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From the Director

What a camp season!

It might be November, but we are still tapping into the feelings and memories of this past summer. June, July, and August came and went, and each marker on the season schedule met with a deep and happy exhale. We completed a long list of steps, from camper arrivals and section departures to lighting the first and last campfires, hosting families and friends at MidSeason and EndSeason, plus successfully keeping Covid out of camp, and so much more. The deep exhale meant we could slow down, reflect, and enjoy the feeling of having new and returning campers experience the very best of Keewaydin, led by admirable and memorable staff.

The deep exhale meant we could express our gratitude for each other, the mission we aim to fulfill for kids, and the hard work, dedication, and generosity of each person who showed up to help Keewaydin return to tripping. Plain and simple, it felt amazing to have Keewaydin open and thriving.

Our 129th summer rounded out with a lot of joy, great food, solid planning and execution. The Headquarters team was a dream to work with; we laughed and handled numerous

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Literal and mental mountains climbed this summer

Long Trips: Reports in from the Summer

SECTION A *Al Tariot '11, Staff*

Section A's journey began on a gravel road that extends further from a town than any other on the continent. The end of this road – a small boat ramp far beyond the middle of nowhere – was our entryway into the genuinely wild waterways of northern Quebec and Nunavik. The campers that loaded into canoes that day in June were a mix of young men with different Keewaydin experiences, uncalloused hands, limited skills, and a healthy amount of nervousness for the expedition they were about to undertake. Fortunately, each camper carried respect for his peers and a

desire to excel. These crucial traits helped this group meld into a team that conquered wild and unexplored rivers, the cold, rain, bugs, countless grueling portages, and a week on the unforgiving Hudson Bay coast. We enjoyed creative meals, thrilling whitewater, and beautiful vistas, and together we basked in the satisfaction of this group's incredible

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scenarios. Trip staff showed up ready and eager to provide campers with a fun and challenging summer. They were thorough, detailed-oriented, and open to learning how to become better leaders. I am incredibly proud of this year's staff. When our wonderful campers arrived, the positive energy was palpable. This group of kids and young adults had been waiting a long time to return to Lake Temagami, and though they may have been a little nervous as they prepared for trip, they were ready, with a bounce in their steps.

Our youngest campers took to Keewaydin tripping very quickly, mastering their paddle strokes, and their portaging abilities growing exponentially. Their campsite skills expanded, learning to efficiently saw firewood during wood crew and create over-the-fire cooking delights. Staff tested the Waubeno and Winisk campers with challenging 21-day trips, supporting their campers in their goals while paddling to beautiful lakes, rivers, and waterfalls. Sections D and 3 spent their summer adventure in western Ontario, overcoming challenging terrain, cutting miles of portages, and navigating high water. Section B explored Labrador; the lucky campers enjoyed the fantastic vistas and fishing and tackled plenty of upriver travel to expand their lining skills. Our four, yes four, Hudson Bay trips completed exceptional journeys.

These bay trip campers had waited two years to return to Keewaydin and complete their final summer. For the first time in Keewaydin history, four sections landed on the coast of Hudson Bay, finishing at the welcoming and supportive

communities of Umiujaq and Kuujjuarapik-Whampagoostui.

EndSeason marked the end of camp and the return of our canoe trippers to Devil's Island. We celebrated and cheered; we laughed and relished the stories told and the look of well-seasoned travelers. Campers were strong, healthy, clear-minded, and wonderfully proud of their accomplishments and section mates. Living simply and working toward a shared goal are tenets they will carry with them for years. We know the impact of this summer will continue to reveal itself to each person.

I especially want to thank the parents and family members who entrusted us with your children. On behalf of our Headquarters team, we cannot wait to do it again! Spread the word about camp, reach out and say "Hi," and plan your next visit. We'd love to see you.



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accomplishments.

The first week of the trip involved wading and "lining" the canoes down shallow streams, heading north from our put-in at Lac Mercoeur. These river sections presented us with a series of complex mechanical puzzles that developed our physical skills, problem-solving ability, communication, and teamwork. From here, we turned our bows to the west (towards the Bay!) to paddle the massive lakes Maurel, Louet, Wasatimis, and Bienville, broadening our shoulders and thickening our calluses. After Bienville, we turned northwards



A fishing break on a rare sunny day for Section A

again to access and explore the upper reaches of the Little Whale River, a stretch previously untraveled by any camp. By this time, we were a well-oiled canoe tripping machine, and we used our newly-honed skills to navigate this delightful stretch of river.

