



From The Heart

News for the Strong of Heart

Fall/Winter 2023

From the Director

Dear Songa sisters and families,
I write to you on a crisp autumn day looking out onto a glassy Lake Dunmore from Songa's campus. The tents are down, and Beenadeewin is home to stacks of canoes while its doors and windows are boarded up for winter. The vibrant heart of each grove, once a bustling nexus of kids, hammocks, books, braids, and laughter, is now in waiting.

This summer, Songa campers ventured into the natural world, experienced living and working as a part of a team and in community, learned skills, took risks, and built resilience. They returned home a little bit different, grateful, grounded, and confident. Our campers forged friendships, took risks, faced challenges, built skills, and made magic happen at Songa. Together, our community practiced both listening and using our voices. We learned that we



can do hard things. From our youngest girls to our oldest grove of Willoughby campers, we were part of a community where everyone belongs.

During the first month of camp, Vermont saw historic rains, rolling thunderstorms, and hazy, warm summer weather. The weather did not stop us from getting outdoors, being active and immersed in nature, laughing, playing games, singing and

teaching camp songs, and connecting with friends new and old. Campers spent their days actively engaged, learning how to canoe or building

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Up the Mountain

by Ellie Doerner

The wind upon the
little girl's hair
The climb up the mountain
she cannot bear
The cold gives her quite a scare
But still she climbs on.

The tears upon the
little girl's cheeks
The snow upon the
mountain peaks
The little girl cannot sleep,
But still she climbs on.

The little girl just wants to stop,
The rock over there she wants
to plop,
But finally she's reached the top!
So she begins the journey
back down the mountain.

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Singing in the rain on trip!

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their canoeing skills, swimming, practicing archery, playing soccer, hiking on Moosalamoo, sewing, crafting, and more. A camper-organized archery tournament was a hit during a rain-free afternoon free time! Tennis became a popular activity for Nawaiwan campers.

Some intense rains in the second half of July forced us indoors and caused the lake level to rise — second month campers will recall our docks weighed down with canoes filled with water for over a week! The extra water in rivers, on the other hand, was welcomed by our experienced canoers and kayakers and provided exciting and growthful opportunities to practice in



The rain could not dampen our spirits

whitewater. With support from Keewaydin's Ron Cannell, Songa's head of kayaking, Fiona Jenkins, organized several white water day trips for kayakers with experienced paddlers and staff — there is a lot of excitement toward continuing to grow our kayaking program!

Summer 2023 marked Songa's 25th year on Lake Dunmore — see an update and photos from our 25th Anniversary Reunion on page 7. It also included the return of several long time Songadeewin staff which we are thrilled to welcome back to camp! We welcomed Jenn Hare as Nawaiwan Grove Director, Assistant Director of camp, and our camp song leader and curator! During 2nd month Abby Opar joined us as Mattagami Grove Director, as well as her husband Matt and three daughters, and Olivia Primeaux was Willoughby Grove Director. Hazel Kolkin returned to camp as a visiting staff with her two youngest children joining the Saplings program while her oldest son was a day camper at Keewaydin. Additionally, we were thrilled to welcome parents back onto Songa's campus both at midseason and on the final night of camp.

In other notables from summer 2023, Steph Patch was awarded her 20 year canoe, having been at camp for all but one summer since Songadeewin's opening in 1999! Claire Misko, a camper at Songadeewin on Lake Willoughby, finished out her tenth and final summer heading up the Arts Village. Nancy Margolin, also a camper from the original Songadeewin, organized the Lolly and its provisions in unprecedented fashion in her



eleventh and final summer serving as Songa's Wangan Woman. Both Claire and Nancy leave indelible marks on their respective areas of camp and the whole of the Songadeewin community. You will be missed! Take a look inside for photos of Steph, Claire, and Nancy.

This summer was the first since 2019 to run a Wilderness program, led by Annika McGraw and HJ Wilson. See photos on page 12.

