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Keewaydin Dunmore 2021: The Reboot

The groves of birches are beckoning to Keewaydin campers and staff. Nearly two years after we blew out our candles and promised to keep “Keewaydin’s friendships strong and deep,” we will be meeting again on the shores of Lake Dunmore. How will we react? What will it be like to see friends we haven’t seen in such a long time? What will camp be like with Covid still in our midst?

No doubt, there is going to be a lot of unbridled joy! And, no doubt, there will be changes in place this summer to make sure we stay healthy. There will be testing, cohorting, masking and distancing; but there will still be morning dips, formation, activities, general swim, rest hour, hikes on Moosalamoo, and lagoon investigations; not to mention navy seals, boats out, campfires, Old Timers Day, the Frolics and more!

What will be some of the biggest changes? Probably the most noticeable will be the large event style tent over the MacDonald tennis court. Given that being in tight quarters indoors is conducive to viral spread, we will have over half of the camp eating outdoors under the tent this summer. That will be different!



Once again, the Keewaydin waterfront will be alive with canoes, kayaks, sailboats and swimmers!

Lee Randlett and the York House Crew have built sinks on the outside of all of the forts. With approximately three times as many sinks, it will be much easier to wash hands this summer—all in the fresh air!

Will campers and staff have to wear masks all summer? We will definitely have to wear masks a lot, but not all the time. Each wigwam will be divided into “cohorts” of three to four tents. A “cohort” will operate as a family, meaning when only they are together, they don’t wear masks. Therefore, while in tents or meals or cohort-only activities—no mask-wearing required. Nevertheless, during free time when around others (from other cohorts) or when entering any building, we put our masks on. As the season progresses, it is likely those cohorts will begin to merge until a wigwam is one big cohort.

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Keewaydin’s Podcasters

By Peter Hare '59

Media gets a lot of negative attention these days. Many believe it is the primary engine of hyper partisanship. Competition for views and clicks has meant more emphasis on quick, eye-catching (i.e. sensational) material.

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The wigwams will also be older. Older? Why is that? When we made the decision to close last summer, we told campers who were scheduled to go on the Wilderness trips and the Moos senior trip that they could return in 2021 to complete their Keewaydin journey. By doing that, it holds all other campers back a year, which means essentially that each wigwam is a year older. We figure it will take two to four years to fully return to the normal age breakdowns in wigwams.

The tripping program will move forward—with one significant difference: with the border to Canada still closed we most likely will not be able to trip in Canada. As a result, the Wilderness trips are set to head to the Boundary Waters in Minnesota and the Moos senior trip will explore the wilds of Maine with an itinerary that will take them to the site of the original Keewaydin, as well as the Allagash River, the territory of the original senior trip!

There will be many familiar faces back on staff. All of the Wigwam Directors will be back—Ben Jacoff in Annwi, Stephen Hildreth in Waramaug, Scott McCurdy in Wiantinaug, and Owen Gutfreund in Moos. Carlos Spigel will be joining the Leadership Team, replacing Ben Jacoff as Annwi Director second half. Given that we missed last summer, this year's new staff will be larger than ever—31 new staff! Twenty-six are former campers, many of them having completed Moosalamoo and Wilderness. They will be joined by six new to Keewaydin, who will bring varied talents and fresh ideas. We are

planting the seeds for a great staff for years to come!

By the time this *Kicker* arrives in your inbox, campers in their final days of school will be daydreaming of plunging into Lake Dunmore, parents will be double-checking packing lists, and staff will be setting up tents and putting in docks. Keewaydin's summer of 2021 is about to begin!



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There is one form of 21st century media, however, that runs counter to the trend of appealing to short attention spans looking for a quick rush. This is, of course, the podcast. For those not familiar, a podcast is audio media, usually in the form of interview, analysis or narration, covering subject matter that, quite literally, covers any human interest imaginable—bee keeping, beer brewing, basket weaving, sports, politics, history, philosophy, canoeing and on and on! People can subscribe and listen to podcasts through the internet on their computers or mobile devices. In many ways, podcasts are similar to radio shows (in fact many radio shows are also available as podcasts), the biggest differences, however, being that people can listen to podcasts whenever they want, the medium is not regulated by the FCC, and the number of podcasts available is not limited to radio bandwidth. There are well over 100,000 podcasts in English, and that number grows daily!