Between the upper and lower reaches of the Little Whale, there is an unrunnable gorge of continuous whitewater and falls. To avoid this, we portaged several small lakes to another tributary of the river, the Boutin, which we followed as it descended steeply towards its confluence with the main branch of the Little Whale. There were massive falls with incredibly steep and technical portages that helped to show the campers just how far their skills had come throughout the trip.

The Boutin drops into its whitewater canyon, so we cut a portage out of its canyon, over a barren rock mountain, and down into the end of the Little Whale's canyon. This mountain portage was the climax of the physical

challenge of our trip, and over its two days, it pushed everyone to see just how strong their bodies and minds had become.

After the mountain portage, the scenery became spectacular, enjoying perfect summer weather for a rest day at a waterfall called "Thundering Oasis." After this, we had a few more technically challenging portages that took us down to sea level, where we met the ocean in a meadow-lined river channel between two opposing cliff faces – a gorgeous spot steeped in history and lore. Here we had the privilege of witnessing an Inuit Beluga hunt, and some of us even helped process the harvest!

We continued down the rugged coastline, moving as the wind and waves would allow until we could no longer fight the weather. We called for a motorboat pickup to take us to the communities of Kuujuarapik/Whapmagoostui from where we planned to fly back. In town, we were treated with incredible hospitality – served

a dinner of rotisserie goose and bannock, given shelter from the wind in the hockey arena, and invited to the Whapmagoostui First Nation traditional gathering, where we competed in Cree baseball, potato sack races, and other games. The next afternoon we piled in a Twin Otter and flew back south with full bellies and deep satisfaction for what we had achieved!

SECTION 1

Erica Wilson '01, Staff

Kera Zegar '07 and I took ten young women to Hudson Bay this summer. We were thrilled to have Keewaydin back in our lives after two summers away and even more excited to spend the summer with very mature and experienced ladies. The route began at Lac Mercoeur on the Neret River and took us in a northwestern direction through various small lakes and rivers before we encountered Lac Bienville. Our trip was challenging. We started further south and east than many sections have done in the past to separate our starting location from the other Bay trip groups. Thus, our trip traveling north and west to the Bay was a long haul. The journey's beginning allowed us to try out all our layers and get acquainted with our rain jackets! Days were chilly, nights were cold, and the sun waited until July 10 (the 21st birthday of one of our campers!) to make its first lengthy appearance.

Lac Bienville was the first of several large bodies of water we would paddle. From the western portion of Bienville flows the Rellot River, which we traveled to Lac D'Iberville, the site of our reoutfit. At this point of the trip, we noticed the landscape changing, as relatively flat

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forests gave way to mossy eskers and hills. After re-outfit, we continued northwest on the scenic but not very paddleable Kauskatikakamastikw River, which empties into the famous Clearwater Lake, the origin of the Clearwater River. These bodies of water are spectacular as hills give way to mountains and sheer cliffs. Seeing the sun hit the clear blue water of the Clearwater River is like nothing we had witnessed before. The river took us west until we reached the picturesque Lake Tasiujaq (formerly Richmond Gulf). Here we were wowed by the northern lights, incredible sunsets, and some of the windiest conditions I have witnessed on a Keewaydin canoe trip. Eventually, there was a weather window just long enough for us to paddle to the north end of Lake Tasiujaq, where there is road access to the bay community of Umiujaq.

We joked this summer about how segmented the trip seemed to be. The first ten days or so

featured a lot of lining. There were stretches on big lakes where we did nothing but paddle for days. The Kauskatikakamastikw and Clearwater rivers days made us feel like we were at a hiking camp with canoes. We got a taste of all that a wilderness canoe trip offers this summer, and we feel fortunate for the opportunity. It was inspiring to see how the ladies handled the many challenges canoe trips inevitably present, finding comfort in times of discomfort and taking fantastic care of each other. They appreciated the little things the experience of spending 48 days in the wilderness provided and treated the environment we traveled in with the utmost respect. I am forever in awe of the depth of experience Keewaydin delivers for those lucky enough to realize it.

SECTION 1

Nicole Howe '11, Staff

Sophie Hatch '11 and I started our summer with Section 1 at Lac Des Ouefs near the end of the Trans Taïga highway in northern Quebec, where we were windbound upon arrival.

This let us discuss the summer as a section, sharing our goals, what we wanted out of the summer, and what we might be nervous about since it had been two years since camp. After the wind died, we headed to the Kanaaupscow River. The Kanaaupscow had shallow water this year, about four feet lower than our previous years, posing many challenges as it took us longer than usual to descend the river due to many rapids we had to line or portage. In addition to the 41-50°F and windy weather, we also saw occasional flurries. We tackled our first very long portage, a turning point in the trip as it solidified the section's abilities and made it apparent that we were on a challenging journey after a two-year hiatus. It reminded them that we do difficult things every day on a canoe trip, but everyone has the strength to do those hard things, and the rewarding feeling after accomplishing them makes it worth it.

