



# The KICKER

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## The Summer of 2021

By Peter Hare '59

The summer of 2021 was, undoubtedly, one of the most eagerly anticipated in Keewaydin's 112-year history. After having missed the previous summer due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a summer back on the shores of Lake Dunmore 'neath the shadow of Moosalamoo was the tonic we all needed! There were many hoops to go through in order to make camp work, but all the efforts were worth it, as no one got sick and everyone had a great time. Indeed, it would not be an exaggeration to say that this was one of the most joyful Keewaydin summers ever. Perhaps because of the gratitude campers and staff felt to be back together, everyone seemed to bring their best versions of themselves. Mottos like "Help the Other Fellow," and "Leave Your Campsite Better Than You Found It" carried even more meaning than normal.

In order to make camp safe, we had to do a lot of things differently this summer. Everyone had to get tested and take extra precautions to not risk exposure prior to camp. We also tested at camp—at the end of the first week and the end of the fifth week. In order to facilitate contact tracing and keep potential quarantine numbers small, we operated in cohorts for the first week of each session. Wiantinaug



*There was a whole lot of joy going on at camp this summer!*

and Moos were able to operate as single cohorts, given that nearly everyone was fully vaccinated, and thus avoided having to wear masks at all in their wigwams. Annwi and Waramaug, however, had to break into smaller cohorts for the first week of each session. Thankfully, all the test results were negative, allowing everyone to operate mask free most of the time.

What else was different? The 80' x 40' wedding tent over the MacDonald Tennis Court was the most noticeable facility change. It allowed us to spread the camp out during meals, giving us safe distance. Waramaug and Moosalamoo ate under the tent, while Annwi moved from its dining room to the dining hall porch. Meanwhile, Wiantinaug, the only wigwam to eat inside, had the entire dining hall to itself. This arrangement worked very

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## Keewaydin: Form and Content

By William Goldberg '12

In biology, every body part is described as having a structure and a function. In the world of art—painting and theater and literature—people talk about works of art as having form and content. For example, Harry Potter is

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well, notwithstanding one somewhat disorderly evacuation of the dining tent during a thunderstorm when lightening rendered the tent unsafe. Waramaug and Moosalamoo campers and staff scampered from the dining tent to take shelter in the Multi-House and various lodges and cabins, their chicken salad sandwiches and potato chips bouncing on their plates as they fled. Their clothing damp and food a bit soggy, they made the best of the situation. With the passage of time, this somewhat unpleasant experience will surely be seen as an adventure.

Outdoor sinks (courtesy of the York House crew), candy handed out in wigwams (rather than the Store), campers and staff doing dishes in the kitchen (not directly because of Covid, but rather because of the labor shortage) were other noteworthy changes. Because the Canadian border was closed for the tripping season, Moos rerouted many trips to the ADK waterways and the senior trips traveled in the North Woods of Maine, following itineraries on the Allagash and Penobscot Rivers once used by Moos senior trips in the 1940s and 50s. James Hare and Michael Deschenes led the Periwinkle Pirates down the Penobscot, while Will Lewis and Joaquin Stella took the Blueberry Crew down the Allagash.

Meanwhile, the Wilderness trips traveled west instead of north this summer to spend 30 days in the wilds of Minnesota's Boundary Waters. The Voyageurs, led by Cam Nevin and Schuy MacDonald, and the Alpha-Omega Crew, led by Jorge Toro and Alexander Smith-Bove, visited historic waterways traveled by

Native Americans and early European explorers and traders and witnessed spectacular wildlife.

Bucking the trend of recent history, it didn't rain on Carnival Day. Jorge Toro and David Blume put together a doozy! In addition to old standards such as Plinko, Red Dow's Auction, and the Slip 'n' Slide, there were fun new concessions such as Speed Table Setting, The Slack Line, The Rubber Band Shooting Gallery, and The Dunk Tank. And, of course, there was a plethora of concessions involving throwing various sized balls at various different targets!

