

HE *Fun Times*

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From the Director's Desk

The summer season has ended and I am happy to report that we provided day and residential camping experiences to almost 600 campers this year! It was a very successful season.

In order to improve services for 2006, our 75th year of operation, we have sent out a camper satisfaction survey. Chosen at random, 62 campers received this survey. To date more than half of the surveys have been returned and we thank you for helping us to make improvements to Camp Allen!

I welcome any feedback about this past season. If you have suggestions on how we may improve our services I will welcome a call, an email or a visit. If you had a terrific time and want to let us know, we welcome that feedback also.

Camp is just about closed up for the season; I wish you could be here and listen to the quiet! I feel very blessed to have all that I do: time with campers and counselors in the summer, planning and raising funds in the fall and winter, the excitement of opening camp in the spring. And I sit at my desk and watch the seasons change each year. I am very lucky indeed! Deb and I wish all of you a bountiful season of gratitude and the best for the holiday and winter season. If you have questions and want to chat, don't hesitate to call.

Mary

LOST AND FOUND

Each summer we try to make sure that our campers leave with all their clothes and belongings! We haven't figured out a system that works 100% of the time yet. At the end of the season all unmarked clothing is given to the shelter in Manchester. All marked clothing is in bags and will be returned next summer or sooner. If you have clothing that does not belong to you would you put it in a bag and mark it Camp Allen? You may call to let us know and bring it with you next summer. Next summer a counselor in each cabin will be assigned to oversee the packing of camper's belongings. If you have any suggestions we are very open to them!

Volunteers Needed

Mary is looking for a few campers, parents, caregivers and community members to meet late winter and early spring to talk about camp and brainstorm on how to improve our services, if you are interested call 603-622-8471 or email at mary@campallennh.org

Camper and Staff Updates

Gary, Brooke, Val and Siobhan are volunteering at camp this fall and winter.

Mel from Day Camp picks up mail once a week and delivers it to the post office for us, she also will run other errands as needed.

Meghan from Canada broke her foot and had to return home earlier than planned. I am happy to tell you that although it has taken a bit of time, she is on the mend.

Stacy from Russia as well as Fady from Egypt are getting all their paperwork done in order to return next summer.

Three of our nurses have already signed up for summer 2006: Cindi, Jenn and Pam will return next summer.

Some of our Shoot for the Moon staff are definitely returning: Autumn and Yaum will be counselors and Kevin and Perry want to be Moon Shooters again!

Mary received the Exceptional Parent Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award at the Fisher Cats game on August 31. If you get EP magazine check out the December issue! Thank you to the Shaughnessy Group of Mass Mutual for the nomination.

Nicole and Dimitry were married at Camp Allen on August 27th the day after camp ended.

Check out new photos on our website and watch for more changes!

www.campallennh.org

Are you an aspiring artist?

We are looking for a new design for our t-shirts, hats and other clothing. If your design is chosen you will receive a t-shirt in each color and a hat. Please submit designs by mail by January 1, 2006. Send your entry directly to camp. You will be notified if your design is chosen by February 1, 2006.

Camp Allen Facility Updates

When you return to camp next summer you will be happy to see that all of the buildings will be painted! We were very lucky to have 25 wonderful volunteers come to camp in September for the United Way Day of Caring. These folks gave Flynn, Foster, Seabee and Ida a good second coat of paint and sealed all the ramps in the upper camp.

Spring 2006 we will be having several clean up and paint days in anticipation of our opening on June 12 for training.

MISSING: Apple Laptop in black bag, last seen in the dining hall before camp ended.. This was a donation from PDI Creative. This laptop may only be used to show a short program about the camp to donors.

Always do what you say you are going to do. It is the glue and fiber that binds successful relationships.

J.A. Timmons

