2009

Wyonegonic Summer Schedule/

Clinics: May 29 – June 17 Staff Pre-Camp Training: June 17 – June 23

Camper Session 7 Weeks: June 24 – August 11 Camper Session 1: June 24 – July 18 Camper Session 2: July 18 – August 11



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Certainty in Uncertain times

Dear Wyonegonic Friends,

Yes, we believe there is certainty in these uncertain times. We, like all businesses, are affected by the atmosphere surrounding us. A healthy, early recruiting season last fall has now been marred by some campers cancelling due to financial instability as families need to reassess financial decisions.

Wyonegonic will continue to do what we do best: build relationships between people. We will provide our campers the opportunity to nurture personal and primary relationships within the setting of a natural environment. One of the most valuable gifts a parent can give their child is the opportunity to develop independence, self- worth, leadership and resiliency as they learn to navigate the world. Camp can assist them in learning while having fun with safe risk-taking and first hand exploration and discovery.

Right now we are close to 95% filled for the summer. We are still recruiting and following up on good leads as we look for a dozen more campers who would benefit from the summer at Wyonegonic. We are pleased that parents continue to confirm they do not want their child to miss out on opportunities, and they understand that camp provides something very

special. They look at the experience as an investment in their child's development, not just an activity. We are certain we provide a relevant piece in the year round learning cycle and offer a summer of a lifetime for many.

We are excited that our staff return rate is higher than usual (another sign of the economy and current job

market.) Effective and caring counselors are critical to the quality of the summer experience.

Carol joins me in warm regards as we approach the summer with anticipation and confidence.

Steve Sudduth Co-director





News from Carol . . .

I am pleased to mention that **Steve Sudduth** was honored by his peers and the recipient of the American Camp Association, New England Region Meritorious Award. We are very proud of you Steve (especially your Mom), and extremely grateful for all your volunteer leadership for camping professionals.



Carol with Joel Bruning and Carsten Griese at AMC Pinkham Notch

Junior Wiggie Update



As our winter snows melt and we wait for "ice out" on Moose Pond, we eagerly await the next stage in the process of replacing our Junior Wiggie. If you have visited our beautiful Cobb Dining Hall which was built in 2001 for our 100th summer and enjoy looking up into the rafters, then you would be pleased to learn that the same craftsman, Andy Buck from Naples, Maine is carving out the frames for the new Junior Wiggie. Once raised and on the awaiting new floor deck, the local crew from Barber Construction will complete the building this spring so we will be ready for summer use. The building will sit on the old Junior Tennis Court, the space most recently used by our CIT Yurts. The deck and bridge built last year that spans the creek and surrounds the remaining Junior Wiggie Fireplace turned out to be a scenic and valuable program area for us last summer: dance class, evening program around the campfire, outdoor art class...

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Phil Cobb sends greetings and best wishes for our new season. He enjoyed reviewing the 50 facts about Wyonegonic in the November Loon. Phil resides in Maine, on adjacent property to the camp he and Betty ran for many decades on Belgrade Lake. His daughter Pam is now directing camp. Jill Spiller visited friends in Maine on Chebeague Island. It brought back memories of trips to Casco Bay with upper Seniors during her camper years. Betty Baxter Sternad and her family visited Wyonegonic in August and selected a location for a beautiful teak wood bench, gifted by her daughters, to acknowledge and express Mom's love for her Wyonegonic days. The bench is located between the Cabine and library with a view of the lake, looking across at Pleasant Mountain. Andy and Jean Gentry MCMullan attended



Betty Baxter Sternad

national meetings of the American Camp Association in Orlando. They winter in Vero Beach, Florida and look forward to summer and fall in Maine at Alford Lake. Hannah Palmer Snyder and Bob visited

us at the Philadelphia Reunion. They are still mending from a stagecoach accident in Ēurope, but are happy and comfortable in their Gwynedd, PA condo. Janet Loop Glendenning and her husband have moved to Ithaca to be close to their grandchildren. Joanie St Clair Goodhew and her husband Bill stopped by in October for a foliage visit and lunch. These Atlantic

Joanie Goodhew's grandchildren

Grandparents are pretty proud of the next generation.

Evelyn Weeden Kenyon_recalls learning how to paddle, passing her Junior Life Saving and enjoying horseback riding during happy times at Wyonegonic in the thirties. Ronnie Charron **Record** is living in Peterborough, NH and enjoys reading the LOON. She states that her group of peers seems to

be shrinking. Missy Lindsay thoroughly enjoys her position as dean of students for the First Year Program at Trinity College. She teaches Medieval Literature. Her son Matt is a freshman at Trinity. Julie Ziercher writes from New York City that she enjoys catching up with Wyo news in the LOON. **Ruth Stickney** is pleased her grandniece is loving camp. Elise Demunn Feier and Ellie Jacobs Garrett met up for a visit for the first time in decades. Elise lives in NJ and Ellie lives in Michigan.



Elise DeMunn and Ellie Jacobs

Lynn's 60th and several grandchildren. Lynn continues to write and has had stories published in Christian literature. Anne Judge Favalaro is enjoying her work as a grief counselor, for the "Childrens Room." This organization helps families, teens and young people with skills that help them deal

with illness or loss to a loved one. Nancy Cordiner Judge writes, "Thank you for tending to our five granddaughters with your well-planned summer and sure leadership. In our family Wyonegonic looms large and nourishing."

Sally Trafton and her husband plan to move from Rochester, NY to Brunswick, ME, close to the Bowdoin College Campus. Sally has retired after 20 year's of faculty at the U of Rochester Med School. She is now helping to resurrect a regional health planning agency and is a strong advocate for

health care for all. Her daughter Megan Campbell is teaching English in Korea. Nancy Mallory Sansouci has two daughters working in NYC. At home in Boxford MA, Nancy plays weekly tennis. She escapes occasionally to hike and ski from a North Conway, NH Condo which is her vacation home base. She trains and ran in her 4th Disney Marathon at New Years and is usually joined by her daughter Lisa. Nancy is a regular at Family Camp. Edith Phyfe Walsh writes the garden is taking over their NH property.



