

NEWFOUND • OWATONNA Call of the loon



SPRING 2017



The Value of Camp Lasts a Lifetime

SETH JOHNSON, Executive Director

Prior to getting back involved with Camp, we were very grateful our children were able to attend Newfound and Owatonna and serve as counselors. We wanted the disciplined but fun environment Camp provides, to have them get away from the tech world we live in today, and to give them the opportunity to begin to establish their independence away from home.

At Camp, the children get up at 7 a.m., make their beds and neaten up their personal areas before helping with general cabin cleanup. Every cabin member chips in and does his or her share of cabin cleanup. They work together as a team to keep things neat. And then they are inspected – every day. Following breakfast, the cabin gathers to read a section of the

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PROGRAMS

Camp Newfound for girls
Camp Owatonna for boys
Family Camp
Creative Arts Week

*We serve campers in a place where
Christian Science is lived and loved,
through overcoming limitations,
nurturing spiritual growth, promoting
spiritual discovery, and having fun.*

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Bible Lesson, and sometimes the counselors share a particularly applicable *Sentinel* or *Journal* article. Then the entire camp goes to the lodge to listen to a counselor read a section of the Lesson and sing hymns together, which is followed by a time for campers and staff to share how they are applying Christian Science in their lives. We felt, and still do as we look back, that we couldn't have invested enough to provide our children with this consistent, loving, structured environment every morning that set a great tone before they headed off for a fun-filled day of activity. We knew at least some of this would carry over into the coming year at home.

We almost always enrolled our kids in camp for seven weeks. We liked the in-depth experience that gave them. Even though our sons were considered by many to be accomplished athletes, we felt Camp gave them something that nothing else could, so we committed to both sessions almost every summer. One son went on to play Division I college soccer for four years, and the other son played Division III soccer for four years. We felt that sending them to Camp was much more important than succumbing to the pressure to specialize and stay at home and attend local sports camps or play on summer teams which we felt had little overall developmental value. We knew the boys would find their playing level based on their performance during the school year for their high school and club teams. And that proved to be the case. We were grateful that Camp was flexible on occasion and did allow us to take the boys out of Camp to attend a program, and we are still willing to do that. If you are keeping your kids home to concentrate on something they do during the year, I'd love to talk you out of that! I feel strongly that kids will perform better over a longer period of time if they go to Camp and get away from their sport, or any activity they do during the year, and try new and different activities at Camp.

Located on our beautiful property on the shores of Long Lake, we provide a wide variety of activities and a loving environment from which campers can learn and grow spiritually. Some of the activities include arts and crafts, archery, high and low ropes course, rock wall, waterskiing, sailing, and kayaking, as well as the traditional sports of soccer, football, basketball, baseball, and street hockey. We also offer a wilderness tripping program where children climb many of the highest peaks of New Hampshire and Maine as well as experience whitewater and ocean canoeing and kayaking. With no electronics at Camp, we provide children the opportunity to focus their efforts fully on building relationships, excelling in activity areas, developing independence, and having fun. Children learn to apply Christian Science in their daily activities and in their friendships, and learn lessons they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

After a long school year at home, we wanted our kids to do something different. To experience not only the unique Christian Science environment that Newfound and Owatonna provide but also the wide variety of activities and fun which is emphasized. With 52 weeks in the year, a few weeks at Camp is worth a lifetime. I will look forward to seeing you in Maine this summer. ■

The Alumni Corner is a new section of our newsletter, and a place where we can highlight alumni stories – both of their experiences at Newfound and Owatonna and how they have used these experiences in their lives after Camp.

Giving Back

HEATHER “HEZZ” HARMON GOLDSMITH

I attended Camp Newfound for the first time when I was 15 years old. I didn't know it then, but at the time my parents couldn't afford the tuition for the three-week session that I attended. I received Campership Aid from generous donors who loved Camp and wanted to share their love with young Christian Scientists like me. I will forever be grateful for their gifts, because if it were not for Camp Newfound, I'm not sure I would be a Christian Scientist today.

I was a sophomore in high school during my first summer at Newfound; my cabin-mates had all been coming to Camp for years, and their friendships were palpable. Not only was I the new girl, but I also was very apprehensive about the whole idea of Camp and had very little interaction with other young Christian Scientists.

