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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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## WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGAN

There are places in life where memories are built and lives change—Camp is one of those places. Footprints are left on the hearts of everyone who attends, and the Coniston Experience ripples through the campers back to their families, their schools, and their communities.

**Erma Sanders** was a woman whose influence at Coniston helped shape who many of us are today. Both she and her husband Bob created a long-term foundation for Camp, so we can continue to build an exceptional staff and help nurture future generations of campers.

**Catherine Malatesta** was a camper who brought her enthusiastic and outgoing personality to camp. She was always one to help a fellow camper and be a ray of sunshine in everyone's day. After returning home from Coniston her parents could see the transformation Camp had on their daughter. Catherine's loving spirit will always be remembered at Camp and to honor her over 300 people were compelled to give more than \$40,000 to fund a Campership in her name.



## DIRECTOR'S 2¢



BY JOHN TILLEY, CAMP DIRECTOR

**Carl Witherell** was a man who liked to leave footprints quietly, through unspoken gifts. His dream was to help local youth by providing them with meaningful, life-changing experiences. Over the past 33 years his estate has sent an entire summer's worth of kids to camp, and his legacy lives on forever.

What is the real value to our community, to our society, to the world, when we support the camp through our gifts? The value is immeasurable and life-changing — one child at a time. We thank Erma, Catherine, and Carl for supporting Camp in numerous ways; they have shown us the power of giving, and because of them thousands of deserving children get to have the Coniston Experience.

I hope you will see the value of donating to Coniston, and how you can make a difference in the life of a camper. After all, Catherine only came to camp for two years and those summers not only were the memories she loved the most, but they helped to shape the person she was. —

# The Sanders Legacy

## A TIME FOR GROWTH



Camp is a place where we care for each other and respect our differences, while sharing a common experience.

From 1968 to 1990, Erma Sanders ran Camp with her husband Bob and helped set the groundwork to create life-changing moments for many Conistonians like you.

For some, Erma was a behind the scenes person, quietly making Camp powerful. For others, Erma was a figure whose lessons are still used to this day. For everyone, Erma changed the Coniston experience.

To honor her we plan to renovate the Boat House, which has been under-utilized since the Sanders' retirement. Our efforts will breathe new life into this iconic building, so that once again friendships and life lessons can be experienced by all campers and staff in this space—just as they were by you.



**ATTENTION: Sanders Campers & Staff**



[facebook.com/groups/SandersEra](https://facebook.com/groups/SandersEra)

A group dedicated to sharing memories,  
renewing friendships and celebrating  
the life of Erma Sanders.

The first floor will continue to serve as space  
for a wide variety of waterfront activities.  
The upstairs will be transformed into a hall  
where future leaders will be trained and Camp  
programs held—all while overlooking beautiful  
Lake Coniston.

As alumni of this era, we ask you to support the  
Sanders Hall at the Boat House through a gift  
to the Coniston Fund.



# Catherine Malatesta

## HEAVEN ON EARTH

A diagnosis of fast-spreading sarcoma didn't change the fact that sixteen-year-old **CATHERINE MALATESTA'S** spirit could light up a room. She was a natural leader in every aspect of her life and loved being center stage. She left the hospital to perform in her school's musical, attend junior prom, and pass her AP exams. When she couldn't leave her hospital bed, she recorded a campaign speech so she could be elected Student Council President. Through her resilience and strength, she set an incredible example for all who knew her and even for those who didn't.

Catherine was a charismatic person, full of life. The friendships she made and the moments she spent at Coniston were life-changing. During the summers she was able to release from the rigors of her daily schedule and be herself, with no judgment from her peers. It was because of the amazing Coniston sisterhood she experienced that this was her **HEAVEN ON EARTH**.

On Catherine's birthday in November her family visited Coniston to spend time at her most favorite place. The weather was beautiful and it was very special for them to be able to walk the grounds and experience places that meant so much to Catherine. That difficult day was made a bit easier by being surrounded by Catherine's spirit.

The Malatesta family has been overwhelmed by the support they have received in their daughter's memory. With the funds directed to Camp Coniston an annual Campership in Catherine's name has been established, and now a child who would otherwise be unable to attend Camp because of financial hardship will be able to experience the magic that Catherine lived for. Catherine's parents expressed that she would have been over the moon to know that a child would receive this opportunity.

Catherine's exuberance, infectious smile, fearless personality, steadfast loyalty, confidence, courage, grace and enduring love for others have left an indelible mark on all of our lives. ~



Catherine's family visiting Camp on her birthday.



## CATHERINE MALATESTA CAMPERSHIP DONORS TO DATE

### TO ALL THE DONORS OF THE CATHERINE MALATESTA FUND

*"This is my broken, but strong heart speaking directly to your generous and kind heart...thank you so very much for embracing my family and not turning your back during this terrible odyssey and for loving us as your own."*

— JENNIFER GOODWIN, CATHERINE'S MOTHER

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*It was so clear that bringing joy to others, by sharing of her love for camp, was something that Catherine excelled at.*

—KATE POWERS  
COUNSELOR

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*Catherine was the type of person who impacted everyone she came across. Whether it was inspiring others to sing at chapel, dance their heart out at the Ice Cream Social, or simply motivate them to be better versions of themselves, Catherine was the girl to do that.*

—CARLY BLAU  
CAMP FRIEND



## CATHERINE MALATESTA CAMPERSHIP DONORS CONTINUED

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THANKS YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TOTALING \$42,824 TO DATE!

## Carl Witherell . . . CHANGING LIVES SINCE 1984

It was not out for fame or recognition that **Carl Witherell** did what he did, but rather out of a deep love and affection Camp Experiences have on each child and their community. Through Witherell's estate his dream of sending kids to Camp has been achieved by thousands—truly changing lives. His generosity and foresight inspires us all to leave a legacy to this world through the growth of a child.





