



# The TATTLER

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## From the Director

Stories. Memories. Trials and tribulations. Laughter and songs. Words of encouragement and lessons learned. When it comes to a Keewaydin canoe trip, each one of us can instantly feel connected to each other and the experiences found while out there — out on the water, carrying the double packs, tumping a canoe, casting a line, or pulling the saw blade in rhythm during saw crew.

As alumni, we empathize with the new camper, the first-timers learning to believe in themselves, trusting they will get through the tough portage, pick themselves back up, or dig deeper in their paddle stroke on a breezy lake. We cannot wait for the light bulb to click and campers to feel good about the day, the challenging moment, the strength in their muscles, and becoming reliable section mates.

We live in a time when social media, social pressures, technology, and AI fracture youth development — Keewaydin is the antidote. When the measures and metrics of success are hard work, reliability to yourself and others, a well-cooked meal, mastering skills, and building friendships based on

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*Campfire stories cement our shared experiences*

## Trip Reports 2023

### Section A, Peter Dutko '03, Staff

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. This summer's Section A campers demonstrated these values and more, and their daily efforts significantly contributed to our success.

This summer was unprecedented as it was historic. We all witnessed record forest fires that drove us to

choose a new route, looking to the northern waters of Ungava Bay as the realization of our return to Hudson Bay was lost. Intensive planning, led by our guide, **Hunter Craighill '11**, and supported by Headquarters leadership, put us on the path to a summer chasing the latitude lines on our topo maps. Just as we readied ourselves for the last leg of our drive, fires

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## From the Director

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shared experiences while exploring and immersing oneself in nature — Keewaydin gets it right.

As the summer ends, each Keewaydin staff writes a thoughtful letter about each of their campers. Providing insight into their growth and a window into the places explored, a parent or guardian comes to appreciate how well the trip staff understand and appreciate their child. This short narrative provides insight but only captures part of the Keewaydin trip. Because, as we know, you cannot properly capture all that Keewaydin is within a typed page or two.

As I read these letters from the staff, I was so proud. Our Keewaydin campers are strong, kind, caring, competent, compelling, FUNNY, engaging, knowledgeable, emotional, eager, and having FUN. The fun might not always be easy, but that's okay. It's not always supposed to be easy.

Keewaydin's 130<sup>th</sup> summer had many magical moments, some moments shared around the campfires after a trip. Campers and staff practice their storytelling, the timing of a good joke, or a good pause to express a dramatic event. Trip stories are the bonding agent that cements friendships and a love for camp. This year, staff will have many tales from the challenges throughout the summer. There is no doubt Keewaydin was tested and challenged by forest fires, dry ground, a multi-week fire ban,

low water, hot weather, and a few big thunderstorms. Yet, with each test, Keewaydin responded. The HQ team, the trip staff, and the campers all rose to the occasion. We adapted, responded, made Plan B's and C's, and leaned upon each other to finish summer with immense care and pride. All that we do, the places we paddle, and the lessons we teach would not be possible without our current families. Thank you for sharing your kids with us! We love what we do, and we love continuing the traditions that provide the stories, memories, and friendships found while paddling a canoe! There is no better way to spend one's summer.



## Trip Reports 2023

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on both sides of highway QC 389 held us back, keeping us from our put-in at Wabush Lake. Delayed before we even began had us choosing to retrace older Section B and 2 tripping territory due to low water caused by the dry spring. These continual changes required our group to be adaptable and optimistic before loading our canoes to start the expedition. When we finally began the trip, we spent the first half of the summer traveling northwest through the interior of Quebec, retracing the first few days of this crew's 2022 Section B route. We had a chance to practice our whitewater skills on the Shabogamo River, witnessed the rocky hills of Clark Lake, and were blessed by a consistent tailwind as we cruised up Menihek Lake.





*Section A and the majestic George River, Nunavik*

We crossed Attikamagen and made our way to the headwaters of the Riviere De Pas and our re-outfit site handily and without incident. The guys were relieved to enjoy a new version of that 2022 route; Labrador provided a lovely start to our summer, with the sun shining and temperatures high enough to paddle in t-shirts.

