



The TATTLER

Established 1893

Spring 2022

From the Director

Last fall, in the Tattler, I reflected on the value of kids immersing themselves in a simple, rustic, remote environment, where hard work, steady predictability, simple pleasures, and sounds of wild places help reset and reboot their hearts and minds. We know it is true. Kids and adults connect with themselves on a deeper level, and the Keewaydin canoe trip welcomes trippers to be themselves, test and grow their grit, and build lifelong friends. I proffered the question to our community, "Are you ready to return?"

Resoundingly the answer is YES! We have met our enrollment goals, and we are preparing to welcome many new and returning faces to our 3-week and 6-week base camp program. I am looking forward to seeing campers stop by the store, pick up their new duffel, dubbin their tumpline, and begin to learn or relearn Keewaydin tripping techniques. Our long trip sessions are robust, with seven sections heading to incredible regions of Ontario, Quebec, and Labrador. The campers who missed a chance at their bay trip for two summers are returning.

Patience, persistence, perseverance, and solid planning put us in a position to welcome campers, staff, alumni,

continued on next page



Blue skies and green canoes, nothing better!

Long Trips 2022! We are back!

Excitement is brimming as we approach Keewaydin reopening and offer multiple Hudson Bay trips this summer. We are focused on welcoming back campers who nearly missed the opportunity to complete their Keewaydin Camp journey. It is a thrilling challenge to plan four Hudson Bay trips and our trip staff are up for the challenge. The group of Bay trip staff have been coordinating and communicating with each other, splitting up responsibilities to research and reach out to community members in Umiujaq and Kuujjuarapik and Whapmagoostui villages. It has been important for Keewaydin to ask community members for permission to

visit their villages as we make plans to return to canoe tripping and come out of the pandemic. In addition to our Bay trips, we have campers lined up for Section B, Section D, and Section 3. Here are some details:

We have two Section 1 this summer, led by great teams. The first is led

continued on page 2

In This Issue

Summer #99	4
Welcome Hudson	7
Alumni Updates	9

Keewaydin Temagami
500 Rustic Lane
Salisbury VT 05769

*Where kids become gutsy,
courageous, self-assured
& learn to take risks.*

Tel 802 352 4709
Fax 802 352 4772

Emily Schoelzel
Camp Director

John Frazier
Assistant Director

Tanya McCubbin
Ojibway Manager

**KEEWAYDIN FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Janice Farrell Day, *President*
Jeff Howe, *Vice President*
Barry G. Cline, *Treasurer*
Laurice Arroyo, *Secretary*

Ben Beinecke
Laurie Burton-Graham
Bright Dickson
Rana Kashyap
Tim Nicholson
Carolina Pardo
Frederick Reimers
Chris Seeley
Jim Sperber
Katie Tanz

Peter Hare
Executive Director

www.keewaydin.org

Tam Stewart
Design & Production

From the Director *continued from page 1*

parents, and friends of Ojibway back to Devil's Island this June, July, and August. Truth be told, it feels terrific. It is essential to acknowledge the team that surrounds Keewaydin and me. Imagine the perfect Keewaydin section; a group that knows how to get the job done, digs deep when the wind begins to pick up, and can laugh along the way; this is the team that has worked steadfastly to welcome Keewaydin campers back to Lake Temagami.

It is important to say, and heartwarming to know, how much the Keewaydin community wants to help, does help, and shares what they love about Keewaydin to whoever will listen. This enthusiasm matters. We have felt immensely supported in the last two years, and we hope you know how much we appreciate every hello, positive note, shout-out, endorsement, and registration of a camper.

Now, the FUN is about to begin! June is approaching quickly; staff will be arriving earlier than ever to navigate rounds of staff training and trip preparations. Swift Water Technician training, Advanced Wilderness First Aid, Wilderness Water Safety, Risk Management, social and emotional learning and support from Dr. Michael Thompson, and Indigenous culture training with Demi Mathias and Katie Tanz will fill the early weeks in June. Then trip staff will dig into dusting off the rust of their trip skills, evaluating gear, and tending to their canoes. On June 21st, Section 1 and Section A will arrive, followed by the rest of the campers on June 28th.

On those days, June 21st and June 28th, we will collectively take a deep breath in and exhale, grin the

biggest of grins, and kick off our 129th summer.



