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YMCA CAMP
CONISTON CHRONICLE
FOR YMCA CAMP CONISTON ALUMNI AND THE CAMP COMMUNITY



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

LET THE FIRE OF FRIENDSHIP BURN BRIGHT!

IN GRATITUDE TO THE VOLUNTEERS, DONORS, CAMPERs AND STAFF,
BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, WHO MADE 2011 A SUCCESS

AUGUST 7, 1911
— THE FIRST
NATURE HIKE
AT CAMP

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TOP FIVE ... NATIONWIDE!

YMCA CAMP CONISTON NOW RATED #2 IN THE UNITED
STATES BY CAMPRATINGZ.COM ... SEE THE STORY ON PAGE 1





Present



1994–1999



1970–1993



1969–1970



1964–1968



1936–1963



1911–1935

“Anyone who has been to Camp, I think, will agree with me — there’s a certain friendly attitude that you can bring with you outside of Camp, and take with you everywhere you go in life.”

Peter Moon

recent Coniston Alum

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YMCA CAMP CONISTON CHRONICLE

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TOP FIVE ... NATIONWIDE!



"Congratulations! Based on your online ratings, you have been selected as one of **the top five overnight camps in the United States** ... and one of the **top five camps in the Northeast region**, the country's most popular camping area!"

Now that's an *excellent* email to get on a Monday morning! CampRatingz.com is the most popular camp review site on the



CAMP CONISTON PROUD TO BE VOTED
THE NUMBER TWO CAMP IN THE UNITED
STATES BY CAMPRATINGZ.COM ...

CAN WE GET TO NUMBER ONE?

internet. Founded in 2006, they rate thousands of camps in the United States, with over 22,500 online reviews from campers all over the country.

This year, for the first time, CampRatingz has publically recognized the camps that have received top ratings, from campers just like you.

And we're so happy to say that you've helped Coniston get into the top-five-rated camps in the United States!

John Tilley said, "I hope you will be proud of this recognition of YMCA Camp Coniston. In fact, it is your reviews that led to this award. It's a wonderful validation of everyone's work at Camp."

Now, here's the question ... could we get Camp Coniston to Number One, and how do we do it? It's up to you! —

Coniston Kids will be celebrating this year ... we're top five!



GETTING TO NUMBER ONE ...

CampRatingz.com is a **vote-based site** — ratings are determined by the number of votes that a camp gets. Right now, Camp Coniston is rated number two in the nation ... could we get to Number One? You can visit CampRatingz.com and cast your own vote ... and remember, it's all up to you! —

YMCA CAMP CONISTON

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IN GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS, CAMPERS AND STAFF: THOSE WHO MADE IT HAPPEN.

SO OFTEN WE DON'T GET the chance to thank the people who've made important things happen in our lives.

Our last two issues of the *Chronicle* have revolved around the Celebration — one announcing, and one reviewing —but this may be the most important issue of all.

We're writing with grateful thanks and recognition to everyone who made last year possible. Whether contributing time to clean up Camp, or handing out registration packets, or painting a picture to be auctioned, or donating money, we know these people, each in their own unique way, have touched our lives.

HERE AT CAMP, we know you value Coniston's contribution to your family. But every now and again it's nice to hear that from an outside source.

CampRatingz.com just notified us that, for the first time, they would publically recognize their

top-tier camps, and we were proud to be rated in the top five in the United States.

This ranking is nothing more than a reflection of what our alumni and Camper parents think of their experience here. But we also know it's an expression of your gratitude ... thanks for what Coniston has given to you and to your kids.

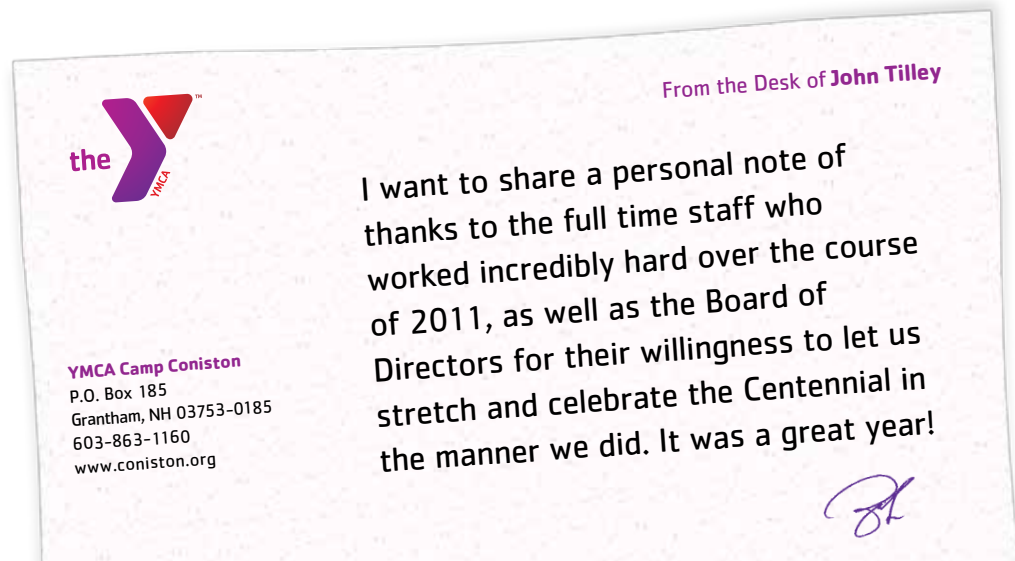
BY SUPPORTING CAMP, through volunteering, or sending your child to Coniston, or donating to send someone else's child to Camp, you validate what so many of you have told us, and what you've said about Coniston on Campratingz.com — you've shown your gratitude to Coniston, because you each know a child that been changed for the better by their experiences here.

Thank you ... enjoy the issue!



