

# The Parker Press

The Official Newspaper of **BEAM** Camp at Parker Mountain, Strafford, NH

## Project Progress

by India Kotis



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Jungletopia began as a pile of wood months before we got here.

*Jungletopia*, which started as a falling-apart, winter boy scout meeting house, has triumphed to being a towering structure, growing every day. Floorboards are being drilled in the path that was once the energy absorber, back in the day, is no a roughly slanted hill with a bannister.



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### Why are we doing this?

- To learn
- To meet new people
- To work as a team
- But also to have fun!

Us campers, have been working for a few days, have been working the minimal compared to Jan, Jon and Danny who have been planning, building, creating *Jungletopia* for months before camp started or even built! Much has been accomplished since we started.

*For more, read the 2nd issue of the Parker Press!*

## Sports

by Cosima McConnell and Ben Laufer



**C**assie's real name is Cassandra Monique Brodus-Foote. She runs many sports domains here at

Beam. The first sport domain was Ultimate Frisbee because a lot of people love the game. Next Saturday at the Domain Fair there is going to be more swimming. In Cassie's childhood, her nick name was Bonsey.

### Standings as of 8/2

Running - 100ft. dash.

Alex D. - 4.9 (sec)

Ben L. & Michael S. - 5.5

Wyatt A. - 5.8

Swimming - 50 ft.

Gordon W. & Alex D. - 13.7

Eli Green - 14.6

Michael S. - 15.0



ILLUSTRATION BY JESSICA FINDLEY

## BEAM CALENDAR

by Norris Kadet and Bess Cohen

### SAT AUG 2

Melissa leaves  
Jessica Findley arrives

### SUN AUG 3

Movie Night  
Camp Out:  
Cloudsplitters  
Amazonia

### MON AUG 4

Talent Show

### TUE AUG 5

Guest Artist  
Daniela arrives

### WED AUG 6

Camp out:  
Salsa Verde  
Research Station

### THURS AUG 7

Square Dance!  
Perseus Meteor Shower  
begins

### FRI AUG 8

Camp Out:  
Guerilla Butterflies

### SAT AUG 9

Cloudsplitter,  
Imani Fecu turns 13!  
Yay!

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

8/13 Alex Steckman  
8/16 Misha Macnie, Alex Doerfler-Ludwig

### YET TO CAMP OUT:

Suneaters, Zoy, Moon Lungers

**BOOK REVIEW**

# *New Moon*

by Alex Steckman



In *New Moon*, the thrilling sequel to *Twilight*, we revisit the life of Bella Swan and the Cullens, a vampire family who doesn't drink human blood. After Bella Swan almost got killed by another vampire clan, (she) now has to face the darkest part of her life. When Edward Cullen, the love of her life must leave, for a reason she doesn't know, she must seek a *friend* to brighten up her life in a different way. Bella goes to a reckless family friend named Jacob Black and finds that when *she* does reckless things with him, she can hear Edward's voice in her head.

Soon enough things start becoming dangerous and *everybody* must go to desperate measures to save each other.

A New York Times best seller, this series is packed with interesting details throughout the books. If you read this series you should definitely read it from the beginning. For those who might not want to read it, the first movie comes out this December.

## WEATHER: Sunday's Forecast

Showers early then scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 73F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%. (via Weather.com)

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## GOSSIP

by Kate Apostolou



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California beach babe, Katie Olson, won the diving contest held on the floating dock. Congratulations Katie!

There have been many rumors about Emily Farris's true hair color. Is she a natural red-head or just a ginger wannabe? She has promised to reveal her secret at the end of camp.

After having trouble sleeping, Claudia Tanney, snuck out of her cabin at 3am and partied in the woods with the Yeti. Kudos to Zach Paul for believing in Yetis.

Last night, Tim Wheelock was spotted taking a midnight ride on Alisa's unicorn. Speaking of "mythical beasts" Jacob Freedman has a few Pegasi himself.

On Tuesday, July 29th, James Sheldon balanced a spoon on his nose for 4 whole minutes during lunch. Way to go James!

Is Christi Byrd really 47 as she claims to be? While her smooth skin and youthful features makes us think otherwise, it could just be a mixture of botox and Cassie's massive supply of creams and lotions.

Recently David Bremer was playing a crazy round of catch and made a good attempt to catch the ball but instead ended up as a nasty black eye. FEEL BETTER DAVID!