So much happened in one summer at camp — campers and staff ventured out on a hike to the Falls of Lana, a pristine swimming hole not far from camp. Two Wabasso girls dueled in tetherball before dinner. Staff patiently french braided the hair of girls heading out on trip — trip braids! Voices echoed from the barn during an evening game of dodgeball with Mattagami and Nawaiwan campers. Songa staff held a clinic where Nawaiwan trippers learn to portage canoes before they head out on trip. A camper tried her hand at the riflery range for the first time. Our youngest trippers returned from a trip to Putnam Pond having composed new lyrics to a Taylor Swift tune, which they sing proudly at our campfire. (Did I mention that we sang a LOT of Taylor Swift songs this summer?!) Girls bravely stepped up on stage

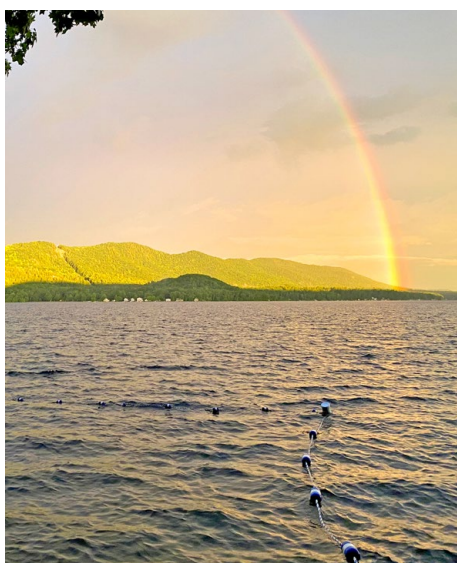
and under the lights to perform a skit, dance, or comedy act in the Saturday Spectacular.

These are the rhythms, sounds, and happenings where we find our footing and challenge our minds and bodies every summer as we strive to be *Strong of Heart* and to *Help the Other Fellow*. Our days at Songa are imbued with friendship, challenges, traditions, community, nature, and belonging.

As fall turns to winter, I challenge you to take something from your time at Songa and share it with others in your life beyond the shores of Lake Dunmore. The thought of each of you planting a little seed of what you've learned or felt at Songa in your homes, schools, and communities — and perhaps around the globe — inspires me each day to work to create the magic that we call camp. Together, this is how we make waves. Our theme at camp this summer was Make Waves — look inside for articles on pages 5 & 6.

With gratitude
and Songa Spirit,

Lauren



Rainbow post storm

2023 Program in Review

By Laney McGahey

The 2023 season was unusually rainy. 4.29 inches of rain fell on August 3, 2023 alone, right in the middle of our second month of camp! This is the most rain that has ever fallen in one day in Middlebury, according to measurements from the Middlebury College Observatory.



While the sun didn't shine very much this summer, creativity and good spirits did! Normally, Songa staff offer activities which align with our coups, like swimming, tennis, and archery. In addition to our traditional activity offerings, the abundance of rainy days allowed our staff to get creative with activities offering variations such as Tumbling, Tiny Food (made with clay), and opportunities to learn the Wuthering Heights Dance. The dance was joyfully practiced and performed by campers and staff of



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all ages several times at camp! One rainy night in August, I traveled with our junior Willoughby campers to the Addison County Fair; this was the first year since COVID that our campers had been able to attend the fair. When we left camp, it was drizzling and sure enough, we were welcomed to the fair in a deluge of rain! The big event



Songa campers and staff eating funnel cakes under a massive umbrella

we had come to watch — the famous tractor pull — had been canceled because the ground was too muddy. Always up for an adventure, our campers and staff ate sandwiches, chips, and Oreos on picnic tables

under a tent while the rain pounded above us!

When we were finished eating, we ventured out to explore the fair. Despite the weather, the rain was never an obstacle; it just was. Campers gleefully walked into spaces like the vintage tractor toy exhibit.

With the hoods of their rain jackets drawn tightly around their faces, they asked each other “which tractor would you be?” They used their cash allowance from camp to buy funnel cakes and fried chicken and savored their treats huddled together under a massive umbrella. Smiles abounded. At one point in the evening, I worried that the rain might ruin this special outing for our campers, but this night is one of my favorite memories from the 2023 season!

In other program happenings, Songa campers doggedly pursued their coups and camp letters this summer! In 2023, campers earned the following



Campers successfully dunk a Willoughby staff in the Splash Tank at Addison County Field Days

(in addition to many additional campers who earned beginner, explorer, and pathfinder coups):

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

2023 was a uniquely rainy and muddy season. And yet, it was one of the most cheerful that I can remember. On cold, windy days this winter, I hope that you remember that possibilities for fun and joy remain plentiful, whatever the weather!

