

YMCA CAMP OF MAINE 2021 PINE CONE

FRIENDSHIP BUILDS COMMUNITY



2021 DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

With a huge, heartfelt THANK YOU, this summer was AWESOME! No - it wasn't easy. BUT - campers connected with each other in new ways. Lifetime memories were created. Friends were made. Despite the extra steps and precautions we took this summer, YCamp 2021 was special.

The YCamp Experience is always about bringing people together and growing. As we have emerged from quarantines, lock downs, seclusion, virtual learning, and major upsets in our family traditions, coming back together as a YCamp Community was spectacular. We were able to get back together and grow!

Because of our campers, our families, our community, our staff, we were able to have a COVID FREE summer. Immunizations, tests, masks, hand washing, eating outside - we all chipped in and were a part of the process. 100% of our staff were vaccinated this summer. 90% of our 12+ year old campers were vaccinated. 376 COVID tests were administered at Camp this summer to ensure our "COVID FREE" status. 1,922 face masks were distributed.

Planning for the summer of 2022 is well underway. Applications for campers of returning families opened on October 1 and new families can start applying as of November 1.



There are aspects of the 2021 summer which helped us grow stronger and we are going to continue (for example: eating meals outside). Other aspects of last summer we hope to leave behind (like... face masks all the time). Plans about this summer and YCamp's future are discussed more in this edition of the Pine Cone. We will communicate more specifics with you regarding health and safety precautions for summer 2022 as we know more.

We are excited to be back together, again, soon! Stay healthy, active, and well.

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WHAT HAPPENED IN 2021?

We hosted 351 campers from 19 U.S. states. We remained COVID-free all summer as a result of campers' and parents' vigilance leading up to and during Camp. And, lots of testing!

Our staff represented 9 U.S. states as well as Mexico, Colombia, Jamaica, and Canada. Several staff arrived at camp unvaccinated and we worked with our local Hannaford Pharmacy to provide the necessary vaccinations to keep our community safe. Before campers arrived, we were 100% vaccinated.

Week 1 of every session was spent fostering a strong connection within the cabins as they experienced new activities in each of the program areas with their cabinmates, ate family-style meals together, and spent Rec Time with their village.

Fan-favorite evening programs like the Camp-a-ret and the Disco were hosted outdoors.



Campers were able to create their own schedule and experience activity periods with campers from other cabins and villages during Week 2.

Rec Time was introduced and enjoyed by all as a free period before dinner. Campers could choose to free swim, play on the courts, chill in the grove, or participate in one of the many other activities like tie-dye, creature catching, or island swim that changed each day.

Meals were enjoyed outdoors at the new picnic tables funded for and built by the YCamp Community.



Parent and counselor surveys showed increased connections within cabins and Units. Campers expressed appreciation for trying new things. Counselors were more specialized than previous summers and commented on a greater sense of program ownership.

Made possible by donations this year, Mooma's Porch was added to the back of the Dining Hall for more outdoor gathering space, Mooma's Cabin was built to house the Girls Unit Leaders, and renovations were made to Maine Porch in Girls' Village.

The garden doubled in size and helped supply the salad bar with fresh lettuce, kale, and more. THANKS to Martha Simpson and the Maine Ag in the Classroom grant for helping to make our gardens possible.

Chef Mike offered a delicious variety of meals and worked to provide more locally-sourced meat and produce than ever!

Throughout the Spring and Fall seasons, we hosted 24 groups over 54 days, totaling more than 3800 guests.

2021 CAMPERS

CAMPER OF THE SESSION

Each session, one camper from each village is recognized as "Camper of the Session" by the counselors. These two campers are exceptional in following the four core values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Caring, as well as showing spirit, leadership, and true grit. The following campers were the recipients of the 2021 honor:

Session 2: Vivian Davis & James "JJ" Fleming

Session 3: Sophia Rose & Tucker Cook

Session 4: Debitu Calderone & Micah Groff



CAMPER OF THE YEAR

The honor of "Camper of the Year" is awarded to one female and one male camper chosen by the counselors, from the recipients of "Camper of the Session." These two individuals are recognized as embodying the true spirit of YCamp, and for 2021 they are:

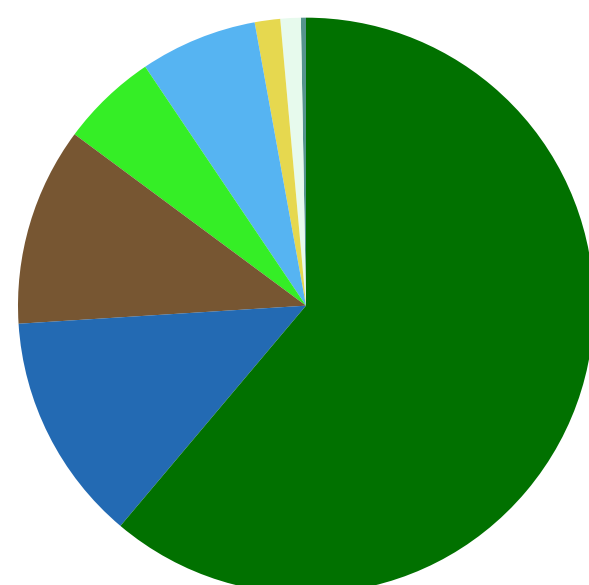
Debitu Calderone & Micah Groff

Congratulations to these stand-out campers! It is campers like you who make the YCamp Community an exceptional space for all of us to learn, grow, and lead!