One of the cleverest "Auks" in many years occurred at Mid-Season when a wedding ceremony for a pair of auks was held after breakfast under the dining tent, which, truth be told, is designed more with weddings in mind than summer camp dining. Campers and staff enjoyed the brief ceremony and cheered as the nuptials departed to a honeymoon location that was rumored to be the Falls of Lana, with accommodations at Mt. Moosalamoo's luxury suite, Ethan Allen's Cave.

The Friday Night Frolics, always a highlight of the evening activity lineup, did not disappoint in 2021. With Mig Oppenheimer in charge first month and Nik Elrifi and Gray Gutfreund taking over second month, we were treated to quality entertainment all summer! Moosalamoo, under the inspired direction of Alim Ibrahim, produced most of the summer's "show stoppers!" "The River Steinbach Show," featuring River interviewing campers and staff, was a weekly favorite. Other memorable skits were Moos's "Bowman Group Therapy Session," Wiantinaug's "Dancing with the Staff," and Waramaug's "Virtual Camp."

Old Timers' Day saw a record number of new inductees, given that we had two "classes" worth of campers and staff being honored—those who missed their turn in 2020 and those who hit year four in 2021. This called for the highest level of creativity, imagination, and organizational talent. Old Timers' Day heads, Pete Lindholm and Bill O'Hare, were up to the challenge! The theme of the Hi-Jinks was "Avatar: The Last Airbender." Fourth year campers and staff proved their mettle as they confronted the challenges of "Ba Sing Se" in Annwi, "The Swamp Bender's Lair" in the lagoon, "The Fire Kingdom" in Wiantinaug, and "The Southern Air Temple" on the mountain.

Separated at mealtime all summer long, we all gathered under the dining tent for the Banquet at the end of the summer. The emotion and energy of the whole camp being together for a meal was powerful! The new staff waiters treated us to a "Boy Bands" theme featuring impressive imitations of BigTime Rush, Backstreet Boys, One Direction, BTS, and NSYNC. James Hare and Nancy Hildreth were presented with their 10-year green jackets, and Scott McCurdy was honored with his 20-year canoe. (Cameron MacDonald received his 20-year canoe at Mid-Season. First half staff Ben McGraw, Paul Jacobs and Angus Barstow, all due to be honored, were unable to attend because of Covid protocols; they will be recognized at the 2022 Banquet!)

Yes, there were many changes caused by Covid in 2021. However, what stood out most this summer was that camp felt beautifully, reassuringly and comfortingly normal. We took morning dips, practiced our K strokes,

played tetherball, rolled kayaks, had campfires, and went on trips. We climbed to Rattlesnake, played navy seals, went to boats out, and sang songs! The last full day of camp we remained together under the dining tent for meals. That night, as is our tradition, we made "the rafters ring" singing our favorite songs, chosen by table groups. We belted out many of the more boisterous tunes—"Dunmore, Dunmore," "The 2002 Verendrye Trip Song," new favorite "Sweet Summertime," and, of course, "Centennial Overture"—but also crooned to the soft, sweet notes of "I'll Not Grow Too Old to Dream" and "Camp Upon a Lake." When the staff finished their part of "Keewaydin Adieu" there was nary a dry eye under the tent. The bittersweet emotions of friendship and the end of the summer continued as staff walked through the formation lines to say goodbye to the campers. Our tear ducts emptied, we wended our way to the Wiantinaug Circle for the Candlelight Ceremony where we reflected on the values of the candles and the acts of campers and staff to uphold those values during the summer. And, at the end, we promised to keep our friendships strong and deep "Till We Meet Again."

See you next summer!



#### **Form & Content**

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a chapter book from the point of view of a third-person narrator. That is its form. The content of Harry Potter, on the other hand, is the story itself, about young wizards and friendship and good versus evil. Form is like a

container and the content is what's inside.

What is the content of camp? It's the archery, and the hiking, and the canoeing. It's rest hour card games and sweeping during inspection. It's grilled cheese for lunch and the choir at Sunday Circle. It's how we literally fill our time.

