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Pete Hare and Cameron MacDonald are ready for the summer of 2026!

Getting our Kicks in 2026!

By the time you get this, camp will just be a few weeks away from opening! All over the US, and countries ranging from Latin America to Europe and to China, boys are packing their duffels and, with a mix of excitement, eagerness and nervousness, anticipating the summer. Questions like “Who will my staffman be?”, “My tentmates?”, “What trip will I go on?” “Will the chicken patties be as good as last summer?” are swirling through their heads.

On June 28, approximately 210 boys, ages 8 through 16, will arrive by car, bus or plane and will bring the Great Keewaydin

Campus to life. Before lunch even begins, campers will be swimming from the Waramaug dock to the Wiantinaug dock for swim tests, canoes will be capsizing for “tip over tests” and the ballfields will be abuzz with activity. If canoes gliding all over Dunmore aren’t enough to alert the neighbors that camp has begun, the cannon at evening formation certainly will!

The fact of the matter is, even without campers here, there is a lot already happening on campus. Staff have been on campus for a couple of weeks—work crew setting up tents, getting canoes from winter storage in the Eisner Multi House out to the racks, and much, much more to get camp ready. New staff arrived on June 10 for the Trip School portion of their staff training where they learn how to run our trips. Some staff are getting certified as lifeguards, others in Swift Water Rescue, and nearly all will take a Wilderness First Aid course and a CPR course. We’ll even practice singing a few songs after dinner!

There will be many familiar faces when campers arrive. About 80% of last years’ campers and staff will be back. The leadership team of Grove Directors will feature a veteran crew, along with a couple of newcomers. Ben Jacoff and Carlos Spigel will direct the Annwi

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The Diverse Keewaydin Community

By Pete Hare '59

The following is an excerpt from a Sunday Circle talk Pete Hare delivered in the summer of 2025.

I talk a lot about community and what it means to be part of a community. I think it is the most special part about Keewaydin. Last year at Sunday Circle, I talked about the multi-generational nature of Keewaydin that has made our community special. This year I want to highlight the cultural diversity as a source of strength and beauty of our camp. Not only have we had campers and staff from California, Florida, Texas, the Midwest and just about every state on the East Coast, we’ve had folks from the UK, France, Spain, New Zealand, Australia, Italy,

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crew; Cameron MacDonald will run the show in Waramaug first half, followed by Peter Lindholm second half; Bill Souser will keep Wiantinaug paddling straight and then will let Gaspar Epstein steer the ship second half; Owen Gutfreund will guide the “men of the mountain” in Moosalamoo; and Tim Tadlock will be back as Head of Tripping. This will be a first-time experience as a director for both Peter Lindholm and Gaspar Epstein. Peter has been an Annwi staffman the past 11 years, many of them as Assistant Director. Gaspar has been on the Wiantinaug staff for nine summers. Both are excited to be part of the leadership team!

We welcome back several staff who have missed a summer or, in some cases, many. Jared Joyner, Reshan Richards and Roman Shramko return after more than 15 years away! All three will have sons who are campers. Finn Ahrens, Quinn Bausch, Gavin Crowell, Logan Dracos and Owen Reed return after just missing a year or two. Cannon Moltz, pianist and soccer player extraordinaire, will be back after a 5-year sojourn. Matt Trunsky, who returned to lead a Moos trip last summer, is now back for a full summer. And Isel Noyola, after six summers away, returns to us from Oaxaca, Mexico!

The big news for this summer is, of course, that this will be Pete Hare’s final summer as Director of Keewaydin Dunmore! Though he’s having as much fun as he did when he started as Director in

2001, he’s ready to hand over the reins to a new leader—and that leader is Cameron MacDonald! Cam’s official title this summer is Associate Director of Keewaydin Dunmore, but he will also be Director of Waramaug the first half of camp and will do a variety of other things to get ready to take over after this season, including filling in for Pete whenever he’s off campus. Pete will remain in his capacity of Executive Director until the end of 2028.

