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Camp Coniston Mission Statement

As a nonprofit service organization with a focus on youth, YMCA Camp Coniston creates experiences that build spirit, mind and body for all.

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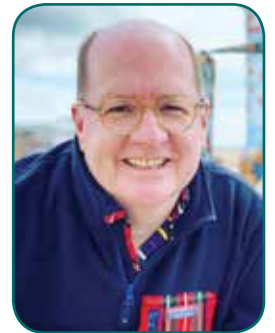


WE VALUE COMMUNITY

DIRECTOR'S 2c

A lot of things have changed since 1990—but not important ones. Laughter, connections, friendships, and Camp all belong together—just as they did many summers ago when Bob and Erma Sanders retired.

The Sanders started by teaching the value of community and empowering children to grow. In 1968, Bob and Erma had just been hired as the Directors of our Camp, and they believed being present in nature, considering others, and leading through example were the traits that would propel young people through their lives. They shared their values with thousands of young people—impacting countless lives.



The Sanders began by bringing people together because camp should be available to everyone. Due to their willingness to have children with learning disabilities and chronic illness in Coniston, we became different from most camps of the time. Their philosophy has now grown to a belief that a Coniston open to all children makes Camp better for every child. That is why we host children with severe asthma, cancer, allergies, disabilities of all types, and welcome underserved communities from across the region. As such, we at Camp Coniston continue to celebrate our historical roots in paving the way for finding common threads among us and keeping our bridges strong.

Through the pages of this Chronicle you will read about leadership programs, facility improvements, and philanthropy, but most importantly you will see a community that gives back to what has been built over the years.

I am excited for the future and look forward to many friendships ahead.

JOHN TILLEY, CAMP DIRECTOR

ATTENTION: 70s/80s ALUMNI REUNION HONORING ERMA SANDERS JUNE 1, 2019

Alumni from the Sanders Era and members of the Coniston community are invited to Camp on June 1st for a day celebrating Bob and Erma's years of service to Coniston. The Sanders Leadership Center on the second floor of the newly refurbished boathouse will be dedicated in Erma's memory. In this reclaimed space, hundreds of young minds and future leaders will be trained on valuable lessons in character, responsibility, stewardship and service.

We welcome all whose lives Bob and Erma touched, and invite you to attend a chapel service in memory of Co-Director, Erma Sanders. The day begins at 10am and includes lunch and plenty of time to catch up with old friends. Please RSVP via Camp's website at coniston.org/sandersevent.

Thank you to the 70s and 80s alumni community who made the boathouse renovations possible through generous donations in Erma's memory.

If you are unable to join us on June 1st you can rekindle Camp friendships by joining our alumni community at coniston.org/alumni. In addition we have a Facebook group dedicated to sharing memories, renewing friendships and celebrating the life of Erma Sanders—[facebook.com/groups/SandersEra](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SandersEra).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 AM
Alumni and
Guest Sign-in

11:00 AM
Ribbon Cutting
at Boathouse

12:00 PM
Chapel Service at
Girls' Vespers
in memory of
Erma Sanders

12:30 PM
Cookout and Photos

2:00 PM
Fireside Chat
with John Tilley

REGISTER AT:
coniston.org/sandersevent



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NEW CAMPER PARENTS WELCOMED TO THE CONISTON COMMUNITY

On March 14th, first and second year parents from the Boston area were welcomed into the Coniston Community. With the help of Parent Committee members—*Lisa & Jack Garrahan, Sarah Beir, Sally Chance, Lauren Doherty, Becky Gladstone, and Maria Elena Lynch*—the informational evening showcased many wonderful aspects of Camp. Attendees had the opportunity to meet Executive Director, John Tilley, connect with other parents, and learn about the future plans for Coniston. A special thanks to Lisa and Jack Garrahan for hosting this at their business—ClearEdge Partners in Needham.



MISSED THE MEETING? NO WORRIES!

Informational meetings are held every check-in day for all parents in the Dining Hall.