We continued our way past Lac Roz to the Great Whale River. We could see some incredible giant rapids/waterfalls between super fast-moving currents on this river. We turned off the Great Whale and paddled up a creek to do some more lake hopping; crossing the height of land, we ran some awesome fun rapids and walked some pretty portages. Now it was onto the "pizza portage," putting us onto the Coats River. We were excited about the Coats because of what other Bay trip staff had shared with us; however, our Section did not share that thrill and enjoyment of the river because of the extremely low water levels. We can attest the scenery was beautiful and the challenges we overcame allowed for significant growth in everyone.

The Coats River flows into Lac Fressel, a big lake and a nice spot for a



Section A nearing the mouth of the Little Whale River



Musk ox family on the Hudson Bay coast

re-outfit. Resupplied and with our only tailwind of the summer, we pushed onto Lac Elizabeth and cut across the Boutin River to start lake hopping again up to Lac Hiriard and then to the Little Whale River. We hiked a mountain beside our campsite. It was possible to see the mountains around where our final river, the Guerin River starts. At this moment the girls knew they were getting close to Hudson Bay. As we traveled the Guerin River we had views of massive mountains and a peek at a raging waterfall down river of us. The girls kept saying, “it looks like the moon” or “it looks like another planet.” The astounding beauty of the Guerin and Hudson Bay will forever be seared into Section 1 minds and hearts. A Bay trip summer completed, we will always be proud of their accomplishments.

SECTION A

Peter Dutko '03, Staff

As you know, Section A represents the pinnacle of Keewaydin canoe tripping and is a capstone experience for any Keewaydin camper. The success of such a trip requires

dedication, focus, determination, and selflessness, as well as good humor in the face of uncomfortable environments and challenging situations. Section A demonstrated these values and more; their efforts were significant to our summer’s success. Our route featured everything we could hope for in a Section A summer: the remote wilderness of the boreal forest, majestic water features, runnable whitewater, and several mountainous portages towards the end of the trip as we navigated our Bay river, La Grande Rivière de la Baleine, or Great Whale River. Our early days tested our section. The water levels were low, the temperatures were also down, and the boys were dusting off two years of rust. The trick to finding a trip rhythm is to rinse and repeat.

Wake up early, brew the coffee, up and roll, break camp, and hit the water. Section A found its rhythm and became steady, reliable, and funny. Many of these guys were large in stature; the prospector canoes were loaded with the boxes and gear but with big guys. They did not roll and

bob over the rivers’ waves but crashed through them. We had only one canoe paddling team who could roll over the waves, a nimble team, grinning as they remained drier. The Great Whale River is enormous - expansive and stacked with rapids not always meant for a fully loaded Keewaydin canoe. We lined our way down many sections of the river in awe of the powerful water just a few feet from our canoes. The river gave us a lot of memorable moments, including the opportunity to view a large landslide that occurred in the spring of 2021, just a few miles upriver from the Bay. The soil was soft along the water’s edge; the trees were gone and swept up onto the opposite shore. This landslide was very cool to see and not our last obstacle. The Great Whale gave us one more technical mountain portage, alder-filled and rigorous. Yet, Section A tackled it, overcame it, and came out the other side ready for the last few miles down into the mouth of the river and Hudson Bay. We were fortunate enough to have a rewarding and meaningful experience in the collaborative Inuit-Cree community of Kuujuuaraapik-Whampagoostui, where we were invited to an annual cultural gathering north of town. Many recent Keewaydin sections have not had such an opportunity in the communities along Hudson Bay. I know our section found it meaningful to witness and participate in this gathering as games of Cree baseball and opportunities to talk with individuals from town evoked Bay trip experiences from long ago. Bridging those connections was a perfect way to end a memorable summer.

SECTION B

John Goodpasture '10, Staff

Sam Donaldson '14, our guide, put together a trip encompassing

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everything Section B stands for. This summer took us to one of the greatest strongholds of true northern wilderness: Labrador. We began with a multi-day ride east and north to our put-in in June. We spent the early days of trip paddling the Ashuanipi River and fighting our way through shorelines riddled with alders as we walked around many beautiful unnavigable rapids to Lake Menihek, where we found the mouth of the Clark River. In true Section B fashion, we paddled and clamored ourselves upriver until we reached its headwaters. The Clark's extreme beauty and views of the rugged Labrador mountains delighted us. From there, we went north to our re-outfit site on Lac Du Sable, a previously unexplored region by Keewaydin. Shifting directions and our summer timeline squeezed by the reality of August fast approaching, we went west and south after our re-supply. With consistent early morning starts, Section B was dialed, organized, and genuinely enjoying the experience and each other's company. The weather had been unrelenting, with daily bouts of rain, cool temps, and a touch of snow, and we were hopeful some sun would find us upon crossing the height of land back into Labrador. We saw some sun, but more importantly, we enjoyed traveling the mighty McPhadyen River. The hard work put in to get to this treasure of the North rewarded us with breathtaking views, excellent whitewater, impressive eskers, and plenty of fish. There is no doubt these young men are ready for Section A.

