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Cover Photo: Hikes (and at one time overnights) up Sugar Hill have long been traditions at Camp. 5 years ago, we began a long process of cutting and stumping a 15 acre meadow—section by section to avoid damage to streams and ponds—to use as a new area at camp. The result and view is magnificent and will certainly become a new memory for future Conistonians.

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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DEMONSTRATING IMPACT DIRECTOR'S 25 THROUGH DONATIONS

or many families, finances prevent them from giving their children a Coniston Experience. But we believe that a Coniston filled with many types of campers is a better Coniston for EVERY camper. Simply put, it makes the Coniston Experience richer!

Last year, because of the generosity of those listed in this issue—246 participants received direct financial assistance.

In addition, the Coniston Board set a Strategic Priority around keeping Camp affordable for every family. This is why Coniston's tuition is well below the national average. As you can see by the graphic—the price charged for camp last year didn't meet what was spent per camper last year.

This is why we raise funds—to send kids to camp—with affordable prices for as many families as possible—and to improve the experience of every Coniston camper through well maintained facilities and equipment.

Coniston remains one of the places where kids can just be kids. They have fun, explore the natural world, build character, and learn leadership skills to strengthen their confidence. These are the skills they carry with them the rest of their lives and shape the adults they become. It's the reason that supporting a kid through Coniston is bigger than just sending a kid to camp!



JOHN TILLEY, CAMP DIRECTOR

\$1625
WHAT WE CHARGED FOR TWO WEEKS IN 2016

\$1842
WHAT WE ACTUALLY SPENT PER CAMPER IN 2016
(includes all cash expenses and capital expenditures)

\$217
AMOUNT EVERY CAMPER RECEIVED IN SUBSIDY

NEWPORT CHARITABLE TRUST ADDRESSES CONISTON STRATEGIC PRIORITY!

ou can imagine we were excited to get a phone call from Newport's Town manager asking if Coniston is interested in working with them to provide camp experiences for kids from this deserving local community. Coniston's Strategic plan includes permanently providing at least 66 additional children with full camperships. In particular, we hope to include new spots for children from neighboring Newport, NH.

Neighboring Newport, NH is a place where Coniston has roots—many prominent Newport citizens were on Camp's first Board; George Bartlett gave generously to his town AND donated his property to Camp where we operated from 1912 to 1963; and we, as the YMCA, began Newport's winter carnival not long after camp began!

MAKING A of our top 25 towns are in NH including Croydon, Grantham, Lebanon, New London, and Sunapee. LOCAL children attended afterschool programs in Lebanon, New London, Plainfield, and Sunapee. **IMPACT** Coniston's Afterschool Staff Training is open to every Childcare Center's staff in our local area free of charge!

> school districts: Claremont, Kearsarge, and Newport participate in YMCA Youth in Government through Coniston every year!

participants all from local schools, churches, and nonprofits used the camp at a free or discounted rate in the pre and post season!

The Strategic Priority is to allow any child to attend Coniston regardless of circumstance. As long as behavioral expectations are met and campers apply, camperships will "follow" a child from summer to summer providing maximum impact as the camper grows older. This is important because external research shows what many in the Coniston Community already know. High quality programs like Camp are critical in teaching young people how to successfully navigate social situations. Preliminary research is also showing a correlation between summer camp attendance and college success!

Camp Nurse Sue Strebel, who is also a school nurse in Newport, is identifying children who will benefit from Coniston. Other campership programs in the Strategic Plan include reaching into Claremont, children of active service and Veterans, and the Concord Refugee community.

By keeping Coniston available to any child, we feel it keeps our program great for every camper.

2016 WAS A BANNER YEAR!

very bed was full! Our programs have grown! Coniston's reputation is at an all-time high! At our core, we are committed to both the highest quality programs and a Camp that is accessible to any child. These commitments carry financial weight, and the Coniston Experience would not be as impactful if either commitment was sacrificed.

That is why the total of \$598,017 in total gifts and pledges during 2016 matters a lot to campers and the success of Coniston!

Consider the 246 individuals who received financial assistance. It doesn't matter what a child faces at home because Camp is a great equalizer. Children don't see differences, only similarities. A Coniston open to any child is more impactful on every child.

Marvel at the new bathhouse in Boy's Camp! Every camper who came through camp was impacted positively.

Think about the \$339,931 that was spent above and beyond the amount paid in tuition! Even minor price hikes can make camp unattainable to some Coniston families.

