

# A POSITIVE MORNING WATCH

for the week of April 25,

**A couple of little stories & at least a couple of big lessons**

**Boonie started attending an all-summer camp in Wisconsin when he was just 7 years old! I know he had a discounted fee, because I have actually seen the receipt, but I still do not know how his parents ever could have afforded to pay the remaining fee! (Best money they ever spent, tho) I do not know how many total Summers he attended, but I believe at least 5. After that he attended the Boy Scout's Camp Lazarus and later on, He got to go to the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge! Neither of the last two I mentioned made the impression on him that Camp Sarona did. Years later our own CAMP also benefited from the lessons and skills he learned at Sarona. I don't dare try to list them all. However, for the purpose of illustration, I will share this: It was stunt night--*Boonie and his buddy, Dick Seilkop, put together a stunt entitled "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and SMILE, SMILE, SMILE.* Can't you just see little Boonie throwing all of his "troubles in his little bag? Well, I think that stunt stuck with him throughout his life--Boonie found a way to smile through the toughest of times, including his last days with us.**

**Moving along--The day after Robin Braig's Memorial Service , A.J. Zukowski, former camper, called me and we had a LONG, WONDERFUL talk. I asked him if they had received our last Christmas card, and he replied, "OHHHHYES! Boonie's unforgettable smile." A.J then told me, "I have my own Physical Therapy practice, and when staff members bring up complaints, I quote Boonie, 'Do not bring problems up in these meetings unless you also have a possible solution.' " Wow! it's been more than 30 years since he was a camper to hear those words. (Two very separate stories yet related in a positive attitude.) "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and SMILE, SMILE, SMILE.**

**Staff, take note.**

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