**Beth and Brian Doucet** have started their own boys cabin with the birth of their son Nolan. He was born on March 13th at 9:44am weighing 5 lbs 10 oz and they could not be more proud. Nolan and Beth are doing great and are ready to start packing for One Week Camp in 2022! Beth is still working at CMC as a PT where she continues to hold the belt as the hand washing champion and Brian is trying to put his wood shop skills to the test by building a table for their living room.

In fake news, Nolan was selected as the new Gerber baby and wants to use his notoriety to drive awareness of the mistreated carrots that go into other baby food and Beth and Brian just signed a contract to start a touring family band.



Sam with his mom, Jane

Wishing **Sam Brooks** safe travels and good luck as he sets off to start his new job as an instructor at YMCA Lakeside outdoor activity centre on Lake Windermere. **Kieran Brooks**, his father said it was great having him back home for a short while after his time in Canada.



**Jillian Short** is teaching 5th grade back in her home town of Acton, MA. Back in November she took the whole 5th grade to Camp Merrowvista in Tuftonboro, NH for a 3-day, 2-night overnight field trip. The kids absolutely loved it, and it was exciting for Jillian to be back at a summer camp again feeling the magic and singing songs. Teaching is her dream job and she is estatic to be doing what she loves everyday. Congrats Jillian we are very excited for you!



We are sad to announce that **Kristen Stark**, of Andover, MA, passed away recently. Kristen was a two year camper described by her friends on Facebook as a "friend, role model and beautiful young woman." She will be greatly missed.

Thanks to **Pattie Reed Glynn** we have just found out some very interesting history about the College during Camp Soangetaha days. The College was at the top of a very steep and dark hill – a very long way from the cabins. There were six toilets, and only one had a door, which was reserved for the counselors. There was no sink for washing hands as she remembers the nurses informed her father (Camp Director) that a sink needed to be installed pronto. The place for brushing teeth and washing up at night, was a cold water trough behind the cabins. The only shower at camp was a very small metal shower, located in her parent's cabin. Counselors were allowed to take a shower there once a week. The campers "bathed" once a week, on Sunday mornings, in Rands Pond. They would put their soap and shampoo on the dock as they bathed in their suits. Oh how times have changed!



"Camp Coniston is a GIFT — one that keeps on giving." said **Robert Kelly**, an international staff member from 1996–2000. Not being your typical director, in terms of my age, a lot of his friends and family were puzzled when he announced he was going to work in America at a summer camp for the first time at the age of 34. He credits Camp Coniston for changing his life and for becoming his true home.



Conistonians, **Brian and Beth Doucet**, **Kyle Olsen**, **Matt Comstock** and **Eric Rightor** have taken up curling!



**Katie Smidt** and **Max Winer** are getting married in June, 2017. Rumor has it that John Tilley will be playing a special role in the ceremony!

**Jimmy Reed**, Team USA Bobsled member, just wrapped up his sliding season a few weeks ago and is now taking some time off. At World Championships this year, in Igls Austria, his team finished 6th in the team event and then 15th in the 4 man competition! This offseason he will be living and training at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, New York as he gets ready for next years World Cup season.

**Carly Maily** is currently serving as a Rural Community Health Advisor with the Peace Corps in Benin. Her projects focus on Maternal and Child health, specifically malaria, nutrition and promoting women's empowerment and girls' education. She spends her days in a small village called Adourékoman, surrounded by children, singing songs and sharing little bits of American culture. Carly feels her Camp experience prepared her for a life of service and especially adapting to the Peace Corps.

You can follow her blog at [www.thebeninvariant.com](http://www.thebeninvariant.com)



The photo above was taken after a day of picking cotton with some of her little gang.



**Cassie Short** ran the 2016 Boston Marathon in honor of the Friends of Wellesley METCO Inc Program. The program is designed to eliminate racial imbalance and promote quality integrated educational opportunities for urban and suburban students in the Greater Boston community. Cassie is very passionate about this organization as it allows her to have a hand in changing students lives and the students are her inspiration.

**Katie Kavanagh** is graduating from NYU Law in May and will be starting a 2-year Immigrant Justice Corps Fellowship in Sept.

**Zach Zimmerman** is living in Oakland, CA and working for Naviance by Hobsons, helping students will college and career readiness.

**Elizabeth Forbes** is currently in a PhD program at UC Santa Barbara, studying the ecology of animal communities and how they impact ecosystem structure and function. Lately she has been doing research out of Kenya to see how large wildlife loss impacts carbon storage and flux in the environment.



**Caitlin Elgert** travelled to Peru last summer and was able to experience sandboarding in Huacachina, exploring the Colca Canyons in the Andes, flying over the ancient Nazca lines, and, of course, hiking on the Inca Trail, ending at Machu Picchu. The hike's high elevations (up to 14,000 feet) made it a challenge, but she says it was "definitely the highlight of the trip!"



## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GIRLS CAMP!

**T**his summer, Coniston will pass another important milestone that says a lot about the camp and the history of our community. We often forget how far our country has come. In 1916 the Sullivan County YMCA decided to offer programs not only for boys, but for girls, making Girls Camp 100 years old this summer. At the same time, members of our board were known to support the local Suffragette's Union. Suffragettes were men and women who advocated for women's right to vote as it was not until 1920 when women won this right. Throughout history, the Coniston community understood it was important to bring all people together, and before women had the right to vote they were welcome at our Camp! Today we are humbled by how closely Boys and Girls Camp work together to change lives and build a better society.



## A CONISTON TIMELINE

MILESTONES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE PAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE YEARS.



With national attention from MSN, CampRatingz and the Top Education Degrees as one of the top summer camps in the USA, we should never lose sight that our present day is a direct result of the people who came before us.

Let us know if we missed anything on the timeline that you think should be added by emailing Lindsey at [lindsey@coniston.org](mailto:lindsey@coniston.org).