The second half of our summer, with routes entirely new to Keewaydin Temagami, became one of the most memorable bay trips I have ever experienced. The De Pas River provided challenging yet ultimately runnable, highly rewarding moving water that honed our skills for what was to come on the George River. Technical paddling sections allowed us to zig and zag, eddy out, and be wowed by the pyramid-like mountains and massive river boulders. Additionally, the De Pas, only a tributary to our final river,

rivalled many of the other Hudson Bay rivers I have paddled with its varied steep topography and stunning views.

It is safe to say the George River was unlike anything we have ever paddled. In our final link of Section A, we ran the George for nine days. In that time, we paddled several sections of kilometers-long, continuous rapids under the gaze of towering barren hillsides and cascading waterfalls fed by high alpine lakes. We had a lot of miles to cover to reach our final destination, Kangiqsualujuaq, Nunavik, a vibrant and small community set well within the mouth of the George River. The campers did a phenomenal job of staying focused in these demanding sections. Their well-developed abilities as a group of strong paddlers allowed us to confidently run and successfully navigate this new river.

Kangiqsualujuaq experiences some of the world's highest tides; seeing the ocean flow upstream was wild. On Ungava Bay, with its raw beauty, a minky whale welcomed Section A to our final destination. Needless to say, we had the luckiest re-route of our lives!

## **Section 2, Kera Zegar '07, Staff**

As I contemplate the events of this summer, I am brought back to our beginning — starting this time much further east than **Kyra McClean '11**, our guide, or I have ever been on a Keewaydin trip. This summer was special because we canoe-tripped in eastern Quebec and into Labrador. Keewaydin has been having much fun in this area for the last 25+ years. Like Sections A and B, the fires in northern Quebec impacted Section 2 plans and routes. We pivoted in June and dived into trip notes with topo maps across the dining hall tables. Our new

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*Section 2 lines up in Labrador!*

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expedition came together, and we eagerly left Lake Temagami behind for the Pekans River. Finding our rhythm early, we paddled north on the Pekans River to some larger lakes, where we had to re-route mid-trip due to a small fire and smoke in our path. We took a five-day “field trip” off the beaten trail, where Keewaydin had never been. The quick detour turned out to be a beautiful section of wilderness, delighting us to have this unplanned but perfect turn north to our re-outfit site on Lac Chambeaux. It’s noteworthy to share we saw lots of cool elevation all around us early on in the trip. Elevation gains are a particular characteristic of this region and uncommon to see on a Section 2 trip in western Quebec. This detour allowed us to practice our whitewater skills in shallow, technical moving water. We were helping jumpstart the campers’ development of more technical whitewater skills that we would need later in the trip.

We met back up with our original itinerary on Lac Chambeaux, where shortly after, we paddled the colloquially named “Fromage River” to Labrador. Once in Labrador, we were lucky to navigate the McPhayden River to Menihek Lake. We felt pumped to paddle the McPhayden, having heard from Keewaydin staff over the years of its beauty and

potential for great fishing! The water levels allowed us to run a ton of whitewater! The ladies’ technical paddling skills gained from the first half of the summer made the McPhayden an absolute highlight of the trip. Section 2 continued to hone their teamwork and skills. Good weather inspired us to dedicate some extra time to hike the hills around us and enjoy more blueberries than I have ever had on a long trip. Before finishing our time in this stunning region of Canada, we took one more short field trip up the Clarke River before hopping on the train that would take us back south and begin our journey home. We had a little extra time and muscles that needed some work after days on the road driving back from Sept-Îles, QC, so we did a quick two-day Bob-Spiford loop to cap off the summer. This extra loop closed off a summer filled with wild landscapes, wild weather, and an incredible group of young women!