The Coniston Annual Fund makes this all possible—and because we had a banner year in fund raising—every camper had a banner year at Coniston. Thank you for providing a more powerful Coniston Experience with your generosity.



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WAS SPENT FOR CAPITAL
PROJECTS AND FOLIDMENT?

DID YOU \$339,931 OF TOTAL EXPENSES WERE NOT COVERED BY CAMPERS TUITION?

DID YOU \$598,017 IN GIFTS AND PLEDGES HELPED MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE?

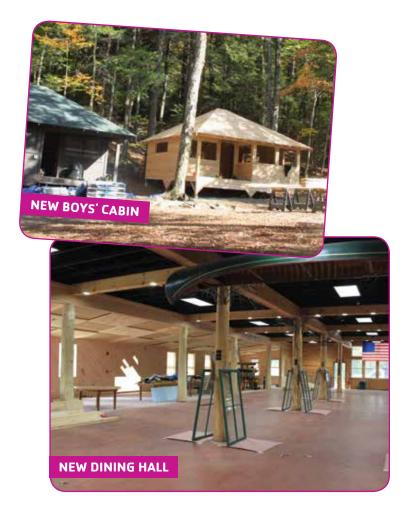




WE ARE! Each summer we look forward to making memories with innovative and traditional programs that have been enjoyed by campers for generations—this year is no different, but we have been making some improvements.

First, we added an ADDITIONAL CABIN TO BOYS' CAMP up on the hill. That means 40 more campers can attend this summer! Get ready for a cabin number switch Boys Camp, you now have 14 cabins! Adding more cabins means more space is needed to eat and dance in the dining hall. It's exciting to have some extra elbow room! The DINING HALL ADDITION gives us the capacity to seat and feed 60 more people.

We added an **EXTENDED ADVENTURE TRIP** this summer—Canadian Coastal Excursion— from July 23 to August 1. This special 10 day trip is designed to give our adventurous Coniston campers a chance to explore the coastal beauty of the Canadian Maritime Provinces. This extended adventure trip through Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Maine will travel the scenic coastlines and back roads of one of Canada's most



spectacular regions. The group will paddle the coastal waters and set sail from historic fishing ports. We will visit Fundy National Park, view the world's highest tides and rock climb along the shores of Acadia National Park. The trip concludes with a two day whitewater rafting adventure down the Kennebec River in Maine before returning for check out at Coniston.

Other camp improvements include converting the OLD TENNIS SHED TO STAFF HOUSING for our Program Directors, Evan Ruderman and Jackson Hartwell. We purchased a tennis shed that arrived via crane to lift up and over the tennis courts. We are thankful for the HYPERTHERM VOLUNTEER groups this Spring who are helping us paint and put finishing touches on many of our renovation projects.

Arts & Crafts get excited! We are welcoming artist **BARB HAWLEY** back for the entire summer as our Arts & Crafts Director with amazing projects in mind.

2017 CONISTON STORE SWAG will be folded and set up in soon! Get ready for new items, including first time ever... LOON SOCKS!

The biggest MYSTERY FOR YOU this summer is...what will the NEW FLUME OVERNIGHT spot look like? The old flume lean-to is gone and you will discover something new! What will it be? Will it be a new shape? You'll have to hike out there to find out!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/
YMCACampConiston for photo updates as well as
www.coniston.org for the 2017 Staff Montage!





CONISTON RECEIVES \$100,000 GRANT TO EXPAND

DINING HALL!

YMCA of the USA's Strategic Initiatives
Fund awarded a \$100,000 Expansion
Award to camp in order for Coniston
to serve more campers and continue to
provide world-class camping programs!
With generous donations from Mary
Helen & Robert Morris, John &
Ann Calcutt, The Jack & Dorothy
Byrne Foundation, and other fellow
Conistonians, the grant has been matched,
bringing the total to \$200,000 for the
project. These gifts get Coniston closer to meeting our
strategic priority of improving facilities and making the

experience stronger for every camper.



WALGREENS HELPS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

This year Walgreeens in West Lebanon raised \$1,000 in support of children in Coniston's Afterschool. With Walgreen's support, we are improving our community by offering additional financial assistance to families in our afterschool programs.



Thanks for making your Amazon purchases though Amazon Smile—we have currently raised over \$100 to support campers!

smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3357821

EMERITUS HONORED



In honor of **Greg Bryant's** work in creating the Coniston facilities plan, Greg was named an Emeritus Board Member and presented with an engraved chair and paddle at the March meeting. A list of impacts that Greg made on Coniston would fill this issue of the Chronicle—but we want everyone to know his passion and work affects every person who uses our camp! We look forward to a long, continued relationship with Greg as an Emeritus!