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Podcasts are mostly long-form media, with episodes lasting at least 15 minutes, though many last 60 minutes or longer. This duration allows for depth, detail, nuance and complexity for listeners who really want a deep dive into a subject they love.

Given that podcasts can be such a thoughtful form of media, requiring unusual expertise, imagination, and commitment, it is no surprise that Keewaydin staff have joined the podcasting ranks! Ken Woodard '81, a 20+ year staffman at Keewaydin, is the dean of Keewaydin podcasters. He started *"Lunch Duty: For Teachers, By Teachers"* in 2017. Waramaug staffman and middle and high school teacher Bill O'Hare '15 has been entertaining and edifying the Buffalo sports fanatics with *"Buckets and Dan's Sportsland"* for over a year. Gray Gutfreund '12, who will be a first year staff in 2021, is the junior member of the group. He started his sports podcast, the "I am Guru Gray," at the start of the pandemic.

Woodard has been a devotee of the podcast genre since it emerged in the early 2000s. This comes as no surprise



Ken Woodard

given that he grew up listening to audio shows on the radio, cassette tapes or CDs such as *"Radio Mystery Theater"* and *"Prairie Home Companion."* After listening to many "pods" over many years, he eventually became intrigued with making one himself and concluded that producing one about "the infinitely interesting stories in education could be the basis for a wide-ranging and engaging series." Woodard sees teaching as "fundamentally about human-to-human connection" and podcasting as "ideal for conveying nuances of personal contact."

Since 2017, Woodard has produced over 30 episodes which capture the richness of school culture. Nearly all of his episodes have members of the school community as guests—students, teachers, administrators, parents or school board members. Topics have included teachers transitioning mid-career into education, the job interview, robotics competitions, the advent of online textbooks, theater programs, how administrators make important and difficult decisions, test preparation strategies, what teachers should know about student interaction with social media, predicting when snow days will happen, and much, much more. What he hopes makes "Lunch Duty" special is its "openness to



Bill O'Hare (right) with podcast partner, Dan Hannon

the wide range of compelling things in teaching that don't always get attention from traditional media."

Woodard believes that the podcast is uniquely suited for the type of program he wants to produce. He explains that there is "something profoundly intimate about the human voice that, when well produced, can be more affecting than video." He strives to create an atmosphere with his guests that make them "forget the microphone and relax into natural dialogue." When this happens, he says, "the humor and pathos intrinsic to teaching really come out and make for compelling radio."

For Bill O'Hare, starting *"Buckets and Dan's"* was, as much as anything else, a way to keep connected with his close college friend, Dan Hannon. When the two were undergrads at Cortland State in upstate New York they had a radio show together. Both are proud Buffalonians and avid supporters of their city's sports teams. Their podcast allows them to banter about sports in general, but their focus is clearly Buffalo's professional sports teams, the Sabres and the Bills. They

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do a regular Q&A with their audience and frequently have guests on the show, including such past luminaries as Bills quarterback Rob Johnson and fullback Sam Gash, and Sabres goalie Martin Biron and forward JP Dumont.

Bill and Dan's knowledge of their teams is surpassed only by the depth of their passion for them. Using the first person plural "we" and "our" when speaking of the Sabres and Bills reveals a very personal relationship. These teams don't just provide entertainment: they are friends, they are family, they are civic treasures. Buffalo, a small market sports city, has not celebrated many championships (the last was the Bills in 1965). The Bills famously lost four Super Bowls in a row. The term "long-suffering fans" doesn't even begin to describe the level of despair Buffalo fans have endured. However, there is something pure and beautiful about being a fan of the perennial underdog—it breeds patience, humility, and an almost mystical hope that you will be delivered from years of suffering to the heights of glory in a way that is practically religious. If sports are a religion in Buffalo, Buckets (Bill's



Gray Gutfreund

nickname) and Dan are the high priests.

Gray Gutfreund, a sports fanatic since his dad put a New York Giants onesie on him, can tell you the average yards per carry for every starting NFL running back on a weekly basis and give you his ranking of top 25 NBA shooting guards by decade. A guru, indeed. Notwithstanding his facility with numbers and statistics, his real gift is his gift of gab. His show is almost exclusively a solo act—Guru Gray shares his insights, analysis and opinions on sports (mostly basketball and football) and we listen with rapt attention. Nevertheless, there is a relaxed feel that engages the listener. Gutfreund says that his goal is for the audience to feel "as though they are listening to me have a regular conversation" with them.

