



The Pines Post

NW Monthly News Letter



Director's Update

By Matt Jago



As I reflect on this past summer, I am in such awe and gratitude for the people that make up this special place. Our campers, staff, board members, donors, camper parents, and alumni are so passionate about camp. You all have met mentors and friends here, some lucky folks have even met their spouses here, including myself. Kids and young adults grow here, they try difficult things and learn amazing life lessons- grit, accomplishment from working hard, meeting new people, getting along with others that are different, finding common purpose, building a fire, paddling a canoe, setting up the dining hall, even running a camp. Volunteers give of their talent and time, donors give their treasure and you all share your stories about this special place. You are what makes this community so special.

I am excited to announce that the hiring process for our summer staff is now in full swing. Our team is dedicated to finding the best and most qualified individuals to join us in providing an unforgettable summer experience for our campers. Our staff are carefully selected and trained to provide a safe and supportive environment for all campers, regardless of their background or experience level.

I am also thrilled to welcome back our returning campers and extend a warm welcome to all new campers who will be joining us for the first time. We at North Woods, we believe that camp is the perfect setting for children and teenagers to develop new skills, form lasting friendships, and discover their passions. We are always looking for ways to enhance the camp experience, and this summer will be no exception.

As we gear up for another summer of adventure, we are looking forward to creating new memories with our returning campers and getting to know our new campers. We are committed to creating a welcoming and creating an inclusive community for all our campers. We believe that this is the foundation of a truly great summer camp experience. We can't wait to see you all this summer!

Announcements!

MEET THE DIRECTORS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

BURBANK YMCA: GYM GAMES

36 ARTHUR B LORD DRIVE, READING, MA 01867

11:30AM – 12:30PM

WALTHAM YMCA: GYM GAMES

725 LEXINGTON STREET, WALTHAM, MA 02452

3:00PM – 4:00PM

OPEN HOUSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH (VIRTUAL)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

2023 Camper Session Dates:

Session 1: June 25 – July 8

Session 2: July 9 – July 22

Session 3: July 23 – August 5

Session 4: August 6 – August 19

NW AND PVC FAMILY CAMP

AUGUST 20TH-26TH

95th Reunion

September 1st-3rd



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The Board Report

By Wes Lewis

Greetings my fellow North Woodsmen! My name is Wes and I was a camper, counselor, and now board member. I was at camp between 2002 and 2008. I've been serving on the board for a little more than 1.5yrs and it has been fantastic being back involved with camp. It actually took me a while to get back involved - I was 'gone' from camp for roughly 14yrs. For a place that still holds such a special place in my heart, that was far too long. My time at camp was special, as I'm sure it was for everyone reading this newsletter right now. I remember the hundreds of faces that I crossed paths with while running among the coniferous Pines of New Hampshire, swimming in the healing waters of Lake Winnepesaukee, and stomping across the floor of the Great Hall to Ants. Some of those faces stayed with me over the years, and some have faded. I still see the occasional Instagram post, filled with family and life updates, adventures around the world, and get a wave of nostalgia every time I see a familiar face. At that time in my life, I made some of my best friends. Friends that felt like family. And that it was those feelings that gave me the itch to get back involved. I have countless memories from camp - competing in Mr. North Woods, kayaking for ice cream to Pier 19, going for a sunset sail with my cabin, passing notes to the PVC side, hanging at Founder's, walking on the ice in winter, teaching campers how to make their bed so we could win Honor Cabin and eating a ridiculous number of grilled cheese sandwiches one day at lunch. The more and more I reminisce on my time at camp, the happier I become knowing I still have a hand in what is happening in some way. Since joining the board, I have helped put together new tools for camp activities, rigged boats and strategized on new programs, and how to best support campers, staff, and alumni alike. I am serving now on the board because I want to continue making memories with North Woods. I want to support these kids and help ensure camp is a place where they can make some of their best friends, have unforgettable experiences and bring memories with them for the rest of their lives. This brotherhood that has been created over the last 95yrs is special - I look forward to meeting many new faces and making new memories at the reunion in September. If you are not able to make it, please know that you will be missed but will always be a North Woodsmen.

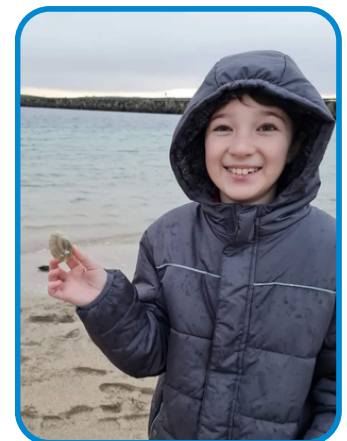
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Question of the Month

If you could travel anywhere,
where would you go and why?
Who would you bring?

