

THE LOON CRIER



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Lake Winnepesaukee

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A newsletter for our camping community

**THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS,
DONORS AND ALUMNI
WHO GIVE SO MUCH BACK
TO CAMP. THANK YOU!**

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OUR REACH OUT GOAL!**

\$140,000 goal

\$118,000 pledged

\$22,000 needed

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CAMP IS GRATEFUL FOR YOU

By Artie Lang

As fall creeps up on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee and the leaves start to turn, the peace that envelopes Camp comes from the satisfaction of another incredible summer. I would like to personally thank the over 3,600 people we served through all of our summer programs. Without you, Camp would be grey and dreary all year round.

I really want to recognize and thank Amy Goodman, Tom Marden, Kate Lemay, Megan Fichter, Liz Young, Graeme Donald, Nick Bickford, and Mike McCarthy for being the standard-bearers for Camping Services. They put tons of time and energy into making all our programs and properties top notch! I am so very grateful for the dedication and support from their families, as they put in long hours, days, and weeks to make sure that everyone had the summer of a lifetime!

As you all know, Camp is a not-for-profit signature program of the Y, and we are only able to tackle the many projects we do because we have a tremendous base of volunteers and donors. The Camping Services Board and Sandy Island Camp Committee have been incredibly supportive volunteers providing much needed advice and assistance. I also want to thank the Sandy Island Weekenders, Old Timers, and Memorial Day volunteers. Without you all, we could never get Camp ready by the time the first campers arrive! In particular, I want to recognize Doug Chisholm and Mary Driscoll for their help on the Sandy Island well project and Ken & Jill Abrahams for providing so many hours of fun carnival activities for our campers. We are truly lucky to work with such committed individuals.

As Executive Director, I am thankful that both Sandy Island and North Woods/Pleasant Valley continue to experience programmatic and budgetary successes. Neither one supports the other, but they work together toward the overall success of Camping Services. Every year you are all so gracious with your donations to Reach Out and Camp Improvement Funds and I hope you will continue to support us. Our scholarships break down as follows: 37% goes to help kids attend North Woods and Pleasant Valley, 35% helps local kids attend the Laughing Loon Day Camp, 28% supports families at Sandy Island, including a new program providing a week on Sandy to families from each branch of the military. We are very proud of all we do and are always looking to improve.

As we move forward into 2011, I want to direct more time toward the vision of ensuring that our property not only "looks good", but that we gain ground on all of the deferred maintenance which has been accruing. We never seem to get in front of the eight ball, always reacting to leaky roofs, broken boats, and half-finished jobs. With the help of volunteers, we will be working on a Sandy Island site plan as well as a preventative maintenance plan for all our Camps. We have many projects that are long overdue and with your help, we can move forward. The biggest step we are taking to fulfill this vision is revamping the manner of how our Camp Improvement Funds work. Starting in 2011 Sandy Island and North Woods/Pleasant Valley will have their own separate funds to help bridge the gap between our maintenance budget and the many projects in need of completion. Be on the lookout for more information soon, I hope you'll continue to support us as you always do.

I would love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and ideas for projects and programs that will continue to enrich the lives of our campers. Again, I want to express my deep gratitude to the amazing people I work with and the wonderful campers we serve. Because of you, my life and the life of my family continues to deepen and strengthen. Thank you so very much.



Artie & Kristina Lang



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THANK YOU SANDY ISLAND VOLUNTEERS

By Kate Lemay

Last weekend while I was traveling home from Vermont, I stopped at a rest area where I picked up a magazine about Family Camp resorts across New Hampshire. The magazine was geared toward "RV-ing" and tent camping. As I read what the camp grounds had to offer, it reminded me of Sandy Island; they had dances, bingo and water carnivals. It made me think about how Sandy Island and this type of family Camp differ. I came up with the obvious, (we have cabins instead of RV's) and most important difference which is the sense of community that Sandy Island shares.