YCAMP PATCHES

Campers receive a patch that represents the number of summers spent at YCamp before Closing Campfire.

- 1st Year
- 2nd Year
- 3rd Year
- 4th Year
- 5th Year
- 6th Year
- 7th Year
- 8th Year



2022 LOOK AHEAD

Session 1 will be our only 1-week session.

Sessions 2, 3, and 4 will be 2-week sessions based on feedback from Summer 2021. Increased friendships, opportunities, and personal growth seen this past summer have motivated us to continue with this model.

Explorer's Camp will officially launch! This is the perfect opportunity for your 7-9 year old camper to experience Camp for 4 days and 3 nights before choosing to stay for 1 or 2 weeks in future summers.

Renovations will be made to Visitor TIPs to increase facilities and accessibility.

New equipment will be added to the sailing program.

We are looking forward to a resurgence of international staff and campers.

More picnic tables will be constructed so we can continue enjoying meals outdoors!



2021 SUPPORT

The financial support provided by campers, families, Alumni, and our community allowed us to execute a successful summer amidst some very tricky conditions. THANK YOU for helping us serve our mission and provide an unforgettable experience for campers and staff this summer and in many summers to come! Support from our community helps us stay affordable and continue to serve as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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* In memory of Dana Kennan

** In memory of Charles Stratton, Sr.

Thank you to our Annual Event Sponsors!





PINE CONE DEDICATION

MARTHA SIMPSON

This year's Pine Cone dedication is made to highlight the contributions that Martha Simpson has made since she started at YCamp in 1975. A camper. A lifeguard. A counselor. A teacher. A gardener.

Martha believes in being outdoors, being creative and active, and growing good food so we can eat healthy. Martha's stories of her YCamp Experience show how friendships, mentors, and motivation lead to lifelong friendships that result in continued laughter and happiness.

Martha approached us in 2018 with her passion for gardening and the idea to grow some veggies. It was Martha's idea to start the gardens at Camp. In the midst of the pandemic, she helped apply for the grants, secure the materials, and put the plan into action. Then in 2021, after 2020's successful growing season, Martha secured a second grant and we doubled our garden.

THANK YOU, Martha. We appreciate you sharing your time, talent, and treasure with YCamp to help us Grow Better

The Pine Cone is annually dedicated to one individual who is an Alumnus or Community Member connected to YCamp. This is an opportunity for us to honor individuals who give back to YCamp and help the Spirit of YCamp shine and grow.

The Annual Pine Cone is published in late fall to commemorate the season and it serves as the organization's Annual Report. The Pine Cone can be dedicated with Nominations sent to any Board Member or CEO by August 31. The Board will then review nominations and approve the dedication.

2022 DATES & FEES

ONE WEEK SESSIONS

Ages 8 - 15

SESSION 1: JUNE 26 - JULY 2

TIER 1: \$900

TIER 2: \$825

TIER 3: \$750

TIER 4: Financial Aid based on need.

TWO WEEK SESSIONS

Ages 8 - 15

SESSION 2: JULY 3 - JULY 16

SESSION 3: JULY 17 - JULY 30

SESSION 4: JULY 31 - AUGUST 13

TIER 1: \$1782

TIER 2: \$1632

TIER 3: \$1482

TIER 4: Financial Aid based on need.

LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM (LIT)

Age 15 - U.S. Campers

Age 16 - International Campers

SESSION 2: JULY 3 - JULY 16

SESSION 3: JULY 17 - JULY 30

SESSION 4: JULY 31 - AUGUST 13

TIER 1: \$1782

TIER 2: \$1632

TIER 3: \$1482

TIER 4: Financial Aid based on need.

EXPLORER'S CAMP

Ages 7 - 9

EXPLORER'S SESSION 1: JUNE 26 - JUNE 29

EXPLORER'S SESSION 2: JULY 3 - JULY 6

TIER 1: \$450

TIER 2: \$400

TIER 3: \$350

TIER 4: Financial Aid based on need.

APRIL 3RD, 2022: **MEET THE DIRECTOR** 1:00 - 3:00pm

MAY 1ST, 2022: **CAMP CLEAN UP DAY** 9:30 - 3:30pm

MAY 15TH, 2022: **OPEN HOUSE** 1:00 - 4:00pm

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