

Enjoy samplings of surveys from parents, staff and campers' quotes at the end of summer.

FROM CAMPERS: *These direct quotes are from campers who responded to a mail survey at the end of their summer. Many comments were repeated by several campers.*

What have you learned about yourself this summer?



Get to know people before you judge - different personalities are good

*Wyo is a great place to build confidence and spirit
I learned how to be a good leader*



I found courage to try new things



I can have lots of fun away from home

I liked having friends of different ages

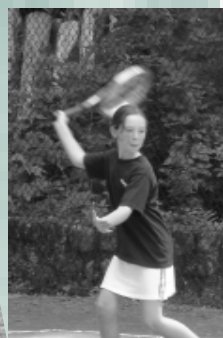
I can live without certain things like electronics



I learned to hike with a sprained ankle



If I really want to I can do anything



I can do anything I set my mind to

I can have fun wherever I am

I love backpacking



I will always have Wyo friends

I love camping and hiking; I hate canoeing



I am more outgoing than I thought - especially away from school

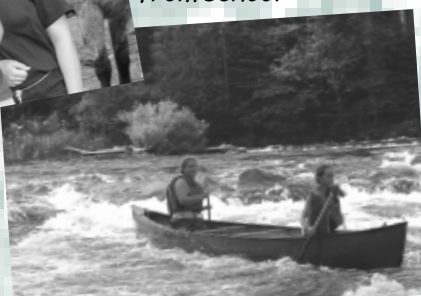


To skipper (a sailboat)

To respect myself and other people and always share



You can accomplish goals if you try very hard



That I speak good English and can write too



Extent to which your purposes were achieved

50 fully accomplished;
10 mostly accomplished;
4 partially accomplished

What did you like BEST about the camp?

(they were asked to check 5 from a list of 25)
Atmosphere and spirit
Philosophy
Variety of activities
Location
Physical facilities

FROM STAFF — #1 How would you describe your camp experience to a friend?

An exhilaratingly brilliant summer.
Not sure - it has ups and downs.

Amazing! So many great people at Wyonegonic and the campers are just wonderful.

Busy. Long days spent working in a rustic setting with lots of great people in a well-run place.

It is very demanding and requires all of your energy. The friendships made with staff are strong and memorable, and you will most likely get a camper or two who make your summer fantastic.

Camp is an amazing experience that I wish every child had the chance to enjoy

It was a totally awesome experience and one of the best things I have ever done. I was so nervous and unsure when I was first hired, but now I feel so much apart of the Wyonegonic family and camp feels like a second home. The friends I made and the memories I have of camp are truly priceless and I am so glad I was able to take this time out of my life to have such an amazing experience, with such wonderful people at a beautiful place.

It is such a positive place. It's hard working, but the people, the campers, the camp are great. You'll learn a lot about yourself and others too. You'll cross boundaries and you'll have the summer of your life!

#2 What were the greatest rewards?

Seeing and hearing the girls talk about how much they love camp, and knowing that I contributed to their experience. The friendships made and maintained with fellow councillors.

Watching those kids grow and change in a few short weeks is all the reward that I need. Sure, I made new friends and I learned some new skills, which are great in their own right. But for me it's all about those girls. It's amazing to see them come back year after year and see how they've changed - whether it's for better or for worse. Knowing that I have helped them learn something new, or nudged them in the direction of solving their own problems is all the reward I need.

#3 What was challenging for you?

Fitting into a culture that is so deeply rooted in tradition and certain ways of doing things. While I loved being out of camp on trips it was challenging at times to come back to camp and fit back into the camp environment.

At times some of the campers can be very challenging.

Being so far away from home, finding enough time for myself - especially to be able to call or email home.

Working with others who may have a different philosophy when it comes to working with children and being on duty and at work 24/7, lack of privacy or personal quiet time was a challenge too.

Wyonegonic isn't just a place - it's a feeling. I've spent two summers on Moose Pond, and they have been the most memorable times of my life. Wyo is about friendship, leadership, individuality, and independence. It is about connecting with nature and testing your own personal limits. It has certainly helped me to test mine, and it is one of the greatest feelings in the world.

I would tell them that Wyonegonic is a wonderful place to work, and although it was rough at times, the reward of having the campers give you hugs and tell you that you are awesome made it all worthwhile.

