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saturday morning ...

the house way up in the trees

THE CHILDHOOD CANCER
LIFELINE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEDICATES **HANDICAP-
ACCESSIBLE TREEHOUSE** AT
THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Jillian Palisi cuts the ceremonial ribbon at the Tree House Dedication with assistance from Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH Director Sylvia Pelletier. The new tree house is dedicated in memory of Jillian's brother Nick and three other Camp Winning Spirit Campers.

There wasn't a dry eye present at the dedication of the new Treehouse during the Centennial Celebration. The Treehouse is a gift from the Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH to YMCA Camp Coniston, in memory of four children who were lost to cancer. Their families requested that donations go to the Lifeline, and these became the beginning of the funds for the Treehouse.

Sylvia Pelletier, Director of the Childhood Cancer Lifeline, said "How do we honor and respect the memory of a child who has been part of the fabric of Camp? That

was the question that started us thinking about this project." The Lifeline and

Coniston have collaborated on Camp Winning Spirit, which is free of charge to participants, since 1996.

At first you might not notice Camp's newest addition, tucked way up among the branches. But as you walk across the lawn by the tennis courts you will catch sight of an elevated boardwalk leading into the trees. Once on the boardwalk you see it ... a structure "that looks like a kid built it with things he found in the barn!" That's how Sylvia describes the new Treehouse at Camp Coniston.

"We wanted a place for joy and laughter, a funky quirky 'not-perfectly-square' place up in the trees ... but also a place that would be safe, sturdy, well-built, and completely accessible to everyone." Sylvia stressed that a major goal was to build a safe and secure structure "without the 'access barriers' of a traditional treehouse. Contractor Bill Bartlett from Hopkinton, NH really got the idea ... he understood the vision, met our budget,



and he was just fantastic to work with!"

Many of the materials were donated by local businesses

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This tree house has a story, and I ask you to read it, share it, and cherish it, as much as we do.

In 1996 the Childhood Cancer Lifeline collaborated with YMCA Camp Coniston on a special camp for families who have a child with cancer known as Camp Winning Spirit.

For these families, Camp Winning Spirit is more than fun, adventure, learning, growth, and making friends...It is a gift.

It is a much needed respite. A time away from the hospital and painful treatment.

It is a time of support, for everyone. Patients. Parents. Siblings.

the house way up in the trees

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— “Pat’s Peak Ski Area gave the huge antique wagon wheel, Goff Lumber donated structural wood, Durgin and Crowell Lumber gave us the wide slabs for the ramp railings. Antique stores in Hillsboro provided the old windows. There was so much support from the New London and Henniker communities to offset the cost ... it really made this project possible.”

It was a tight squeeze finishing construction in time to dedicate the Treehouse at the Centennial. Building didn’t start until April 2011, and the Treehouse was finished only one week before the Centennial weekend! It only seemed fitting, that the public unveiling would occur at such a huge celebration of the camp.

The Treehouse overlooks the bog at Camp, and Coniston Director John Tilley looks forward to the day that the entire Bog Walk can be made handicapped accessible, so it can be shared by every camper and visitor.

As you walk up the ramp, and enter the Treehouse, and look out over the Bog, you understand why this project was so important to so many people ... a place of joy and laughter way up in the trees.

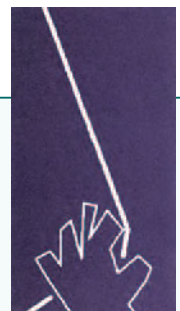
treehouse dedication june 17, 2010

It is a time of HOPE.
It is a time of great joy and celebration.
It is a time of laughter.
Sometimes it is a time of tears.

This tree house is our gift. A gift to all campers. A gift made in joy and celebration.

This tree house is dedicated to the loving smiles and joyous laughter of Matty Dubuc, Ryan Oickle, Nicholas Palisi and Erik Wright who will always be our Winning Spirits.

Childhood Cancer Lifeline
Excerpt from Dedication Speech





Here at Camp, we still haven't 'come down' from the warmth and excitement of the Centennial Weekend ... and from what we've heard, you all feel the same way!

Over time, the young people who have worked here have not only changed the lives of campers, they have changed the lives of their fellow staff, and the lives of many families whose children go home "different" than when they arrived.

In listening to friends and alumni sharing their feelings and their experiences from the Centennial, you've helped to remind me of an important lesson ... Camp really can be one of the most important times in any person's education.



This rite of passage is one of the most special things about Camp. Where else can an eighteen-year-old serve as a

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by John Tilley, Camp Director

mentor to young teens, manage the work efforts of peers, and interact in a professional manner with thousands of adults over the course of a summer? Being a camp counselor at Coniston is not only a privilege, it trains these young people for future careers and success.

It is on the shoulders of these hard working young people that Camp is built. It is an honor to have worked with them. They serve as a constant reminder of the important work to come and the future lives to be impacted.

It is to the thousands of summer staff from our past that this special edition of the *Chronicle* is dedicated.

thank you, Berta!

We couldn't let our Centennial Review edition go by without a HUGE shout-out to our **Alumni and Centennial Coordinator, Berta Sinclair.**

Berta put in hours beyond measure, organizing and arranging the incredible number of details that went into making our Celebration a smooth-running, seamless experience.

She helped us manage the largest Camp reunion known in the US. There's no way we could thank you enough for all your help ... but know that, for the next hundred years, every kid who comes to Camp will take away something from what you've given to us.

Berta, as you continue working with youth at YMCA Camp Chimney Corners, we wish you nothing but the very best!



