



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:

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| Sunfish or similar type of sail boats (\$ 2,800.00 new) | Two Way Radios |
| Canoes or Kayaks | Life Jackets |
| Board games | Sports Equipment |
| Tables & Chairs for the Auditorium | Water Skis |
| Pottery Wheels could use 1 (\$ 800.00 new) | |
| Good used furniture – Chairs, Tables, Chester Draws, etc. | |

The camp would like to thank:

Dan Eubank for the new Pottery Wheel.
 Joe & Sue Cyr for donating 10 kayaks, paddles & life jackets

**HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER,
 “WHERE IT’S ALWAYS 72 DEGREES & SUNNY!”**



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A newsletter for members and volunteers of the Y



Greeley High School High School held their **Project Graduation** celebration here in June. We welcomed back the “**Onward Bound Program**” from the University of Maine, Orono. Schools attending camp in the spring and fall for overnights were **Hill View Montessori School MA, Park Elementary, Sherwood Heights and Walton Elementary** from Auburn and the **Windsor School**. The **Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed** held two weeks of Environmental Day Camp. The YMCA Camp was the catalyst for training staff to work in other camps by offering a **Certification School**, covering trainings in **Basic Wilderness First Aid, CPR/First Aid and Archery**.

We are very thankful to the **Maine Army National Guard 136th Engineering** as they spent two weeks of training at the YMCA Camp in May which resulted in the complete refurbishing of our girl’s village cabins and female bathroom/shower facility. This completes our remodeling of the girl’s side of camp. Many returning campers were delighted to see their cabins and bathrooms completely remodeled. This project could not have **(con’t on next page)**

FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Barry Costa

The 2014 camping season officially ended October 19, 2014. Camp opened on April 21, 2014 with a four day nature camp, sponsored by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed. Our last event was a wedding held on October 18th. **Once again we have been able to stretch out the time camp has stayed open.** Y Camp continues to serve a variety of groups and organizations. We served 34 different groups, organizations or individual wedding groups at our facility this year. The camp program itself served more than 600 individual campers including campers from France, Spain, Canada, China, Italy, Germany, Saipan, Scotland, Netherlands and Mexico; along with a host of States and towns, and of course, children from Maine. Some sessions filled to capacity and we had to turn campers away, so don’t wait to reserve your child’s spot by applying on line **January 1, 2015**. It is exciting 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.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!!!!!!

The YMCA Camp of Maine will be celebrating 100 Years of service in 2015. The celebration committee has chosen Saturday, August 1, 2015, for a formal recognition day. More information will be forthcoming, so watch for this exciting news!!!



2015 CAMPING SEASON

Registration for 2015 opens January 1, 2015. This past year enrollment was up and several of our sessions were full. We would encourage you to register early. It is really easy to register on line. Just go to our web site **maineycamp.org** and click on the register for camp link. Follow the directions and you will have your place reserved the very day you register!

FROM THE DIRECTOR... (con’t.)

been completed in such short time frame without the National Guard’s help! The capital improvements are all part of the campaign 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 so far has gone to benefit the YMCA Camp. The campaign goal has exceeded \$1.2 Million Dollars. There is still more to do. The next phase will be completed with project funding support. The board has identified several projects and will solicit funds to complete each project selected. I would like to invite each of you to participate in this phase of the campaign. All donations count, it doesn’t matter how small, in the end every dollar will go to improving the camp facilities for the next generation of campers. You can view our total capital campaign brochure by going to our website at **maineycamp.org** and click on the “**Director’s Campaign**” link. I would encourage you to donate to this **very worth while** and needed campaign; especially when your child can benefit from the upgrades if they are made while he or she is at camp. Please help us to

keep the momentum going as we move into our next phase of improvements. **Won’t you please consider a gift to this very important campaign?** Any and all size donations are important as we continue with this very important capital improvement program. 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!



2014 BOY & GIRL CAMPER OF THE YEAR!

There were some exciting debates held this year before one boy and one girl were chosen as camper of the year. Each session one girl and one boy are chosen as camper of the session. At the end of summer camp staff select one boy and one girl from the ones chosen from each session to be camper of the year. Each camper of the year is recognized with a miniature canoe paddle that is engraved with their name on it. Another paddle with their name and year is mounted on the dining hall wall.

2014 Nominees – Camper of the Session:

- Session 1:** Anne-Sophie Bard (F) & Yusuf Buxmusa (M)
- Session 2:** Sarah Nadler (F) & Michael Munkwitz (M)
- Session 3:** Anne Griffin (F) & Machar Nguany (M)
- Session 4A:** Juliette Maltais (F) & Louis-Francois Maltais (M)
- Session 4B:** Rose Jones (F) & Paige Evans (F) & William Santacroce (M)

Congratulations to all the nominees and also to the Campers of the Year! We look forward to their return in 2015.