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ANNUAL TRADITION SENDS KIDS TO CAMP

"Camping" and "Tradition" are practically synonymous. But not all Camp traditions happen during the summer! For over thirty years, the Sunshine Fund has been bringing together locals from the New London area for camaraderie, food, and to pass the hat in the days just before Christmas. When we say hat—we mean a literal straw bowler! Because of the Sunshine Fund, nine local children will have a safe place to play, grow, and stretch themselves this summer surrounded by new friends and positive role models.

Below are some words from a local parent whose child received a campership last year from the Sunshine Fund. We think she explains the difference Camp made in just a few lines:

"Camp Coniston is family, it is home, it is a special place that nurtures and instills self-confidence, teaches tolerance and social skills, empowers campers to strive to be the best they can be, and make lifelong friendships. Thank you to all who make campership funds available for all children to have the opportunity to experience the world of Camp. Our family is forever grateful for your generosity."

#GIVINGTUESDAY FILLS CABIN

On November 27th, the Coniston Community came together to fill a cabin and exceeded our goal! We are excited to announce 128 donors provided **18 children** the chance to grow and mature this summer at Camp.

Together, small gifts make a **HUGE impact** in the lives of campers and the entire Coniston Community. We believe that having kids from all walks of life creates a Camp that impacts every child more deeply. Thank you for helping us meet the goal and continuing the Coniston culture of giving back.

RESULTS

128
DONORS

\$30,554
GIFTS + MATCH

2-WEEK CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR
18 KIDS



NEW EVENT: CONCORD REFUGEE COMMUNITY BENEFIT!

On March 29th, over a hundred YMCA Camp Coniston and Concord, NH community members came together to support **MORE CAMP FOR MORE KIDS!**

In 2015, one child from the Concord Refugee community joined the Coniston Community and we now have fifteen children joining us this summer with a 100% return rate. Camperships enable Conistonians to come from every walk of life. It doesn't matter what a child faces at home because Camp is a great equalizer. Children don't see differences, only similarities. This is why we raise money for camperships.

Thanks to a variety of in-kind donations, such as the venue, event advertisements, auction items, and camper supplies, the event raised \$15,500 for our Concord Refugee Campership Fund. This event wouldn't have been possible without this support and the support of our committee members: *Cheryl Bourassa, Ellen Eberhart, Lindsey Elefante, Matt Finney, Erica Gesen, Stuart & Rolf Gesen, Ellen Kenny, Molly Lanigan, Nate Levine, Annie Rice, Trish Roberts, Michael Slafsky, Tom Sullivan, Nick Wallner, and Kris Walters.*

THANK YOU TO OUR IN-KIND SPONSORS & AUCTION DONORS

We appreciate your gracious support of our event!

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| Alpine Adventures (N.H Fun) | Lynne Delise |
| Applebee's Bar & Grill | Merrimack Repertory Theatre |
| Arnie's Place | Montshire Museum of Science |
| Badger | Mount Sunapee |
| Boston Bruins | New England Patriots |
| Boston Celtics | New London Barn Playhouse |
| Boston Red Sox | O Steaks & Seafood |
| Brattle Book Shop | Old Sturbridge Village |
| Cabot Cheese | Palace Theatre |
| Capitol Center for the Arts | Panera Bread |
| Checkmate Pizza | Pats Peak |
| Common Man | Portland Sea Dogs |
| Constantly Pizza | Red Kite Candy |
| Copper Door | Red River Theatres |
| Country Spirit | Relax and Company |
| Cowan & Zellers | Roger Williams Park Zoo |
| Duprey Hospitality | Santa's Village |
| Effective Fitness | Sap House Meadery |
| New Hampshire Fisher Cats | Simplicity |
| Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce | Squam Lake Science Center |
| Gunstock Mountain Resort | Story Land |
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| Henniker Brewing Company | Swan Boats |
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| Hershey Park Resort | The Sports Museum |
| ICA Boston | The Works Café |
| Jill Schiffman | Tito's Vodka |
| Laugh Boston | Tucker's |
| Lebanon Opera House | Washington Street Cafe |
| Lowell Spinners | Water Country |
| | Whale's Tale (N.H. Fun) |

CONISTONIANS IMPACT YMCA CAMPS ACROSS THE NORTHEAST



This winter, full time staff members **Shannon Rush**, **John Tilley**, **John McNair**, and **Jack Berthiaume** attended The Northeast YMCA Camping Conference (NEYCC) and met up with Conference Chair and Coniston alumnus **Chris Burke**, Executive Director at Camp Becket, and alumna **Berta Sinclair**, Assistant Director at Chimney Corners Camp for Girls. This yearly conference allows YMCA camp professionals to meet and discuss what's going on in the world of camping, share with one another, and attend a wide variety of sessions/keynotes.