SECTION 3

Thalia Calligeros '10, Staff

Our plans began with a few solid goals for Section 3's summer: honing their wilderness camping skills,



A stunning waterfall for Section 1

learning and expanding their skills to run whitewater in a wood-canvas canoe, coming together as a section, supporting and relying on each other, preparing for Section 2, and most importantly making friends and having a lot of fun. Kyra Mclean '11, our guide, and I were excited.

Our trip started about a two-day drive northwest of Lake Temagami. We put in at Minchin Lake shortly after dropping our re-outfit off at Rusty Myers float plane service. We headed North and East towards the Albany River, navigating through smaller lakes and rivers and crossing the large Lake St. Joseph. The Albany is a classic Section 3 river we were initially excited to paddle. Unfortunately, lots of spring and early summer rain raised the water levels much higher than expected. A surprise to Kyra and me, as our own experience on the Albany as Section 3 campers was quite different. High and forceful water meant that the section became quite adept at forging our portages through the wilderness with the axes and saws we carried on our wannigans. We cut portage

after portage, day after day, to help us walk around major whitewater sets. And although the water was high, we still found opportunities to run some fun white water. After our re-outfit, we turned south and began lining upstream on the beautiful, fairy-like Atwood and Witchwood rivers. Section 3 relished this slower-paced travel, a nice ending to an intense middle section of the summer. Our last stop on our itinerary took us to the Ogoki Reservoir and our takeout on the Ogoki River. It was evident to us, as their trip leaders, that Section 3 had successfully met all of the goals we had set out for them. They rose to the occasion time after time, grew in their skills and friendship, and will be ready to meet the challenges of a Section 2 summer.

SECTION D

Matt Barnes '05, Staff

Our Section D summer began in late June as we drove by van and pickup truck to northwestern Ontario, towards the region where Keewaydin typically sends our Outpost sections by train. Our first portage, a 900 meter from Vanessa Lake to Lake

Seseganaga, took us 11 hours; of course, our wannigans were the heaviest they would be all summer, and everyone was undoubtedly years out of practice portaging. The trail was long forgotten and burned over, forcing Ian Lower '14 – our guide – and I to recut and traverse an endless mire of burnt, dead, fallen trees and marshland. We did not want to have a repeat experience after this, but the North Woods had different plans for us. The lack of traveled portages was a theme for the summer through the first four weeks; making our way northwest from Kawawegama Lake, home of the Outpost cabin, via multiple creek passageways – first Foam Creek, then Smye Creek, and finally Neverfreeze Creek. We found again that there were perhaps reasons why the Outpost groups do not canoe trip this far northwest and why past Section D groups put in further north. Our maps marked portages and campsites throughout our journey, yet we found most of them either didn't exist or were overgrown and damaged from iced-out conditions or from lack of use. Thus the tribulations of the summer came not necessarily from heavy boxes and long paddles but via endless walks through dense Ontario forest, cutting our portages for miles on end.

We found ourselves four days behind schedule on the twelfth day of the trip. Ian and I spent an evening rerouting, adjusting our contingency plan, and trying to lessen the pace. As we embarked on our revised route with hopes of 3:00 pm pull-ins and early nights fishing, a newfound sense of ease blanketed us as we breathed a sigh of relief, knowing that we could stop pushing so hard to make an impossible itinerary happen.

We knew that in at most two weeks, the Dobie and Otokwin rivers would

grace us with known campsites, exciting whitewater, and plenty of food. The Dobie and Otokwin rivers delivered in ways Ian and I couldn't have imagined. We ran almost every rapid we encountered, which was a nice change of pace. All campers enjoyed our experience on these beautiful rivers; they had earned it. Sometimes it's hard to realize how worthwhile it will be in those challenging moments, but we pushed ourselves hard, and our work paid off. We'd finally reached our destination and enjoyed a splendid ending to a very memorable Section D summer.



