



Grains of Sandy

March 2024

Ice out was declared on March 17th, 2024 at 4:37pm, making it possible for our intrepid facilities team to begin work on several pre-season projects! For my part, the Sandy dreams have begun, and I eagerly await warmer weather when I can step foot onto our beautiful island. Read on dear camp family to see some ways you can join us at camp this spring in addition to a list of projects we are planning!

Sandy Strong

June 7 - 9

Sandy Strong Weekend is a new Sandy Island Camp event for 2024. We are extremely excited about it, and hope that you'll read a little about it below, learn more, and become as excited about it as we are.

Click [here](#) for full article

Click [here](#) to register for Sandy Strong



Enjoy the Journey Retreat

May 31 - June 2

Join Kate Lemay on this amazing journey (formerly Live in Love) to find out how you can live radically in love with yourself, with others, with the world around you. Come find YOU!

Click [here](#) to sign up for this amazing weekend, early bird pricing ends May 5th



Mark Straubel's LIST

Under the direction of our Associate Executive Director, Mark Straubel, we are focusing our attention towards the aging infrastructure at Sandy Island. Mark is ensuring that the resources Sandy has available are used to the fullest to make the biggest impact for the future success of our beautiful island.

In addition to many smaller projects the big things being done this spring/summer are:

1. The flooring at South Lav and Central Lav is being replaced
2. The cooking hood in the kitchen will be removed, replaced & expanded
3. The kitchen will be getting a new generator
4. Stainless steel counter tops are being installed in the kitchen, replacing all areas where there was previously green formica.

Throughout the summer and fall Tighe and Bond Engineering Co. will be coming to Sandy to evaluate two areas. First the tennis courts, the goal being to design a new Tennis court/multi-sport area. The second area they will be looking at is our septic system with the goal of designing upgrades to our current system.

This October Menagerie will be demolished and a foundation for the new cabin laid so that in spring of 2025 the new cabin can be constructed.

If you would like to help support any of these projects please use the button below

Support Sandy Island



International Families Weekend June 14-16

If you are looking for more time at Sandy look no further than this fun filled weekend. This summer marks the 41st season of International Families Weekend. They are always looking for more campers to join in the fun!

Real full article [here](#)
Last year's schedule of events [here](#)
Register for this fun weekend [here](#)



Sandypalooza May 17-19

Sandypalooza is a volunteer work weekend loaded with lots of classic Sandy fun! It's a chance to get a little more time on our beloved island, giving our time and talent to helping clean and prep the island for the summer. We are hoping to build on the success of last year's weekend with even more participants!

Learn more and sign up to join in the fun [here](#)



125th Anniversary Celebration! November 9

Come celebrate the 125th camping season with us on November 9th, 2024, on the Spirit of Boston!

The Spirit of Boston departs from 200 Seaport Blvd., boarding will begin at 6pm. The boat will embark at 7pm and return at 10pm. Music, dancing and fun are being planned!

Get your tickets [here](#)

Sad news to share



Longtime camper Sandra Giles Perrault, 85, died peacefully in her home in Methuen on March 27, 2024 surrounded by loving family.

Click [here](#) to read Sandra's obituary

Do you have any special announcement you want included in The Grains? Send an email to [Leea Regan](#)

Calling all Visiting Ministers

Do you know a minister who would enjoy a weekend at Sandy Island? Would you like to share your time and talent at Chapel? Are you a minister? We have open weekends available for ministers

Reach out to [Leea](#) to learn more about our visiting minister program!



Consider North Woods or PVC

Consider adding kids camp to your children's camp experience. Session 1 (June 23-July 6) and session 4 (August 4-August 17) still have spots for kids ages 8-16. Email us to find out how we help get Sandy families to kids camp!

Contact [us](#) for more information
Register and learn more [here](#)



Work at Sandy

Have you or someone you know considered becoming staff at Sandy Island? Working at Sandy is a rewarding experience for people of all ages and abilities. Share your talent with us!

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