

THE ALUMNAE CIRCLE

ONAWAY

FALL



2009

OWLES OUTCOMES – Trip of a Lifetime?



2009 OWLES prepare for rock climbing.

“The effect that OWLES had on me was enormous. I was one of the shyest girls back when I was a camper. I cringed at the idea of speaking in front of a group of people, and I liked following much more than leading. During OWLES I was given the support I needed to reach outside of my comfort zone. It was through this group experience that I realized I could do a lot of things on my own. I found out what it was like to have a voice that was heard within a large group of people. And I discovered that it was OK to take risks and make mistakes. This leads to new learning and discovering.”

Allie Keen was a member of the first OWLES group in 1993. She went from being that shy camper to a much-loved counselor for 5 summers and she now teaches 2nd grade. Allie says “I still use and think about what I learned as an OWLE with my 2nd grade class at school. We learn to communicate with each

other in a respectful, meaningful and effective way. This is one of the most important life skills.”

Onaway began the “Onaway Wilderness Leadership Experience” (OWLE) in 1993 as a way to give girls a summer between being a camper and being an aide. The goals of the program are to expand on the outdoor skills already learned at camp and to grow strong positive leadership abilities. OWLES has been run each summer since it began, making the summer of 2010 its 18th. As a result, many of Onaway’s counselors have been OWLES and the skills these women gained make them excellent counselors, strengthening the experiences of the campers each summer.

Emily Roth said of her OWLE trip in 1999: “I view that month as nothing but a positive experience. The different sections and challenges were a great way to move from the more dependent role

of being a camper to a more independent and self-directed form of adulthood. Being able to practice being a leader as well as a follower, with help and positive feedback readily available, was a great opportunity. Not to mention the trip was a great way to spend time with some of my best friends wandering the countryside.”

Sixteen is a great age for girls to engage in this kind of experience as they grow towards independence and self-sufficiency. It is a time in their lives when a lot of things are changing, bringing on varied emotions and the need for self-reflection. As it was for Laura McGinley, who says, “OWLES came at a really important time in my life. Just a few weeks before my OWLES trip, I was in a car accident and, although my injuries were minor enough that I could still go on OWLES, I had been badly shaken by the experience. It was the first time I realized how quickly everything in a person’s life can change, how things could go wrong that could not be rectified and how powerless I was to control my own life, and as a 16 year old that was really upsetting. The OWLES trip helped me feel self-sufficient and strong again. Watching a moose bathe in a pond at dawn on my solo, I felt the world was in balance. Doing OWLES helped me

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Fair Weekend:	July 17-18
Cup Weekend:	August 13-15



Packed up and ready to hike.

counteract my fears and live through a scary time with confidence.”

Recent OWLES frequently report how their leadership skills are helping them out at school and on their sports team. Lindsay Crevoiserat and Julia Bradshaw excel as Captains describing themselves as more confident leaders, who have learned how to incorporate both fun and seriousness while getting done the things they need to accomplish both on and off the field. Tyler Dillard says OWLES has taught her to push her own limits, setting high standards and achieving them. As a Senate page in Washington, DC Isabel Rollison used her 2008 OWLES experience to adapt in a stressful environment, make friends quickly and become a leader at work, which earned her the privilege of carrying the ballot box for the joint session of Congress to officially nominate then President-elect Obama. Meg Platt credits OWLES with giving her the confidence to attend college overseas, as well as a love of the outdoors and a thirst to explore the world.



Gourmet food in the wilderness!

The women who were OWLES earlier have had more time to incorporate what they learned into the direction their lives take. Many of them share a love and appreciation for wild spaces. Liz Clark spent part of this year hiking the length of the Appalachian Trail; Alex Hulme,

Gevvie Stone, Alida McIlvain and Abigail Clark each joined her for part of her journey. Hanna Greenlee has recently started an organization to raise money through music performances to conserve Block Island. Nici Ash Bohlmann, who led OWLES twice during its early years, “took on a move to Alaska in 1998 and spent 9 years working at an oil terminal loading super tankers.” She says, “Alaska is true wilderness and I used many of the skills I learned leading OWLES traveling the state, camping and enjoying the outdoors.” Her co-leader Liz Scribner went to Alaska for a Wilderness Leadership course and is still living in Anchorage today.