Lots of Conistonians at the ACA New England Camp Conference a few weeks ago. A great sharing of ideas, experiences and innovations! From left to right: Sara Noble, JD, Steve Maguire, Berta Sinclair, Jackson Hartwell, and John McNair

LOCAL COMPANY SUPPLIES WOODSHOP PROGRAM



A <u>BIG</u> thank you is in order to Durgin & Crowell Lumber Company

in Springfield, NH for providing all the wood we used in wood shop last summer! They truly are making an impact at Coniston!

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



Districts. This state-wide program is an annual collaboration between the YMCAs of New Hampshire and 35 school districts. The culmination of the program is held each year in the state's Capitol, Governor's Office and Supreme Court with more than 300 participants. Congratulations to all participants!



IN MEMORIAM:

TOM SIMON, BOARD MEMBER

It is tough to lose a friend and the loss of Tom Simon is no different.

Tom found Coniston while fishing on the lake in 1995. Once he stepped ashore, he never left and became Coniston's biggest cheerleader!

What a difference he made in Coniston. Tom used his significant business acumen to change the way we fund capital projects. He began the Camp's Annual Fund. He provided significant leverage in making YMCA Camp Coniston an Independently Chartered YMCA. He helped build the new dining hall. He served as interim Camp Director between Nancy and John. He was one of camp's most committed donors and funded a local camper every year to attend Camp. Most of all, he provided a passion for excellence. We are all grateful that Tom's canoe found our Lake Coniston.

No person better exemplified Vision, Philanthropy and Service—but mostly, we will just miss our friend.

Tom's family requests that, in lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to YMCA Camp Coniston in his memory. Please contact the Office for information.

EPIPENS DONATED TO CAMP BY MYLAN!

As part of a national strategy to support youth programs, Mylan donated \$16,000 worth of EpiPens to YMCA Camp Coniston. EpiPens are used to save lives during severe allergic reactions. Campers with allergies bring their own prescriptions. These donations will be used by nurses in the event of emergencies and allergic reactions that have not previously been diagnosed. Pharmaceuticals, like EpiPens, are critical in opening up camp to any child—regardless of their medical conditions. Executive Director, John Tilley says "Children with severe allergies, diabetes, even asthma weren't allowed to attend camp just 25 years ago. Medications have had a major impact in opening camp for many more children."

CHECK OUT OUR NATIONAL RATINGS









Top Education Degrees continues to feature YMCA Camp Coniston as one of the 50 Most Amazing Summer Camps. In addition, Coniston continues to be recognized by CampRatingz.com as the #2 ranked camp in the United States and as one of MSN's ten summer camps worth the money. This year we were also voted #1 Sleep Away Camp by Eagle Times by their Reader's Choice Survey. While not scientific, these ratings are a wonderful validation of the work that occurs here at camp.

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70'S & 80'S ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RAISE \$50,000

Thanks to the support of many alumni, Bob Sanders, and The Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation we have **COMPLETED** the **ERMA SANDERS CAMPAIGN!** With the donations we received, we will breathe new life into Camp's iconic boathouse, so that once again friendships and life lessons can be experienced by all campers and staff in this space. Currently we are in the early stages of planning the renovation and celebration—stay tuned for more details.

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GOVERNOR SUNUNU RINGS IN THE HOLIDAYS WITH CONISTON SUPPORTERS!

NH Governor John Sununu gathered with a local group calling themselves the Kearsarge Sunshine Club to ring in the holidays and give back to their community, hosted yearly by Dick & Nell Leach of New London, NH. The new Governor spoke about the importance of camp for our youth and the group raised almost \$11,000 at the event. This money will support campers from the Kearsarge and Sunapee School Districts this summer. It was a great day and thanks to everyone who attended!

HOSTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

<u>DID YOU KNOW?</u> In the off season, YMCA Camp Coniston hosts various non-profit including local schools, churches, and youth groups

CONISTON GOES VIRAL!