# YMCA · CAMP · CONISTON

## ANNUAL GIVING 2015

### CELEBRATING YOUR GIFTS

Thanks to your generous donations this past year, Coniston totaled **\$338,961** from **723 donors** — through Camperships, endowments and overall support a great future is possible for all kids.

**Thank You for your generosity!**



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### DO YOU know CAMP?

What is bug juice?

Find the answers on the clipboard at [www.coniston.org](http://www.coniston.org)

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THE CONISTON CHRONICLE

SPRING 2016

**February 8, 1911**  
State of NH issues charters for the Sullivan County Committee of YMCAs.



The Sullivan County YMCA opened Camp in 1911, which operated for one summer at the Meriden Bird Sanctuary, which is the first in the world. **Wayne C. Jordan** was the first Camp Director.

Soangetaha name chosen from Emerson's poem Hayowenta by Dartmouth students; Camp moves to Rand's Pond.



LOGO FROM 1912 - 1930

1911

1912



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## BECAUSE *of* MARY HELEN & ROBERT MORRIS...

Pledge of \$100,000 we have been able to help under write various aspects of the board's long range plan. A few of these items include keeping camp affordable to as many families as possible and providing permanent improvements that will impact every Coniston camper.

*Thank You*

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• Camp Director **P.A. Foster** begins (through 1915) and operates Camp in its new location on Rand's Pond, ten miles from our current location.

• YMCA Camp Soangetaha began administering coed camping programs, making our YMCA one of the oldest coed camps in the nation today.



The original brochure for Camp Soangetaha

# DO YOU know CAMP?

2 After which meal  
do we play songs  
in the dining hall?

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& Roger Smith  
State Street Foundation  
R. Bruce & Janet Taylor  
The Handley Foundation  
Stefan & Karen Timbrell  
Mark & Kathleen Trachy  
Scott Fabozzi & Autumn Van Sice  
Stuart & Anne Weinberg  
Laurie Ross & Welch's  
Co-Workers  
Wendell Veterinary Clinic  
Jolyon Johnson  
Linda & Walter Wiewel  
Jenny & Stan Williams  
Youth Hockey  
Susan & Walt Zak  
Michael & Claudia Zegans



**Bronze  
Triangle**

FROM \$100 TO \$249

Jeffrey Aaron  
John Addonizio  
Andrew Albee  
Heidi & Dave Anderson

Arlington / Belmont Crew  
Club Inc.  
Becky & Tom Arnold  
Ashley Farrar & Pat Ashe  
Neil Atkins  
Axial Financial LLC  
Paul & Joanne Babson  
Dave & Fay Barden  
Rachel & Nat Barker  
Amy Stephens  
& Charles Barlowe  
Charlene Barranco  
Carter Bascom  
Leigh & Sean Bears  
James & Joyce Beggan  
Belmont Ranger Youth  
Hockey Assoc.  
Paul & Putter Bert  
Jo Ann Birkland  
Kenneth Kohlberg &

Justine Bloch  
Olivia Bonardi  
Jack & Johann Boyajian  
Joseph & Leanne Boyer  
Barbara Boyle  
Evan Rosen & Eve Bridburg  
Thomas & Carolyn Britt  
Carolyn Broadhead  
Susan & Rob Bryant  
Bubbling Brook Restaurant  
Megan Morey &  
Nate Budington  
Suzanne Bullitt  
Todd & Louisa Burdette  
Brian Calcutt  
Jack & Katie Calcutt  
Philip & Frances Calcutt  
Martha & Ross Campbell  
Amy & Larry Candell



The Dudley family of Hanover, NH opens a private girls' camp, Camp Interlaken for Girls, on Long Pond in Croydon, NH. The property and buildings would later be sold to our YMCA as the new home for Camp Coniston.

- Wayne Verger owned the property on Rand's Pound and donated his estate to the Sullivan County Y for the use of Camp Soangetaha.



## BECAUSE of THE JACK & DOROTHY BYRNE FOUNDATION...

\$50,000 gift we have been able to construction a new Boys College. The gift is an important step in our efforts to expand Camp so more life changing experiences can happen.

*Thank You*

Michael & Lizzie Cantacuzene	Matt Comstock
Adelina & Charles Carney	Tim & Kelly (Muller) Condon
Christine Carney	Thomas Harnett & Lisa Copenhagen
Alison & Ryan Carroll	Coppe Pediatric Dental LLC
Molly Carver	Nancy Kane & Barry Cox
Jeff Whittemore & Robin Cassel	James & Linda Cravens
David Poole & Rosanna Cavallaro	Mike & Becky Dana
Kimberly & Michael Cayer	Kimberly & John Davies
Curtis & Amy Chase	Davis & Rhonda Davis
Win & Barbara Chase	Cao & Liz Deambrosio
Carol Chicarello	Jennifer Deasy
Alice Christopher	Stephen & Mary Decourcey
Allyn Christopher	Joseph Del Regno
Nicole Clarke	Mason & Elizabeth Delafield
John Clement	Priscilla & Dom Delmonico
Hilary Cleveland	Richard Denise
Bill & Barbara Colehower	Cheryl & Scott Devoe
Anthony & Anna Colozzo	Bill & Patty Dewhirst
Elizabeth Colucci	Thomas Diozzi
Nancy Kolb & Jeff Colucci	Kim Kiley & Jean Doe
	Paul & Jeanne Domenichella