Long Trips *continued from page 1*

by Erica Wilson and Kera Zegar. They are excited to plan a trip to the Clearwater River of northern Quebec with a proven route to Lake Tasiujaq formerly known as the Richmond Gulf. The Clearwater River is a beautiful place, the water a clear crystal blue, the river dropping into the coastal waters of Hudson Bay surrounded by stunning cliffs. Erica and Kera provided some wisdom to their campers this spring. "The ostensible goal of Section 1 is reaching Hudson Bay; however, anyone can paddle on a canoe trip to the Bay. Part of what makes this summer unique is that on Section 1, we do it with the skill, precision, and mindfulness that represent the peak of the Keewaydin camper experience. When we return to the main dock at



How many moose will be seen this summer?

the end of the summer, we will have accomplished a great deal and had a true adventure.”

Our second Section 1 is led by Nicole Howe and Sophie Hatch and they are excited to head back to northern Quebec, traveling a proven route to Lake Tasiujaq, and Hudson Bay coast. They will start at Egg Lake, quickly hopping onto the Kanaaupscow River, continuing along until they meet up with the Coats River and Guerin River. This route has been traveled only a few times since then by Section 1 and A. The route should be beautiful, with the awesome spectacle of the coastal waters of Hudson Bay. Nicole and Sophie wrote their campers some inspirational words this spring. “You have each worked hard and waited a long time for this trip and you deserve to have the best experience possible. It is an opportunity to challenge ourselves, to work hard to overcome adversity, and to appreciate things we might not in any other setting. It also provides an opportunity to forge and solidify friendships that can last a lifetime, while enjoying the environment we are in. How the summer goes is not really determined by the route we take, or by the staff. The biggest factor in making this summer’s trip successful is the outlook of each member of the section.”

The first of two Section A will be led by Peter Dutko and Hunter Craighill. It is fantastic to welcome Peter back to Section A, and join Hunter in leading this section of campers. Peter and Hunter will lead Section A to Kuujuarapik and Whapmagoostui communities. Keewaydin was last in this latitude in 2017 when Peter and Ollie Blume led the bay trip. The thrill of a trip down the Great Whale River and navigating a few significant gorges plus a section of the river which



Snaking through the cliffs

had a land side in 2021 will make for the right kind of challenges for this Section A to navigate.

The second of the two Section A will be led by Alexander Tariot and Max Corkran. Alexander and Max have their sights set on the Little Whale River, planning a route that will bring them to Kuujuarapik and Whapmagoostui communities. Alexander shared a few encouraging words with their campers this March. “The good news is that Northern Canada has more amazing canoe trips than a person could do in a lifetime, so wherever we choose to paddle will be amazing. We’re expecting beautiful scenery, world-class fishing, exciting whitewater, and just the right amount of challenge. We are feeling stoked about getting Section A back out on trip and experiencing the wild North in all its glory!”

Section B, led by John Goodpasture

and Sam Donaldson, has its sights set on the province of Labrador. They will put in at Ashuanipi River, and travel toward Menihek Lake. Working their way to the Clark River, lake hopping along until finishing with a run down the McPhayden River back to the Menihek Lakes. Fingers are crossed for trophy trout fishing!

Section D campers missed their chance to paddle around the OutPost and Wabakimi Provincial Park, so leaders Matt Barnes and Ian Lower will make it happen this summer! Section D will drive out to Savant Lake and trip in to the OutPost cabin, giving the section a chance to learn and practice their tripping skills. Once they arrive at the cabin, they will give the cabin site some care and tend to the brush and branches, check on the cabin and food shed before heading off on the “second” trip. Their second trip will be longer, paddling their way toward Cat Lake, Lac St. Joseph and the Otokwin River with a re-outfit food

continued on next page

Long Trips

continued from page 3

drop provided by Rusty Myers Flying Service. By early August they boys will finish near a road for the drive back to Lake Temagami. This first long trip summer for these campers promises great fishing, lots of time to learn how to paddle moving water, and master many Keewaydin tripping skills.