So what is the form of Keewaydin? The structure? I think it's how we organize our time here. And I think it's just as important as how we fill that time. The structure of camp is waking up at 7:30 and going to bed at 9:30, every day. The structure of camp is three consistent meals every day, with the same table settings and songs beforehand. It's the free time. It's running back to Annwi after formation, knowing that we have boats out followed by a fun evening activity.

For much of 2020 during the pandemic I was stuck at home and tried to keep busy, especially during last summer when there was no camp. I was fortunate enough to get out of my house sometimes to swim, to hike, and, even to go canoeing one time. But it wasn't the same. These activities were spontaneous and one-time things. I went outside at random times of the day, and ate meals whenever I wanted to, with no set schedule. I ate grilled cheeses at a few points, and did many impromptu rest hours in my bedroom.

So you could say that much of the content of last summer for me was kind of the same as camp. I took hikes, ate grilled cheeses, and even went canoeing. But the form was different. I woke up whenever I felt like it, and

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went to bed too late. There were days when I ate two meals and there were days when I ate five or six meals. The form of quarantine was arbitrary, unorganized, and directionless. Lazy, and hazy, but definitely not crazy.

Camp time, camp structure, on the other hand, is intentionally designed. It's organized around our goals: To make friends, to learn new skills, to become closer to nature, to have fun, and to practice helping the other fellow. Everything we do with our time relates to these missions. Quarantine for most of us, stuck at home, was a time that felt directionless and futureless. "Great hike this morning socially-distanced with friends," I would say, "now its 11 am and I'll spend the rest of my day watching Netflix." There was no next hike, no hiking K, no All-Trails to earn.

But now, think about your camp future: the trips you'll take, from

MoosWild to Allagash. Maybe you already earned your firsts in canoeing. Think about your seconds. Then you can even think about the Tallman competition. Think about relationships that might not have even started yet. Think about Old Timer's Day. Maybe Old Timer's Day this year, or next year, or in four summers.

A heart can only pump blood because of how it's shaped and built. A book can only tell a story if it's organized in some way. I think Keewaydin is amazing because of the activities and the values, but also because of the structure of it all: the routines, the schedule, the progression. The form is the content. Quarantine robbed us of that last summer. Now, it's great to be back at camp, and to have the capacity to think about the future again.

*William Goldberg, a camper from 2012-2015 and Annwi staffman since 2019, wrote this piece for one of the summer Kickers.*



*Waramaug Activity Circle—part of the daily routine*

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## What Does Keewaydin Mean

By *Hunter Wiles '08*

As I look around the lake, in all its familiarity and safety, I've been asking myself a simple question: What does Keewaydin mean? As someone who has had the opportunity to know this place for almost 15 years, from a small Annwi camper to seeing the other side as a first year staff, I've been finding out just exactly what Keewaydin means. Keewaydin is known for many things: its green canoes, its many kayaks, or the mountain we see everyday. But these things are not what truly make Keewaydin "Keewaydin" for me.

Family and time. Thirteen years ago, I had my first experience at Keewaydin. As a young Annwi camper, I met many people, and 13 years later, I look around and see some of those same faces on staff. I've been blessed to have a family here, people who have known me, accepted me, laughed with me, argued with me, and experienced "Keewaydin Magic" with me.

I've grown up here, gone through the wigwams (Annwi through Wiantinaug) and then took a few gap years. Nevertheless, even though a few things around campus have changed, a new kitchen or lodge here or there, this PLACE hasn't changed. The same sense of family, familiarity and safety I felt when I got dropped off in 2008 has stood the test of time, and remains here in 2021.

So what does "Keewaydin" mean? I ask again. I may not have a full answer, but part of the answer is family and time.



