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Nothing like paddling in a shining, green canoe on Lake Dunmore!

Summer of 2023

By Pete Hare '59

On the final night at camp, when we blew our candles out at the Candlelight Ceremony and pledged to each other "to keep Keewaydin's friendships strong and deep," we brought to a conclusion another magical Keewaydin summer! From the moment campers arrived until the final bars of "Till We Meet Again" filled the Wiantinaug Circle, this was a summer to be remembered and cherished.

Despite all the wonderful things that happened at camp this summer, one of the biggest story lines was the weather! By just about everyone's recollection, this was the wettest summer in Keewaydin history. Stringing three days of dry weather seemed like a miracle. It rained several days each week. And when it

rained, it really rained! Downpours, buckets, deluges! Puddles the size of small ponds would suddenly appear. An afternoon shower might last just one hour, but it would leave an inch or two of rain. At one point in July, several inches of rain fell over a 3-4 day period causing the lake level to rise such that all of the docks were under water for nearly a week! And even though the docks remained above water the second half, it seemed to rain even more! Many high traffic areas eventually became mud, calling to mind a World War I battlefield. The most memorable climatic event occurred August 4 when lightening hit a tree on the Waramaug waterfront while we were all eating breakfast. The tree in question, a white pine, was split in half, one half crashing to the

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Returning After 14 Years

The following is an article that was published and read in the summer edition of the Kicker.

By Michael Tessler '05

If you're feeling scared, anxious, or worried about the summer...don't worry, so am I.

My first summer was in 2005. I'd never spent more than a few hours in the woods let alone paddled a canoe! I failed my swim test four times and flipped more canoes than I care to admit. The T in Tessler might be where T-Rescue comes from. As a camper I struggled with most activities and didn't always have the easiest time making friends. My last summer was in 2009, when I was a member of the 100th Anniversary Verendrye trip to Temagami...I paddled 35 miles in a single day and carried a canoe up the Devil's Portage as a member of the Dead Red crew. Only at a place like Keewaydin is such growth possible...but let me tell you, it didn't continued on page 2

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ground, the other remaining standing.

But did the rain stop our fun? Of course not! It may have tried our patience, but we are a resilient and resourceful lot, and we managed to continue to paddle, hike, play games outside, have campfires, etc., and when it rained too hard we played ping-pong, chess, mafia, board games, and role play card games like "Star Realms" indoors. Lots of rain meant high water on local rivers. Consequently, we were able to run many white water day trips. We learned to be prepared by covering up things like the fires built for the evening campfire with tarps. We even went to the extreme of using 12 canvas tent tarps to cover the basketball court before a late afternoon shower hit so that we could still have the basketball extravaganza that night.

Ironically, it was dry weather up in Canada—and the fires that resulted—that caused the biggest change of plans. All three Wilderness trips had to come up with entirely new itineraries a mere week before departing. Wilderness Director Sam Brakeley moved the trips north and east into Labrador. Leaders Ben Cordero and Matt Joyall, Alex Smith-Bove and Chris Murphy, and Jorge Toro and Luke Woodard had excellent crews and the trips ended up being big successes.

There were scores of highlights to the summer. As usual, the canoe and kayak demonstration featured some of Keewaydin's finest paddlers, as well as the antics of Joaquin Stella and Diego Caballero in the clown routine. The Carnival wasn't able to live up to its motto of "It Never Rains on Carnival Daaaaay!", but the rain held off for 45 minutes