Have you considered helping us to endow Camp Coniston's future?

Financial support for Coniston left Camp in a great place this year. Our goal is to make certain that continues in the years to come.

The passion for Coniston during the Centennial Celebration propelled the Board of Directors into asking "What can be done to carry this energy into the next 100 years?" As a result, the Board set aside money to start The Centennial Endowment.

What will this Endowment do?

Send kids to camp. Build new facilities like a nature center, infirmary, and fields. Renovate important structures like the boat house, lodge and cabins. Purchase

major equipment like busses, boats and docks. The list is too long to print.

But we need your help. The amount set aside is seed money, it must grow into something that will help our own children, and their children too.

Will you consider supporting The Centennial Endowment through a tax-deductible donation, or by adding Coniston to your will?

The generosity of Coniston's supporters has enabled us to grow into one of the nation's premier camps. It's our hope that we can capture the Centennial spirit in the Endowment, and ensure a bright future for the next hundred years of Coniston kids.



Centennial Attendees

This list is based on registration name and is not a complete list of all individuals who were in attendance. Our apologies for any names or families missed and any misspellings.

Staff & Camper Alumni

FROM THE 1950's:

Allen Belknap (*Soangetaha*)
Ashley Geddes Gagliarducci (*Soangetaha*)
Deane Geddes (*Soangetaha*)
Marilyn Grayson (*Interlaken*)
Molly Reed Kershner (*Soangetaha*)

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Lisa Copenhaver
Dennis DeTurk
Ashley Geddes Gagliarducci
Deane Geddes
Pattie Reed Glynn (*Soangetaha & Coniston*)
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Mike Loos
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Marsha Howe Neubert (*Soangetaha & Coniston*)
Kathy Niboli
Carol Parssinen
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Lynda Pickering
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Joane Richmond
Martha Wetmore Scott
Bill Sebert
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Betsy Atkins Stanley
David Wing

FROM THE 1970's:

Jeff Aaron
Sarah Bean Apmann
Dave Barden
Fay Barden
Del Chapin Bassi
Regan Hargraves Belluche
Susan Johnson Bower
Robin Cassel
Steve Castle
Lisa Copenhaver
Eric DeWolfe
Holly Dickey
Liz Fassberg
Rolf Gesen
Andrea Mintz Gilmore
Jenny Spear Glennon
Brian Grip
Ginger Hinkle Heald
Martha Huckins Herze
Wendy DeWitt Hubbard
Lynn Hunter Horton
Sally Horton
Sherman Horton
Tom Horton
Andi Johnson
Catherine Johnson
Mike Kane
Susan Khakee-Smith
David Koch
Kerry Hargraves Kreppein
Allen Kropp
Kendra Knudsen Kuzma (*Interlaken*)
Liz Nelson LaBelle

Beth Lauziere
Bill Leahy
Sue Higgins Leonard
David Lewis
Mark Lewis
Linda Schoenbrun Lowell
Mike Loos
Andrew Maass
Reb MacKenzie
Jen Brown Mailly
Shayna Malool
Suzy Bean Mancuso
Lori LaVaude Meding
Denyse Lauziere Miller
Lisa LaVaude Miyara
Marie Grimes Nazzaro
Ray Nazzaro
Karin Nelson
Cindy Sebert Netttrou
Mel Hammann Noble
Eric Nottonson
Wendy Nottonson
Carol Parssinen
Deborah Radway
Joane Richmond
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Scott Sanders
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Jim Schulte
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Wendy Robinson Sisto
Chris MacNeil Stack
Betsy Atkins Stanley
Stephanie Stathos
William Stearns
Betsy Sweet
Martha Sweet
Susan Taylor
Linda Neiterman Temco
Susie Forman Twadell
Linda Pinkham Wiewel
David Wing
Beth Farrey Worthington
Drew Zalkind

FROM THE 1980's:

Sarah Bean Apmann
Marlene Murray Austen
Andrea Kesslen Barsch
Del Chapin Bassi
Sarah Geddes Berg
Laura Bothwell
Kieran Brooks
Matt Bucklin
Briney Dillon Burley
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Bri Collier
Tobey Weintraub Collins
Duffy Conner
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Ray Nazzaro
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Martha Sweet
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Peter Twadell
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Jesse Barrows
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Karin Roemer Berthiaume
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Diana Blazar
Scott Blewitt
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Catie Borbotsina
Laura Bothwell
Briney Dillon Burley
Caitlin BF
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Emily Chadwick
Bri Collier
Kelly Muller Condon
Duffy Conner
Jen Letter Conner
Kevin Cooper-Smith
Jessica Hoepf Costa
Rebecca Cotugno
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Chris Crossen-Sills
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Rica Casano Spater
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PJ Strebel
Lindsay Torres
Lauren Torres
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Peter Twadell
Amanda Tucker
Lauren Vey
Dan Vogt
Marianne Wall
Cynthia Maynard Ward
Adam Wink
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Matthew Albee
Tom Altmann
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Katie Arnold
Debbie Bailey
Nate Band
Perry Band
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Josh Bates
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Lauren Vachon
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Mark Kaplan & Guests
Kathy Karr-Hernon & Family
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Ralph Kubista
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Frank & Elaine Lasher
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Jessie Levine
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Angela Miller & Family
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Olson/Korzenowski Family
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Sigrid Orne & Family
Nelly & Sarah Palmer
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William Sloan & Family
Clark & Maura Smidt
The Smith/Fishman Family
Ken Sneider & Family
Shaun Spencer & Family
Maggie & Bill Sullivan
Tom Sullivan
Jean & George Sutherland
Becca St. Louis
Barbara Taylor & Family
Diane & Weber Torres
Kurt Weber & Family
Lee & Terri Wilcox & Family
Karl Winters & Family
Mike & Chris Work
Lisa Ensign Wood & Family
Karen & Mark Vachon
Jeanette & Dru Vinton & Family
Brian Vuksanovich & Family
John & Nancy Walters
Laura White
Thomas, Elena & Matthew Williams
Susan Zak & Family
Claudia Zegans & Family
John & Patty Zimmerman