Belonging

Scarlet Batchelor '22

Have you ever felt like you belonged? And experienced a deep trust within a group? So much so that your shoulders unconsciously fell down your back, and giggles erupted from deep in your belly without warning? Me neither. At least not many times in life. Chasing this kind of camaraderie as a 40-something woman with three kids, a job, and a husband is like searching for a narwhal off Cape Cod. But it happened.

For a few decades now, I've heard about Keewaydin. My husband declares that it shaped him more than any school or sport. "I'm not loyal to my college; I'm loyal to Keewaydin," he says. When we married in 2002, he had two stipulations: white walls (he's an architect), and if our kids chose to, they'd go to Keewaydin.

And Keewaydin (Dunmore - his alma mater) they chose. The Temagami women's trip ad stared at me in *The Kicker* for a few issues before I finally decided to pull the trigger this winter and sign up.

I flew from Boston to Toronto, then drove with three new friends to Temagami. With my usual disregard for details, I held onto little other than a 5:00 pm pickup at the landing and ensured my packing list was covered. I started with my usual combination of shyness and intensesness, which doesn't always make it easy to connect, but day after day, a deep relaxation set in. Relaxation comes from a combination of exhaustion and fullness, hunger and satiation, and of course, paddling.

By the time we arrived at the final campsite of our 5-day trip, bliss settled in. An 800-meter portage helped me find my limits and trust that my fellow campers had my back. Our staff had been dubbed with new names, and each camper had a roller derby nickname (obviously). I loved having just three sets of clothes, each worn once a day, and my journal was full of maps of each paddle.

We departed Temagami on a rainy morning, and I finally put those waterproof pants to use. I arrived back in Boston 12 or so hours later. When I got back home, I was the same, but I also changed. I was self-assured, confident, and more silly than I'd been in a long time.

Today our three kids are back from camp, and our family whiteboard calendar is full in the five-week view. Many days that confidence and bliss from our trip feel far out of sight, but I try to picture the view from the top

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of Devil's Mountain and riding mojo between Emily and Tara. And it comes back. I am there. And sometimes, a giggle even erupts again.

And so, eight weeks out, I wonder what Temagami means to me. In short, it reminds me of the power of saying yes, even if you don't quite know what yes means. It tells me that even as a 40-something mom, life is still an adventure. And I now know I am strong, funny, and capable of making new and wonderful friends. Finally, I realize I am so lucky that my marriage to Sam also came with a marriage to Keewaydin. I hope that everyone can experience this same sort of bliss, laughter, satisfaction, trust, and fulfillment.



One of our intrepid women's trips - author Scarlet is bottom right



Phoebe Hussey's smile says it all!

Gunn Canoe Competition 2022

Returning to a full summer of canoe trips and events after two years without them was wonderful. This is included Keewaydin organizing and running the end-of-season Gunn Canoe competition. With five sections of campers eligible to compete, the potential for many participants was strong. Thirty-four trippers chose to participate in the Gunn, and the levels of competency displayed in paddling and tripping skills were very high. Judges Carl Schneider Jr., Demi Mathias, and Katie Warner were impressed by the breadth of skill and maturity of the participants. The crew supporting the event included Nick Parry and Malcolm McCubbin, ensuring efficiency and organization all day. In the end, a winner rose to the top, and with absolute joy, we celebrated Phoebe Hussey '15 as the 2022 winner of the Gunn Canoe competition. Phoebe received rowdy cheers of support from the crowd during the final campfire. Congratulations Phoebe!



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There are countless reasons the summer of 2022 was a great success—the support of our Keewaydin alumni, families, and friends is one of them. Your gifts helped make this summer possible!



There is nothing quite like a Keewaydin canoe trip, and we are grateful for your help in keeping the tradition alive for future generations! Your gift to the Annual Fund supports scholarships for campers, salaries for a talented staff, upkeep of our fleet of canoes, and maintenance of camp facilities on Devil's Island.

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Reconnection at Alumni Family Weekend

By Mike Fish '69

For some Bay trip veterans who gathered in July, it'd been more than 50 years away from Devil's Island. But it only took a few moments of reconnection—on a dock or at a dinner table—to spark warm memories of the '70s and updates on different home fronts, from New England to Wyoming to Seattle.

The four-day reunion at Ojibway brought together 14 Bay trippers from the Heb Evans era with instant camaraderie among long-lost brothers. Pure joy.

Memories of bald eagles and Sandhill Cranes. Of stunning rivers, waterfalls, and rapids. And of challenges large and small. Including the '70 mid-trip wait for a missing reoutfitting plane. Zero outside communication meant five long days of wondering. Crashed? Lost? Should we leave now? But at



Young men prep dinner; not much has changed in 50+ years!

least we had free entertainment from a treed porcupine with a dangerous appetite for tump lines.