2018 STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY



You may have heard of the Mighty Ducks, but this January, our summer staff were the Mighty Loons! During our annual winter get together for staff, a spontaneous game of broomball erupted on the frozen lake. We're not exactly sure which team got more points, but we do know that a fun time was had by all!

NEW BOYS LIT & CAMPER CABINS BUILT FOR 2019

YMCA of the USA's Strategic Initiatives Fund awarded a **\$40,000 Expansion Award** to Camp in order for Coniston to serve forty more campers this summer and re-locate the Boys leadership cabin into a more accessible location in Camp thus improving camper and staff interactions. The new LIT cabin allows male LITs to live in the Boys Camp area throughout the summer and enjoy the community that forms there every session. The newest camper cabin brings the total up to 16 Boys Cabins!



CONFERENCE RESULTS IN COLORADO ALUMNI EVENT



Camp switched over from paper applications to electronic in 2015, but that doesn't mean we ever stop improving! This year, several of our year-round staff ventured to Boulder, CO for the bi-annual Campminder Conference to learn new tips and tricks for our database and registration program.

While in Colorado they hosted an event at the Rock Bottom Brewery in Denver. Conistonians from all generations joined together for a wonderful evening of friendship, memories, and laughter. If you wish to host an event in your hometown please reach out to Lindsey at lindsey@coniston.org for support and a potential guest list.




Thanks for making your Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile—we currently have raised over \$800 and have 130 participants supporting campers!

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1ST ANNUAL SUNAPEE SKI DAY, A SUCCESS!



Conistonians celebrated YMCA Camp Coniston's 108th birthday with a something a little chillier than a birthday cake! The first of what may become an annual tradition, Coniston skiers and boarders from across New England gathered at Lake Sunapee for a day of swappin' stories and shreddin' gnar. Campers and alumni met for breakfast and lunch before hitting the slopes. It was a perfect day with camp friends old and new.

GRANT AWARDED FOR CHILDREN OF MILITARY AND VETERANS FAMILIES

Coniston received a **\$6,250 Camp Access Award** from the YMCA of the USA's Strategic Initiatives Fund to provide camperships to children whose parents serve, or have served, in the military. At Coniston, we feel having children from varying backgrounds makes Camp better for every kid. Our welcoming community is what defines the term Coniston Experience and with a generous anonymous donation the grant has been matched, bringing the total to \$12,500.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YOUTH AND CONISTONIANS PRACTICE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

YMCA Camp Coniston staff, along with dedicated teachers, work with Stevens, Newport, and Kearsarge High Schools to prepare for the spring Youth and Government sessions. Coniston's main role is assisting the press corps—a body of a dozen students from different districts that write, edit, and publish newspapers during the sessions. This year, the press corps elected **Annika Randall, 2019 Coniston LIT** as editor-in-chief and **Beth McKelvey, 2019 Coniston LIT** to serve in the House of Representatives.

On Friday, April 5th, Governor Sununu kicked off the Youth and Government legislative sessions with a speech and extended Q&A with the students. Proceeding the opening remarks the students separated into their respective branches of government for an unforgettable weekend, leaving the capitol building knowing more about our government, cooperation, and themselves.

What makes **Youth and Government** one of the YMCA's biggest hidden gems? Although many Conistonians aren't familiar with the program, the opportunity for high school students is absolutely astonishing. Youth and Government is a program similar to Model UN, that casts high school students nationally into different roles within the state's political system within each state. Unlike most other states, New Hampshire participants meet in the State House Courts, rooms, and chambers where state policy makers meet, including the Governor's office! There is a magic to students discussing the laws they drafted within the same walls where the real thing takes place.