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Making Waves: Songa's 25th Summer on Lake Dunmore

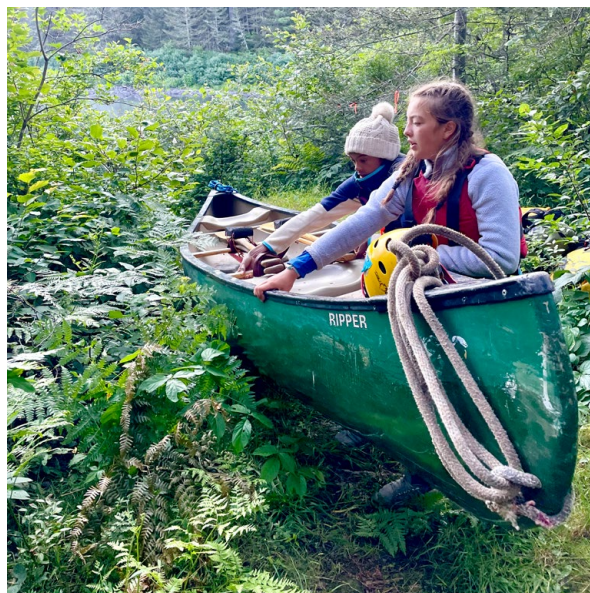
by Lauren McDowell

This summer was marked indelible by the historic rainfall that fell in Vermont; perhaps it was apropos that our theme of the summer was Make Waves! During our first Sunday Circle at camp, I introduced the theme and challenged each of us to ponder 'how is it that we make waves?' Below is an excerpt from my talk:

Close your eyes and imagine a dark green, wood canvas canoe, with two Songa campers, one in bow and another in stern. Each is holding a paddle. Imagine a paddle entering the water, then moving, pushing water and boat, and now see in your mind the paddle arching out of the water, and swinging forward again. On the forward swing, you might see droplets form an arc and splash into the water.

Imagine more scene: a person on a dock, crouched, ready. She jumps up and out over the water, forms a tight ball with her arms wrapped around her legs and enters the water. Cannonball! Then I asked everyone to open their eyes.

So how do we make waves? Why make waves? This summer at Songa, we literally make waves every time we paddle or go swimming. But we also make waves each and every day of our lives — through our actions and our words and in the way we treat other human beings and the natural world around us. When you make space to find your voice and your authentic self, you allow yourself the possibility of making waves — making positive change in the world. When you do this, you learn to both speak up and draw people in. You learn to build bridges. You make change in yourself, in other people, in homes, schools, communities, and beyond.



It all starts in each of us. Can we do the work to find what makes us feel alive. And cultivate this. When we create positivity and openness and hope in ourselves, it grows outward — like a wave — into our communities, and we begin to see what is possible.

Sometimes the smallest pebble can create a ripple of kindness outward that reverberates and touches many lives — from a pebble comes a wave. Together this summer we plant seeds within each of us and all of the lives we touch. After summer is over and we leave Songa, we keep practicing some of what we learned here and together we make waves.



Artwork by Eme Zelis

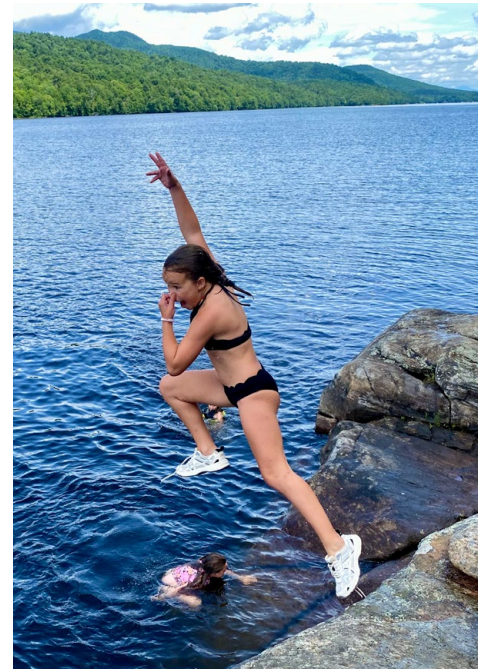


Sunday Circle: Reflections on 'Make Waves'

by Carmen Epstein

My first year here
I was 17
If you had asked me how to
make a wave
I would have asked you,
"what do you mean?"
And yet
I learned to paddle, use my voice
Get comfortable in my skin
My confidence was growing
It was a new mindset I was in
Each year I got more connected
to the water, earth, and air
I had come from shame and
shyness and systems that were
definitely unfair
So I learned to take up space here
That it was OK to grab the mic
Even if unsure of what to say,
I could try and speak
Try new things
I could figure out what it is I like
Who I was here was different
than who I was before