BY JOHN TILLEY,
CAMP DIRECTOR

John Tilley



A CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE WHOSE SUPPORT MADE CONISTON'S CENTENNIAL POSSIBLE



THE 2011 LIST: THOSE WHO GAVE, VOLUNTEERED OR DONATED

CONISTON'S TOP TEN THINGS DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING DO

NUMBER TEN: Buy all the land surrounding the lake!



Altman, Richard
Altmann, Kerbey &
Stephanie Lucas
Alvin, Libby
Anderson, Clarice &
Keith
Anderson, David &
Heidi
Anderson, Laura &
Scott
Andrews, Jack &
Marjan
Apmann, Sarah &
Scott
Appelbaum, Susan
& Joel
Arell, Barbara &
Thomas
Arnold, Katie
ASD Parents
Connect
Auger, Antoine &
Isabelle Doiron
Auto Advisors

Bailey, Paul &
Eileen
Ballin, Anne &
Larry
Bank of
America
Barden, Dave
Barden, Dave
& Fay
Barden, Fay
Barlowe,
Charles & Amy
Stephens
Barnico, Kate
& Thomas
Barsch, Michael
& Andrea
Bascom, Carter
Bascom, Dana
Bascom, Tyler
Beale, Brian

Beale, Caroline &
Bob
Beale, Kevin
Bears, Leigh
Bedard, Celine &
Georges Caovette
Beeman, Yvette &
Michael Martignetti
Belamarich, Matthew
& Linda
Beliveau, Mark &
Laura
Belley, Genevieve &
John Seguin
Benson, Steven &
Cynthia
Berenson, Joel &
Jodi
Berk, Ellery
Berthiaume, Karin
Bewley, Jane
Birkland, JoAnn

Bishop, Michael &
Elizabeth
Blazar, Elizabeth &
Tim Sullivan
Bob's Beacon Marina
Bolduc's Apparel
Bonomo, Shelly &
Philip
Bradley, Troy &
Cheryl
Brattle Bookshop of
Boston
Brenner, Linda &
Gary
Brewer, Rhiannon
Brittis, Dante &
Tracey
Brown, Corinne
Brown, Neal & Laura
Emmons
Bryant, Susan & Rob
Bubba's Bar & Grille
Bullion, Ann & Justin
Bunce, Jeffrey &
Kristina
Burak, Jeffrey &
Jennifer
Burdette, Todd &
Louise
Burley, Benjamin
Burner, Alison &
Chris
Burns, Robert &
Carla
Burroughs, Kaylee
Buttor-Foederl,
Caitlin
Cairns, Tracey &
Matt
Calcutt, Ann & John
Calcutt, Jack
Calcutt, Martha
Calcutt, Philip &
Frances



Calucci, Jeff & Nancy
Kolb
Candell, Amy & Larry
Canotas, Vasiliki &
Mark McCue
Carroll Concrete
Carroll, Ryan &
Alison Myer
Carter, Warwick &
Lyle
Casola, Antonio &
Kim
Castle, Steve &
Susan
CCACHC Foundation
Chappell, Eric &
Jolene
Chase, Curtis & Amy
Chase, Winsor &
Barbara
Chaves, Danny
Chiocchio, Stacey
Chirico, Carol & Joe
Claiborne, Gwyneth
& Robert
Clark, David & Anna
Clark, Jeff
Clarke's Hardware
Cody, Mark & Mary
Collin, Patricia &
Mark

Collins, Tobey &
Marc
Comstock, Scott &
Sandra
Coniaris, Mary-Ellen
Cook, Celeste &
David
Copenhaver, Lisa &
Thom Harnett
Coughlan, MaryEllen
Country Houses
Realty
Courtemanche, Emily
Couturier, Barbara
& Paul
Cox, Barry & Nancy
Kane
Cox, Jenny
Crespo, Ariel & Jean
Dacey, Linda & Larry
Dave, Vivek
Deambrosio, Cao &
Liz
Deasy, J. Michael
Deasy, Jennifer
Delise, Lynne &
Robert
Delise, Lynne
Schiffman
Delmonico, Priscilla
& Dom





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CONISTON'S TOP TEN DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING DO

NUMBER NINE: Build a Handicap Accessible Tree House!



Deutsch, Steve & Andrea
DeWolfe, Richard
Dickey, Holly
Dober, Partick & Mary Ann Hill
Domenichella, Paul
Domenitz, Janet & Jonathan Scarlett
Domenitz, Louise & Jeremy Silverfine
Donahue, Rita & Jeffrey
Doncov, M. Eugenia & Mark
Dorr Mill Store
Dorr, Olive Hadley
Doucet, Brian
Driscoll, Kaitlin
Dugan, Sue & Chris
Dulude, Jean & Richard
Durgin & Crowell
Dwyer, Barney
Eastern Mountain Sports
Eastman Community Association
Eberley, Jackie & Rob
Eldredge, Chris
Ellie's Café & Deli

Emmond, Matthew
Ensign, Stephen
Evans, Dan
Evans, Jen
Falcione, Katie
Egan
Fall, David & Leslie
Faulkner, Charles & Charlotte
Ferri, Mildred & Robert
Fishman, Heidi & Dave Smith
Fleming, Brandon
Fletcher, Dana & Jennifer

Flying Goose Brew Pub
Franks, Ruth
Fraser, Tom & Bridget
Freedman, Karen & Jared Reid
Freeman, Mary
Frey, Conrad
Frey, Timothy & MaryLou
Friedman, Beth
Friedman, Jen
Furdyna, Frank & Adele
Gager, Kristy & David
Gardiner, Carita & Christopher
Oostenink
Gardner, Katie & Jon
Garrahan, Lisa & John
Gawronski, Philip & Sarah
Gesén, Nancy
Gesén, Rolf
Gevirtz, Cliff & Alison Lazarus
Giles, Charlie
Gillett, Kathy & Bill
Gladstone, Doug & Becky
Glennon, Jennifer & Marty