Mary Ellen Daniels McCormick and Mike

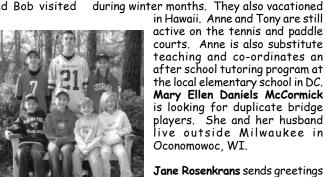
Jack Erler and his wife Ellen are building a home in Culebra , Puerto Rico where they have enjoyed vacation time. He is trying to practice law "part time" in Portland Maine, and is still an important link for the Maine Camp Association in Augusta. He and Steve Sudduth (legislative chair for the Maine Camp Directors) spend many hours together



Celia Hopkins Sonja Hedstrom Cooke Sarah Struthers Frothingham Louise Whittman McConaghy

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the local elementary school in DC. Mary Ellen Daniels McCormick



Katie Jacobs Eyre has earned the important status of grandmother. Their three grown boys are well into advanced studies and careers. Katie and her husband Bob treat themselves to some travel as they try to figure out how to taper off to shorter work weeks in their respective professions. Recently Katy helped her doctor husband Bob plan a meeting for 200 urologists in Puerto Rico. He did the medical planning, she the social. Anne Darneille Snodgrass spends 5

months a year in Bridgton, Maine. They are

home based in DC but take trips to see their

children in California, Texas and Vermont

from Newport , Beach CA. She

lost her mother this winter. Lynn

Cooper Sitton and her husband

have downsized to a townhouse as

they are dealing with some health

issues. They have had several occasions

to celebrate life this past year including



at hearings in Augusta watch-dogging legislation that will impact all Maine camps.

For example, minimum wage laws, meals tax laws... Maine, like all states is looking for ways to collect tax revenue to balance the state budget. Katy Angstadt Rahl married in October. Close Wyo and Darien friends hosted a pre-wedding party to celebrate Katy's wedding day in

October. Liz Angstadt, Edith Phyfe Walsh, Missy Lindsey, Lisa Cook Reed and Catie Lindsey Olinski joined the group as Lisa orchestrated the day.

Sally Barnes Sonne reports 11 thriving grandchildren visited over Labor Day for a lively and chaotic long weekend. Last Fall, she and her husband enjoyed a hike with Distant Journeys in the Grand Canyon. The great nephew of Kate Meeks and grandson of Eleanor Meeks sent along black and white photos for our archives from 1919. Lee Louitt Tauck and daughter Robin Tauck Leth shared in celebrating graduation from Columbia, B.A. Fine Arts with granddaughter Colleen Leth.



Lee Tauck - 3 generations

Trudy Bower is out of Africa and now settled in Rome for the remainder of her career with CARE. Daughter Libby Pirinis is a freshman at Emory College and daughter Alex Pirinis is graduating from Skidmore. Margie Acton Pool is surrounded by seven grandsons. She enjoys their company, walking with friends and selling a bit of real estate in a slow market. Her family surprised her with a 70th birthday party including friends from



e-wedding get together and Katy with Rod

Betsy French

Cayo passed

February 11

due to stroke

complications.

She leaves her husband

of 45 years

Ron Cayo who

lives in their

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San Marino, CA home. Betsy and Ron were able to travel extensively to Italy and France after his retirement from Disney. Betsy was a passionate interior designer and she spent many years with Amerasia Associates. Betsy was involved with multiple charities and she loved to spend time cooking, gardening and

visiting with family and friends. Ron and Betsy have two married daughters who had several years at Wyonegonic. Missy Cayo Ballentine and Alison Cayo Matthews each have two all walks of her life. Mary Hobler Hyson and her husband have enjoyed some travels to Florida, Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons; then to Bridgton ME to attend the Fryeburg Fair in October. In Florida, sisters Debbie Hobler and Nancy Hobler Callaghan joined her for a ladies week in Siesta Key. Her brother Randy had a world premiere in Iowa for his musical, "Banjo Boy." Stay tuned. Daughter Katie Hyson is still teaching kindergarten in NH. Nancy Cordiner Judge enjoys her annual Wyonegonic visit to see grandchildren. Teddy Rupp says that Family

children. On Betsy's last visit to camp, I remember how she diligently searched out her girls' sleeping cabins to take pictures of their cabin plaques.

Ron, her daughters and grandchildren will celebrate Betsy's love for Wyonegonic and Moose Pond in August when they plan to vacation on the shores for a week over her 75th birthday. Betsy was from Portland, Maine and often stated that her favorite summers were spent as a camper at Wyonegonic in the forties. It was Betsy's wish to help make camp possible for others.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, tax-deductible contributions in Betsy's memory may be made to the Wyonegonic Campership Fund through the George N. Sudduth Endowment which awards campers financial assistance to attend Wyonegonic Camps. Checks should be made to ACF (American Camping Foundation), notated "in memory of Betsy French Cayo" and sent to Wyonegonic Camps, 215 Wyonegonic Road, Denmark, Maine 04022.

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The Sudduth Years 1970-199

Camp was great again and she compliments Carlton Smith on her fine job of directing to make it fun for all ages. Carlton's two daughters are working in NYC trying to get the big break for acting jobs. Erin Roberts has done well and Aislinn Smith is just starting after graduating from Smith College, spring 2008. Both girls are very talented and certainly a chip off Carlton's passion for theater. Carlton had parts last year in "the Blessing," and "Urinetown" in her local Vermont community.



Carlton Smith with Erin and Aislinn

Dora "Dee" Apted Grover says that architect husband Bill has decided on semi retirement. They traveled to weddings in Wisconsin and Sedona. They expect both daughters, Amy and Gigi to visit this summer. Dee has hooked up with camp friend Mary MacNutt Riis by email. Dee writes, " It was so sad to see the photos of the Jr. Wiggie -- many happy memories of Mrs. MacNutt leading us on with braids on top of her head, stolen moments in front of the fire late at night with Winona boyfriend (I was sure we'd get caught!), and leaning over the birch bark railing of the little porch, gazing at beautiful Moose Thanks for all the memories! I'm Pond. sure you've done something great with that space." Patty Marcy Spaulding stopped by for a visit in Breckenridge after skiing. She and her husband spend a month in CO and a month in Tucson, now that her husband has retired from his medical practice in Tacoma, Washington.



Breckenridge Reunion



Jen Conlin hosted a London reunion in February. Besides her Rivkin daughters, they had a small gathering of Wyo campers. Annie Snodgrass works in Boston in a management consulting firm. She will head to business school in the Fall at the Wharton School, U of PA. She entered and ran in two $\frac{1}{2}$ marathons this past year. Virginia Snodgrass lives in Austin, TX and is the new alumni coordinator of admissions for Middlebury

College in Central Texas. She had been teaching in a bi-lingual program. Tish Wick is married and living in London.

Edie Sonne Hall is juggling 80% work with Weyerhaeuser (writing policy forest climate change), two young children and husband Brian and personal time. She has managed family visits back East, a triathlon, and an annual kayak camping trip. Edie visited Susie Sudduth Hammond at Wyo in late August with Noli (15 months) and Barty (3 years). Celeste Dolan is living in New Orleans and is in Med School at Tulane U. She took a week off to join her CIT friend Sarah Rebick in Boulder to ski and hike. They enjoyed breakfast with Carol on a recent March Saturday morning in Colorado.



