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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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MUSINGS OF A NOW OLD MAN

his is my 19th summer at Coniston and things have come full circle. Parents coming through the gates were once campers. Current and recent staff members provide camp to kids-inneed. First time campers continue to laugh and make new friends, just like always. Conistonians know that learning to live together in a community makes the world a better place.



Much is the same at Camp, but a change I am most proud of is that most camperships now follow a camper from their first summer through CIT. We don't talk about which kids receive camperships. The summer staff doesn't know, other campers don't know ... sometimes, even the kids themselves don't know. This helps make Coniston a welcoming community, where strengths are highlighted and differences celebratedregardless of age, religion, or geographic and economic backgrounds.

The Board intentionally keeps the price of Camp as low as possible to enable middle class families to send their kids. In fact, the price of Camp is less than the amount we spend annually. The difference is made up with fund raising.

So thank you to our donors for allowing every camper to be subsidized \$237 PLUS offering 338 children full or partial camperships last year. Over the next 28 pages, enjoy the stories that show the value of Coniston and our community—a young alumna, a long-time parent of three campers, and a healing legacy gift in perpetuity in the memory of a lost loved one. There is a lot to think about.

Why do we cost \$1685?

A LOT OF MONEY TO SOME **FAMILIES**

INEXPENSIVE INRELATION TO OTHER CAMPER IS CAMPS

COST OF **EVERY SUBSIDIZED**

Our board chose to do this so every child who wants to can attend camp.

YOUNG ALUMNI RETURN THE GIFT

RECENT STAFF & CAMPERS BEGIN A NEW GENERATION OF PHILANTHROPY



"Every year I attended Coniston, there was at least one person who impacted my life in a positive way. I remember each and every one of these people. They directly and indirectly taught me values and skills that I use on a daily basis. Upon realizing that Summer 2017 would likely be my last, I decided I would give the gift of a campership because I believe that each person deserves to be able to look back on their childhood or their time as a young adult and say 'Yes, somebody cared. Yes, somebody taught me something. Yes, I impacted someone positively.' This is what camp gave me, so now I want to give it back."

Asie Makarova



fter returning as Program Director, many would think Asie had given back to the place she credits with making her who she is. But Camp is more than that to her. That is why she chooses to help other kids grow, learn, and experience all that Coniston has to offer by donating a full campership.

Our **summer staff** pride themselves in the work that they do. They understand that teaching tennis skills goes way beyond a forehand and volley. Advantage, service, love—every program is life in miniature. They also know that financial means should not limit a child's exposure to a Camp experience. Asie was at Camp when the Summer Staff began to collaboratively provide an annual campership for a child. The staff continues to raise that campership each year.

The Miller Family was also at Camp when the staff were beginning to work on a culture of philantrophy. The Miller brothers began their own tradition of sending a child annually to Camp this past summer. Camp brings strangers together to create one community. That community is special to many families. To many, it becomes family. That is why Andy, Tom and Steve have made their gift a family affair years after they spent their last summers on Lake Coniston. Thanks to the generosity of these brothers, another family will be a part of our Camp Community and insure the campers continue to grow.

THE HEALING POWER IN LEAVING A LEGACY ANNE RAEBURN MEMORIAL CAMPERSHIP



Sarah, Anne, and Charles having lunch during a changeover weekend.

emories of Camp are always linked to our friends. We all remember that cabin mate who was always laughing, wearing a big smile, and no matter what, was always, unapologetically themselves. This is the kid that makes everyone's experience a little happier. Anne Raeburn's camp friends remember her just this way.

Three years ago, long-time camper and staff member Anne Raeburn and her unborn son unexpectedly passed away. Anne was a '92 CIT and an avid water-skier. Her electric smile and boisterous laugh made everyone feel welcome. She loved being

outside and was always willing to take a risk for the sake of adventure. Anne relished every opportunity to try something new and exciting, creating lasting memories and laughter for all whose lives she touched. In addition to her many friends, family was very important to Anne. She was incredibly excited to be starting one of her own.

The struggle of losing a loved one is extremely hard to understand and the healing process often takes many forms. Anne's sister, Sarah, and father, Charles, have created a campership in perpetuity in Anne's memory. Through this campership, a child will have a life-changing opportunity which will follow the camper summer after summer, providing the greatest impact as the camper grows older.