*Section B found time to sail*



## Section B, John Goodpasture '10, Staff

The first significant event in the summer was switching our plans and preparing to head east, not north, due to road closures and fires in northern Quebec. Our Section B guide, **Quinlan Mulcahy '16**, and I dug into new maps in early June and loved the idea of a return to Labrador, where undoubtedly we'd find some rain! We set off with a solid crew, understanding a couple of long driving days smooshed in a van can make one 100% ready to get out in a canoe. Our first leg of Section B began with the Ashuanipi River: I've decided it's a mental game on this river. Quinlan and I plan on making a return trip; it can't be that bad a third time. Alders have

found their happy place on this river. Next up, paddling across Menihek Lake. In hindsight, this is one of my favorite parts of the trip. The site we were on just before the Howl River was near-perfect. The views north were astounding, this long, narrow lake beckoning paddlers to stay awhile. The Howl River was split into two identifiable parts and delivered a gorgeous and mountainous first section. The rocky second section — this part was a little tiring, but we earned our dinner for sure.

Then there was some random string bog business; it was beautiful but not always enjoyable. We arrived at Lac du Sable. It is a gorgeous lake, and it was to see as it was one of our main goals for this trip. The mountain we

climbed was fun; we can forget about when I got everyone "lost" on the way down. It was somewhere around this time that we saw that teenage bear lumbering up and down the shore. After re-outfit, we hauled up the annoying but cool slice of the river, lining up many pinch points between lakes. I especially liked the one that led into Lac da Milleraye, where it felt like we were paddling up a section of locks all set into one enormous rock. Suddenly, it was goodbye Quebec, and we were in Labrador again. We pulled over for the giant storm that turned out to be a false alarm, only later to attempt to outrun the damn thing for about 4 hours. When we hit the McPhadyen River, an eagle greeted us.

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An aerial photograph of a large, forested island in a calm lake. The island is covered in dense green trees and has a small wooden dock extending from its shore. The water is still, reflecting the warm colors of the sunset sky. In the background, more forested land and distant hills are visible under a soft, orange-hued sky.

## Don't let the kids have all the fun.

### Keewaydin Club: Canoe trips for adults July and August 2024

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I love the McPhadyen; it's so much fun. I felt very proud of Section B's improvements and poise as we ran the more extensive sets on the McPhayden. One of the euphoric moments as a staffman is the realization I can trust the campers when they're running rapids. At one point, we found more than just a patch of blueberries but what felt like a blueberry farm, and I opened the fancy bag of gorp. (It's the small things.) As we approached Menihék Lake, which would complete our trips loop, the McPhadyen's shoreline became increasingly hilly and mountainous. Now we were at the final stretch of the river: There was the 2K portage we could've lined, but it was worth doing because we needed some big portages to finish our summer strong. We were too good at running rapids at this point, I guess. Then, there was the massive runnable shoot at the end into Menihék. If not pressed for time, it is a rapid that I'd portage right back up, just to run again. Then we snuck down Menihék with no problem (wind!) and reached Esker (our train stop) just in time for a quick hailstorm. After that, there was a train ride, some trinket-

gathering, and we were delivered right back to Sept-Îles into the hands of our drivers Carol and Rick.

I don't think I've experienced a more profound feeling of joy. This summer was special.



*Learning some whitewater moves*

We just had SO MUCH FUN! There's not much else to it. I believe an old staffman of mine somewhere in my past ingrained this mantra in my mind: "Canoe tripping isn't fun, but sometimes fun stuff happens." I believed this, in a way, all these years

at Keewaydin; certainly, there's nothing conventionally "fun" about what canoe tripping is, in its essence: walking through the woods with hundreds of pounds on your back, waking up to get dressed in a rainstorm with cold socks and wet boots, or paddling for stretches of kilometers that make you think your arms have fallen off. But for whatever reason, some magic happens when we're out on trip, and now and then, those moments become unforgettable memories, shaping those of us who have experienced this camaraderie.