Gmeiner, Faye & John
Goddard, Eleanor & Walter
Goldfarb, Wendy & Marc
Golf and Ski Warehouse
Goodell, Bruce
Goring, Roger & Beverly
Goss, Clayton & Andrea Williams
Graf, Patty
Granite United Way Foundation
Great Glen Trails
Green, Richard
Greenbaum, Steven & Sue
Greenspan Foundation
Greer, Linda & Mike
Tilchin
Griffin, Larry
Grigg, Fionna
Grip, Brian & Kelly
Grote, Ann & Walter
Guertin, Louis & Danielle Gilbert
Gundy, William & Malora
Haas, Jim & Missy
Haddock, Margo & Harold
Hall, Deborah & James Woods
Hall, Travis & Shirley
Halsted, John
Hammond, Megan & Bruce
Hannaford
Harrington's Jewelry
Hart, Carolyn & Alden
Hatfield, Richard
Heaney, Fiona & John
Heindel, Darcy
Conant
Helm, Bill & Tina
Hertz, Patricia
Hickey, Bruce & Nancy

Hill, Mark & Susan
Hilton, Debbie & Charles
Hitch, Rachel
Hoak, Bob & Lisa
Hoefer, Patty & Bob
Hoenicke, Anne & Peter Woolford
Hogan, Brian & Mary Jo
Hogan, Shannon
Holley, Jonathan & Sara
Holmes, Holly
Isaacson
Horn, Bill & Betsy
Horton, Sally
Horton, Sherm Jr.
Horton, Sherman & Lynn
Horton, Thomas & Amy
Howe, Carol Ann
Howland, Stephanie
Young
Hubert's
Hunter, Matt & Laura
Hunter, Stephen & Betsy
Hutchinson, Chelsie
Hutchinson, Gretchen & Rick
Hutchinson, Patricia & Ford
Hypertherm H.O.P.E. Foundation
Hyson, Catharine
Imrich, Steve & Cynthia Smith
Ingham, Veronica & Rafael La Porta
Island Spirit Kayak of Martha's Vineyard
Izutsu, Gen
Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation
Jackson, Jim & Nancy
Jackson, Mark & Alexis
Jellie, Catherine
Jepsen, Linc & Vicki
Johnson, Alexis & Kyle

Johnson, Catherine
Johnson, Jolyon & Susan
Johnson, Nancy
Jones, Charles & Emily
Jones, Melissa & Bill
Just Give Foundation
Kalfus, Howie & Tina
Kamisar, Stacy & Jonathan
Kane, Martha & Mike
Kaplan, Mark & Thelma
Kathan Gardens
Kavanagh, Katie
Keelin Studio
Kelly, Rua
Ken Jones Ski Market
Kenney, Gayle
Kessler, Bob & Susan
Kingston, Becky & Andy
Klingler, Richard & Jane Slatter
Koch, Linda & David
Kovaka, Mackenzie
Kozie, Aubree
Kozikowski, Svetlana
Krieger, Bob & Shannon
Kropp, Allen
Kurgo Products
LaBelle, Liz
Lague, Alexandra
LaHaye, Bill & Cindy
Lake Sunapee Bank
Lake Sunapee Country Club
Larsen, Leslie & Eric
LaValley Building Supply
Lavoie, Rene
Lawrence, Todd & Stacy
Leach, Dick & Nell
Leach, Richard & Cornelia
Leahy, Bill & Bethany
Lentz, Colleen



THE 2011 LIST:

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Lenzo, June & Dan
Lewis, Mark
Likhter, Sofia
Living Well Spa
Lombardo, Steven & Victoria
Loos, Mike
Lovejoy, John
Lowell, Linda
Lubar, Susan & Kenneth
LuLu Lobster Boat
Lustig, Dylan
Lynch, Barbara & Daniel
Lyon, Douglas
Macfarlane, Claire
MacInnes, John & Gail
MacNeil, Mary-Liz & Glen
Magari, Patrick & Elaine Silverman
Magnuson, Bruce & Lisa
Makarov, Boris & Olga Vandycheva

Malenka, David & Ann
Mancuso, John & Suzanne
Mancuso, Suzanne of Abigail John Jewelry
Mannello, Rich & Karen
Mansour, Lauree & Haitham
Mario, Joseph & Karen Young
Marques, Naejda & James Cavallaro
Marsh, Victoria & Patrick
Marvin, Jon & Sarah
Marzelli Deli
Marzelli, Mary & Lou
Marzelli, Mia
Marzelli's Sunapee Harbor Sweet Shop
Mascoma Savings Bank
McCabe, David & Kim
McCarthy, Emily

McCarthy, Janet & Bill
McCarthy, Susan & John
McCarthy, Virginia
McCrillis & Eldredge
McCrillis, Mr. & Mrs. John C.
McGoldrick, Mary
McKenna's Restaurant
McLean, Heather
McLean, Nelson
Mecke, Beth & Steve

Mednieks, Terry & Zigurd
Meeham, Cameron
Mello, Betsy
Membrino, Louis & Susan
Menonna, Lucy
Merk, Olivier & Susan
Mertz, Carolyn & Peter
Meunier, Nate
Michaud, Jacques & Jennifer Fitzpatrick
Miller, Katie & Tom
Millstone Restaurant of New London
Milne, Jessie & Dale
Mogol, Andrew & Sarah
Moran, Anne & Michael
Morris, Ann & Marc
Morris, Robert & Mary Helen
Morris, Scott & Cindy
Moses, Ruth & Joel
Moss, Frederick & Marjorie
Motivation Design, LLC
Motorist Mutual Insurance
Moyer, Joan
Mt. Sunapee
Murphy, Christina (Jordan)
Murphy, Ed & Jennifer
Murray, Anne & Dwight Griesman
Murray, Stephanie
Muson, Steven & Holly
Myer, Ali
Myer, Bert
Myers, Cheryl & Rick