In December, a moving Camp video went viral and so far we have had 22,000 views on Facebook, YouTube and our website. As summer approaches sometimes it is nice to have a reminder of the value of Camp or if you haven't seen what we are talking about watch it here:

https://youtu.be/rgUPLTJC6hw



WE ARE PART OF THE SUMMER CAMP EXHIBIT

The Museum of the White Mountains located at 34 Highland Street, Plymouth, NH is hosting a Summer Camp exhibit from May 3rd to Sept. 13th Coniston is apart of! The exhibit traces the summer camp movement in the White Mountains from the 1880s to today. In addition to images, artifacts, and narratives of the history of summer camp, visitors can use digital tablets to engage with "Camp Stories," a collection of oral histories from former campers.

CONISTON WELCOMES K-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

As a public service YMCA Camp Coniston warmly welcomes New England K-9 Search and Rescue throughout the year to perform training drills all over our property—through cabins, on the lake and hillsides—in short our large facility works for them as they have a variety of ways they can train dogs. The New England K-9 Search and Rescue is a volunteer organization that's supports our local law enforcement team in locating lost elderly, children and hikers. It is nice to know that they are incredibly familiar with our grounds as well.



GRANT AWARDED FOR CHILDREN OF MILITARY, VETERANS AND REFUGEES!

Coniston received a \$6,000 Camp Access Award from the YMCA of the USA's Strategic Initiatives Fund and is raising matching funds from other donors. Eight additional children will be welcomed into the Coniston Community because of this award!

The camperships will be given to children whose parents serve, or have served, in the military and to children from the refugee community in Concord, NH. Executive Director, John Tilley says "Having children from varying backgrounds makes camp better for every kid. Our welcome community is what defines the term Coniston Experience."

OFFICE STAFF VISIT COLORADO!



Lorraine, JD, Lindsey, and Emily traveled west this winter to the CampMinder Conference in Boulder, CO to learn new tips and tricks for our database and registration program. Lindsey is especially excited to have integrated the registration system with donations so gifts can be scheduled and made on-line. For more details, or to set up a recurring gift, contact her at 603.863.1160.



2016 STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2016 summer staff traveled back to Camp to enjoy snow, friends and wonderful food. They told stories of the summer, gave school updates, and shared plans for the future. It is one of the best days of the winter here at camp!



COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE GET AFTERSCHOOLERS MOVING!

Thank you Colby-Sawyer College for getting our New London Afterschool kids energized and teaching us about International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.



COMMUNITY HELPERS WEEK!

The Lebanon Afterschool Programs got to see a K-9 Demo from the Lebanon Police Department, tour a fire truck, and ambulance! The children thanked the Police Department and the Fire Station with special banners, a handmade book with pictures and letters!



We can't express how proud and thankful we are with the our Afterschool Programs for collecting tons of new or gently used items for local animal shelters. In addition, they made pet beds and countless toys! Thank you to the kids and parents that made this happen!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AFTERSCHOOL STAFF!

With demands on today's families, Coniston's Afterschool Programs provide a safe, structured, and well-rounded academic learning environment for children. The affordable programs are located on school campuses in Lebanon, New London, Plainfield, Sunapee, and West Lebanon. 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:



Madison Kane New London Afterschool



Barbara Billings West Lebanon Afterschool



Margery Bradie
New London and
Sunapee Afterschool



Sophie Hammond
Plainfield
Afterschool

THROUGH A MOTHER'S EYES

A CAMPERSHIP STORY

s a child, summer camp was a second home for me—the one consistent thing in my life. This is because when I returned home, it was always to a new location and new school. Camp was my first job. First as a CIT, then in college, I was a counselor at a YMCA inner-city day camp. I now work with children who are behaviorally challenged and in the afternoons, I help in the Camp Coniston Afterschool Program. I love being able to work with children and help them grow.

My daughter is an amazingly beautiful odd duck and she recently suffered from such extreme bullying we had to switch school districts. Due to her experience, she was afraid to be in large groups and around loud noises. At her new school, she spent time one on one with her guidance counselor discussing what happened. Unbeknownst to me, her guidance counselor reached out to Coniston on her behalf for a Campership. She knew Coniston is a safe environment to make friendships and learn to trust again. I always wanted my children to have a camp experience, however I never thought I would have the financial ability to give them this opportunity.

Although I was excited that she would be able to attend, I was nervous since she had never been away from home and having to learn to trust again would be difficult. But, when we visited, the staff helped ease my fears. Her first year of Camp was great, she connected immediately with her bunk mates and had a great Camp experience. However, it was last year at Camp, which impacted her life forever—she met her closest friend. Her new friend is the first peer that gets her, passes no judgement and doesn't think she is weird or strange. If it wasn't for the wonderful people at Coniston, my daughter may be a different person today. Camp has impacted her life in ways that I could never have imagined. For this, I will forever be grateful.

