



## The Pacific Crest Trail

Early spring 2014, fellow tribesmen Matt Bruno, Samuel Kellogg and I set out from the Mexican-American border heading north. Our goal – inspired by friendships and love for wilderness adventures sparked at Tohkomeupog – was to trek the entire Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT).

We began our journey with mixed emotions. Beginning a thru-hike is daunting, even for three experienced long-distance hikers and accomplished Tohkomeupog woodsmen. The vast 2,660 miles of wilderness before us was enough to make us question, “are we ready... will we make it?”

Our questions mixed with excitement. We felt excited by the challenges and opportunities ahead: to meet new people, to visit small towns, to spend time with old friends and to see a whole new, gorgeous part of the world. Setting out from the border we soaked ourselves in the west coast sunshine, while looking forward to hiking in the rain, to hiking under the moon and stars, to hiking over 12,000 foot passes smothered in perfect white gloves of snow. We felt thrilled and privileged to hike through it all.

Hiking on the PCT is an absolute dream for anyone with a deep love of natural beauty and the outdoors. We delighted in each day. The hiking was scenic and landscape varied. Each day brought something new: a never-before-seen plant or bird, river-smoothed stones in inexplicably brilliant colors of red and black and gold, a strange guttural noise in the night that sounded like a demon trumpeter (no it wasn't Sam, it was an Elk call). One day I ran 12 miles in step with an ultra-runner as he shattered the PCT speed record, jogging across the country in 53 days.

To me the most beautiful section of the PCT was the Sierra Nevada. Jagged ridges boxing in narrow valleys defined this pristine and dramatic high alpine region. The forest there seemed enchanted. For three days and three nights I encountered no one. I slogged ankle deep through



Leo T., Sam K., Matt Bruno & friend Kristen C. at the southern Terminus of the PCT at the border of Mexico and California.

soggy meadows and trudged up steep passes through snow powder, leaving the only footprints visible for miles.

Although we three started the hike together, we each took our own journey. I hiked alone for most of the trip, while Matt and Sam stayed together for much of the hike before eventually separating and travelling independently. We re-united at the ‘Bridge of the Gods’ and crossed the Columbia River together into Washington State.

We were blessed to have the chance to take our long walk from Mexico to Canada, and I’m glad we seized the opportunity. Without our time at Tohkomeupog, we would never have considered such a journey. And because of Tohkomeupog, we had the skills we needed – we learned them as campers. Most importantly, we packed the camp attitude, which helped us make the most of every day of this adventure of our dreams.

Keste!

Leo Tannheimer  
Lowell, MA

### WOOLEGAN!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX YU (PANTHER CLAN) FOR BEING THE THIRD RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN NUTE AWARD. THIS INCREDIBLY MEANINGFUL RECOGNITION IS EXTENDED TO ONE SELECT MEMBER OF THE TOHKOMEUPOG TRIBE. ONE WHO EXEMPLIFIES THE QUALITIES OF COURAGE, TEAMWORK, AND STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND WHO REGULARLY SHOWS THE COMPASSION TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO SUCCEED.



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## 2014 Camp Tohkomeupog Recap

We had another amazing Tohkomeupog season during the summer of 2014. The 83rd year of Tohkomeupog was preceded by a great turnout for Alumni Weekend where we dedicated the new Spruce point Cabin to George Croft, our former beloved Bear Clan Director.

We were, once again, very fortunate to have over 90% of our staff having spent multiple summers at Tohkomeupog. We welcomed Steve Morgan back as a first time director in the Wolf Clan; he did a great job leading the Wolves. Jason Cicero was the director of the Bear Clan for Option F, and helped out the last three weeks as well. Stevo and Reid returned to direct the Deer and Panther Clans. Don Barton and John Sexton returned as Tohko AD and Waterfront Directors. Ken and John Petersen returned to the Archery and Rifle Ranges, and Tim Folsom was back at the helm of the Tennis Center. While Brian Hampton kept us well fed, Dawn Petersen returned to capture memories and oversee the office. Finally, Helen Crowell kept us healthy in the infirmary.

Overall, our camper attendance was up this summer, with strong attendance in the Panther and Wolf Clans. Alumni recommendations and referrals have always been the best source for new campers, and we hope this will continue! If you know of any boys that would benefit from experiencing all that Tohkomeupog offers - it would be great if you could put them in touch with us.

Andrew Mahoney  
Camp Director

*Top: Andrew Mahoney speaks at the George Croft Cabin Dedication  
Middle: The Bear, Deer & Wolf Clans hike up to the Mt. Tohko Shelter  
Bottom: Ken Petersen at the Archery Range with the Deer & Wolf Clans*



### WOOLEGAN!

*Congratulations to the C.I.T. Class of 2015:*

SAM MARSHALL, SEAN PETERSEN, WILL FIGOLI,  
CAMERON COCKING, MATT FINN & LIAM DWYER

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## HIKING WITH THE GORDONS

Pleased to report that Kay and I have been back at our 48er list over the past couple summers, having climbed this summer the Tripyramids (all three, not just the two that ‘count’), the Kinsmans, Tecumseh, Carrigan, and Liberty and Flume. When I left Tohko in the mid 1970s, I had 37 peaks, and am once again closing in on 37! Kay is only a few peaks behind me, and we expect to complete our 48 in 2016. I was inspired by another Tohko alumni when I learned that John MacDonald recently finished his 48.

