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FALL 2017 PINE CONE





It is with great pleasure that I am writing the 2017 Pine Cone. Before we launch registration for 2018 on December 1, let us take a moment to reflect on this past summer -

I was looking through some boxes and found a Pine Cone from Spring, 1974. The front page headline on the top-left reads: State YMCA Camp Becomes Co-Ed. The article goes on to talk about the excited returning staff members, upcoming facility upgrades, and the enthusiasm expressed by the Board of Directors and Camp Community for this exciting change and "redecorating of the Junior Village which will be the girls unit."

Being a part of a community that is open to change is refreshing. It is important for us to remember that the essence of YCamp remains unchanged - The Camp of Character is strong! I have been charged with ensuring that YCamp is around for another 102 summers. In order for this to happen, we need to remain open and flexible to answer the changing needs of our communities.

The international component of our program has been enriching YCamp for many decades. I recently went to Washington DC to talk with our Members of Congress about the importance of the J-1 Visa Program, which allows our International Staff Members to come spend their summer with us. An Executive Order is currently threatening to eliminate this cultural exchange program. Please reach out to your elected officials, leaders, and those who have influence in your communities, to share your stories of YCamp and the importance of our international community.

THANK YOU for being a part of our YCamp community. As we plan for 2018, there will be many returning staff members and we hope you choose to return, too. Plan on coming to visit Camp for the Annual Family & Alumni Day on Saturday August 4, 2018 from 2 - 8 pm.

Until next time -

Jeff Gleason
CEO/Director



Lester Cowan could be found at YCamp on the Sports Field, on the Dining Hall Porch, in the Whaler chasing Sail Boats, and standing at the flag pole calling for attendance. It is with sadness that we announce 2017 as Lester's last summer at YCamp.

He and Tammy are looking forward to traveling the world, sitting on their front porch, and spending much needed time with their families. Lester - You will be missed and your spirit will always be with us at YCamp. Thanks for leading many Stay-Over trips to the bowling alley and waterparks, and being a steady hand at the helm.

Come back and visit.

2017 YCamp Numbers

635 campers attended Camp
54% from Maine
211 International Campers
107 Campers from other states
17 countries represented by Staff

Camper of the Session

Session 1: Eugenia Babecki & Cyrus Faulkner
Session 2: Samira Doiron & Andrew Charlton
Session 3: Lilia Membrane & Jason Luan
Session 4: Sofia Morgan & Tommy Bennert

Camper for the Year

Samira Dorion - Session 2
Jason Luan - Session 3

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2018 DATES

Session 1: June 24 - 30
Session 2: July 1 - 14
Session 2B: July 8 - 14
Session 3: July 15 - 28
Session 4: July 29 - 11
Session 4A: July 29 - August 4
Session 4B: August 5 - 11

TIERED PRICING

It is important that YCamp remains affordable with quality programming while facility upkeep can also be completed. As a family, you choose which tier is right for you with no extra paperwork (except for Tier 4). You confidentially choose which tier is the right choice for your family.

Please read more about Tiered Pricing on our website under *Dates & Fees*.

Tier 1 - This is the true cost of Camp. Please pay this if you can.

Tier 2 - This tier is slightly subsidized by our Annual Support Fund. Please pay this amount if it is right for your family.

Tier 3 - Heavier subsidies are placed on this tier to keep camp affordable for some families. If this is the right tier for your family, please pay this amount.

Tier 4 - More significant financial assistance is provided by our Campership Program for families who have a demonstrated need.

More details can be found on our website and by calling our Office.

PROJECT 218

For families who struggle, YCamp can be a place of hope, strength, and power. **PROJECT 218** is our **Annual Support Campaign**. 218 is the number of campers we hope to be able to support with Annual Support funds. Please support us in our efforts. Donate online, choose us as your Amazon Smile partner, and consider the gift of Camp.



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