CONISTON—HOME OF CHAMPION TREES

A new **Champion Big Tree Award** was located on Coniston's property! The award recognizes the largest reported American Beech tree in Sullivan County. The tree stands 96 feet tall with a circumference of 102 inches, just a bit smaller than our award winning Red Maple—99 feet tall with a circumference of 121 inches. We plan to create trails leading to both trees so Conistonians and other fellow tree lovers can appreciate their beauty. To learn more about the New Hampshire Big Tree Program you can go to nhbigtrees.org and be sure to keep a look out for Big Trees in your area!



ACA NEW ENGLAND CAMP CONFERENCE

In March, **Jacob Glenshaw, Jack Berthiaume, Shannon Rush, Berta Sinclair**, Assistant Director at Chimney Corners Camp for Girls, **Nicole Berthiaume, John McNair, and Patrick Noble** attended the nation's oldest camping conference and the largest of its kind in the region, serving professionals from New England and around the country. The conference brings dynamic speakers, established industry experts, and new ideas to the table for over 800 camp professionals from 250+ camps in all six New England states. Together we meet and network with others in the field while learning and gaining new skills we can bring back to Coniston! Camping started in New England and so does camp innovation!

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ANNUAL GIVING 2018 AND MULTI-YEAR PLEDGES

Thanks to your generous donations this past year, we provided and raised **\$534,812** from **824 donors**. Through these donations, we were able to subsidize every camper by **\$150**, and an additional **327 children** received financial assistance. All thanks to **YOU!**



THE PROMISE OF STEWARDSHIP

- A gift accepted with a restricted purpose will be used for that purpose.
- Unrestricted gifts will continue to support children by funding the three board approved strategic priorities—to make camp financially accessible to any child by offering more camperships and financial aid, serve more children through improving the facility and programs, and ensure the future of Coniston through an endowment.
- Gifts will be accounted for using generally accepted accounting principles, which will provide consistent, timely, and accurate reporting of all gifts into the Camp's financial record.
- Active pledges are recognized as the total gift amount until paid in full.
- Gifts will be acknowledged in a timely and personal manner.

Leadership Triangle

FROM \$100,000+

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Mary Helen & Robert Morris

Legacy Triangle

FROM \$35,000 TO \$99,999

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Anonymous (1)

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Mary Jo & Brian Hogan

The Raeburn Family

Cindy & Chris Winship

Platinum Triangle

FROM \$10,000 TO \$34,999

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Gen Izutsu

Catherine Johnson

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New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

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The Boston Foundation

Tricia & John Tilley

Karen & Stefan Timbrell

Nancy & John Walters

Gold Triangle

FROM \$1,000 TO \$9,999

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BECAUSE *of*
THE RAEURN FAMILY...

A \$35,000 legacy Campership in perpetuity was established in memory of Anne Raeburn. Through this campership a child will have a life-changing opportunity, which will follow the camper summer after summer, providing the greatest impact as the camper grows older. Anne was always laughing, wearing a big smile, and no matter what, was always, unapologetically herself. She made everyone's Camp Experience a little happier. This gift allows her to live on every year in the life of a child.

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BECAUSE of CINDY & CHRIS WINSHIP'S...

\$50,000 pledge we have been able to help fulfill part of the board's Strategic Plan. Their gift allows for facility improvements and additions that provide opportunities for more campers and impact every camper.

Thank You

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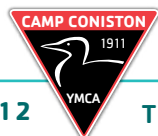


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FROM \$100 TO \$499

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BECAUSE of SARAH & JEFFREY BEIR'S...

\$25,000 pledge we have been able to help fulfill part of the board's Strategic Plan. Their gift includes program area improvements that provide excellent camper experiences and makes Camp better for all children.

Thank You



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BECAUSE *of* THE GRIP FAMILY...