**OUTPOST: KAWAWEOGAMA LAKE, ONTARIO. Planes, trains, automobiles, and avoiding forest fires to the north.**

**Section E, Matt Barnes '05, Staff and Outpost Manager**

The buzzword of the summer for me this year was "elated;" from the day Section E hopped off of the Via Rail train at the Allanwater Station stop in Ontario, northwest of Lake Nipigon, until their departure after the final campfire ceremonies,

We had a lot going against us this year; forest fires across a dry Canada meant a provincial fire ban was in effect, meaning we would not be able to fell, saw, and split wood for our

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*Boulder walk on the George River, Nunavik*



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meals as we traditionally do. Specific canoe routes were closed, preventing us from seeing some typical Outpost highlights such as the Kopka River Gorge, Brennan Falls, or Cliff Lake. Our guide, **Doulin Appleberry '12**, and I poured over the maps, ready to explore going further south than ever before at the

Outpost down to Kashishibog River Falls. We encountered some gorgeous terrain, feeling like we were on top of the world on Montairy Lake as we saw some of the Ontario forests the Outpost hadn't been to in years.

As luck would have it, conditions improved, no more fire ban. We got the nod to say goodbye to our stoves around day

13. While the previous two weeks had been fun, the propane stove certainly took away a lot of the ideal Keewaydin experience; rather than having a lot to do at the campsite when we'd arrive, all we had to do was set our tents up... finally, we could do wood crew!

The second trip took us on two loops, allowing us to see the bottom of the Allanwater River twice and get comfortable in some whitewater. Our two destinations were the "Whirlpool," a cool natural eddy with a fantastic campsite — a typical Outpost pit stop — and a return to Smye Lake,

a place seen last year by Section D. It was stunning, and I think the boys enjoyed this second trip significantly more than their first; endlessly sawing logs had a lot to do with it, but I think by this time, they'd come together as a section and were having as good of a time as their staff.



*Best fishing found here*

#### **Section F, Ian Lower '16, Staff**

The time we spent in the forests of Northwestern Ontario was magical, filled with hard work, delicious food, and raucous laughter. One of the beautiful things about the Outpost level of Keewaydin is the flexibility we are allowed in trip planning. As **Ben Pomeroy '89** said, "*It is truly something to have the freedom to find such a place and on a whim decide to stay without worry of other deadlines or structures. It will be another peaceful sleep as the serene constant murmur of a rapid sets the tone for peace*" (p.322, *The Keewaydin Way*).

This summer, our guide, **Liam Gray '14**, and I were incredibly grateful for such flexibility, as it allowed us to plan an excellent summer despite the challenges of cooking on propane stoves for several weeks and active wildfires closing specific routes to the north.

For our first trip, we spent six days on the beautiful Brightsand River, which runs south of the Outpost cabin, dusting off the rust and introducing the boys to the delight of running rapids. As a group, we found these boys exceptionally well prepared by their previous canoe-tripping experience, so we were excited to challenge them a bit more with our next trip. For the

next 18 days, we explored some territory further to the south and west, traveling a new route to Hilltop Lake before soaking up the blueberry-cover majesty of Montairy Lake, then going through Metinonga Lake to the royal Kashishabog Falls. To return to the Outpost, we set our jaws and trudged down a creek for two days until it finally flowed out into pristine Harmon Lake. We could then retrace our steps from weeks before and follow the Brightsand River home again.

For our last trip, we were delighted to learn that a portion of the



Allenwater River was no longer closed. So we spent our remaining nine days running exhilarating rapids, appreciating the beauty of Flindt Lake, and swimming in the “Whirlpool” rapid north of Heafur Lake. This summer was among the most rewarding I’ve ever had at Keewaydin; thank you, Section F! As we reached the last few days of the trip, we wished for more time together in that breathtaking place. It was a summer completed with resounding success; I cannot wait to do it again.