It was okay, for the most part. Great for kids and for myself. 24/7. Busy- a big job.

I love spending the summers working at camp. It helps me focus the rest of the year. Camp reminds me of the joy of living simply. It also helps put some of the daily life toils into perspective. For me camp is a blast! The girls take so much away from it, grow physically, mentally and spiritually. They become stronger, more independent individuals. The best part is, when we're not looking, we do too!

I had a great time leading trips. Got to see some magnificent views and share in these experiences with some great campers and fellow staff. Worthwhile.

Camp gives me the opportunity to learn and challenge who I am as a person and who I want to be. Really good fun experience working with lots of different people!!

I had the most amazing summer. Its hard to describe in words how fantastic a time I had. The friendships with campers and staff members, the laughter, the different activities available all provided me with much diversity and enjoyment. I have told all my friends who love kids, and the outdoors that summer camp is the greatest way imaginable to spend an Aussie winter!

This was a difficult summer. Greatest reward was seeing their achievements and my own personal rewards and growth. I experienced things I never before had done.

Watching my campers grow, become more independent, gain new skills and build such great relationships with them. For myself - I grew, became more independent, learned new skills and made some great new friends.

Seeing the campers get excited after they accomplished a goal or tried something new.

The hugs I got from my campers and knowing that I was a role model for so many people meeting lots of new and interesting people.

The reactions from the kids when they achieved something they didn't think they could do.

The greatest rewards for me were to watch and join in with the joy, when a camper achieved something they were aiming for. I loved being able to be there to help enjoy their success.

Seeing the sense of achievement and huge smiles on the faces of the campers who were not considered "trippers" as they reached the top of a mountain, our campsite or the end of a trail.

Being appreciated for what you've done.

I was challenged by two things, one having all my campers go home at half session and two by having to change and adapt to the younger girls for second session. I did however enjoy the challenge

Long days!!!! Also sometimes it was difficult constantly being around the same people. Lice!

Initially it was working out where to focus my energy, be it my cabin, my activities, my new friends, there was ALWAYS so much to throw your self into. In the end, it was maintaining a happy cabin environment with girls with so many different ideas, beliefs, needs and wants that challenged me.

FROM PARENTS: (66 returns)

Reasons why you send your child to camp.

- Topping the list:
- To have a good time
- To appreciate the out of doors
- To make new friends
- To build self confidence

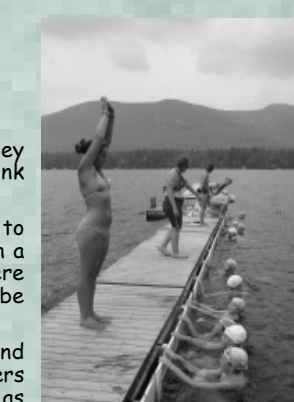
Only two persons checked - "so we could go on vacation" (This supports the myth that parents send their kids to camp so they can travel)

What do you like LEAST about the camp?

- Topping the List:
- Frequency campers write letters home
- Disciplinary Issues
- Food

Will you recommend Wyonegonic to others?

60 of 65 returned forms said yes; 0 said no; 1 was undecided (15 families requested we send materials to specific friends)





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NOVEMBER 2006

Summer Feedback...

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Yes, indeed it was another great summer on Moose Pond. Most campers were very engaged and happy. We know that fun accelerates learning. The weather was hot as it settled under the tall pines, but we were in the lake many times a day. The tripping program burst with new challenges. Happy campers laughed and sang their way through the action packed activities back in camp. We are convinced that community living, away from home, in a recreational setting provides a foundation for growth.



Camp is an important thread in the fabric of a child and we need to weave that fabric together with parents and staff. At the close of each summer we are in the habit of requesting feedback from parents, campers and staff. We are willing to listen to things we do not want to hear. That is one way we set up important partnerships and continue to improve the quality of The Wyonegonic Experience. We weigh these comments and suggestions with conversations and observations we garner during the summer. Wyonegonic gains strength and endurance by continuing to seek feedback and then incorporating ideas into the planning process. We want to be assured that our traditions and values are in synch with a fast changing world. Camp is about learning skills to support tuning into the real world. We are continually challenged to provide campers with decision making and leadership opportunities they can utilize to become effective citizens in their community.