A \$35,000 legacy Campership in perpetuity was established...one that will follow a child through Camp year after year, for generations to come. Over the years, the Grip Family has felt extremely fortunate for their own children to have been Coniston Campers. Because they have seen firsthand how powerful Camp can be, they are committed to passing on the Coniston Experience to more campers, and creating life-experiences for youth, which will help them become successful adults.

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BECAUSE of MARY JO & BRIAN HOGAN'S...

\$75,000 promise to give, numerous children who may not have the financial means to attend Camp will have a Coniston Experience. The Hogans have seen the tremendous value their four children have gotten from Camp and they generously donate to help more children grow.

Thank You

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BECAUSE of NEWPORT CHARITY TRUST...

17 local kids are able to attend Camp Coniston every year—transforming every camper's community through new friendships. Community donations like these have always ensured Coniston is available to everyone.

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CAMPERSHIP AND PROGRAM COLLABORATION

The following schools and organizations help provide camperships and program opportunities to children. Schools identify and recruit campers while organizations and endowments fund camperships and provide services. Coniston's Annual Fund serves as the primary source of funding for camperships.

American Camp Association
 Bernice A. Ray School
 Bradford Elementary

BECAUSE of NELL & DICK LEACH...

A \$35,000 legacy Campership in perpetuity was established in memory of Forrest M. Leach. This campership follows the child through Camp year after year, for generations to come. Nell & Dick feel fortunate for eleven of their grandchildren to have been Coniston Campers. Unfortunately, their grandson Forrest, never had the opportunity to attend, as he passed away at a young age. The Leach Family chose to remember their grandson by providing the Coniston Experience for other children. This campership is a testament to their generosity, and their foresight inspires us all to work for others and make our world a better place.

Thank You

203 ELEMENTARY AGED STUDENTS

have fun daily at five local sites so parents can confidently work and provide for their families. Coniston's Afterschool Programs provide a safe, structured, and well-rounded social learning environment for children.



NEW LONDON



SUNAPEE



PLAINFIELD



HANOVER STREET



MOUNT LEBANON

WE ARE HIRING!

CONISTON'S AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS are at an all-time RECORD ATTENDANCE. We are always looking for responsible, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic staff to join our programs— Mon-Fri from 2:30-6pm. If interested please contact hannah@coniston.org for more details.

CONGRATULATIONS AFTERSCHOOL STAFF!

As is the case with overnight camp—the secret to success lies in good staff. Thank you to the recent recipients of **The Above and Beyond Award** for their exemplary efforts: **Alyssa Alberto** from Sunapee, **Haley Bishop** from Hanover Street, and **Felicia McSweeney, Ben Morse, and Lucy Nielsen** from New London. Special Thanks to the **Dartmouth Women's Soccer Team** for volunteering their time at the Mount Lebanon and Hanover Street School programs.





CATCH UP WITH CAMP & FRIENDS

WAYS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Looking for a chance to connect with Camp friends, share memories and meet other Conistonians? There are get-togethers happening across the country that you can attend! There are 3 different types: Events, Pop-Up Socials, and Gatherings.

EVENTS

- **Hosted** by year-round **Coniston Staff**
- Open to the entire **Coniston Community**
- Hear first hand from Executive Director, John Tilley about Camp news and future plans



POP-UP SOCIALS

- **Hosted** by **Coniston Alumni Ambassadors** at a local bar or restaurant
- Open to the entire **Coniston Community**
- Take fun **photos** and get some **Camp swag!**



GATHERINGS

- **Hosted** by **Coniston Alumni**, these may be spontaneous encounters or planned for social occasions.
- Snap some **photos** to submit to the Chronicle's Alumni News (send to lindsey@coniston.org)!



For additional information or to get started email Lindsey at lindsey@coniston.org.

ALUMNI NEWS

1970-1980



Jon Nottonson, is excited to share he is going to be a grandfather! His alumna daughter, **Sarah (Nottonson) Vargas**, is expecting the first of their third generation of Conistonians!

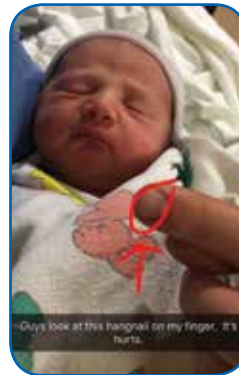


Chris Stack is worried her daughter and alumna, **Lexi Stack**, may never return from Oahu, HI. Lexi is living the dream working at YMCA Camp Erdman.