Anne was a warm soul and this gift to kids allows her to live on every year in the life of a child.

A \$35,000 legacy gift funds a Campership in perpetuity...one that will follow a child through Camp year after year, for generations to come.

Gifts can be given to children through Coniston in many ways:

- ▼ Check or Online at www.coniston.org/give
- ▼ Multi-Year Pledge
- Stock or Mutual Funds
- ▼ Corporate/Foundation Philanthropic Gift

- Reoccurring Credit Card Gift
- Estate Gift
- Matching Gifts
- Life Insurance Policies

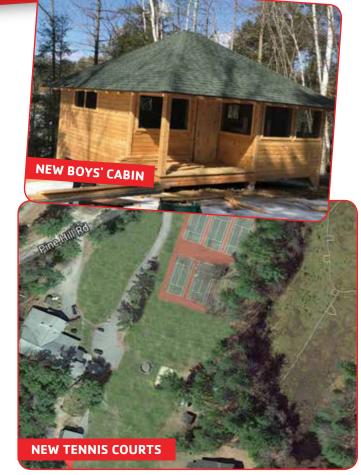
If additional information is needed to help your gift giving process go smoother, please contact lindsey@coniston.org or forms can be found online at www.coniston.org/downloads/PledgeForm.pdf or www.coniston.org/downloads/EstateGiftForm.pdf.



WE ARE! We have been busy making improvements to enhance the great programs we offer while getting ready for a great summer! There is so much to look forward to!

First, we added an **ADDITIONAL CABIN TO BOYS' CAMP** up on the new road. That means
40 more campers can come to camp this
summer! Get ready Boys Camp, you now have
15 cabins!

We will have five **NEW TENNIS COURTS** this summer! This project includes shifting the layout of the courts to enlarge the play space in Main Camp. Three courts will stand where the games court and archery range used to be and two more will be placed in front, leaving enough room for the Sugar Shack. Don't worry, Archery is getting a great new spot!



The STAFF HOUSING AT SUGAR HILL will be all ready to go with five new tiny houses. What do you think the new spot should be called? So far "The Village" has been thrown out there, but nothing official yet! Additional campers mean that camp's infrastructure needs to grow to make room for everyone.

Have you seen the pictures of INDIAN

COUNCIL? We have re-established the view
from the 1940s with another beautiful
meadow on Sugar Hill overlooking Main Camp
and the lake. If you need another incentive
for hiking up there, this is certainly it! Any
guesses for what the NEW OVERNIGHT sites
will look like? Or, where will they be?

We are excited to all be together again soon!
Who are you excited to see? Keep an eye out for the
2018 STAFF MONTAGE—we have a great group
coming back, with lots of returning staff members
and many new International staff!

What will be in the 2018 CONISTON STORE??

Everything will be folded and ready for you soon!

We're pretty excited about the new water bottle design and bright colors this year!

Do you follow us on Facebook and Instagram? This is where you will find any social media updates and photos from the summer. You can find us at

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/
YMCACAMPCONISTON
and @YMCACAMPCONISTON

on Instagram!





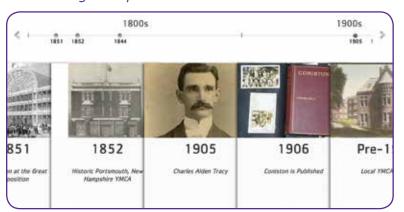
100,000 GRILLED CHEESES LATER: 20 YEARS OF TRADITION IN THE DINING HALL

Chicken parm...Dancing to The Backstreet Boys...The ice-cream party (if your cabin was particularly clean). So many of our favorite Camp memories take place in the dining hall, it is hard to believe that it hasn't been a part of Camp forever! 2018 will mark the 20th summer of operation for the dining hall. As some of you alumni may remember, until 1998, meals were served in what is now New Hampshire Hall. The director at the time, Nancy LaRue, and the board of directors, decided it was time to build a bigger space so that all of Camp could enjoy their meals together, family style.

Thanks to generous gifts from the Coniston community, the dining hall was built throughout 1997. We have continued to expand and modify, allowing everyone to enjoy meals together. If you would like to learn more about the dining hall, other historic Camp building projects or Camp history in general, be sure to check out our history page at www.coniston.org/html/history.html.