Nazzaro, Marie & Ray
Nekoroski, Marina
Neubert, Marsha
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation
New London Agency
New York Mets
Newcomb, Joe & Lorraine
Newton, Doug
Noble, Stephen & Mary Ellen
Northeast Delta Dental
O'Connor, Sarah & John
O'Dwyer, Ben
Olken, Dan
Olson, Brenden
Olson, Jon & Judy
Korzenowski
Parsons, Carole & Bruce
Parsons-Rauch, Michelle
Pelletier, Andre & Michelle
Pennell, Page & Kurt
Perkal, Richard & Kathleen
Perron, Tom

Perry, Danielle
Pestrushina, Kristine
Peterson, Robert & Norah
Philadelphia Eagles
Philadelphia Phillies
Pike, Alan & Marcy
Pitrus, Kandi
Pizza Chef of Grantham
Pizza Chef of New London
Poole, David & Rosanna Cavallaro
Prescott, Tracy
Preston, Bradley
Price, Pamela & Eric
Proskauer, Rebecca & Dan
Proskauer, Tim
Quackenbos, George P.
Quigley, Bernie & Jane
Radermacher, Erik
Raiche, Corey & Mark
Rajkovic, Drago & Jane Donahu
Regan, Nina & Bill
Regan, Tracy & Patrick

CONISTON'S TOP TEN THINGS DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING DO

NUMBER EIGHT: Makes you feel good for helping someone!





THE 2011 LIST:

THOSE WHO GAVE, VOLUNTEERED OR DONATED



Reid, Jim & Mary Lou
Reiss, Nicole
Rightor, Eric
Rockwell's at the Inn
Rodeschin, Beverly & Henry
Roemer, Jon & Nancy
Rogers, Juanita
Rogers, Winston
Rosen, Evan & Eve
Bridburg
Rosetti, Joanne & Edward Hahn
Rowe, Betty & Peter
Ryan, William & Karen
Salvas, Margaret & David
Salvay, Michael & Laura
Sampson, Doug & Sandy
Sanborn, Taylor
Sanders, Bob
Sanders, Holly & Richard
Sanders, Scott & Tamar
Sarkisian, Vahan & Anne
Sawitz, Beth
Sawyer, Naomi & Rick
Sawyer, Shannon
Schiffman, John
Schoonmaker, Jill & Bill

Schroeder, Lisa
Schulte, Jim & Karen
Seamans, F.
Augustus & MJ
Seybold, Ashley
Seymour, Shirley
Sharp, Stephen & Anne
Sharpe, Abby
Sherwin, Bridge
Ship, Brad & Meghan
Ship, Carl & Christine Flynn
Sievers, Jenna & Timothy
Simon, Tom & Carolyn
Sinclair, Berta
Sinclair, Cam
Skillman, Stephen & Pamela
Slafsky, Mike
Sloan, William
Smidt, Clark
Smith, David & Heidi
Fishman
Smith, Tammy & Scott
Sneider, Maureen & Kenneth
Snowboard Jones
Sofis, Lisa & John
Sofis Scheft
Spater, Gordie
Spater, Kitter & Erica
Springer, Clinton & Francesca
Stacy, Marcus

Stavis, John & Irina
Steiner, Robin & Jonathan
Stetson, Bill & Karen
Stevens, Sam & Margaret
Steward, Barbara
Strebel, Susan
Sturm, Ruger & Co.
Sugar River Bank
Sullivan, Judi & Chris
Sullivan, Tom
Sutherland, George & Jean
Svirsky, Kathryn & Dmitry
Sweeney, Amy & Joe
Tarkulich, William & Joan
Taylor, Susan & Lawrence Howard
Taylor, Alva & Gail
Taylor, Bruce & Janet
TD Garden Premium Club
Teach, Gail
Temco, Linda & Jason
Temco, Zoe
Tenny, Mariah
Tessier, Diane & Tom
Tessier, Tommy
The Banks Gallery
Artists: Ron Brown, Grace Cooper, Lisa Jelleme & Mimi Wiggan
The Boston Celtics Organization
The Calcutt Family
The Centennial Inn & Granite Restaurant
The Delise Family
The Inn at Pleasant Lake
The Lally Family
The Morris Family
The New London Inn
The Pillsbury Family
The Pocket Garden Personal Chef Service
The Redmond Family Foundation

Theroux, Peg & Steve
Thomas, Miranda of Shackelton Thomas
Thomas, Roberta
Three Tomatoes Trattoria
Tierney, Linda & Steven
Tift, Jeanne & Christopher Sherman
Tilchin, Mike & Linda Greer
Tilley, John & Tricia
Timbrell, Stefan & Karen
Torres, Diane & Weber
Torres, Lauren
Trebino, Patricia
Trenholm, Emily
Leonard
Trowbridge, Alex
Twadell, Susie & Peter
Twomey, Susan
Underhill, Carl & Ellen
Utstein, Laurie & Cliff
Vaccaro, Terry
Valence, Susan & Mark
Van Sice, Autumn & Scott Fabozzi
Vandycheva, Olga & Boris Makaro
Velez, Carlos & Traci
Vessels & Jewels & Ensign Design Studios
Village Sports
Vinton, Jeanette & Dru
Vinton, Ruth
Volpitta, Donna
Vovenkova, Olga
Wagner, Bill & Jan
Walters, John & Nancy

Ward, Cynthia & Chris
Weinberg, Stuart & Anne
Weinstein, Rylee
Whelan, Kevin & Irene
Wilcox, Terri & Lee
Williams, Jenny & Stan
Wilson, Cheryl & Rodney
Wilson, Mickey
Wilson, Rowan & Grace
Winter, Andrew & Rebecca
Wixted, Emma & David
Wood, Lisa & Michael
Woods, Kaylee
Woolford, Robin & Mark
Work, Michael & Christine
Worthington, Elizabeth & John
Yoder, Kate & Doug
Zadeh, Jenna
Zegans, Claudia & Michael
Zimmerman, John
Zimmerman, Patty
Zimmerman, Zach

• CONISTON'S
• **TOP TEN**
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• **NUMBER SEVEN:**
• Support an
• incredible
• Celebration!