2014 Campers of the Year:

Sarah Nadler (F) & William Santacroce (M)



CALLING ALL ALUMNI

Our Alumni family continues to grow. New alumni registrations have been entered. Have you registered as an alumni on our alumni page yet? What are you waiting for? What a great opportunity to re-connect with a fellow camper or staff. By registering as alumni you also stay connected with camp. Camp alumni are very important to the health and well being of the total camp operation. Each summer the Y Camp has an alumni reunion day. This celebration has gained momentum for the past three years. What a great opportunity to return to camp and get reacquainted with campers and staff from years past. Robert Acheson, a former staff member and alumni, painted a night scene showing the dining hall. Different sized prints and cards, can be purchased on line. The painting can be viewed on our website maineycamp.org and orders can be placed through the YMCA Camp office at 207-395-4200. Camp was such an important part of many campers and staff lives. Why not get re-connected?



2014 EARLY BIRD CONTEST WINNER!

We would also like to congratulate **Meredith Pease** and **Nikola Dobric** for being the early bird winners of a new iPod nano music card from the YMCA Camp of Maine. Meredith & Nikola names were drawn from all campers who registered and paid in full before **March 15, 2014**. Hope you enjoy your new iTunes gift card Meredith and Nikola. Watch the web site for a similar contest in 2015.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The YMCA Camp Annual drive for Camp Scholarships is always in need of your support. The YMCA Camp had more scholarship requests this year and the Y Camp was unable to provide as much scholarship support in 2014. The Y Camp has always provided scholarship support for families of campers in need and will continue to do so. Scholarship support may be reduced in order to serve all the families in need.

The YMCA Camp has been the recipient of the Candace Beesley Jameson Scholarship fund since 2006. Two campers are selected annually to receive a full one week camp experience in Candace Beesley's memory.



This year the Cobboossee Yacht Club renewed the Herman Boas scholarship for a needy camper.

The Y Camp is always appreciative and willing to accept donations for our scholarship program. Campers who need support should contact the YMCA Camp office for a scholarship application. You can contact the office by e-mail or call direct at (207) 395-4200.

WEBSITE UPDATE

We will be launching a new re-designed website in 2015. The site will be built using current modern design and code implementations called "responsive design". Responsive design takes a mobile first approach to the information, visual presentation, and functional usage of various elements such navigation, links, buttons, photo galleries, and other interactive elements. The overall design and information structure available to users on mobile devices or smaller screens allows users to find what they need quickly, yet allowing larger monitor resolutions to see more of the visual appeal available on larger screens.

Registration for 2015 opens January 1, 2015. We have had many inquiries as to when campers can enroll. This past year enrollment was up and several of our sessions were full. We would encourage you to register early. It is really easy to register on line. Visit our web site at maineycamp.org and click on the register for camp link. Follow the directions and you will have your place reserved the very day you register!

Once again, interested staff will be able to apply for a position on line. Sign onto our website and go to the employment link. The YMCA Camp Job Application will appear. Fill it out and send it electronically to the Y Camp Office.

Individuals who have questions or need additional information can e-mail the camp at info@maineycamp.org.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Give a child a Christmas present that lasts a life time, a camp experience at the YMCA Camp of Maine!

MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS & MATCHING GIFTS

The 2014 camping season had a helping hand from a group of Ladies Auxiliaries, VFW Posts, American Legion Posts and Elks Ladies Post throughout the state of Maine. We are very grateful to the following list of Posts and Individuals for their contributions helping to sponsor 46 military campers:

VFW Posts:

- Boardman-Ellis # 6977 - York Beach
- Boyd Smith # 9779 - Calais
- Deering Memorial # 6859 - Portland
- Gauvin Fowler Tupper/LA # 3381 - Old Town
- Harvell-Bishop # 7865 - Madison
- Post # 11032 - Greene
- Sanford/Springvale # 9935
- Webber-Memorial # 9526 - Winthrop
- William/Pembroke # 139 - Harrison

American Legion Contributions:

- Auxiliary C Fayette Staples Unit # 57 - Old Orch. Beach
- Elks Ladies # 905 - Waterville
- Frank L. Mitchell # 3335- Livermore Falls
- Post # 1 - Rockland
- Thomas Cole # 19 - Sanford

Individual Donors:

- Barbara Peters
- Fullers Tree Service/Todd Fuller
- Pamela Sampson
- Malcolm & Diane Little

Ladies Auxiliaries to the VFW Posts:

- Post # 7865 - Madison
- Post # 6187 - Fort Fairfield
- Shirley B Carter Post # 4298 - Dexter
- William B Doughty # 5723 - Jackman



NEW "ADOPT A CABIN"

In an effort to provide a perpetual care fund for the newly remodeled cabins, the YMCA Camp Board of Directors has introduced a program called "Adopt A Cabin." For an annual donation, you can help support the camp by providing the necessary maintenance materials, and interior furnishings to keep the cabins in tip top shape. Donors will be recognized by having a canoe paddle with their name or their family's name attached. We already have ten cabins adopted. Please contact our administration office for additional information. Don't wait too long as there are only a limited number of cabins left to be adopted!



Cabin Sponsors:

- Dennis Ring
- H. Allen & Dianne Ryan (2 Cabins)
- Hartley Palleschi
- Hayden Marshall Inman
- James & Persephone Ditzel (2 Cabins)
- Matt Caires
- Ray Cook CPA
- Smart Eye Care



BOARD MEMEBER OPENINGS

The Board of Directors have announced there are several openings on the Board of Directors for the Y Camp. If interested, please contact the Executive Director at 207-395-4200. This is a great opportunity to give back to the Y Camp or to help the Y Camp move into the future.