REVEALING CONISTON'S HISTORY

Walk through the past with our new timeline web feature!



A simple idea led to the formation of Coniston: "We want to do something bigger for children." From community YMCA groups, to the North America's first bird sanctuary, to the preservation of the buffalo, you can explore the events that shaped Coniston's history with our interactive new timeline feature. The page provides photos and descriptions of over fifty events that led to the YMCA Camp Coniston you know today! www.coniston.org/html/history.html



Ask Coniston counselor

Liam Morrissey how one

Y program prepared him

for another. "Being a Camp

counselor means you need

to be able to problem-solve,

communicate and work as

a team, which are all so

important for being successful

in Youth and Government."

We'll see you after graduation

Liam!

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



YMCA Camp Coniston administered the **2018 Youth in Government Western District Caucus** for the Kearsarge, Newport and Claremont School Districts. As part of a national program, this state-wide effort is an annual collaboration between the YMCAs of New Hampshire and 38 school districts across the state. The model-government program's culmination in the spring at the State Capitol Building, Governor's Office, and Supreme Court includes more than 275 participants. Congratulations to all!

TOM SIMON AND AN ENDURING LEGACY

Many campers, staff, and alumni may not be familiar with Tom Simon, who passed away last year. However, when a single person has a hand in building a Dining Hall, starting the Annual Fund and leading Coniston into its independent status, they leave a legacy that touches each member of the Coniston Community every day. This winter, board member and personal friend, Richard Altman, graciously donated a cabin in memory of Tom. The addition of this cabin allows 40 more campers to attend camp every summer and provides a fitting tribute to a man who made the Coniston Community stronger for each of us.

LOCAL WALGREENS GIVES CONISTON SUPPORT

Coniston's local reach doesn't end when the summer's over. In addition to hosting non-profits, local schools, churches, and youth groups during the pre and post season,

Coniston operates five afterschool programs at elementary schools across the Upper Valley.

Thank you to Walgreens of West Lebanon for raising \$1,000 to support children in our local communities. We rely on this kind of support to continue our mission of youth development by offering additional financial assistance to families in our afterschool programs. Thank you!

CONISTON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOGNIZED BY ACA



How about a "Class A Clap" for YMCA Camp Coniston Executive Director, John Tilley, who was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to ACA New England. John has been an active and engaged member since 1992 and on the board since 2006. Pictured from left to right at the ACA New England Conference in March: Sara Noble, Nicole Berthiaume, Berta Sinclair, John Tilley, John McNair, and Jack Berthiaume.

LUMBER SUPPORT FORMS BACKBONE OF WOODSHOP



For many senior campers, woodshop can be an activity that offers a perfect combination of creativity, problem solving, and a lot of fun! However, in many cases

the cost of lumber is prohibitive. Thanks to the generous donations from **Durgin & Crowell Lumber Company**, YMCA Camp Coniston is able to offer the disappearing art of woodworking as a program area year after year. Thank you!

NATIONAL AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE



This year, Nicole Berthiaume and John McNair attended the American Camp Association (ACA) National Conference to meet with other camp professionals, get a pulse on camping across the country, and think of ways we can continue to grow our own programs. We always love the opportunity to hear from leaders in the world of camping and youth development.



DEFINING THE CONISTON EXPERIENCE

Award provides opportunities for children of veterans and refugee community

YMCA Camp Coniston's history is rich with examples of outreach. Be it in our local community or participating in global initiatives, we strive to give more kids more camp. We are thrilled to announce that Coniston has 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. This substantial award will provide opportunities for eight children to attend camp in 2018.

Having children from varying backgrounds makes camp better for every kid. Our welcoming community is what defines the term Coniston Experience.

—John Tilley

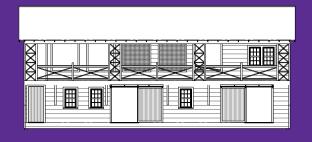
This summer, the camperships will go to children of veterans and members of the refugee community in Concord, NH. If you are interested in learning more about Coniston's local impact or how you can take part, visit: www.coniston.org/html/local_impact.html

SANDERS' LEADERSHIP CENTER UPDATE

Just after summer, architectural drawings for the boat house renovation arrived.

Over the fall and winter, we have worked to acquire the engineer's approval of these design plans. This process has taken a bit longer than anticipated as early camp structures were often built without any future renovations in mind.