Gutfreund's primary role model for his podcasting style and format is Bill Simmons, the founder of the wildly popular sports and pop culture podcast network, "The Ringer." He looks at podcasting as a "more free flowing form of media" than writing. Describing himself as "extremely opinionated," he views podcasting "as a way to express my unique opinions." Though he has taken a hiatus from his podcast while finishing up his senior year in high school, we will look forward to his return to the medium in the future, perhaps, someday, next to Bill Simmons on "The Ringer!"

Woodard, O'Hare and Gutfreund will be on Dunmore's shores this summer as part of the 2021 staff. They will shed their microphones and

recording equipment and replace them with paddles and PFDs. Undoubtedly, the same kind of inspiration, enthusiasm and imagination they bring to their podcasts they will also bring to Keewaydin this summer!



TIME TO GO SHOPPING AT THE KEEWAYDIN STORE!

Hankering for some great Keewaydin apparel? Who doesn't want to proudly wear a Keewaydin T-shirt, or perhaps a Keewaydin hat, or maybe a nice Keewaydin flannel shirt? Go to the [Keewaydin Store online](http://www.keewaydin.org) to find the gear that you want and wear it with pride!



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Ball Cap



T-Shirt

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we grow in ways we never dreamed possible.**

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We continue to face challenges in 2021, from the closure of camp at Temagami to Covid-preparedness measures requiring reduced enrollment at Dunmore and Songadeewin. Your support of the 2021 Annual Fund will help us stand strong in the face of these obstacles, while we continue to offer our kids the best camp experiences as ever.

Please give today at [Keewaydin.org/give](https://www.keewaydin.org/give)

Endpapers, Alex Wolff's New Book

Alex Wolff '70 has written a new book! After a career writing about sports, Wolff has turned to a new genre—a family memoir with an historical backdrop. In *Endpapers*, he tells the story of his German ancestry. His grandfather, Kurt Wolff, was a renowned publisher in Europe and the United States, who fled his native Germany in the 1930s with the rise of Adolph Hitler and Nazism. His father, Nico Wolff, fought for Germany in World War II, and later emigrated to the United States where he started a new life. Alex, his wife, Vanessa and his children, Frank '13 and Clara S'13, moved to Berlin, Germany in 2017 where they lived for a year while Alex did his research for the book.

Pete Hare recently interviewed Alex about *Endpapers*.

What inspired you to write *Endpapers*?

I'd spent 36 years chasing the news for *Sports Illustrated*. After the Rio Olympics, it seemed like the right time to step away from the weekly grind and at least poke around in my family's story. I knew the broad strokes, so had a hunch that there might be something there. My ancestors wrote letters and kept diaries, and I quickly realized that many were historical documents. It seemed almost irresponsible not to try to use them as a basis for a book.

How was this project different from your other books?

It was intensely personal. And it was mostly history. Virtually every other book I've written was journalistic and about basketball, even if I often tried

to pull in non-sports threads—about basketball and culture, about basketball and Barack Obama. But a lot of my *SI* stories have been historical, so the ground wasn't that unfamiliar. I had a sense of how to find stuff in an archive, and what makes for a good story. And citing letters and diaries isn't that different from playing off quotes in your notebook after you've conducted interviews with interesting people.

What was most rewarding to you about writing the book?

Just to gain perspective and context. For instance, I knew my grandfather had been a titanic figure as a publisher in Germany, and again in New York. But I hadn't fully realized how these two great successes had been cut short, first by the Weimar hyperinflation and the rise of the Nazis; then in a boardroom conflict at Pantheon Books that he lost. That he was essentially chased into exile twice adds a layer of poignancy to his life's journey. As for my father, he had always just been my dad, a solid figure forged by an immigrant's desire to make it in postwar America. And he did make it, spectacularly—but now I know how unlikely all that was, given that he was partly Jewish, that he was 12 when Hitler came to power, that he had served on the Russian front.

What do you hope readers will take away from *Endpapers*?

I suppose it depends on the reader. If you're drawn to history, I hope you'll



Alex Wolff at his home in Cornwall, VT

appreciate the broad tapestry on which these individual lives play out. If you're into memoir or family sagas, I hope you're engaged by the characters and how they find their way through cataclysms, from anti-Semitic riots in early 19th century Germany, through two World Wars, through the disruptions of exile and immigration. But I hope every reader—and I suspect my father and grandfather would join me in this—comes away with a greater appreciation for democracy and what we need to do to protect it.