As I nervously settled into my bunk on the first night, one of my new cabin-mates quietly went around to each of the girls' beds and gave them a goodnight hug. I was surprised to see such love being expressed so freely, as the teenage girls I knew back home never showed much warmth with each other. I remember thinking, “She's giving all these girls hugs because they are her friends, but there's no way she'll hug me, a stranger.” But when she came to my bed, she reached out her arms and said, “Welcome to Camp!” She gave me a genuine hug right when I really needed it. It was at that moment that I began to realize how special Camp is. This girl went on to be one of my closest friends, a roommate in college, and a bridesmaid in my wedding!

The counselors at Camp were so confident, nurturing, and used Christian Science regularly in their conversations and activities. They expressed true womanhood in all they did and were wonderful role models for me as an insecure teenager trying to figure out who I was and what I stood

for. Both my counselors and cabin-mates expressed joy and inclusiveness in all they did, and showed me that living Christian Science was freeing and inspiring.

I came home from that first summer at Camp with a completely new and refreshed outlook on life and my identity. Because Camp gave me the opportunity to use Christian Science in all my activities, I brought this understanding home with me, and it helped me to rise above the accepted stereotypes of high school. I was able to use Christian Science in practical ways and had more confidence, enthusiasm, and grace because of the growth I gained at Camp. I “put on the new man, which

is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him” (Colossians 3:10).

Going to Camp also had a profound domino effect on the next decade of my life because it laid a firm spiritual foundation for me to expand my growth in Christian Science. In the years that followed, I took Primary Class Instruction in Christian Science and became an active member of my branch church. Camp was the springboard for these spiritual

milestones, and I don't think I would be the Christian Scientist I am today had it not been for my time at Newfound.

Although I'll never be able to personally thank those who contributed to Campership Aid in the years I attended Camp, I can express my gratitude by continuing to practice the lessons learned while there. I am also so grateful for the opportunity I now have to give back to the camp I hold so dear in my heart. I love thinking about how my small gift could give a child the same inspiring opportunity that Campership Aid gave me. ■

If you have a story you would like to share, please contact info@newfound-owatonna.com.

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A Room with a View

MARY RANKIN, Newfound Director

Take a seat and pay close attention, because I'm about to let you in on a big secret. It's something that not everyone who has been to Newfound knows about. Many of us would agree that a favorite view at Newfound is standing outside the Newfound Director's Cottage looking out over Long Lake. From the sandy ski beach, to the tree lined peninsula, to sunsets worth dreaming about, it is spectacular. But, I want to open your eyes to a different view.

Here is my secret. The best view at Newfound isn't standing outside the Director's Cottage; it is standing inside the Director's Cottage. The view that I am talking about primarily happens during pre-camp and Saturday morning staff meetings. On an average camp day, the Director's Cottage living room is a fairly quiet place where a camper might take a short rest or a few staff members gather for a quick check in. But during pre-camp, it is bursting at the seams with radiant Newfound women. This radiancy has nothing to do with hairstyle, skin color, or the freckles upon a nose. Instead, it has everything to do with what is on the inside.

"Do you realize that you are here to change lives? To enrich your own life as well as others?" I say this every year on opening night of pre-camp. "Do not for one minute doubt where you are or let fear fool you into thinking you can't do this. You are exactly where you are meant to

be. From this moment on, we are a team and a sisterhood." After ice-breaker games and setting the tone for our summer, I say goodnight by reminding us all that we will thrive and so will the campers. "Now goodnight, sleep well, I am here for you if you need me." Then, with a wide smile and a melting heart, I watch as this incredible collage of phenomenal

For the next nine days, we have many meetings inside and outside of that living room as we prepare for the summer. The counselors put 100 percent into focusing on getting ready for the campers. It isn't always glamorous as the staff scrub cubies halls, move beds, rake pathways, and haul boats. We dive into activities such as reading the Lesson



young women head out the door to the sound of gentle waves breaking against the shoreline. Inevitably, there is someone who pokes her head back in the screen door to ask, "Do you mind if we build a fire on the ski beach and watch the stars for a while?" I agree, and my heart expands even more, my smile broadens, and the summer is off to a great start.