These beloved structures have become part of our childhood, part of our memories and part of our lifetimes and that's why each of us has a burning desire to save them. We have come to an agreed plan with the engineers and we are excited to announce improvements have begun at the builder's site. We anticipate the renovation to begin once Camp has ended this fall, with completion before the first snowfall. A ribbon cutting and alumni celebration is anticipated to take place in the spring 2019.



#GI**₩ING**TUESDAY

Last fall, the Bill and Melinda Gates
Foundation matched up to 2 million dollars
for all non-profits on Giving Tuesday. We
are excited to announce that Coniston
raised over \$20,000, which provides a
\$237 subsidy for over 84 kids to attend
Camp this summer. THANK YOU!

Due to the nationwide success for nonprofits on Giving Tuesday, Facebook now waives all fees on donations. If you are looking to make a credit card donation you can do so by going to Coniston's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/

YMCACampConiston

RESULTS

139 DONORS

\$21,521 GIFTS + MATCH

REDUCES PRICE OF CAMP FOR 91 KIDS*

CONISTON WELCOMES THE TOWN FOR CROYDON DAY



Up here in New Hampshire, the end of September means that the leaves are falling, the cold is creeping in, and most folks and critters are already preparing for winter. We are happy to report, that the warmth felt at our community get-together, Croydon Day, was enough to stave off the chill at least for the afternoon. Since 2003, Croydon

residents meet at camp for a day of games, feasting, and outdoor activities, including the legendary tug-of-war match between Croydon Flats and Croydon Village. This year featured our most elaborate fireworks display to date! Thank you to the organizers and our neighbors for making this event the wonderful gathering that it is.



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VESPERS GOES VIRAL

It's just before dinner and that can mean only one thing—it's time for vespers. This winter we had a lot of fun creating our newest short video with the assistance of Maya Hughes Vélez and Lyndsay Howe Lund. Similar to our 2016 "Why Camp" video, this piece went "Coniston viral" with over 20,000 views on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and our website.

As summer approaches, it is nice to have a reminder of the value of Camp. If you haven't seen what we are talking about watch it here: https://bit.ly/2Exfp34



2017 STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2017 summer staff traveled back to Camp for some snowy fun with great friends and food! We loved seeing everyone and hearing about their year to date! It is one of the best days of winter here at Camp!



Board Member, Mary Helen
Morris, and John Tilley found
Camp Street in New Orleans
during their recent trip for an
Independent Camp Conference.



Thanks for making your Amazon purchases though Amazon Smile—we have currently raised over \$350 to support campers!

smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3357821

WELCOME HANNAH SLAFSKY

OUR NEW AFTERSCHOOL DIRECTOR



Hannah (Gesen) Slafsky, Afterschool Director, has been connected with Coniston most of her life as her family has worked at Coniston or attended as campers themselves—she even met her husband, Michael, at Camp. She was a 7-year camper and a West Coast CIT in 2007. She has worked as a cabin counselor, Arts and Crafts Director, Middler Division Leader, and was Girls Camp Director in 2013. She continues to be part of Camp Winning Spirit over Labor Day weekend year after year. We are excited to have her oversee our 5 afterschool programs that serve nearly 200 students and their parents. She can be reached at childcare@coniston.org.



has done lots of fun Art challenges this winter—like drawing with only straight lines!



MOUNT LEBANON SCHOOL
had fun with Cooking
Week, which included
some colorful pancakes!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
has enjoyed some fun
indoor activities this winter,
like building and drawing!



OUR PLAINFIELD SCHOOL has been embracing the New Hampshire mud season this year!



Science
Experiments
were popular in
NEW LONDON
SCHOOL this
spring!

MOST LIKED POSTS



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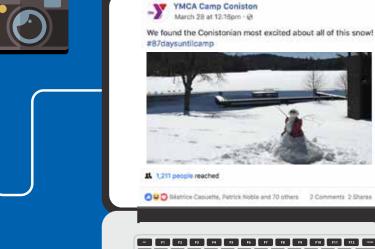








ymcacampconiston Vacation week drop-bys are always fun! (And a time to sing el Vivo) (+)





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ANNUAL GIVING 2017

Thanks to your generous donations this past year, Coniston raised \$530,919 from 729 donors. Through these donations, we were able to subsidize every camper by \$237, an additional 250 children came to Camp and Winning Spirit on full campership. This amazing total allows every camper to attend, regardless of income.