This summer Thalia Calligeros and Kyra McClean will be leading Section 3 through the lakes and rivers in Northwest Ontario, following Section 3's 2019 itinerary down the Albany River. Starting at Osnaburgh Lake, northwest of the Evans Outpost and travelling east down river, re-outfitting trip food by Rusty Myers Flying Service near Ojibwe First Nation Community of Fort Hope. As it is the first long trip for this group of young women, they are looking forward to fine-tuning moving water skills, growing as a cohesive section, and finding surprise and delight appreciating the natural beauty of the wilderness they are travelling in.

After two summers away, these teams are ready to go and their campers will get to live and participate in a wonderful experience.



Summer #99



Young men return with trip leaders Dan Carpenter, Jr. and Heb Evans

Plans for the 99th summer of Ojibway are well underway. The staff is eager to welcome many guests back to Ojibway, from long-timers to Keewaydin parents, to new faces of 2022; the summer is filling up with guest stays! There is no doubt the comfort of the rustic cabins, the sounds of Lake Temagami, and the food from our fabulous kitchen will make visitors glad they came.

We have an Alumni Family Weekend planned for July 7-11, a time for some past trippers to share their stories from their 1970 or '71 Bay trips and revel in shared memories of Heb Evans, a well-beloved member of Keewaydin staff from that era. We are grateful to alum Doug Keith and Mike Fish, who have led the charge in recruiting old tripping friends back to camp. The three-day weekend will be busy with campfire stories, a hike up Devil's Mountain, a paddle to the original campsite, and dinner in Keewaydin's dining hall. There will be plenty of time to relax on the dock, take in the view from your cabin porch and enjoy a trip down memory lane.

If you think about a return trip to Devil's Island, reach out to Tanya McCubbin at tanya@keewaydin.org. Keewaydin and Ojibway will be at the ready to help you have new adventures and new stories to share.



THE KEEWAYDIN ANNUAL FUND

It's time to get back to canoe tripping....

The smell of a meal cooking on an open fire. The familiar feel of the paddle in hand. The wood, canvas and leather. The pristine rivers, fish-filled lakes, and vivid, star-filled night skies. The awe-inspiring beauty of the Canadian wilderness. The laughter. The sense of accomplishment.

The feeling of being as strong as you have ever been.



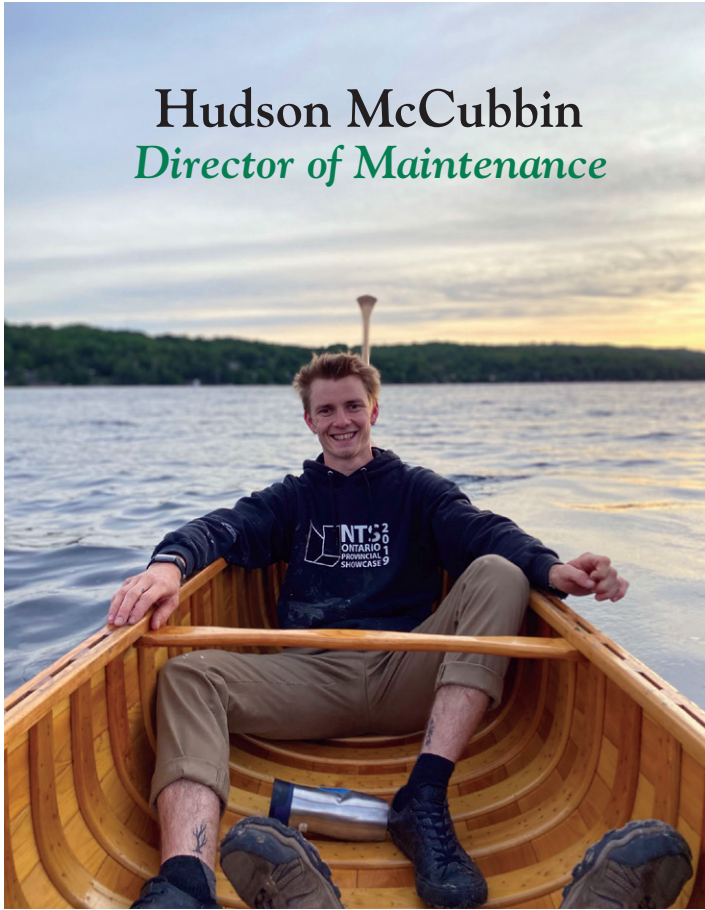
There is nothing quite like a Keewaydin canoe trip, and your gifts help make it possible for the next generation to share in the tradition. Your gift to the Annual Fund will support scholarships for campers, salaries for a talented staff, and the maintenance and upkeep of our fleet of canoes and of camp facilities on Devil's Island.