Celeste Dolan and Sarah Rebick

Lauren Robeck, who is living in San Francisco, joined her parents for a spectacular 8-day backpack in Yosemite National Park. She will be in an MBA Program this Fall. David and Wendy Wescott enjoyed trekking to their Bridgton cabin this winter. Sally Ledbetter has volunteered to spruce up the camp signs. Sally has relocated to RI and the family vacation home in Westport. Peter Maxsom who works and has raised his family in Brussels, is happy that his daughter Eva will be a CIT this summer at Wyonegonic. Diana McAlpine flew to Auckland to represent Wyonegonic at the counselor recruiting fair.

Katy Angstadt to Rod Rahe Tish Wick to Mr Christias

This is the second year Diana has taken on this responsibility. We like her hires and thank her for her volunteer

time. Tori DiCarlo works for 'Operation Smile" and travels weekly. She is home based in Bogata, Columbia but missed Susie who was recruiting in the area. Betsy Ertman Bahn writes from Seattle that she enjoys being the glue in the family, helping her son become more independent with diabetic care, managing the middle school lacrosse program and participating in both child and adult book clubs. Jen Blakeman **Terry** and her husband enjoy

raising their family of two children in Boise, ID. Jen will return to the classroom in the Fall and teach IB Chemistry at a nearby charter school. Personally, she trains for a summer Olympic distance triathlon (1.5k

swim, 40k bike and 10k run) in August in Idaho. She competed last summer and plans to take on the challenge again.



Jen Blakeman Terry and family

Karen Callaghan Rosolowski has her own CPA Consulting business in Los Angeles and is head of LA Synchronize Swim. Sister Kathy Callaghan Rex splits winter time between the ski slopes and watching winter track meets. Kathy has launched a new handball program for young women in Colorado Springs with her sights on the 2016 Olympics. The US has not qualified since 1988 when she was the goalie on the US Team. Kathy and her husband have also started a non-profit Running Club in Coloraado Springs as an after school program for children 4th grade and up. Kathy and Steve have three active boys, the oldest goes off to college in a year. Barb Callaghan Strenk has a synchronize swim team of 50 girls and also teaches private swim lessons in San Diego. Her oldest of three children is now a freshman in college. Joan, her older sister teaches in Portland, OR. Brother Mike also works in Portland OR; brother, Steve is a writer for "The Family Guy" in LA. Both boys have two children and were Pooh Corner in the early Seventies with Steve and David Sudduth. What a quartet of boys that was running down the pine needle paths. David Sudduth and his

Marsha Hahn to Michael Wackerly Gerun Riley

Tish Wick and groom

The Sudduth Years 1970-1999

wife Rebecca Long Sudduth are remodeling their home in Breckenridge. Three year old Ellia and her brother Luke are out on the Breckenridge slopes learning how to ski. Heather Macomber Beauparlant welcomed son Ian to the family in December. He joins two year old Luc who is already in ice skates. Heather is stationed at Fort Benning, GA and is doing her family residency practice on the base. Mom, Betsy Jones Macomber teaches guilting and helps with the high school musical. She also reunited with UVM friends in Vermont recently. Linda Bail and her husband still live in Arizona but they are building a "retirement" home in Freeport, Maine. She spent much of her summer getting it livable for family Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now, back in Arizona, she is painting again in hopes of putting together another show. Anna Sims Bartel, who works in Maine, spent Christmas and New Years in Hawaii with Katie Brown and family.

News from **Bea Waring** about her grown Wyo campers: **Kim Waring Wright** is Assistant to the High School principal in Rockport; **Laurie Waring Kelly** is a substitute teacher in Exeter, NH; **Lisa Waring Somers** and her husband are running a seasonal "Lobster Pool" in Rockport MA; **Wendy Waring Hillner** is caring for two boys in Brewster, NY. **Courtney Smith Perevalova** has two of her three Moscow born children at Wyonegonic and Winona. Courtney also owns a summer home in Rockport, Maine close to where her parents spend the season.



Courtney Smith Perevalova's three children

Abby Burbank stopped by for lunch at Jill Gasperini's Ski House in Bridgton. She was "racking" a Winona canoe to take home to repair and refinish as a winter project. Abby says she is getting addicted to her newest hobby, refinishing and building canoes. Abby has been recruiting for woman's lacrosse at Skidmore and is enjoying building her team. Sue Weissman is a reservation manager for Vail Resorts specializing in international and domestic wholesale and travel agencies. Her office is at the Keystone Ski Resort in Dillon, CO. **Barb Koontz Hollis** and her husband Jeff have been named Community Event Foundation Partners for all the work they have done in fund raising for the Make a Wish Foundation. They have reached a goal of granting "100 Wishes" since they began their volunteer work in 1996. Barb loves going to Florida in the winter to play some golf; Jeff continues his work at the bank.



Barb and Jeff Hollis

Marsha Hahn Cross married Michael Wackerly in February. They plan to settle in Jackson, Wyoming this summer where Michael works. Besides being a part time massage therapist, she is packing up her Ohio belongings, ready to move West. Catie Lindsey Olinski and her husband are building a vacation home in Lovell, Maine near Kezar Lake. They still reside in CT and Catie works for Stanley which involves traveling to Boston, Dallas, Orlando, Indianapolis. Marie Meany Drury reports that it has been a big year of finding a house, moving and now a second child on the way in April. Jamie Gaudion is teaching high school in Maine and her son Henry is at Gould Academy and passionate about cross country running.

Tiernen Miller Doloid lives in DC and works for the State Department. Jessie Nelson Collins and her husband own an Equine Production business that follows the Hunter/ Jumper circuit most of the year. They are currently living in Iowa. She worked in news for about 10 years then had the urge to get back into showing. She writes, "I am still a horse crazy girl. We don't have any kids, just fuzzy four legged ones, 3 horses and 2 dogs." Elizabeth Bull Marchant writes, "I certainly felt homesick for camp! My seven summers at Wyonegonic were the best summers of my life. I live in Southern California with my husband and our four children, two girls and two boys. I am thinking maybe Family Camp will be an option for us. I am working on finishing a novel (with a publisher lined up). Judy Harvey is working in Denver and loving the weekend skiing in the mountains. In the Fall, she transfers to Washington, DC where she has a government job in law. She sees Wyo friend Kate Smulligan who is also working in Denver. Lynn Riley Stokes reports that none of her girls will be at camp this summer. Holly, the youngest will do some volunteer work in Maine and stay with her grandparents. Pam Bucknam Hale looks forward to bringing her niece to camp next summer.