All thanks to YOUR generous contributions.



THE PROMISE OF **STEWARDSHIP**

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



FROM \$100,000+

Ann & John Calcutt

Mary Helen & Robert Morris

YUSA Strategic Initiatives Fund



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

Mary & Richard Altman

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#WhyConiston

Camp builds character, independence, and passion. Camp has helped me find the best in myself and share it with others.

I've laughed the hardest, smiled the biggest, loved the

most, and cried more heartfelt tears at camp than anywhere else in the world. Being at camp is an experience every child deserves!

—HALEY SINACOLE

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#WhyConiston

For eight years, I have

had the privilege

of summer camp in

helped me prioritize

my values with others,

friendships, and enjoy

communal experiences that all children deserve

to have. So why should we have camp? To teach

children to dream together. To dream about our

make the most of our present shared moment.

futures. Here's to you, and everything you do,

To dream about how we will impact each others'

past times together. To dream about how we can

my life. Camp has

forge inseparable

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Christine Couturier

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#WhyConiston

I believe in summer camp. I believe in the growth we see each year. I believe in the friendships created.

I believe in the power of a kind community. I have

seen strangers support each

other. I have seen campers become autonomous. I have seen the impact of positive role models. I believe in a better tomorrow because of what I have seen at camp.

—SARA NOBLE

Rosanna Cavallaro & David Poole

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George Quackenbos

Ingrid & Todd Quillen

Isabelle Rayle-Doiron

Donna & Mark Reed

Daniel Reichert Nicole Reiss

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Nancy & Jon Roemer

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Patsy & Greg Steverson

Pat Stewart

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Why go to an unfamiliar place in the middle of the woods? Why leave your friends and family during the summer? Because I (and literally hundreds of others

that I know) have yet to find a place
that can even compare to Coniston. For 15 of
my 22 summers on this planet I have returned
to that lake with an excitement that I've found
quite hard to match elsewhere. I could tell you
about the hundreds of friends and lessons
Coniston has given me but it's something you
must experience yourself. I've tried countless
times to explain #whycamp to people, but it's
not something that can be understood unless
the experience is there. So to all children, young
teens, and parents- find camp. If not Coniston
then find another oasis in the woods. You have
nothing to lose and everything to gain. It's an
experience you won't soon forget.

—AUSTIN TURNER



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Anonymous (4)

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Steven Ayers

Lynn Baker

John Barclay

Sara Barth

Claire Bassi

Jake Bears

Rachel Beir

Cynthia & Steven Bensen

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Michael Caruso

Diane Casano

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Michael Centola

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Charley Clarke

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Vinz Clortho

John Clough

Asher Cohen

Brenda Coleman

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Kirsten Elin

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Kathy & Doug Houghton

Abby (Wilson) Hoven

Emily Howard

Michele Giggi-Howe & Ken Howe

Heide Hubert-Menard

Nina Hughes

Sara Hughes

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Bill Johnston

Jenna Judge

Graham Kaegi

Howard Kalfus

Mia Kamisar

Madison Kane

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Jesse Ladd

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Hilary, Serena & Lance Laing

Aimee & Jim Lally

Linda & Jay Lambert

Owen Large

Krista Boyd Larrow & Benton

Larrow

Brandon Laws

Rob LeBreche

Danielle Lee

Debra Jacobson & Robert Lenson

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Kate Lester

Kristina & Leigh Levine

Maxwell Lichtenberger

Charles Logan

Judith Lonergan

Gordon & Nancy Luce

Thomas Lynch

Meg Macinnes

Susan Maerlender

Jennifer Goodwin &

Gregg Malatesta

Joanne & Philip Malatesta

Vanessa & Adam Mann

Paul Marcotte

Kimberly & Jesse Marcum

Arturo Martinez

Emily Marvin Rider

Jenilde & Rocco Mastrangelo

Robert McCarthy

Natalie, Kimberly &

Andrew McCollum

Liza & Doug McConnell

Laura McCrillis Kessler

James McGuinness

Irene McLaughlin

Fionna McSweenev

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#WhyConiston

Ten summers spent in the best place on earth gave me confidence.