Gala attendees greet each other and enjoy cocktail hour in The Lodge

friday evening ...
grand gala
JUNE 17, 2011



Gala Attendee arrival on Center Lawn



Alumni Brendan Olson poses for a picture with his parents Jon Olson and Judy Korzenowski



Grandparents and local community members enjoyed cocktail hour overlooking Lake Coniston



Director John Tilley and wife Tricia and Asst Director Jen Deasy welcome alumni Matt Albee to the Gala.



Board members and friends pose for a group shot



Terri Wilcox checks in for the night with Coniston Afterschool Director Nicole Berthiaume



Coniston Grandparents David and Anna Clark pose under the canoe her father made by hand in 1933.



Alumni Steve Castle, Rick Hutchinson and Bill Lahey find themselves in old staff photos displayed in the Dining Hall



2000's alumni-Jesse Schoonmaker, Eric Rightor, Karyn Amira, Carly Hughes, Emily Mytkowitz, Jess Paul, Will Kavanagh and Max Winer



Alumni, Husband and Wife and Camp Parents..... Peter and Susie (Forman) Twadell



Alumni Betsy (Hastings) Mello, Darcy (Conant) Heidel and Richard Green



View of the Dining Hall during the Gala Dinner



90's alumni and spouses Dan Vogt, Troy Goddu, Heather McLean, Lynn McLean, Heather (Towne) Goddu, Katie (Perry) Al Jenaibi, Ahmed Al Jenaibi and Nick Zweig



2000's alumni Emily Morse, Molly Jepsen, Mark Noll, Emily McCarthy, Robby Muller and Brian Doucet



Vahan Sarkasian, Tom Demille and guests at the Centennial



Ladies from the 80's -Betsy (Hastings) Mello, Steph (Sostek) Murray, Eugenia (Rolla) Doncov and Andrea(Kesslen) Barsch



1997 CIT's Nicole Ibanez, Shannon Sawyer, Bridget O'Connor and Emily (Leonard) Trenholm



Board Member Richard Altman and friends bid on and won the trip to Ireland. Bon voyage!



"Raise them High!" Alumni including Jared Reid generously gave to our Campership Fund.

friday night ...
**the
auction**
an incredible success!



Alumni Parents Bob and Caroline Beale view the live auction items during cocktail hour.



Hockey Stick autographed by the entire 2010-2011 Stanley Cup Champions Boston Bruins Team and official Stanley Cup Champions hat donated by alumni Mary Brien Freeman.

As your car turns onto Coniston Road you close your eyes to feel the quick descent and then “land” on the dirt road that takes you straight into camp. The smell of camp is there and you open your eyes to find yourself at a beautiful Friday night under the stars, the Dining Hall scrubbed and shining ... and 300 people in their “Camp best” gathered to share in reunion, and kick off our Centennial at the Grand Gala Dinner and Auction. Thus was the opening of the Centennial weekend.

The excitement was so high and intense numerous announcements had to be made asking people to sit down so dinner could be served.

During the winter it became obvious that Alumnus Steve Maguire was the only choice for our MC. Since leaving camp in 1999, Steve has become a nationally noted speaker on camp programs and their impact.

Steve opened with an almost nervous tone ... “when you’re 22 and working at Camp, you never envision coming back 15 years later as MC!” ... he then jumped into camp fun by playing “heads and tails.” Steve would flip a coin after everyone had placed their hands on either their head or their tail. The game quickly eliminated most of the players and the “finalists” were brought to the dance floor for the final showdown between camp parent Todd Lawrence and school counselor Peggy Theroux. It couldn’t have been better, Todd sends his children to Camp and Peggy’s efforts enable three to five local children to attend Coniston on camperships each year. After the final flip of the coin, Todd became the winner, we all had a great laugh, and Steve stormed ahead with the Auction.

The crowd was already excited ... but when the bidding began, the excitement multiplied beyond belief. Steve began raising the bids, not by \$20 and \$50, but jumping by \$200 and \$300, and the bidders went with him! John Tilley had already come onto the floor to announce that the Centennial Business Sponsors had underwritten the weekend, so everything that was donated that night would go to campers, not to funding the Centennial events.

The items were all donated by friends of Camp ... paintings of the Lodge and Lake Coniston; Red Sox tickets; a Phillies package with a private tour; a Celtics gift package; a Centennial edition Ruger Red Line shotgun; vacation stays in Ireland and Colorado; a ski package at Sunapee Resort ... just to name a very few.

A lovely series of paintings of scenes around Coniston went to Scott Sanders, son of our former Camp Directors, who was set on getting it as a gift for his parents.

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One of a kind Coniston Centennial Ruger Red Label 28 Gauge Shot Gun donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co of Newport, NH



Camp Parents Lee and Terri Wilcox are the proud owners of the Bruins Autographed Hockey Stick



The 1980's alumni in attendance set the bar for giving “The Gift of Camp,” gathering together to collect \$6,600 in campership pledges in honor of Bob and Erma Sanders.



