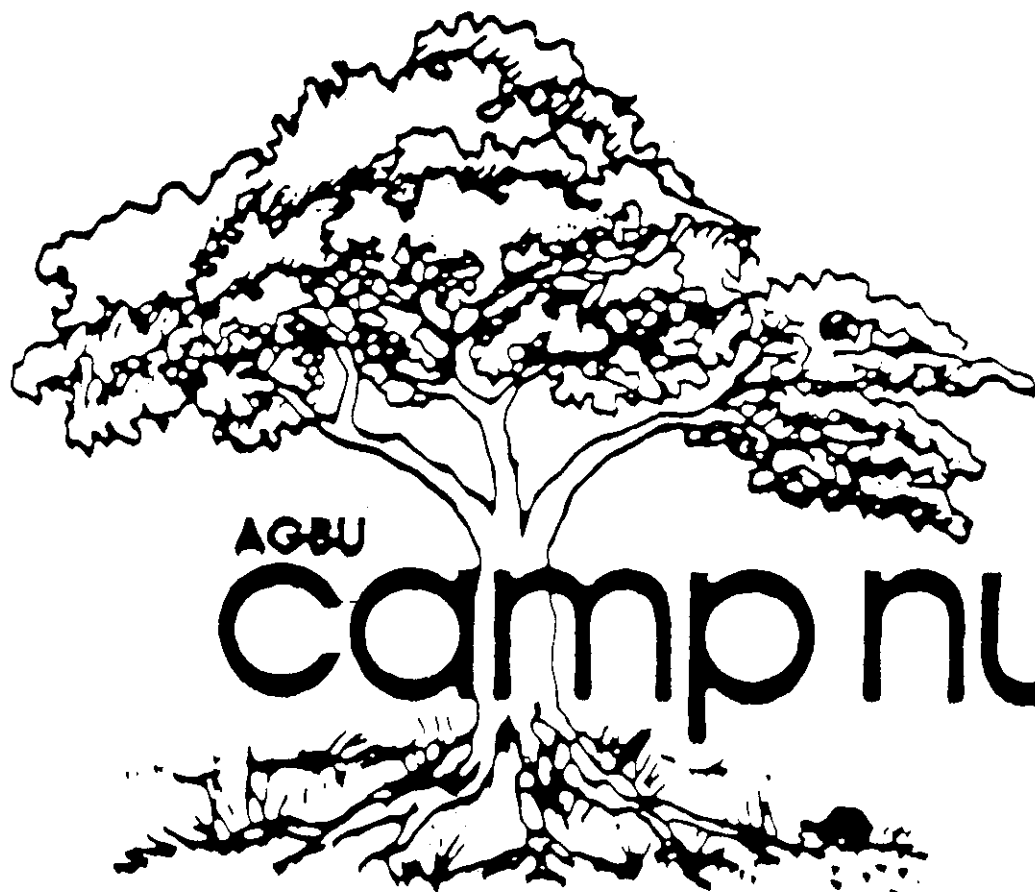


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CAMP NUBAR 2nd SESSION

The 2nd session of Camp Nubar 1996 was a fun filled and exciting one. There were about 50 campers from around the United States and Canada, as well as one from Paris, France. Our staff was also a very interesting and multicultural one. We had counselors from all over the United States, as far away as Los Angeles, California, not to mention many from Montreal, Canada, a couple from England, one from Sweden, one from Holland, and a girl from Paris.

The many activities at Camp Nubar also had a successful two weeks. Tennis, led by Dan and Joanna, played many games which got all the campers involved. Sports, with Jeff, Harout, Mike, Lori, and Greg D., was always fun for the campers with their frequent games of volleyball, basketball, and steal the bacon. Photography, led by Linda, Annie W., and Leda, was able to take and develop many pictures of the sights at Camp Nubar as well as make a collage for Open House. Cathy, Terzi, and Sevan taught their Arts and Crafts classes how to make many interesting projects such as beaded necklaces and dream catchers. Ceramics also proceeded to work on many interesting projects with the help of Nathalie, Lousine, and Anahit. Performing Arts, led by Ani S., Ari, and Greg A., did a lot of fun things including improvisations, Armenian dancing, and skits. Lisa-Talin, Seta and Mrs. Araxi were very successful in their Armenian classes, teaching the younger kids some basic phrases as well as making a beautiful present for Soorpazan. Waterfront, as always, was a favorite activity among the campers. Led by Saro Keresteciyani and the entire waterfront staff, swimming, canoeing, rowing, and waterskiing was offered to the campers.

Many exciting evening activities also took place during the 2nd session. Saturday Night Live, presented by the counselors, was a lot of fun. It was a night filled with "Deep Thoughts" by Armen B., cheerleaders with their skirts falling off, and "Buh-Byes". During Paper Bag Dramatics, some funny skits were presented to the camp. Ones that stood out were "Sysco Man" by B4 and "The Afro Machine" by G4. The Roomate Game was also a lot of fun as we found out who knew each other the best throughout the whole camp. During the night of Lip Syncs, the entire camp experienced many laughs over what was presented. Some of the more memorable skits were "Dancing Queen" by the counselors, and "Amish Paradise" also by the counselors. The dances on Friday nights were a lot of fun for both campers and counselors alike.