lifelong memories,

and irreplaceable friendships. The world

would be a much brighter place

if every kid had the opportunity to experience the compassion that is so commonplace at

Coniston (and to learn to snorkel)

—KREAGER TABER

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Suzanne & Alexander Medlicott

Nolan Melia

Alexandra Menzies Lewis

Lisa & Scott Metzger

Linda & Ken Miller

Jessica Miller

Eli Millette

Jennifer Monaco

Meaghan Mooney

Kathleen Moore

#WhyConiston

I feel blessed to have

me to Camp Coniston

10 years ago. At such

recognized camp as the

place where I was happiest,

but over the years, I have learned to appreciate

everything else that it has given me. Camp

taught me independence and responsibility.

what makes me happy. Camp taught me to be

unapologetically myself. I eagerly returned each year because of how much it meant to me, and

now I am proud to say I get to foster this same

camper to CIT to counselor, Camp Coniston has

no job opportunity or class in school that is as

never ceased to provide me a home. There is

valuable to a child's growth. There is nothing

quite like a summer in the woods. Every kid

environment for the next generation. From

Camp taught me the importance of doing

a young age, I only

parents who made the decision to send

Sarah Morgan

Rob Morris

Sarah Morris

Liam Morrissey

Laura Mullowney

Christina Murphy

Marsha Neubert

Lorraine Newcomb

AJ Newell

Amy Wheeler & Christian Nixon

Mary Ellen & Stephen Noble

Christine & Gregg Norris

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James Soares

Arielle Soriano

Dylan Spark

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Nancy Tucker

Susie & Peter Twadell

Talia Ungarelli

Maya Velez

John Verity

Nancy & James Waddell

Jan Walter

Meg Walters

Karen & Cal Webb

Ginnie & Geoff Webster

Karen Dull & Michael Whalen

Irene & Kevin Whelan

Erin White

Christine & Robert Wieck

deserves camp.



—RACHEL BEIR

Linda Wilson Isaiah Winnett Knoy

Julia Zak

Sally Weylman & Mike Zilles

Denise Zoldy

Kate Zegans

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The Greenspan Foundation

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CAMPERSHIP AND PROGRAM COLLABORATION

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

American Camp Association

Bernice A. Ray School

Bradford Elementary

Carl T. Witherell Fund

Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH

City Mission Society of Boston

Claremont Middle School

Clarke's Hardware

Concord NH School District

(Refugee Program)

Cornish Elementary

Croydon Village Elementary

#WhyConiston

When I stepped on the A-field at Camp Coniston for the first time, almost 46 years ago, I had no idea what a significant step it was.

With that step, I joined a

community bound together

by shared values, common experiences, and enduring traditions which transcend generations. Friends made so many years ago, and now their children, are some of the best people I have ever known. Why camp? Because it exemplifies a community built on unconditional acceptance, respect for others, and caring for each other. The world would be a better place if it were like camp.

—ROLF GESEN

Disnard Elementary

Feeding America Food Bank

Fidelity Charitable Gift

Foundation

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 School

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 Charity Trust/ Epiphany Church

Newport Middle School

NH Charitable Foundation

Northern NH Foundation

of New England

Richards Elementary

Simonds Elementary

Sutton Elementary

The Greenspan Foundation

The Jack & Dorothy Byrne

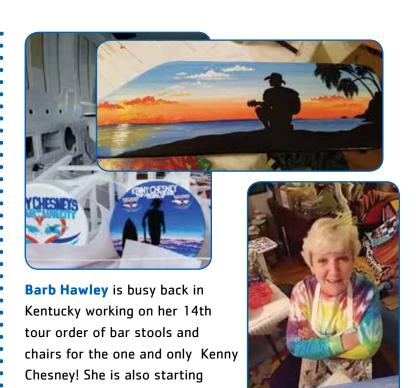
Foundation

Unity Elementary

YMCA of the USA



Catherine Merkt recently received her Bachelor of Law from the Université de Fribourg in Switzerland and will be doing a semester abroad at a Georgetown Law program in London this fall!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018!

virtual paint parties on Facebook

her musical friends in her studio.

Live and Paint + Jam night with

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

Bucknell University
Coastal Carolina University
Dartmouth College
Middlebury College
Suffolk University

Syracuse University Tufts University Tulane University University of Michigan University of Notre Dame University of Vermont Villanova University Yale University

Congratulations to our seniors in college! We love hearing about everyone who has landed a job after graduation! If you have a new job recently, let us know! We would love to celebrate you!