That leads us to the theme of this month's Loon Crier, "A Thank You to Our Volunteers." Sandy Island would not be what it is without the sense of community and stewardship of its volunteers. I want to make a special notation about the "Weekenders". This is a group who comes to the Island every weekend, from Ice Out to the close of Camp, and volunteer their time. We could not run Sandy without you!

I would also like to thank the Sandy Island Camp Committee. It is with great gratitude that I thank all the people who make Sandy Island such a special place!

2010 Weekend Volunteers

Cain Family
Alisa Carlson
Mason Family
Jeanne Robillard
David Richard
Al, Ellen & Sam Breed

Tim Gange
Chris & Jocelyn Brown
Joe Parsons
Mary Driscoll (Weekender)
Chris Crawford & Peter Everett Family
Gilbert Family
Shea Family
Doug Chisholm & Beth Magnuson (Weekenders)
Darrell & Grace Murphy
Bill Gibbons
Pete & Peg Chatellier
Dr. Mark Distefano & Dr. Mary Wendell
Glenn & Alex Scanlon
Bill Fernside
Deborah & Judith Grohe
Kyle Williams
Rebecca Ewens
Andre Larrea
Caroleen Verly & Eric Centola
Michael Doherty
Jeuley & Mike Ortengren
Janet Vitt
Mark & Gloria Chabot
Corey Clark
Ashley Tetu
Anna Young & Wally Long
Harold Sparrow
Lauren Lemay
Scott & Pricilla Brown
Tim (Weekender) & Diana O'Hara
Sandi Lemieux

2010 Summer "Staff" Volunteers

Jared Layman
Kyle Williams
Lance Patterson
Betha & Owen Howell
Lee Holcomb
Liz Door
Lauren Werth

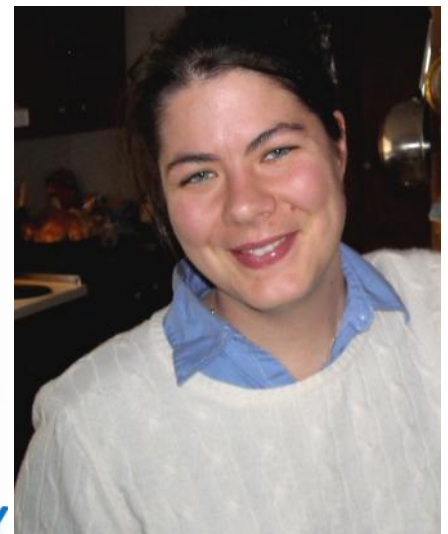
Martin Cain
Blair Evans
Kate O'Connell
Maggie O'Connell
Genevieve O'Connell
Van McLaughlin
Trevor Lemieux
Cara Brown
Tom Carmichael
Andy Carmichael
Tommy Carmichael
Paul Chisholm

I would like to apologize in advance if I missed any names, as I am sure I did. If your name is absent from this list please email me at klemay@ymcaboston.org so I can add you.

We completed a variety of projects together, from the running of Camp, to siding, cleaning cabins, electrical and computer work to clearing brush. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

If you are interested in helping out at Sandy next season please let me know. We will be hosting a work weekend the weekend before Memorial Day weekend as well as a work weekend in the fall. Both dates are posted on our website under "events". Thank you all for such a great season, it is an honor to serve as the Director of such a special place.

Kate Lemay



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WHERE DID SUMMER GO?



Megan Fichter

By Megan Fichter

Over the span of the past 3 weeks summer has come to an end, leaving us with the undeniable colors of fall around the lake and mountains. Laughing Loon has had an amazing summer! We ran special activity weeks which included; color wars, Olympic games, all day scavenger hunts, capture the loon, and the new PEAK program which teaches children how and why to leave no trace behind while hiking or Camping in nature.

Specialty programs like horseback riding on Wednesday mornings and the Thursday campouts are always camper favorites! Staff were fun, reliable and responsible. With such perfect weather every day, summer seemed to end before it even began.