Sarah Day Bantowsky loves winters in Boulder with their three very blond girls enjoying the snow and the mountains. Sarah is a nurse practitioner. Peter Norton is the Web Marketing Manager for the Central New England Chapter of National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Stacey Mishka Chaffin reports they moved into their new home in Harrisburg, NC in December. Laura Ordway says the snow shovel is getting a better work out than the skis this winter. She and Stefan live on Winona property with their two girls. Marilyn Bodnar went to China with the Mt Holyoke College Alumnae Glee Club and they sang concerts in four different cities. Barbara McDonald reports that her school planned a retirement party for her, after 25 years of service. She also writes that daughter Susan McDonald Bekko expects her second child. Susan and her husband Jan live outside Oslo, Norway. Janet McDonald lives in South Carolina. Mary Murphy writes her love for the out of doors was cemented at Wyo. In 2008, she traveled to Denali National Park to see Mt McKinley and to the Russian Arctic to see the polar bears.

Zak Dutton is working for Camp Nashoba North as a year round assistant director. The camp is co-ed and is located in Raymond ME. His family moved from Phoenix to Holden, MA in June. His wife, Jackie Bush is working for the Public Defender's Office in Worcester. Their two boys, Cooper and Ike, joined Jackie and others in a frigid hike to AMC Lonesome Lake Hut for a New Years Eve gathering. Olivia Eyben Fontaine sends greetings from Brussels. She is teaching

her two children English to help prepare them for a visit or camp in the future.

Teresa Cannon Scornavacchi is thrilled that her daughter Emma will be a camper. She has grown up listening to many W y o n e g o n i c stories and



Olivia Eyben Fontaine's two children

songs. **David and Pat Klooster** visited Wyo in June and revisited the magic of sleeping





by the shores of Moose Pond and listening to the loons. Having their youngest grown son with them added to the meaning of sharing something they loved with family. Maggie Turner came with her sister Julia to visit their camper niece. Maggie writes it was special to be at camp and remember that, "Wyo shaped me in so many ways - to be confident, kind, creative and strong; to have fun and love the out of doors." Julia Turner wrote it was great being on the shores of Moose Pond, "Loons! Stars! Canoes! Singing!" "ViVi" Stephenson Miller and her husband reside on a farm in Tennessee but return to Maine each summer to her mother's Maine place. Their two children accompany her. Gerun Riley was married in Sedona and I understand Jessica Bondi was in attendance. John and Jody Schlacter are planning to come to Maine with their two children for Family Camp. John and Gretchen Adsit now own a 40 acre lot in North Carolina that they are beginning to clear. At their Vermont home, they have three dogs, a trailer business and Gretchen is teaching a bone builders class and enjoys yoga and volleyball. When visiting NC she misses the skiing.



Abbie Wescott, Zach and Zab Bioteau, Ben Ricketts, Whitney Jamison, Sarah Rackliffe, Wendy Westcott

Jean Elderidge Gutsche has a son who has been accepted to the Naval Academy. Both of her children are accomplished musicians and tennis players. Susan Elderidge Jakelia is playing competitive paddle tennis. Her oldest son is at Northeastern U and her younger son, a talented basketball player is going to Dickinson College in the Fall. Amanda McCoy Johnson will return to Wyonegonic with her three young children. Amy Grover is teaching Japanese in a kindergarten in Portland, Oregon. This is her 11th year. GiGi Grover teaches college-age women English at the Abu Dhabi Women's College in the USE. She is moving to India soon. Chris Holtzhauer Mallon reports losing her youngest sister to pancreatic cancer. Alister McMahon announced the birth of Charlotte in December. Michele Bush and Matt Gallagher brought their newborn daughter, Cora, to Bridgton Maine for her first of many visits. Currently they are home based in the Boston area and Michele will soon be starting work for a Portland, ME law firm.



William Houge



Cora Bush Gallagher



Sophia Herlacher Conway

Irene Costandius Loedolff says, "Please come visit South Africa." Her work involves a great deal of travel for Amarula Cream Liqueur. In the past six months, she traveled to Greece, Paris, London and a private game reserve in South Africa where she saw "the big five." A baby is due soon. Jenn Perkins looks forward to loading up her van with four campers for their summer on Moose Pond. They are currently living in Alabama. Jenn will direct Intermediate Camp. Johanne Holt McIvor is substitute teaching, and judging some music festivals. She also visits her Mom in Florida who turns 100 on her next birthday. Marni Kaplan-Earle and her family are moving to a condo in Acton so they are packing household goods. Marni looks forward to directing Junior Camp. Sanne de Jong writes, "please keep making a difference in young girls' lives and, greetings from the Netherlands." Elizabeth O'Neil will graduate from Colby College and then come work at Wyo as a swim and yoga counselor. **Pavel Kotlik** says hello from his home land of the Czech Republic. Ceidleigh Bryce writes from the slopes of Big White Ski Resort in British Columbia where she is working the winter season. She and Kirsten Robertson, Nikki Haden and Jenny Edmondson are trying to conquer the sport of snowboarding. They have enjoyed Wyo visitors and playing and working in the snow. Ceidleigh visited Denmark Maine for a week in February and enjoyed snowboarding on Pleasant MT. She will return to Wyonegonic this summer, as will Nikki and Jenny.

Cor Groenenboom has been in Zermatt, Switzerland working for a British Tour Company as a resort manager. He loves having a job where he can travel the world. He hopes to be in Canada next winter. Laura Ballesteros visited Susie Hammond during Susie's recent trip to Bogota, Columbia. Susie also saw Cecy Avenado and Mercedes Lopez on this trip when she was recruiting in Mexico. Cecy will go to Spain on a scholarship in August. Jane Sullivan and Molly Landis return to camp as ACs. Anne Hilburn is going to France this summer. Andrea Harris is kept busy as faculty at the Vermont Ski Academy. She plans to spend the month of June teaching at Wyonegonic Clinics and helping with Pre-Camp. Kaitlin Cochrane caught up with Carol in Orlando, FL at the American Camp Association meetings. Kaitlin was there with other students from her Wisconsin college. Nara Klay plans to return to Wyonegonic from Switzerland. Sarah Fields and Grace Dwyer are hopeful of being on the Wyonegonic staff this summer. Megan Fields returns as a swim instructor for her third year of counseling. Megan continues her studies at Duke University. Helen Snodgrass graduated from Stanford University in June and is now a course assistant in Human Biology. Helen traveled this summer to Paris, Berlin and Warsaw.