and the Hawaiian themed event. organized by Jorge Toro, delivered fun for all, with concessions such as Annwi's "Zombie Catchers," Waramaug's "Lollipop Guessing," and Wiantinaug's "Make Me Laugh," leading the way. The Frolics received a boost of turbocharged creative energy with the return of Mike Tessler who, along with Waramaug campers and staff, produced such hits as "Game of Groves," "The Wizard of Crocs," and "1923." Theo Maslan, the dynamo behind many Moos skits, won the Tarr Trophy for Dramatics. Basketball extravaganza nights produced highlight-reel ally-oops by staffman Mike Sanderson and a high-level Moos full-court game. The Hi-Jinks, orchestrated by Jesse MacDonald and Logan McGrath, was a Percy Jackson Greek gods theme that featured Phalanx training, crossing the ocean (i.e. from Wiantinaug dock to Waramaug) with "Poseidon," and the "Labyrinth of Crete." The Tallman delivered the excellence and drama we have come to expect. David DeMichele (Annwi), Elliott Meyers-Kane (Waramaug), Ty Jarvis (Wiantinaug) and Harry Politzer-Lemire (Moos), won for their Groves, while Harry took home the Eisner Trophy as the outstanding canoer in camp! Finally, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Waboos Hare's first summer at Keewaydin with a talk delivered by Pete Hare at Sunday Circle, a special "Waboos 23" baseball t-shirt, a photo display in the Hare House and a special song, "1923," written by Mike Tessler and Waramaug campers.

The Banquet was a celebration of milestones for many. Eli Clapp, Katie McDermott, Cannon Moltz, and Carlos Spigel received their 10-year Green Jacket, while Chris Miller and Bruce Paquin were presented with their 20-year canoes. Joe Carden received his Green Jacket at mid-season. The new staff waiters, led by Alex Sciarra and River Steinbach, entertained us with a "Barbie"/"Men in Black" theme. As usual, the chicken cordon bleu was a hit, with many having seconds, thirds and maybe even fourths!

One thing different about the summer of 2023 was the removal of the restrictions from the previous two summers. That meant we all were back in the dining hall for meals and parents were welcomed

back on campus on opening day and for mid-season.

Despite the rain and the mud, we take back home much more than damp clothes: we bring back memories of challenges met, adventures completed, temporary setbacks, unexpected triumphs, an abundance of silliness to a grand scale, sidesplitting laughter, the importance of "Help The Other Fellow," and, above all, friendship. Have a wonderful "off-season" and don't forget to light your candle this winter. See you next summer!

a strong man. With over a decade under my belt, I can comfortably say it did something far more important... it taught me to be a good person.

Fourteen years have passed and the little Annwites who once looked up to me, are now seasoned staff, even a Grove Director! Carlos Spigel, Jesse MacDonald, Mike Moritz... all great men I aspire to be like, who despite being younger, offer a lifetime of wisdom and countless lessons for me to learn. I'm a bit older, my joints hurt a bit more, and now I find myself looking up to them—leaning on them, and learning from them as I begin to settle back into the magic of Keewaydin.

They've reminded me it's okay to ask for help. It's okay to fail. It's okay to be scared.

Keewaydin meets us where we are. Your perceived weaknesses are transformed into your greatest strengths. Your anxieties and shortcomings are transformed into a launchpad by which you'll blaze your own unique trail. Here, today, and each moment we're lucky enough to be on these sun-kissed shores, you're becoming part of a story and family that spans continents and centuries. We don't have to be everything, we just have to be willing to be ourselves, to live authentically and humbly, to be honest with ourselves and others, to be brave enough to try, and even braver to fail.

Keewaydin may be timeless, but we are not. Let's make the best of this beautiful moment and face fear and failure with the full force and might of Keewaydin magic.

As for me, after 14 long summers away, I think I'm ready to be brave again. Will you join me?

Michael Tessler was a Waramaug staffman this summer.





Staffman Mike Tessler and Waramaug campers hanging out

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happen overnight!

After a 14-year hiatus from camp I now find myself feeling 11 years old again, terrified of my first day of Waramaug. Upon arriving at camp I was overwhelmed by a fear that I wouldn't make friends. Wondering, will I pass my canoe test? Will I be able to learn the K-stroke? Will I be strong enough for a trip?