Decades after these once-in-a-lifetime trips, "one wonders if the experiences were as significant as we thought," Steve Bissell '66, Bay trip '72, wrote afterward. "It seems they were pretty important to a bunch of us. I spent ten summers at Keewaydin, which was a big formative experience. And many

of the successes I could have with coaching and teaching were because I learned from good leaders and then had to put those management techniques to work on the sports field and classroom. With mistakes made for sure."

Heb, a Hall of Fame coach in both wrestling and lacrosse, cherished those times when campers pitched in, from helping scout a rapid to baking another bannock. He noted various contributors in his daily log, in which he referred to himself as "the staff." A classic log entry: "Finally, we made the portage campsite. Tents went up. Canoes – all but 77 that got used for fishing – went across. Paul Rollins fried the ham, the guide drew all the wood, and the staff stood around with a spoon in his hand trying to look busy."

Half a dozen of us got busy one afternoon with a hike up Devil's Mountain at our reunion. A simple walk, right? It started well, but soon



Reunion paddlers visited Keewaydin's original campsite

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MIDSEASON

Campers and trip staff returned from their 10-day canoe trips primed and ready for Keewaydin's MidSeason fun and competitions. Parents traveled to Lake Temagami to witness paddle in, and the growth their camper(s) had obtained while canoe tripping in the Temagami region. Windy days and hot weather tested Songadeewin, Manitou, Winisk, and Waubeno sections as they paddled familiar and classic canoe routes. From the Jackpine/Chambers loop to Mountain Lake/Thieving Bear loop to Sonny/ Mclennon and smaller secret lakes of Red Dragonfly and Banana, sections navigated many portages that were in rough shape. Campers overcame deadfalls, muskeg, and confusing logging roads, digging into their grit and can-do attitudes. Around the campfire, trippers shared memories of the perfect jumping rock, the aggressive monster rocks, the sweet dinner-with-a-view rocks, and even a few collectible rocks.

MidSeason marks a point in the summer when some campers prepare to head home and others for the 21-day canoe trips. Before both occurred, Keewaydin tested the campers' swimming, canoeing, camping, and cooking skills. Who is the fastest swimmer? Who can win the bow-end race or the gunwhale hop, and will the wind cooperate? Campers proved their mettle and were good sports, cheering each other on throughout the afternoon. We even had a spontaneous staff gunwhale hop race, and from the sidelines, alumnus Cy Prothro '89, now a parent of two campers, hopped in a canoe and nearly won the event.

John and Mary Shepard, local Lake Temagami friends of Keewaydin,



Demi Mathias presenting to the camp



Dan Carpenter Jr. and Will Percy prep the competitors



Campers of 2022!

prepared with a score sheet and empty stomachs, were ready to be wowed by trip food fare as they judged the cooking contest. The cooking contest is not only about the meal and its taste and presentation; it is also about the collaboration and teamwork of the section. How well did they communicate? Did every person have a job to contribute, was the kitchen area organized, and did the team follow the rules? The judges' taste buds buzzed from fantastic creations for lunch and dinner. And while campers were busy cooking, others were set up, ready for the camping contest, guided under the caring teaching of Dan Carpenter Jr. '61 and Will Percy '83. The judging team tested the section's trip skills with timed events of tumping double packs, wannigans, and a canoe. Campers tied knots, set up a tent, flipped up their loads to demonstrate an even tump, and when they didn't get it right, Dan and Will would teach them and show what they may not have gotten just right. Parents watched, amazed by the skills their campers were demonstrating.

MidSeason rounded itself with splendid HOT, HOT weather, plenty of time before meals for swimming and paddling, and an incredible presentation by Keewaydin alum Demi Mathias '09. Demi pursued her Master's Degree and focused her thesis on building her birch bark canoe. Demi brought her canoe to share with Keewaydin campers and staff, telling the story of its beginning and the process of building a birch bark canoe by hand under the guidance of an experienced elder. It was more than a treat to expose campers to the grace and beauty of a hand-built craft but also the stories of the land and place where Demi lives. Miigwetch, Demi!

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John and Mary Shepard's taste buds were delighted



Stuart Nicholson demonstrates his tump tying skills



Lucy Buesser practices flipping up the canoe



Parents and campers gather for stories and songs in Manitou

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Our last evening of MidSeason closed with a fun, energized, and jazzy MidSeason Show. Our hosts, Crawford Lampton '08, Lizzie Bourdelais '15, Evans Stephenson '14, and John Chain '11, kept the flow going with “best of” awards, and sections put their best skits forward to the audience’s delight. Several groups sang newly created trip-inspired songs; Gordon Carr had us all singing along to “Piano Man” while he made those black and white keys fly. John Bourdelais '09 kept the music rolling in between skits, accompanied by Bill Seeley '79, Jordan Miller '12, and many more talented musicians treated us to great acoustic tunes.