Julia Bedell has spent this semester away from Bates College at the University in Hyderabad, India. Jane Sitarz who is working on her masters in Music Education at the U of Maryland, will be spending some summer days in Nashville. Sami Sudduth chased her Dad down the ski trails of Pleasant MT in early March. In April they look forward to spring vacation in Belize. Sallie Hardy is enjoying UMaine in Orono, where she is completing her freshman year. Claire King looks forward to returning to camp for the summer as an AC. Claire was



<u>Sophia Bradley Conway</u> to Laura Herlacher

<u>Taylor James Macey</u> son of Nicole Cotteril <u>Cora</u> daughter of Matt Gallagher and Michele Bush

> <u>Charlotte</u> daughter of Alister McMahon

<u>Rory</u> to Gina Ball Davis and her husband Rob <u>Cassia Renee Reidel Kopfer</u> to Nola Reidel

<u>Layne</u> to Jason and Hayley McFarlane



We are sometimes the lucky recipient of a shared college essay. So often CITs write about something from their camp experience. Below is Carey Favaloro's essay about " Learning to take risks . . . "

Summer 2007:

As I stand on the platform thirty feet in the air and reach my hand into my pocket for the blindfold that will cover my eyes, my heart is pounding. Thoughts race through my mind and I think again about why I am standing here. The challenge of the unknown and difficult is what I find most valuable; thus, the high ropes course at my summer camp, bursting with its "safe-risks," is a place I embrace throughout the summer and dream about during the winter. A day on the ropes course at Camp Wyonegonic can vary greatly, but no matter whether you're completing *Pirate's Crossing* with a friend, doing the standard *East Loop* around the course, or



Carey Favaloro 35 feet off the ground

supporting someone as you work together to climb *Giant's Ladder*, a challenge is always ensured. This is the magic I find in the course—the sense of self-empowerment as I try new and difficult things.

Ten minutes earlier, I had set myself the goal of jumping for the trapeze, which hangs six feet out from a platform, suspended about 35 feet above the piney ground below. However, this will be no ordinary leap—I'll be attempting the jump blindfolded. For years I have worked steadily through every obstacle the course has to offer, but I cannot be content with merely completing the course. I am going to master it, to learn from it, to make it into something more than a composition of ropes and limbs.

As I climb the metal staples toward the platform nestled among the strong red pine's branches, I can already hear the encouraging cries of friends, supporting me from below. I proceed, step by step, until I reach the platform. Standing somewhat shakily, I orient myself toward the trapeze, before applying the bandana that will serve as my blindfold. A thrill passes through me. This is the part I love; the moment before the jump. Self-awareness piques, self-confidence is summoned, adrenaline surges, and willpower sets in. Below me, the continuing chorus of my friends' voices count down: 3-2-1! Bending my legs, I leap outwards, trusting that I can reach even what I cannot see. My hands hit metal...and hold on.

November 2008:

Even many months after leaving high ropes and the Maine woods behind, the memory of the jump remains with me. Taking that blind leap into space is really not so different from my effort to put forth unusual ideas in a class, or my decision to spend a semester away from conventional high school as a student at The Mountain School last spring. This past summer, I returned to the ropes course no longer as a camper looking to tackle every element of the course, but as a counselor who sought to guide others in their own ventures; years of searching on my own behalf had taught me well, and I found myself able to embrace this entirely new challenge. The high ropes course has shaped the attitude I try to maintain as a student, an athlete, and a person. If ever I need reminding that the process of discovery is worth the risk, I have only to remember an afternoon in Maine when I sat upon a metal trapeze suspended far above the ground, and removed a blindfold from my eyes to take in the beautiful view—the satisfying vista that comes of completing a challenge. in Africa volunteering for global camps in 2008. Elizabeth Novit, from Illinois, has been in touch. Court Hugo is teaching boys at a small therapeutic boarding school in Connecticut. She has successfully started a running club. Ian Sharp was happy to receive his poster. He particularly wants to send his greetings to Lindsay McAuliffe. Maddie Wilson finishes up a year of high school abroad in Spain where she has lived in with a family. Serena Saari invited camp friends to NYC to help her celebrate her 16th birthday.



16th Birthday Party

Whit Ryan and her family have just returned from a spring vacation at Disney World. Chris Wentworth is happy to see the snow stop falling out of the sky. He reports that Olivia is looking forward to Pooh Corner at Wyo. Marguerita Wiser went to China with a school group this spring. Emma Robson will work in a laboratory in Germany. "I will hugely miss being on the shores of Moose Pond." Lucy **Robson** will be starting a new job in Europe in August. She graduates from Carlton College this spring. Kezia Gray says "I've been in denial about returning to Wyo this summer because I have just started a new job in New Zealand. I had such an amazing time last summer, so thank you for giving me that opportunity. Coming to camp was the scariest, yet most exciting thing, I've done in my life so far." Leticia Estrada and her two girls will be returning from California. Leticia will work from the Health Center as an RN for Session I. Claire O'Connell will return as our RN for the entire summer. Her boys, Patrick and Preston turned three on March 25th.



Patrick and Preston O'Connell



The 21st Century

Andrew Humphreys, U of Arkansas grad, worked in St Thomas, Virgin Islands this winter. He will arrive in Denmark in April to help ready camp for the summer season. Kirsty Ingmundson is planning to return to Junior Camp. She continues her studies at Ithaca College. Congratulations to Abbey Atwood whose inner city students in Oakland, CA won a creative competition for their presentation about global diversity. We are delighted to announce that Abbey will direct the CITs this summer. Although we have not seen Abbey for 4 summers, this will be her 13th summer at Wyonegonic. Laura Ferguson looks forward to returning to Junior Camp. Mary Learned, MJ likes living in the center of down town Bethel, as she teaches daily in the public schools. She scoots her kids around to their various activities after classes. Her son will be a day camper at Winona this summer and the two girls will be with her at Wyo. Liz Staley is considering a career in nursing. Currently she is living in NYC. Sarah Weintraub is getting ready to graduate from college. She has been spending summers traveling to Africa to do work in retrovirology. She looks back at her summers at Wyonegonic as extremely formative and valuable to whom she is today. Hannah Brett and Richard Porter have year round jobs in Vancouver and will not be able to return. Diana McApline and Amanda Ross represented Wyo in Auckland, New Zealand at the job fair. Amanda is working at a small pharmacy in a seaside village in NZ and loving it. Chris Schiller will return to Wyo as Senior Head Counselor, and also take on some responsibilities in the Trip Shack and ropes course. Chris, Jen Lound and Shannon Stainton interviewed counselors at the Sydney Australia fair. Shannon and Steve Preston are engaged.