*Hunter Wiles (standing far left) and his Waramaug Tent 4 mates, Back (Left to right): Dash DeFelice, Henry Butler; Bottom (Left to right): Peter Belin, Noel Weir, Pierce Blanchard; Standing far right: Leo Moss (staff)*

*Hunter Wiles, a camper from 2008-2012, was a staffman in Waramaug last summer.*



## The Beginning of Keewaydin Wilderness Trips Northward

*Dick Strifert '57*

July 3, 1963. It was a Tuesday, the skies were overcast, light drizzle was falling, and the temperature was in the low 50s. Welcome to Chapais, Quebec. A town that had been

born just five years before copper ore had been discovered and mining operations began in earnest. A town reminiscent of the western U.S. in 1840. A few frame homes, a railroad depot (no passenger terminal), a Hudson Bay Company store, muddy roads, and elevated wooden sidewalks in front of a few small shops. Nine Keewaydin trippers, two leaders, and our trusty truck driver, Jim Hogg, perused our surroundings, and gathered to put together the finishing touches. Unpack, get to the depot to claim the last two canoes (custom made with higher than normal gunwales), bid adieu to Jim Hogg, and find our Cree guide, Jim Bossum. Jim was a replacement for the originally hired guide who sent a letter of resignation at the very last minute. He felt the trip would be too dangerous.

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## Wilderness

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Hmmm.

It was the end of a two-day road trip from Lake Dunmore covering 581 miles, and we were farther north than anyone in the group had been. We were ready to exchange cramped spaces in a stake-body truck bouncing over corduroy roads, and head out into the wilderness. The first hiccup arrived. Our specially designed canoes would arrive the next day by train, and when they did, the gunwales were LOWER than normal. Someone missed the customized details. Oops.

Led by Beau Borie, Warren King, and Jim Bossum, we were about to launch a 705-mile canoe trip covering a planned 52-day itinerary. Portage events would depend on how high and fast the rivers would be. Waboos and Abby had planned a long time for this. The goal? Search a portion of the Provenance of Quebec and find an ideal spot to build a basecamp to organize wilderness trips for men and women, young and old. A few trips each summer of various lengths, because quite frankly, wilderness in the Adirondacks and northern New England was not as it was in 1910. Keewaydin needed to get back to its core values.

There was Joe Steiner, strong and quiet; John Adams, tall and talkative; Dirk Speas, a natural “take charge” leader who was scheduled to be replaced by Mort Dukehart half-way through the trip. Ah, Mort Dukehart, the red-headed energizer bunny who would keep the entire gang laughing; there was Tom Miller, always focused, energetic, and one of the strongest in the group; of course my stern man, Paul Hammersten, strong as an ox, pensive, and resembling a football



*The 1963 Wilderness Trip: Back Row (left to right): Beau Borie, John Adams, Tom Miller, Charlie Woodward, Dick Strifert, Joe Steiner, and Warren King; Front Row (left to right): Mort Dukehart, Dick Kruzen, Jim Giddings, Paul Hammersten; Not Present: Dirk Speas, who was replaced half way with Mort, and Jim Bossum, our Cree guide*

tight end; Jim Giddings, the tall and wiry slender blond; and who could forget Charlie Woodward?—the organizer, and thankfully, the one with the 8mm movie camera who would document this odyssey; finally, Dick Kruzen and me. I suspect we were the two weakest in the bunch. While I can’t speak for Dick, I, like the rest, was 16-years old, but still very much an early adolescent. Reflecting on my contribution to the trip, I feel as if I started out as the one who was the weak link and the one who needed to grow the most. Thankfully, this amazing experience of a lifetime fulfilled that goal of growth, and much more.

Preparations before arriving in Chapais included 4-5 days of packing and some shakedown events. Each of us had to pair up and thread the

churning flume rapids on the Otter Creek just north of Middlebury. We would be experiencing much more than the typical senior Moosalamoo trip to Algonquin Park or Verendrye. Each of us had Keewaydin tripping under our belts, but this would be much bigger.