It is natural to feel scared, anxious or worried about what you're capable of. In the coming weeks, you younger campers will see staff and Moos campers who appear almost like giants—capable of countless burly feats! I assure you that while they are tall, they them-

selves are feeling many of the same anxieties as you. Even Pete, in his infinite wisdom and confidence, undoubtedly starts each summer worried. "Will I remember to squeeze the rag during Twas' Friday Morn?" or "What if Archie chases a chipmunk into the lake?"

I'm writing this because the strongest men I've met at Keewaydin are those who best understand the complexities of their emotions and scope of their limitations. They are the campers who tried, failed, and tried again. They are the staff who recognize that their strengths need not be universal, but that their passion and skill are no less valued or essential.

As a camper, I used to think Keewaydin would teach me to be

A Shocking Experience

The following is an article that was published and read in the summer edition of the Kicker.

By Pete Hare '59

Was someone setting off early morning fireworks? Did a Wiantinaug camper blast the cannon 15 minutes early? Was Keewaydin under attack from Camp Dudley? Nope—none of the above. That flash of light and BOOM we experienced the morning of Friday, August 4 was, indeed, a bolt of lightning striking the Great Keewaydin Campus — specifically the white

pine tree at the entrance of the Moosalamoo waterfront. Splinters of wood shot in all directions, and half the tree, sheared off by the strike, crashed to the ground.

Most campers and staff in the dining hall, enjoying their donuts when the blast hit, jumped several feet in the air. Shocked and dazed, people reacted in different ways. Waramaug staffman Mike Tessler, exclaimed, "I'm just glad I went to the fort before breakfast!" Head of Waterfront Steph Sack announced, "Yipee! I get the day off!" Morning weather reporter, Mig Oppenheimer, reported "I've been working on this trick all summer! It finally worked!"

> electrifying natural phenomemon was the entire camp leadership team. That's right — your directors were at their morning meeting in the Gibson Wilderness House, a mere 50 feet from the lightning strike! They were so stunned they forgot to return to their important debate of whether coconut donuts were better than jelly. This writer can neither confirm nor deny the rumors that Carlos Spigel's hair stood straight up, Chris Miller glowed for several minutes, and Pete Hare's fillings melted. Fortunately, the camp's fearless leaders emerged, shaken and slightly hard of hearing, but alive and unsinged.

Closest to this

Alumni News

Dirk Speas '58 took the Via Rail Canadian Train One from Toronto to Vancouver in late July and had an unexpected stop somewhere near Allanwater Bridge, Ontario, east of Sioux Lookout where he noticed a number of canoes with K on the sterns which had just been dropped off. Likely our Keewaydin Temagami Outpost campers!

Jorge Toro '71, Diana Toro '22 and Jorge Toro '05 traveled to Yellowstone National Park in September after spending the summer at camp. According to the Toros, the mountains of Montana are spectacular, but not quite as special as majestic Mt. Moosalamoo!



The Toro Family

Cam MacDonald '84 started a new position this fall working at the Blue Ridge School in Saint George, VA as a high school counselor. The school is all-boys and the campus is located on 700 acres in the mountains and has a lake with canoes and 15 miles of hiking and biking trails. (It's safe to say Cam feels right at home!)

Ron Cannell'89 had a Wiantinaug gathering at his home in Massachusetts after camp. In attendance were Chris Miller '96.



The white pine felled by the lightning strike!

Zach Miller '09, Jakob Adler '12 and Jamin Liu '13.



Ron Cannell, Zach, Jakob, and Jamin

Sam Stern'90 is pleased to announce the release of his new book, The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cross-Examination.

Ty Dinucci '00 is in his second year at Emory's Goizeuta School of Business in Atlanta where he is getting his MBA. He recently completed a summer internship at Deloitte and accepted a full-time role in their consulting practice in Los Angeles as a Senior Consultant after he graduates. He is still pursing passion projects, and he just finished a pro bono consulting project through Emory for an Atlanta-based group called HerTerm, whose mission is to elect more progressive women to the Georgia State House.