Or
I was becoming more myself
Peeling layers back
Dropping guards down
This was me at my center
and my core
I found strength in the friendships
here that through my lifetime
have been able to last
Together we found more strength -
able to make a bigger splash
We learned to love ourselves
in radically new ways:
Questioning the systems of
oppression meant to keep us quiet
Starting with our beauty products
and this culture of our diets
Etiquette, gender roles, rules
we did not make
Take these lessons here and
notice what else there is at stake
All the phobias and isms
that try to make people feel small
Are all connected
And if you start to see one,
you may start to see them all
Right here, right now is where
so many things can start - Where
we can learn how to be brave
And from this point in space and
time, we can start a giant wave



Lake Dunmore

by Isi Ma'at

The lapping water on the shore
is so much quieter than a door.
The boat tick tocks like a clock
very close to Dunmore's dock.
The swallows fly trying to fish
but don't find a floating dish.
The algae in the water,
I watch it teeter-totter.
I wonder what it's like being
Dunmore Lake.
I would sit in the sun all day & bake!



25 years on Lake Dunmore – Songa's 25th Anniversary Reunion



Jackie Manges and Lindsey Gauderer duel in ping pong while Fritz & Emi play on Beenadeewin's porch



Lauren with baby Orla at Songa's 25th Anniversary Reunion



Nikki and Watty try bouldering at the climbing wall



The Carroll Family - Katie, Tom, Owen, and Watty



(L to R) Riordan Cappio-Frost, baby Orla, Emily Burton, Laurie Burton-Graham, Laura Graham, and Sam Stewart



Happy Birthday, Songadeewin!!

Celebrating twenty-five years on Lake Dunmore



Songadeewin of Keewaydin opens

1999

First Old Timers 2000

First Verendrye trip 2003

First Wilderness trip 2005

Willoughby opens and replaces "Tenatavilla" 2009

Fraser Dining Hall opens 2011

20th anniversary 2019

The Lolly is built 2021

Lauren McDowell becomes the 2nd Director of Songa, and 25th anniversary

2023

2001 All cabins are used for the first time

2004 Swings open

2008 10th anniversary

2010 Willoughby welcomes Junior and Senior campers

2013 Harter Lodge opens

2020 Songa is closed due to 2019 Pandemic

Ellen Flight celebrates her last summer as

Director of Songa, and inaugural Saplings cohort, and Age

Groups officially become Groves



Painting in the Arts Village during the 25th Reunion



Thanks to Visiting Staff

The following Songadeewin staff returned as visiting staff during the Summer of 2023 to lead activities, songs, games, spend time with campers, and contribute to life at camp. We are grateful for all that they brought to our camp community!

Becs Zelis
Hazel Kolkin
Naomi Feguine
Paloma Garcia
Rebecca Connell
Sophie Krichevsky
Taylor Cammer

Thank YOU!



Abby Opar – 15 years of service



Steph Patch earns her 20 year canoe



Nancy at work in the Lolly. Nancy is retiring after serving as Songa's Wangan Woman for the past 11 summers



Claire Misko – 10 years of service to Songadeewin

Verendrye 2023: A Travelogue

This summer's Songa Verendrye crew, 'Herd is the Word', followed the Western C itinerary through Verendrye Provincial Park for 17 days. 2023 Verendrye trippers were: Emma Shaw, Fiona Perry, Lucia Cruise, Mavi Martinez, Hedges Hedges, & Luciana Francisco. The following are excerpts of tech notes written by trip leaders, Erin Jinishian and Meredith Blanchard.

DAY 1

Up at 6:30 am, paddled out and left camp at 8:30 am. We arrived at Le Domaine at 5. Had a lovely cookout and then enjoyed games with the Keewaydin trippers!

