

NEWFOUND • OWATONNA

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What Our Founders Established:

Fulfilling their vision and mission 100 years later

SETH JOHNSON, Executive Director

Sometimes when I walk around Camp, I can't help but think about the clear vision of the camp founders, Elizabeth Horton and Charles Stanley, who established our Camps in the early 1900s to serve Christian Science youth. Elizabeth Horton, affectionately referred to as "Aunt Elizabeth," founded Camp Newfound in 1914 on Newfound Lake in New Hampshire, and five years later moved the camp to its incredible current location on the shores of Long Lake in Harrison, Maine. Charles Stanley, a retired British Army officer, established Camp Ropioa in 1922 as a Christian Science brother camp to Newfound on what was then the Joseph Chaplin Farm in Harrison.

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PROGRAMS

Camp Newfound for girls
Camp Owatonna for boys
Family Camp for everyone
Creative Arts for adults

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Following Stanley's passing, Ropioa was sold in 1942 and run as Ropioa, but was not affiliated with Christian Science. In 1955, a group of Ropioa alumni, who were counselors under Stanley, purchased the property and began plans to reopen a boys camp for Christian Science youth. The camp was renamed Owatonna, after a town in Minnesota meaning "Straight as an Arrow," and Owatonna opened again in 1957, now as a non-profit Christian Science camp under a Board of Trustees. Newfound remained private until 1965 when Becky Cobb, daughter of Elizabeth Horton, sold the camp to the Board of Trustees running Owatonna, and the two camps became brother-sister camps. *

Today, Camps Newfound and Owatonna continue as camps whose primary purpose is to serve Christian Science youth. Newfound celebrated 100 years since its founding in 2013, and Owatonna/Ropioa will celebrate its 100th anniversary in summer 2021. An Owatonna/Ropioa reunion is planned for September 3-6, 2021, so mark your calendars.

It has been through the consecrated work and vision of many individuals – trustees, directors, staff, and friends – over many years that our beloved "home away from home" continues to prosper. The Camp's vision statement is "for campers and staff to learn and demonstrate complete trust in God in a unique Christian Science community." And the mission statement is to "serve campers in a place where Christian Science is lived and loved, through overcoming limitations, nurturing spiritual growth, promoting spiritual discovery, and having fun." I think Elizabeth Horton and Charles Stanley would be very happy with Camp's continued vision and mission and that providing an excellent camp experience for Christian Science youth is very much alive and well today on the shores of Long Lake.

This past summer at Newfound and Owatonna, children came from 26 states and six countries, and staff came from over 20 colleges and universities. We are always looking for new campers, staff, and families to join us at Newfound and Owatonna. If you know children who would benefit from coming to Newfound and Owatonna, individuals or parents who would enjoy bringing their families to Family Camp, or adults who would prosper at Creative Arts, please share Camp with them and be in touch with us, so we can share Camp. We are so grateful that our beloved Camp continues to progress and grow.

Thank you again for joining with us in celebrating all the good at Newfound and Owatonna. We are grateful for the many years our Camps have served and will continue to serve Christian Science youth. We are so excited for the children to arrive in June and for Camp to begin once again.

*Historical information taken from the *Harrison Historical Society*