Not one but two bid books raised to donate \$100 for donations to the Coniston Campership Fund!



Board Member and alumni Gen Izutsu out of his chair with excitement cheering on Board Chair John Calcutt during the bidding war for the Ruger Shotgun.

thank you, Steve!

When alumni Steve Maguire told us his ideas for the Centennial Gala, we knew right away he was the perfect choice for MC. A nationally-known speaker and trainer, Steve began his camp career at Coniston, on staff from '96-'98 and CIT Director in '99. This year he traveled over 14,000 miles between June and August, but "my most special trip" was to Camp to serve as our Grand Gala MC and Auctioneer.



"After 15 years, at hundreds of camp events around the country, I've never seen anything like this. It's the only time I had to say, three or four times, 'Hey, you people—sit down and eat!!' That tells you everything about the incredible energy at this event."

We're so thankful that Steve 'tacked on a few miles', to lead us in helping to change the lives of Coniston kids forever.

the auction: CONT'D FROM PG 7

During the auction of the Ruger engraved shotgun Gen Izutsu jumped up and yelled across the room to Board Chair John Calcutt, "Come on John, don't stop now!" The gun eventually brought in \$4,000 from another camp friend. The Celtics gift pack, donated by alumnus Shauna Lally and including a ball signed by the 2011 team, was hotly contested, and virtually every item of the night went over its set value.

At the beginning of the night Berta whispered to John, "Mary just brought us an additional hockey stick signed by every Bruin, and a bottle of Champagne signed by legend Ray Borque!" Those of you who follow hockey know the Bruins had won the Stanley Cup earlier that week.

The plan was to add this stick to the silent auction the next day, making two sticks. But as the auction was reaching a frenzy, John walked over to Mary's table and before he arrived Mary was nodding her head and saying "yes ... do it!" As John went back to the floor and announced that the Boston Bruins had donated a second stick, to be auctioned that night, the excitement exploded to a whole new level ... John remembers thinking, "I cannot believe this is happening at Camp Coniston!"

When the excitement finally ended, people left laughing and crying simultaneously, with a total of \$48,000 raised, all of it going to the Coniston Campership Fund.

The night was magical. One hundred years of good will and love filled the room that night and blessed everyone who attended. Three months later it seems like that luck continued. The winner of the Red Sox tickets attended their game ... and got to see Tim Wakefield win his 200th game after struggling much of the season to achieve the milestone! Possibly ... just maybe ... the magic of Coniston Centennial lives on!



"Heads or Tails" finalists make their selection



Silent Auction bidding in NH Hall during Cocktail Hour



Former Board Member Newc Eldredge making a bid. He helped move the camp from Soangetaha to Coniston.

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Scott Morris making one of his many bids for the Ruger Shotgun



Live Auction item display including original artwork by alumni Emily Leonard Trenholm and alumni parent Cam Sinclair.



Lynn McLean and Katie Perry Al Jenaibi high five each other as they survive and move on to the next round of "Head or Tails."



Coniston Chairman of the board John Calcutt welcomes guests to Camp along with Vice-Chair Rolf Gesen and Executive Director John Tilley.

saturday all day... reunion & open house JUNE 18, 2011

centennial schedule



Friday, June 17, 2011

5:30 pm - 7 pm: Cocktail Reception, Auction Viewing
7 pm - 11 pm: Dinner, Live Auction and Dancing

Saturday, June 18, 2011

10 am - 7 pm: Coniston Store Hours
10 am - 7 pm: Centennial Slideshow
10 am - 3 pm: Silent Auction and Art Show
10 am - 12:45 pm: Open Activities, Presentations, Clinics, Open House
11:15 am - 11:30 am: Camp Winning Spirit Tree House Dedication
11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Drop In Lunch Buffet
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm: Centennial Celebration Photo of all Attendees and Staff
1:15 pm - 3:40 pm: Open Activities and Presentations
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Silent Auction Check-Out
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm: Nancy Tucker Performance on Main Lawn
5:15 pm - 5:30 pm: Vespers
5:45 pm - 7:30 pm: Cookout Dinner
7:45 pm - 9:30 pm: Campfire and Candlelight Ceremony
9:30 pm: Fireworks!!!!
10:00 pm - 1:00 am: Post-Event Gathering

Sunday June 19, 2011

9:30 am - 10:30 am: Traditional Camp Chapel Service
10:45 am - 12:00 pm: Coffee Hour



Checking in for the day! Five-year camper Geneva Heffernan smiles as 2011 Summer Staff Becca Haass and Brian Calcutt assist attendees on arrival



Friends gathering in Main Camp



Alumni Wendy (Robinson) Sisto is thrilled to be back at Camp again!



Alumni Ambassadors Beth (Farrey) Worthington and Howie Kalfus are all smiles!



"Campers" of all ages make their way down Main Camp Road for the days activities.

Reunited! '94 CIT's Mindy (Makovsky) Dolgoff and Laura McLane are excited to see each other again.



4 Generations of Buggling! 2011 Summer staff Kyle Leahy "Sounds the Colors" as the flag is raised. Kyle's grandfather Albert Leahy, dad Billy Leahy and aunt Kim (Sanders) Marcum are all former Soangetaha and Coniston Bugglers.

Giant Jenga!





Alumni Jared Reid prepares son Eli to be a future member of the Coniston basketball team.



The climbing tower is fun for campers of all ages...as demonstrated by Interlaken Alumni Marilyn Grayson and first year camper Issaiah Chappell.