Out: 8:30 | In: 5 | Hours: 8.5
 Portages: 0

DAY 2

Out at 7:25 am. We ended up getting dropped off at the wrong location. Oops. We recommend at first hugging the right side of Grand Lac Victoria where there are more islands to hop between, especially as you cross Baie Kawastaguta, because wind can get very severe here. We eventually crossed to the left side of Grand Lac Victoria from the point near Lac Sains and arrived at our gorgeous beach site at 6:15 pm. Corn chowder!!! Herd is the Word.

Out: 7:25 | In: 6:15 | Hours: 10.8
 Portages: 0

DAY 3

Out at 7:45 am. Paddled south until we turned west to leave Grand Lac Victoria. ...The portage is through a campsite; at the beginning there are three paths: one toward the water, one toward the woods, and

one running parallel to the water. Take the path in the middle that runs parallel to the water. ...We had a delicious late burrito lunch here and sunbathed on the nearby rocks. Be prepared for fishermen to walk through the site. Also keep eyes peeled for huge enormous, juicy, delicious blueberries!
Out: 7:45 | In: 2:45 | Hours: 7
Portages: 3 (40m, 50m, 150m)

DAY 4

Out at 7:40 am. We had snack at the southern opening of Lac Granet. Experienced some moderate headwinds on the Outaouais but once we got onto Granet we were gobsmacked with gale force headwinds. White caps and two-foot-high rollers. Holy Headwind!
Out: 7:40 | In: 5:55 |
Hours: 10.25
Portages: 0

DAY 5

Out at 6:30 am. Rest in peace to our axe. Arrived at portage 1 at 7:20 am. You will likely hear rapids before you see the yellow portage sign. The takeout is a large rock visible from the water. This portage has a false ending off to the right. ...We hit the first R1 in the S-bend of the Outaouais at 10:15 am. It is just moving water. We got to the second set of R1s (also just moving water) and then had a snack. You can hear rapids for P2 before you see the sign. It is marked on the right. The takeout is steep but the put-in is a lovely beach. We ate lunch and then had to wait out thunder so did not push off until 4:00 pm. The opening for Lac Bend

is small but clear from the left shore. You can see the campsite sign from all the way across Lac Bend. In at 6:30 pm. Lovely but small site.
Out: 6:30 | In: 6:30 | Hours: 12
Portages: 2 (100m, 75m)

DAY 6

...Huge enormous succulent giant blueberries at this lug. Made it to intended site at 8:10 pm. Lovely site with stunning sunrise views and a particularly great echo for yelling into the void. Annie's and no-bake

gets narrow and there is also a mini lug down a beaver dam but keep persisting. ...Next, there is a path-shaped stream. Surprise! The stream is actually the trail so walk directly in it. This will likely be the hardest portage of the trip, considering the terrain and weight of wangers. Finished at 4:55 pm and then stopped on Gran Lac Victoria to chow down on some canned fruit. Camper carrying the breakfast wangan rejoiced! Kept paddling and got into the campsite at 8:55 pm.

Met with a gorgeous sunset.

Out: 7:08 | In: 8:55 |
Hours: 14
Portages: 2 (350m, 1200m)

DAY 8

Rest Day! Goldfish Island was a delight and we took a well deserved group nap on the rocky beach :)
In: YEEEE | Out: lichrally never | Hours: ZEEEEERO
Portages: Zilch

DAY 9

Out at 6:35 am.

....When you are close, follow the creek to a babbling brook. Go directly up to the bottom of the brook, and you will find the trail on the left. It is unmarked and hard to see since it is through some tall grass. The portage trail itself is obvious but a bit overgrown. At the end you will find yourself in Shrek's swamp: impassable water/soft trampoline-like moss. We lugged empty boats and then wangers over it- prepare to be soaked! We grabbed a rock on our way out to drop in Lac Transparent so we could watch it sink all the way to the bottom.

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in the tents tonight :)
Out: 7:10 | In: 8:10 | Hours: 12
Portages: 2 + 1 lug (1000m, lug, 550m)

DAY 7

Out at 7:08 am. Got to some rapids at 8:50 am. There is a portage sign to the right of the rapids – don't portage this; rapids are runnable! The beginning and middle are quite muddy with VERY slippery and unhelpful log bridges. Avoid these bridges if you can, advise campers to stick to the sides of the trail, and have them tie their shoes tightly (Looking at you, Stan Smiths and Reeboks). The creek

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...Rain and thunder during portage stopped just as we loaded up! Weather was on our side. We decided to camp at the end of this trail as it was late-ish and beginning to

rain. Lovely site with super cool tree graveyard in the water.