Packing offered us an opportunity to feast our eyes on something new in the wannigans—freeze dried packets of dinner fixings. Armour Star Foods offered Keewaydin an opportunity to taste test their new products before they would show up on the retail market. Freeze dried pork chops, freeze dried beef stew, freeze dried fresh peas (Sooooooo much better than canned), and other yummy delicacies. These packages were light as a feather, and perfect for cramming two weeks’ worth of food supplies into our

wooden boxes. All was ready.

July 6, a Friday. Too many delays in the itinerary, so time to get going. Quite a first day. Cool and overcast, but we managed to paddle (both by river and lake) 24 miles, plus a one mile portage. This would be typical, but for the first handful of days (or was it weeks), the weather was anything but fun. Mostly rain. Recollections of the first week or two were of wetness. Wet sleeping bags, wet tents, wet clothing, and more portages through muskeg than anyone planned on since the rivers were very high. I was hitting rock bottom and had never been challenged like this before. I wanted to go home. I was miserable. Time to find renewed strength and buck up. I eventually found that strength when I was the last to bring the last load on a portage. A heavy pack and sinking in muskeg. I couldn't move, and reached out to pray. Years later

I found the verse from Psalm 40 that spoke to me: "He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure." While that day and that event was not an instantaneous change for me, it slowly turned my life around. The trip worked into a very steady routine, and life in the wilderness went from being a drag, to an uplifting experience. I grew, my confidence blossomed, and life was good.

Twelve very different people. Beau, our trip leader, was the senior of the group and performed well as CEO; Warren was the naturalist who was most comfortable in the wilderness; and Jim showed us how human beings in this unique northern environment not only survive but thrive. And of course, nine trippers. Each a cog in a wheel that propelled the team to learn a great deal about life. The itinerary

laid out in the beginning had a few changes in it, but we executed it admirably. At the end of a two-week period, we either met the train for re-supply or for critical transportation to the next leg. Fecteau Airways arranged for float planes to meet us at planned rendezvous locations for re-supply or for swapping out Dirk for Mort. Throughout this summer of 1963, Keewaydin demonstrated to the world how to be the best at what it does. Grow boys into young men, and each accountability, ethical behavior, leadership, care for the natural world, and teamwork. Character traits that are vital for every generation. Not a bad legacy.

*Dick Strifert was a camper from 1957-1963 and an Annwi staffman from 1964-1968.*



## ~ Keewaydin and Songadeewin Open Houses, Fall 2021 ~

Keewaydin and Songa will be holding Open Houses via Zoom this fall. Pete Hare and Ellen Flight, along with current parents and staff, will present and answer questions for families interested in sending their kids to our camps. If you know of parents interested in sending their children to one of our camps, please have them contact us at [pete@keewaydin.org](mailto:pete@keewaydin.org) (for Keewaydin) and [ellen@keewaydin.org](mailto:ellen@keewaydin.org) (for Songadeewin). Here are the dates and times for the Open Houses. Thanks for your help!



*Happy new Annwi campers in 2021! Looking forward to having many more new campers in 2022!*

- Thursday, October 21 @ 7:00 p.m. ET
- Thursday, November 18 @ 7:00 p.m. ET
- Wednesday, December 8 @ 8:30 p.m. ET
- Wednesday, December 15 @ 1:30 p.m. ET (time chosen to accommodate European schedules, but all are welcome!)



## ~ Summer 2021: What a Summer! ~

*Whether paddling, hooping, looking for frogs or just chillin',  
the Summer of 2021 was a special one!*







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**Thank you!**



# Alumni News

**Hal Louchheim '48** still remembers fondly his time as a camper and staff. He attended the Zoom sing-a-long during COVID and enjoyed belting out some of his old favorites!

**Bob Feldman '50** was trapped for a year and a half in Miami during COVID. He is now back in Maryland.

**George Stauffer '60** recently delivered an excellent talk on Franz Schubert via Zoom to the chamber choir of NY Musica Vida.

**Lee Dorland '64** has written his first book! At 27 pages, it is more of a booklet: *George Washington Slept Here*. It is a local history concerning Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, NY and is only available in epub format at [kobo.com](http://kobo.com). This is the Keewaydin connection: the camp bus used to stop in town near the Tappan Zee Bridge to pick up Westchester campers.