Our time here on the mainland has been dedicated to revising registration forms for summer 2011, setting up and working on retreats and weddings for off-season groups and packing up Camp in preparation for the winter. We had a retreat of 175 high school students and teachers for four days right after Family Camp ended and followed that with a group of 40 people who were attending an employee appreciation weekend for their company at North Woods. We had a wedding in the Todaro Leadership Center and then the NH Boat Museum held a Thank You BBQ for their many volunteers -120 to be exact! Most recently we had a Wolfeboro Arts Council class who set up easels outside and captured some of Camp's breathtaking views on canvas. This weekend we have two more weddings at the Todaro Leadership Center and a weekend wedding at North Woods.

Let us know if you would like to host your event with us!



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PLEASANT VALLEY CAMP



Elizabeth Young

By Liz Young

The summer of 2010 was a great one for Pleasant Valley. The sun was shining, the staff was strong and the girls were wonderful. The girls made and renewed friendships, learned new skills, strengthened old ones and built confidence and self-esteem.

This summer brought some new activities to PVC. The girls received their own water trampoline which was a hit. A GaGa pit (form of dodge ball) found a home outside of Fireside. The pit is a great place to meet as well as hold tournaments. Girls could be seen wearing freshly crafted leather bracelets and other items that they made in the new Leather Works class. Both North Woods and Pleasant Valley were fortunate enough to see a wonderful presentation of "The Wizard of Oz" presented by the North Woods and Pleasant Valley Drama class.

This summer was enhanced by the donation of time and work by many people. We can never thank them often enough as they really make a difference to how our summer runs. I would like to highlight four of the many people who made a donation of their time and special talents this summer. Joanie Weaver was unable to commit to PVC staff for the whole summer so instead, she donated 5 weeks of her time as a volunteer Head Counselor during staff week and sessions 1 & 2. Her contribution was just enormous.

Shayna Packer, an alumnae who is now a teacher, found she had some free time this summer as well. She asked if she could be of help and joined us for session 2. Shayna was always there and able to pick up and accomplish any sort of task such as; teaching a class, making Wolfeboro runs, teaching GaGa and helping to energize evening activities. Those tasks along with many others made her assistance truly invaluable.

Emily Mutchler (Junior Counselor) and Chloe Rombach (Head Counselor) were unable to return to Camp this summer as staff. They were, however, able to find some time during the last week of Camp to come up and serve as cabin counselors. What a difference their energy made during the final week of Camp! To everyone who volunteered at Camp this summer, we thank you and we hope to see you again next summer. You make all the difference!



A Game of "GaGa"



Shayna Packer, Volunteer



Emily Mutchler, Volunteer, top of pyramid



Joanie Weaver, Volunteer



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*Chloe Rombach,
Volunteer*



NORTH WOODS NEWS



Graeme Donald

By Graeme Donald

This summer we were lucky enough to have the best weather I have seen in my seven seasons at North Woods. Campers and staff alike enjoyed trips to Ragged Island in the war canoe, hiking Mt. Chocorua and friendly sports competitions with other local Camps.

In Camp this summer, everyone was really excited about all of the new changes that were made in the spring. The Senior Section had their trail to the lower ball field rebuilt and the Trail Section saw the opening of the co-ed bathhouse next to the lodge. The fantastic addition of the Gordon Pavilion at the edge of the ball field can be seen from the middle of the lake and was the first thing all the staff noticed when they arrived for staff week.

We used the pavilion this summer for staff training sessions, CIT and LIT workshops and often as a place to unwind during our Co-Ed days and All-Camp activities. It became a place where campers from different cabins could go to make friends and do activities with other boys in their section. Rain or shine, every afternoon, the Pavilion was being used by campers and it really made a difference in the overall atmosphere of the summer.



We cannot thank Stephen Gordon enough for his very generous gift to Camp and for his continuous support over the years as a valued volunteer & Alumni of North Woods.

Mr. Gordon is not the only member of the North Woods Alumni who volunteered their money and/or time to Camp this summer. We are fortunate enough to have staff and campers both past and present who care enough to give back to Camp and work to give campers the best possible experience.