1990-2000



A big shout out to **Meghan (Salvas) Ship** for running in the Boston Marathon to raise funds for cancer research. Both **Brad and Meghan Ship** are past Coniston staff who also worked at Camp Winning Spirit for five summers. They are still connected with families they met and Meghan runs for them.



On January 24, while **Beth (Sawitz) Doucet** was busy delivering Joel Emmitt, **Brian Doucet** contacted the Coniston office to inform them of a horrible hang nail.



Congrats to **Evan Shuman** for starting a new career in real estate at The Gail Bell Group in Hull, MA



Caitlin Elgert and Dan Wolf are engaged! They will be getting married in September. They also have added a golden retriever puppy to their family named Reggie!





Liz Copeland and husband, Harry Stein, welcomed baby Noah Blake Stein on March 21st!



Coniston Alumni travel to Nashville to ring in the New Year! **Max Winer, Katie Smidt, Shane Goodrich, Olivia Wilson, Jacquie (Zimmerman) Wheeler, Michael Wheeler, Evan Shuman, Matt Gallagher, Zach Zimmerman, Michael Slafsky, and Hannah (Geslen) Slafsky**



Alan Finlay (2003 CIT) welcomed son Kade about 5 months ago, shown here with their dog Maverick!



Tommy Tessier started a new job Recruiting at Twitch and showed **John Tilley & Beth Worthington** around San Francisco, CA when they were out visiting in March.



Coniston Alumni **Shane Goodrich** and **Olivia Wilson** are engaged!



Congratulations to **Carly Maily** and Elie Tannoury for their wedding this February.



2009 CITs **Brian Calcutt, Sam Coleman, Mary McGee, Andy Miller, Matt Younis,** and **Ailee Katz** met in California for a reunion!



Congratulations to **Cassie Short** for not only running the Chicago Marathon this year, but also the Boston Marathon for her fourth time, earning a new personal record.



Emily (Kerrigan) Ascarino and husband, John, welcomed 7 lbs 10 ounces, Hazel Bea Ascarino on April 22nd.



Izzy Ciano has gone from Arts & Crafts Director to being an Art Director at CommCreative in Framingham, MA

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019!

Spring is here which means many of our seniors in high school have decided what they are going to do next year! We are so proud of each of your accomplishments and wish you great success this fall! To those still deciding, we know wherever you land, you will flourish. The list so far reads:

Barnard College (2)
 Barrett Honors College
 at Arizona State
 Bridgewater State University
 Colby College
 Colgate University (3)
 Elon University
 Keene State College (2)

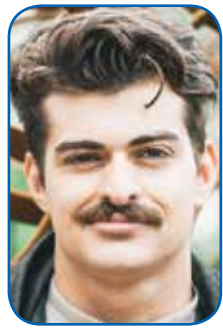
Marquette University
 Northeastern University
 Santa Clara University
 Tulane University
 University of Denver
 UMASS Amherst
 University of Miami
 University of Notre Dame

University of Vermont
 Washington University

GRADUATE SCHOOLS:

Harvard School of Education
 MGH Institute for Health Professions
 NYU Steinhardt





Lucas Cummings and Claire Frey were awarded a Fulbright!

Lucas, a marketing major at University of Portland, will be teaching English and conducting research for his Entrepreneur Scholars project in Malaysia. His project focuses on integrating educational lessons into playgrounds as an alternative method of teaching and learning.

Claire, a communications major at Northeastern, will teach English in Brazil. She has a comprehensive understanding of French, Italian, and Portuguese. Claire plans to volunteer with urban farming and gardening projects in Brazil.



'13 CITs **Emily Kohlberg** & **Kendall Woods** visited the American Southwest to recreate their CIT trip 6 years later!



We love camper reunions! Ella and Farren cheered on their counselor, **Izzy Glennon**, at one of the Dartmouth Women's Soccer games this fall.