### **Section G, Katya Ogden-Lord ’13, Staff**

Our summer began with a night at base camp with Section E and F before hopping on the Via Rail train and heading west for about fourteen hours to Keewaydin’s Outpost. Our guide, **Allegra Stewart ’12**, was thrilled to head west; it would be her first summer canoe tripping at the Outpost region. We were both pumped to share this canoe-tripping mecca with our section. The Outpost cabin on Kawaweogama Lake in western Ontario is an intermediary zone for campers to experience an entire summer away from base camp and an introduction to whitewater travel. This summer, we took three different trips in the Outpost region, returning to the Outpost cabin between trips to resupply our food.

Our first six-day trip took us to the Brightsand River, heading south of the Outpost cabin. This classic Outpost trip introduced Section G to whitewater paddling and



*Section G takes on the Kopka River, Ontario*

swimming, allowing these young women some time to get back into the groove of a canoe trip. After briefly returning to the cabin, we headed south on our second trip, a 20-day excursion. We began the trip lake hopping and encountered some challenging days early on. We were well versed in river travel when we reached the Kopka River about halfway through the 20-days. The water was about two feet lower than usual, so we embraced

the opportunity to do a lot of lining. We spent the remainder of this trip going down the upper Kokpa to the Kopka River gorge, home to three large, beautiful, powerful waterfalls. When we reached the gorge, we slowed the journey down a little, taking advantage of the beautiful weather to swim, cliff jump, and enjoy these scenic waterfalls. This trip ended with a train ride back to the cabin, where we planned and outfitted for our third trip.

This final seven-day trip took us north of the cabin, exploring Barrington, Heathcote, and Heafur lakes as we made our way to the “Whirlpool,” another classic Outpost destination. This trip was an excellent end to our summer; at this juncture, the girls were incredibly dialed around the campsite and on the water. Finally, we

headed back to the cabin one last time before boarding the train to head back in time for paddle-in. Section G was a wonderful mix of very different personalities, and it was remarkable to see them grow individually and as a group this summer. They stood out as a section that was extremely well-adapted to the challenges of canoe tripping, kind and supportive of each other, and appreciative of the beauty of the wilderness around them.



# Reunions

Reflections from a few of our 1950s and 60s reunion attendees



*Reunion attendees began the Keewaydin historical tour at the fire circle*



*Reunion Peerade and some early-year cheers!*



*Reunion attendees gathered in the Ridgeway Lodge for songs and stories*

## From Ken Remsen '62

The reunion was great fun, and it was wonderful to see everyone. It was fairly amazing that my time at Keewaydin overlapped with many others in attendance. I certainly enjoyed seeing people who were campers in some of my sections and others who were fellow campers and staff members during my time on the island. Keewaydin will always be one of the most impactful influences in my life: I had never done much in the outdoors until I went to Keewaydin. My family never camped or hiked, even though I lived in Maine. I was a skier, but that was basically the extent of my outdoor activities. For some reason, I came home from my first season at Keewaydin excited to do it again the next summer. I continued for 14 consecutive summers. Since then, I have always been involved in outdoor activities with my family and even started as an elementary physical education teacher teaching children to move and be comfortable outdoors. My life as an educator and coach can be traced back to the many educators and coaches who worked at Keewaydin.

## From Bruce Bishop '52

If I were to try to summarize a common thread among the reunion attendees, I would say their Keewaydin experiences gave them what I would call an L.L.L. basis (Learning Lessons for Life)

The lesson list would be long, e.g., Fortitude, Compassion, Patience, Wonderment, Self-confidence, Appreciation, etc., plus, plus.

As for advice to parents: Do not miss the short window of opportunity to give your child a fundamental boost to a meaningful future.

## From Jeff Schneider '57

Many of us got to renew old times together during a time that has seen many changes. The remembrances of those folks, when the Mattawa guides were around, should be an important part of Keewaydin history. We used different tent styles, foodstuffs were much different, and all campers and staff were there for the entire summer. I have so many good friends from those days. Softball games, tetherball contests, basketball, and square dances were all part of our summer life. Those features are gone now but not forgotten. All in all, I think we all enjoyed the reunion and remain committed to furthering the ideals that **Bruce Bishop '52** provided.