It was a picture perfect day for swimming and boating on Lake Coniston.



'92 CIT's Ali (Myer) Carroll, Marcia Fitzpatrick, Sarah (BF) Donnelly, and Joanne (Fregalt) Knox pose for a pictures



A timeless camp activity enjoyed by all: Tie Dye!

Retired Camp Registrar JoAnn Birkland flashes a smile while signing her name to the Alumni Board



GAGA is a newer game to Coniston that current campers can't get enough of!





Classic Camp: Archery!



Coniston Family and Friends enjoying lunch on the Main Office Porch



"The Band" got back together for an unforgettable Centennial performance. Alumni Scott Sanders on guitar, Tom Perron on drums and John Lovejoy on keyboard perform Coniston favorites.



80's/90's alums Emily (Sostek) Gatchell, Katie (Egan) Falcione, Darcy (Conant) Heindel, Rachel (Gingsburg) Rever, Sandra (Egan) Nunley, and Brad Singer.



The crowd on Center Lawn during the afternoon



The boats were in full use on such a gorgeous Lake Coniston Day



Some of the alumni in attendance from the 1950's and 1960's pose for a group shot.



The horses were here and ready to make everyone smile!

Alumni Rachel Hitch introduced Coniston to her future Girl's Camp Camper.



70's Alums Dave Lewis, Dave Wing, Jenny (Spear) Glennon, Mike Kane, Linda (Pinkham) Wiewel, Sue Taylor and Doug Sampson pose for a quick pic. while hiking around the lake

Coniston Maintenance Staff James Newcomb, Dave Savio and Aaron Turner plant the "Centennial Tree," future home of the Coniston Bell.



Non-stop HUGS continued throughout the afternoon.



A group of alums from the 80's and early 90's pose for a pic including international alum Jeff Clark (front row, left) attending all the way from England! Can you name the rest of this group?!?



Coniston Special guest and a favorite of 90's/2000's campers and staff: singer/songwriter Nancy Tucker performs on Main Lawn Saturday Afternoon.



Walking through Girls Camp on the way to Vespers...Camp friends are forever friends.



Girls
Vespers
lead by
Assistant
Director
Jen "JD"
Deasy



Boys
Vespers
lead by
Camp
Director
John
Tilley



Cookout Dinner
"served" on the
tennis courts!
Coniston and
FitzVogt Dining
Staff were
absolutely
fantastic
in feeding
over 2000
attendees for
both lunch and
dinner.



Horton's!
Alumni Sally
Horton, Lynn
(Hunter)
Horton and
Sherm Horton
pose for a
family pic
with Lynn and
Sherm's kids
Hayley, Walker
and 2011 LIT
Bradford.

thank you, Ruger!



Camp Coniston extends our most sincere thanks to **Sturm Ruger Inc. of Newport NH** for their incredible support.

Coniston history shows how much local companies have always helped us, from the mill owners of the 1900's to Dorr Wool & Company in the 60's.

For our Centennial, Ruger really 'stepped up to the plate', sponsoring a table at the Gala, outfitting Camp's rifle range with supplies and staff for the weekend ... and donating their beautiful Red Line Series shotgun for the Auction, with the Coniston Centennial logo custom-engraved in the stock.

Thank you to Tom Sullivan and Tom Dineen, and everyone from Ruger, for their generosity and support. They've been a huge benefit to Camp — and they show how much good comes when Coniston and the community connect. We can't thank them enough!



The tradition of asking leaders up Mt. Washington now involves dropping a banner while the song "Eye of the Tiger" is played. Here it is used by 2009 & 2010 CIT Director's Jacquie Zimmerman and Tommy Tessier to wish Camp at Happy 100th Birthday!



After Dinner
Dance Party
to Camp song
requests played
by Alumni DJ
Zach "ZZ"
Zimmerman



"Get the tune in your
noddle..." Alumni Jim
Schulte, Katie (DeWolfe)
Gardner, Andrea (Kesslen)
Barsch, Rick Hutchinson,
Lael (Lambert) Jepson
and Liz (Nelson) LaBelle
at campfire performing
the song they wrote
together in the 80's and
made a Coniston Classic
still sung today....The
Waterfront Waddle!



Honoring our past:
Scott Sanders
representing his parents
Bob and Erma Sanders
(Directors 1968-1990),
Pattie (Reed) Glynn
representing her father
the late Doug Reed
(Director 1959-1968)
and Nancy LaRue Bonell
(Director 1991-1999)
light the Centennial
Campfire.



"It is better to
light just one
little candle
than to stumble
in the dark...."



A crowd favorite: The Lifeguard
Skit! Staring alumni Rob
"Hooter" Hooton and Boys
Camp Director John McNair.



Fireworks over
Lake Coniston
to close out a
perfect camp day.



Camper Peggy Hutchinson and mom, 90's alumni Gretchen (Roemer) Hutchinson, smile while listening to dad/husband Rick Hutchinson addresses the crowd.

sunday morning... chapel

JUNE 19, 2011
theme: growing up



2000's Alumni Chris Crossen-Sills shares a poem with crowd



Executive Director John Tilley and 2011 staff member Will Short perform the song "Father and Daughter" by Paul Simon in honor of Father's Day



Assistant Camp Director Jen Deasy (JD) and Centennial Coordinator Berta Sinclair recite a poem together.