Caroline Donahue	Brooke & Philip Harrell
M. Eugenia & Mark Doncov	Walter & Nancy Harrigan
Beth & Brian Doucet	John & Maureen Harrington
Julia & Andrew Downes	Kathleen & Bill Harris
Amy Dupuis	Nancy & Prescott Hartshorne
Caitlin Elgart	Jeff & Katrina Hartwell
Dan & Penny Ellard	Jeffrey Brown & Whitney Hawker
Stephen Ensign	Joe Warren & Becky Haynes
Jeffrey & Brenda Estella	Elizabeth & Thomas Healey
Madden & Pajevic Families	Fiona & John Heaney
Jen & Dana Fletcher	Bill & Tina Helm
Jared Reid & Karen Freedman	Patricia Hertz
Judy & Jeff Freedman	Tracy & Richard Herzer
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Ken Tanabe & Michele Gadd	Deborah & Charles Hilton
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Barry & Pattie Glynn	John & Roberta Hollinger
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Andrea Williams & Clay Goss	Sally Horton
Liz & Ray Gosselin	
Shane Grady	
Douglas Grant	
Larry Griffin	
Ann & Walter Grote	
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Gudmundur Hafsteinsson	
Caroline Hahn	
Margaret Hammer	

## DO YOU know CAMP?

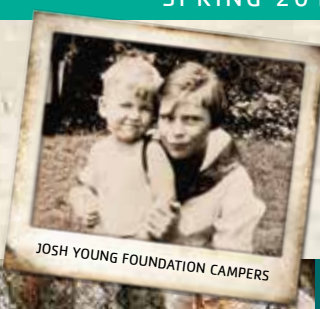
3 How many staff did we have last summer?

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At the request of the State of NH, Long Pond in Croydon is renamed Lake Coniston by the Dudley Family—named after their favorite and bestselling book by Winston Churchill.



Deserving children from Newport are sent to Camp Soangetaha by **The Josh Young Foundation**, founded by philanthropist Josh Young.

**Norm Van Gulden** becomes Camp Director (through 1959).

1943

1950

1954

Douglas & Katherine Houghton  
 Dennis & Cynthia Houle  
 Susan & Jack Howland  
 Jack & Carolyn Hubberman  
 Stephen & Betsy Hunter  
 Gretchen & Rick Hutchinson  
 Tracey & Andy Hyams  
 Richard & Arlene Iannella  
 Dawn & Osaro Ighodaro  
 Rafael La Porta &  
 Veronica Ingham  
 Jill Jannsen  
 Nancy, Bob & Grace Jenkins  
 Kimberly Johnson  
 Peter Katsikaris  
 Ona Kearns  
 Lawrence Keenan  
 Margaret & Kenneth Kerr  
 David & Janet Kidder  
 Amanda King  
 Barbara Slade & Stacy Kitsis

Mary & George Kormanos  
 Lauren & Allen Kropp  
 Lake Sunapee Bank  
 Camlin Tierney &  
 Michael LaValley  
 Charlie & Judy Laverty  
 Todd & Stacy Lawrence  
 Jennifer (Baggesen) Levesque  
 Susie & Rand Gesing &  
 Rick & Donna Lombardi  
 Katherine Loosian  
 John & Margaret Lordan  
 Susan & Kenneth Lubar  
 Doug Lyon  
 Claire Macfarlane  
 Thomas Madsen  
 Jennifer & Todd Mailly  
 Philip & Joanne Malatesta  
 Steven Malatesta  
 Haitham & Lauree Mansour  
 Martin Mario  
 Ben Mark  
 Lee & Lynn Mark  
 Lissa Mark, Nick & Anna  
 James Martin  
 Jon & Sarah Marvin  
 William & Janet McCarthy  
 John McCrillis  
 McCrillis & Eldredge  
 Insurance Co.  
 Caryn & Angie McGrath  
 Craig McGuire  
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## BECAUSE of THE HARMON FOUNDATION

We have been able to invite 4 kids each summer from the Upper Valley to experience Camp for the past 5 years. Your generosity is what helps make Coniston be the special place it is today.

*Thank You*

Micael & Barbara McQueeney	Sara Noble
Jim & Christine Meacham	Stephen & Mary Ellen Noble
Jeffrey & Phyllis Meade	Mark Noll
Danielle & Kevin Meagher	Sandra & Don Noordsy
Susan & Joe Melia	Laura O'Connell
Carolyn & Peter Mertz	Brendan & Michelle O'Day
Sandra & Matthew Meyerson	Bob Odell
Katie & Tom Miller	Aline Ordman
Jessie & Dale Milne	Steve & Sigrid Orne
Catherine & Stephen Mix	Jennifer & John Ouellette
Richard & Lisa Miyara	Sleiman & Suzanne Owayda
Katherine Way & Robert Molloy	James Glass & Victoria Palay
Kathleen Moore	Karen & David Parker
Gretchen & Abraham Morse	Francis Days & Sharon Patton
Ruth & Joel Moses	Bruce & Janice Penney
Joan Moyer	Michael & Nancy Perda
Frederick & Elizabeth Myers	Lori & Michael Pescatore
Bruce & Carlene Newell	Philip Peters
Wilfred Wollheim & Maria Niswonger	Robert & Norah Peterson
	Randi & Steve Piaker

## DO YOU know CAMP?

What are the colors of the triangles once you reach number 20?

Find the answers on the clipboard at [www.coniston.org](http://www.coniston.org)



Camp Director **Doug Reed** begins (through 1968); Norm Van Gulden leaves to direct YMCA Camp Abnaki in Vermont.

The State YMCA of New Hampshire sells Camp Soangetaha property in Goshen, and uses the proceeds to purchase Camp Interlaken in Grantham for \$380,000. The name Camp Interlaken is sold to a Dudley nephew, and operated as a camp in Vermont.

**New logo.** While searching for a formal name, the Camp operated under the name "The New New Hampshire State YMCA Camping Reservation for Boys and Girls."



Katie & Jeff Pierson

Portview Owners  
Condominium Assoc.

