

THE LINEUP

JANUARY
2021

Connecting Virtually



EBR Connects went virtual on December 22 for our first remote event. Over 100 participants—parents, campers, and their pets joined together for BiNGO! Trivia Masters, Sheryl and Richie Kamen hosted a round of camp trivia and Allan Reid got us moving during the 7th inning stretch. Between the fun camp references for each number, the camp cameos, the awesome prizes, and the special holiday video, the event was complete perfection. Some might even say, “BiNGO!” We cannot wait to see you at the next EBR Connects event.

WE'RE COMING BACK!!!

Since there are too many “best” nights, “best” activities and “best” moments every summer at camp, it's hard to choose one favorite. Whether it's the Fourth of July fireworks show, the pageantry and variety of the Mr. Equinunk contest, the Camp Blue Ridge Sing, the Upper Senior basketball game in Color War or waiting for a Color War break, this line-up card is full of great choices. I'd love to hear your personal favorite(s), but for now I'll share mine with you.

Although you might think I'd choose one from all of the great games and sports or one at the lake, my favorite is Boys' Sing which takes place in The Hall during the home stretch of the summer. The groups are sitting amphitheater style in their traditional places, youngest to the left of the stage, curbing around The Hall completing the arc with Equinunk's oldest, the Seniors. On the stage we have GLEEER, our electrified camp band ready to feature the Sophs old song to the tune of Piano Man with its classic opening, “It's 9:00 on a Tuesday, Tribes have come to an end” and every older camper from Juniors through Seniors, counselors included, are lip syncing and harmonizing along with them...nostalgically remembering when they sang that same song...a younger time in their childhood at Equinunk.

As the arc turns, Equinunk's leaders, the Seniors, implore every group to live camp to its fullest with their rendition of the song “One Hundred Years” beckoned by the mystified lyric, (group name, i.e. Juniors, Cadets, etc.), “there's still time for you”. It's a bittersweet, passionate prayer to all the younger brothers to savor every moment as they realize their journey as campers is fading into the sunset. It's a defining moment/night with the young and old(er) boys singing songs side by side. It's Camp Equinunk at its best.

But wait! There's more because everyone knows what's coming next.....insane cheering and a standing ovation for Premy and Schandler's classic rendition of the song “We're Coming Back”. It's a parody stocked with camp shtick delivered in almost perfect pitch, harmony, humor, and love that chronologues the events and hopes of the summer. Eric and John started out as very young campers, like most of you, and have been coming back for more than 30 years. The song epitomizes my and hopefully your favorite everything at Equinunk and Blue Ridge. Sharing these shining moments with your brothers and sisters is the bedrock of our camp. It's the brick and mortar that bonds us to one another and all we love and value...our summer home, friends, campers, counselors and alumni past, present and all those in your future. The emotional evening concludes with the Equinunk alma mater; the “bestest” of friends, arm-in-arm forever.

These Equinunk and Blue Ridge traditions are messengers who deliver simplicity, compassion and strength to you as we travel back to camp in a few short months. Now more than ever, we can reach out together and almost touch it. But it's more than that - it's a tale with a much broader theme and emotion...a prelude to the saga of your youth filled with your best friends. It's your journey from Sophomore to Senior in the presence of the entire Equinunk and Blue Ridge family. I hope you're remembering, anticipating and smiling as you read this because we are coming back!!!!

First call to summer and with love - Richie