DONOR FOCUS: SCOTT SANDERS

EVEN THOUGH HIS DAD had been a director at camps for many years, Scott Sanders says "I started from the ground up. I began teaching BB guns, then joined the kitchen staff, and worked my way up to head chef ... I learned how much work went into running a great Camp!"

SANDERS' SUCCESSES

Scott's mom and dad, Bob and Irma Sanders, were co-directors at Camp from 1969–1990. It was a time of great achievement for Coniston ... "when my parents started, summers were not full, but a few years later Camp started being sold out well into the winter."

Scott attributes Camp's success to three major efforts by his parents: "A tight focus on developing the absolute best staff, making major improvements to facilities all over Camp ... and hiring foreign counselors, the diversity they brought was a great influence and really set an inclusive tone."

AUCTION EXCITEMENT

Bob and Irma retired in 1990 and of course were invited to the Celebration, but when health concerns intervened Scott stepped in as their representative.

At the Friday night Gala, Scott was surrounded by a generation of campers and friends that he knew well.

"I decided to make a \$500 Campership Fund donation that night ... and the entire 80's group sort of caught fire! Suddenly everyone was getting together and making a huge group donation — there was some *serious* bidding going on!"

Scott also knew he wanted to "bring back something special to my parents, something that really showed the Camp, and when I saw the painting at the Auction it really struck me. My parents were very modest people, they don't credit themselves with what they've achieved, and I thought the painting would be a great reminder for them."

Of course Scott was the successful bidder, "and it's hanging on their living room wall right now."

BONFIRE MEMORIES

On Saturday Scott continued his contributions by getting the original Camp Band together, and later that night, by helping to light the bonfire. He also read a letter his parents had written specially for the Celebration. "I talked them into this, writing about their accomplishments, and I



Scott Sanders reads his parent's letter at the Saturday bonfire.



Bids ran high at the Friday auction.



A panorama of Coniston's waterfront, showing some of what the Sanders see in their living room every day.



CONISTON BOARD ESTABLISHES THE CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENT

YMCA Camp Coniston's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the formal establishment of *The Centennial Endowment*, Coniston's new fund for capital development and Camperships.

"The Celebration gave us the chance to reflect on everything we've accomplished, and to focus on what we want to strengthen and preserve," said John Calcutt, board chairman.

"One thing we can do — and are actively trying to do — is assure that Coniston remains *affordable to all campers*. We know the Coniston experience is life changing regardless of family means. The Endowment helps us keep Coniston affordable to everyone."

The Endowment will also help Coniston deal with all sorts of cost pressures — "maintenance, needed improvements, programs, staff training ... having an experienced staff, one that's trained to be sure Campers have the right kind of interactions, and learn respect, is critical to the

success of Camp, and we have to support it."

John echoes the sentiments we've heard from so many of you — "I've seen the change in my own kids! And we need to preserve that for the next hundred years' worth of kids." —



John Calcutt 'hitting the hoops' ... that's the Celtics jersey he won the night before!

DONOR FOCUS: ANNA CLARK

ANNA CLARK REMEMBERS an afternoon with her 8 yr old grandson Riley David "... after visiting what felt like a hundred camps. We pulled into Coniston, Riley got out of the car, took one look, came right back and said "*This is where I want to go!*"

DICK LEACH — CAMP AMBASSADOR

Anna Clark considers Dick Leach one of the first 'ambassadors for Camp' she had met. "Dick started the Coniston grandparents' group, and it was through that group that I began donating to Camp."

"My dad was an avid outdoorsman, and he was an executive at DuPont so he had access to fabrication machinery. He decided to build a traditional wooden canoe, from scratch, with birch skin, bent ribs and all."

That canoe "went through many states and waters ... rumor was, my mom

almost went over Niagara Falls in it!" and found its home when Anna donated it to Camp Coniston, where it hangs in the Lodge today.

A NEW FLAGPOLE

As the Celebration came near, Dick approached Anna about donating a new flagpole to Camp. But when it was finally installed, and they ran up the old flag, it was obvious the flag was just too small. Anna said, "Wait right here", and I jumped in the car and ran down to Clarke's Hardware and said, "look, we need a *really big* flag ... *now!*"

CONISTON CONNECTIONS

Anne's grandson Riley ended up coming to Camp at age 9, followed by his brother Aiden,



Anna and her husband David, with the wooden canoe suspended above.

and this past year, Riley spent his first summer as a counselor at Camp. "As he's a first generation Conistonian, Riley knows how important the traditions and values he got from Coniston are ... even the little things, like how to greet a car that's driving into Camp! So important to instill into a young person." —



A CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE WHOSE SUPPORT MADE CONISTON'S CENTENNIAL POSSIBLE



THE 2011 DONOR LIST:

2011 represented our most successful fund drive ever for a non-capital year ... **almost \$290,000 raised** from corporations, gifts, matching gifts, and our generous donors. We can't thank you enough!



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CONISTON'S TOP TEN THINGS DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING DO

- **NUMBER SIX:**
- Buildings for the
- entire Camp, like
- the Dining Hall!



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CONISTON'S TOP TEN THINGS DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING DO

- **NUMBER FIVE:**
- Construct a new
- Chapel ...



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CONISTON'S TOP TEN THINGS DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING DO

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CONISTON'S TOP TEN THINGS DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING DO

NUMBER THREE:
Purchase
War Canoes!



Maguire at his best ... getting Coniston psyched for the Friday Auction

IN A FIELD OF CREATIVE contributors, Steve Maguire's contribution to Camp stands out as especially creative. A nationally-known speaker and trainer specializing in camps, Steve began his career at Coniston on staff '96-'98, and as CIT Director in '99. This year his "most special trip" was to Camp, to serve as our Grand Gala MC and Auctioneer.