When asked how he feels about this being his last summer as Director, Pete replied, “I am looking forward to another great summer and I will cherish every moment. Knowing that Cameron will be taking over after this summer gives me great peace of mind because I know that he is going to do a great job. As far as this summer is concerned, you’ll still find me on the K-Court, on the mountain, paddling at boats out and, in general, roaming the Great Keewaydin Campus making connections with as many campers and staff as I can. I may even spend some time in the office!”

We’ve made it to the final countdown! Just a few more days! If you are getting a bit anxious, break out the song book and sing some of your favorites. Maybe something like this:

*“I found more than any boy
could ever want,*

*In a camp upon a lake
in old Vermont!”*



The Diverse Keewaydin Community

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Germany, Israel, Russia, China, Brazil, South Africa, Mexico, Venezuela, Chile and more. All of them have enriched this community—making Keewaydin a more interesting place by adding bits of their culture. There are so many people I could highlight, but at the risk of excluding, I will highlight just a couple.

Igor Sdvijkov came to us from Russia in 1992. As a Moosalamoo and then a Waramaug staffman, he brought an enthusiasm and genius for large group games that delighted us all. He played the piano—learned all the songs. Later he took on the jobs as “King of Fresh Food” and “King of Laundry.” He brought his wife, Nana, and his sons, Max and Matvey. When Max became a staffman, he took Igor’s love for games to a whole new level: “Escape from Alcatraz,” “Zombies,” “Naval Battles,” “The Thirty Years’ War,”

“Hamburger Hill,” “Gladiators.” He single-handedly designed and executed a half a dozen of the most memorable Hi-Jinks games. He spent countless hours with campers on the battlefield table with toy soldiers that he created. If you look hard, you can still find toy soldiers on Ladies’ Beach or in the Bug House. You may not even need to look that hard. Knowing the Sdvijkovs makes one wonder how it is that our two countries are always quarreling. If you know the Sdvijkovs, you don’t think of Russians as some sort of foe—you think of Russians as our very good friends!

During the summers, Keewaydin is kind of like its own little country, full of our own traditions, customs and rituals, and songs. We even have our own time zone! But our little community is not based on geography, ethnicity or cultural heritage. Though you

need a passport to enter the US, you don’t need one to be part of Keewaydin. Our community is open to anyone from anywhere who wants to paddle canoes, hike a mountain, go on trips, take morning dips, play long games of chess, be in a show on Friday night, help the other fellow, leave your campsite better than you found it, take a nap in the middle of the day... and make friends from all over the country and all over the world.

Everyone in this circle, whether you’re from Middlebury, Vermont or Malaga, Spain, you add your own uniqueness to make our community a more diverse, interesting and fun place. It is, indeed, what makes us strong. It is a wonderful community to be a part of.



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The Spirit of Keewaydin

By Jesse MacDonald '12

The following is a speech delivered by Wiantinaug staffman Jesse MacDonald in 2025 to the entire staff on the final evening of staff training week, the day before the campers arrived.

We are here tonight because something about this place — this camp, this set of traditions, this community — has changed us. Or it changed someone we care about. That is not a metaphorical, poetic sentiment; it is real and observable. It happens in small, gradual ways. Then, all at once, you realize that a boy has become something else. Someone else. This subtle process, beautiful and hard to quantify, is what I want to speak about tonight.

The spirit of Keewaydin is, at its core, a kind of education. But not the kind we usually talk about. It is not about memorization or performance. It's not delivered through lectures or measured by test scores. It is lived. It's acquired by paddling, by cooking, by playing cards in a tent after a long portage. It's learned by making mistakes, by being tired, and by laughing with friends while it rains. This is education that invites you to become something.

I came to Keewaydin late, starting my senior year in Waramaug. My parents had divorced. I had grown up split between two coasts, switching schools and homes with the seasons. I was lucky in many ways, but I arrived at camp untethered, shy, with few friends, and unsure of my place.

My first trip was to the Bog River. I was nervous, not about bears or bugs, but about whether I belonged. Whether I would be any good at something I had never done. Most of all, whether I would be liked.

