, 1986**

Twenty-five summers ago, Todd James gave me a telephone pole. Todd had come across the downed pole alongside Lower Lake Road at the boundary of Kenan property and delivered it by tractor to the Craft & Nature Complex. Upon its arrival, I closely examined the wooden pole and considered a number of possible uses – battering ram, maypole, lumberjack rolling log. As I spent more time with the pole a vision began to take shape for an artistic project. With no prior experience in wood carving to interfere with my effort, I sketched out several designs and

then carved and painted the pole over several weeks. I completed the project during my final summer as director of the Craft & Nature Complex and intended the carving as an artistic presentation to commemorate the spirit of Camp Kenan. The Kenan Pole was erected next to the big rock; years later it was relocated to the new camp fire ring.

Within a year or two of donating the pole to camp, Goose interviewed me about the meaning of each carving on the front side and I recall that during our conversation he took notes. Goose may still have those notes in his library, but I can no longer recall the underlying meaning for each carving.

Which, from my perspective, is quite fine. I like the idea that the meaning and significance of the pole is open to individual interpretation.

Wooden pole carvings tend to age quickly and fall within a few years. A benefit of using an old telephone pole is that such poles are treated with oils to slow down weathering. I have been told that the Kenan Pole is still standing. I expect that it will not stand for much longer, but it is neat to consider that an unusual gift from a fellow staff member inspired a creative project that has stood for a quarter century.



The Kenan Pole today at the New Council Ring!



# Register for Goosestock and Win!

By: Lisa (Polovick) Flaherty,  
Goosestock 2011 Chairperson

Back in January I invited you to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Goosestock. In April, we opened for registrations and since then some of you have registered. But we still want more! Mooore? There's always more at Camp Kenan!

Time is running out for you to register for Goosestock 2011! Don't delay even one more day! If you are coming to Goosestock, go to our website and register today at:

<http://www.friendsofcampkenan.org/goosestock2011.html>

You may be asking yourself, "Self? (because that's what I call myself) Why is it so important to register for Goosestock?"

Well, I'll tell you why! When you register, you are giving the Friends of Camp Kenan all the information we need to make your weekend the very best it can be. Admission, activities and accommodations are all included. In addition, your registration guarantees you a Goosestock 2011 t-shirt, in your

size, as well as meals for the weekend. Just take a look at the beautiful Goosestock 2011 t-shirt design below! Our special thanks to Elizabeth Millen and Kory Merritt for collaborating on the fabulous design.

Food is also being provided, thanks to the donations of many local companies and we need to give them a final count. That is why it is important you register before Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

We also give you the opportunity to pay your registration fee online this year, using a safe and secure method. Paying online is not required for you to register, but it is strongly encouraged. If you register and do not pay online, we will be expecting you and you can pay your fee upon arrival at Camp Kenan.

Now, you may be asking, "Where does the registration fee go?" Though we have many gracious donors, there are still some expenses to the weekend. However, over half of your donation goes directly back to Camp Kenan! Funds raised during last year's Goosestock and Goostocks before sent ten-count em' 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, TEN- children to camp this year for FREE on a Friends of Camp Kenan Campership. In addition, we purchased equipment and supplies that were used during this year's Olympic week, and we renovated the old chapel in the woods.

Haven't convinced you yet? Well.... the next 25 families to register for Goosestock 2011 will be entered into a drawing to win one of our new Goosestock hooded sweatshirts and one of our super special Friends of Camp Kenan surprises! What is it you ask? Register and find out at Goosestock this year!

## 15TH ANNIVERSARY GOOSESTOCK



**FRIENDS OF CAMP KENAN  
SEPTEMBER 2011**

*2011 Goosestock t-shirt design.*

## Thank you to our Goosestock 2011 Sponsors!

*Help us thank them by showing them support throughout the year.*



### Registration Fee Paid Online

Adults 12 and older: \$20  
Children ages 4-11: \$10  
Children under 4: FREE

### Registration Fee at Camp Kenan

Adults 12 and older: \$25  
Children ages 4-11: \$12  
Children under 4: FREE



# Friends of Camp Kenan Sends Kids to Camp- Free!

By: Elizabeth Millen

The board of directors of the Friends of Camp Kenan is proud to announce that they sent ten (10) fortunate children to camp this summer for free. The children were chosen from a pool of applicants to the Friends of Camp Kenan "Campership" program. This Campership was created in order to give children ages 7 to 14 the chance to experience all that Camp Kenan has to offer.

Last year's event raised record breaking funds for the Campership, giving them the ability to send ten (10) children instead of the projected five (5) to Camp Kenan this season.