Mari Valerio & Tim Proskauer

George Quackenbos

John, Maryjane &  
Elizabeth Quinn

Klaus & Lisa Radermacher

Bob & Joyce Radochia

Maria Ray

Mark & Donna Reed

James & Mary Lou Reid

Nicole Reiss

John & Maureen Rigazio

Eric Rightor

Michael & Jodi Riseberg

James & Joan Robbio

Christopher & Nicole Rocci

Sue Rock Tully

Angela Rossiter

Gwen & Philip Ryan

Margaret & David Salvat

Doug & Sandy Sampson

Molly Sanford

Vahan & Anne Sarkisian

Maura Scanlan DiMarco

Lisa & Matt Schambers

Carol & Dorsey Schaper

Jill & Bill Schoonmaker

F. Augustus & Mary Seamans

Stephen & Anne Sharp

Patricia Sheehan

Kimberly Spang-Shepherd  
& Matthew Shepherd

Christine Flynn & Carl Ship

Lisa & Dana Simon

Patricia & Jay Sinacole

Berta Sinclair

Mike Slafsky

Steve & Gail Driscoll &  
Jack & Ann Marie Somers

Kevin Concannon & Laura Sorgi

Gregg Stetson

Barbara Steward

Oswald & Nancy Street

Sugar River Bank

Gene Sullivan

Bennett Blau & Pam Sweet

Ian & Jennifer Swope

Gaar & Lori Talanian

Joan & Bill Tarkulich

Jason & Linda Temco

Irene Theodore

Peggy & Steve Theroux

Roberta Thomas

John & Tricia Tilley

Maria Trachy

Arifa Toor & John Trummel

George & Carole Turner

Charles & Jane Ungashick

Neal Hughlett &  
Kerri Valentino

Boris Makarov &  
Olga Vandycheva

Carolyn VanPutten

Donna & Richard Volpitta

Carolyn & Brian Walsh

Jenny & Peter Wasserman

Susan Biasioli &  
Matthew Weber

Welch's

Kelley Whalen

Thomas & Joanne Wiggin

Florence & Barry Williams

Dave Wing

**DO YOU**  
*know* **CAMP?**

**5**

How many  
kids came on  
Campership  
last summer?

Find the answers on the clipboard  
at [www.coniston.org](http://www.coniston.org)

Andrew & Rebecca Winter

Elizabeth & John Worthington

Jessica & Chris Wright

David & Maryellen Wyman

Joe Mario & Karen Young

Matt Younis

Jenna Zadeh Judge

Zachary Zimmerman



FROM \$1 TO \$99

Jinane Abounadi

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Adams

Joshua Adler

Catherine Dumont  
& Frederic Albert

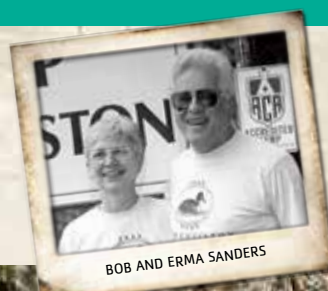
Gina Albertazzi-Donaldson

James Alvord

American Express Charitable

Tiffany & Joe Amorosino

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BOB AND ERMA SANDERS

Camp Director **Bob Sanders** (through 1991) begins; Doug Reed moved to direct State YMCA Camp in Maine. New docks put in place at Girl's and Boys waterfronts while the lake is frozen.

**New Name.** Camp operates for the first time under the name Coniston.



LOGO FROM 1970 - 1993

1968

1969

# DO YOU know CAMP?

6 How many  
camper cabins  
in girls camp?

Find the answers on the clipboard  
at [www.coniston.org](http://www.coniston.org)

Mercedes Bieto & Javier Arques

David & Deborah Aukstikalnis

Jillian Bailey

Carol Clark & Mark Balcom

Pauline Bargantino

Dana Bascom

Marie, Frank &  
Michaela Bassett

Angi & Richard Beauliea

Jim Benn & Jane Becker

Georges Caouette &  
Celine Bedard

Kurt & Patricia Beek

Linda & Matthew Belamarich

Mark & Laura Beliveau

Francis & Marilyn Bennett

Dee & Linda Biggs

Diana Blazar

Tim Sullivan & Betsy Blazar

Abigail & Roy Blunt

Joyce & Donald Blunt

Philip & Shelly Bonomo

Betsy & Lenny Boudreau

Nancy & Stephan Braun

Maureen Brennan

Robin & Peter Brigham

Doug & Angela Britt

Tom & Judy Britt

Steven & Patricia Brogdon

Don & Linda Brouillette

Ethan & Amanda Brush

Ann & Justin Bullion

Robert & Letitia Bullock

Ann & John Burns

Martha Calcutt

Patricia Callahan

Bonnie Campbell

Colin & Emily Campbell

Lanise Jacoby & Stephen Carme

Viva Hardigg & Beverly Carter

Claire Casey

Janet & Thomas Chadie

Grant Challenger

Judith & Robert Chebator

Frances Cipriano

Joanna Cirame Laghetto

Gwyn & Robert Claiborne

Torrey & Tucker Clark

Janet Clarke

Robert Cleary

John & Ruth Clough

Neil Coffee

Ashley & Andrew Cole

Martha Collins

Dorothy & Robert Commons

Robert Corr

Suzanne Corsetti

Christine Couturier

Paul & Barbara Couturier

Ariel & Jean Crespo

Jeffrey & Madeline Cronin

Stacey & Edwin Cruz

Suzi & Geoff Curtis

Denise Ferreira Daly

Terence & Edna Dancy

Barbara & John Davies

Paolo & Natasha De Col

Lorraine Del'Orfano

Michele & Paul Desmond

Morgan & Loretta Dewey

Robert & Julie Dibiasse

Mary DiCarlo

Susan Diffley

Lauren & George Doherty

Jon Scarlett &  
Janet Domenitz

Abby & Bronson Don

Sarah and Conor Donnelly

Richard & Ann  
Marie Donohue

Daniel Dooley

Patti & Jim Dormer

James & Donna Down

Cathy Duddy

Mike Whalen & Karen Dull

Robert & Barbara Duncan

Ryan Dupuis

Chloe & Adam Durant

Chris & Pam Dye

Kirsten Elin

Sonja & Michael Faiola



Camp grew to host close to  
300 campers each session.  
Camp also constructed  
Trigger and Gazebo.