Climbing again has been greatly influenced by my two weeks with Nate Gordon on the Appalachian Trail last year, joining him in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, then again in Massachusetts and Vermont. In those two weeks we covered nearly 200 miles, less than 10% of that long hike, but a great time for both of us. The previous year, Nate, Ben Gordon and I hiked the 100 Mile Wilderness in Maine, starting the day after camp ended, and completing in six days. Seeing that Matt B., Leo T. & Sam K. just completed the PCT reminded me of a trip to another northern terminus with him in 2012, when he and Nate Gordon and I climbed Katahdin, a day after Spirit Fingers had done the same. To top it all off, I ran into Andy Mahoney on Black Cap this fall, a short easy hike with spectacular views for new or old hikers.

Climbing and hiking is synonymous with Tohko in my mind, and I am ever grateful that my family and I learned to love it so much at an early age, as it gives our whole family continued joy.

Geoff Gordon  
Norwell, MA & Freedom, NH



Geoff & Nate Gordon on the Appalachian Trail in the Smokey Mountains

## Treasurer’s Note

Ross Faldetta, Treasurer

For the 2014 summer camping season, your donations helped send 11 boys to camp! As always, we encourage alumni with sons to apply for scholarships.

Thank you for your generous donations in 2014 and so far in 2015. We rely on donations to help send boys to camp, who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Though it might be cold outside now, camping season is fast approaching. So if you would like to make a donation, please mail a check made out to “Camp Tohcomeupog Alumni Association” using the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. Or, you can send donations to [tohko-alumni-treasurer@googlegroups.com](mailto:tohko-alumni-treasurer@googlegroups.com) using PayPal.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual meeting during Alumni Weekend 2015. At the meeting I’ll be giving an update on how we spend and invest our resources, to maximize the impact of your donations. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support!

## KINKEEGWAN!

### Constant Contact Camp Newsletter

SEND AN INQUIRY TO [TOHKO@TOHKO.COM](mailto:TOHKO@TOHKO.COM) OR CONTACT STEVE HARDING TO JOIN CAMP TOHKOMEUPOG’S MONTHLY CAMP UPDATE LIST.

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# CAMP NEWS & NOTES

1. KEVIN & KATIE KLAUS WELCOMED CHARLES BENJAMIN KLAUS ON MAY 29TH, 2014. CHARLES WEIGHED IN AT 9LBS 3OZ AND WAS 22.5" LONG AT BIRTH.
2. ISAAC RUGG MARRIED RACHEL MASLANKA ON OCTOBER 18TH, 2014 ON TOP OF HUNTER MOUNTAIN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK.
3. ALEX CIRIC GOT MARRIED TO BRITTANY KEEHNER ON JANUARY 18TH, 2015 AT THE LANGE FARM IN DADE CITY, FLORIDA.
4. JOHN MACDONALD JOINED THE 48, 4,000 FOOTER CLUB AFTER SUMMITTING BOND CLIFF.
5. ADAM GOODMAN & JO SCHAALMAN WELCOMED ILSE GOODMAN
6. DANA DRUMOND OPENED A SPORTING GOODS STORE IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.



*Charles Benjamin Klaus proudly sporting his first Boston Red Sox hat!*

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## UPCOMING ALUMNI GATHERINGS - SAVE THE DATE!



***Tohko Ski Day at King Pine Ski Area:***  
Saturday, March 7th, 2015

***Alumni Weekend 2015:***  
Friday, August 28th - Sunday, August 30th 2015

***Halloween Town 2015***  
Saturday, October 24th 2015

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## ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Parsonfield ME. - The Camp Tohkomeupog tribe has many skills ranging from outstanding swimmers, to MLB quality pitchers, to world champion Bombardment competitors. But did you know that they are also golfers?

On Friday June 20 2014, 22 of Tohkos finest gathered at Province Lake Golf Course to play golf, enjoy the company of friends and raise money for the scholarship fund. With record setting weather, the field produced some excellent scores, some better than others. When all groups had completed their rounds, we had managed to raise \$755 for the fund. That brings our tournament history total to well over \$10,000.

Please mark your calendars for this years 20th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament. We will gather at Province Lake the Friday afternoon (8/28/15) of Alumni Weekend at 10:00am. Be a part of a great camp tradition and help raise money for the fund.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? KNOW OF SOME TOHKO ALUMNI NEWS?

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