Cameron, my trip leader, picked up on this quietly and intuitively. He took me aside to teach me how to gather firewood and build a fire. When I returned with a few sticks, he praised me. His words were not extravagant but genuine. He offered just enough recognition to make me feel that what I had done truly mattered. That single moment changed everything for me. I decided I was going to bring back three times as much firewood as anyone else. Of course, that did not happen; James Day was on that trip.

But something else did. Over the next several days, Cam kept teaching and noticing. At the end of the trip, he named me one of the best trippers (along with James). That moment not only built confidence and perhaps sparked a small rivalry between friends, but it also rewrote the story I told myself about who I was.

The next summer, the staff greeted me as someone capable and kind. Because they saw me that way, I started acting that way. Eventually, it became true. This is not magical; it's psychology. It's how character is formed.

This too is the spirit of Keewaydin: we don't impose values, we embody them. We don't demand growth, we encourage it. In doing so, we



Jesse MacDonald with his Tent 0 campers in 2025

create space for kids to discover the strength that was always waiting inside them.

At the heart of every transformation I have seen at camp, every camper who arrived unsure and left stronger, was one common factor: encouragement. A kind word. A steady hand. A reminder that effort matters, that failure is allowed, and that trying again is part of the process. When a child hears, "You're good at this," or "I saw how hard you worked," something shifts. That belief becomes action. Action becomes identity. Identity becomes the ground from which character grows.

Keewaydin is many things. But its essence is to nurture, to encourage, and to love. These are not empty words. They are nutrients of human development. We are not just trip leaders or counselors; we are Staffmen. Like the post that supports a young sapling, we offer stability. We do not control the shape of the tree, but we help it grow straight and strong. We stand beside them, quietly, steadily, as they take root, strengthen their trunk, and branch out. Reaching toward who they are and who they might become.

Living on Keewaydin Time

By Chris Packs '08

The following is an excerpt from a Sunday Circle talk delivered by Waramaug staffman, Chris Packs, during the summer of 2025.

I have always felt that, when I arrive on Lake Dunmore, time seems to move differently than it does in the outside world. It doesn't necessarily feel like time's moving more slowly or quickly, it's just moving differently. The time is richer. The days feel fuller. And, as a result, interactions feel more meaningful, more memorable. Why is that? What is going on with time here? Why does a summer day at Keewaydin feel so different from a typical school-year day?

Let's get the simple answer out of the way: technology. We, of course, are liberated from digital technology here at camp, and, naturally, less time on screens means more time embracing the physical world



Chris Packs with his Tent 3 campers in 2025

around us. Could that be the whole answer? Is it just that, if we got rid of our computers and TV's and tablets, we could be more present in our lives, our lives would feel richer, and we could live on Keewaydin time year round? Maybe. But let's go a step further.

At Keewaydin, we live by the gong. The gong gives structure to our days. It also frees us—all except the OD—of the duty of timekeeping, something which each person in society, no matter what your age is, is expected to do. In the outside

world, it is our responsibility to always know the time, to know exactly where we should be at exactly the correct moment. For many of us, that means knowing when to catch the bus, when to arrive at school, or when lunch is over. Outside of camp, I work as a kindergarten teacher in North Philadelphia, and in the classroom, each minute of the day is accounted for. As the teacher, I am expected to make sure that all my students know what their job is at each moment throughout the day. Even

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games and breaks are precisely timed, all to keep students' attention and maximize the time we have in the day. But at Keewaydin, there is no pressure to be maximizing every moment. We are given the opportunity to abandon timekeeping and live free from time tables and rigid schedules.

When I was a camper, this gift was, to a certain extent, enforced. If a camper tried to ask what time it was, a staffman might reply with the cryptic answer, "two, tree." The meaning of that expression is up for debate, but the essence of it is this: Be present. You are free to enjoy the moment.

And it doesn't stop there. The same thing applies to the days of the week. Apart from a little extra sleep on Sundays, the day itself doesn't define our schedule.

Mondays are not dreadful, Wednesdays are not hump days, Fridays are not for escaping. The days cycle as the time cycles, and we are free to enjoy each stretch of time, from sunrise to sundown, without the weight of outside expectations. And if we want to go one last step further, consider this: What is the date today? What was the date yesterday? And more importantly—does it all matter?