Annemarie Vocca was an OWLE in 1995. Since then she graduated from college with a degree in environmental education and outdoor leadership. She has taught environmental education in Switzerland and worked for the Appalachian Mountain Club. She led OWLES for three summers and then moved to Wyoming to teach at the National Outdoor Leadership School. Annemarie says, “Classrooms with walls and a roof overhead never had the same effect on me as being immersed outdoors.

I am so grateful for my summers at Onaway and believe whole heartedly that I am the person I am today because of the lessons Onaway taught me.”

Liz Lucarelli describes herself as still discovering the meaning of her first OWLES experience. She says on OWLES “I learned how capable, confident and emotionally and physically strong I am. Miss Liz Scribner made me realize that it was OK, and even acceptable, to integrate the wilderness into my personal and professional life.” Liz is now working at a therapeutic boarding school that not only invites, but encourages, the use of the outdoors.

Allie Burke lives in Western Maine not far from Lake Umbagog. She co-led the program in 2004. She wrote to tell us that “earlier this summer while boating on Lake Umbagog we passed the OWLES on their way down the river. How many times have I been in that exact moment, nervously laughing and anticipating the big waters of the rapids ahead of us? It was a bittersweet moment for me, since I so wished I was with them.”



OWLES prepare for the rapids.

Many others echo her sentiments as they consider the tremendous impact the program has had on their lives. Log onto the Onaway website to see more of the testimonials that there simply wasn't room to print here. □

Kate Graff McNierney

ONAWAY STAFF NEWS



Meredith Funston

We are pleased to welcome Meredith Funston in a new role at Onaway. Meredith has resigned her position on the Board of Trustees to become Onaway's Development Director. Although this is a part time position, Meredith will be a tremendous asset as we approach the Centennial. Meredith will be working on alumnae connections, fund raising, communications, and Centennial planning. Meredith is currently president of Meredith Funston, Executive Search Consultants. Her work with non-profits and her vast network of contacts make her a perfect complement to our development work at Onaway. Meredith also continues to be a strong supporter and Board member of the Circle Program. You can reach Meredith at mfunston@camponaway.org.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

We all know that Onaway stands out in particular ways, and she will in two short years stand out in one more way! The Board is presently focused on a most unusual opportunity to recognize that the dream of Onaway's founder ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO is alive and well and is as meaningful as it ever was. Mabel Hollister's Onaway has truly addressed girls' needs for generations. This is most remarkable when you consider how much has changed in that time. Our focus over the next few years will be to recognize and mark this milestone in the most appropriate way.

One way we will mark Onaway's 100 Years is with the publication of a history written by one of our own, Helen Stokes Greven. One of the original trustees of Camp Onaway in the 1960's, Helen has devoted the past ten years to researching and writing a fascinating story, full of memories, about how Onaway began and later survived when so many camps closed. In addition, we will honor Onaway's legacy with a weekend celebration at camp **August 19-21, 2011**. Everyone is welcome to join us for part or all of the weekend. I am writing to encourage **YOU** to put that weekend on your long-term calendar.

Why would you go to the Centennial? You haven't been back since you were a Topnot – why go back now? You went back to Camp once and felt awkward. You haven't kept up with your Onaway friends. How could you pick things up now? What if you went and no one from your generation was there? Or, even worse, what if they *were* there but didn't recognize you! What if everyone else was in their 20's? What if everyone else was in their 80's? Maybe your camp images are of sitting cross legged playing jacks on Woodland porch or squished into a counselor's cabin for Privilege. You're pretty sure your legs will not still twist into those configurations. Your hearing is not what it once was – you'll miss everything!

