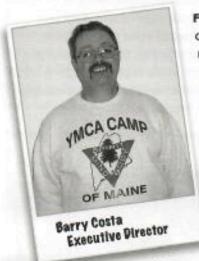




## Greetings from the YMCA Camp of Maine



From the Director: The 2005
camping season was one to be
remembered, as we celebrated our 90th Camping Season.
The YMCA Camp of Maine is
one of the oldest resident
camps in the state of Maine.
Founded in 1915 by "Uncle
Jeff Smith," (originally
called the "Camp of Character.") The YMCA Camp of
Maine has continued its'
proud heritage by
applying the core values

of Respect, Caring, Honesty and Responsibility in a quality camping program for those who attend.

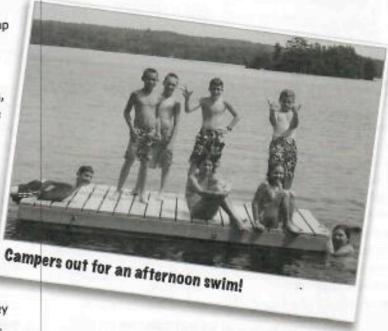
The YMCA Camp of Maine continued to improve facilities by adding a new dish washing machine in the kitchen, new compressor and fan system for the refrigeration system, along with converting to an instant hot water supply source. We also re-shingled a roof on the Somerset Lodge. Before camp opened in the spring more than 400 man hours were provided painting, replacing a porch on the health center and general clean- up of the camp grounds with the help of Volunteers of America. The YMCA Camp added a new to us, ski-boat. During the summer, we were fortunate to receive a gift in order to place a new motor on our boat. This past fall an alumnus donated the use of a front end loader for two weeks. We are very thankful for the support we received in 2005 from our "friends and supporters" of camp. Without their support many of the improvements and program equipment would not be available.

One of the most difficult things to do as a camp director is to say good-bye to campers and staff who will not be returning the next year. Many campers and staff have attended camp for four or five years or more and they have become "family." That's what makes camp so special.

On the flip side it's great to welcome returning campers and staff along with the new campers and staff who come to camp for the first time. It's recruiting time for camp. I am excited about the returning staff along with the new staff members I have already interviewed who will be joining us this summer. We have heard from many returning campers as registrations have been coming in daily. Camp enrollment is ahead of last year, so if you haven't registered yet I would recommend you register soon!

The YMCA Camp administration and staff will strive to provide a positive and safe camp experience for current and future campers who attend this historic camp. We look forward to serving you in our 91st camping year! Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns you may have.

See you this camping season, Barry Costa Executive Director



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## YMCA Camp Wish List

Many times we are asked. What does the camp need? We thought we would put some needed items in writing to all so that if someone wanted to purchase or donate something to camp they could. Remember the YMCA Camp of Maine is a 501c organization so individuals can receive a tax donation deduction when they donate to camp. Check out those attics, basements, garages and storage sheds. You may have something you are not using anymore and can donate it to camp.

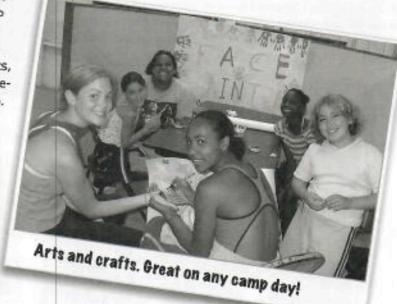
We are in need of the following: We will be happy to accept donated items as long as they are in good working order.

Sunfish or similar type of sail boats ( \$2,500 new)
Canoes or Kayaks
Life Jackets
Board Games – (for rainy day programming)
Tables & Metal Chairs for the Auditorium

Pottery Wheels – could use 1 or 2 (\$250.00 new)

Sports Equipment – softball - gloves, bats, tennis rackets, street hockey sticks etc.

Good used furniture - Chairs, tables, bean bag chairs, etc.



Hope to see you this summer, "where It's Always 72 Degrees & Sunny!"