We are fortunate, in my opinion, to be in a place that is not just free of technology, but also of time and dates. If the time of the day and day of the week—which rule our lives outside of camp—are mostly irrelevant here, what is relevant here? Is the sun shining? Are the leaves growing? Is the lake cool today? Are my friends out on a trip, or are they back in camp? Can I see the stars on my way to brush

my teeth at the fort? At Keewaydin, these are the questions that influence our lives. Questions that we fully immerse ourselves in because we are able to live by the sun and the gong, rather than the clock and calendar. And so we are able to live our lives in tune with the natural cycles of the planet, the lake and the mountain, and live by questions more meaningful than: Am I late for school or for work? Will there be traffic? How am I going to find the time to finish all of this work and still get some rest?

I don't know for certain what it is, but we are all living on Keewaydin Time this summer in more ways than one. And I hope we all can appreciate what a gift that is, and enjoy it together this summer.



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Alumni News



Clara Wolff and Alex Wolff

Alex Wolff '70 and his daughter, **Clara Wolff S'13**, witnessed the University of Michigan defeat the University of Connecticut in the men's national college championship game in Indianapolis, IN on April 6. This was a homecoming of sorts for Alex, who covered more than 25 "Final Fours" during his 36-year career as a writer for Sports Illustrated. Clara, for her part, is a proud alum of Michigan.

Jim Sperber '77 had an art show at the 151 Gallery at the Trinity School called "Life Is Messy" that ran from March 17-May 5. In attendance at the opening were Keewaydin parent **Alison Bellino-Johnston P'21**, Annwi Director **Ben Jacoff '96**, and Keewaydin parent and board member **Kim Mustin P'24**.



Alison Bellino-Johnston, Jim Sperber, Ben Jacoff and Kim Must

Andrew Neuwirth '78 shared that his oldest daughter, Grace, is a sophomore at Dartmouth College.

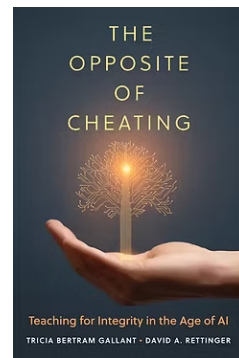
John Sheehan '78 and family send a warm "Kway, Kway" to all Keewaydineesi! John, his wife Lilah, and two girls (Siena and Joni) are living in New Paltz, NY, taking advantage of all the area has to offer. They enjoy hiking in the local Shawangunk mountains and, with all the snow this year, have gotten out for some cross-country skiing as well. They occasionally launch the family canoe for a nice mojo paddle on a nearby lake, where they'll often see great blue herons and sometimes a beaver or two. Among various sports and activities, Siena and Joni particularly love acting and are part of a local theater company and school productions. They love the excitement of putting on a show and the thrill of making an audience laugh and clap. (The apples definitely didn't fall far from the Friday Frolics tree!) If anyone is in or passing through the Hudson River Valley area, give them a shout! They'd love to catch up with old Keewaydin and Songa friends!

The weekend after the 2025 camp season ended, **Pete Cahn '79** could not stay away, so he and Mimi returned to camp for Alumni Weekend and were joined by a large contingent of Cahns and Molfettas. Everyone enjoyed the activities throughout the day, including the next generation!



Pete Cahn and Family

They included former camper/staff **Kevin '06** and **Joey '07 Molfetta** and former camper **Kyle Cahn '10**. They all enjoyed the dedication of the new Wangan Room to Pete's father, **Andy Cahn '48**. What a day! What a camp!



Rettinger book

Dave Rettinger '79, professor at the University of Tulsa, has recently published a book! *The Opposite of Cheating: Teaching for Integrity in the Age of A.I.*, co-authored with Tricia Bertram Gallant, is available for order through the University of Oklahoma Press.

Will Gluck '81 has a new movie! *One Night Only* will open in theatres on August 7. Will asks that we give the staff that night off, in order to boost ticket sales.

Philip Neuwirth '81 reports that his son, Leo, is a competitive fencer.