The **Carl Witherell Fund**  
began underwriting  
Camperships solely for the  
purpose of sending kids  
to camp, as of today over  
1500 kids have been able  
to come to camp.



David & Kimberly Farnham  
 Charles & Charlotte Faulkner  
 Nicole & Mark Fecteau  
 Eric & Erica Feinberg  
 Yannick Ferreira  
 Rick Berger &  
 Marcia Fitzpatrick  
 Chris & Michelle Flecchia  
 Sandra & Stevenson Flemer  
 Stephanie & Paul Franzosa  
 Amie Freak  
 David Margil & Jodi Freedman  
 Ashley Freeman-Comeau  
 Conrad Frey  
 Adrienne Frost  
 Jillilam Furman  
 Jamie & Karen Gallagher  
 Ellen & Stephen Gallivan  
 John & Melissa Gardiner  
 Elise & Dozier Gardner  
 Jack & Lisa Garrahan  
 Susan & James Gaudreau  
 Michele Geller  
 William & Linda Gianoulis  
 Rob & Kristin Gildersleeve  
 Whitney & Michael Gillett  
 Diana & John Gilmartin  
 Elizabeth & Michael Girioni  
 Elizabeth Glenshaw  
 Nancy & Jim Glynn  
 Faye & John Gmeiner  
 Elisabeth & John Goot

Kiera & David Gordon  
 Cynthia & Steve Gorey  
 Josee & Serge Goulet  
 Ken & Giuia Grady  
 Kelley Grealish  
 Colin & Marion Hamilton  
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 Brad Hansen  
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 Jim Hamlin & Belinda Hayes  
 Matthew & Alison Heisler  
 Denise Hendrigan  
 Alden Bourne & Joeli Hettler  
 William Hewins  
 Lori & Brad Hibner  
 Patrick Dober & Mary Ann Hill  
 Ashley Hodder  
 Peter Woolford &  
 Anne Hoenicke  
 Amy & Ed Hogan  
 Heidi & Mike Holland  
 Robert & Kalen Holliday  
 Barry & Kathleen Hopping  
 Lynn & Sherm Horton  
 Carol Ann Howe  
 Jacqueline & Jeff Hudkins  
 J M Whitney Insurance Inc

## BECAUSE *of* HAROLD OBERKOTTER...

Support of \$75,000 he has been able to assist us in sending over 65 children to Camp on full Camperships. The gratitude you have shown us is changing lives and the community these children are from.

*Thank You*

Chris & Laura Jensen  
 Kyle & Alexis Johnson  
 Tracey Rogers &  
 Gordon Johnson  
 Jacques Labelle &  
 Anick Jolicoeur  
 Constance Jones  
 Denise & Scott Jones  
 Emily & Josh Judkins  
 Julie & Mike Kaneb  
 Zachary & Abby  
 (Jordan) Kaufman  
 Ellen Keefe  
 Larry Keefe  
 Roger Keilig  
 Diane & Ron Kelley  
 Kati & Steve Kelley  
 Brian Kerr  
 Bob & Susan Kessler  
 Marilyn Kidder  
 Becky & Andy Kingston

Hans Klein  
 JoAnn (Fregault) Knox  
 David & Linda Koch  
 Carol & Ed Kopczynski  
 Marie & Paul Krepelka  
 Mary Kupjian  
 Amy & Doug Labb  
 Dana Labb  
 Jessica & Timothy Lahey  
 Jay & Linda Lambert

**DO YOU**  
*know* **CAMP?**



How many  
camper cabins  
in boys camp?

Find the answers on the clipboard  
at [www.coniston.org](http://www.coniston.org)

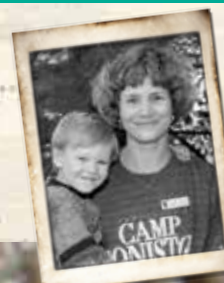
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Camp Coniston  
pays off original  
mortgage from  
1963 ... ceremonial  
mortgage burning  
held at Camp!

Camp Coniston  
recognized as  
an International  
YMCA for its  
program quality  
and inclusion.

In conjunction with  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock and  
NH Lung Assn, Camp Super  
Kids starts at Coniston  
for campers with asthma;  
program ran until 2001.

Camp Director  
**Nancy LaRue**  
begins (through  
1999) — Robert  
Sanders retires  
to the mountains  
of Virginia.



Kim Lamoureux  
 Kathe & Bill Landergan  
 Chyi & Simon Landless  
 Toni Langerman  
 Sarah Wilson & Louis Lappin  
 Jamie & Chrissy LeBlanc  
 Maria Leone  
 Mrs. Theodore C. Lockhart  
 Francine Lockwood  
 Jessica & Paul Lohnes  
 Judith Lonergan  
 Ken & Cindy Luecke  
 Michael & Justine Lynch  
 Thomas & Denise Lynch  
 Mary Beth & Andrew Mahoney Jr.  
 Maxwell & Lisa Mahoney  
 Diane Maloy  
 Suzanne & John Mancuso  
 Jesse & Kimberly (Sanders) Marcum  
 Susan & Richard Mariano

Al & Gail Marmer  
 Ramie Martin Galijatovic  
 Emily Marvin  
 Jenilde Mastrangelo  
 Carol Maurer  
 Beth & Mike McBreen  
 Lisa & Don McCabe  
 Mark & Deborah McCabe  
 Carole McCarthy  
 Laura McCarthy  
 Susan & John McCarthy  
 Liza & Doug McConnell  
 Julie McDaniel  
 Greg & Patricia McDonald  
 Martin Kepner & Trisha McFarland  
 Brigitta & Patrick McGahren  
 Mary McGee  
 Carolyn McGillivray  
 Michael & Heather McGotty  
 Paul & Lindsay McGuinness  
 Douglas & Barbara McKelvy  
 Kevin & Rebecca McKernan  
 Doug & Julie McLucas  
 Louis & Susan Membrino  
 Evonne & Jordan Meranus  
 Jack Ruderman & Amy Messer  
 Chantal Gulotta & Markus Metyas  
 Merridith Minerd  
 Julia Angwin & Vijay Modi  
 Robyn Moreau

## BECAUSE of JOHN & ANN CALCUTT...

Generous gift of \$100,000 Coniston has been able to ensure the future of camp for all children. You have been able to assure camp remains affordable regardless of family means.