Carol E. Sam

Winona Camps

our brother camp celebrates their 100th in 2007.

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GATHERINGS 2006-2007

WASHINGTON, DC
November 18, 2006
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Home of Ambassador and
Mrs. Michael Smith
1315 Merrimac Ridge Rd
McLean, VA
703-351-6940

PHILADELPHIA, PA
November 19, 2006
Sunday, 4:30 pm
Radnor Hotel
591 East Lancaster Ave
St. Davids, PA
610-688-5800

METRO BOSTON
December 2, 2006
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Museum of our National Heritage
33 Marrett Rd, Lexington, MA
781-861-6559

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY
December 3, 2006
Sunday, 4:00 pm
Hyatt Regency Greenwich
Winthrop A-B Room
1800 E. Putnam Ave,
Old Greenwich, CT
203-637-1234

NEW YORK CITY
December 4, 2006
Monday, 5:30 pm
The Williams Club of NYC
24 East 39th St, New York, NY
212-697-5300

BETHEL, ME
December 14, 2006
Thursday, 7:00 pm
Ordway Hall
Gould Academy, Bethel, ME
207-842-7700

PORTLAND AREA
January 6, 2007
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Home of Emily & Spencer Jones
419 Bayview St, Yarmouth, ME
207-846-3688

CHATHAM, NJ
January 7, 2007
Sunday, 4:00 pm
Home of Anne & Jack Fields
12 Oak Dr, Chatham, NJ
973-635-3874

PRINCETON, NJ
January 8, 2007
Monday, 7:00 pm
Home of Jill Goldman and
Larry Richards
5 Benedek Rd, Princeton, NJ
609-683-9728

HARTFORD, CT
January 9, 2007
Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Home of Fred & Anne Coon
104 Ridgewood Rd, W. Hartford, CT
860-521-5189

WASHINGTON, CT
January 10, 2007
Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Home of Fran & Whitney Ryan
201 Romford Rd, Washington, CT
860-868-1517

SOUTHSHORE BOSTON
January 21, 2007
Sunday, 4:00 pm
Comfort Inn/ Rockland
Exit 14 off Rt. 3
850 Hingham St, Rockland, MA
781-982-1000

WAKEFIELD, RI
January 22, 2007
Monday, 7:00 pm
Home of Mark and Amy Chafee
81 Henry Case Way
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-783-7283



Pleasant Mountain

Thank you again to those who helped us preserve the mountain. It is a treasure and camper groups hiked it weekly. Several outings did the traverse up the Southwest Trail to the Fire Tower, then traversed across the Bald Peak Trail to Bald Peak, North Peak and down the Ski Slopes. Sunrise trips happened frequently during Family Camp. This is an early "wake up" in the summertime, back in time for 8:00 o'clock breakfast to share with others the beauty of the diffused light on surrounding hills and lakes. Carol has climbed Pleasant a dozen times this year using eight different trail configurations. She finds the challenge to be diverse, rich in eco systems and exhilarating exercise.

Helen Cobb

After being in Maine for the summer, Jean McMullan stopped to see Helen Cobb in Vero Beach and was greeted with "Well, I am still alive and I feel pretty good. I still like to play Bingo but I need sharper scissors for my needlepoint. I wish I had gone to the Wyonegonic 100th." Jean says Helen is comfortable and remembers the past in some detail. Jean was honored during Alford Lake Camps 100th celebration in August. This was a lovely event for a very special friend and lady well known to the camping world.



Karen Grey

Since Karen answers the phone, many of you have spoken but never met. This year she received her 5 year paddle, presented by Steve at banquet. We gifted 41 five year paddles, and three 10 year Wiggie chairs this summer. Even in this changing world we are proud of the longevity.

Camp Scholarships

We are determined that Wyonegonic will continue to thrive and bring the excitement of camp to thousands of children in the future. We are always grateful for your support and the spirit behind your gift that makes camp possible for others. The beneficiaries of this effort are the CHILDREN.



2007 DATES:

Campers: June 27-August 14; June 27-July 21; July 21-August 14
Family Camp: August 17-20; August 20-25; August 25-27