Jay Dater '87 is a teacher of TESOL and history at a high school in Silver Spring, MD. He is married to a fellow employee

and school librarian Christina Talbott, and they have a wonderful daughter, Holly, who is 10-years-old.

Sammy Politziner '87, a proud alum of The University of Michigan, traveled to Indianapolis, IN to watch his Michigan



Sammy Politziner

Wolverines defeat the UConn Huskies 69-63 in the NCAA men's championship game. After the game, despite the late rally that pulled UConn to within three points of Michigan, Sammy reportedly said, "I never had a doubt. Like Keewaydin, Michigan is a champion!"

James Hare '95, Ian Bayliss '14, and Carlos Spigel '07 defeated **Will Hanson '11, Peter Lindholm '15** and **Pete Hare '59** in the annual Fall Colors touch football game in October! It is rumored that Pete Hare threw a "pick-6" to seal the fate of his squad!



(L to R) James Hare, Ian Bayliss and Carlos Spigel; bottom row Will Hanson, Peter Lindholm and Pete Hare

Daria Carden '99 visited **Mig '67** and **Elise '19 Oppenheimer** on the

way home from camp. She had a fancy outdoor pizza with some local DC folks, **James Day '11, Noah Mendelsohn '08** and **Steph Sack '90**.

Abe Freiden '00 and his wife, Carly, welcomed their first child on October 18: Ruby Ophelia Freidin. Baby and mother are healthy and happy. They look forward to having Ruby attend Songa in the 2030s!



Nice Family

Exciting news for **Jake Nice '00** and his wife, Audrey Hiltunen, and their two-year-old son, William – Eleanor Kathryn Rosemary Nice was born on December 17, 2025, weighing 7lbs 9oz. Her arrival made the holiday season extra special! They are already starting the planning for Songa in 2034!

Every spring, **Sam Brakeley '02** and his friends and family have a tradition of "pond skimming." What exactly is "pond skimming?" Take a look at this photo of Sam and use your imagination!



Sam Brakeley

Julian Danziger '04, and his wife, Sarah DeLozier Danziger, had their first child, George Schulte Danziger. Grandparents, Lucy and **James Danziger P'02**, are over the moon with their first grandchild!

Sam Brakeley '02 ran into **Ted Dunakin '88**, his Wilderness trip leader from when he was a camper—who he hasn't seen in decades! Ted is the Director of Operations at Eastview Retirement Community in Middlebury, VT, and Sam is building a trail through the field and forest behind it, and voila! Where else would they meet up but in the great outdoors, which is more or less where they last saw each other 20 years ago!

Mike Moritz '04, coach of a little league baseball team in Jerusalem, Israel, had to evacuate his team from southern Israel where his team was competing in a tournament. There were many layers of complications involved in getting the kids back to Jerusalem and their families, due to the war with Iran, but Mike pulled it off. He attributed his preparedness for the situation to his training and experience as a Keewaydin staffman. "I realized Keewaydin tripping prepped me for this moment," Mike reported. "Keewaydin tripping and my staff experience taught me that it is



Mike Moritz

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critical to ensure the utmost safety
of the children and continually
assess a changing situation.”

When they safely made it back to
Jerusalem (after having to stop
twice due to missile fire), the reunion
of parents and their children was
characterized by high emotions
and tremendous gratitude.



Drew Sanger and Tomo Okomoto

Drew Sanger '05 has recently
relocated to New York City,
where he's working as a Senior
Associate in Research and
Content at The Rockefeller
Foundation. When he's not
scouting out new bagel or coffee
shops, you can usually find him
working on his darts game with
fellow Keewaydineesi **Tomo
Okamoto '01**.

Michael Tessler '05, CEO
and founder of Multi House
Entertainment, interviewed
Pete Hare on his podcast “Making
Impact.” Pete is uncertain what
impact he made, but he had a
wonderful time talking about
camp with Michael!



Mike Tessler and Pete Hare



Gustavo, Ernesto and Jorge Toro

Jorge Toro (Baba) '05 has been
hiking a lot in Caracas with
his brothers, **Ernesto '10** and
Gustavo '06. On one occasion,
he and Ernesto took refuge in
a cave during a tropical shower
and ate PB&J's while
remembering camp.