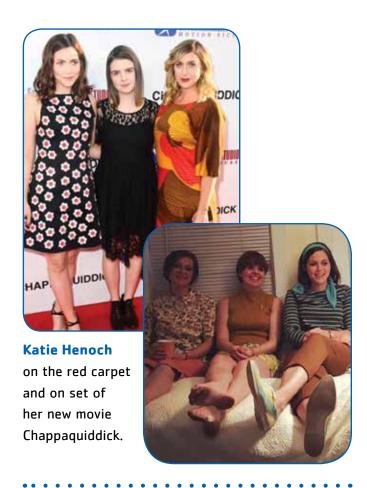
KIM EVANS: Wealth Management Junior Advisor at M & T Bank **PARKER OLSON:** Associate Strategy Consultant at Grant Thornton LLP **OLIVIA STACK:** Educational Leadership Consultant at Alpha Phi International



Jay "JP" Antobenedetto is still living and loving the west coast. October 2017 he tied the knot with wife Casey and this October they are expecting a little girl! Double congrats to JP!



Meghan Ship got together for lunch at the Brimmer with Sofia Shih, a current Coniston camper! They chatted about Coniston and how excited Sofia is to return this summer!





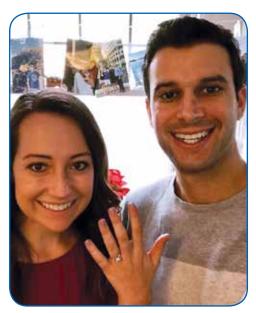
Lucy Gladstone is excited to "officially" share that she will be spending the summer studying film at the Stella Adler Art of Acting studio in Los Angeles!



Meg MacInnes (CIT '09, LIT '10) is EXTREMELY proud of her cousin and current Coniston Camper, Molly Neuner as she was named one of the six finalist for Mainer of the Year by the Portland Press Herald. This young activist, a sixth grader at the time, protested the school's dress code, arguing that it was sexist and unfairly targeted girls.



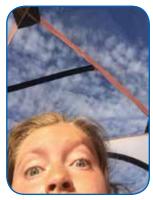
Many Conistonians gathered to ring in the New Year in Toronto at Ben Mark's wedding! Mazel Tov Ben and Natalie! Everyone in the picture (kind of from left to right) is Eric Rightor, Lindsay Piaker, Adam Mark, Ben Mark, Zach Zimmerman, Andrew Concannon, Chris Mario, Joey Whelan, Jesse Lehrich, Brendan Olsen, Matt Comstock, Michael Slafsky, Hannah (Gesen) Slafsky, Katie Evans, Caitlin Elgert, Julie Friedman, Becca Cotugno, and Jacquie (Zimmerman) Wheeler.



Christine Couturier was recently engaged and is busy planning a wedding for summer 2019.



Claire Maass just received a Fulbright Scholarship to go to Peru for fieldwork in archeology.



At the end of April Kim Johnson is moving to Seattle to start a new job with the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, and her title is Data Mapping Analyst!



Camp has played a very important role for **Liz Morris's** funny bone! Many Conistonian's came out to Boston to see Liz's first stand up performance.



Alumni and Long-time Camp Winning Spirit volunteer, **Jenna "Zadeh" Judge** is expecting her first child this August. Her and husband, Matt were married in 2014 and are currently living in Kingston, MA. Congrats Jenna!

2018 EVENTS

ALUMNI, PARENTS & DONORS

If you wish to attend events please let us know how we can reach you by updating us at:

www.coniston.org/alumni



April 19th BOWLING NIGHT NEW YORK, NY



May 3rd
CONISTON NATION SHINDIG
WALTHAM, MA



May 16th
EVENING WITH THE RED SOX
BOSTON, MA

July 12th (rain date July 19th)
LITTLE LAKE SUNAPEE EVENT
NEW LONDON, NH

Summer 2018
BIGELOW EVENTS AT CAMP

September 6th
GRANDPARENTS EVENT

November ESTES PARK, CO EVENT

Spring 2019
SANDERS' LEADERSHIP
CENTER RIBBON CUTTING

If we are missing an event in your area and want to help us plan one email **lindsey@coniston.org**.



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