



# The Pine Cone

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE YMCA CAMP OF MAINE

2012



## From the Director

The 2012 camping season will officially end October 6, 2012. Camp opened on April 16, 2012 with a four day nature camp, sponsored by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed. Our last event was a wedding held on October 6th. **Once again we have been able to stretch out the time camp has stayed open.** Y Camp continues to serve a variety of groups and organizations. We served 36 different groups, organizations or individual wedding groups at our facility this year. The camp program itself served more than 600 individual campers including campers from France, Spain, Canada, China, England, Netherlands, Saipan, Mongolia, Switzerland and Mexico along with a host of States and towns and of course children from Maine. It was also exciting to have three children attend as fourth generation campers to camp this year. Some sessions filled to capacity and we had to turn campers away, so don't wait reserve your child's spot by applying on line December 1, 2012. It is 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.

New this year **Greeley High School Project Graduation** attended in June and as part of their celebration the students donated over 300 books to our library. We started the "**Camp Director's Book Club.**" Campers in attendance had the opportunity to go to the library during their rest period or free time and check out a book. The books were returned at the end of each session. Campers who participated were recognized with a certificate of participation. This hopefully will encourage summer reading for

students out of school. We welcomed the return of "**Jobs for Maine Graduates Program**" along with "**Onward Bound Program**" from the University of Maine, Orono. New schools attending camp in the spring for overnights were **Park Elementary** and **Sheidon Heights** from Auburn. **The Friend's of the Cobbossee Watershed** held two weeks of Environmental Day Camp. **Lisbon H.S.** also held their **Project Graduation** in June. The YMCA Camp was the catalyst for training staff to work in other camps offering a **Certification School** covering trainings in **Basic Wilderness First Aid, CPR/First Aid and Life Guard Training.**

The Library has been fully restored and back on line after major repairs needed by the wrath of Hurricane Irene last fall. We also had full use of our new bath room/shower facility on the boy's side of camp. Interesting enough campers gave high marks to our new and improved facilities. There are more improvements taking place just as our camp season is ending. **Kennebec Lodge** on the girl's side of camp is having a major renovation. The total interior will be replaced including new wiring, new interior walls, recessed lighting new ceilings, upgraded fire alarm system and leveling. This renovation begins the total upgrade of the girl's side of camp. The capital improvements are all part of the campaign 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. The campaign goal is \$1 Million Dollars. The campaign has already

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raised \$429,916.75 and additional volunteer hours valued at \$172,000 provided by the 136th Engineering Company of the Maine Army National Guard. This takes our campaign over \$705,756.75 mark of our goal of \$1 Million Dollars. We still have a ways to go.

The board has asked for support from camper families, vendors and friends of the camp to help reach the goal. The board would like all the capital improvements to be completed by 2015 which is the camps 100th Anniversary! I would like to invite each of you to participate in this Phase 2 Campaign. All donations count, it doesn't matter how small, in the end every dollar will go to improving the camp facilities for the next generation of campers. The major project list includes restoration of Somerset and Maine Lodges and a refurbished bathroom all on the girls' side of camp. Some improvements were made to the camp road this summer, but more improvements are needed. You can view our total capital campaign brochure by going to [www.maineypca.org](#) and click on the "Director's Campaign" navigation link. I would encourage you to donate to this **very worth while** and needed campaign; especially when your child can benefit from the upgrades if they are made while he or she is at camp. Please help us to keep the momentum going as we move into our next phase of improvements. **Won't you 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!



## 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 2012. 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.

The YMCA Camp has been the recipient of the Candace Beesley Jamison Scholarship fund since 2006. Two campers are selected annually to receive a full one week camp experience in Candace Beesley's memory.

This year the Cobbossee Yacht Club renewed the Herman Boas scholarship.

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.



## Grants

We applied for and received 20 new compound bows along with arrows and arm guards from the **Easton Foundation** which supplies archery equipment to non-profit agencies. This really gave a boost to our archery program. The value of the grant was \$3,000.00.

## Military Scholarships & Matching Gifts

The 2012 camping season had a helping hand from a group of Ladies Auxiliaries, VFW Posts, and American Legion Posts and Elks Ladies Post throughout the state of Maine. The Y-Camp was able to provide family military campers with a full week scholarship.