"We are amazed and grateful to those that donated in the 1st year of our Campership Program allowing us to double the amount of children we had hoped to send to Camp Kenan this summer. We look forward to continuing to work with all former Camp

Kenan staff members as well as the local businesses that have supported us. We hope that in the coming years we can carry on with exceeding our yearly goals of raising funds for our Campership program as a result increasing the number of children we can send to Camp Kenan each year", says Mark Natemeier, Friends of Camp Kenan, Board President.

We look forward to continuing to send children to Camp Kenan with the help of dedicated friends and sponsors.



## TOGG Tales: Camping with Goose

By: Bill Spencer

Do you know this past Kenan tune?

"We are the Woodsmen, Mighty  
mighty woodsmen. Everywhere we go-o,  
people want to know-oh -- Who we a-are.  
So we tells 'em." (repeat)

When Goose and Gil Mosher, plus whomever else, decided to initiate a summer camping experience for older campers, the Woodsmen's Village was born. The Woodsmen song became our theme. For two week periods, campers would learn camping, hiking, and nature skills and then proceed out to an off-site camping experience. Sometimes, canoeing was emphasized in anticipation of a canoe trip up to Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada.

Our first year, around 1970, we had one trip canoeing the local waters including Oak Orchard Creek followed by the second two week period leading to a hiking trip to the Adirondacks. I went from being a Senior Counselor in cabin 10 to being Goose's multi-handed person and Senior Counselor for Woodsmen's Village. Tim Koziera was the J.C.

We cooked, ate, and slept out in East field - for the majority of the summer. Imagine eating Goose's cooking (sometimes - He made a mean hot dog!), and having to eat every meal for the summer with this person! It was great. We spoke of many things and I learned great things from this wise fellow. As he is now, Goose expressed great care and con-

cern for all people, except himself ... sometimes.

We spent lots of time going over safety procedures. This was in preparation for our first Adirondack's trip to Mt. Marcy and the surrounding area. At one point, we, along with about twelve campers, had arrived at a small lake pond after a very warm day. We had barely gotten our packs off when Goose decided to dive right in, cool off, and check out the swimming area. One thing he forgot to check before he dove was the depth of the water. Where he dove was only about four inches deep, and the bottom was made up of jagged rock!

He landed right in the middle of his forehead and the impact put a hole in the middle of his skull. Needless to say, I was dumbfounded. I sent Tim K. and one camper down the trail to a NY State Ranger station. I remember keeping the hole in Goose's head plugged and I saved the fragment of bone and gave it to the Ranger. In hind sight, maybe I should have saved that piece of Goose's skull. Fortunately, contact was made and we all made it back safely.

Goose scored a big "10" on that dive. Ever since that day, I have always called it "The Cranial Perch."

**Do you have a "TOGG Tale" that you would like to see appear in future issues of "The Torch"? Please email [Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org) with yours today!**

### Friends of Camp Kenan Mission

To provide supplemental support for the continuation of Camp Kenan as a summer resident camp for young people.

To support the philosophy of Dr. William Rand Kenan in providing the initial foundation for Camp Kenan: "That all children may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

To provide for the continuing fellowship of Camp Kenan staff.



### Camp Kenan Events to Remember:

**FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND »**  
Fri-Sun Sep 2-4, 2011

**CAMP KENAN CHRISTMAS PARTY »**  
Date TBA

For more up-to-date information please visit the official Camp Kenan website:

[www.campkenan.com](http://www.campkenan.com).

Thank you!

# Letter From the President

By: Mark Natemeier, Board President



Twelve years ago my fiancée (now my wife), Jessica, and I sat down to make our wedding invitation list. This can be one of the first challenging moments for a new couple. Of course you have to invite direct family, but what about that crazy Uncle Robert?

Then your parents give you "the list", we all know the list, it is their list of all their friends that must attend. Never mind if you couldn't pick them out of a line up. Then you get to your friends. Each of you has friends from high school, college, and work- and even on these lists of your friends, you don't always agree on which ones should attend.

So, I sat down and wrote up my list. I scribbled in the initials "T.O.G.G.", The Old Grey Goose. Nothing starts off a marriage like lobbying to invite a then young and spry 155 year old man who goes by the name "Goose" to your wedding. We were both honored and pleased that Goose made it to our wedding in Erie that year, thanks to a ride from

Jeff Tracy. I had figured he wouldn't come because I remember him telling me he doesn't do weddings or funerals.

However, prior to the summer of 1995, I doubt my wedding list would have included Goose on it...