Jeff Chandler '01 and Asya Snejnevski '11 live in Washington, DC, with their 18-month-old son, Alexander (Sasha). Jeff is the director of school-based environmental education programs for the non-profit Nature Forward. This summer they met up with family and friends all over the northeast and Sasha enjoyed hiking around the Adirondacks—never too early for a Great Range trip shakedown!

Ben Paltiel '02 is living in Brooklyn and working for the Washington Post as a creative strategist in the advertising department.

JC Chavez '03 recently moved from the San Fernando Valley to West Los Angeles. He is a creative strategist at a performance marketing agency. He keeps in touch with many Keewaydineesi like Carlos Spigel '07 and Drew Mackay '00 and recently spent a weekend with Tomo Okamoto '01 and Lara Regan Kleinschmidt '99.

Sam Broda '04 moved down to Delray Beach, FL in January. He's staying quite active between surfing, jiu-jitsu and, tennis and managing a software business. He celebrated his Verendrye bowman's (Harry Dube '02) birthday in July out on Fire Island.

Andrew Sanger '05 is working for The Rockefeller Foundation as a speech writer. The job allows him to work remotely, which means he's been able to travel and work from some really cool locations. In the past 18 months, he has had a chance to do extended trips in Mexico, Colombia, and Peru! Some of the highlights have been learning to surf, going on a 5-day trek through the mountains of Peru (which ended at Machu Picchu), and improving his Spanish.



Andrew Sanger

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Alumni News

Nick Aldrich '08 moved to Salt Lake City, UT, in March, where he is working as a consultant scientist for a global environmental consulting firm called ERM. He is



Nick Aldrich

greatly enjoying natural wonders of Utah and taking advantage of all the activities and opportunities they provide!

In June, Will Bausch '09 returned from a year in Azerbaijan where he spent a year teaching English. This summer he traveled around the US, with the highlight being a backpacking trip through the Sierra Nevadas. He recently moved to Cambridge, MA, where he started a job as a paralegal at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.



Ben Kenney

Ben Kenney '09 moved back to Philadelphia in June to start a job with 94WIP, Philly's leading sports talk radio station.

He works as an on-air producer in a variety of timeslots, a network staff of the Philadelphia Eagles radio network, and a host of a weekly hour-long show about the Phillies.

Owen Elrifi '09 lives in Cambridge, MA, where he works in community organizing and Democratic Party politics. He is currently managing a city council campaign, but has also worked on campaigns up and down the ballot from school board to gubernatorial and congressional. He also volunteers as co-chair of the Cambridge DSA (Democratic Socialists of America). He recently became engaged to Marguerite Devens. Their wedding is planned for June in Minnesota.

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SPREAD THE WORD!

The camper recruiting season is in full swing and lots of applications are coming in for the 2024 summer! Current families, alumni and staff are our best recruiters; please spread the word about our great camps! Contact us if you know of families whose children would love to become campers at Keewaydin or Songadeewin. If you send us their names and contact information, we will follow up.

For Dunmore contact pete@keewaydin.org; Songadeewin, lauren@keewaydin.org; and Temagami, emily@keewaydin.org



Keewaydin Dunmore/Songadeewin Open Houses 2023-2024

Location	<u>Date</u>
Villanova, PA	Thursday, November 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Alexandria, VA	Sunday, November 12, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Zoom	Thursday, December 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m. EST
Larchmont, NY	Wednesday, January 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
New York City	Thursday, January 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Doreset, 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

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Dan Hart '11 is living in Elmira, NY, at an Ashram (Hindu Monastery), where he has been initiated as a monk into what is called Sanatana Dharma, which means the eternal path. He says that his years at camp out on trip help him to persevere through the trials and tribulations of the spiritual life. In November, he plans to travel to India for two weeks. Last winter he visited Yellowstone Park in Montana with his family.