—A GRATEFUL MOTHER

P.S. Thank you to everyone who has given the gift of Camp to a child — you impact lives, now, and forever.

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ANNUAL GIVING 2016

CELEBRATING YOUR GIFTS

Thanks to your generous donations this past year, Coniston totaled \$598,017 from 616 donors — through Camperships, endowments and overall support a great future is possible for all kids.

Thank You for your generosity!





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Richard Altman

John & Ann Calcutt

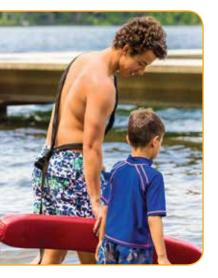
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BECAUSE of BRIAN & MARY JO HOGAN'S...

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

Thank You

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BECAUSE **%**RICHARD ALTMAN'S...

\$35,000 legacy gift a Campership in perpetuity will be established...one that will follow a child through Camp year after year, for generations to come. Richard is passionate about creating life experiences for youth which will help them become successful adults. This campership is a testament to his generosity.

Thank You

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BECAUSE of THE SUNSHINE FUND...

7 local children will be coming to Camp this summer. The Sunshine Fund is a group from the New London Area that share in fellowship, food, and passing of the hat. The money raised is used for a variety of local children's needs, but one special project is always sending several children to Coniston.

Thank You

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Visionary estate gift, more than 1600 kids have had the opportunity to come to Coniston. 30 years later, his estate continues to quietly fund kids every year—transforming every camper's community through new friendships.

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BECAUSE OF MARY HELEN & ROBERT MORRIS"...

\$100,000 leadership pledge a Camp Coniston Experience is being passed on to more campers creating life-experiences for youth, which will help them become successful adults. Over the years, the Morris' have felt extremely fortunate for their own children to have been Coniston Campers and are honored to give this opportunity to other children.

Thank You

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BECAUSE of JOHN & ANN CALCUTT'S...

\$100,000 leadership pledge we have been able to help fulfill part of the board's Strategic Plan. Their gift includes providing facility improvements and additions that provide opportunities for more campers and impact every camper.

Thank You

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CAMPERSHIP AND PROGRAM COLLABORATION

The following schools and organizations help provide campership 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 Assoc.

Bernice A. Ray School

Bradford Elementary

Carl T. Witherell Fund

Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH

City Mission Society of Boston

Claremont Middle

Clarke's Hardware

Concord NH School District

(Refugee Program)

Cornish Elementary

Croydon Village Elementary

Disnard Elementary

Feeding America Food Bank

Fidelity Charitable Gift

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Flying Goose Brew Pub

Grantham Village School

Greenbaum Family Foundation

Habitat for Humanity

Hanover Street School

Harmon Family Foundation

Hypertherm

Josh Young Fund

Kearsarge Middle

Kearsarge Sunshine Fund

Lebanon Junior High

Lempster Community School

Listen Center

Lyme Elementary

Maple Avenue Elementary

Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation

Mt. Lebanon School

New Hampshire DCYF

New London Elementary

Newport Middle

NH Charitable Foundation

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Richards Elementary

The Greenspan Foundation

The Jack & Dorothy Byrne

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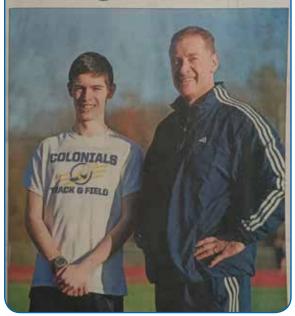
YMCA of the USA

BECAUSE **of**CATHERINE MALATESTA...

The Malatesta family received an overwhelming amount of support in their daughter's memory. The Coniston Board decided to create an annual Campership established in her name. Catherine was a charismatic person, full of life and she lives on in the campers her life touches today.

Thank You

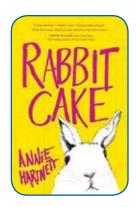
Setting a fast pace



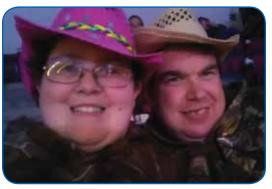
Colin Grip does not always run the 600 meters, but when he does, he runs the fastest time in the country. 1 minute, 21.83 seconds is not only an Acton-Boxborough school record, but also a three-second improvement for his previous personal record, which he set last year. In the fall Colin will be running for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

Annie Hartnett's

charming and beautifully written book about how a whip-smart young girl handles the loss of her mother and the reorientation of her family is looking to be a big hit. You



can read the full book review at https:// www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/anniehartnett/rabbit-cake/.



