



The Pine Cone

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Greetings from the YMCA Camp of Maine



Barry Costa
Executive Director

From the Director: The 2007 camping season has ended. Camp opened with a local birthday party on May 12th. Our last event was held October 14th with a retreat. Sandwiched in between was one of the busiest summers camp has ever had. We had 22 different groups, organizations or individual wedding groups use our facility this year. The camp program itself

served more than 700 different camp-

ers including campers from Spain, Canada, Mexico, Morocco, Italy, along with a host of States and towns and of course Maine. For the first time in several years our camp operated at capacity for two weeks serving 220 campers all at one time. I am pleasantly surprised to see how the YMCA Camp of Maine can be used by so many different groups for so many different functions. We are doing our best to be a community resource for so many individuals and groups.

There is also more excitement to talk about as the State YMCA Board of Directors has kicked off a capital campaign for renovating all of our camp facilities. The campaign is called the "Director's Campaign." The campaign is under the direction of a Capital Steering Committee made up of Board Members, Alumni and Volunteers. Every dollar raised will go to benefit the YMCA Camp. The campaign goal is \$ 1 Million Dollars. The campaign has already raised \$ 250,000 and we are just finishing our first year. Several capital improvements have taken place thanks to the generosity of many alumni and friends. We have the new "Fuller Multi Sports Complex" which features **three new tennis and two new basketball courts**. We have refurbished the "Chapel in the Pines" and dedicated it to our recently deceased and long time board member **Norm Temple and his wife Barbara**.

The waterfront sports a new "aluminum dock system" graciously supported from the **Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation**. New roofs have been installed on the Library and Somerset Lodge. The Auditorium will be re-shingled later this fall. There will be other much needed upgrades made such as new and modern shower facilities, cabin improvements, along with mechanical and electrical upgrades to many of the camp buildings. The camp road needs to be completely rebuilt. You can view our total capital campaign brochure by going to **www.maineypcamp.org** and click on the "Director's Campaign" icon. I would encourage you to donate to this very worthwhile and needed campaign. Please help us to keep the momentum going as we move into our next phase of improvements. The YMCA Camp of Maine has touched so many lives and has truly made an impact on the campers who have attended. This campaign deserves your support as the Y Camp of Maine continues to provide an experience that will truly last a lifetime.

See you this camping season,
Barry Costa
Executive Director



The new docks are a hit!

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YMCA Camp Wish List

The Y Camp is always in need of items that are still in good condition without missing parts. The Y camp is a 501c3 organization so individuals can receive a tax deduction on items donated. Check out those basements, attics, garages and storage sheds. You may have something you are no longer using anymore and may want to donate it to the camp.

Here is a list of items the camp could readily use:

- Sunfish or similar type of sail boats (\$ 2,800.00 new)
- Canoes or Kayaks
- Life jackets
- Board games
- Tables & Chairs for the Auditorium
- Pottery Wheels could use 1 or 2 (\$ 280.00 new)
- Sports Equipment – softball gloves, bats, tennis rackets, street hockey sticks etc.
- Good used furniture – Chairs, Tables, Chester Draws, etc.
- Boston Whaler in good condition for a chase boat for our sailing program.



Teen Adventure Camp headed for the Alagash.

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

Individuals who have questions
or need additional information

ONLINE
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