Please give today at www.keewaydin.org/give



Welcome to the Team!

Hudson McCubbin *Director of Maintenance*



Hudson McCubbin '09 summer of 2021

Hudson McCubbin '09 joins the Keewaydin Headquarters team as our Director of Maintenance, and we are thrilled to welcome him to the role. Hudson grew up at Keewaydin, coming to camp with his mother, Tanya McCubbin, patiently waiting to become old enough to become a camper, watching his older brother Malcolm paddle away in Manitou. Seven summers as a camper brought him to trip staff for two seasons, yet his true calling as a contributor to Keewaydin came in projects and island maintenance.



Hudson gained more profound knowledge of the inner workings of Devil's Island facilities as the maintenance assistant and, in the winter months, dove into full-time work as a carpenter working for an impressive home construction company in North Bay, Ontario. The experience Hudson has gained sets him up for a successful transition into the role of island caretaker. Hudson brings to the job a solid set of skills, an immense amount of positive energy, work ethic, drive, competency, and a learning mindset. We are eager to set him up for success.

This spring, he will receive wisdom, mentorship, and accrued knowledge from former director of maintenance **Jason Pigeau '95**. **Dave Wilfong '15**, who is moving on to new projects and business goals, will help pass the torch this May after seven years of helping take care of Devil's Island. We wish him good luck.

Please help Keewaydin welcome Hudson by sending him a greeting at hudson@keewaydin.org.





Keewaydin Club

CAMPING, CANOEING, AND FISHING IN THE CANADIAN WOODS



Looking ahead to the summer calendar, we have planned fun adult canoe trips for the first week of August.

Keewaydin will be welcoming two sections of women for the Temagami Region Flatwater trip. We have expert staff returning to lead the charge, teach, and share Keewaydin tripping skills with this group of women. We are excited to have Anna McClean, Sadie McClean, Maddie McClure, Demi Mathias, Jess Desrochers, and Emily Schademan as the trip leaders.

Trippers will arrive on July 30th, spend a day in camp learning trip skills, and on August 1st, paddle out for five nights in the Temagami region. We are looking forward to sharing Keewaydin with these women and hearing the trip stories upon their return.

Reach out to Emily Schoelzel if you are interested or want to chat and learn more about future trips.
emily@keewaydin.org



Lelia Mellen '18 steering her way to the portage.



Trippers leaping in on a hot day!

Alumni Updates and News

Unfortunately, **Ted Forbes '74** reports that winter is winding down in the Wasatch of Utah with not much of a snow season. He and Deborah, along with Jerry & Willie, are headed out in mid-May for their next adventure. They bought a cottage on the Olympic Peninsula and are planning to be out there until the Fall. Lots of exploring to do.

Kathryn Olivarius '02 had her book, *Necropolis: Disease, Power and Capitalism in the Cotton Kingdom*, published by Harvard University Press. No canoes are referenced, but there are many mosquitoes!

Dana Krementz '05 went on her first BC (British Columbia) canoe trip this past summer. While the journey was filled with epic portages, muddy creek days, and well-earned campsites, it reinforced that nothing beats a traditional Keewaydin canoe trip!

In 2021, **Justin Van Lieshout '06** helped produce the documentary, *The Cure for the Common Classroom*, focusing on education reform in the USA, which screened for world leaders at COP26- The UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. The film showcases three alternative schools that provide students with unique learning opportunities and change the meaning of "school."

Mark and Lesley Robinson P '08 are back in the USA after 15 months in New Zealand. Their children are all over the USA: **Austen '08** serving as a marine at Camp Pendleton in

California, **Gordon '09** working in Cleveland **Malcolm '11** at Dartmouth, and **Gwen '14** at Claremont McKenna College.

Dov Sikowitz '13 is a freshman at UCLA.

Betsy and Dan Mena report that their Temagami boys (men) are thriving. **Brad '88** lives in Dusseldorf, Germany, with his wife, Lisa, and their two sons; **Drew '93** is in Austin, TX, with his wife Amena and 2-year-old Edie!