**Dave Bonette '68** is now living in Lehigh Valley, PA, still paddling, hiking, biking and playing tennis.

**Peter Miller '68**, originally from Princeton, NJ, is now living in Suma Beach in Kobe, Japan with another home in Kyoto, Japan. Peter studied medicine and has taught around the world. Peter invites any alumni and campers to visit him in Japan.

**Josh Stoller '77** is currently living in NJ with his wife and two sons (17 and 20 years old) and their Bernese Mt. Dog, Sadie.

**Josh Abelson '77** keeps busy as a single father raising three children: a teenage girl and pre-teen twin boys. Still living in New York (lifer), Josh has been part of the chaplaincy staff at Mt. Sinai since 1993 and loves his work there. He still loves watching the Mets beat the Phillies.

**Jed Herrmann '87** just moved back to Washington DC from Charlotte NC. He is working at the Treasury Department in the Office of Recovery Programs, which is managing about \$1 trillion in pandemic and economic recovery programs.

**Peter Hedlund '90** wrote inspirational messages on a chalkboard every day during the pandemic. Nearly every day for the past year, the Arlington, MA resident woke up extra early and shuffled down his walkway to a square chalkboard affixed to his front fence where he chalk scribbled an uplifting message — a quote from a rock group or activist, or a passage from a book — meant to inspire people walking through his neighborhood who sought an escape from being indoors during the pandemic. Over time, his fan base grew. Neighbors let him know they looked forward to the daily affirmations, while strangers would thank him, saying they read them on their daily pandemic walks. Thanks for helping the other fellow, Peter!!



Peter Hedlund

**Geoff Dale '94** and his wife Cat live in Florida with their two dogs. They also have two very well run companies in the agriculture industry.

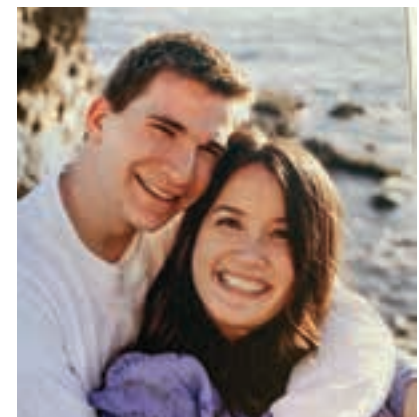
**RJ Adler '98** married Pollaidh Major on July 24, 2021. Attending the wedding were many Keewaydineesi.



Left to right: Anne Adler P'88, Benjy Adler '90, Ted Adler '88, RJ Adler, Abby Hazen '05, Pollaidh Major, Seth Carvill '11, Matt Laud '99, and Robbie Adler '94.

**Cam Nevin '02** and his partner, Goldie Harmon, recently hiked the JohnMuir Trail in the high Sierras, finishing in the Yosemite Valley. After they emerged from their 17-day, 200 mile wilderness trek they announced that they are engaged to be married!

**Garrett Avila '09** married Brooke Renae Chang on April 10, 2021, in Yorba Linda, California.



Garrett Avila and Brooke Chang

## BIRTHS

**Bennett Werner '00** and his wife, Ariel, welcomed their first child in August, a healthy baby girl! Finch Lucille Werner is looking forward to starting Songadewin in eight years!

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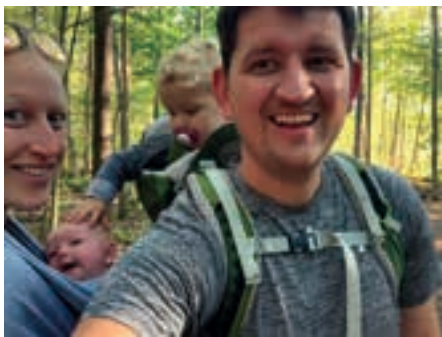
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Finch Lucille Werner

**Ben '10 and Gabby Ramseyer** welcomed their second child to the world! Elsie Lorraine Ramseyer was born on August 25, 2021.