I was a young college student finishing up my sophomore year, and had been asked to be the Aquatics Director by Dan Doctor. I was looking forward to going back to camp for my fifth year on staff and my first on Top Staff. I was "on top of the world"! I had it all figured out! I would move in with a few other guys for the summer and have a great time. When I got to camp I was informed that others would be in the locations I wanted and I would be in HQ with Ben Sibley and GOOSE! I liked Goose, and enjoyed his company, but he was not my ideal roommate.

Any concerns I had about living with Goose were put to rest very early. He was a great roommate, but he was a little messy. He had a great sense of humor and could be very sarcastic, which I like. He shared my love for picking on Dan Doctor, and he also knew how to laugh at himself which I value immensely. He knows how to give you his opinion when it is needed and how to let you learn some stuff on your own. I would like to think that during that summer and the next one, I grew up more than I had done in the previous four years at camp. I

shared the top of HQ for two summers with Goose, but he shared with me his lifetime of stories and lessons that I carry on with me still today. There was nothing like trying to tip-toe past Goose early in the morning when I stayed out a little too late only to hear him say the next morning, "Out a little late last night Mark don't you think?"

Many of us have stories about Goose or other people we worked with from CK, and they are right there for you to remember when you come back. Our friends from camp, camp itself and Goose are still all there for now. Thanks to Goosestock, we can still go back and enjoy CK once each year. We all have busy lives, and if we spend too much time making excuses about why we are "too busy to come back" we will miss out on the experience that is Goosestock each year. So, right this minute, sit down and pen in Goosestock 2011 to your calendar. Go online and register, and come say hi to Goose, and hi to the rest of us.

I have yet to meet someone that came to Goosestock and said, "I was right to not have come back after all these years - I should have stayed away." You won't regret coming back! Being back will just feel right. It will feel, as it does for many of us, like home.

## Don't Leave Home Without It! A Survivor's Checklist for Goosestock 2011!

By: Elizabeth Millen, Lisa (Polovick) Flaherty, and Jenn Shepard

1. Your Camp Kenan SPIRIT!
2. T-shirts for tie-dying!
3. Sneakers for the NBA All-Star game and other athletic activities.
4. Black (or dark) AND white (or light) t-shirts for the NBA Game
5. Bathing suits & pool accessories (weather & life guard permitting, there will be swimming!)
6. Several changes of clothes-you NEVER know who's getting "Thrown in the pool!"
7. Sleeping bags, pillows, warm blankets and bug spray (and even some calamine, calamine, calamine lotion!).
8. Random Dutch Auction items for a rainy day, or evening program.
9. Your camera! So you can share your pictures on Facebook!
10. Your family's "theme" song for your family/cabin to lip-sync to on an iPod or MP3, or CD.
11. Flash lights to find your way through the Great Woods.
12. Rain gear and umbrellas.
13. Your CK memorabilia!
14. Last but not least, remember your check book and/or cash to purchase the fabulous Friends of Camp Kenan and Goosestock merchandise available this year, to bid on your favorite auction items, and/or vote on who's going for a dip in the pool!



# Announcements, Announcements, Annouuuncements!

By: The Torch Staff

We at The Torch are happy to unveil a new look and a new staff member for the latest edition of The Torch.

Jenn Shepard, a former Camp Kenan camper and staff member, has joined The Torch— offering up her time and talent to the Friends of Camp Kenan. Jenn will serve as the new Publisher and Co-Editor of the newsletter.

That being said— please let us know what you

think of the new look of the newsletter, and send us any comments you would like to share.

If you have an article idea, artwork, or photos that you might like to contribute to the next issue of "The Torch" please contact Elizabeth (McGuire) Millen by September 30, 2011 directly at [Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org).

We'd love to hear what you thought about Goosestock 2011 and what Camp Kenan has meant to you! "TOGG Tales" will be a reoccurring article, if you have one or two or twenty to share, please let us know!



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### Future Camp Kenan Top Staff Members!

Noreen Collyer Jessimen's children, Hayden and Nicole; Carolyn Collyer Robinson's children Seth and John; Luna Velasquez's daughter Iley; Julie Beilein's daughter, Olivia; and Elizabeth McGuire Millen's daughters Cecilia and Josephine .



Goose and Mark, sitting together during Sunday Service at the Old Chapel last year

### Special Thanks:

To the members of the Friends of Camp Kenan Board of Directors as well as to Christopher Harris who contributed articles. To Kory Merritt for providing the artwork featured in the "TOGG Tales" article, as well as for collaborating with Elizabeth Millen on creating the T-shirt design for Goosestock 2011. To Amy Hoffman for providing the photo for "The Kenan Pole". To Jim Grimes for editing all the GS2010 footage into a fabulous short film still being featured on our website.

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J. Shepard, Publisher & Co-Editor/ E. Millen, Co-Editor/L. Flaherty, Co-Editor

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