and spiritually preparing for our day, learning to be excellent coaches and teachers, exploring what it means to be intentional role models, and practicing building a campfire. After a full pre-camp we finally reach the day we have been preparing for: the arrival of the campers. It is at this moment that I feel like a proud parent as I observe

Sounds of Brotherhood

REID CHARLSTON, Owatonna Director

There are a lot of sounds in our lives that elicit strong feelings and happy memories. The crack of the bat at the ballpark, fireworks booming on the Fourth of July, and the crackle of a campfire on a cool evening are a few that hold dear spots in my heart. My favorite, though, is one that only a select group

Earlier in the afternoon the last of the staff arrived and were greeted excitedly by their friends, some of whom they haven't seen since the previous summer. Everyone enjoyed a loud, joyous, energetic dinner in the Newfound lodge while catching up on stories and sharing excitement for the upcoming summer together. Finally, reluctantly, the party ends and the Owatonna

first time in 10 months and the scraping of their legs on the wood floor contrast with the quiet that can be felt surrounding the lodge. Above, on the walls, hang the plaques and feathers which document the great history of Owatonna, and you can see every counselor, new and returning, pause to look around and drink it in.

I like to close my eyes at this moment and think about what this sound means. The young men who are forming this circle are special, and whether they know it or not, the sound their chairs are making is the first step of their induction to a small fraternity of men who have called themselves Owatonna counselors. Over the next few days they will begin to build a bond of brotherhood that will connect them for the rest of their lives.

This first meeting is the cornerstone of the whole summer. We welcome the new members of the group, we share why we chose to come to Camp, we talk about what it means to be the best, love one another, give gratitude, and have fun – the Four Pillars of Owatonna – and we commit to practicing and modeling our highest sense of Christ-like manhood for the boys who will soon be watching our every action for the next seven weeks. In nine summers on staff, I have never seen this done without feeling the profound sincerity of the entire group. We know we are here to do a great work, and the true desire to commit to that is felt by every member of the circle.

Almost every waking moment of the next nine days is spent preparing for Camp. Cabins are cleaned, activity areas are set up, lessons are planned, and the docks are

has ever heard: the sound of the chairs opening on the floor of the Owatonna lodge on the first night of pre-camp. A lot of you have been to Owatonna and have heard these chairs being set up. While it is an unforgettable noise, you may ask why I would consider it also a special one.

The first night of pre-camp is almost always a cool Maine evening in early June.

staff head back up the hill. The sun is setting over the trees and taking its remaining warmth with it. As the young men trickle into the lodge, someone lights a fire in the fireplace and everyone grabs a chair to form a circle. Because campers won't arrive for another nine days, everyone at Owatonna is now in the building, and the snap of the chairs unfolding for the



MEET NEWFOUND'S summer staff cabin counselors

Belle Abbott – Worcester, MA

Katie Barthelmess – St. Louis, MO

Grace Barton – Harvard, MA

Mackenzie Batten – Poway, CA

Lily Bermel – Chestnut Hill, MA

Kelsey Bettman – Cincinnati, OH

Mary Cott – New York, NY

Kyra Evarts – Ridgefield, CT

Samantha Friborg – Acton, MA

Lilah Foster – Saratoga, CA

Hannah Hathaway – South Pasadena, CA

MacKenzie Holmes – Middleborough, MA

Katie Lovegren – Long Beach, CA

Elisabeth Maggio – Naples, FL

Makena Patterson – St. Louis, MO

Grace St. George – St. Louis, MO

Yana Wood – West Newbury, MA

head staff

Claire Horton – CIT Head, Town & Country, MO

Dina Ogilvie – CIT Head, Grenada/St. Louis, MO

Skip Schneider – Boat Director, Braintree, MA

Danis Collett – Arts & Crafts, Peterborough, NH

trippers

Tori Cheatham – St. Louis, MO

Ana Liuzzi – Jenkintown, PA

Cara Liuzzi – Oakland, CA

kitchen staff

Debbie Warren Smith (1st session) – Head Cook, Tucson, AZ

Mindy Warren McNeill (2nd session) – Head Cook, La Jolla, CA

Mackenzie Fidelak – Erie, CO

Kate Fletcher – Wellesley, MA

Tiana Ismirnioglou – St. Louis, MO

Rosie Paul – Snohomish, WA

Join us in supporting Newfound and Owatonna

“Well done, good and faithful s
over a few things, I will make
enter thou into the joy