**Warren
Giles '06**
and his wife
Saulé had
their first
child, a baby
girl named
Vaiva, born
February 8.

Giles Family

Chris Packs '08 moved to
Albuquerque, New Mexico,
where he has continued working
as a teacher. Before moving, he
was able to stop in New York
City and see some of his fellow
wilderness trippers from 2014—
Schuyler MacDonald '09,
Owen Hildreth '07 and **Matt
Bialosky '07**! Since arriving in
New Mexico, he has spent time
in the foothills of the Sandia
Mountains, a mountain range
to the east of Albuquerque.

He has also enjoyed the burnt yellow tinge of the Bosque (the forest ecosystem that runs along the Rio Grande) as they headed into fall, and its many walking and biking trails.



Ash and Tiffany Phillips

Ash Phillips '08 got married! He and his bride, Tiffany Phillips, tied the knot at Silchester Farm in England on March 15, 2026. There were many Keewaydineesi in attendance, including **Johnny '00** and **Melissa '16 Clore**, **Debbie** and **Scott McCurdy '91**, **Justin McKendry '13**, **Chris '96**, **Heather '05** and **Zach '09 Miller**, **Bill Souser '96** and **Jamie Nash '11**.



Phillips wedding

After earning degrees in Mathematics & Renaissance Studies from the College of the Holy Cross in 2023 and Applied Mathematics from Columbia Engineering in 2025,

Michael D'Agostino '11 is now Chief of Staff at a Manhattan-based media, finance, and hospitality venture, called Pubkey.

Will Hanson '11 drove up to Lake Willoughby in October, right when the leaves were changing colors, and hiked up one of the neighboring mountains. The lake was a beautiful blue, and you could see for miles in every direction—into Canada, New York, and even New Hampshire. After getting down all sweaty, he ran into the lake, which was very cold. Then he sat on the north beach while the sunset wrapped up the perfect adventure.

William Goldberg '12 completed the four-month U.S. Army Ranger School on October 31. He credits Keewaydin for helping him through the rigorous course: “Not only did my time at camp play a role in inspiring me to join ROTC in college, and to commission as an active-duty infantry officer afterwards, but it helped me graduate Ranger School, the Army’s premier small unit tactics and leadership school, in very practical ways.” During the “swamp phase” when he and his fellow soldiers learned about waterborne operations, William was able to put his canoeing skills to great use. He had this to

say about the experience: “Most young American men, I learned at Ranger School, even ones who enjoy the outdoors, know nothing about paddling in a boat.... I made sure to put myself at the stern of my Zodiac. I knew I’d be able to help more with controlling the boat from the back. The other boats needed help. They’d be zig-zagging from one side of the river to the other, unable to avoid branches and sandbars by staying in the deep middle....

Not my boat, though. Maybe I came off as a little bit too nerdy, but I explained sweeping, drawing, and prying, and of course, I myself used the K-Stroke.”



William Goldberg

Jesse MacDonald '12 has taken a position with Sierra Rescue International (SRI), an outdoor education company specializing in Wilderness Medicine and Swiftwater Rescue training. SRI is similar to Solo from Keewaydin’s WFA training, but SRI primarily provides high tier training for military groups, firefighters, search and rescue teams, whitewater guides, and

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government agencies. Jesse leads the operations side of the business.



Jonah O'Neil

Jonah O'Neil '12 caught this smallmouth bass on Cuba Lake in New York, and is already counting down the days until he's back at Lake Dunmore!



Oliver and Henry Bijur

A cool adventure that both **Oliver '14** and **Henry '14 Bijur** did with their family after camp was the Tour du Mont Blanc. It is roughly a 110-mile trail around Mont Blanc through many valleys and mountain passes in France, Switzerland and Italy.



Zach Rose and Taryn Gluck

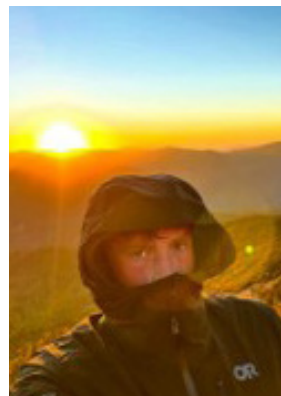
Zach Rose '14 is spending the spring semester studying in Copenhagen. Songa staff **Taryn Gluck '14** and Keewaydin alumnus **Jonah Liberman '13** are in the same program!