Camper's Corner with Harry B

My name's Harry - I'm 10 years old and live in Edinburgh, Scotland. I like Harry Potter and gaming. I was a Junior at camp last summer, and my favorite activities were Woodshop and waterfront activities. My mom says I'm like a male Moana because I love the water so much! I liked joking around with my cabin mates - once we were all laughing about a dead bug on the wall and I remember having a great time. I liked the sunsets at the waterfront, and getting sprayed by the firetruck at the Ice Cream Social. My favorite memory from camp is the sunsets and stars. I remember the stars on the waterfront when we got our NW triangle badges on the last night of camp, and looking up at all the different stars above the lake - it was really nice. We also got to take a bath at night in the lake! Shampoo got in my eye a bit, but we got to dive off the docks and swim with the stars above reflecting into the lake, which was fun. I can't wait to go back.



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Off Rock

"The Summer Staff Update"



Radio Check

Returning Executive Council Member:
Scott Campbell



Greetings all. My name is Scott Campbell, and I am thrilled to be rejoining the staff this year. This will be my 7th year working at North Woods, and I am excited to continue the role of Assistant Director under Matthew Jago. Previously I had been the Trail Section head for North Woods. Before that I had worked with the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department as a camp counselor for many summers, so being around camp and kids has been the norm for me for many years. I am a Wolfeboro native, born and raised in the Lakes Region and it is a cool experience to be working and living at a place I have driven past many times before. Working at North Woods for all these years has grown my appreciation for the work that goes into making a successful camp every summer. I am very lucky to be working alongside the team and look forward to another wonderful summer at North Woods Camp.



Welcome to our new Assistant Counselors

Adriel Giraldo, Clovis Thabaut,
Connor Lyons, David Wyatt, Declan
McKinley, Ethan Pendleton, Felix
Blanchier, Herbert Bonds, James
Young, Jared Frith, John Fullerton,
Joseph Ryan, Kyle Wong, Nathaniel
Davison, Nicholas Levin, Nico Meza,
Santiago Underhill, Sebastian Weber,
Simon Delisle, Victor Bormann,
William Lucas, William Nevitt

Counselor Hunt

"Help us find Staff"



Apply Here

We are currently seeking enthusiastic and qualified individuals to join our summer staff team. We are looking for individuals who are passionate about working with children and teenagers, and who are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all campers. Staff members will have the opportunity to lead and instruct campers in programs, and to develop their own skills and knowledge in the process. We are seeking individuals who have experience working with children and teenagers, and who have a strong background in outdoor education and/or youth development. Candidates should also be able to work well in a team and have excellent communication skills. If you are looking or know someone who is looking for an exciting and rewarding summer job, we encourage you/them to apply to join our staff team at North Woods Camp. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Maintenance Slips

" Projects Update"

We are thrilled to announce the completion of several exciting projects that have been undertaken in the past year. These projects have been designed to enhance the overall camp experience for our campers and staff, and we are proud to share the results with you. Some of the most notable projects that we completed this past year was the addition of new outdoor showers. These showers provide a convenient and eco-friendly option for campers and staff to freshen up after a day of outdoor activities. They also help to conserve water, which is an important consideration in the great outdoors. Another major project that we completed this past year was the upgrading of the Junior House. The Junior House is a central gathering place for our youngest campers, and the renovations have made it an even more comfortable and welcoming space for them. Additionally, we added new porches in the Junior Section of the camp, providing a comfortable space for the campers to relax and enjoy the natural surroundings. Finally, we also completed a renovation of the sky house, which is a popular spot for campers to play and enjoy the outdoors. All these projects were aimed at improving the overall camp experience for our campers and staff, and we are thrilled with the results. We believe that these enhancements will make the camp experience even more memorable and enjoyable for everyone. We are grateful for the support of our alumni, staff, and families in making these projects possible and look forward to welcoming you to our enhanced facilities this summer.



Renovation of the Sky House



Jr House Improvements



Outdoor Showers



Jr Section Porches



New Waterfront Railings

95th Reunion

September 1st-3rd



We are excited to announce that we are preparing for our 95th reunion, and we would love for you to join us! Our reunion is the perfect opportunity for past campers, staff, and families to reconnect with old friends and make new memories. We are planning a weekend of activities, including sailing, high ropes, horseback, waterskiing, steam baths, campfire stories, and a big BBQ. It will be a great opportunity to relive the memories of North Woods Camp and to see how the camp has evolved over the years. To sign up for the reunion, please use the QR code provided. We have a number of spots available, so we encourage you to sign up today. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion and to creating new memories together.



SAVE THE DATE!

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