THE PERFECT CHOICE

When Steve told us his ideas for the Gala, we knew he was the perfect choice for MC. We were even more appreciative when he insisted on waiving his fee as a donation to Camp. "After 15 years at hundreds of camp events around the country, I've never seen anything like this. It's the only

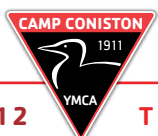
DONOR FOCUS: STEVE MAGUIRE

time I ever had to say ... three or four times ... 'Hey you people, will you please *sit down and eat!!*'

Steve sustained that energy all through the evening, from his initial 'camp-y' game of Heads and Tails all the way through the Gala Auction.

CONISTON GENEROSITY

"This was an unprecedented event, where an incredible number of people gave, and gave generously. That tells you everything about the energy and commitment at this celebration. Truly remarkable."





FACES THROUGH THE YEARS ...



This photo was taken at YMCA Camp Soangetaha before we moved to our present location. To us, it shows how little the true nature of Camp has changed in the past half century. Please enjoy the rest of the photos, from the 50s to the present.



A SELECTION OF PHOTOS , FROM THE 50S TO THE PRESENT, THAT WERE SENT TO CAMP BY ALUMNI PAST AND PRESENT. THANKS SO MUCH FOR SENDING THEM IN!



FACES THROUGH THE YEARS ...



A CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE WHOSE SUPPORT MADE CONISTON'S CENTENNIAL POSSIBLE



THE 2011 VOLUNTEER LIST:

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED AT CAMP LAST YEAR

We want to thank everyone for their hard work and volunteering during 2011. Camp looked great ... because of you!

VOLUNTEERS

Arnold, Katie
Barden, Dave
Barden, Fay
Berk, Ellery
Berthiaume, Karin
Birkland, JoAnn
Bly, Steven
Brewer, Rhiannon
Brooks, Toni
Brower, Frankie
Brown, Corinne
Burroughs, Kaylee
Cavanaugh, Brian
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Gesen, Rolf
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Halsted, John
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Kropp, Allen
LaBelle, Liz
Lague, Alexandra
Langone, Steve
Lentz, Colleen
Likhter, Sofia
Lovejoy, John
Lustig, Dylan
Marden, Shannon
Marsh, Scott
Meeham, Cameron
Meunier, Nate
Mumford, Andrew
Murray, Stephanie
Murry, Josh
Myer, Ali
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Ship, Brad
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Torres, Lauren
Twadell, Peter

Twadell, Susie
Vovenkova, Olga
Weinstein, Rylee
Woods, Kaylee
Worthington, Beth
Zimmerman, Zach



CONISTON'S
TOP TEN THINGS
DONATIONS AND
VOLUNTEERING DO

NUMBER TWO:
Lets you leave a
legacy for others
to share!



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Calcutt, John
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Gesen, Rolf
Grip, Brian
Izutsu, Gen
Marvin, Jon
Myer, Bert
Simon, Tom
Smidt, Clark
Timbrell, Stefan
Walters, Nancy
Work, Michael
Zimmerman, John

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES IF YOUR NAME IS MISSING FROM THE LIST.

Coniston's Sincere Appreciation to These Organizations And Families

*Thank you one final time to the organizations and families
who made Coniston's Centennial Year the best any camp has ever had!*



THE JACK AND
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FOUNDATION

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FAMILY

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The Lally Family &
The Boston Celtics
Organization

CONISTON'S TOP TEN THINGS DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING DO

AND NUMBER ONE:

Send kids to Camp who can't afford it!





THE AUCTION LIST: AUCTION DONORS, AND 'GENEROUS PURCHASERS'

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London

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Calcutt, John
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Cody, Mary
Cody, Sean
Collins, Tobey
Cottrill, Tom
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Fitzgerald, Brian
Gesen, Nancy
Gillett, Bill
Goddu, Troy
Gorey, Cynthia
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Izutsu, Gen

Jepson, Linc
Korzenowski, Judy
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CONISTONIANS AND CAMP NEWS ... FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

ALUMNI NEWS:

CONISTONIANS AROUND THE WORLD:

Recent Alumni **Peter Moon** wrote to let everyone know: "This past summer I did not go to Camp. It was a difficult decision, but I was offered a great opportunity ... to go on an **Amigos de las Américas** service trip to Honduras!

"The experience was amazing ... I was in a rural Honduran village without electricity or running water for six weeks, living with a host family. Aside from the fact that everyone spoke Spanish, it was surprisingly similar to the Coniston experience. I was teaching classes at the local school every morning, sort of like activities at Camp.



Sean Crotty on a break in Nepal with the Annapurna Range in the background. Sean is serving in the Peace Corps in Thailand.

"All in all, I realized that being at Camp, while incredible, is not necessarily the only way to be a Conistonian. Anyone who has been to Camp, I think, will agree with me — there's a certain friendly attitude that you can bring with you outside of Camp, and take with you everywhere you go in life."

Mike Ditrillio (aka "Mikey D") wrote to say: "I finished my Masters in Double Bass Performance at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro in 2007. Since then I've been working as a professional double bass player for several of the South's orchestras. I was even taken to Jordan by the Fayetteville Symphony to act as Guest Principal Double Bass for the Aman Symphony ... and I enjoy playing disc golf whenever possible!"

Sean Crotty is currently serving as a Health Center/Hospital Trainer through the Peace Corps Cambodia. "I teach basic EMS services and general care to health staff, as the Health Care Sector was completely dismantled after the Khmer Rouge came through.



William, Jamie and Charlie Gallagher after the Class A New England Girls Basketball championship this past season.

"I also have the opportunity to work on a number of smaller projects such as world map projects, Health Forums (anything from hand washing to gender empowerment), alternative fuel sources, and youth clubs working with little ones.

