

THE *Fun Times*

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From the Director's Desk

Debbie and I can't wait for the summer to begin, we are very busy planning and organizing for the coming 2005 season. Right now Camp Fairs, speaking engagements and raising money is a big part of our week. Many of our sessions are filling up fast. This year we have many new campers coming to Camp Allen.

You will be excited to know that we have received a large donation to continue the repairs and upgrades to the camp. Cogswell Benevolent Trust, located in Manchester gave the camp over \$31,000. We have already purchased accessible docks for the pond (fishing and bird watching will be part of our schedule this coming summer!). Some of our Lions friends are building a new deck on the office and widening the door so it will be accessible to all!!

We have also received a generous donation of \$10,100 from

the Diocese of Manchester to support a new vocational program we are starting this summer. We are hoping to work with a local high school to employ young students to help with laundry, kitchen, pool, day camp, gardening, camp store etc.

We are very proud of our new brochure...many thanks to the campers who agreed to have their photos used! Please don't forget to pick one up this summer.

Mary

Sessions Filling Up Quickly

We are not quite sure what is going on this year but we have closed Session 3, our one to one session and Session 4 is close to being full! Because of all the snow days we have decided to open up session 1A to both children and adults. If you have not yet sent in your application we ask that you do so soon to save a spot! The reasons we may be filling up so quickly this year is because of the closure of two camps in the area that provide similar camping experiences. **AND BECAUSE CAMP ALLEN IS THE BEST PLACE TO BE** and word has gotten out!!

Summer Staff 2005

Many of our staff from 2003 and 2004 are returning this coming summer! Campers will be happy to see Nicole, Anne Marie, Ronald, Meghan, Kayla, Ali, Natasha, and Joanna all return. Also Lon, our deejay will be back, as well as Chris, our happy maintenance guy!

Anne Marie Donovan from Ireland will return as the Assistant Camp Director, she has been working in a school for children with Autism this past year.

Meghan Dunham from Nova Scotia and Kayla Bouchard, from Goffstown will share the duties of Program Managers this summer. Meghan is attending college and working two jobs, one of them in a group home. Kayla is attending Ithaca College.

We have hired Ann Marie Wellman as our Day Camp Manager. Ann Marie is a teacher, music therapist and was a camp director for many years in Connecticut. We are very excited to have her on board. Corey, Gregg, and Allison are all returning to Day Camp this coming summer.

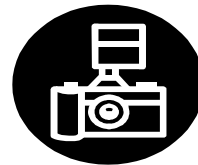
We have hired Perrin Long, the Chair of the Culinary Arts Department at Southern New Hampshire University to head the Food Service Department. Paul, last year's cook, will not be returning but promises to visit.

We have hired several new staff from the following countries: Madagascar (do you believe it!), Thailand, Taiwan, Paraguay, Mexico, Australia, and Jamaica.



NEW ITEMS IN OUR CAMP STORE

This year our camp store will be open more often!! Besides selling shirts and hats we will also include souvenir items like stuffed animals, goodies, cameras, and flashlights. We will also have those personal items you may forget to pack available. If any of you have ideas for items you may want to see in the store, please let Debbie or Mary know.



Focus on our Board of Directors

In December the Board of Directors of Camp Allen elected new members to serve in Executive positions as well as new directors. Our new President is Jean Lemire of the Manchester Lions Club. Continuing as Secretary is J. Peter Griffin of the Boston Kiwanis and Deno Mokas as Treasurer. Larry Levine of the Boston Kiwanis is 1st Vice President. New members to the Board of Directors are Bonnie St. Jean of the Manchester Lions and Frank Meanor, Jr. a Boston educator and lawyer. A big thank you to Tom Aites, outgoing president.

Check out our website at

www.campallennh.org

Our thanks to Dick St. Jean of the Manchester Lions for all the work in bringing an up-to-date website to our staff, campers and families.