Alex Wolff was a staff writer for Sports Illustrated for 36 years. He is the author of three other books, The Audacity of Hoop, Big Game, Small World and Raw Recruits. He is also the author of "Hello Muddah," a long form article about Keewaydin published in the July 8, 1991 edition of Sports Illustrated. He was a camper at Keewaydin from 1970-1972. His son, Frank, and daughter, Clara, were campers from 2013-2016 at Keewaydin and Songadeewin, respectively.



KEEWAYDIN TEMAGAMI CLOSED IN 2021



For the second summer in a row, Keewaydin Temagami will be closed. Director Emily Schoelzel made the decision in late April in consultation with Executive Director, Pete Hare, and the Executive Committee of the Keewaydin Foundation Board. With the border to Canada closed and Ontario in a lockdown due to the pandemic, it was clear the chances of being able to open were remote.

Some Temagami campers have been able to switch to Dunmore and Songa. Others will have to wait until next summer before they get head back to their beloved camp on beautiful Lake Temagami.

After the decision was made, Schoelzel said: “We know the loss of another summer is difficult for our campers and staff, who were gearing up for a summer of canoe trips. We also know we will be back, and we’ll be ready to immerse ourselves into the wilds of Canada again.”

Though summer camp will not be operating on Devils Island, The Ojibway Family Lodge will be up and running. Canadian residents will be able enjoy to the beauty and rustic comfort of Ojibway, swimming, paddling and soaking up the beauty of the northern wilderness.

Alumni-Family Weekend

~ August 26-29, 2021 ~



Alumni-Family Weekend will be back in business in 2021! This is a wonderful opportunity for alumni to reconnect with Keewaydin and Songadeewin. Swim in Lake Dunmore, paddle a beautiful green canoe, and hike on majestic Moosalamoo! It's also a great way to introduce young boys and girls to camp!

This summer we will celebrate the opening of the "The Lolly," the new Songadeewin trip packout building dedicated to Songa alumna Lolly Burton S'37. On Sunday, August 29 at 11:00 a.m. there will be a memorial ceremony for Peggy Breed Marsh S'34, who passed away on February 15, 2021.



For more information on Alumni-Family Weekend,
email Mary Welz at mary@keewaydin.org



Alumni News

David Pearl '60 has two grandchildren, “Goldie” and “Saul,” and reports that being a grandfather has given him a whole new view on life. At least one grandchild should be a future camper at Dunmore.

John Manion '65 sent us an update on former “staff brat” Jeremiah Manion, who has been a researcher for the *Boston Globe* for the last 15 years.

Richard E. Winslow III '65 anxiously awaits the 2021 canoeing season. “I shall paddle in northern Maine out of Loon Lodge just south of Allagash Lake.”

Ted Adler '88 had a great “Dad Camp” day this past summer on Lake Dunmore with his sons Jack (6) and Sam (4). They hiked to Silver Lake, visited the Keewaydin campus, swam at Branbury State Park and dined at A&W. Fun-filled day!



Ted Adler and sons, Jack and Sam

Phillip Mauser '93 and his family (wife Pema and kids Paul, Maya and Anna), are currently living in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Since 2008 he has worked for BMW and is the director for production steering, program planning and vehicle distribution at the plant there. Phillip is enjoying working with the young Mexican team. Previously he lived 2.5 years in the south of Bra-

zil where he also enjoyed the “Latin American spirit”.

Charlie Bicknell '95 lives in Boulder, CO with his wife Christina, son Aidan, and stepson Robert. Charlie works for Resource Innovations as an energy efficiency consultant.

RJ Adler '98 and his wife Pollaidh moved to Berlin, VT, got a kitten named Aziraphale, and a puppy named Crowley (named for their favorite characters from the book *Good Omens* which is a must read for your next Rest Hour!) He’s working for a startup called Wheel Pad that builds universally accessible home attachments.

Johnny Clore '00 builds wood canvas canoes as part of a class integrating history, science and craftsmanship at the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey.

Note the shirt Johnny is wearing.



Johnny Clore

Craig O’Shea '02 graduated from law school in 2017 and has been living in the Virgin Islands since. He writes, “getting outside as much as possible, life is good!”