NEW ADDITIONS

Tiffany Van Lieshout '05 and her husband, Athan, welcomed their first child and had moved from Canada to the USA. They now call Boston home!

Courtney Noble '99 and her husband, Dustin Muller, welcomed their daughter Bronte Annabelle Noble Muller to the world, weighing in at 7lbs 4oz!

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Donald Saunders '39 lived 93 amazing years. He passed away on October 12, 2021. He spoke with pride of his children, **Peter '74** (Karen), of Kalispell, MT, Elizabeth (Peter), of Marblehead, MA, and **James '79** (Courtney), of Upper Arlington, OH, always wanting to know about their newest projects or adventures. Donald was a loving 'Gampa' to Alexander McLaughlin, Grace McLaughlin, and **Tapley Saunders '18**. Donald was inquisitive and delightfully funny. He was loved by children and animals alike, which was a testament to his kind and gentle heart. He was always game for the next project or adventure. Donald is survived by his wife, Betsy, their three children, three grandchildren, and

many nieces and nephews. In Don's memory, the family recommends donations to All Saints Episcopal Church.

Doug Payne, MD '55 died peacefully at his home following a long illness. Doug developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors during his childhood and enjoyed camping, canoeing, and hiking. Following his retirement from cardiothoracic surgery in 2012, Doug continued to cultivate his love of nature and the outdoors. He spent many memorable summer vacations hiking and building trails at his beloved island retreat in Temagami, Ontario. Doug was a kind, and gentle person loved and respected by his patients and their families and his colleagues, students, and coworkers. He was a loyal and devoted friend and mentored his family, friends, and students. His devotion and care for his patients and his lifelong commitment to medical education will inspire his colleagues for many years to come.

J. Dudley Ottley, Sr. '52, 87, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, surrounded by his wife and family.

Dudley loved his time at Keewaydin. He continued and supported a legacy of four generations of Ottley's, including his father, children, and grandchildren.

Dudley was an extraordinary raconteur, and though he often told the same story multiple times, he never told the same version twice. With his gregarious personality, he entertained friends, family, and strangers, who then became friends with his colorful, humorous, and imaginative tales. Whenever he met

continued on next page

Alumni News

continued from page 9

someone new, he was always able to find a connection with them, and he never forgot anyone. He was a faithful and lifelong friend to many. He was dedicated to his family and provided his children and grandchildren with a love of the outdoors and an abiding belief in the importance of family.

Peter Booth Nichol '75, age 59, died at home after a 19-month battle with glioblastoma. He was beloved as a teacher, neighbor, friend, activist, husband, and father in his community. He was guided in all his actions by a deeply held certainty in the interconnectedness of all people and the planet. From this belief grew

a commitment to his community on every scale – from maintaining a neighborhood compost to empowering his students to fight for climate justice.

In a tragic plane crash, **Hunter Parks '90** died on February 13, 2022. Hunter was known for his engaging way with others and a firm handshake when you first met him. He was smart. He had visions of better tomorrows. He wasn't afraid of the risk for the greater reward or, the greater good.

He had a passion for the outdoors and charted his course, dedicated, persistent, and determined in whatever venture. There was none more important to him than Mattamuskeet Ventures. He was a partner on family-owned land, and

Green Assets he undertook,” the Wilmington-based company that Parks founded for forest carbon production credit transfers.

Hunter Parks loved sharing his passion for hunting and the outdoors with others, something he was doing on the day he died.



Hunter Parks

Ojibway Family Lodge

Our Theme
Nights are Back
Join us!

