



YMCA Camp Belknap

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Quarterly News - Summer 2015

Belknap Community Celebrates the Completion of Main Dock!

On June 13, friends and families of Belknap gathered under the pines to celebrate the official ribbon-cutting of Main Dock. The project began in November and continued through the winter, and was completed in early June in time for Belknap's 2015 summer season.

Support the Main Dock Fund!

Last chance to buy a piece of the old dock! Gifts go directly toward supporting the reconstruction project that took place this past winter and spring.

Donate Today!

Upcoming Events



The ceremony featured remarks from Seth and Stephanie Kassels, Directors of Camp Belknap, John Wilkins, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Paul Goodwin, Principal of Watermark (all pictured above). As an appreciation for a successful 7-month partnership with Belknap, Goodwin presented a \$1,000 check on behalf of Watermark to Belknap's Christopher van Tongeren Fund, which supports scholarships for campers in Carroll County, NH. Shortly after the ribbon was cut, the dock opened for the first general swim of the 2015 season, as seen in the cover photo above. Thank you to all who have supported this historic moment in Belknap's 112-year history!

Excitement Builds for First Year Campers at New Camper Orientation



Campers show their spirit after a rousing game of capture the flag on Messer Field

We had a fantastic turnout of first-year Belknappers and their families for our New Camper Orientation this year! The day included guided

Chief Masqua's Luncheon

July 17th, 2015

We invite 70+ year old Belknappers to return to the pines and enjoy an afternoon reconnecting with Camp Belknap.

To RSVP, please contact Andy Rentschler at alumni@campbelknap.org or (603) 569-3475

Family Camp Weekend

September 4-7, 2015

Open to all current and former Belknappers, this weekend offers the unique opportunity to share the Belknap experience with family and friends.

[Click Here to Register for 2015 Family Camp](#)

Women's Wellness Retreat

September 10-13, 2015

Enjoy laughter, friendship, fun and relaxation during this long weekend of women celebrating women.

[Click Here to Register for the 2015 Women's Wellness Retreat](#)

tours around Belknap, lunch in the Dining Hall, and a presentation from Seth and Stephanie Kassels and members of the 2015 Staff. While parents had a chance to ask questions, campers got to play games on Messer Field with Belknap leaders. We look forward to seeing you all this summer at camp!

An Act of Unbargaining Service: Leaders Reconnect at 2nd Annual Work Weekend

Former Belknap leaders made their way back to camp, some for the first time in over 20 years, to participate in Belknap's 2nd Annual Leaders Work Weekend. Their hard work was enormously appreciated, as we were able to continue our conservation efforts and plant another 300 white pine saplings throughout camp! Other projects included spreading wood chips in the grove, painting, and preparing Cadet Beach and the Dining Hall for the start of camp. When the work was done, leaders enjoyed a game of tennis baseball on Messer Field, canoe trips to see the new campsite on Farm Island, and some even jumped into the lake despite sub-50 degree temperatures! We thank all of our leaders for their outstanding work readying Belknap for another fantastic summer.



2015 Dates

Session 1:
June 27 - July 11

Session 2:
July 11 - July 25

Session 3:
July 26 - August 8

Session 4:
August 8 - August 22

Session 5:
August 24 - August 29

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Back (L-R): Brian Mannherz, Nate Chesley, Evan Morse, John Wilder, Dan Seyler, Mark Kessler, Tom Wintner, John Drake, Ted Clark, Dave Crean, Paul "Hippo" Moore, Melissa Adams Ludwig, Brad Germain, Kent Cruger, Chip Bierweiler, Greg Whalen, Kyle John

Front (L-R): Seth Kassels, Tucker Briggs, Dave Latchaw, Adam Perreault, Dan Fowler, Jon Igoe, Chandler Harris, George Berman, Stephanie Kassels, Jared Whalen

Campers and Alumni Come Together for 1st Annual Spring Bizou Ball Game!

What a game! On May 17th, campers, leaders, alumni, family and friends ventured to Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA, to participate in our inaugural Spring Bizou Ball Game. We had a great response from our Boston-based community, and an extra special BOOMALACKA to Belknappers Cam & Colin Gilmore who trekked all the way from NJ to help make it a huge success. The conditions were perfect - 70s and sunny - and the game went back and forth before being settled in an overtime thriller. Thank you to Alec Bleday LC'04, Director of the Fund for Xaverian, for co-hosting this awesome event. We look forward to continuing this tradition in May 2016 and hope to see you there!





Mother-Son Social Supports Tuftonboro Central School

This spring, Camp Belknap continued its community outreach efforts by hosting a Mother-Son Social for local boys in grades K-6. All proceeds from ticket sales went directly toward supporting programs at Tuftonboro Central School. The boys looked dapper in their shirts and ties, and they had an absolute blast playing and dancing with their friends and classmates. The evening began with lawn games on Messer Field, after which the boys led their mothers down to Conlon Lodge for a pizza party and to dance. A highlight of the night was when the boys hopped on stage and led the way in the cha-cha slide!