We had two dedicated gentleman from France who jumped on a plane to volunteer for half of this summer and we can't thank Remi Gros and Arnud Schlumberger enough for all their hard work and enthusiasm. We welcomed back volunteers Nick Lattanzi and T.J. Shih this summer; they instantly added some extra excitement to our team and I would like to take the time to thank them.

As always, every session's Co-Ed day was made complete by the various arts and crafts experiences brought to us by the Abrahams family. Ken and Jill bring a smile to the faces of staff and campers alike, thank you to them!

If Camp's strength lay in its ability to build relationships and create memories, then I am sure that everyone of our volunteers has gone a long way in helping us achieve that this summer. We could not have been nearly as successful without their continuing support. From making new friends while playing table tennis in the pavilion, to old friends coming by to visit, everyone has made an impact on our campers this summer. We truly cannot thank you enough. You make us all very proud to be part of the North Woods family.



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FACILITIES UPDATES



Tom Marden

By Tom Marden

We are through with our camping season and our thoughts are turning to all the chores needed to close up Sandy Island and North Woods/Pleasant Valley. Thanks to all who helped make it happen. We had a good year and were able to accomplish many improvements. We opened two new bathrooms, built a pavilion, replaced a tree-damaged cabin and completed a major well project, all before we opened for the summer! We were helped by staff and volunteers throughout the whole process.

During work weekends, volunteers contributed greatly to getting Camp ready. On "Old Timers" weekend, a new bridge was built and repairs were made to the Founders Lodge roof. We also had great support from our contractors who were able to squeeze in all of the projects we needed done in order for us to have a successful summer. All the efforts of everyone who lent a hand throughout the season make a big difference in the experience our campers have. Please continue to participate and bring your family and friends. We always welcome and appreciate your help.

A SANDY SUMMER WRAP UP



Nick Bickford

By Nick Bickford

As we start to close down Sandy Island, it only seems fitting that the theme of this issue is "Thank You". First off, a little on how things went for facilities on Sandy Island this summer. The well project wound down and we managed to turn the well on just in time for the campers arrival. All of our water tests came back great, and other than learning how to operate the system, we had no technical difficulties. The new addition to the dining hall is complete and campers loved the new bathrooms. Right now we are finishing the siding on the boathouse, and we will soon begin staining. We are now working on plans for potential projects for next year such as a new staff cabin and teen center renovations.

I would like to take a moment to thank the service crew. They worked very hard this summer; cleaning up the new road to the well and keeping Camp looking great! A big thanks to Jon Coombs, our seven year veteran from England, for all his help with running the crew, which left me time to tackle other facility projects and repairs.

Next, I would like to thank our weekend volunteers known as "The Weekenders". They give their time to provide the extra help we needed to get campers on and off the Island and for taking care of facility issues that we were not able to get to during the week.

Finally, thanks to my fellow staff members. This position has been a huge change in direction for me and they have been right there with any advice and help that I need.

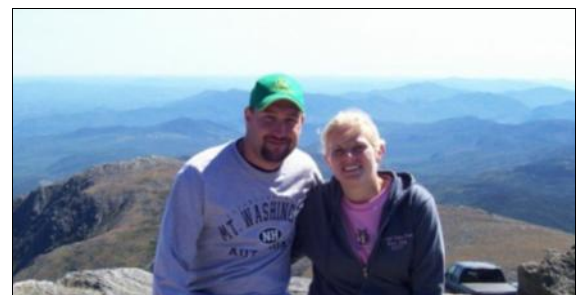
WEDDING BELLS...

By Megan Fichter

Nick Bickford (Assistant Facilities Director) and Jess Segelhurst (Horseback Director) got married here at Camp on October 9th! Their guest will enjoyed a full Camp experience during their two day stay at North Woods and Pleasant Valley. Congratulations Nick and Jess and good luck in your future together!



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WHO ARE THESE GUYS?