Rafi Shalabi '14 is currently in flight training and had an amazing flight in the fall. He was on a cross-country flight from New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport to Melbourne-Orlando International Airport and got to dodge some super cool cloud formations to make it back safely! It started raining on approach back into Melbourne and he saw a rainbow from the sky! Outside of academics, he has been getting outside for some rock climbing! In the fall he went on trips to Sandrock in Alabama, Foster Falls in Tennessee, and Rocktown in Georgia!



Rafi Shalabi

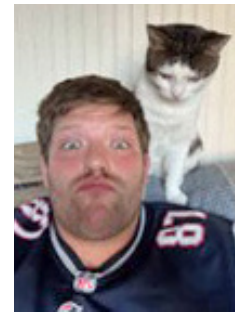
Pip Booth '15 is spending junior year of college abroad in Shanghai. It's been great so far, and he has done some traveling to other parts of China.



Andrew Cochran

Andrew Cochran '15 has been completing the ADK 46 high peaks in New York.

Peter Lindholm '15 has been hard at work at JFK Elementary School in Winooski, VT, and as a graduate student at UVM. One cool thing he has done is get a cat! His name is Casey and he can't wait to learn to canoe.



Peter Lindholm

This spring semester **Danny Ruano '15** decided to study abroad in Budapest, Hungary. It was his first ever time in Europe and he has loved every second of it. So far, he has visited Prague in the Czech Republic and Krakow in Poland. He's been doing his best to be a traveler and not a tourist, whether that's going where the locals eat, having conversations with locals or going to see local sporting events. He plans to visit many more countries in the following months, especially those with Keewaydin staff who live there!



Danny Ruano



Tucker Haun and Rex Corkins

Rex Corkins '16 started college at Dartmouth and did his "first year trip."

He went canoeing in

Maine on Lake Umbagog (shout out Rangely and Androscoggin)! He joined the Ledyard Canoe Club and took a day trip with them to kayak the Hartland Rapids on the Connecticut River, the same spot where Keewaydin runs day trips! He also saw fellow staffman **Tucker Haun '15** when he visited Hanover!

JD Thiede '20 is a junior at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC, where he enjoys playing rugby.



Henry Petrow and Emil Tadlock

Henry Petrow '22 and Emil Tadlock '22 played against each other in a basketball game this winter. At the game's

conclusion, friendship eclipsed competition and the two friends had time to hang out a bit!



Open House in Santa Monica

A great group of former and current campers were on hand for an Open House held at the home of Parker Sellers and Sabra Gandhi P'24 in Santa Monica, CA. Rohan Sellers '24, Rocco Buhler '21, Reed Sikowitz '16, Pete Hare '59, Leo Margolis '17, Frisco Feuerstein '16 and Remy Buhler '23 attended the gathering to support Keewaydin and Songa. Frisco and Leo will be members of the Keewaydin staff this summer!

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Eddie Dobson '46 passed away peacefully with family by his side on April 30 at the age of 91. A celebration of life will be held at Keewaydin on August 30, 2026. As the news of his passing came when the *Kicker* was ready to go to press, a more complete accounting of the life and times of Eddie Dobson at Keewaydin will appear in the Fall *Kicker*.

David Barry Holst '49 passed away on December 26, 2025. David was a camper at Keewaydin from 1949-1953. In his obituary, his son, Chris, wrote, "He enjoyed the memories of his childhood summers spent at Keewaydin, a summer camp for boys in Vermont, where he excelled in sailing and marksmanship."

Dan Jones '53 passed away at the age of 81 on March 31, 2025. He was a camper in Moos in 1958 and a member of the Wiantinaug staff in 1961-1962.