Gray Gutfreund '12 is in his Junior year at Syracuse University, working as a social media

programmer making content for *The Bleacher Report* since June. This fall he will travel in Europe, spending time in Madrid and going to Turin, Italy to see the year-end ATP Finals!

William Goldberg '12 is in his senior year studying history at Princeton University, writing his thesis about Benjamin Franklin, Captain Cook, and 18th century imperial competition. Upon graduation, he will commission as a lieutenant in the US Army, having completed ROTC. For that, he spent this summer training at

Fort Knox, KY. There, he practiced rifle marksmanship, land navigation, and tactical operations. He misses Keewaydin dearly but felt that he



William Goldberg

was using camp lessons—from keeping your feet dry to Helping the Other Fellow—every single day.

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2024 Alumni Family Weekend August 22-25, 2024!



What better way to reconnect with the camp you love or connect for the first time! Swim and canoe in beautiful Lake Dunmore, hike on Mt. Moosalamoo, sing songs after dinner, play games at a campfire, and soak in the camp life!







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Hayden Laster & Jessie MacDonald

Hayden Laster '14 and Jesse MacDonald '12 hiked all 30 of Keewaydin's trails on Mt. Moosalamoo on August 10 in nine hours and five minutes. This is believed to be the fastest time ever to complete "All Trails!"



Leo Hainlein (Fourth from Left)

Leo Hainlein'18 represented Britain in the U19 European high school rowing championships in July and won gold and silver medals.

BIRTHS

William O'Hare '15 and his wife, Emily, welcomed their daughter, Grace Jean O'Hare, on August 10. Grace weighed 7lb 15oz.



William O'Hare with Baby Grace



Many friends returned for the Celebration of Life of Davy Flight held at camp and the Waybury Inn. (Left to Right) Owen Gutfreund, Pete Hare, Tom Vorenberg, Dan Vorenberg, Bruce MacDonald, Mike Vorenberg, Stu Fraser, Ben McGraw, and Bob Kirkpatrick.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Davy Flight

Davy Flight '64 passed away on June 21, 2023. He arrived as a baby in 1956, spending many summers as a "staff brat" while his father, David Flight, worked as a staffman and a Director. A camper from Annwi through Wiantinaug in 1964-1969, Davy will be remembered best as an Annwi staffman from 1975-1981. He was a leader in a "golden age" of Annwi staff that included Mike Patch, Red Dows, Dan Vorenberg, John Lyman, and John Carpenter, with, of course, Dan Patch as Director and "Uncle Bob" Poffenberger as Assistant Director. He did just about everything in Annwi, but he could mostly be found running nature activities, leading hikes on Moosalamoo and preparing skits for the Frolics. He famously did a "Blues Brothers" routine with Greg White at the Frolics for many summers and he created the band "Davy Desenex

and the Odor Eaters" with Dan Vorenberg, singing such classics as "Glick" and "Smelly Feet" at many a campfire and Frolics. He returned to camp in the 1990s to take on a role as Assistant to the Directors, in which he combined many talents to run special events such as the Carnival and Old Timers' Day, lead Exploration activities and serve as Maître D'. Fellow staffman Mike Patch remembers Davy this way: "I think the term 'infectious smile' was invented just for Davy. He was quite a character in a place that had its share of characters. And he gave his heart and soul to the kids at camp. It reminds me once again how fortunate we all were to have been a part of a place that had people like Davy who had a little bit of magic in them." Davy will be missed and he will be remembered.

Bill Mather '47 passed away on June 15, 2023. The son of Camp Doctor W.B. ("Doc") Mather, Bill was a camper from 1947-1950. He joined the Waramaug staff for 1953 and 1954, then moved to the Moosalamoo staff for 1955 and 1956. Known for his physical prowess, he would climb the trails of Moosalamoo in record times. He and his wife, Margaret, spent summers on Lake Dunmore for many years, and Bill could be spotted daily as he paddled laps around the lake in his kayak, well into his 80s!