## SNAPSHOT

Big Wiley Pond, with a year-round population of one fish is the summertime spot for many overheated campers

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**CAMPER PROFILE**

*India Kotis*

by Wyatt Accardi

**AGE:** 11

**BUNK:** AMAZONIA

**HOMETOWN:** MANHATTAN

**Favorite part of Beam Camp**

**so far:** The project because I am making something BIG.

**What you're looking forward to**

**the most:** Finishing the project. it will be meaning full.

**Favorite food:** Mashed potatoes.

**Do you have any pets:** One cat named Mungo

**What's been your favorite meal at Beam:** Tacos

**How did you get to camp:** My dad drove me

**What's been you're favorite domain:** Blindness

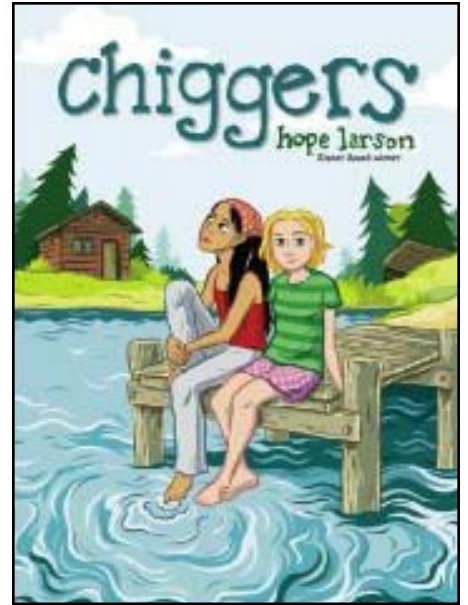
"I mostly made my dad do interpretations of my cat scared."  
-India Kotis

**BOOK REVIEW**

*Chiggers by Hope Larson*

by Imani Fecu

*Chiggers* by Hope Larson is compelling and a quick and easy read. This graphic novel is great for readers 10 and up and covers all the bases when it comes to girls at camp like boys and bad weather. Abby, the main character, becomes best friends with Shasta, a bunk mate that has gotten hit by lightening. They fall for the same guy, Teal, but end up being the best of friends.



I used to never read graphic novels but after reading this one, I just can't put them down!

"Unique drawing style with a unique plot. I love the part when they are talking about DND. They turn into mystical creatures." said India Kotis.

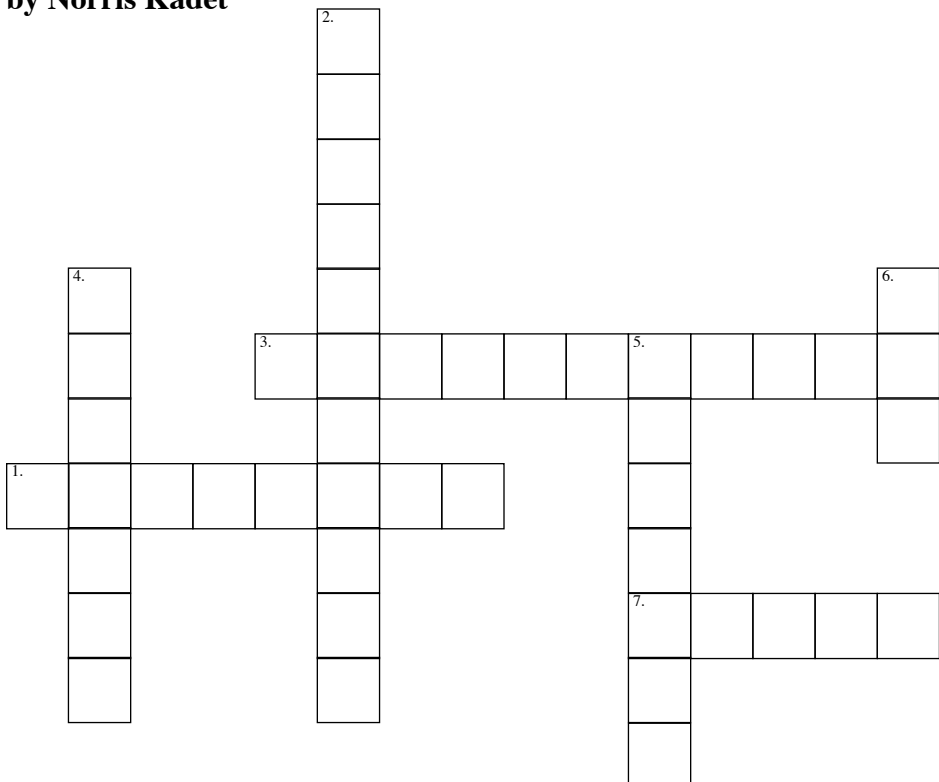
*My Favorite Domain*

by Max Laufer

**M**y favorite domain was last week was Sandwiches with Jeff, in which we set out to create a new sandwich. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons I showed up at the dining hall because, well, I wanted more food, and I was on a mission to make the best sandwich ever. Ingredients available included peanut butter, avocado and many, many more. My sandwich was made with Rice Krispies and avocado in a tortilla and it was really good!

**BEAM CROSSWORD**

by Norris Kadet



**DOWN**

- 2. Project
- 4. Cassie \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. August 17

**ACROSS**

- 1. Our rival camp
- 3. OUCH! Where does the nurse live???
- 6. Bubble dancer
- 7. Who makes our food?