Mary Rankin, *Newfound Director*, Harrison, ME

SENIOR STAFF



Heidi Johnson, *Program Director*

Hometown: Charleston, SC

Current work: Fashion consultant/Stylist

Favorite wilderness trip at camp: Mt. Washington

Favorite hobby: Reading at the beach

Favorite spot at Camp: Cottage porch

Fun fact: Grandmother, Connie Johnson, was a Newfound Director.



Katharine Tyler, *Head Counselor*

Hometown: Arlington, VA

Current work: Geology consultant and mom to Jackson

Favorite wilderness trip at camp: Hiking Mt Katahdin and Saco River canoe trips

Favorite hobby: Waterskiing and paddle boarding

Favorite spot at Camp: The point!

Fun fact: After 14 summers at camp through 2001, I am excited to be returning on Senior Staff this year! Another fun fact: Duncan Wilder, the Program Director at Owatonna, is my brother.

onna's metaphysical theme for this summer:

servant; thou hast been faithful
e thee ruler over many things:
of thy lord" (MATTHEW 25:23).

Reid Charlston, *Owatonna Director*, St. Louis, MO

SENIOR STAFF



Duncan Wilder, *Program Director*

Hometown: New York, NY

Years at Owatonna: 17

Favorite camp activity: Ultimate Frisbee

Favorite camp wilderness trip: Sea kayaking

Fun fact: Newfound's head counselor, Katharine, is my big sister! So excited she'll be back at Camp!



Andrew Parsons, *Head Counselor*

Hometown: Seattle, WA

Years at Owatonna: This will be my 14th!

Favorite camp activity: Cabin nights!

Favorite camp wilderness trip: Canoeing/hiking trip I took in Cabin 1.

Fun fact: My favorite color is blue, which is why I was super excited as a scout to be put on the Blue's team.



Cody Veidelis

Program Manager/Waterfront Director

Hometown: Holliston, MA

Years at Owatonna: This will be my 11th!

Favorite camp activity: Flag Trip!

Favorite camp wilderness trip: A tie between my JC sea kayaking trip and the canoeing trip on the Allagash River I took with the CITs last year.

Fun fact: After watching the Rubik's cube scene in the movie *Pursuit of Happyness*, I was so inspired that I taught myself to solve it; I was 11 years old!

MEET OWATONNA'S summer staff cabin counselors

Eli Abbott – Worcester, MA

Forest Andresen – Easthampton, MA

Mitchell Gill – Exton, PA

Pierson Gill – Exton, PA

Peter Griswold – Clarkson Valley, MO

Kyle Hanson – Yorktown, NY

Carson Hussey – Ballwin, MO

Ben Kearney – Boulder, CO

Gavin MacKenzie – St. Louis, MO

David McLeod Warrick – Lunenburg, MA

Henry Osborn – Weston, MA

Aiden Snorek-Yates – Carlisle, MA

Sean Thornton – Godfrey, IL

Denny Veidelis – Holliston, MA

Tyler Winterbottom – Duxbury, MA

Todd Zimmerman – Elsie, IL

head staff

Brewster Glascok – CIT Head, St. Louis, MO

Zeya Kyaw – CIT Head, Spring Valley, CA

Skip Schneider – Boat Director, Braintree, MA

Sarah Leedberg – Arts and Crafts, St. Louis, MO

trippers

Rick Lipsey – New York, NY

Nate Richards – Princeton, MA

Max Bruch – Bellevue, WA

kitchen staff

Matt Flavin – Head Cook, Oceanside, CA

Brett Hanson – Yorktown, NY

Jack Webster – Winter Park, FL

Jordan Bond – Somers, NY

Family + Camp = AWESOME

Our Youngest Family Campers

Newfound and Owatonna are for boys and girls ages 6 to 16. Creative Arts Week is for adults. But Family Camp is for EVERYBODY. We welcome singles, couples, families, grandparents, grandchildren – often three generations of a family stay together or whole family groups come to Family Camp for a family reunion. You can relax all day or never stop moving. Family Camp is the perfect vacation for EVERYBODY. We asked the youngest campers at Family Camp what they liked best, and here are some of the responses:

I like all the little cabins with all the names written on the sides. I liked sitting in the front of the boat while my sister did tubing. I love the snacks in the dining room. I love the little bunk beds.