80's alumni Brian Fitzgerald performs an original song dedicated to Coniston



70's/80's alumni Beth Farrey Worthington shares a reading from "Illusions"



80's alumni Andrea Kesslen Barsch reminds us about all of the great things learned in Kindergarten



1994 CIT's Heather McLean, Dan Vogt and Nick "Ziggy" Zweig enjoy the Chapel service together



60's/70's alumni and sisters Sue (Johnson) Bower and Catherine Johnson enjoy one of the songs performed.



2011 Summer Staff Jen Evans, Rachael Jennings, Ally Maass, Emily Kerrigan and Jess Meyer perform the song "Circle Game" by Joni Mitchell



2010 WCIT Cait Gillett shares a poem she wrote about Coniston with the hundreds in attendance



70's/80's Alumni and Board Member Rolf Gesen shares his camp story "It's a long walk from the A-Field"



90's alumni Karin Berthiaume sings a Camp favorite, "Glad to Have a Friend Like You" by Marlo Thomas and Friends



80's/90's alumni Howie Kalfus reflects on a Chapel reading with his daughter Anna



80's/90's alumni Rick Hutchinson shares his camp story "Life, Laughter and the Waterfront Waddle."



80'/90's alumni Steph (Sostek) Murray and daughter Amelia Murray share the poem "I Have Watched The Rain" written by alumni Beth Farrey Worthington

— OUR SINCERE THANKS! —

THANK YOU

to all who made Coniston's Centennial Celebration possible, and who help us continue our mission year after year. To our Annual Fund donors, sponsors, auction donors, community partners, volunteers, staff, alumni, Camp families and the many friends who attended the weekend events: thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We look forward to continuing changing lives together for the next 100 years...

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- Coniston's Volunteer Webmaster Sherm Horton for his time and dedication to Coniston and this Celebration.
- Gala Master of Ceremonies Steve Maguire
- Photographers Jeff Clark, Lynn St. Louis and Carl Vernlund for capturing our weekend events.
- The Alumni Band — Scott Sanders, John Lovejoy and Tom Perron.
- Zach Zimmerman Professional DJ Services.

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- The Town of Croydon, NH
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- Rich Stockwell

Centennial Alumni Ambassadors:

- Katie Arnold • Dave Barden • Fay Barden • Ellery Berk • Karin Roemer Berthiaume • JoAnn Birkland • Ali Myer Carroll • Jeff Clark • Brian Doucet • Katie DeWolfe Gardner • Rolf Gesen • Shannon Hogan • Sherm Horton • Gretchen Roemer Hutchinson • Rick Hutchinson • Catherine Johnson • Howie Kalfus • Mike Kane • Allen Kropp • Liz Nelson LaBelle • Stephanie Sostek Murray • Ben O'Dwyer • Nicole Reiss • Eric Rightor • Doug Sampson • Sandy Loos Sampson • Shannon Sawyer • Lisa Barden Schroeder • Abby Williams Sharpe • Brad Ship • Meghan Salvas Ship • Tommy Tessier • Lauren Torres • Peter Twadell • Susie Forman Twadell • Kaylee Woods • Beth Farrey Worthington • Zach Zimmerman

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- McKenna's Restaurant of New London
- Millstone Restaurant of New London
- Miranda Thomas of Shackleton Thomas
- Mt. Sunapee • New York Mets
- Northeast Delta Dental • Patty Zimmerman
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- Village Sports of New London



View of Lake Coniston from Girls Waterfront

views of camp ... the centennial season



The Lodge fireplace all dressed up.



The climbing tower
on Main Lawn



A birds-eye view into Girls Camp



Coniston singers perform on the Lodge stage



CITs still return in front of the Old Dining Hall— now known as New Hampshire Hall.



Boys cabin, cleaned and ready for inspection



A view of the Boathouse.



Lots of activity on the lake.



The Pavilion (site of the Ice Cream Social aka ICS, Gymnastics and Talent Show), with the Dining Hall in the distance.

One of many Camp signs



Main Office, and view of Center Lawn



Family Beach, now Sailing Beach.



Peninsula of Boys Cabin and Pennyroyal as seen from Gazebo — some things never change!



Outside the Store on check-in day (behind the Pavilion.)

The Office, ready for the Fourth of July.



summer 2011

What an amazing Centennial Summer!

There are so many special memories from 2011, starting with a full return of senior staff with **Rachael Jennings**, **Mike Slafsky**, **Katie Smidt** and **John McNair**. The continued leadership our staff provide, by coming back year after year, means that we are always improving ... in both obvious ways, and in subtle but important ways that make camper life easier, and more fun!

Centennial weekend started it off for many of us. To me, **Saturday Vespers** was one of my memorable "feel good" moments, with so many generations of girls camp all squeezed into one campfire circle. As we all sat together, we realized what we had in common, and we were able to reflect on what matters most — the people that have touched our lives throughout the years.

Another memory for me was the final **Space Shuttle Atlantis** taking off during Session 1, and its final landing during Session 2 ... and watching that landing at 5:30 am with campers and staff!

CIT stories, **Adventure Camp trips**, **Cabin Nights**, **Overnights** ... there are so many laughs and sentimental moments that we share. I hope that the included lists and photos make you smile, and ignite you to tell your own special stories from 2011.

Camp is hard to describe, but tell your stories anyhow! Retell it ... reminisce ... enjoy!
See you in 2012!

JD



Quotes You Can't Forget:

"Let the wild rumpus begin!"
"It takes a long time to grow an old friend."
"If you want to view paradise, look around you."
"1 ... 2 ... 3 ...!"
"Tomorrow is another Coniston Day."



