



# The Pine Cone

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE YMCA CAMP OF MAINE

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## Greetings from the YMCA Camp of Maine

**From the Director:** The 2008 camping season will officially end October 12, 2008. Camp opened on May 17th with a double wedding ceremony. Our last event was held October 11th. Sandwiched in between was one of the busiest summers camp has ever had. We had 24 different groups, organizations or individual wedding groups use our facility this year. The camp program itself served more than 700 different campers including campers from China, France, Spain, Canada, Mexico, England, Germany along with a host of States and towns and of course children from Maine. Once again our camp operated at capacity for two weeks serving 220 campers. We actually could not accommodate all the campers who applied so don't wait reserve your child's spot by applying on line November 1, 2008 It's exciting to see how the YMCA Camp of Maine can be used by so many different groups for so many different functions. We are doing our best to be a community resource for so many individuals and groups.

There is also more excitement to talk about as the State YMCA Board of Directors has entered into the second year of the capital campaign for renovating all of our camp facilities. The campaign is called the "Director's Campaign." The campaign is under the direction of a Capital Steering Committee made up of Board Members, Alumni and Volunteers. Every dollar raised so far has gone to benefit the YMCA Camp.



Campers from Spain and Mexico

The campaign goal is \$ 1 Million Dollars. The campaign has already raised \$ 260,000 and we are just finishing our second year. Several capital improvements have taken place thanks to the generosity of many alumni and friends. Last year we replaced our tennis and basketball courts, a new aluminum dock system, and new roofs on the library and girls village cabins.

This year the Auditorium roof was re-shingled and we have installed instant hot water in the girl's shower room. We also were able to replace our old power service entrance with a new circuit breaker system which was badly needed. There will be other much needed upgrades made such as new and modern shower facilities, cabin improvements, along with mechanical and electrical upgrades to many of the camp buildings. The camp road needs to be completely rebuilt. You can view our total capital campaign brochure by going to [www.maineycamp.org](http://www.maineycamp.org) and click on the "Director's Campaign" link. I would encourage you to donate to this very worthwhile and needed campaign. Please help us to keep the momentum going as we move into our next phase of improvements. Please consider a gift to this very important campaign. Any and all size donations are important as we continue with this very important capital improvement program. The YMCA Camp of Maine has touched so many lives and has truly made an impact on the campers who have attended. This campaign deserves your support as the Y Camp of Maine continues to provide an experience that will truly last a lifetime.



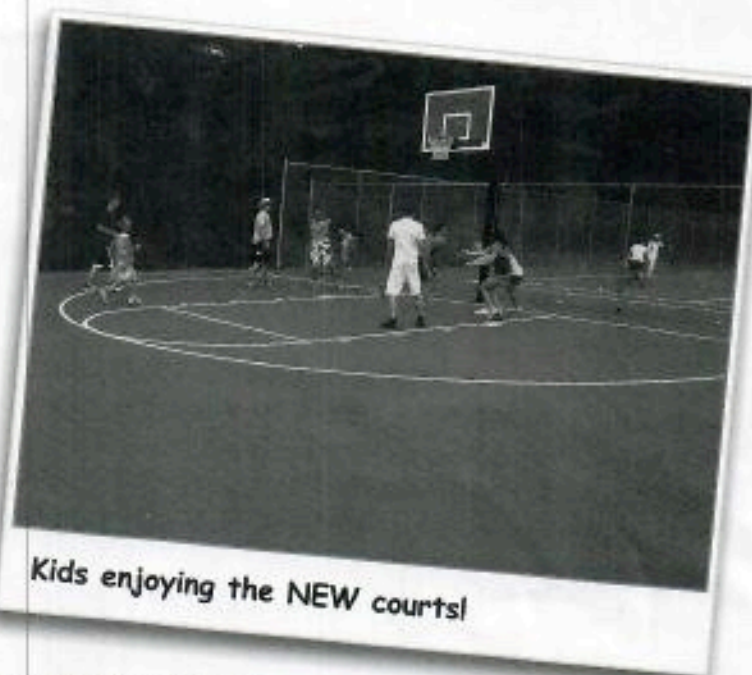
Barry Costa  
Executive Director

See you this camping season,  
Barry Costa  
Executive Director

## Calling All Alumni

Our Alumni family continues to grow. New alumni registrations have been coming in weekly. Have you registered as alumni on our alumni page yet? What are you waiting for? What a great opportunity to re-connect with a fellow camper or staff. By registering as alumni you also stay connected with camp. Camp alumni are very important to the health and well being of the total camp operation. Each summer the Y Camp has an alumni reunion day. This celebration has gained momentum for the past three years. In 2008 we had alumni attend from 1928 through the present. What a great opportunity to return to camp and get reacquainted with campers and staff from years past. We hear time after time how much Y Camp was such an important part of many campers and staff lives. Why not get re-connected? This year we will celebrate **Alumni Day on Saturday, August 1, 2009; beginning at 12:30 pm.** Mark your calendars now so you will be present to help us celebrate!