Emma Morehouse attends Ithaca College and will be doing a community service project this summer. Paul Marino has moved to Portland, ME. He writes, "the other day I was out surfing and I saw Andi Giddings out on the water, so now we are pals again. I'm stoked to be back in the northeast, seeing my family a bunch and settling in. I am working on a book and doing some standup comedy at the Comedy Connection." Thanks, Paul, for helping us rake and shovel roofs after our numerous winter snow storms. Andi Giddings is applying for Americorp jobs for next year and hopes to be a crew leader for the Student Conservation Corp this July. Rachel Kelly is now an aunt with triplets, born to her brother and his wife in Chicago. Rachel really likes life in Denver and is happy there are other young Wyo alums who enjoy



special monthly events together. Such good times they have skiing, meeting at a pub, creating T-shirts ... Susie Hammond, Rachel Kelly, Claire Schreiber, Sarah Rebick, Lizzie Coon, Judy Harvey and Kate Smulligan got together for a Denver Wyo reunion in February. Susie also saw **Tasha Rosener** in Breckinridge where Tasha works at the Keystone Day Care Center and coaches diving at the high school. Katie Brown is back teaching. She writes, "It is much better (although completely exhausting)." Katie would be back to Wyo with the boys in a flash, but the Hawaiian school calendar does not cooperate. The big news is that her sister Eliza Goldener will be married July 25th. Carolyn Findeisen taught skiing at Sunday River this winter and is living in Bethel, ME. She is working at The Sunday River Brew Pub when not on the mountain. This spring she intends to work for AMC in their school programs.

Danusa Lazzari says, "I would love to be back and meet the girls again, meet the staff and teach more Brazilian dance. The only thing that stops me is that I'm working on a project for my own business. I'm starting a travel and events agency in my hometown. It is a small town that has nothing like that, and I feel I can start something new here. My real dream (after being in Wyo, and living such a great experience) is to build a camp here. Brazilian market and tradition are different from USA, so that will require a big research about the needs of the kids and the family financial possibilities. I know it will not be possible right now, as I need to invest money. So I'm starting first another idea that I like, to save resources to have my camp in the future, inspired in Wyo tradition and quality. " Ron van Der Heijde is spending long hour's working on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean. He will be back at Wyo in 2009 to run our landsports program and plan the WWWA! Alex Szweda is currently in the Navy in the UK and hopes to return to Wyo someday.

Casey Nadel Merritt is in Denali Park, Alaska working at the new Elison Visitor Center - leading day hikes and conducting campground programs. She loves her ranger job with the park service and enjoys knowing Alaska more intimately. She sees grizzlies, wolves, lynx, fox, snowshoe have and Dall sheep. She dines on salmon, blueberries and sourdough pancakes. Casey reports that Autumn continues her college education in Asheville, NC and Amber is living in Taikeetna, AK. Gina Ball Davies has moved from the UK to her homeland, South Africa. She has changed addresses, jobs, home and had a baby named Rory! "Rob and I are now living and teaching in Kenya at a Prep School in Turi, which is near Lake Nakuru, about 3 hours north west of Nairobi. We are really enjoying it so far, and are also house parents for 50 boys, ages 7 and 8 boys. What a challenge.

Elaine Harvey writes, "I was riding on the bus coming home from a soccer game in the Berkshires, while enjoying the scenery, and my mind wandered to Wyo. I wanted to thank you for keeping Wyo the place that it is, and providing me with 7 years of unique and enriching learning experiences. As I continue to grow throughout my school career, at least once a day I draw on a skill set or lesson learned from camp. There won't ever be a way that I can fully show you my appreciation, however, for now I hope my words will suffice! School has proved to be my busiest year yet. Soccer is going well, however straddling the player/captain line comes at quite a high price (with time being the currency). However, it is a constant source of enjoyment despite some of the pitfalls and tough losses. I have also been elected the co-director of the college improv troupe, which has been fun, and we have been traveling around doing shows on and off campus. I've been working two jobs and most importantly going to class. . . busy, but very rewarding, and every morning I am glad that I decided to transfer from St. Lawrence to Mt. Holyoke!" Kat Connors will be acting professionally in the Charlottesville area this summer and then heads to London in the fall

for a one year classical Ash acting program. Palfreyman is engaged! There is sure to be good Wyo representation in Perth next year for the wedding. Jason and Hayley McFarlaine have just announced the birth of Layne. They also live Layne McFarlane near Þerth.



Stephanie Farnham Puchalski continues to teach in northern NJ as her husband commutes to NYC daily. She is also teaching an LGT class in Basking Ridge. Claire Schreiber is skiing on weekends and making good use of her ski pass. She continues to





work for Camp Leaders in Denver, CO, and the best news is she is returning to Senior Wyo as the Program Director. Lisa Sansouci has 6 songs on U-Tube and is working hard on her second DVD. She is home based in NYC. Sheila Costello returns to head our Food Services and enjoy a summer living on the shores of Moose Pond. Sheila reports that sons, **Matt Hurley** is in California looking for work, and **Chris Hurley** is in NYC and enjoys singing in a choral group. Teresa Price is living in Steve Sudduth's cottage and works at Pleasant Mountain during the winter season. During the shoulder seasons, she keeps busy cleaning houses, waxing airplanes and helping to open camp. She will be back in the kitchen assisting Sheila this summer. Doug and Kate Rowe vacationed to the Panama Canal. Their plan was to return and open a catering business in Brownfield, ME. Karen Grey spends some time on Facebook trying to keep up with all the Wyonegonic activity. Natalie Childs is working on the Norwegian Spirit Cruise ship where she departed from New Orleans in Feb. Simone **Carroll** is preparing for her April wedding to Michael around Easter in 2009. "He "He proposed to me on a cliff top overlooking my hometown and we can see the location from the upstairs bathroom of our new house. We bought an 1887 Edwardian Terrace in June and are in the midst of renovating."