# Reunions

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Girl's Program

Core members of the early years of Keewaydin's girls' program returned to Lake Temagami for a few days. Enjoying great weather, reminiscing about the old days, swimming, paddling, and laughing a lot, these old friends had a blast. Ojibway's creature comforts and great food perfectly complemented this reunion. Soon the next generation of kids will also come from the very women who were invaluable to the program's growth. For those who missed attending, we missed you. Next time we hope to see you there!



*Kiddos enjoying a ride with experienced paddlers!*



*Lauren, Cecelia, Katie, and Wendy attend Kokomis' paddle out*



*25 years of the girl's program celebrated with sweets*



*L to R: Sarah Skelly '03, Lauren Sayre '01, Katie Tanz '99, Cecelia Allende '99, Emily Schoelzel '99, Tracy Hoeger Georgiade '00, Charlene Rowan '05*



# MIDSEASON

First-session campers and trip staff returned from their 10-day canoe trips primed and ready for Keewaydin's Midseason fun and competitions. After nearly two full weeks under a fire ban, the campers were allowed to prepare for Midseason using their propane camp stoves. During the first three weeks of camp, hot and dry weather kept many bugs at bay, and our campers rolled with the "no fires while camping rule." Campers overcame deadfalls, muskeg, and headwinds, learning to dig into their grit and building their can-do attitudes. Around the base camp, trippers shared memories of the perfect jumping rock, a sweet dinner-with-a-view rock, and even a few collectible pocket-rocks.

Midseason marks a point in the summer when first-session campers prepare to head home, and Waubeno and Winisk campers prepare for their 21-day canoe trips. Families traveled to Lake Temagami to take in the wonders of paddle-in and witness the growth their child had obtained while canoe-tripping in the Temagami region.

Midseason competitions tested the campers' swimming, canoeing 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.

**John '85** and **Mary Shepard**, with **Bruce Bishop '52**, returning to judge the cooking contest, were ready to be wowed by trip food fare. 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. And while campers were busy cooking, others were set up, ready for the camping contest. The judging team, **Dan Carpenter Jr. '61** and **Will Percy '83**, tested the sections' trip skills with timed events of tumping double packs, wannigans, and a canoe. Campers tied knots, set up a tent, and 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 have yet to get right. Parents watched, amazed by the skills their campers were demonstrating.

Midseason rounded itself with splendid weather, plenty of time before meals for swimming and paddling, and



*Coconut and chocolate chip GOO balls delighted the judges*



*Demi Mathias '10 presenting her canoe*



*"Hans and Franz" mistakenly think they're at tennis camp!*



*Tying the tumpline to the canoe*



*Lucius showing off Mattawa's canoe routes*





*Winisk R's paddling skit*



*Gowganda's station for the camping contest*



*Solo race grins*



*Emily Schoelzel handing out Midseason awards*



*2023 Peerade*

another incredible birch bark canoe presentation by **Demi Mathias '09**. Miigwetch, Demi!

Our last evening of Midseason closed with an energized and peppy Midseason Show. This year's show was MC'd by Hans and Franz (**Gus Dotson '16** and **Anson Walker '13**), who entertained the audience with the antics and "best of" awards between skits and musical performances by each base camp section.

Congratulations to all campers who swam every day on trip, those who swam their hearts out in the swim races, and all who had glorious finishes in the canoe races! You cooked and baked fantastic meals and wowed the judges with your tripping skills.

## ENDSEASON

The last two days of Keewaydin's summer inspired the community as they watched 15 sections paddle in on a bright, windy day. It was lovely and inspiring. The youngest campers completed their 10 and 21-day trips proudly paddling into their docks. Each camper was confident as they carried their gear up to their cabins! The fun and heartwarming energy parents and families brought to Devil's Island set the tone for paddle in. A fervent energy was in the air; we were eager to see ALL campers return, and many parents were ready to see their children paddle in after six or seven weeks away from home. Wide-eyed younger campers and the 21-day trippers of Waubeno and Winisk absorbed the parade of older campers and sections paddling into the main dock. The strength and vigor these older campers exuded were admirable. You could see the younger campers imagining their future Endseasons. As the afternoon shifted to night, our collective ears tuned in to long trip section tales and adventures around the main fire circle.