July 23 - Whirled Peas
July 30 - Islander Potluck
August 20 - Ukrainian
August 27 - Paella



Make a reservation by calling 416-548-6137
or emailing tanya@keewaydin.org

~ New 2022 Edition of *The Keewaydin Cookbook* ~

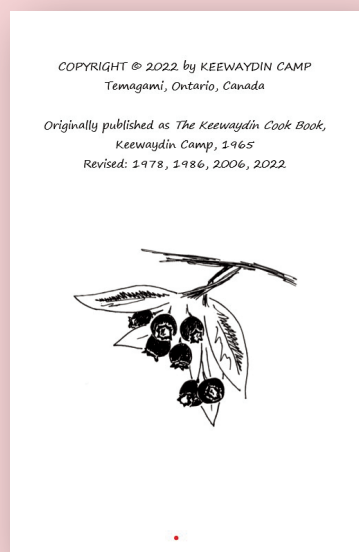
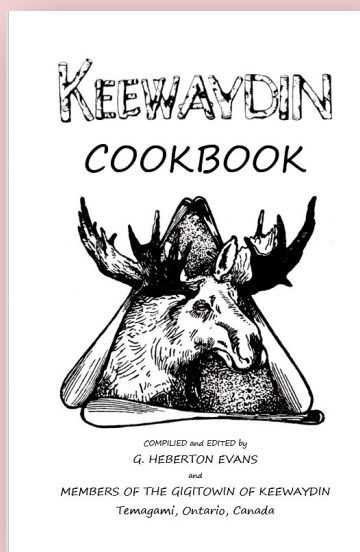
By David Chapin '79

Can you eat history? You can if you have a copy of the newly revised Keewaydin Cookbook (previously styled *The Cook Book*). Over many years, and through several editions, the cookbook has been an essential part of Keewaydin's campfire kitchens. It has grown and evolved as Keewaydin has evolved, combining old with new recipes.

The foodways of the fur trade and the lumber camps of a century or more past can still be found in the pages of the cookbook. Take bannock for instance. The name comes from Scotland, but bannock has been in North America for over two centuries. Originally a frybread, made from flour, water, and fat, and cooked in a pan, bannock was adopted by fur traders and First Nations people across Canada in the 18th century. At Keewaydin we add sugar and baking powder and cook our bannock in a reflector oven. Reflector ovens are a technology that dates back to the 17th century. They were used in front of the home kitchen hearth and in in the bush. They probably came to Keewaydin via the lumber camps of Maine and eastern Canada where many of the first Keewaydin guides worked.

Another great recipe in *The Keewaydin Cookbook* with deep roots in history is sand-baked beans. Anyone who has taken the time to dig a hole in sand, start a fire in it, and use it to bake beans overnight, remembers this unique form of cooking. Baked beans originated with First Nations people and were quickly adopted by European settlers to New England and Quebec. The tradition of baking them in the ground probably comes from First Nations practice, but it was kept strong in the lumber camps of Maine where they were called "bean hole beans."

Of course, we are very cosmopolitan at Keewaydin too, and the new version of the cookbook has all sorts of recipes from around the world, that never appeared in a logging camp or fur trade outpost of old. Looking for a pesto pasta recipe? We've got that. The new edition has recipes for brownies, assorted cakes, lentil burgers, couscous, chili, salsa, chickpea curry, doughnuts, fresh bread, fish chowder, honey lime chicken, and more. What do you want to try first?



Handy Conversions and Quantities			
1 pannikin	= 2 cups	= 1 pint	= ¼ quart.
1 pannikin	= 16 fluid ounces.		
8 pannikins	= 1 gallon.		
1 kilogram	= 2.2 pounds.		
1 tablespoon (tbsp)	= 3 teaspoons (tsp).		
4 tablespoons	= ½ cup.		
1 cup	= 16 tablespoons	= 8 fluid ounces.	
1 quart	= 4 cups	= 2 pannikins.	
1 liter	= 4.22675 cups	= 2+ pannikins.	
3 smidgens	= a bit.		
1 pannikin of butter or sugar	are about 1 pound.		
1 pannikin of macaroni	is about ¼ pound.		
2 tablespoons of butter	equal about 1 ounce.		
Oats and bulgur:	1 cup dry	=	3 cups cooked.
Rice:	1 cup dry	=	3 cups cooked.
Pasta:	1 cup dry	=	2 cups cooked.
Dry beans:	1 cup dry	=	3 cups cooked.
Lentils:	1 cup dry	=	3 cups cooked.
Split peas:	1 cup dry	=	3 cups cooked.
Egg Substitute:	1 tbsp + water	=	1 egg.
Milk Powder:	1 cup powder	=	3 cups liquid.



Salisbury VT 05769
500 Rustic Lane
Tennagami



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Burlington, VT
Permit #165