Ian Robertson '02 is a law student working for the Federal Public Defender’s office in Idaho, where he is helping attorneys represent individuals on the state’s death row. Out west, he has

enjoyed lots of hiking, biking, and, best of all, fresh air! He is most looking forward to gathering with family and friends, and hearing stories from Dunmore, when we can all meet again safely.

Mike Moritz '04 has the position of College and Career Advisor at the New Roots Charter School in Ithaca, NY. This summer, Mike hopes to travel to Israel to study the activist work of the Palestinians. Keewaydin is never far from his thoughts and he hopes to return some summer!

Michael Tessler '05 and his entertainment/tech startup, Multihouse (named in honor of the stage that started it all for him), moved into a beautiful new office space in Hollywood. The company recently received Congressional recognition and a special proclamation from Rep. Adam Schiff and the Los Angeles City Council for “Helping the Other Fellow” with a massive supply drive and the launch of its social impact accelerator to support unhoused neighbors and local nonprofits in Los Angeles.



Michael Tessler

Ash Phillips '08 works for The HALO Trust (www.halotrust.org), which oversees the removal of landmines and unexploded remnants of war. He is in

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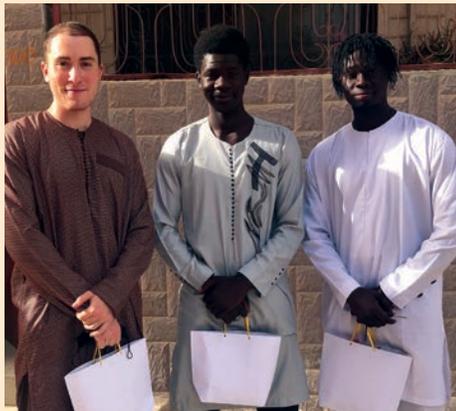
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Kosovo running a new survey project to understand the current contamination levels mostly from cluster bombs dropped by NATO during the '98-'99 Kosovo conflict. Soon, he will be moving on to the Bie province in Angola, where he will spend a year managing teams to conduct clearance from Angola's civil war.

Bay Diggs '09 is working as an analyst at the Carlyle Group in Washington, D.C.

William Goldberg '12 spent four months in Dakar, Senegal, teaching preschool and elementary school English. In French and Wolof he taught the basics: greetings, colors, numbers, and classroom objects. In his free time, he learned how to surf on the famous waves of Dakar, explored the capital city of Senegal, and learned about Islam and Senegalese culture with his homestay family.



William Goldberg

Oliver Bijur '14 took this semester off from school to plan, earn money, and complete a cross country bike trip. He and his riding partner Elijah set off in April from the shores of Yorktown, Virginia and are following the Trans-America bike trail due west across the country through Virginia, Kentucky, Il-

linois, Missouri, and Kansas until they reach Colorado, where they are switching routes and heading through Utah and Arizona, finishing at the Pacific Ocean in California. They will be traveling roughly 3,500 to 4,000 miles, all the way from coast to coast! If there are Keewaydineesi along the trail that have yard space available for them to pitch a tent, contact obijur@wesleyan.edu!



Oliver Bijur

Deniz Akman '14 is a freshman at the University of Edinburgh. In February he took a vaccination training course and is now a certified Covid-19 vaccinator, assisting frontline essential workers in the fight against the pandemic! Way to go Deniz!

BIRTHS

James '97 and Kat Hogan announce the arrival of Charles Sargent Hogan. Charlie was born April 1, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Though three weeks early of his due day, both baby Charlie and his Mom Kat are happy and healthy. While he has been getting accustomed to Brooklyn he looks forward to heading to Vermont soon.



James and Kat Hogan, with Charles

Spencer Fetrow '07 and his wife, Devon Tomasulo, welcomed their second child to the world on April 1. Josephine Grace Fetrow, weighing in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces at birth, joins her brother, Cal, in the Fetrow-Tomasulo family. Spencer reports that while Josephine is a serene baby, older brother Cal—nearly two—expresses his excitement for having a sister by banging his toy paddle (made by his father) and yelling “Boom! Boom!”



Spencer Fetrow, Josephine, and Cal

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

After a long and hard-fought battle with Alzheimer's, **Albert Monroe Greenfield III '64** (aka “Moose”) passed away peacefully on Super Bowl Sunday at 12:06 am. A skilled athlete, he excelled in wrestling, boxing and baseball. He likely earned more coups and Ks than any other camper in Keewaydin history—just check the coupboards!