**We are very grateful to the following list of Posts for their contributions:**

### **Ladies Auxiliaries to the VFW Posts:**

Shirley B Carter Post # 4298, Dexter  
Frank L Mitchell Post # 3335, Livermore Falls  
Forest J Pare Post # 1285, Waterville  
MacCillis-Rousseau Post # 8835, Winslow  
William B Doughty Post # 5723, Jackman  
Gauvin Fowler Post # 3381, Old Town  
Boyd-Smith Post # 9779, Calais  
Ronald G. St. John Post # 9328, Harrison  
North point Memorial Post # 6131, Northport

### **VFW Posts:**

Gauvin Fowler Post # 3381, Old Town  
Shirley B Carter Post # 4298, Dexter  
Pitman-Morrison Post # 7738, Bath  
Soule Shuman Memorial Post # 4525, Waldoboro

### **American Legion Contributions:**

Decker-Simmons Post # 51, Oakland  
Elks Ladies # 905, Waterville



## “Adopt A Cabin”

In an effort to provide a perpetual care fund for some newly remodeled cabins, the YMCA Camp Board of Directors has introduced a new program called “Adopt A Cabin.” For an annual donation, you can help support the camp by providing the necessary maintenance materials, and interior furnishings to keep the cabins in tip top shape along with receiving recognition by having a canoe paddle with you or your family's name on it secured to your favorite cabin. We have already had several cabins adopted. Please contact our administration office for additional information. Don't wait too long as there are only a limited number of cabins left to be adopted!



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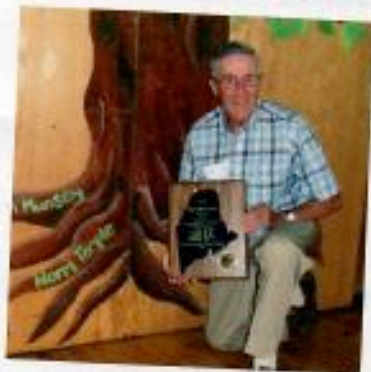
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## Calling All Alumni

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. What a great opportunity to return to camp and get reacquainted with campers and staff from years past. This year's most senior attendee was Carlton Merrill from Massachusetts. Carlton attended camp in the 1930's and gave some inspiring thoughts to all that were in attendance. The Board of Directors recognized William Munsey (Nicknamed "Funsey Munsey" while at camp) for his 40 plus years to the YMCA Camp; as a staff member, board president and long time board member. Also recognized for their support were Y Camp Alumni and Friends who have participated in different levels of giving to camp. The recognition included the unveiling of three plaques representing different levels of contributions; Founder's Club, President's Circle, Director's Circle and Adopt A Cabin. 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?

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



## 2012 Campers 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.

### Nominees – Camper of the Session:

- Session 1: Elizabeth Labbe (F) & Louis Gagne (M)
- Session 2: Andreeanne Powers (F) & Kaj Klitgaard (M)
- Session 3: Nyarueni Kong (F) & Kahlil Brown (M)
- Session 4A: Stephanie Falck (F) & Luke Whitehouse (M)
- Session 4B: Alana Braley (F) & Luc Houle (M)

### Campers of the Year: **Stephanie Falk (F) & Kaj Klitgaard (M)**

*Congratulations to all the nominees and also to the Campers of the Year!*

*We look forward to their return next year!*

## 2012 Early Bird Contest Winners

We would also like to congratulate David DiMeglio and Maddy LePage for being the early bird winners of a new iPod nano music card from the YMCA Camp of Maine. David and Maddy names were drawn from all campers who registered and paid in full before March 15, 2012. Hope you enjoy your new iPod card David & Maddy. Watch the web site for a similar contest in 2013.



## Website Update

**Registration for 2013 opens December 1, 2012.** We have had many inquiries as to when campers can enroll. This past year enrollment was up again 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 [maineycamp.org](http://maineycamp.org) and click on the register for camp icon. 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 2012.** Just click on the photo gallery link. They are all on the web site by session. Show your favorite pictures to your friends.

Have questions or need additional information? Email the camp at: [info@maineycamp.org](mailto:info@maineycamp.org)



## 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. We received some great donations for camp this summer. We received a canoe and a sailboat.

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

- Sunfish or similar type of sail boats (\$ 2,800.00 new)
- Two way radios
- Water Skis
- Canoes or Kayaks
- Life jackets
- Board games
- Tables & Chairs for the Auditorium
- Pottery Wheels could use 1 (\$ 800.00 new)
- Sports Equipment – softball gloves, bats, tennis rackets, street hockey sticks, etc.
- Good used furniture – Chairs, Tables, Chester Draws, etc.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Paul Fignoli for his donation towards our wish list last year as we were able to purchase many new items from our list!

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