Out: 6:35 | In: 5:35 | Hours: 11
Portages: 5 + 1 lug (1200m, 400m, lug, 400m, 150m, 100m)

DAY 10

Out at 6:30 am. Sailed down the Dozois! So iconic. Tricky navigation so pay attention to landmarks and when in doubt head south. In at 2:30 pm. Burritos for lunch <3
Out: 6:30 | In: 2:30 | Hours: 8
Portages: 0

DAY 11

Out at 6:40 am. Arrived at the lining at 7:25 am. You are lining around one huge rapid/rock slab. Get out of the boats well before the bottom of the rapids — we had a boat get too close and get caught in the hole at the bottom of the rocks and flip. ...



Herd is the word performing their Verendrye song

The trail is kind of challenging with muddy parts, rocky bits, and 3 point turn trees. Put-in is luxurious. Make sure to enjoy raspberries along the sections that are in direct sun! ... Flew with tailwinds down and across the Canimina only to find our campsite was TAKEN. It was late so campers voted to bushwhack nearby. In at 6:20 pm. Rest in peace to these items lost today: our campsite, camper's glasses, staff's hat, other staff's xylophone, chicken can, cornbread, cinnamon rolls, and soy sauce.

Out: 7:25 | In: 6:20 | Hours: 11
Portages: 3 (20m, 100m, 400m)

DAY 12

Arrived to camp at 12:45 pm, whoop whoop early day! BIG kitchen area! Jamadillz, swimming and falling asleep with our wetloaders on.

Out: 6:15 | In: 12:45 | Hours: 6.5
Portages: 3 + 1 lug (lug, 120m, 165m, 265m)

DAY 13

We finally got to eat cinnamon rolls! Paddle through a narrow little upstream section and then you will arrive at P3, which is marked to the left of a babbling brook. The portage is very rocky so embrace some parkour!

Out: 6:40 | In: 11:40 | Hours: 5
Portages: 3 (80m, 120m, 100m)

DAY 14

The put-in is rocky with logs in the way. Bruh moments. At best, the creek looks like a rock drag where you must overcome the Hoover dam at the

end. At worst, it is a slightly wet cobblestone path where you must face the Everest of beaver dams at the end. ... You have finished the portage when you reach a dam where there is a big lake at the top. We enjoyed muffins on Lac de la Table. ... A camper was shockingly calm about a leech at the put-in. ... We had rain overnight so we were able to paddle directly over the rocks that are marked as a lug on the map. The second marked lug is a very easy beaver dam lug. If you paddle super hard you might just be able to fly over the dam. Extremely lavish and huge and gorgeous with pretty sunbathing rocks, a stone kitchen table, and a delightful cliff/ sunset view.

Out: 6:25 | In: 1:15 | Hours: 6.8
Portages: 4 + 1 mini lug (335m, 50m, 1000m, mini lug, 135m)

DAY 15

Goofed around for our LAST PORTAGE! Did a double portaging photoshoot. We had very a leisurely paddle and chat as we had no reason to rush. We took a midday dip to beat the heat (no clouds in the sky!). Had a floating lunch before R1's. ... The first little dashes on the map are three little R1 sets with flat river between, very chill. We ran ducky style smoothly. The third hash mark a little further down on the map, is a fun wave train. Not too long of a paddle to site 15-82.

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JOHN WATSON WORK WEEKEND

May 31 - June 2



Mark your calendars!

Help open up the campuses for the summer and enjoy some Keewaydin and Songadeewin cheer! John Watson Work Weekend is a great way to help out and reconnect with the camps you love!



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Gorgeous, huge palace of a site!
Too many tent spots and swimming
holes to even choose from!

Out: 6:55 | In: 2:40 | Hours: 7.75

Portages: 1 (130m)

DAY 16

Out at 6:25 am!! We complemented
each other all the way down Lac
Jean Pere and got into the
campsite at 9:40 am. Gorgeous
site 10-93, this must be reserved in
advance. Nice beach and
enormous kitchen area.

