



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)
- Two Way Radios
- Life Jackets
- Sports Equipment
- Water Skis
- Canoes or Kayaks
- Board games
- Tables & Chairs for the Auditorium
- Pottery Wheels could use 1 (\$ 800.00 new)
- Good used furniture – Chairs, Tables, Chester Draws, etc.



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

Board Member Openings

The Board of Directors have announced there are several openings on the Board of Directors for the Y Camp. If interested, please contact the Executive Director at 207-395-4200. This is a great opportunity to give back to the Y Camp or to help the Y Camp move into the future.



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From the Director

The 2013 camping season officially ended on October 19, 2013. Camp opened on April 15, 2013 with a four day nature camp, sponsored by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed. Our last event will be the Pine Tree Council Boy Scout Jamboree held on October 19th. **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 30 different groups, organizations or individual wedding groups at our facility this year. The camp program itself served more than 500 individual campers including campers from France, Spain, Canada, China, Italy, Germany, Turkey, and Mexico, along with a host of States and towns, and, of course, children from Maine. Some sessions filled to capacity and we had to turn campers away, so don't wait reserve to your child's spot by applying on line **December 1, 2013**. 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.



Greeley High School and **Lisbon High School** held their **Project Graduation** celebration here in June. We welcomed back the **"Onward Bound Program"** from the University of Maine, Orono. Schools attending camp in the spring and fall for overnights were **Park Elementary, Sherwood Heights** and **Walton Elementary** from Auburn. **The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed** held two weeks of Environmental Day Camp. 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 Archery.**

Kennebec Lodge on the girl's side of camp has been fully restored. Renovations for 2014 include the Girl's Bathroom/ Shower facility along with Samoset and Maine Lodges. The total interior will be replaced including new wiring, new interior walls, recessed lighting new ceilings, upgraded fire alarm system and leveling. 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 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!**



Updated Photo Gallery

We had two professional photographer at camp this summer and they took magnificent photos! The updated photo gallery can be found here: maineycamp.org/photogallery



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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. Some other improvements were made at camp this summer as well. The camp road was improved, tennis court resurfacing, and a new well. You can view our total capital campaign brochure by going to maineycamp.org and click on the **"Director's Campaign"** icon. 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!

Calling All Alumni

Our Alumni family continues to grow. New alumni registrations have been entered. 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 Alumni Day recognized a past staff member who passed away by the name of Alistair Banks. Alistair was a staff member in the early 90's who was from England. Alistair was recognized with the planting of a tree in front of the Jeff Smith building.



There was an unveiling of a painting of the Dining Hall at night painted by Robert Acheson who is an accomplished artist and former staff member in the early 70's. Prints of the painting can be purchased through our new Zazzle online storefront zazzle.com/maineycamp.

Camp was such an important part of many campers and staff lives. Why not get re-connected?



Grants

We applied and received a grant for our "Whole Healthy Kids Program." This \$25,000 grant allowed the Y-Camp to institute a program to help children make better healthy lifestyle choices through education, diet, exercise, education and fun. All campers received a "Whole Healthy Kids Cook Book" created at camp to provide them with healthy nutritious snacks they can make at home after school. The grant was provided by the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America and the Maine Beverage Association.



2013 Early Bird Contest Winners

We would also like to congratulate **Dyllan Waterman** and **Libby George** for being the early bird winners of a new iTunes music card from the YMCA Camp of Maine. Dyllan and Libby's names were drawn from all campers who registered and paid in full before March 15, 2013. Hope you enjoy your new iTunes card Dyllan & Libby. Watch the web site for a similar contest in 2014.



2013 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: Allison Sinnett (F) & Joschka Winterling (M)
Session 2: Leah Strohmeyer (F) & Juan Manual Tejero (M)
Session 3: Lily Paszyc (F) & Luke Whitehouse (M)
Session 4A: Grayson Behrerrell (F) & Matthew Boothby (M)
Session 4B: Laine Shanz (F) & Owen Bohrmann (M)

Campers of the Year: Leah Strohmeyer (F) & Luke Whitehouse (M)

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

We look forward to their return next year!



Camp Photos

You can still purchase a photo of your child with their bunk mates by going to the following website:

enjoyphotos.com

Password: 13357

User Name: YCAMP2013

Click on the session date your child attended. This offer will be valid until January 1, 2014. Thank you to Harvey Bell Studio!

2014 Camping Season

Registration for 2014 opens December 1, 2013. 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 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 2013. 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



"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. Donors will be recognized by having a canoe paddle with their name or their family's name attached. We have already have seven 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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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 2013. 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 (info@maineycamp.org) or call direct at (207) 395-4200.



Military Scholarships & Matching Gifts

The 2013 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 9 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
MacCrillis-Rousseau Post # 8835, Winslow

VFW Posts:

Shirley B Carter Post # 4298, Dexter
Pitman-Morrison Post # 7738, Bath

American Legion Contributions:

Elks Ladies # 905, Waterville

Individual Donor:

Scott Merrill, California