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Jeff Smith started the YMCA Camp of Maine in 1915 as the Camp of Character. This ideal was based on the belief that there is a great opportunity to build strong leaders and engaged citizens in camping. A person's character includes their traits, how they react in situations, and how they grow as individuals.

As we prepare for summer 102, the idea of Character is ever present. The Four Core Values (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Caring) continue to drive our expectations of campers and counselors alike. Developing individuals, cabin groups, and Y Camp continues to be paramount in our programming goals.

My family and I appreciate the warm welcome and helping hands we have received since arriving at Y Camp. It was an awesome first summer for all of us. From Swimming, Arts & Crafts, and the Dining Hall, to Campfires, Chapel, and Flag Raising, we feel welcome and a part of this great place.



We are looking forward to many summers yet to come and growing with your family by our side. Traditions will continue to grow as we celebrate the joy and wonder of Y Camp on the beautiful shores of Cobbosseecontee.

- See you soon Jeff Gleason

From the Board of Directors: We congratulate Jeff for completing his first summer at Y Camp! FULL TIME STAFF Jeff Gleason - CEO/Director Jodi O'Keefe - Office Manager

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CAMPER OF THE SESSION

Chosen by counselors based on the camper's ability to live by the Core Values, their shown compassion for others, and their positive contributions to Y Camp, the CAMPER OF THE SESSION is chosen and awarded at the Closing Campfire. There is one camper chosen from Girl's Porches and one for Boy's Village.

SESSION 1 – Fabian Wolff & Simon Hooley SESSION 3 – Cynthia Higgins & Jeff

SESSION 2 – Emma Blais & Cooper Peters SESSION 4 – Paige Evans & Tommy Stratis



At the end of the summer, counselors choose which CAMPERS OF THE SESSION stood out most during the summer. Character, leadership, compassion, and grit are main considerations when choosing the CAMPER OF THE YEAR.

GIRL'S PORCH - Paige Evans (Session 4) BOY'S VILLAGE - Tommy Stratis (Session 4)

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MAINE Y CAMP EXPERIENCE STATEMENT

The development of every child and counselor in Spirit, Mind, & Body is important to the programming at Y Camp. The YMCA Core Values (Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility) are woven in to all programming. Every child is unique, yet every child has the same critical need to discover who they are, stretch their wings, and prepare for life ahead. We value community. We give individual attention to campers and hire staff members who are positive role models and serve as counselors, cabin leaders, and program teachers. We build relationships. Y Camp provides opportunities for campers to branch out and make new friends by offering traditional and unique activity choices. There are daily opportunities to learn what it means to have positive friendships, deal with life's struggles, and grow in character. Counselors work with campers to get through these challanges and emerge as stronger leaders.

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TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP (TAC)

TAC trips go on life-changing, character building, exciting trips with small groups and two dedicated staff members. Participants meet at Camp on Sunday to prepare and build as a group. The group leaves on Monday morning and returns to Camp on Friday. Unpacking and relaxing is on the itinerary until Families pick-up on Saturday.

LEADER-IN-TRAINING (LIT)

Campers looking to build their leadership skills in Camp and for life participate in the LEADER-IN-TRAINING program. Designed for 15 year old campers, participants explore their own leadership style, observe counselors, lead activities, and participate in all Camp activities.



Without the support and generosity of our community, many campers would not have the opportunity to come to camp and many projects around Camp would not be completed. THANK YOU to the following people who have supported YMCA Camp of Maine in 2016;

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grow and enrich all participants.

"Bill Munsey" Scholarship Fund

The YMCA Camp of Maine Board of Directors is pleased to announce the establishment of the "Bill Munsey" Scholarship Fund on July 12, 2016! It is an honor to name a scholarship after Bill for his extraordinary commitment to the camp. Bill has initiated the Scholarship Fund with a \$1000 donation.

During his speech to commemorate the new scholarship, he shared this quote with campers, the 2016 Y Team, and the rest of the Board, "The greatest use of your life is to so live your life that the use of your life will outlive your life." Bill has certainly done just this through his family, career, and time with Y Camp. Many of you may have even met Bill in the past, he has been part of the Y Camp family for the last 70 years:



Camper- 1946 to 1951 CIT (Counselor in Training)1952 to 1953 Counselor- 1956 to 1959 CIT Leader- 1960 to 1962 Board member- 1966 to present

Some of Bill's favorite camp memories from when he was a camper were meeting other new campers and counselors from many foreign countries while also enjoying the variety of camp programs that were offered. He participated in a wide range of activities from crafts to athletics, especially enjoying tennis; to the the waterfront where he learned how to swim and canoe. He also remembers overnight camping trips Established by the Board of Directors July 12, 2016 for his extraordinary commitment to The YMCA Camp of Maine

Camper 1946 - 1951 CIT 1952 - 1953 Counselor 1956 - 1959 CIT Leader 1960 - 1962 CIT Board of Directors 1966 - Present Bill initiated this Scholarship Fund in 2016 with \$1000 donation.

and the morning thought of the day which would include a password like "respect", "sharing", or "giving" to inspire the campers. When he transitioned to being a counselor, he truly enjoyed working with campers to help them have the same great experience at camp as he did!

His role on the Board is an important one to him. It has given him the opportunity to thank camp for his many years as a camper and counselor. He can help open the door for many new campers to have a fun experiences while also growing and developing so that they may one day become counselors and possibly Board members themselves. One of those opportunities was opening up the camp to be co-ed. His daughter, Julia was thrilled to able to participate as a camper, the first summer girls were invited in the Y Camp program! Julia ended up working on the staff and served on the Board for a period of time as well. Today she has a busy career and continues to give back to her community. Bill also spent 50 years working in college admissions, which also allowed him to open educational doors to many young students.

Bill has been honored to serve on the Y Camp Board for so many years and we are very happy to have him as such a steadfast and devoted member, Y Camp certainly would not have been the same without him!

2017 CAMP DATES AND FEES

Registration Opens Online December 1, 2016 with our New Online System

Session 1 - June 25 - July 1

Traditional Camp

\$635 In State - \$735 Out of State

Session 2 – July 2 – July 15

Traditional Camp \$1225 In State - \$1445 Out of State Leadership in Training \$1135 In State - \$1240 Out of State

Session 2A – July 2 – July 8

Teen Adventure Camp \$735 In State - \$835 Out of State

Session 2B – July 9 – July 15

Teen Adventure Camp \$735 In State - \$835 Out of State

Session 3 – July 16 – July 29

Traditional Camp \$1225 In State - \$1445 Out of State Leadership in Training \$1135 In State - \$1240 Out of State

Session 3A – July 16 – July 22

Teen Adventure Camp \$735 In State - \$835 Out of State

Session 3B – July 23 – July 29

Teen Adventure Camp \$735 In State - \$835 Out of State

Session 4 – July 30 – August 12

Traditional Camp \$1225 In State - \$1445 Out of State Leadership in Training \$1135 In State - \$1240 Out of State

Session 4A – July 30 – August 5

Teen Adventure Camp \$635 In State - \$735 Out of State

Session 4B - August 6 - August 12

Teen Adventure Camp \$735 In State - \$835 Out of State





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