*Thank You*

Elizabeth Morris	Ted & Pat O'Connell
Marc & Ann Morris	Sarah & John O'Connor
Kelli & Jim Morrow	Paul & Kathy O'Leary
James Moses	David & Monika Olken
Barbara & Alexander Moskalenko	Ani, Tim & Eric O'Malley
Dwight Griesman & Anne Murray	Lisa & Joseph O'Sullivan
Stephanie & John Murray	Catherine Otis-Cote
Veronica & Karen-Lee Murray	Kelly & Michael O'Toole
Kim Mutkoski	Judith Packer
Cheryl & Rick Myers	Pam & Neil Padden
Emily Fiore & Garrett Nagle	Matthew & Sheila Page
Marsha Neubert	Geraldine & Richard Pedrini
Ryan Neumeister	Timmie Poh
Helene Newberg	Jean Perron & Lynn Poirier
James Newcomb	Mary Ellen Powers
Lorraine & Joseph Newcomb	Eileen & Steve Powitz
Maria Balmelli & Todd Newell	Mary Quigley
Julie Norris	Wendy & Jason Rasmussen
Marcia & David Nugent	Martha & Brian Ratay
	Megan & Michael Riera
	Robert & Elizabeth Riley

## DO YOU know CAMP?

What is the name of the hill behind the barn?

Find the answers on the clipboard at [www.coniston.org](http://www.coniston.org)

**New Logo** used through the '90s. The first appearance of the loon as Camp Coniston's symbol.



LOGO FROM 1994 - 2000

In collaboration with Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH and Ronald McDonald House, Coniston opens **Camp Winning Spirit** for families and kids dealing with childhood cancer.



The State YMCA of NH is dissolved — YMCA Camp Coniston now becomes an independent Y, able to focus our resources on camping and kids.

# LEAVE A LEGACY THAT MATTERS

Give children the chance for an experience that will follow them through their lives.  
[WWW.CONISTON.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.CONISTON.ORG/GIVE)

Pearl & Seth Riney

Nancy Roemer

Robert & Mary Rogers

Winston Rogers

Karen Segal Rookwood

Cassie Rosano

Marissa & Brook Rosenbaum

Bonnie Rosenberg

Tom Ross

Michael & Jennifer  
Rothenberg

Betty & Peter Rowe

Melissa Santosuosso

David Savio

Veronica & Robert Schauer

Deirdre Segerson

Stephen & Denise Sencabaugh

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Shirley Seymour

Kerianne & Randy Shamblen

Philip & Margaret Sheerin

Jordan & Tina Sheff

Brian & Diane Siegel

Jeff Sieswerda

Haley Sinacole

John Pizzuto & Marian Slavin

Randall Smith

Mia Sorgi

Joseph Donis & Lisa Soricone

Kitter & Erica Spater

Michelle & Dean Spiliotes

Clinton & Francesca Springer

Joan Stanton

DO YOU  
*know* CAMP?

9 How many  
horses are  
at the barn?

Find the answers on the clipboard  
at [www.coniston.org](http://www.coniston.org)

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Camp Coniston begins its first After School programs in the local school districts, completely funded by donations to Camp.

1998

Coniston brings together Protestant and Catholic Youth from Belfast Northern Ireland for a week of "peace and reconciliation" programs by Kearsarge Area Children of Hope.

1999



Camp Director **John Tilley** begins (current) — Nancy LaRue leaves to direct the Nutfield YMCA outside Manchester, NH.

1999

## DO YOU know CAMP?

How long  
have John  
& JD worked  
together?

Find the answers on the clipboard  
at [www.coniston.org](http://www.coniston.org)

James & Linda Stauffer  
Robin & Jonathan Steiner  
Amy & Joe Sweeney  
Michelle Tarkulich  
Alva & Gail Taylor  
Brandi & Roy Taylor  
Lawrence Howard &  
Susan Taylor  
Gail & Edward Teach  
Zoe Temco  
Lucia & Thaddeus Thompson  
Thomas & Doreen Thompson  
Thomson Reuters  
Faye Penn & Joel Tishcoff  
Veronica Tivnan  
Lauren Torres  
Weber & Diane Torres  
Daniel & Janet Trimper  
Alex Trowbridge  
Anne & Joseph Tulimieri  
Phil Drapeau &

Tracy Van Dorpe  
Saskia & David Van Vactor  
Alla & Carl Wagner  
Thomas & Roberta Walsh  
Alan & Jo Ann Walter  
Sarah & George Waters  
Joseph & Joan Webber  
Janice Weber  
Janie Webster  
Willis Beal & Nicole Wei  
Kevin & Irene Whelan  
Paula White  
Robert & Janet Whittle  
Jeffrey & Ruth Wilder  
Matthew & Lauren Williams  
Will & Sam Schiffman &  
Wendy Wilsker  
Mary Winkler  
Michael & Karin Witt  
Michael & Lisa Wood  
Mark & Robin Woolford

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Coppe Pediatric Dental LLC  
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fun  
Flying Goose Brew Pub  
GoFundMe.com  
Gourmet Caterers, Inc.  
Greenbaum Family Foundation  
H. T. Berry Company, Inc  
Harmon Foundation, Inc.  
Harvard Community Gifts  
Hypertherm HOPE Foundation  
J M Whitney Insurance Inc  
Josh Young Memorial Fund  
KRES Sunshine Fund  
Lake Sunapee Bank  
LaValley Building Supply  
McCrillis & Eldredge  
Insurance Co.  
Merrill Lynch & Co.  
Foundation