My favorite part is the triathlon. I love the kayaking and the running!

I love that everyone is so nice, and you kind of feel like you are at home, but that there are just a lot more people who love you.

I like all of it!

Council Fire is awesome.

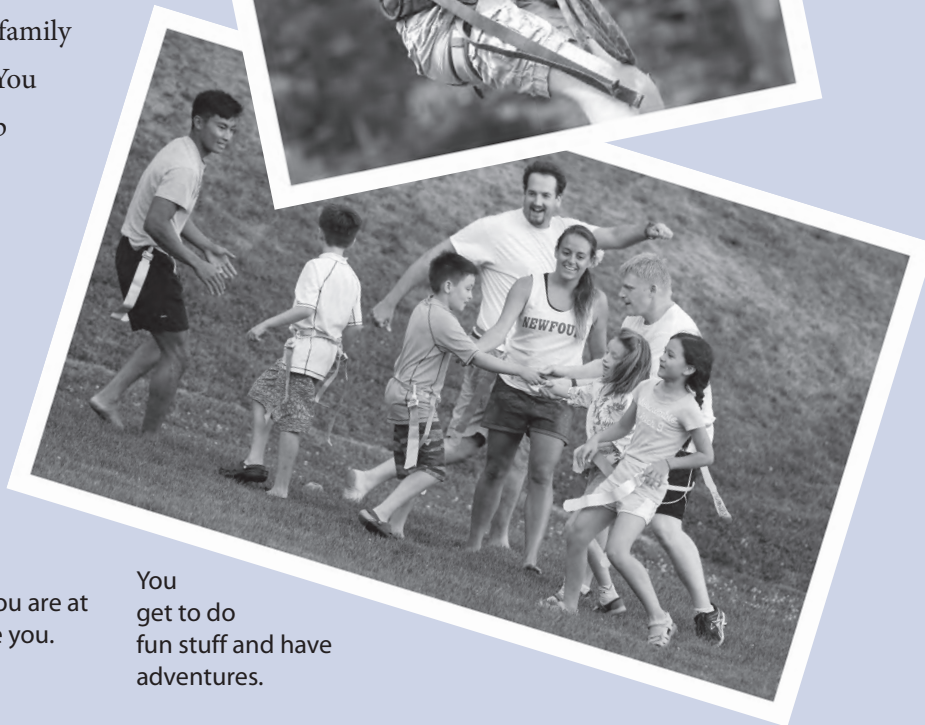
Playing soccer – even in the rain! – and kayaking for the triathlon!

My favorite part was being able to eat breakfast outside.

My favorite part was the bumper tubing because it's so fun just speeding across the water, and you can even control what speed you like!

My own house and bunk bed and going super fast behind the boat in the inner tube.

My favorite part of Family Camp was being a Moose.



You get to do fun stuff and have adventures.

Doing projects in arts and crafts. The woodworking was really cool.

I liked the zipline best because it was the longest zipline I ever ridden on!

My favorite thing about Family Camp was bumper tubing because if you hit a wave, you go really high in the air!

Everything from the location to the games. Also how it is so organized and the counselors being so nice and helpful!

Everything! Because everything is so amazing. ■

Enriching, Enticing, Enlightening for Everyone

DANIS COLLETT, Creative Arts Director

Hmmm. How can Creative Arts Week offer something enriching, enticing, enlightening for everyone — for the florist, banker, or Christian Science nurse who dreams of daring to paint (or paint better or to dance), as well as for the seasoned writer and veteran musician? That question is my passion in the winter months. Thankfully, Mary Baker Eddy assures us in *Science and Health*, “Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind” (60). Okay, so, what does that look like this year?