HAVE NO FEARS! The Centennial Planners are thinking about **YOU**. There will be chairs all over camp (even at the waterfront and atop Campfire Rock). There will be old photos to pore over, people who *long* to sing with *you* by their side, **NAMETAGS**, yummy food, campfires, flag line, the smell of the pines and the soft needles underfoot, the serenity of Chapel and the biggest Onaway Circle ever. Come back to Onaway because you can! Here is a perfect opportunity to reconnect with your formative years and perhaps find another piece to the puzzle of why you are who you are.

An enthusiastic group has already signed up to help get ready for the Centennial (always room for more!). Their names and others form the beginning of a list of people who have indicated they intend to be there in 2011 for this momentous celebration. This list is going to grow and I have the greatest hope that your name will be on it soon if it is not already (see below). We will publish the growing list in each newsletter until **August 19-21, 2011**, as well as on our website and new Facebook page.

YOU are an essential part of our plans and my purpose today is to invite you to take two steps. **1.** Inscribe the following wherever you must to ensure that you save the dates: **"AUGUST 19-21, 2011: BACK TO ONAWAY."** **2.** Call Regan Horike in the Onaway office- **(518) 443-0004** - and say, **"Regan, I am going to do my very best to come BACK TO ONAWAY August 19-21, 2011. Put my name on your list."** By taking this simple step, you will inspire your friends from days gone by to join you in rekindling the flames of your

Onaway years together. If you are so inclined, you are also most welcome to let Regan know about your interest in helping with the preparations. We will need lots of help to make this a special weekend!

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One farewell to my old Skytops buddy and inspiration, Anne **Legg** Reigeluth, who is stepping off the Board to give her full attention to her work in hospital chaplaincy (lucky them!). As head of our Long Range Planning Committee, Anne's clear headed thinking and wonderful sense of humor have enriched us all and we will miss her dearly.

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August 19-21, 2011. We're coming! Are You?

30s

Jane Ludlow Bowne

40s

Sally Brine Broderick
Anne Carter (Peck) Zadig,
Seton Lindsay O'Reilly
Helen Stokes Greven
Kay Francis Graff
Jane Johnson Kent
Elisabeth Waterworth
Russell
Carol Morgan Southall

50s

Ellie Stengel Fink

60s

Mary Park DeSalvo
Kathy Broderick Baird
Anne Peterson Conolly
Marilyn (Kim) Heller
Strong
Sally Jones Orr
Kathy Wilson Denby
Stephanie Smith Stein
Lisa Sarno
Rosemary Moukad
Phil and Liz Porter Hawkins
Laura Bemis Rollison
Meredith Funston
Mary Broderick
Ruthie Johnson Duckworth
Susie Mudge

70s

Rebecca Rice
Susan Jackson
Mary Finn Wood
Debi Jenkins Frankel
Betsy Haggett Moschella
Rick and Blakeley Brown
Crevoiserat

Marianne Noble and Family
Anne Scribner-Hopkins
Lucy M Mahaffey
Kate Graff McNierney
Pam Woods Mosdale

80s

Sue Hatch
Julie Raboin Willis
Laura Chisholm
Katherine Keen
Sophie Jacobi Parisi
Patty Rockensies
Alana Jones Dros
Anne Thompson

90s

Mo Leary
Angela Carini
Sarah Hindmarsh
Helen Gemmill
Paige McGinley
Liz Angney
Cynthia Gorman
Lauren Lanza
Elizabeth Lucarelli
Meredith Stein
Katie Jackson
Jane Shiverick
Allie Strawbridge
Sarah Quigley
Claire Nick

2000s

Lindsay Crevoiserat

Onaway Friends

Charlie Mezak
Mary Joyce
Carole and Ken Heuser
Fred and Linda Jackson
William and Mary Jackson
Elaine Carlson