Oh! And of course we can't forget the newest members of our family, the cooks, Abo and Tamar Tosikyan, who have begun to prepare great meals for the camp and to indulge us with their charm.

This second session at Camp Noubar has been a fun and memorable one for campers and counselors alike.

By Lisa Markarian and Lauren Swisher

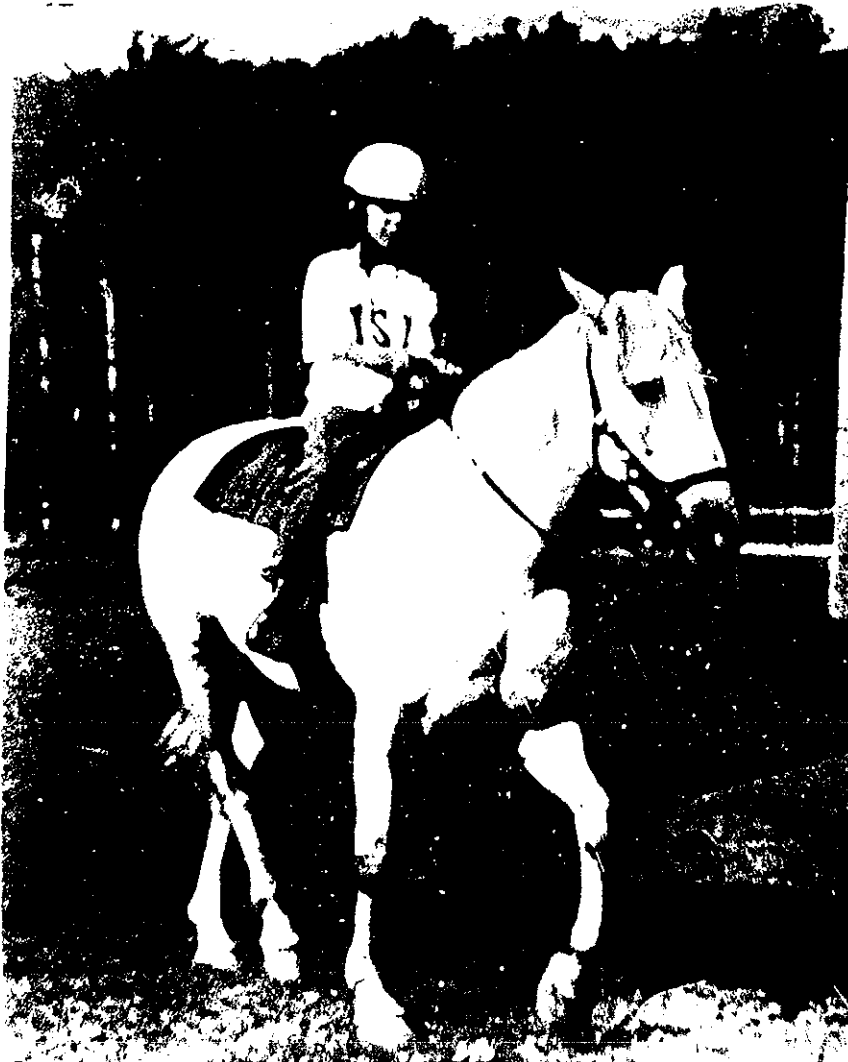


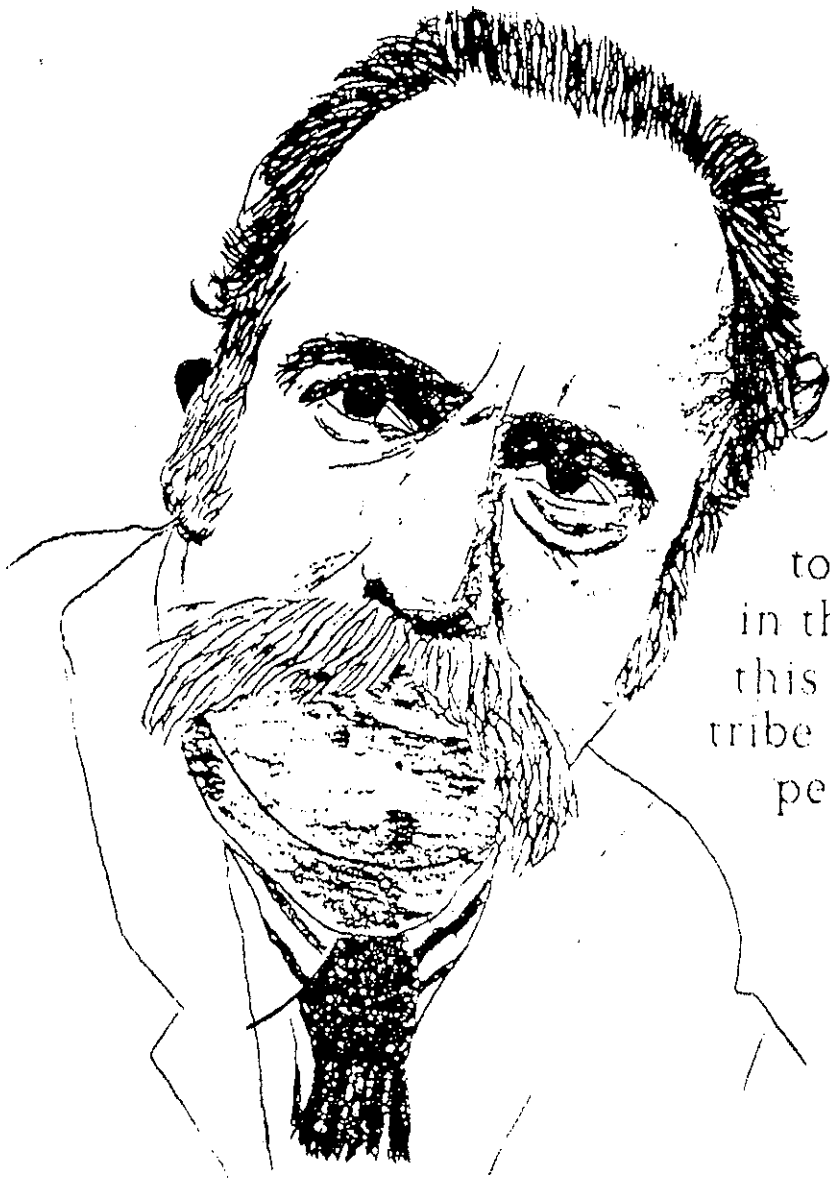
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OPEN HOUSE

Camp Nubar's 1996 Open House, held on Sunday, July 28th, turned out to be a very successful and fun day. The day began at 10:00 a.m. when parents, friends, and alumni started to arrive at Camp Nubar. They were allowed to go around and visit each activity for a certain period of time in the morning. A delicious lunch of bar-b-que chicken, pilaf, salad, corn on the cob, and watermelon was served to all campers, counselors, and guests. At 2:00 p.m. the day's program, which was dedicated to Mr. Alex Manoogian, began. Many campers and counselors participated in the production. Skits were performed, poems were recited, and even unexpected jokes were told. Later on in the day a waterfront show was put on. Thanks to the waterfront staff at Camp Nubar, our guests watched water skiing and canoe contests in the privacy of our own Lake Arax. Last but not least our horseback riding students showed off their new found skills to their audience with their riding style and abilities. Families saw their children, ate good food, walked around, watched shows put together by our staff, and had a good time!

By Lauren Swisher and Lisa Markarian





I should like
to see any power
in this world destroy
this race, this small
tribe of unimportant
people whose
history is
ended, whose
wars have
been fought
and lost,
whose struc-
tures have
crumbled, whose

literature is unread,
whose music is unheard and whose prayers are
no more answered. Go ahead, destroy this race!
Destroy Armenia! See if you can do it. Send