MIME, DANCE, AND INNOVATION — Karen Montanaro, a world-renowned dancer and mime, is back with her lively imagination and unique approach to the relationship of spiritual thought to movement. She’ll be guiding her classes to explore movement as the result of thought or intent — gently or more actively as individually appropriate.

NONFICTION WRITING — Writing on a topic is a great way to discover what you think about it, how you feel, and why it matters. Then, you’re ready to write to communicate. That’s the process for the morning class. In the afternoon, it’ll be Creative Nonfiction. What? That’s factual information told through the art of storytelling. A seasoned writing teacher and editor, Trudy Palmer brings a robust background in nonfiction — and a lively sense of humor — to the art of telling the truth.

PAINTING — Perhaps for the first time, abstract painting is in the lineup — as well as representational! Eric Day Chamberlain, a Seattle artist, will be teaching how to develop a painting from a representational picture into an abstract expression. And he’ll teach a simpler class for newer painters, exploring the fundamentals of depicting forms, depth, and space — indoors and out.

PHOTOGRAPHY — For those with a “real” DSLR camera, or a smartphone in their pocket, Lauren and Jamie Eichar are returning — with their special touch and professional savvy — to help you take more effective photos. In Beyond

the Basics for experienced photographers, and Smarter Phoneography for the rest of us, they’ll offer tips and techniques for getting the most from your camera.

PRINT IT/BOOK IT — Susie Newbold’s always-popular printmaking class is now augmented with Carey James’ creative bookmaking. Two-in-one! Wait list only.

SINGING — Soul Songs will be offered both in the mornings and afternoons. These classes will be geared toward exploring freedom, purpose, and joy in the act of singing, and overcoming fear or any sense of limitation. This will be Jennie Foster’s sixth year teaching her insightful, effective classes at Creative Arts.

WIRE SCULPTURE — Drawing in the air. You can bend wire to “draw” a 3-dimensional critter, object, or whatever you can imagine. And, if you want it to have moving parts (like a wagging tail or flickering flames), take Kinetic Wire Sculpture! Bruce Campbell is an inventive, consummate wire artist and diligent teacher who delighted his classes last year — and is back!

For more in-depth descriptions and to enroll, go to www.newfound-owatonna.com/creativity

If you’re getting *The Loon*, then you have some idea of how great Camp is. Join in! — August 22–29. ■

the counselors putting into practice everything they have been learning. They absolutely shine, and I love celebrating each small success as the staff welcome new campers with hugs and confidently shake the hands of parents.

From here on out, the scene in my living room goes back to being its quiet, mostly empty space, and I extend my view beyond the windows to a picture many of us know so well: the ever-inspiring daily momentum of Camp. Camp is so much more than the activities we see at first glance. It is a place where campers and staff wake up each day knowing that they are safe to be themselves. Inhibitions are replaced with self worth and confidence. Newfound women set the bar high and challenge themselves to always do their best. Because Love is at the helm of everything we do, we respond to the world with kindness, poise, outreach, and healing. Newfound is a pillar, and what campers and staff learn during the summer goes with them to protect and strengthen their homes and communities. Every healing and every accomplishment is character building. The outcome is that we leave Camp stronger mentally, physically, and spiritually. We develop a love of that which is good and the desire to uphold it. All of this happens because of the staff's dedication to our mission.

Each week, the Newfound staff returns to the Director's Cottage to share and celebrate the days behind and the days ahead. I won't give away too much more of the secret by

telling you all the details of our Saturday staff meetings, but I can assure you that it is a cherished time of the week for the staff to reflect on the work they are doing with your children. Once again, the Cottage living room is filled with stories of progress and expansion. If you could be a fly on the wall and witness the loyalty the counselors have to upholding and modeling purity for your daughters, you would understand the magnitude of love that is here at Camp. Attending Newfound each summer is an opportunity to soak up the value of being immersed in a summer camp environment rich with spiritual development. It's simply not worth missing! The stories shared at our Saturday staff meetings are proof that Camp is building resilient, independent, generous, and thriving citizens of the world based on the study and practice of Christian Science. I would bottle it up if I could, but it is the experience that makes the difference, and it is irreplaceable.