"Everyone here is very eager to learn English so that keeps you busy as is. And right now I'm in the process of writing a grant for a 'boys camp.' I was telling ZZ how amazing it is that the tools and qualities you acquire from a summer at Camp can help carry you through your future."

Jamie Gallagher is teaching 8th grade History at the Carroll School in Lincoln, MA. "Our two boys (3.5 and 2) are growing out of their Coniston gear and we plan on heading up at some point this summer to re-stock. I was an assistant coach at Noble & Greenough this past season."

TV viewers in Fort Wayne Indiana now turn to Coniston alumni **Joe Whelan** for all their weekend sports news on WANE-TV. Whelan



ALUMNI NEWS:

comes to WANE-TV from Bis-marck, North Dakota where he worked for two years at the NBC affiliate. Joey graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in broadcast journalism.

Marc Weiss and **Micah Pierce** both live in Boston and have a monthly podcast you can download on iTunes called *Flavor of the Month*, a 90's rap show.

Jeff Park is an assistant golf pro at The Owl's Nest Golf Course in Campton, NH.

Eric Maloof is married and living in San Antonio, TX and works as the Assistant Director of Admissions at Trinity University.

MOVES, MARRIAGES ... AND NEW ARRIVALS!

Alumni **Ali Myer** and her husband **Ryan** are proud to announce the birth of **Ronan Myer Carroll** born November 3, 2011. Ronan's proud Grandfather, Bert Myer, is a lifetime Board Member for YMCA Camp Coniston.

Kimberly (Sanders) Marcum and her husband **Jesse** are expecting their first child in May! Jesse and Kim happily returned to New England in the fall of 2011 after living in Boulder, CO for 6 years, during which time Kim worked as an exercise specialist and Jesse completed his Ph. D. in Chemistry. The couple will be moving to the Framingham, MA area during summer 2012 where Jesse will be teaching chemistry at Framingham State University and Kim will busily be enjoying motherhood.

2000-3/4 CIT **Katherine Little** is happy to announce she married

Jen Hallee on Sept 10, 2011. The couple resides in Concord, NH. Katherine writes: "I am a Staffing Consultant in Bedford, NH and Jen is the Executive Director of Calling All Crows, a non-profit organization in Boston, MA! There has been plenty more in the twelve years since I was at Camp, but that is the highlight for sure!"

Brad and Meghan Salvas Ship are ecstatic to announce the birth of **Molly Elizabeth Ship** born October 11, 2011 weighing in at 9 lbs 5 ounces and measuring at 21.5 inches.

Galen Friend Tremblay (CIT '93) had her second baby — baby girl **Josalyn** — in early March.

Nick Bentley (CIT '96) and his wife had a baby boy in January.

Meghan White Bonin (CIT '98) and **Kelly White Rincan** (CIT '96) both became first-time moms to baby girls this winter.

Katie Perry Al Jenaibi and her husband, **Ahmed**, had identical twin girls on Halloween night 2011! **Sophia Catherine** and **Adara Elizabeth Al Jenaibi**, and are now 5 months and Katie says "they are keeping us very busy and happy! We can't wait till they fit in to their Coniston onesies!"

COLLEGE NEWS FOR CONISTONIANS:

We are celebrating college graduation of six Coniston staff this summer. Our congratulations go out to:

Sarah Jennings, Syracuse University, architecture; **Sammy Rosen**, Rollins College, studio art; **Beth Cairns**, Hanover College, sociology; **Jen Whitman**, Boston University, mass communication; **Mike Slafsky**, Bryant College, business; **Abbie Randall**, Florida Atlantic University, Masters in Sociology.

Many of this year's staff are excited for their first full summer in cabin and are also excited to be accepted at the following colleges and universities:

Bates College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Champlain College
Clark University
Colby College
Colorado College
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Hamilton College
Johnson & Wales
Northwestern University
Saint Michael's College
Sarah Lawrence
Tufts University
UNC Greensboro
University of Richmond
Villanova
Wagner →

NEXT ISSUE IN THE CONISTON CHRONICLE:

Beth and Douce Get Engaged At Camp!!

Brian Doucet came back to Camp with Beth Sawitz to be interviewed for the Fall issue of the *Chronicle*... while they were here, Douce surprised her with an engagement ring!
More next issue ...



CAMP NEWS:

CONISTON ALUMNI KEEP CAMPS STRONG!

Did you know there are Coniston alumni in director positions at six other camps? These alumni work throughout the Northeast, and we couldn't be more proud of the positive impact each of them have on the lives of tens of thousands of children annually.

The alumni and their camps are: **Chris Burke**, YMCA Camp Beckett; **Caitlin Elgert**, YMCA Camp Pleasant Valley; **Robert Kelly**, Easter Seals Camp Sno Mo; **Eric Rightor**, YMCA Camps Pleasant Valley and Northwoods; **Berta Sinclair**, YMCA Camp Chimney Corners; and **Emmy Watson**, Camp Seewataro.

HYPERTHERM VISITS CONISTON ... AND HELPS!

Nine volunteers from Hypertherm Corporation in Hanover came to Camp in the middle of the winter to help paint the interior of Cornerview. Located at the corner of Stonybrook and Coniston Road, this house will be staff housing during this summer.

In October 2011 over thirty Hypertherm volunteers marked the trail around the lake, and helped Camp by demolishing many unused and rickety structures — the shack behind the infirmary, the interior of the motel, the old boys lean-to, and the old roof of the riflery range. This made way for many needed



Current Coniston staff and Coniston Alumni who are camp directors at other camps meet up at the ACA Conference in March!

improvements that our staff has been constructing over the remainder of the year.



BECOME OUR "FRIEND" ON FACEBOOK!

That's right ... Coniston has joined the Facebook revolution and we want to connect with you!