International Staff Countries:

England (7), Scotland (2), Northern Ireland (1), New Zealand (2), France (1), Hungary (3), and Poland (1).

35% of this year's International Staff were returners to Coniston!



Favorite Meals & Food:

First night chicken parm, grilled cheese, hamburger/hotdog cook out, fajitas, salad bar, tacos, photo day pizza, turkey dinner with stuffing, chicken tenders with honey mustard, chocolate chip pancakes, bug juice, dirt (dessert) ... and chipwiches!!!



Chapel Themes:

Growing Up (Centennial),
Giving to Others, Role Models/Teachers,
Courage, Life Lessons

Rainy Day Programs:

Murder Mystery, Mr & Mrs. YMCA



Evening Programs:

Cars, Legends of the Hidden Temple,
Jumanji, Winnie the Pooh, Inception,
Avatar, Carmen Sandiego,
Random Object Olympics, Viking
Night, Scramble and ... Nancy Tucker!



New for 2011 Programs:

Campcraft Shack out behind horseback
riding, Ecology Treehouse, Tennis posts &
nets, Water fountains on the A-field, Sugar
Hill clearing (what a view!), new Bog Walk
planks and new bridges to overnights!





CONISTONIANS AND CAMP NEWS ... FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

Alumni News:

Katie Heno (Camper 03-06, CIT 07, Staff 08-10) and **Lia Heaney** (Camper 01-06, CIT 07, Staff 08-10) share the following reflections from their journey this summer:

It was fall last year when we both had the idea to go to Africa. Fast-forward six months, and we're boarding a flight from Boston to London, then Nairobi, and finally Kilimanjaro Airport ... our Tanzanian adventure had begun!

All we knew beforehand was that our placement was at a small school called TUPO, which stands for Tumaini



Katie Heno and Lia Heaney arrive in Tanzania.

Positive Test Club — a gathering and support place for people who are HIV positive. On our first day we walked into the one-room schoolhouse to find 19 smiling faces, and immediately we were swarmed with hugs, handshakes, high-fives, and a lot of excitement.

The age range was three to seven years old and the kids spoke Swahili but knew a few English phrases like “good morning, teacher” and “may I go to toilet?”! We worked on basics like ABCs, numbers, and a classroom routine that always ended by reading “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” or “One, Two, Buckle My Shoe” ... by the last week, the kids



Lia and Katie with some of the children they worked with at TUPO

could understand the books in English! During our last week we decided to sponsor seven of the oldest kids to a well-regarded English Medium school in the area. The Uhuru Peak School has agreed to work with us as we fundraise for these seven kids, and hopefully more, back at home.

So much of what we learned from being a Camper and working on staff at Coniston helped us in Tanzania. It gave us the confidence to go so far away from home, to work as a team, and to make the best of whatever situation we were in. We are forever grateful for the impact Camp made on our lives, and the skills it has instilled in us.

We have created a website where you can find out more information on our experience in Tanzania, and help sponsor these great kids. Please visit

our website at www.chanceforeducation.org.

Peace Corps Update from Cat Cook (camper 96-02, CIT 03, staff 04-07)

who writes us all the way from Suriname, South America:

I thought the Coniston community would like to hear about the camp project I did here in Suriname.

Camp GLOW is a worldwide Peace Corps program. A fellow volunteer wanted to put on a Camp GLOW project, and asked me to help because I had a lot of experience with summer camps.

It was a total learning experience building a camp from scratch, and my role sort of morphed into the program director (I tried to plan an evening program activity, but apparently it's a different language to people who have never met **Max Rosen!**)

The camps have been made possible through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, so the camp had a big HIV/AIDS element to it. I incorporated



Cat Cook and two other volunteers go over the directions of a game with Camp GLOW campers.

lots of Coniston traditions, like “Highs and Lows”, “All My Friends and Neighbors” and “Capture the Flag.”

I never expected my experience at Coniston to inform my work with Peace Corps, but am so happy it worked out that way. I am just beginning my third year extension as a volunteer here in Suriname ... but part of my heart is always at Camp!



Camp GLOW campers and staff play a favorite Coniston game “All My Friends and Neighbors” taught to them by Cat.

Alumni News:

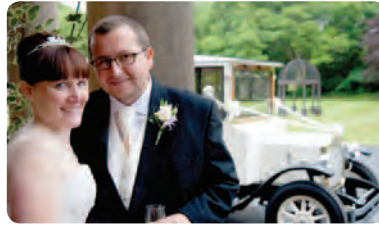


Alumni News all the way from Texas! **Lauren (Hugg) White** (Camper 90-95, CIT 96, Staff 97-2002) and

husband Brandon welcomed daughter Sloane Marguerite White on August 5, 2011. Sloane's big brother Silas (born 6-09) is loving his new role, and does a great job taking care of his sister. Lauren has been living in Austin for the past six years and works as a Special Education Teacher at a Title I school in the city.



Kelly (Muller) Condon (Camper 93-97, CIT 98, Staff 99-02) and her husband Tim Condon became the proud parents of son Beckett Eamon Condon on 7/20/2011. Beckett weighed in at 9 pounds 0 ounces and 21.5 inches tall. Beckett was due one month to the day from the Centennial (and prevented his parents from attending, much to their dismay!) Beckett has already been introduced to Coniston alumni, friends and family and can't wait to attend Camp. Beckett and his parents live in upstate NY.