As the evening ended, the feelings of camp ending for our first session campers began to settle in. The early morning hours came quickly, and campers headed home with their parents and to the airport. Winisk and Waubeno started their preparations for their 21-day canoe trips. Routes planned for the Kipawa region of Quebec for Winisk, the Sturgeon River for Section Y, and an epic tour of the lakes to the north and west of Temagami (94 portages in three weeks!) for Section X would prove to be just the right experience to set those campers up for the Outpost in 2023!



Winisk Q and a well-tumped canoe



Sam Golding keeping an eye on the meal



Paddlers prepping for the four-person race

Reunion

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the trail went missing—often enough to wonder just how much expertise these wily wilderness veterans still commanded. But at least we smiled while repeating the appropriate mantra—“It’s the journey that matters, not the destination.”

And just like 50 years prior, losing the trail included a silver lining—in this case, a surprise visit with Peregrine Falcons. But with a chick on the ground nearby, the mother’s loud calls and dive-bombing made it quite clear we’d better get lost somewhere else.

One morning, former guide and camp director Dan Carpenter, Jr. ’61 (17 Bay trips) gave us a tour of the camp, including the trip-planning building, filled with marked maps, trip photos, and notes.

Keewaydin appears much the same from a distance, but up close, the infrastructure, trip equipment, and overall safety have made gigantic leaps forward over the decades. For a trip section in some trouble, satellite phones probably work slightly better than signal fires.

One reunion evening, some of us visited the Manitou area, where we joined a few dozen others to watch the youngest campers describe a few first-trip highlights. Whether a particular story landed

perfectly didn’t much matter. But to see a camper at age 11 or 12 stand up and address a crowd? Impressive.

Covid aftershocks affected staff hiring at Ojibway, but a guest would never know it. They provided a prime time, especially at the dining hall—with head cook Kay Chornook, assisted by Ojibway Manager Tanya McCubbin, Assistant Manager Louise Pigeau, and Store Manager Lisa Pepall. The meals were so good that it was unfair to end the reunion.

Tom McDuffie ’67, a former teacher and coach, mentored by Heb at The Governors Academy in Massachusetts, guided the 1969 Bay trip. Tom couldn’t make the ’22 reunion, but in a group email 53 years post-Section A, he mentioned he’s “still digesting the trip.”

“Oh yes,” he continued, “and the lessons learned have guided many

a decision. How often have you asked the simple question: ‘How would Heb handle...’? Or, compared a particularly taxing activity to portaging? Or, wondered why Section A living was so fulfilling, harmonious, and impactful? Or, Or, Or...” Lessons still being learned 50+ years later.

*Keewaydin will share a photo album from the reunion and pictures from ’70-71 reunion on our Facebook page this fall.



Wakimika River 1963



Twelve Mile Portage 1963

1950s and 1960s Alumni Reunion

August 12-15, 2022

Ojibway Family Lodge, Lake Temagami

contact Tanya McCubbin to learn more, tanya@keewaydin.org

Keewaydin Club - Adult Canoe Trips for 2023



JOIN US FOR A CANOE TRIP NEXT SUMMER, YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT!

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

Contact
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FOR SALE!



The Keewaydin Cookbook

The new edition of the Keewaydin Cookbook was put to the test this summer, new recipes and old favorites cooked over open fires by campers and staff. We have copies for sale. You can order your new edition through the Keewaydin website or mail a check to the Keewaydin Foundation office. \$15 with shipping costs included.

Pop over to Keewaydin Temagami's homepage and click on **ORDER THE NEW COOKBOOK**

We hope you are inspired to cook some of your trip favorites.

Alumni Updates and News

From **John Cummings '80**: I am so pleased to see that Keewaydin is still so good at youth development. Fred Reimers gave me an opportunity and Jim Beardsley taught me what Keewaydin was all about. These experiences in 1981-86 were invaluable in my life as a special operation medic, and now a medical massage therapist. Adventure and compassion. All I can say is carry on!

Bryn Morgan '19 and **Tristan Morgan '22** had a chance to catch



Decades between them, but tripping stories still the same

up with **Hobie Cleminshaw '45**, and regale him with stories from Section D and Waubeno from this summer.

A few San Francisco campers gathered together after camp to review routes they paddle this past summer.



Reviewing summer routes

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Relax here.