For the most current news and information please visit: [www.maineypcamp.org](http://www.maineypcamp.org)



Kids enjoying the NEW courts!



Campers from France



Military Family Campers: "Hoo YAI"

## Camp Scholarships

The YMCA Camp Annual drive for Camp Scholarships is always in need of your support. The announcement of a capital campaign has significantly affected our annual drive for scholarship funding. Consequently, the Y Camp was unable to provide as much scholarship support in 2008. The Y Camp has always provided scholarship support for families of campers in need and will continue to do so. Scholarship support may be reduced in order to serve all the families in need.

We have some good news in the scholarship department. A new scholarship entitled The Marlee Johnston Fund was added in 2008. The YMCA Camp will continue to offer The Candace Beesley Jameson Fund and The Hermon Boas Scholarship. The camp also has successfully secured scholarships for 50 military family members to attend one week of camp at no charge. This grant was supplied by the Armed Forces YMCA. Contact the YMCA Camp for details.

The Y camp is always appreciative and willing to accept donations for our scholarship program. Campers who need support should contact the YMCA Camp office for a scholarship application. You can contact the office by e-mail or call direct at (207) 395-4200.

## 2008 Boy & Girl Camper of the Year!

There were some exciting debates held this year before one boy and one girl were chosen as camper of the year. Each session one girl and one boy are chosen as camper of the session. At the end of the year staff select one boy and one girl from the ones chosen from each session to be camper of the year. Each camper of the year is recognized with a miniature canoe paddle that is engraved with their name on it. Another paddle with their name and year is mounted on the dining hall wall.

**Congratulations to all the nominees and also to the Campers of the Year! We look forward to their return in 2009.**

### 2008 Nominees - Camper of the Session:

- Session 1A: Sarah Nadler (F) & Anthony Knight (M)
- Session 1B: Lucy Soule (F) & Malcom Henry (M)
- Session 2: Kelsey Lauria (F) & Daniel Mencher (M)
- Session 3: Nyador Nguany (F) & Khang Tran (M)
- Session 4A: Kaitlynne Morse (F) & Giancarlo Bonet (M)
- Session 4B: Courtney McGorrill (F) & Sabin Lavorgna (M)

### 2008 Campers of the Year:

**Nyador Nguany (F) & Giancarlo Bonet (M)**



Campers from Canada



Campers from China

## Website Update

### Registration for 2009 opens November 1, 2008.

Sign up now! We have had many inquiries as to when campers can enroll. This past year enrollment was up and many of our sessions were full. We would encourage you to register early. It is really easy to register on line. Just go to our web site at [www.maineypcamp.org](http://www.maineypcamp.org) and click on the register for camp link. Follow the directions and you will have your place reserved the very day you register.

### Give a child a Christmas present that lasts a life time, a camp experience at the YMCA Camp of Maine!

Once again, interested staff will be able to apply for a position on line. Sign onto our website and go to the employment icon. The YMCA Camp Job Application will appear. Fill it out and send it electronically to the Y Camp Office.

**Check out the photos for 2008.** Just click on the photo gallery link. They are all on the web site by session. Show your favorite pictures to your friends. You can also download the photos to be suitably framed!

Individuals who have questions or need additional information can e-mail the camp at: [info@maineycamp.org](mailto:info@maineycamp.org)



Sail boating was a breeze



Can you say, "Y-M-C-A--C-A-M-P"

## 2008 Early Bird Contest Winners!

We would also like to congratulate **Lauren Grey & Jacob Croston** for being the early bird winners of a new iTunes music card from the YMCA Camp of Maine. Lauren and Jacob's name were drawn from all campers who registered and paid in full before March 15, 2008. Hope you enjoy your new iTunes music card Lauren & Jacob. Watch the web site for a similar contest in 2009.

**REGISTER  
ONLINE  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
2008**

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## *YMCA Camp Wish List*

The Y Camp is always in need of items that are still in good condition without missing parts. The Y camp is a 501c3 organization so individuals can receive a tax deduction on items donated. Check out those basements, attics, garages and storage sheds. You may have something you are no longer using anymore and may want to donate it to the camp.

### **Here is a list of items the camp could readily use:**

- Sunfish or similar type of sail boats (\$ 2,800.00 new)
- Canoes or Kayaks
- Life jackets
- Board games
- Tables & Chairs for the Auditorium
- Pottery Wheels could use 1 or 2 (\$ 280.00 new)
- Good used furniture - Chairs, Tables, Chester Draws, etc.
- Sports Equipment - softball gloves, bats, tennis rackets, street hockey sticks etc.
- Boston Whaler in good condition for a chase boat for our sailing program.



*Teen Adventure Campers at the "Top of the World"*

*Hope to see you this summer, "Where It's Always 72 Degrees & Sunny!"*