Out: 6:25 | In: 9:40 | Hours: 3.25

Portages: 0

DAY 17

We woke the campers up at 1:00 am
for a moonlight paddle. Went back
to sleep and woke up again
at 4:20 am. Then we got out at 5:45
am after having pop tarts on the
water. Got into Le Domaine at
6:15 am; Le Domaine is the dark
beach in between the two leftmost
lights, east of final site. The beach
itself is unlit, but use the lights as a
guideline you'll find it. Van arrived
at 7:15 am. Peace out Vdrye! It has
been so real. What a wonderful trip.

Out: 5:45 | In: 6:15 | Hours: 0.5

Portages: 0



Vedrye trip leaders Meredith Blanchard
& Erin Jinishian



(L to R) Eloise Van Alen, Miranda Gluck, Addie Dunakin, Charlotte Derman,
Maddie Widener, Lilly Mangham, Sina Adams, Chloe Long

Songa Wild – Wilderness 2023

This summer we were thrilled
to celebrate the return of
Songa's Wilderness program,
the first since 2019. Under
the direction of Keewaydin's
Wilderness Director, Sam
Brakeley, and led by Songa
trip leaders, Annika McGraw
and Hannah Jane 'HJ'
Wilson, our eight Wilderness
trippers ventured north into
Labrador and Quebec for
30 days and returned via
train! Despite wildfires in
Canada and rerouting the
trip itinerary in June, the trip
was a great success. Songa's
young campers were in awe of
our brave trippers when they
paddled in on August 7th.
We hope to confirm another
Songa Wilderness trip for this
coming summer.



Trip leaders Annika McGraw
(foreground) & HJ Wilson



SPREAD THE WORD!

Songadeewin and Keewaydin are traveling to share the good word about our camps with new families. Do you know a camper who would be a great fit for Songa or Keewaydin? Tell them to join us, in person or on zoom to learn more!

Keewaydin Dunmore/Songadeewin - Open Houses 2023-2024

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Larchmont, NY	Wednesday, January 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
New York City	Thursday, January 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Dorset, VT	Sunday, January 14, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Zoom	Wednesday, February 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m. EST
Zoom	Thursday, March 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m. EST
Los Angeles	TBD

Don't let the kids have all the fun.

Keewaydin Club: Canoe trips for adults July and August 2024

Please reach out to
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Alumni News



Nancy Margolin and new grandbaby Oliver, born 8.28.23 - 5lbs 14oz



Wabasso campers & staff bump into Ellen Flight at Addison County Field Days!



Em Plotkin's Songa water bottle's adventures in Zion National Park



Lauren McDowell, Carmen Epstein, Carlos Spiegel, and Laney McGahey at the ACA New England Conference, March 2023



An unexpected Songa reunion – hikers Marisa Kiefaber and Annika McGraw, cross paths en route to Angel's Landing, in Zion National Park



El McCabe '06 got married to Amber Palmer-McCabe on October 9, 2022 surrounded by family and friends. PJ Bartels K'05, Mary Gens '06, and Helaina Peck '06 were members of the bridal party and Isabella Bartels '07 was in attendance.



Ali Hare, Tom Bloch, and big brother Peter welcome Owen James Bloch-Hare, born March 11, 2023

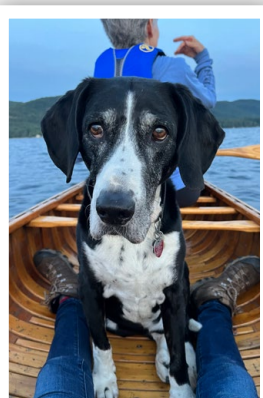
Camp Photos from Summer 2023



The view from Wiantanaug Lookout



Songa leadership team wearing Ellen's hats



Boats out with Ranger



Temagami trippers review their itinerary



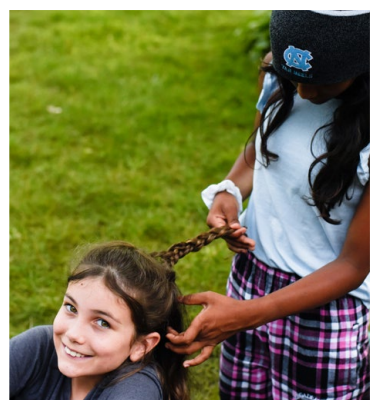
Trail work on Moosalamoo - (L to R) Keewaydin staffman Steve Patch, Songa campers Hayden D. and Morgan M., and Songa staff Mariel Park



