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Hello everyone,

There were some boys at camp that enjoyed an amazing summer in Fayette on the shores of Echo Lake. You may have been partly responsible for this experience. If you gave to the Winnebago Alumni Association over the last year your donation helped to make this possible. And we know the wonderful summer they had—climbing Mt. Blue, rowing to the dam and going for a swim, playing tetherball, and watching the embers at a campfire.

There are tangible pieces of a summer at Winnebago. Each of us can add thousands more. We can also speak of the countless intangible moments—the ones that bring a smile to our hearts, and ones that always bring us back to camp. This is why we hold camp at such a dear place—it touches us even now.

At this point in time we are in dire straits. Without a large infusion of money over the next calendar year we will no longer be able to financially help send these boys to Winnebago. If we wish to continue to be stewards of the “Winnebagan Way” then we as a group need to come together and focus on giving. But the focus is only a half measure if we don’t actually give.

You can give online to our website, www.winnebagoalums.org, or through our Facebook Cause page.

You can send a check with the envelope that came with this letter and newsletter to my address: 12316 Spur Lane, Rockville, VA 23146-1564.

We can gather, put our newsletters, speak fondly of camp—that’s easy and fun. If we don’t put our money where our mouths are we don’t have the ability to do what we say is so important to us. It’s time to fight for Winnebago and we now need more than pep and vim.

Sincerely,
Jim Astrove