LAKE TEMAGAMI, ONTARIO

Contact Tanya McCubbin tanya@keewaydin.org

An aerial photograph of a small island or peninsula on a large lake. The island is densely forested with tall evergreen trees. Several wooden buildings, likely lodges or cabins, are scattered across the island. A dock with several small boats is visible on the left side of the island. A large circular logo is overlaid on the left side of the image. The logo contains the text "OJIBWAY" at the top and "FAMILY LODGE" at the bottom, with three stylized evergreen trees in the center.

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Cecilia Allende '99 is a doting aunt, sewing up the sweetest plush toy for a future Keewaydin tripper. It is never too early to learn how to use a tumpline



A perfect toy for a future tripper

Stewart Hancock '00 and Leah Agren celebrated their marriage in Skowhegan, Maine with family, friends, and Keewaydin staff dancing the night away. Congratulations Stew and Leah!

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Peter Beardsley '73, passed away at age 64 on May 26, 2022 in Stamford, CT. He cherished the years he had as a camper and on trip staff.

Edward Phillips Connors '49 died Tuesday, July 26, 2022. He was a camper and staff in Temagami for a few years before he became a member of staff. His son, Andrew L. Connors '74, also attended Keewaydin for a

few years. Over the years he would host the camp staff "marketers" at his home and encouraged many students to attend Keewaydin. Some were Nick Josephs and the Abarca children.

We want to hear from you! Please send your news and updates to emily@keewaydin.org



Come join us! Email Emily for more info

Keewaydin Temagami Open House Schedule

Join us! We are excited to connect and reconnect with many Keewaydin friends. Current and new campers will be awarded a flag when they bring a sibling or friend to camp!
In person gatherings: email Emily to attend or scan the QR code to RSVP

November 16, Boulder, CO, hosted by the Busenhart family

November 18, San Francisco, CA, hosted by the Blaxter, Sparks, Walker families

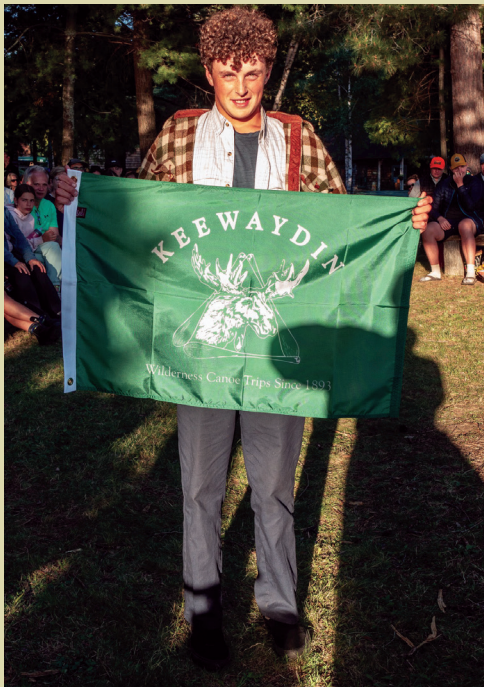
November 19, Lake Bluff, IL, hosted by the Robbins family

December 4, Ilsley Library, Middlebury, Vermont, hosted by Keewaydin's HQ staff Emily Schoelzel and John Frazier

January 20, New Orleans, LA, hosted by the Celebi family

January 22, Atlanta, GA, hosted by the Glover family

February 9, Washington, D.C., hosted by the Gould family



Zoom online gatherings:
register through our website

December 8, 6-7 pm

February 8, 6-7 pm



RSVP

~ Looking ahead to 2023 ~

It's time to pencil in some dates on your calendar for next summer.
We have a lot to celebrate, and we are eager to have you visit Devil's Island.

June 27	Keewaydin's 130th regular season begins
June 30	Ojibway opens for its 100th season Come celebrate with us; we will be marking this historic moment throughout the summer season
July 6-10	Ojibway Alumni/Family Weekend Celebrating the 25th anniversary of Keewaydin Temagami's girls' program! Alumna should reach out to Emily learn more and plan to attend our weekend event
July 15-19	Keewaydin's MidSeason
July 28-30	Keewaydin Board of Trustees meeting
July 29	Islander Potluck Dinner
August 8-11	Keewaydin's EndSeason Parents and family members arrive on August 8, and campers and families depart on August 11
August 12-15	Keewaydin's 1950s and 1960s Reunion We welcome Keewaydin alums from the 1950s and 60s to a reunion at Ojibway; contact Tanya McCubbin at tanya@keewaydin.org for details
August 16	Keewaydin closes for the season
August 29	Ojibway closes for the season

Were you a camper in the girls' program between 1999 and 2019? Would you like to help us make our 25th-anniversary reunion a success? Reach out to Emily and join our planning committee!

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