With ALMOST 2000 friends already, Facebook has proven to be a great way for our alumni to reconnect, and for Campers, parents and alumni to stay up-to-date on what's happening at Camp. The sharing of Camp pictures and stories (old and new) makes this communication avenue all the better!


To become our Friend you must have a Facebook account

and then simply send a Friend Request to "YMCA Camp Coniston."

CONISTON'S AFTERSCHOOL HAS RECORD YEAR:

YMCA Camp Coniston is proud to announce that, this year, our Afterschool Program has served a record number of children.

With five sites located in Plainfield, Sunapee, New London, and the Mt Lebanon and Hanover Street Schools in Lebanon, this program operates daily until 6 PM. The sites serve more than 140 families per week, making this service a very important outreach to Western New Hampshire.

Thank you so much to our Annual Fund Donors who make this program a reality, and the service available to all! 



THE MAN WHO SAVED THE BUFFALO RAN THE 1ST NATURE HIKE AT CAMP!



THE STORY OF
ERNEST HAROLD
BAYNES —
BIRD LOVER,
NATURALIST,
SAVIOR OF
THE AMERICAN
BUFFALO ... AND
CAMP FOUNDER



"Mr. E. H. Baynes and his tame
pet fox" ... you read it right, the
naturalist at his best.



AN INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS NATURALIST

During the early 1900's, **Ernest Howard Baynes** was one of the world's best-known naturalists and humanitarians. In addition to introducing the first birdhouse to America, Baynes was the Chairman of the Boy Scout Committee of our YMCA, before Camp ever started.

During the winter of 1910–1911 Ernest Baynes was a busy man. He worked with our local Y in Claremont NH to establish YMCAs all over the Upper Valley; and along with Kimball Union Academy, helped to establish the world's first bird sanctuary in Meriden NH.

But perhaps Baynes' greatest achievement happened right here in Croydon ... where he saved the American Buffalo from permanent extinction.

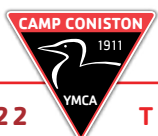
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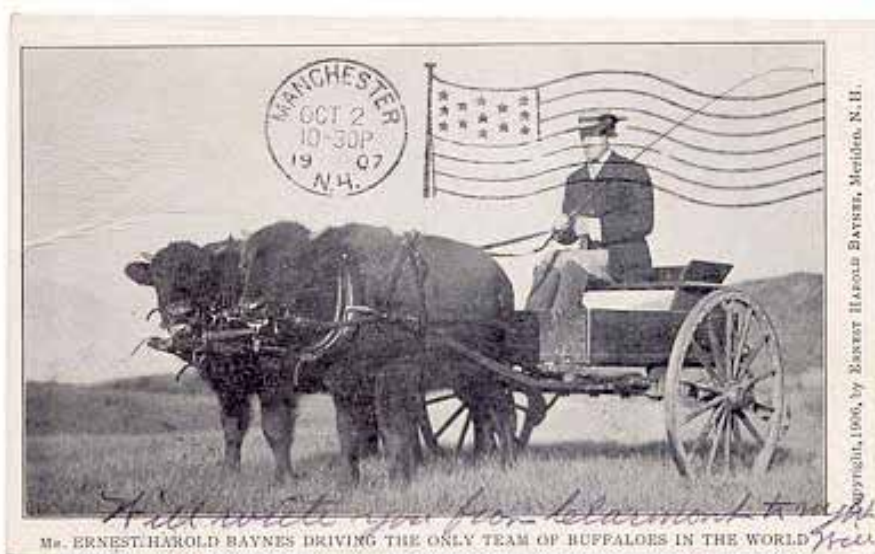
Baynes knew the rich history of the American Bison, and how important buffalo were to the history of our country. But in the early 1900's, the once-enormous buffalo herds of the Great Plains had been depleted down to only a few surviving members.

Baynes knew that, like our own YMCA at the time, a partnership between industry and humanitarians would be necessary to accomplish his goals. He used his influence to connect up with **Austin Corbin**, the founder of the Long Island Railroad. With Corbin's help, Baynes was able to buy up an enormous parcel of land, thousands of acres in Croydon, Meriden, Grantham and Newport NH, and transport the remaining buffalo across the country to **Corbin Park** ... their new protected home in the Northeast.

CAMP'S FIRST NATURE HIKE

So how does this connect up with Coniston? In February 1911 Baynes, along with other Sullivan County YMCA founders, got





An early postcard showing Baynes "driving the only team of buffaloes in the world" just five years before our nature walk ... could our Campers have seen these?!

As a part of Camp Coniston's Land Management Plan, Camp has designed and begun work on a 15-acre meadow at the top of Sugar Hill.

So far we've treed and stumped about 5 acres, and we're beginning to contour and plant that meadow, using grasses and herbaceous plants to control erosion.

If you hike to that meadow, you'll see some truly incredible views of NH. And looking across the meadow, you'll see the very mountain where Baynes held Camp's first nature hike on August 7 1911!

together to start our Camp, located that first summer in the bird sanctuary that Baynes helped found in Meriden.

That year (on August 7 to be exact!) Baynes hiked that entire first population of Camp up Croydon Mountain, through Corbin Park, and up to Croydon Peak ... the first nature hike our Camp ever had!

We know a surprising amount about that hike — the local newspapers, the *Argus Spectator* and the *Weekly Enterprise*, covered the event in great detail. Baynes showed the kids the incredible beauty of our NH woods, and the elk he had brought in ... plus they were able to see the only remaining buffalo in the country.

THEIR FINAL HOME

The buffalo herds that Baynes moved to NH became the beginning of the preservation of this important natural symbol. Even-

tually the NH buffalo herds were sold to South Dakota, where they became the primary herd preserved today in Custer State Park, and eventually at Yellowstone National Park.

But no-one knew in 1911 how important Baynes' work would be to our country ... and to our Camp today. —



The incredible view from our new meadow — overlooking the very mountain that Camp hiked on Aug 7, 1911!

FACES THROUGH THE YEARS ...







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