Honor Heisler led her boat to gold during the 2018 Head of the Charles and was then featured on the front cover of Rowing Magazine.



THE COUNTDOWN TO **SUMMER** IS ON!

We are looking forward to summer days filled with new friendships and a whole lot of fun! We are busy making improvements to enhance our programs that have been enjoyed by Coniston campers year after year!

First, we have renovated our **BOATHOUSE**. A huge shout out to Aaron, James, and Dave for working through all seasons to make this building beautiful. The first floor of the boathouse now features a completely open space. The second floor is the new home of the Sanders Leadership Center. CITs can meet in the Leadership Center to learn the arts of camp counseling and life guarding. The second floor is accessible by a new ramp and has a porch that features a stunning view of the lake. We are looking forward to the dedication on June 1st and can't wait to see many alumni at this event!

On the subject of building, we added another **BOYS CABIN** again this winter. That marks cabin #16 for boys camp. This cabin creates 40 new spots for boy campers over the course of the summer. The boy LITs also have a new home in boys camp



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BOATHOUSE WINDOW VIEW



this summer! This brand new cabin will serve 8 boy LITs while they are working in the program office and kitchen. We are excited to finally have these role models in Boys Camp all summer long!

Did somebody say **COWABUNGA?!** We improve our Adventure, Service, and WCIT trips every summer. Canadian Coastal, our 10-day adventure trip will go **SURFING** this summer. We are excited for them to hang ten off the coast of Nova Scotia! Service II will be taking part in a bridge walk this summer after they complete their week of service in West Virginia, and our WCITs will get the opportunity to camp at Jacob Lake in AZ!

Surfing isn't the only exciting new feature. We created a **NEW ENTRANCE ROAD** for check-in and check-out days! This road will help to reduce back up and provide traffic control and flow. Don't worry, summer staff are excited and ready to direct you when you arrive! No E-Z Pass needed!

HORSEBACK campers get excited! We have created two **NEW RIDING RINGS** closer to the barn and we will be adding 4 more hooves to the barn this summer, in addition to our normal horses, bringing the total to 56 hooves!

2019 CONISTON STORE will be stocked and ready for check-in days! As always we will have all sorts of items for everyone to be able to display their Coniston pride.

We are excited for **SUMMER STAFF 2019** to arrive! We have a stellar group of returning staff and are thrilled for everyone to meet our first year staff members. We are eager to offer hiking again and will be introducing **YOGA** as a new program area this summer.

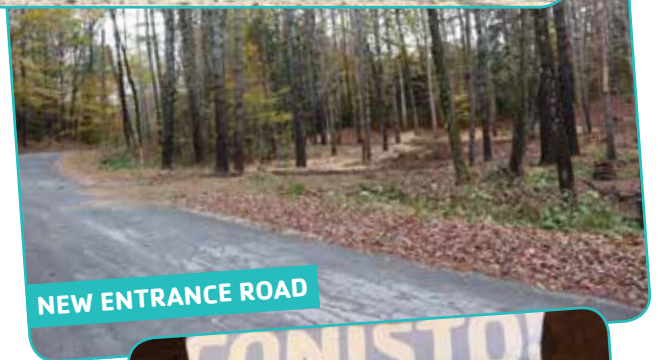
With all of these improvements this is shaping up to be another great summer! We can't wait to see many of our returning campers and welcome our new campers into the Coniston community!



SERVICE TRIP



ADDITIONAL HORSE IN BARN



NEW ENTRANCE ROAD



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May 21st

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT
BOSTON, MA

June 1st

70s/80s ALUMNI REUNION
HONORING ERMA SANDERS AT CAMP

REGISTER AT: coniston.org/sandersevent

July (DATE TBD)

LOCAL LAKE HOUSE EVENT
NEW LONDON, NH

July 12th

1999 CIT 20-YEAR REUNION
AT CAMP

Summer 2019

BIGELOW VESPERS
AT CAMP

September 5th

GRANDPARENTS EVENT
AT CAMP

If you wish to attend events please let us know how we can reach you by updating us at:
coniston.org/alumni