Our last day of Endseason was bustling. We tried to relish every last minute together before the season closed. While the Temagami wigwam campers competed in the Gunn Canoe competition, standing in solidarity and supporting each other as they navigated the course, we heard more campfire stories from Outpost and base camp sections to fill out the day. As our final evening arrived, we were treated to an enormous effort by Keewaydin and Ojibway kitchen crews as they presented a 5-star banquet. With our plates overflowing, the camp plopped down on benches, the grass or leaned against a canoe, sharing one last family-style meal. To round out our 130th season, we squished ourselves into the Ridgeway Lodge, ducking away from impending rainstorms. We sang camp songs in the fire-lit and darkened lodge, listened to well-prepared trip stories from Section A, and wished we could bottle up these feelings to carry us through to next year.

# Alumni Updates and News

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Dylan Schoelzel '88** was honored this August with the Chief Chivers Award, presented by **Sandy Chivers '54** at Keewaydin's final campfire. Dylan was recognized for his steadfast commitment and deep care for Keewaydin, always bringing forward great attention to detail and efforts to take care of the camp's canoes and buildings with his fine woodworking skills.

**Sam Pigeau '15** is this year's Gunn Canoe winner. Lake Temagami conditions were mixed, with an occasional gentle breeze testing the paddlers' skill. The competition was strong between the participants, with campers from Sections A, B, and 2 encouraging each other from the shoreline. This year's judges **Bruce Bishop '52**, **Nick Parry '08**, and **Nicole Howe '11** were impressed by the participants' breadth of skill and maturity. Campers and



Gunn Canoe winner Sam Pigeau with director Emily Schoelzel

the Keewaydin community roared and cheered for Sam when his name was announced at the final campfire. Congratulations Sam!

**Abigail Fontaine '99** successfully graduated with her master's in Nursing from Upstate Medical University, then passed her nurse practitioner boards in mid-July. In September, she is starting a new role as a provider in rural New York in primary care.

In a major achievement, **Tiffany van Lieshout '05** has completed a PhD in Kinesiology, specializing in the molecular biology of muscle.

**Hunter Craighill '11** and **Meredith Sackett '22** finished their summer of leading canoe trips with a proposal and engagement. Congratulations to Hunter and Meredith!



Hunter and Meredith are filled with engagement joy!

## BIRTHS

**Ben Pomeroy '89** is a father! Eddy Damrosch Pomeroy arrived 12.2.22. She has communed with nature quite a bit in her young life



Ben and his Brooklyn girl Eddy

especially for being a Brooklyn girl. Eddy is named after that part of the river we all find refuge in alongside that swift water of life.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

**Hobie Cleminshaw '45** passed away on September 12, 2023. Andrew, his son, shared the following sentiments with the Keewaydin community. "My Dad loved Keewaydin and deeply valued all of his experiences there. I know he did everything he could to promote and support the camp. I live in Cleveland and teach at a local school and he would frequently regale me with stories of his efforts to recruit more campers from NE Ohio."

**Carol Chivers** of Orford, NH passed away on Monday, October 2, 2023. Carol is the daughter of the late Howard and Jane (Gile) Chivers of Hanover, NH. Carol is survived by her life partner of 37 years, James "Jim" Fields whom she shared a life, home and family with.

Carol had many loves in her life beginning with her love of Lake Temagami in Ontario, Canada where her parents were the owners & directors of Keewaydin Camp & the Ojibway Family Lodge. She spent the majority of her

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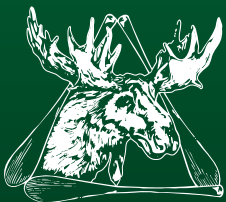
# THE KEEWAYDIN ANNUAL FUND

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summers there with her sister & brother growing up and continued to visit almost every summer until her health began to decline. Growing up Carol enjoyed many fun times with Sandy & Gile at the family lodge and later as an adult continued to love her time there with her family and many friends. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Carol's memory to The Howard Chivers Scholarship Fund, c/o The Keewaydin Foundation.