Simone Carroll and Michael

Mairi Stobbert will return as a counselor and teach riding. She is eager to be more involved with camper and counselor daily activities and responsibilities. Remy Onstadt is working in Washington, DC. "How is Wyo? Another summer has passed where I wish I was not sitting at a desk but rather on Hilary Robinson on July 4th and we talked about banging pots and pans to wake up the campers. "Hilary Robinson is based in Uganda. She is enjoying a three week tour in Asia, seeing Thailand and Cambodia. Judy Hopp writes that Maddie is running track and staying in touch with camp friends every spare moment. Taylor is working after school at a kindergarten latch key program. Alyssa Cobb is working for a very serious talent and modeling agency in California. Anna Skeele is happy at Hebron Academy, working admissions. She says she is back in Maine where she belongs. 'Paer Holmberg writes, "I wanna say that the summer

of 2007 was the best summer I've ever experienced! It was totally awesome! A lot has happened since I came back to Sweden. I've been to the Swedish Highlands to hike one of the most beautiful paths in Sweden with the final goal to climb the highest mountain which is about 2000 meters high. I finished school and got my diploma which means I'm an educated recreation leader. I just started my new job as a substitute on a daily activity for people who have brain damage through different kinds of trauma." Ben Ricketts is trying not to get soft in front of a computer screen at work as he fattens up his bank account so he can climb, climb, climb. Meg Glausser is in Austin at U of Texas continuing with her graduate degree of organic chemistry. Natalia Rey de Castro graduates from Williams College. Last summer she did an internship with the South African Institute of Economic Policy with a Williams Professor.

Sara Stockwood returns to Wyo this summer as a trip leader. She is at UMaine and has a job helping with ropes/climbing wall and trips with their Maine Bound program. Greg and Lindsay Luetje continue to make improvements in their Bethel home. They are training their new dog, Baya, who is enrolled in an obedience class while Echo is attending agility training. Lindsay has been tele-skiing on her trips to Sunday River. Chloe Cambourne had a fun January visit from Andrea Wech (aka Pickle). While in Sydney the two "chatted heaps about camp and both agreed we'd love to come back again someday!" Michelle Thibodeaux plays the flute and sings in the school chorus. She has also enjoyed a role in the school musical. She sends greetings from San Francisco. Harriet Rivkin was elected editor and chief of the school economic magazine at her school in London. She said, "As a CIT, I learned to put my hand up and take risks." Florence Rivkin spent some January days with Lindsay McAuliffe skating and shopping in London. They shared many Wyo experiences. Hannah Bahn played both school and club lacrosse, participated in the school band of 300, and participates in debate tournaments. Sarah Bahn runs cross country, plays lacrosse, enjoys crafts and loves Wyo. Aislinn Smith is working in NYC and playing rugby on a competitive women's team. Margaret Kenworthy will be attending volleyball programs this summer and traveling to Germany. Alison Johnson writes from Taft Boarding School that 'School's going well. I thought you might find this funny. Every room in my corner of the dorm has someone that went to Wvo living in it. Sara Guernsey lives across from me. Bailey Fowlkes is next to her. Then Emily Ewing, although a day student, spends most of her time on the floor. And in the last room, a girl with a brother at Winona. Small world.' Jodi Ruhle Barnard came to Jill Gasperini's

house for the Lexington Staff Lunch before the Boston Reunion. Jody reports that **Jane Barnard** is going to study in London this Fall and will start at Hamilton College in January 2010. **Anne Barnard** spent the summer in 5. Africa doing a medical internship and is talking about med school after Lehigh College graduation in June.



Rolando, Carl, Jane and Anne Barnard

Jill Gasperini and her family enjoyed a week of skiing in Breckenridge CO in March. **Ebru Kavut** is sad to not return to camp this summer. She will be in Turkey finishing important exams for her degree. Claire Lipton is interested in applying for a job at the International Women's Health Coalition. Liza Gordon is lecturing for a course and did a half ironman competition called "Hell of the West" in inland Queensland. Veronika Nemcova loved getting her Wyo poster. She is working at Winona in their kitchen this summer. The **Pattersons** served lunch to Susie and Carol while they were on the reunion trail. Donna works at North Willow Grove Pediatrics where she is a nurse practitioner; Carlyn is in the Bronx hard at work in med school; Sara is coming down the home stretch at RPI with a degree in architecture in May. She spent some of 2008 in Shanghai ; Cat, a Junior at Hobart William Smith College, is an EMT and fluent in Spanish after a semester in Argentina. Cammie Phelps is in charge of a freshman dorm at Andover and is teaching biology, coaching water polo and working in the admissions office. Penny Brown writes that she found Wyo a comfortable home away from home. She sees Allanah Berry and Sarah Hansen often and they talk Wyo constantly. These three New Zealanders are working in the UK. Susan Kamm Connors reports that her husband is working in Iraq for the year in a government position. John made it home for the Christmas holiday.

Pook Phakdee sends greetings from Thailand. Nyamouch "Nancy" Duol is staying in close touch from Omaha, NE. She is being treated for sinus cancer, and attending school when she is well enough in between treatments. She loves hearing from camp friends nyamkuiyduol@yahoo. com.



Nancy Duol

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In Memory - Casey Toolin McAuliffe



We lost a teenage camper this winter to cancer. Casey McAuliffe passed away peacefully at home with her family in London where her parents had taken her for her final weeks so she could be surrounded by her dear school friends who gave her immense comfort every day. Casey had an ominous diagnosis of inoperable brain cancer 15 months earlier. She rebounded and with treatment and fierce desire was able to fulfill her dream to return to Senior Wyonegonic last summer. She was delightfully happy to be with camp friends and take part in the program. In November Casey had a set back with the cancer turning aggressive the last two months of her young life.

Not only was camp a happy time for Casey, but meaningful for all, as she touched us with her kindness, appreciation for life, laughter, singing, joy of dancing, humor and polished tennis

game. Casey and her sister Lindsay attended camp for eight summers - four as campers and another four summers as Family Campers with their Mom, Jenny and Dad, Tony. Her sister Lindsay intends to return to Senior Camp this year.

To understand the impact her life had on all of us, I have included some quotes from letters sent to the McAuliffe family by Wyonegonic friends:

From a camper, "Casey and I both played tennis together. I remember distinctly how grateful and excited she was that she could play in the tournament. It meant the world to her that she could compete. I also want to thank you for allowing Casey to come to camp, knowing you only had limited time with her. There was no place she would rather be and I feel blessed that I got to know her last summer. I will remember Casey as a happy, funny, athletic and inspiring friend."

Another camper, "Casey you made the biggest impact on me of anyone in my life. Your constant singing amazed us. You broke into song every time someone did something and you knew every word. You were our personal radio in the cabin."