Conistonian **Jen Morin** recently moved to Putney, VT and got engaged and is busy planning her wedding on October 27, 2018.



The brother count hit 4 last fall when Tim and Kelly (Muller) Condon welcomed Brooks Colter to the clan. Brooks just enjoyed his first big family vacation and the big brothers proved helpful in packing, if not carrying, their own duffels. They will need some practice before being made to walk to check-in a few summers from now. The boys' current favorite song is YMCA and they enjoy fighting over who gets to be what letter. Tim has recently completed work on a bunk bed room that includes 4 top bunks so there should be no fighting over those – except when Kelly hosts biennial "YMCA Camp Condon" reunions on Lake Sunapee.



Laura Dellicker has had some major developments in her life recently as she has discovered her life's work and started a nonprofit organization called EB Promise. EB is basically the worst disease you've never heard of—Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) is a rare genetic skin disorder that causes the skin to blister at the slightest amount of friction. EB Promise's mission is to advocate for EB orphans around the world by providing their caregivers with necessary supplies and education, finding them adoptive families, and supporting families through the process of adoption of a child with EB. Learn more at www.ebpromise.org



A good 5 or 6 years back **Grace Spaulding** was a CIT at Coniston. She is currently studying abroad in Melbourne, Australia and recently she was reunited with **Laurel Sullivan**. Camp is everywhere!



Brian & Shannon (Sawyer) Beale celebrate the birth of their first child and future camper! Harper Aspen Beale was born on April 5th at 7 lbs 8 oz and she has already had a dose of Coniston visitors! Picture: Emily (Leonard) Trenholm, Harper & Mommy Shannon, Bridget O'Conner



Bradford Horton's game, "Diaries of a Spaceport Janitor" was an independent video game award finalists. Bradford was the writer and designer for the game. He and his fellow Champlain Students worked for a year plus on the game and ended up releasing it through Steam (online PC game platform, a very big deal...). And yes, he's started to receive royalty payments – not huge money but the real deal! Check it out here: http://www.igf.com/diaries-spaceport-janitor



Alumni reunion in London with Daniel Reichert & Kieran Brooks! Dan and Kieran worked together during the summer of 1979 as co-counsellors in Boys Cabin 3. Dan now lives on the West Coast and is running a successful photography business (danielreichert.com) and is an actor. Kieran is living near Oxford and after 30 years of police service in 2012 he has been working for the University of Oxford at two of their museums — the Ashmolean museum of Art & Archeology & the Pitt Rivers museum of Anthropology & World Archeology - as part of the front of house team and delivering tours to visitors.



In October, this loon was rescued from our lake after being tangled in fishing line around her face and her tongue had been lacerated. During her rescue the Loon Preservation Committee also noticed an old injury that had left her foot without most of its webbing. She had apparently survived a boat strike at a young age! Since being rescued she has been healing at the Avian Haven in ME and has been doing quite well maneuvering fish into her mouth and diving pretty deep despite her compromised foot. Avian Haven is hoping to release the Coniston loon soon.

CONGRATULATIONS MARATHON RUNNERS!



Cassie Short



on the road!



include: Brian & Beth Doucet, Matty Burrows,

Michael Salfsky, John McNair, JD, Katie Smidt,

Matt Comstock, Michelle Bernabeo, Hannah

Gesen, Katie Evans, Nicole Berthiaume, and

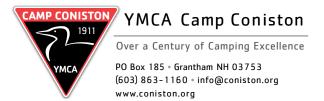
Max Winer



Carter Bascom has recently traveled to New Zealand exploring, wwoofing, and adventuring the North and South Islands. He will be returning to the White Mountains of New Hampshire this summer to work as the Hut Master at Lonesome Lake for the AMC (Appalachian Mountain Club).



Conistonian's from Arlington, MA got together to paint a picture of the Coniston waterfront!



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JOIN US ON SEPT. 7TH YOUNG AT HEART EVENT

We are excited to announce an event for community members who are young at heart and feel Camp is important for our youth. Please join us at Camp on Thursday, September 7th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm to share your camp stories, hear about summer and see what we have planned for the future. To attend, please email Lindsey at lindsey@coniston.org or call 603.863.1160.