Teaching Wabasso girls how to tie down canoes on the trailer



Campfire and a game of wah



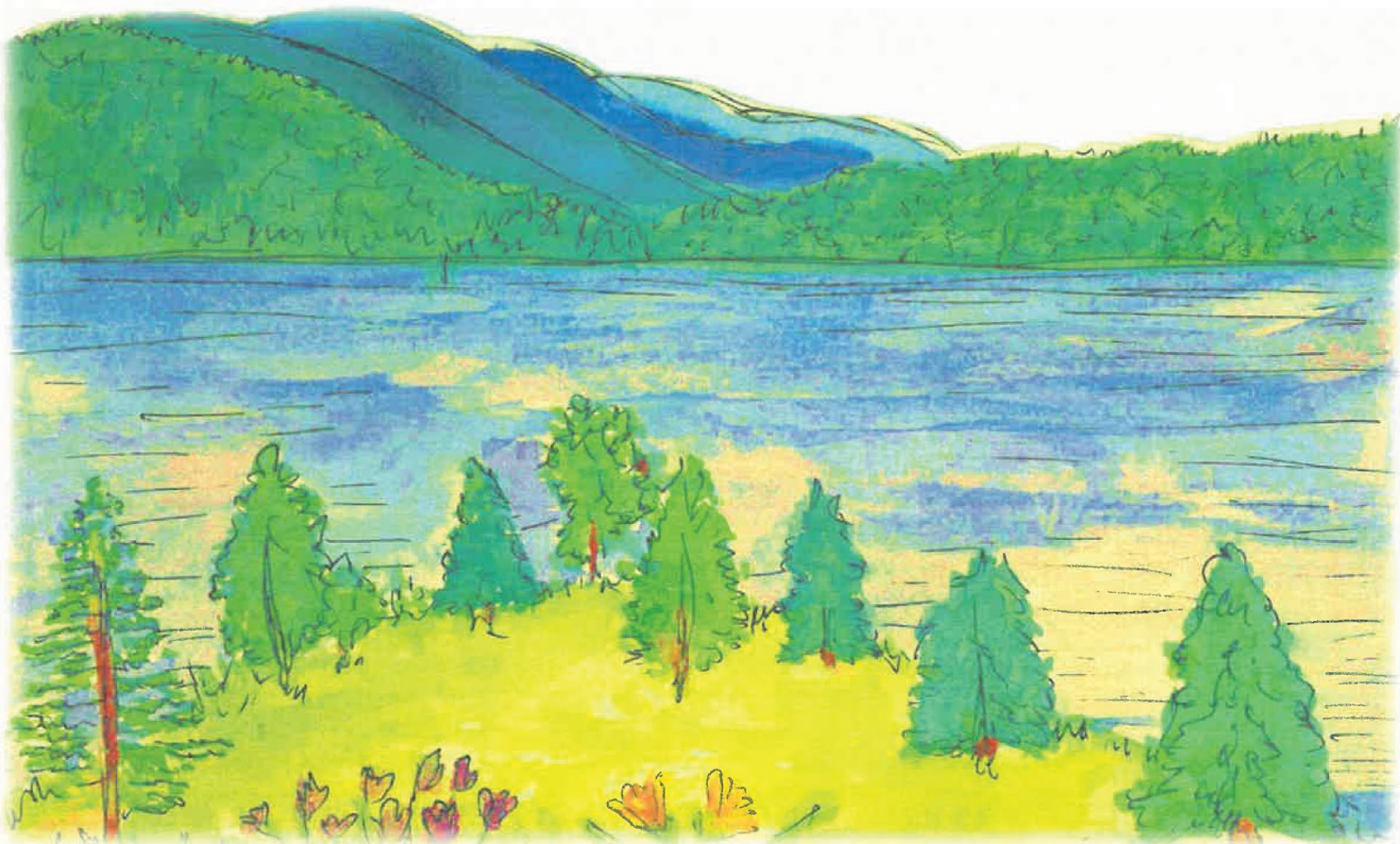
Trip Braids!



Cornroast



Free time swing time



Watercolor of the point by Daniela Morales

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