After a "sweet" surprise engagement on holiday in New York City in 2009, **Anna (Nay) Rayson** (International Staff 1997-2001) married Chris Rayson this summer on June 11, 2011. The wedding was held in Beamish Hall Hotel in County Durham, England. Anna reported that it was a "fantastic day! Chris and I loved every second and would love to press the rewind button and go through it all over again." Anna has been living in County Durham (near Newcastle) since 2008 and works for social services. "Hi to all in the states who remember me!"



Lindsay (Torres) Banks (Camper 95-97, CIT 98, Staff 99-02) married Ryan Banks on July 16, 2011 at Hillegonda Farm in Claverack, NY. Lindsay's sisters and fellow Coniston alumni **Lauren Torres** and **Kelsey Torres** served as bridesmaids. Other Coniston alums in attendance were **Chelsea Quann**, **Katie Kavanagh**, **Emily Friedman** and **Jill Albee**. Lindsay and Ryan are enjoying newlywed life in their new home in Massachusetts.

Christina (Jordan) Murphy (Camper 85-90, CIT 91, Staff 92-95) had a very exciting 2010-2011! She was married to Owen Murphy in July

2010 at the Commander's Mansion in Watertown, MA. Coniston alums in attendance were sister **Abby Jordan** along with **Courtney Labb** and **Heidi Salsbury Shaff**. Christina and Owen then welcomed a daughter, Marlo Murphy, in May 2011. Christina was sad to miss the Centennial but looks forward to reconnecting with old friends at future Camp reunions. The Murphy family is living happily in the Boston area.

Not one...but two Clemens babies! Siblings **Mike Clemens** (Camper 91-94, CIT 95, Staff 96-03) and **Joey (Clemens) Latham** (Camper 93-98, CIT 99, Staff 00-04) both became first-time parents this summer!



Mike Clemens and his wife Gwen welcomed daughter Ainslie Hays Clemens on June 12, 2011. Ainslie weighed 6lb 15oz when she was born, "a happy, healthy little peanut" according to her dad. Ainslie and her parents live in Colorado, along with her uncle and alumni **Nick Clemens** who is proving to be a great babysitter!



Joey (Clemens) Latham and her husband Cory Latham were not far behind as they welcomed son Bryce Joseph

Latham on August 9, 2011. Bryce arrived at 2:36am weighing 7lbs 15 oz and measuring 21.5 inches tall. Bryce is loving life living with his mom and dad in Southern New Hampshire. Both Mike and Joey can't wait for cousins Ainslie and Bryce to meet each other when the Clemens and Latham families gather for the holidays!

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Thank You Hypertherm Volunteers

In April, staff from Hypertherm Inc. of Hanover volunteered at Coniston for a week of service. These volunteers were instrumental in helping us clean up the grounds and facilities after the harsh winter. Thanks to their time and hard work, Camp looked incredible for our Centennial Celebration weekend, and in welcoming Campers for our 100th summer of camping in June. We look forward to hosting more Hypertherm volunteers for work projects this fall.



New London Hospital Days Parade

On Saturday August 6th, campers, CITs, staff and alumni represented Coniston in the New London Hospital Days Parade. Campers tossed candy and Centennial stickers to the thousands of spectators lining Main Street New London that afternoon.

Camp cheers were sung as Campers marched in front of a Coniston van they decorated with drawings of their favorite camp activities. Thanks to all who joined us (or cheered for us from the crowd!) as we continued our celebration of Coniston's 100th Anniversary.



Croydon Community Day 2011

On Saturday September 17th approximately 200 residents were in attendance for Croydon Community Day. It was a great afternoon of boating, games, food and spending time with our neighbors! Highlights included 2011 CIT and Croydon resident **Katie Marsh** leading the local children in a Camp-wide scavenger hunt. Attendees were also treated to watching turtles hatch from eggs in the sand volleyball court.

The BBQ dinner put on by the Croydon Fire Department was enjoyed by all, and the day was concluded with fireworks over Lake Coniston.



Become our "Friend" on Facebook!

That's right ... Coniston has joined the Facebook revolution and we want to connect with you! With over 1700 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."



CampRatingZ.com: Show the Nation that Coniston is #1!

Campers, Parents and Alumni: Show your spirit and love for Coniston

by filling out a ratings survey at www.campratingz.com. CampRatingz is a website for the "camp family consumer" and allows you to score us on how we are doing in providing the camp experience to you. Based on ratings already submitted, Coniston is currently ranked #3. We hope with your time and help to be the #1 ranked camp in the US (note that you can only rate us once!)

Coniston Afterschool Programs Participate in Dartmouth Medical School Research

Drs. Anna Adachi-Mejia and Glen Greenough from Dartmouth are leading the "Dartmouth Afterschool Activity Study" in two of the YMCA Camp Coniston Afterschool Programs, to learn how families spend their time being active, sleeping, and what kinds of foods they usually eat. Dartmouth will also be offering information to our families about healthy ways to spend time. Dr. Anna will be visiting our Mount Lebanon and Hanover Street School Programs this Fall and Winter to conduct research.

Coniston Afterschool Program Used as a Model Across New Hampshire & Vermont

YMCA Camp Coniston, in conjunction with cafeteria services from each school, are providing healthier snacks on a daily basis in our five school sites daily. HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) is utilizing this model, which they helped develop, for after school sites in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Coniston Afterschool Site Supervisor wins Parent's Choice Award

Congratulations to **Simon Brooks**, the Site Supervisor at Coniston's New London Afterschool program. Simon received the Parents' Choice Gold Award for his third storytelling CD, *A Tangle of Tales*. You can explore "Simon Brooks, Storyteller" at <http://diamondscree.com>.





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