**Douglas Fergusson Roby III '77** passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 30, 2023. During summers in high school and college,

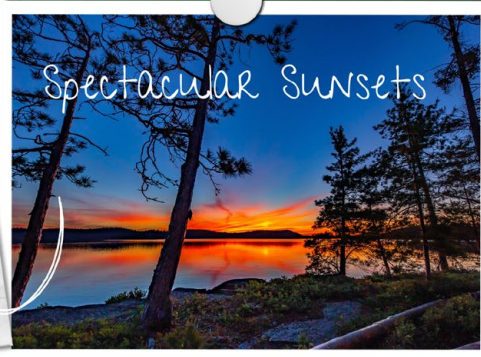


Section B lunch break

Doug attended Keewaydin Camp in Temagami, Ontario first as a camper and then a counselor. Doug led multiple expeditions guiding young campers and helping them develop

self-reliance. His experiences at Keewaydin inspired Doug to pursue his passion for helping others. This led him to earn a Master's in Social Work at the University of Michigan.

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# SPREAD THE WORD!

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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. If you send us their names and contact information, we will follow up.

Bring a prospective family and we'll give you a sweet  
Keewaydin pin as a thank you!

## Open House Schedule

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**San Francisco, CA**

**Kennett Square, PA**

**Brooklyn, NY**

**Gross Pointe, MI**

**Zoom**

**Charlotte, VT**

**November 11**

**December 10**

**January 18**

**January 22**

**February 24**

**February TBD**

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# KEEWAYDIN CLUB: Trips Available for 2024

## Men's trip to Keewaydin's Outpost and a 5-night flat water trip in the Temagami region

Contact Emily Schoelzel for more info: [emily@keewaydin.org](mailto:emily@keewaydin.org)



*Learning to tump a wannigan*

This past summer, we welcomed two sections of women trippers to Devil's Island. From Keewaydin parents to Camp Beenadeewin and Songadeewin alumni to friends convinced to give canoe tripping a shot – the novice paddlers quickly took to Keewaydin's tripping style. It was a blast to watch them prepare under the guidance

of our experienced leaders and see them return from 5 nights exploring the beautiful region of Temagami. Hot days and some fast-paced storms kept them on their toes. The rich and meaningful stories touched on the joys of friendships built and time well spent immersed in a wild landscape's quiet and compelling sounds.



Women's Trippers 2023 **Back Row:** Morgan Pratt '11, Thalia Calligeros '10, Alix Calligeros, P'11, Elizabeth MacGowan, Laura Ryan, Amy Grossberg, Sally Barney, Tracy Hart, Nancy McPhee, Emily Schademan '21, **Front Row:** Ana Anfruns Grimaldi Songa '03, Sophie Hatch '11, Karry Hatch P'11, Sarah Robbins P'14, Sarah Bell, Dana Kremenz '05



# PRESEASON



Staff training in the Ridgeway Lodge



Store shelves stocked and ready



Crisply folded maps ready for the map case



Topo map session and compass work



Food barge, stocking up for the summer



2023 Staff!



# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

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.

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June 28	Keewaydin's 131 <sup>th</sup> regular season begins
June 30	Ojibway opens for its 101 <sup>st</sup> season
July 11-14	Alumni/Family Weekend hosted at Ojibway
July 16-20	Midseason Parents and family members arrive on July 15 Campers and families depart on July 20
August 4	Islander Potluck Dinner hosted at Ojibway
August 9-12	Keewaydin's Endseason Parents and family members arrive on August 11 Campers and families depart on August 12
August 18	Keewaydin closes for the season
August 26	Ojibway closes for the season

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