By Walter Parkinson

Since 1989 a group of former North Woods campers from the 1940's and 1950's have been returning to Camp for a weekend each spring. The group was formed by John Keeler and the late Charlie Horner. The reason for the first weekend was to re-build the footbridge by the central boat dock. The bridge has long been known as Horner's bridge. Charlie alone built the original a long time ago, since then it has been replaced twice by our group.

Since that first season, the group has built most of the footbridges that you see (and use) on both the NW and PV sides of Camp. They built the bathroom at the Upper ball field, which is now known as the "Keeler Shelter", as well as numerous smaller construction projects. Most of this group's very fond memories are of standing in full, cold, streams placing rocks and railroad ties as foundations for the footbridges. Charlie was known to "direct" this effort from the dry banks.

It is a shame that current NW and PV campers will never get a chance to meet Charlie. He was quite a character; he and a former NW director – Mac Macgregor - created the Wilderness Patrol back in the early fifties. The patrol (drawn from 15 year old campers) spent almost the entire eight week Camp season hiking in the White Mountains and canoeing many of the rivers in northern New England. Charlie's booming voice, wonderful sense of humor, and unparalleled leadership skills are, for those of us who knew him, as much a part of Camp tradition as cook-outs, banquets, and steam baths. It is his spirit that carries through to the Old Timers Group.

Last spring we built a footbridge from the Trail Section to the Shop which hopefully eliminated some wet feet this summer. In addition, there was some repair work needed on some of the bridges we built in previous years. As always, we will be back again at Camp in June mending bridges and helping with work projects. It will be hard work as usual but we love it, and giving back to the place that has meant so much to us is a pleasure. Camp may not be quite the same as it was for us in the "old days", but it is still great. We want to keep it so.

We also hope that the campers and staff of today will continue our Old Timers tradition in the future. Our projects are a way of both giving back to North Woods and continuing the bonds of friendship started long ago. So the answer to the question, "Who Are Those Guys?" we hope will be; "all of us".

Front Row: Dave Norton, Marty Lerman, John Keeler, Walter Parkinson

Back Row: Terry Orr, John Trump, Pricilla Lerman, Steve Lerman, Paul Cuneo

OH NO...MORE PAPERWORK!



Amy Goodman

By Amy Goodman

Dear Campers and Parents,

Thank you for another great Camp season. Parents, it all starts with you committing to provide your child/ren with one of the greatest experiences of their young lives. We realize this is one of the toughest decisions you will make in their younger years and we greatly admire and appreciate the soul searching process you went through to get here. We wish we could say that all of the tough parts were over, but WAIT...there is always the registration process and dreaded confirmation paperwork. How many forms can there possibly be for Camp? LOTS!!! However, they are all important and necessary if we want to insure that your child has a fun and safe experience. This set of forms times 800 campers requires a lot of attention on our end as well.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who take the time to complete and submit the entire packet, and also thank the volunteers and staff who assist me with reviewing and filing them. Lastly, I want to thank the staff that sort and deliver each session of camper paperwork to the nurse and directors in a timely manner so they may review the forms prior to those camper's arrival. The information you supply us helps our nurses and staff deliver a safe and happy Camp experience to your child.

A THANK YOU TO THE EDITOR

By Megan Fichter

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Di Todaro Getman, Camping Services Board Chair, as she has spent countless hours pouring over the edits for the past three issues of the Loon Crier. It takes a lot of time and a keen eye to find every extra space, misspelled word and grammatical error in this 14 page paper. We truly appreciate all of the effort and time Di puts into ensuring that everything we do at Camping Services, from programs to newsletters, is done thoroughly and correctly. Thank you for everything Di, you and your family have given so much to Camp!



