



May 27, 2021

Dunmore and Songadeewin alumni

We look forward to welcoming our Dunmore and Songadeewin alumni back to camp this summer for our Alumni Family Weekend on Lake Dunmore to be held Thursday, August 26 through Sunday, August 29.

**As Vermont's travel and social gathering restrictions are lifted and as more people are immunized, we are very hopeful that we can continue with our annual gathering!**

While keeping the safety of our community as our first priority, our goal for this year's Alumni Family Weekend is to provide you with the camp experiences that are near and dear to your heart: a refreshing swim in the lake, paddling a green canoe, exploring Mt. Moosalamoo, singing your favorite songs after dinner...and more. This year's special activities include a dedication of "The Lolly," Songadeewin's new Trip Planning Building named after Lolly McPhee Burton, at 5pm on Saturday, August 28, and a Sunday celebration of the life of Peggy Breed Marsh.

As you think about whether you will want to register for this year's reunion, or for either the dedication of the "Lolly" or celebration of Peggy Breed Marsh's life, please keep this in mind:

- All adults will need to provide proof of vaccination before before coming to campus.
- Children who are not vaccinated must show that they have tested negative for Covid within 72 hours of arriving at Dunmore.
- Families with children will be housed together and eat their meals together.
- Housing is available for the reunion on a first come, first served basis, and is limited to a total of 75 pre-registered attendees.
- Where we are today with Covid restrictions may look very different in three months. Stay flexible and stay in touch!

**[To Register](#)** to attend **Alumni Family Weekend**

**[To Register](#)** to attend **ONLY** the **dedication of The Lolly Trip Planning Building** and/or the **Life Celebration of Peggy Marsh**.

Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions, attached below. If you have additional questions, please contact Mary Welz at [mary@keewaydin.org](mailto:mary@keewaydin.org) or 802-352-4247.

Looking forward to seeing you in August!

Pete Hare

Ellen Flight

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Please note that the recommendations from the State of Vermont are ever changing. We will keep you informed as needed, and will send out more information closer to the date of the event.*

**Will there be any pre-arrival behavioral expectations before coming to Alumni**

## **Family Weekend?**

Yes. Attendees will have to adhere to strict low-risk behavior for 10 days before coming to Alumni Family Weekend. This means following all the best practices when outside one's household to avoid Covid: wearing a properly fitting mask, maintaining proper distancing, keeping most interactions with others outdoors and frequent handwashing. For children attending with families, this means no contact with anyone outside your immediate household, except what is mandatory for work and school. **This part of the plan is absolutely critical for the success of camp this summer. We need everyone to arrive healthy! We are counting on everyone to comply with low-risk behaviors before coming to Alumni Family Weekend. This is the ultimate form of "Help the Other Fellow!"**

## **What measures will Keewaydin put in place to ensure maximum health safety for attendees.**

While no one can promise a 100% Covid free environment, the key to preventing and mitigating spread in the camp environment is for us to be being diligent in multi-layered public health interventions. Interventions that we will use include, but are not limited to, requiring that adults be vaccinated, proper indoor ventilation and being outside as much as possible, organizing families with children into small groups for sleeping and eating arrangements, wearing masks when necessary, physically distancing and hand hygiene.

## **Will I have to wear a mask?**

Vaccinated attendees will be asked to wear a mask at all times when indoors, except when actively eating. Vaccinated attendees will not be required to wear masks outdoors.

## **Will I be able to stay in one of the available cabins or indoor sleeping quarters?**

Space is limited for indoor (non-tent) sleeping quarters and will be restricted to vaccinated adults who are travelling without children. Families with children will be assigned their own tents.

## **What if I just want to stop in for a special event or to connect with friends?**

For everyone's safety, only those who are pre-registered for the gathering, and who have documented proof of immunization will be allowed to attend any Alumni Family Weekend activities. Staff will monitor this closely. Be safe...pre-register and bring your vaccination documentation to campus!

## **Are your plans for Alumni Family Weekend Covid prevention complete?**

While there is much that we know and much that we have already planned for, we also know that we are going to learn more over the next couple of months that will help us finalize our plans. All registered attendees will receive more comprehensive details as Alumni Family Weekend draws near.