John "Jack" Glennie '55 passed away on October 26, 2025. He was a camper from 1955-1958 and joined the staff in 1959. His career included working as Chief Economist in Food and Drug Administration and as an economic and management consultant in areas of public policy, economic development, international management and litigation support. He taught as adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and served as adjunct and full-time faculty in US graduate schools of business.

Nat Hutner '57 passed away on September 1, 2025. Nat was a camper from 1958-1962 and later joined the Keewaydin Foundation Board.

Scott MacLachlan '68 passed away on July 29, 2025. Scott was a camper from 1968-70, a Wilderness Tripper in 1971 and returned to serve on the staff in Waramaug and Moosalamoo in the 1970s. He was a big man, whose physical size was matched by his personality, sense of humor and his big heart. Larry Jones '62, who knew him as a camper and staff, remembers him as someone you loved to have on a trip—"good natured, cheerful, hard-working and a great baker!" After retiring as a veterinarian, Scott reconnected with Keewaydin, helping the KEEC program for several seasons, and running staff training workshops and exploration activities with campers during the summer at Keewaydin. Tim Tadlock, the KEEC Director, says of Scott, "He saw the world for what it could be, what it should be. He tried through every endeavour to embody the tenant 'Help the Other Fellow' and believed strongly that the



Scott MacLachlan

saying, 'Leave Your Campsite Better Than You Found It' was a metaphor for how we should live our lives on this Earth. He truly left this Earth a better place than when he arrived upon it." Scott made his mark at Keewaydin and he will be remembered!

Dan Jacobs '70 passed away on December 23, 2025. Dan was a camper in 1970-71 and later joined the Waramaug staff for two summers.

Tom Davidson '77 passed away at the age of 85. Tom was the camp doctor at Keewaydin from 1977-1981, following in the footsteps of other Princeton University physicians, Doc McPhee and Doc Mather.

Ed Barr 'P87, Keewaydin parent and grandparent, and great supporter of the Keewaydin Foundation, passed away on February 13 at the age of 89. Ed's sons, Chris and Andrew, were campers spanning 1987-1997. Ed's grandson Callum attended Keewaydin in 2023, while grandson Owen will be a Wiantinaug camper this summer. Says son Chris, "He was always so proud of his relationship with Keewaydin, from the first time Waboos visited our house in New Jersey when I was a kid, and of what it gave to me and Andrew and then Callum and Owen. He was thrilled when my boys started coming to Keewaydin and the first thing he would say to Owen in late July or early August was 'tell me about what you did at Keewaydin this summer.'"

Alumni Family Weekend - on Lake Dunmore

August 27-30, 2026

Jump back into the full camp experience – paddle, hike, play, sing, and relax. Rekindle old memories, make new ones, and share the joy of Keewaydin and Songadeewin with your family.
We look forward to seeing you there!



Learn more and register
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On Sunday, August 30 at 11:00 a.m.
at the Wiantinaug Circle on the
Keewaydin Dunmore campus.

We will celebrate the life of beloved staffman Eddie Dobson.



Come with your best Eddie stories! A buffet luncheon will follow the celebration.



Keewaydin Foundation 2026 Calendar

April 13	Board of Trustees Meeting & Alumni Reception, NYC
April 19 - June 5	KEEC Spring Season
June 5 - 7	John Watson Work Weekend in Vermont
June 21 - August 12	133 rd Season for Keewaydin Temagami
June 19 - 23	Ojibway Family Lodge Work Party
June 28 - August 22	117 th Season for Keewaydin Dunmore
June 28 - August 22	28 th Season for Songadeewin on Lake Dunmore
June 26 - August 31	103 rd Season for Ojibway Family Lodge
July 9 - 12	Alumni Family Reunion on Lake Temagami
July 17 - 19	Midseason at Keewaydin Temagami
July 25 - 26	Midseason at Keewaydin Dunmore & Songadeewin
August 1 - 2	Board of Trustees Meeting on Lake Dunmore
August 2	Islander Potluck Dinner at Ojibway Family Lodge
August 10	Paddle-In at Keewaydin Temagami
August 27 - 30	Alumni Family Weekend on Lake Dunmore
September 7 - October 16	KEEC Fall Season
October 19	Board of Trustees Meeting & Alumni Reception, NYC

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