



The Record-Breaking Size of a Maple Leaf



Matthew L-G poses with the one-inch-tall maple leaf that he found in Old Archery. Photo by Aurélie.

Written by Felix

Dictated and found by Matthew L-G.

It was the first day of real camp,

and I was doing Voyageur at 9:00 a.m. I was looking for an albino fern but I didn't find it.

All of a sudden, I stumbled across a maple leaf that was one inch tall. I picked it up, and then I saw that there were two that were about the same size. I threw away one away and kept the smallest one. I ran to the counsellor and showed it to her. She was astonished that a maple leaf could be that small.

We walked back to the trip shed at the end of the period and pressed the maple leaf inside the book, 'One Thousand Questions.' PS: I also found a fern that was two inches tall.

Strong Winds Wreak Havoc on Boat Beach

Josh, Julien, Gabby, Bernal, Jess and Eric were 'rescue heroes' after red Mistral tipped, white mistral turtled and crash boat died

Special Report by
Alyssa and Rhiannon

It was Wednesday, July 10 at 3:15 p.m., and everyone was thrilled to go out sailing on the first day of extreme winds this summer. Crews were decided: Luca, Talya, Marina and Sophie were in the White Mistral; and Bernal, Ben, Alex L-G and Thierry were in the red mistral. Rhiannon and I were sitting on the Boat Beach dock with Gabby napping beside us.

All of a sudden, Josh and Julien ran by and yelled at Gabby to follow them. Soon enough, we saw that the Red Mistral had tipped and that the White Mistral had turtled. Josh, Julien and Gabby jumped into the ski boat to go rescue the sailors.

In the distance, we could also see that the crash boat's engine had stopped working and that Quentin was stranded in the middle of the lake. "Je me sentais

très mal," il a dit. "J'ai eu très peur. J'ai cru que j'allais mourir. Mes fidèles amis Josh, Julien et Gabby sont venus me sauver au milieu du lac alors que mon bateau dérivait vers le large due à une avarie moteur."

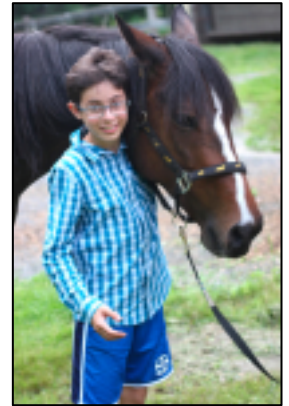
The ski boat dropped Josh off at the turtled sailboat. He safely brought Talya, Marina and Sophie back to shore, and towed Quentin in the crash boat. "The gust of wind forced the boat to jibe, which filled it with water," Marina said. "Bailing didn't help, so we tipped. Confusion between us led to the turtling of the sailboat." She added that the experience was scary, but that she learned a lot from it.

Soudainement, plusieurs moniteurs tels que Jess et Eric sont embarqués dans le bateau de ski nautique pour aller aider le 'white mistral'. Ils sont rapidement revenus avec ce bateau attaché en arrière. Luca nous a dit que Bernal avait sauvé le bateau.

When Bernal saw the distressed White Mistral, he took the sails off of his sailboat and jumped in the water to rescue the stranded crew and unturtle the boat. "The waves were massive, the wind was shifting and the gusts were horrifying," Bernal said. Alex L-G - one of Bernal's crewmembers - went as far as to say that Bernal deserves to be a super skipper. Gabby thought that Bernal handled the situation as best he could. "Overall, it was a lot of fun," he said. "I was excited to help in the first sailing catastrophe of the summer." Throughout the catastrophe, Alex was in his boat, singing songs to make everyone happy.

Finalement, tout le monde était saufs et seins sur la plage de bateau. C'était sans doute l'une des journées les plus chaotiques à Wilvaken, mais c'est certain que tous les gens inclus se souviendront de cette journée.

Cohen's Corner



Megan's Horse Finally Arrives at Wilvaken

By Joshua Cohen
Staff writer

Chloe, which is Megan's horse, just arrived this week. She's 20 years old and is still in her prime. Megan takes good care of her to keep her fit. "She's gentle, head-shy and very polite," Taylor said. "Overall, I'm jealous of Megan for owning Chloe."

A thoroughbred, flea-bitten grey mare, Chloe used to be a racehorse. She has a tattoo under her lip. She once won \$5,500 during a race.

Later, she became a jumper and was worth \$60,000. Chloe was the 3 ft. mid-west champion once upon a time. Unfortunately, Chloe was abused while working as a jumper. She was forced to jump too high.

At camp, Chloe is used in Beginner and Advanced lessons. Chloe has had an incredible past, which lead into a perfect present here at Wilvaken.

Une journée spéciale ‘Super Tramp’ Dropped Its Anchor This Week



Friday was backwards day, so EP took place from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Camp had its own version of Tam Tams, which is a weekly gathering that takes place on Mount Royal, in Montreal. Photo by Gloria

Par Emmanuelle Simard

Ce matin, on a fait une fête de plage, car c'était une journée à l'envers.

Pendant la fête, tout le monde était en train de se baigner, de jouer au volleyball, de danser avec le rythme de la musique et de faire du boogieboard.

Cedar a distribué des Mister Freeze et les LIT ont préparé un bol de fruits, de limonade et des biscuits aux avoines et raisins. Il faisait très beau et très chaud dehors.

First Mégantique Hike Returns to Camp Safely



Wilvaken sent out its first Mont Mégantique hike on Tuesday, July 9. It returned two days later, on July 11. It poured rain, but they managed to build a massive fire one night. From left to right: Diego, Eli, Viola, Romy, Anthony, Berta, Carla and Felix. Photo by Cedar

By Nava Camlot

The water trampoline, which people are calling the ‘super tramp,’ was a huge hit. Everyone wanted to jump on it. Buddy call numbers went up to 20 – it was crazy! I tried it and it was awesome. The best part about the trampoline was jumping off of it. Let’s see what other campers thought.

“I thought it was overrated at first,” said Gabby. “But then I tried it and it was

awesome!” The trampoline is a huge, blue floating hexagon on the water, so I can imagine why some people would think that it’s overrated. “It brings a fun activity to camp – a lot of people will love it,” said Marina. It might not be the funnest activity because you can’t jump too high on it, as Oscar pointed out. “It’s not the funnest activity at camp, but it’s really fun!” he said. Overall, everyone loves the new water trampoline.

Rowing Could be Making a Comeback, Says France

By Kate and Oli

All the rowboats were out on the lake Tuesday morning, and it wasn’t because there were lots of campers going sailing.

The girls in France were happily rowing in the area close to boat beach.

Mia said she believes

that rowing is an activity that is neglected at camp. She also stated that she thinks that rowing levels should be brought back.

Naomi said that she hopes to inject some style back into the sport. “It’s fun,” she said. “It’s a nice way to spend my time.”

Oscar Finds Jerry the Toad

By Oscar Camlot
Staff writer

It was only 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday when Marc, Josh, Julien, Jamie, Kelsie, Marina and I set out on our nature walk.

Everything was still, when suddenly a toad popped out of a tree next to the lodge. I ran up to the toad and caught it.

Adoring the cute toad, I was inspired by Marina to name him Jerry.

After I caught Jerry, I couldn’t let him go.

We decided to go to the trip shed, where we found him a nice habitat for the nature walk.

During the nature walk, I wouldn’t let anyone grab Jerry because I was afraid they would hurt him. Because of this, Jerry and I bonded.

When we got back to the lodge, I found out that I couldn’t keep Jerry. I was really disappointed. I let him go because I know it was the best for him.