

The Legend of Big Louie



(a Fish Story)

By Big Bad Bob, as told September 2011 (updated December 2017)

Big Louie

was a famous Adirondack Lake Trout that was very big and elusive. He was known for breaking lines and straightening out hooks. In 1983 when Creative Themes was first opened there were many large carp in the CT pond. In August of 1983 during our camp week (there were a total of 17 campers that week), a boy named Joey caught the first Big Louie on a bamboo pole. This is how the legend of Big Louie started.



The first Big Louie, 1983

For many years that followed no camper could bring in Big Louie. A \$100 reward was placed on any fish either 28 inches, or over 10 lbs. Big Louie, nor his children, grandchildren nor great-grandchildren could not be caught. He broke lines, made three entire poles disappear, he was almost caught dozens of times but always got away from campers. One counselor-in-training (Chaz, 8/21/2003) brought Big Louie in alive . . . but he was not a camper.



Chaz and Big Louie, 2003

On August 30, 2011 after 28 years of trying and thousands of camper fishing hours, Big Louie was recorded caught and released by Rory M. Many campers thought that Big Louie was a figment of Bob's imagination, but the proof is in the photographs. Congratulations to Rory for a great job in catching Big Louie.



The catch . . .



Big Louie and Rory, 2011



Rory receiving a \$100 bill for the capture of Big Louie

And then, on the Creative Themes 30th Anniversary,

Big Louie was caught again. August 30th, 2013 at 4:00 pm, to be precise. The session that week was called “Last Chance Memories”.

The ever-elusive Big Louie was caught and released by RJ Cancilla, two hours before the last day of the 2013 summer season.

The photo below shows Bob presenting the \$100 reward for catching Big Louie. RJ thought it was a dream.



Summer of 2017

News Flash- BIG LOUIE caught during Creative Themes Day Camps 34th Anniversary Summer

The Legend of **BIG LOUIE** continues during the summer of 2017. Numerous campers hooked but lost **BIG LOUIE** and camper sightings were almost every day. Max Foltz needed luck, skill and help to finally catch and release this giant carp. Max also received the famous \$100 Bill that Bob saves for the Fishing Person of the Year. Who will be next the Camper to catch **BIG LOUIE**?



Max Foltz and his brother Bobby, and extended campers with Big Louie. Counselor assist by Jason Remis.



Bob Giving Max the famous \$100 bill.