Ramseyer Family

**Matt Pierce '77** is a grandfather, again! Emily Pierce Rose, the daughter of Matt and his wife, Karen, delivered a boy, Everett William Rose, on October 10, 2020. Everett is Emily and husband, Zach's second child. Their daughter, Clara Joan is three-years-old.



Matt Pierce with grandson Everett

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

### Dan Patch: Keewaydin Legend from 1952-1999

Dan Patch '52, Keewaydin legend, died on June 6, 2021. His career at Keewaydin stretched from 1952 to 1999. He began as a driver, a job where he was so well regarded that his talents were memorialized in the 1954 *Algonquin Trip Song*—“Up the track, forty mile, until we met old Dan-O!” After several years driving trips, he was tapped by Waboos for a new challenge: Annwi Director. From 1960 until 1988, he ran the youngest age group at camp. So admired and respected was he by campers and staff, he was sometimes called “King Dan-O.” He consistently upgraded the tripping program, including the well-known “Massena Trip” to the upstate New York border town. The entire wigwam went to Massena, a trip which featured visiting the Moses-Saunders Dam on the St. Lawrence and Upper Canada Village, a recreation of a 19<sup>th</sup> century Canadian village. Anyone who went on the trip will never forget sleeping under the giant Annwi tent, a feat of engineering created by the Annwi staff that was able to house all 30+ Annwi campers.



Dan Patch in 1967



Dan and Mary Patch at the 1961 Banquet

He stepped down as Annwi Director after the 1988 summer and assumed a new role as Foundation bookkeeper which he held until he fully retired from Keewaydin in 1999.

Through his years as director, he built an extraordinarily loyal staff; some years every staff returned from the previous summer. Dan Vorenberg, Annwi staff from 1976-1982, remembered Dan fondly: “For lots of us, Dan was our first boss and set the standard that has stood the test of time—nurturing and clear, warm and direct, and always self-deprecating. I am sure some of us were harder to supervise than others and yet Dan had an uncanny ability to simultaneously embrace you and kick you in the rear end. He obviously meant a great deal to many of us and indeed may have served as a quiet inspiration for some of us to pursue careers in education. He was a true legacy leaver.”

A new lodge was built for Annwi in 2015. At a ceremony early in the summer season, the building was dedicated to Dan and his wife, Mary, for their years of dedicated and inspired leadership in Annwi. The legacy of Dan and Mary lives on in The Patch Lodge, as well as in the memories of all whom they touched at camp.





# Keewaydin Club

## CAMPING, CANOEING, AND FISHING IN THE CANADIAN WOODS



Keewaydin Club is open to Keewaydin alumni, parents, Ojibway guests, and anyone ready to experience a Keewaydin canoe trip.

Offerings may include local destinations, seeking out prime fishing spots, secret lakes, and cooling waterfalls for men and women. We also plan to navigate some kilometers of historic and beautiful rivers that Keewaydin has traveled over the last 128 years.

Most trippers begin their adventure arriving in the early evening, with two nights at Devil's Island, providing time to acclimate, jump into learning or remembering tripping skills, paddling, and portaging gear. On the second morning, trip staff will ready the crew for their canoe trip, paddling away from the main dock after a belly-filling Keewaydin breakfast. Following your trip, upon your return and a hearty Keewaydin cheer, trippers can take a hot shower, enjoy cocktails and dinner.

As the sun dips on the western horizon, Keewaydin's tradition of trippers sharing stories around a fire is an essential and fantastic finale for a life-changing event. We are confident you will have some wonderful and likely comical stories to share! The following day, after one last perfect sleep under the Canadian sky, trippers will head home after breakfast.

### Why join us? Because...

Keewaydin Club adult trips provide the opportunity to hit the reset button by immersing yourself in beautiful paddling of the Temagami region, cooking over an open fire, taking in the beauty of the tall pines and clean water, and SLOWING down. Trippers embrace the Keewaydin Way and feel the support and guidance of our veteran Keewaydin staff as you learn new or regain old skills, form connections, unplug, grow stronger, face challenges, build resilience and adapt and learn. Most trips are open to all abilities and will be strenuous at times.