From her counselor, "I think you gave Casey an incredible gift by sending her back to camp. We shared a wonderful summer together. I loved seeing her confidence grow. It was impossible not to be charmed by her brave spirit, her loyalty to friends, her sharp sense of humor and her obvious love of Wyonegonic. Her good moods were contagious and she could get the whole cabin



rolling in laughter with her wild dancing and singing routines. She usually spent rest hour with a pile of girls on her bed. Despite the heartbreak of losing Casey, it comes nowhere near to outweighing the joy of knowing her at camp last summer. She has left behind great footprints. At the service, I heard Casey in the singing voices of her camp friends, I felt her in the love that permeated the air at the reception, and I saw her in the enduring sparkle in her sister's eyes. "

Another counselor, "I miss your infectious laugh and hearing a song for every possible occasion, Casey. One of my memories was watching you dominate at Winona Play Day in thinking up songs and singing at the top of your lungs. Your spirit continues to inspire me. Your generosity, stubbornness and your bravery at tackling all life's obstacles head on will be remembered."

On March 6th, 2009 family and friends of Casey McAuliffe gathered in the old North Church in the Camper and counselor friends were among many at the church who gathered during the service.

Boston to celebrate her 14 years of life. Camper and counselor friends were among many at the church who gathered during the service to honor Casey's life and sing "Today" and "Ki Yi", evening circle style. The family had services in London and Boston and Wyonegonic was represented at both services..

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, tax-deductible contributions be made to the Wyonegonic Scholarship Fund, so that others may enjoy the camp experience that Casey so loved. Please make checks payable to "ACF-Wyonegonic Endowment" (note: in memory of Casey McAuliffe) and mail to Steven Sudduth, Wyonegonic Camps, 215 Wyonegonic Rd, Denmark, ME 04022.

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... a heartfelt tribute from Lindsay, the younger

Your loving soul will live with me throughout the days

sister, written right after Casey's death

I love you, my gorgeous one. You rest your head now the day is done.

And now you have passed away,

You make me feel like no one else. Your warm embrace, your soft smile,

Let me guide you for just a while.

I thought I was alone, but then I realized

Your soul lives forever in me, as does your love

Soaring, like some magnificent, triumphant dove.

Let me tell you Casey, how you made me who I am, And no one can ever be like you: I love you.

I can't imagine you gone.

That I had you inside.

As I finish this poem now,

"Today while the blossoms still cling to the vine . . .



"Family camp... is where my children learned independence and responsibility, and where we have, for the last 17 years, experienced the rewards of lifetime friendships, and the joy of having unabated fun."

"... The experience is renewing every year, and a spiritual high that lasts from August to August."

"The children love the freedom of going to their favorite activities and we adults feel free to pick and choose how active we want to be. My sister and I especially love to come together with our children for a fun, low-stress time in a beautiful and memorable place!"

Family Camp Program

Family Camp offers two different types of programs; staff led activities and those that you can do by yourself. All boating activities require a swim evaluation.

Staff led activities

- Swimming
- Sailing
- Water skiing (age 11 and up)
- Sail boarding (age 11 and up)
- Archery
- Crafts
- Day canoe trip
- Ropes Course (age 11 and up)
- Pleasant Mountain hike
- Evening programs for all ages

Activities

- Canoeing, rowing, funyaks, kayaks
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Fishing (license required)
- Basketball
- Hiking

Extra Fee Activities

Horseback riding

Places of interest for nearby day trips

- Freeport (1 1/4 hours)
- Portland area beaches (1 hour)
- North Conway (1/2 hour)
- Mt Washington/White Mtns (1 hour)

Family Camp Fees and Dates

Fees are shown, per individual, per session. There is a reduced fee for Juniors (age 5-10) and Seniors (over 65). There is no charge for children under age 5. No adjustments are made for people arriving late or departing early.

	<u>Adult</u>	Age 5-10/Seniors
<u>Session I:</u>	\$200	\$100
Dates:	Aug 14 lunch	- Aug 17 breakfast
<u>Session II:</u>	\$270	\$135
Dates:	Aug 17 dinne	r - Aug 21 lunch
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<u>Session III:</u> \$130 \$65 Dates: Aug 21 dinner - Aug 23 lunch

In addition to the attendee fees listed above, there is a deposit (listed below) per session per family.

* fees do not include any applicable meals and lodging tax

Session 1: Cabin - \$150 Platform Tent - \$45 Session 2: Cabin - \$200 Platform Tent - \$60 Session 3: Cabin - \$100 Platform Tent - \$30

The deposit is required with registration. Cancellations after April 15th will forfeit the deposit. 50% of the attendee amount is due April 15th. The remaining 50% of the attendee amount is due July 15th. There are no refunds for cancellations that occur after July 15, 2009.

We encourage you to consider sharing a cabin with friends to reduce overall costs.

Please download a registraton form to reserve space for your family and specify your choice of session and housing perference. New families will be assigned housing upon availablilty.

Registration form and details: WWW.WYONEGONIC.COM (Family Camp tab)

Junior/Intermediate Campers Expected in 2009

JUNIOR CAMP (3rd, 4th, 5th grades)

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INTERMEDIATE CAMP (6th and 7th grades)

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4th of July wake up call

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Pleasant Mountain Update by Loon Echo Land Trust

As many of you know, Pleasant Mountain is a landmark and destination for residents and visitors of southwestern Maine. The mountain towers above Moose Pond and the Saco River, crosses two counties, and stands 2,006 feet in height above sea level. It lures thousands of people, including many summer campers, onto its ten-miles of intermediary hiking trails.

In 2003, Loon Echo Land Trust had the opportunity to protect approximately 1,450 acres of land on the eastern side of the mountain. This campaign proved to be a huge success. Generous donors and foundations (many of you!) funded this \$1.5 million land acquisition project. The

Pleasant Mountain Preserve became Loon Echo's largest land holding to-date, showcasing the organization's deep commitment to providing the public with recreational opportunities and continued access to natural areas for hunting and exploring. The Nature Conservancy later received a 1,400 acre donated conservation easement on the western (back) side of the mountain, giving greater awareness of the need for this mountain to be preserved.

In July of 2008 the Land for Maine's Future Program announced it was granting Loon Echo \$761,000 to expand the Pleasant Mountain Preserve. One requirement of the grant program is that Loon Echo must "match" one-third of the \$761,000 offered by the state. Currently 900 acres are being negotiated for purchase, of which 410 are under contract. Because negotiations are still underway, Loon Echo is not ready to go public with the campaign. We are confident that we will need donations to help fund this project, and will keep you informed through the Wyonegonic Camps Alumnae Loon Newsletter. Visit www.lelt.org to learn more about the Pleasant Mountain Preserve and Loon Echo, or contact Carrie Walia, executive director, at 207-647-4352 or infor@lelt.org.