Di Todaro Getman

LOON CRIER ARTICLES WANTED

Camper, Parent, Alumni/Alumnae-Do you have an amazing Camp experience that you would like to share with our Camp community? Perhaps you have the most darling or hilarious letter home from your Camper that you would like to publish, or perhaps your life has been enhanced by a Camp scholarship or program? We would love to publish your stories! Please email stories, pictures or questions to: Megan Fichter mfichter@ymcaboston.org

REGISTER FOR CAMP RIGHT NOW

[Click here to register for North Woods or Pleasant Valley Camps](#)

[Click here for Sandy Island Family Camp Registration Card](#)



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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Doug with wife Beth and Kids Paul, Bethany, Sandi and Trevor

Doug was 15 when he started working at Sandy Island as the “boat boy”. He made \$50 that summer. Doug’s been at Sandy, whether as staff or volunteer, ever since. After leaving staff for the realities of adult responsibilities, he continued coming to Sandy to help out on weekends along with a number of his friends, including Paul Maxwell and Brad Krone. These young men were known for their ingenuity in keeping equipment running when supplies and resources were scarce. Married and with children in tow, Doug continued to be a dedicated “weekender”, doing whatever was needed to help. Currently, Doug is one of the first on island after “ice-out” in the spring, getting the process of opening Camp started, and then among the last to leave in the fall, after everything has been safely shut down, drained , and closed up for the winter.

Doug brings several types of expertise to Camp. He went to Paul Smith’s College in upstate New York, where he studied forestry, helping him know which trees need to come down – and how to safely do so. This was most recently valuable when he took a leadership role in the response to the hundreds of trees that came down during the microburst in 2005. Doug is also a licensed electrician, and also installed and maintains the phone and radio systems on the island.

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A WORD FROM THE BOARD

By Di Todaro

As this newsletter is dedicated to thanking those who give back to Camp, many well deserving volunteers, donors, alumni and staff have been recognized for their outstanding contributions. I would be very remiss if I didn’t call out the efforts of Artie Lang, our Executive Director. His dedication to Camp on a year round basis is unparalleled. I have the pleasure of working with Artie on a number of projects throughout the year, and most of them would not get off the ground without his tireless enthusiasm, passion and leadership. Let’s face it, anyone willing to brave the NH winters in Pine Ledge demonstrates a unique devotion to Camp. I think I can speak for the entire board to say that we are honored to work with Artie. I extend a sincere thank you to Artie and his wife Kristina, for her unwavering support. Camp is a better place because of them.

My fellow board members are also critical to the successful management of the Camps, and I appreciate all they do. They are a dedicated group of individuals who put in a lot of effort throughout the year, especially during our Reach Out Campaign. We held our annual Board Retreat a few weeks ago at NW/PVC, and most of the board members were in attendance for two days’ worth of intensive meetings. We welcome our most recently elected board member, John Putnam. John is an old timer who attended North Woods Camp as a camper, counselor and section head in the 50s and 60s.

As a board, we focus much of our attention on the viability of Camp, and strategies to grow and strengthen our programs, facilities and financial stability. As Artie mentioned, we are rolling out a new fundraising campaign for our Camp Improvement Funds. For those of you who want to invest in our programs or facilities, there are many opportunities to fund projects on the mainland or Sandy Island. Engaging our alumni is another theme that will be a focus in the coming months. One idea we will pursue is to bring back the Sandy Island winter reunion, complete with line dancing. Stay tuned for more information on the date and location.

If you have not visited Camp lately, I highly encourage you to do so. My family and I were fortunate to spend Memorial Day weekend at Camp, which turned out to be gorgeous! We enjoyed fishing, sharing stories by the campfire, and of course lending a hand on one of the many Camp improvement projects. For us, Camp is truly a family affair. As a board member, I come up to Camp at least three times a summer for board meetings, and always bring my family along. We join my mother Carole, my four siblings, and their spouses and children at Suzuki Camp on Sandy Island every June. My children Julia, Lexi and Noah all attend Camp fourth session. Each year along with the work weekend over Memorial Day, we have an alumni reunion weekend at Camp in September. If neither of those weekends fit your schedule, just call us and make a plan to stop in. Visitors are welcome any time, and are highly encouraged to sign up for any number of volunteer projects before, during and after the summer season. It is your Camp, and we want it to continue to be a part of your life. I hope to see you at Camp!