Scenes from the

Welcoming home the Verendrye trippers







Hi-Jinks Greek Gods

P-Rade cheers

The view from the Great Range



The new staff waiters at the Banquet

Summer of 2023



...with the gang all here!



Daria Carden with Katie McDermott





Carlos Spigel with Peter Lindholm



Pete Hare with Chris Miller



Cannon Moltz with Angus Barstow



Eli Clapp with Carlos Spigel

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF

In 1923, Waboos Hare first arrived at Keewaydin as an eight-year-old camper.

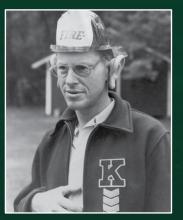
The Early Years – 1930s - 1940s



Waboos as a Waramaug staffman



Boxing—one of Waboos's favorite activities



Waboos always had a costume for the Masquerade

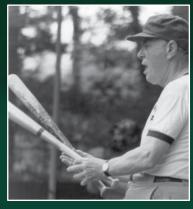
The Middle Years—1950s-1980s



Waboos, with his dog, Kee –a gift from Jim Fullerton

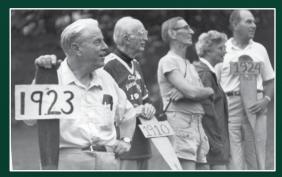


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Maybe another home run in the Old Staff-New Staff game?

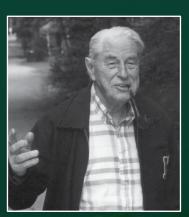
The Later Years—1980s-2000s



Leading the P-Rade



From one Hare to another, Waboos at the Carnival



I say how be you, we're glad to see you!

WABOOS HARE'S FIRST SUMMER AT KEEWAYDIN!

In 2023, we celebrated this milestone with a photo display in the Hare House, a special "Waboos 23" baseball t-shirt, a Sunday Circle talk, and a song, "1923," written for the occasion.



Slim, Waboos and Abby take a break from meeting



Leading songs with Ed Robiea



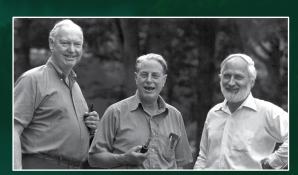
The young directors, known as W-A-S



Waboos in the 1950s



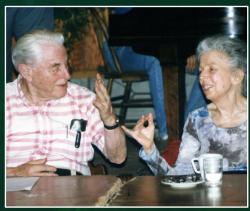
Boats out with Laurie, Steve and Peter



W-A-S in the 1980s



Zing, Boom, Ta-ra-rel!



Waboos and Katie at the Banquet



With Pete and Laurie at the 100th Anniversary

Keewaydin Foundation 2024 Calendar

Board of Trustees Meeting & Young Alumni Reception, NYC April 8

April 15 - May 31 **KEEC Spring Season**

May 31-June 2 John Watson Work Weekend in Vermont 132nd Season for Keewaydin Temagami June 21 - August 12 Ojibway Family Lodge Work Party June 21-25

115th Season for Keewaydin Dunmore June 23 - August 17

June 23 - August 17 26th Season for Songadeewin on Lake Dunmore

June 28 - August 26 101st Season for Ojibway Family Lodge

Alumni Family Weekend on Lake Temagami July 11-14

July 17-20 Midseason at Keewaydin Temagami

July 20-21 Midseason at Keewaydin Dunmore and Songadeewin

July 27-28 Board of Trustees Meeting on Lake Dunmore Islander Potluck Dinner at Ojibway Family Lodge August 4

August 10 Paddle-In at Keewaydin Temagami

August 22-25 Alumni Family Weekend on Lake Dunmore

September 2 - October 11 KEEC Fall Season

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