This is why the living room in the Director's Cottage is my favorite view. It encompasses everything a person would see strolling through Camp and more. There is a depth to it that enriches and ripens all other views at Camp. The Newfound staff is a beautiful group of young women changing the world through uplifting your children and each other. I am looking forward to summer 2017, and can genuinely say that the Newfound staff and campers are what light up my life. They are the best view I have ever seen! ■

Oh, the Places You Went! 2016 Summer Trip Stats

RICK LIPSEY, Tripper



MEGAN SELBY

VIRTUALLY every Newfound and Owatonna camper, including the youngest children, spent at least one night camping during the summer of 2016. The staff of trippers brought in new tools and processes like Caltopo (an online map-making program) and an internet-based trip planning and tracking program; and they used an array of top-shelf gear from super-lightweight cookware to a build-it-yourself canoe. Camp sent out over 30 trips in 2016. The activities included white-water and lake canoeing, ocean kayaking and backpacking. Some trips also included art projects with campers drawing and painting at their campsites at the end of a hike or paddle. Among the destinations were the Allagash

River, parts of the Appalachian Trail and Baxter State Park, the Androscoggin River, hiking, biking, and kayaking in Acadia National Park, Mt. Washington, kayaking in Casco Bay in the Atlantic Ocean, Rangeley Lake, Mahoosuc Notch, Baldface, Franconia Notch, Grafton Notch, Bradbury Mountain, and a combined Moose Pond and Pleasant Mountain trip. We also took a day trip to swim in Step Falls as well as to Eastman Farm with the young campers, so they could observe a real farm in action. Without question, the 2016 trips program was filled with adventure, fun, healing, beauty, camaraderie, and learning; and we're looking forward to another great summer of trips in 2017. ■

put into the water. Even the games are opportunities to practice sportsmanship, excellence, courage, and brotherhood. In the mornings, the staff dig into their Bible Lesson, they share at Morning Meeting, and it is inspiring to be at Testimony Meetings at local churches on the Wednesday before Camp opens.

As the sound of the chairs grows quiet, I open my eyes and look around the circle. I am overwhelmed by a deep sense of gratitude that I am a part of this group of men. It seems that so much of the world is opposed to what we hold true. The television shows, the professional sports, and the posts on our newsfeeds all tell us that sin and mortality are a part of life; and yet I am looking into the faces of men who, like me, have glimpsed a higher truth that they yearn to demonstrate more effectively in their lives.

Camp is a fun place, but these young men are here for something much deeper than fun. They are attracted to a place that holds them to the highest standard,

a place where they know they will be pushed to grow as thinkers, leaders, and healers. They want to give, to be selfless, to teach, and to share. They want to show that men can care and express humility and meekness in concord with, not at the expense of, their strength and masculinity.

Camp is a fun place, but these young men are here for something much deeper. They are attracted to a place that holds them to the highest standard.

They cherish the opportunity to express order, commitment, attention to detail, service, and excellence in their lives.

The sound of the chairs on the lodge floor represents the focus, dedication, and commitment of each Owatonna counselor to provide an unforgettable summer for the boys in their cabins and activity areas.

They know that pre-camp is their training ground, and I wish that every parent could watch them throughout these short nine days. If parents knew how dedicated this staff was to being role models of the right sort for their children, I am convinced they would sign them up immediately for every summer through their CIT year and then encourage them to come back as counselors. The value of a summer spent away from the material world and striving for the spiritual world is priceless, and the Owatonna staff are role models for this.

Although I hear the sound of the chairs opening thousands of times throughout the summer, it is never quite the same as that first night. The chairs will accompany the joy and energy of the campers, the hard work of the CITs, and the brotherhood of everyone in the lodge; but for that brief moment on that early evening in June they sing their solo and herald the start of a new summer. I can't wait for June 8, 2017. ■



GIVING AND ENGAGING

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2017 CAMP PROGRAMS & DATES

Camps Newfound and Owatonna

1st session	June 17 – July 8
Two-week session	June 17 – July 1
2nd session	July 9 – August 5
Full session	June 17 – August 5
CIT	June 17 – August 5

Family Camp (1/2 price for new families Week 2)

Family Camp Week 1	August 7 – 13
Family Camp Week 2	August 14 – 20

Creative Arts Week August 22 – 29



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