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## Trips for 2022

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*Trippers gather around the map*

### Women's Trip

**July 30-August 7, Temagami region**

Three nights in camp and five days exploring the beauty of the Temagami and surrounding waterways. Eight spots are available. Cost: USD \$1200/person

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*Memories made with this crew*

### Men's Trips

**July 25-August 8, Quebec or Ontario River**  
Fishing, and whitewater travel. For experienced trippers. Nine spots are available. Cost: TBD

### July 30-August 7, Temagami region

Three nights in camp and five nights exploring the beauty of the Temagami and surrounding waterways. For experienced or new to canoe trippers. Eight spots are available. Cost: USD \$1200/person

Reach out to Emily Schoelzel ([emily@keewaydin.org](mailto:emily@keewaydin.org)) if you are interested. Registration for the Keewaydin Club will open this November. Visit our website to enroll.



## JOHN WATSON WORK WEEKND ~ 2022 ~



What better way to reconnect with camp than to take part in the Annual John Watson Work Weekend? Help get the Keewaydin and Songadeewin campuses set for the summer.

Join old friends to help rake, prune, saw and paint. Interested in joining us in 2022? The dates are June 3-5, 2022.

We hope to see you!



For more information, contact [mary@keewaydin.org](mailto:mary@keewaydin.org).



# Alumni-Family Weekend

~ August 25-28, 2022 ~

**Whether you're looking to reconnect with the camp you love or introduce Keewaydin and Songadeewin to your kids, Alumni-Family Weekend is the place to be next August!**



After missing Alumni-Family Weekend the past two summers, we are excited to have alumni, friends and kids back on Dunmore's shores in 2022! Alumni Family Weekend is the ideal way to relive your camper days or introduce some future campers to Keewaydin and Songadeewin.

Sleep in tents by the waterfront or cabins in Brown's Bay. Eat meals in the great Keewaydin Dining Hall. Swim, paddle, hike and more! Our excellent staff will be on hand to lead activities like canoeing and kayaking, guide hikes on Mt Moosalamoo, organize campfires, and help out however they are needed!

## TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND ALUMNI-FAMILY WEEKEND

10. Be in the Frolics
9. Paddle a real Keewaydin canoe
8. Hike to Ethan Allen's Cave
7. Catch frogs in the Lagoon
6. Play games at the Campfire
5. Sing songs after dinner
4. Cool off in beautiful Lake Dunmore
3. Enjoy the company of great camp people
2. Go to sleep to the call of the loon
1. Watch the moon climb over Moosalamoo



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# Keewaydin Foundation 2022 Calendar

April 11	Board of Trustees Meeting
April 25 - June 3	Keewaydin Environmental Education Center (KEEC)
	Spring Season
June 3 - 5	John Watson Work Weekend in Vermont
June 21 - August 12	129th Season for Keewaydin Temagami
June 24 - 28	Ojibway Family Lodge Work Party
June 26 - August 20	113th Season for Keewaydin on Lake Dunmore
June 26 - August 20	24th Season for Songadeewin on Lake Dunmore
July 1 - August 29	99th Season for Ojibway Family Lodge on Lake Temagami
July 7 - 11	Alumni Family Weekend on Lake Temagami
July 17 - 21	Midseason at Keewaydin Temagami
July 23 - 24	Midseason at Keewaydin Dunmore and Songadeewin
July 30 - 31	Board of Trustees Meeting on Lake Dunmore
TBD	Islander Potluck Dinner at Ojibway Family Lodge
August 10	Paddle-In at Keewaydin Temagami
August 25 - 28	Alumni Family Weekend on Lake Dunmore
September 5 - October 14	Keewaydin Environmental Education Center (KEEC)
	Fall Season
October 24	Board of Trustees Meeting and Alumni Reception in New York City

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