them from their homes into the desert. Let them
have neither bread nor water. Burn their homes
and churches. Then, see if they will not laugh
again, see if they will not sing and pray again.
For, when two of them meet anywhere in the
world, see if they will not create a New Armenia.

- William Saroyan

TUBE TRIP

During the second session at Camp Nubar this year our campers and counselors experienced the annual tube trip to Skinner's Falls. We all boarded the buses and headed to the Delaware River bright and early. Nothing was about to stop us, not the rain or the cold. Camp Nubar's annual tube trip still went on. It was an interesting experience for a lot of us. For many it was their first time tubing, but for others they had a lot of experience sitting in a rubber tube and floating down the river through the frightening rapids. An organized staff of Camp Nubar committee members and our own waterfront counselors guided us all through the exciting experience, making sure that we had a good time, but were also safe through it all.

by Lisa Markarian

NAVASART

Navasart, Camp Nubar's annual celebration of Armenian Christmas and New Year's was held on July 27, 1996, and was great fun for all. A few days ahead of time, each camper and counselor picked someone's name who they would have to make a gift for. The gifts were to be exchanged on the night of Navasart. The evening began with a few Christmas carols led by Yeretzgin. Soon, Santa Claus, played by Armen Jesralyan, came to spread good cheer escorted by his four elves, Seta, Lauren, Ani S., and Lisa-Talin. Gifts were then given out by Santa, and then a beautiful gift was presented to Soorpazan from the campers. Soorpazan then gave everyone gifts of his own, a map of Armenia. The night ended with some Armenian dancing, and a delicious feast in the dining hall prepared by Abo and Tamar Tosikyan.

by Lauren Swisher



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