New Hampshire Charitable  
Foundation  
New London Rotary Club  
Por-Shun, Inc.  
Portview Owners  
Condominium Assoc.  
Schwab Charitable Fund  
Shray Family Fund  
State Street Foundation  
Sugar River Bank  
The Boston Foundation  
The Greenspan Foundation  
The Handley Foundation  
The Jack & Dorothy Byrne  
Foundation  
The Menotomy Rockets  
Women's Ice Hockey Team  
Thomson Reuters  
Welch's  
Wells Fargo FTC Team  
Wendell Veterinary Clinic

## BECAUSE of THE JOSH YOUNG FOUNDATION...

Hundreds of campers from the Newport area have been able to come to Coniston since the 1950's. This is an extremely powerful gift, not only to the child's life, but to their families, their schools and society.

*Thank You*



Adventure Camp begins as a new option at Coniston, one-week trips for boys and girls 13-16.

2000



LOGO FROM 2000

West Coast CITs are introduced as a third option (sessions 2 & 3) to complement our existing East Coast CIT programs.

2003

Coniston purchases the remaining land around Cranberry Pond, completing our ownership of the Bog. Over the next 3 years, CITs used this property to help construct Camp's new outdoor Chapel.

2005

## WELCOME LINDSEY TOMPKINS!

### OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

Arriving at Coniston on March 1st, **Lindsey** comes to us with 12+ years of experience in marketing and communications. With her she brings an energetic personality and a true passion for developing youth. She works in partnership with the entire Coniston staff and with alumni to ensure that communications strategies, messages and tactics are aligned with the board's overall plan. Lindsey lives with her husband and soon to be three children in Henniker, NH. During her free time she loves spending time with her family, unplugged and outdoors.



Lindsey's first day at the office with new co-workers!



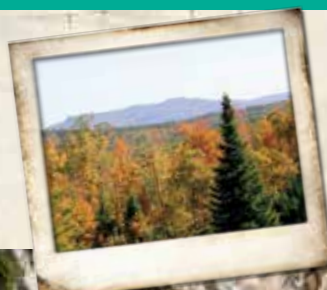
**Lindsey** with her 3 year old son Aiden, her 4 year old Avery, and her Husband Greg. Baby Asher will be arriving this summer and who knows perhaps he will be the first ever camp baby.

## WE'RE ON *Pinterest*

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Do you pin? We do! We're super excited to announce that **YMCA Camp Coniston** has joined Pinterest to share inspiration, memories and the beautiful Coniston scenery with you! Our team is actively pinning so be sure to check us out so we can swap inspiring things together.



Coniston Board of Directors approves the campaign to raise over \$500,000, to purchase the last remaining acreage visible from the lake. This secures our entire valley for all future Conistonians.

2006

Renovation of the Old Dining Hall into New Hampshire Hall, dedicated to the arts — dance, drama, chorus, photography, arts and crafts, and woodshop.

2007





## BOYS COLLEGE UPDATE!

We are way ahead of schedule for the boys new college thanks to a warm winter! Recently we found out we will be awarded \$100,000 from **YMCA of the USA's Strategic Initiatives Fund** and it has been matched by generous gifts from **Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation**, the **Calcutt Family** and the **Morris Family**. We can't wait for campers to arrive and start flushing our toilets!

## CONNECT WITH ALUMNI SOON!

With the newest rollout of our camp software, **CampMinder**, we now have the ability to link parents with children and staff. Essentially creating a family tree of Camp. In the coming months, alumni will have the ability to re-connect by registering and searching for their cabin and years at camp. Check out our website to learn more.

The **Hyperthem Corporation**, who volunteers each year to open and close camp generously provided a new bronze plaque to honor the tree house, which was built in memory of past **Camp Winning Spirit** campers. Thank you to everyone involved in this project.



## YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

Each year hundreds of high school students from across NH gather in caucus and in Concord to use the state house and offices to learn how our government works. YMCA's through out NH administer this program locally and Coniston assists the Claremont, Kearsarge and Newport school districts. Coniston's very own **Fionna McSweeney** was selected Sargent-at-Arms for the house of representatives this year. Congratulations Fiona!

Coniston awarded the Croydon Community Citizen of the Year Award, and honored as a "Champion of Children" by NH Governor John Lynch for our work with Camp Winning Spirit and the Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH.



"CHAMPION OF CHILDREN"

**February 8, 2011**  
Camp Coniston celebrates its 100th Anniversary!



## WORLD WATER MONITORING CHALLENGE

This summer, in cooperation with other YMCA camps across the country our ecology classes will be monitoring water quality throughout Camp and reporting it to a national database for comparison. This program is being generously under written through a \$1,000 grant from **YMCA of the USA**. Check back this fall for more details.



**John McNair** and **John Tiley** attended the 95th Annual ACA New England Conference on March 30th and 31st. While there they found some unique options for getting around camp this summer!



## THANKS SO MUCH!



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**Walgreens in West Lebanon, NH** helped to run a national YMCA Campaign to support their local Y—Camp Coniston. They were able to raise over \$2,000 in support of our annual fund. We met with Store Manager, Dustin Aldrich of Sunapee, NH, and spoke with him about the various camp programs we offer. We also explained how Coniston sends over 30 kids from the Lebanon and West Lebanon area to Camp on full Campership every year. In addition, we support the community by providing after school care at the Hanover Street School and Mt Lebanon School. YMCA Camp Coniston extends our appreciation to Walgreens — thanks for helping us to build great kids!

Rated one of the top five overnight camps in the US by:

**CAMP**Rating

2012

2012

Coniston Board establishes the Centennial Endowment, a fund for capital development and camperships so that Coniston is affordable to all campers.

2014

Named one of 50 most amazing camps in the US by:

**Top Education Degrees**

Coniston goes digital with online registration!



2014



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