Di with husband Sam and children Lexi, Julia and Noah



Volunteer of the Year Cont. - While on the service crew, Doug began his training in fire fighting. While at Paul Smith's, he and his roommate found and repaired a war surplus fire truck, and began the Fire Department there. After Doug returned to the Boston area, he joined the Medford Fire Department Auxiliary, where he became a lieutenant. He continues to train the Sandy Island Fire Brigade, which is recognized by the Tuftonboro Fire Department. The Sandy Island Fire Brigade drills each Sunday afternoon, with Doug taking the lead in teaching the techniques and use of the equipment the Brigade would use in the event of a fire, during the time before the Tuftonboro Fire Department could respond.

Doug, we are very grateful for your many years of dedicated service to Sandy Island. We are honored to have you as our Volunteer of the Year!

HORNER'S BRIDGE

THE BRIDGE PROJECT



CHARLIE HORNER'S ORIGINAL BRIDGE



WILDERNESS PATROL RESTORATION 1989



OLD-TIMERS' RECONSTRUCTION 2004



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JOIN OUR EVENTS AT CAMP

Turkey Day Camp, November 22-24th 9am-5pm

Fun and active day camp for children ages 5-12, includes archery and holiday themed crafts/games.
To register your child for this Camp call Megan Fichter 603-569-2725 x: 228

Reindeer Camp, December 24th from 8am-Noon

Activities for this holiday camp will be a wreath making, baking and outdoor play.
To register your child for this Camp call Megan Fichter 603-569-2725 x: 228

New Year's Eve Babysitting, December 31st from 5pm-Midnight

Sign up by the hour for this fun group babysitting program, there will be projects and a special dinner for the kids!
To register your child for this Camp call Megan Fichter 603-569-2725 x: 228

Reach Out Kick Off Call Night, January Date TBA 6-9pm

Help us raise scholarship funds by volunteering to make calls with us in Wellesley, MA
For more information about call nights email Artie Lang, alang@ymcaboston.org

Valentine's Day Babysitting, February 12th from 5-10pm

Sign up by the hour for this fun babysitting program, there will be projects and a special dinner for the kids
To register your child for this service call Megan Fichter 603-569-2725 x: 228

Valentine's Day Babysitting, February 14th from 5-9 pm

Sign up by the hour for this fun babysitting program, there will be projects and a special dinner for the kids!
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Red Cross Certifications/Recertifications available upon request:
If interested in taking a course, please contact:
Megan Fichter mfichter@ymcaboston.org 603-569-2725 ext. 228

REACH OUT RAFFLE WININERS CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Ruth Garner-Paradine won \$1,000 in cash
- Peg and Peter Chatellier won Labor Day Weekend at Sandy Island for a family of four
- Barbara Weston won a two week session at North Woods or Pleasant Valley Camp

Time & Talent

Providing a safe environment for our campers to have fun, grow, interact and develop life skills is the primary goal of the YMCA of Greater Boston camping staff as well as our valuable volunteers.

If you are interested in joining the Camping Services team, please contact our volunteer coordinator at agoodman@ymcaboston.org or 603-569-2725 ext. 222.

Once we receive your intent, we will forward all required volunteer forms and guidelines to you.

Thank you for your consideration,
Artie Lang, Executive Director
alang@ymcaboston.org

Treasure

If you would like to make a monetary donation please:

- [Click HERE to make an online donation towards Reach Out or our Camp Improvement Funds](#)
- Call us at 603-569-2725 ext. 222 to make a pledge over the phone.
- Mail in a check with a note to:
Reach Out Campaign
PO Box 10
Mirror Lake, NH 03853
- Help us reach our Reach Out goal of \$140,000!

Goods

Please first send a picture of your item prior to mailing or pick-up.

If you have something that is not on this list that you think may be useful to Camp, please give us a call.

603-569-2725 ext. 224

- Fishing Equipment
- .22 Target Rifles
- 4 Wheel Power Mobility Scooter
- Beach Chairs
- Power Tools
- Washers/Dryers
- Tractors
- Ping Pong table
- Ping Pong Equipment

**Please note that all donations should be in working order.*



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