ALUMNAE GATHERINGS



Katie Jackson at Work Weekend

Our Fourth Annual Work Weekend was in early June and attracted alumnae, Trustees, new and returning campers, and prospective families. Over twenty of us took on pre-camp tasks that helped lighten the load for both Gene Ronikier, our property manager, and the Onaway council who arrived two weeks later. Over the course of the two days, we emptied the dining hall of all of the tables and benches giving them a good scrubbing. We planted all of the flowers boxes around camp as well as doing some landscaping and pruning at Hollister House. We continued the library project of organizing and labeling books. Katie Jackson, as a precursor to running the Woodworking program over the summer, and her friend, Charlie, built new tables to be installed between the beds in the refurbished camper cabins. Trustees Bill Lucarelli and Fred Jackson along with "Mr. Gene" tilled and planted a new vegetable garden near the tennis courts. On a very small scale, we fed the camp from this garden (about one green bean and radish per person and some wonderful herb additions to Mr. Bruce's fine cooking). Other participants painted some of the new porches. Many hands make light work and we even found time for a fun cook-out at Northpoint Saturday night. If you haven't been part of a Work Weekend, I encourage you to do so. There is great satisfaction in completing these jobs with Onaway friends nearby.

Over Fair Weekend, Meredith Funston, our new part time Development Director, gathered all alumnae attending the weekend for an informal meeting in the library. It was a great chance for connecting Onaway Moms to each other, many of whom had also attended camp together. Other alumnae were there, not as parents, but just to attend Fair for old time's sake. We talked about old memories, heard an excerpt from the soon to be published history, and brainstormed ideas for the upcoming Centennial celebration. There were lots of laughs and a consensus that we "need to do this more often!"

In September, Sophie Jacobi-Parisi hosted her third alumnae gathering in New York City. She always attracts a large group of alumnae from the late 80's and early 90's, and we were pleased to have some 60's and 70's represented as well. An ongoing slide show, delicious food, Onaway socks, and much talk of the Centennial made for a fun afternoon/evening. Many thanks to Sophie and Kathy Wilson Denby for organizing the event. New to our office is using Evites and Facebook to spread the message about our gatherings, but don't worry, good old paper

invitations are also used. Please update your email address if you have not already.

Plans are in the works for additional events over this year in Washington, DC, Philadelphia and Colorado. We are also hoping to do a community service oriented event in the Boston area. I will, of course, be travelling around this winter to camper reunions and alumnae are more than welcome to attend. Dates will be listed on the website prior to the New Year. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out with any of these events. □

Anne Peterson Conolly



Fair Weekend Front row: Anne Peterson Conolly, Karen Hamilton Ammon, Laura Bemis Rollison, Lucy Mahaffey, Anne Carter Peck Zadig, Meredith Funston, Lindsey Dodge Lanigan. Second Row: Susan Deitz Ramquist, Betsy Mahaffey Branch, Janet Brown Hopkins, Lela Schaus Philip, Betsy Haggett Moschella, Sarah Woodring Cooper, Leslie Miller Zimmer, Kate Graff McNierney, Emmy Olmstead Wyatt, Karen Manherz Allison Reed Quinan, Deedo Schaus Painter.



NYC Party Front Row: Amanda Gates Elston, Sharon Worthing Vaino, Polly Peterson Wright, Laura Behrendt, Ecy McIlvain, Sophie Jacobi-Parisi, Anne Peterson Conolly. Second Row: Laura McGinley, Mo Leary, Elizabeth Hoogenboom, Rosemary Moukad, Paige McGinley, Kathy Wilson Denby, Liz Angney, Marcy Caldwell

A LOOK AT SUMMER 2009

Excerpted from final Chapel, August 16, 2009

Seven weeks ago in Chapel, I told you that I felt as if I was beginning to put together a new jigsaw puzzle. I talked about how there was no picture on a box to look at and that the picture would take shape, piece by piece, as each of you made your contributions to the summer... I was right to assume that this would not be just any jigsaw puzzle. Not the kind that has 100 pieces, 40 of which are the edges and easy to assemble. Our jigsaw puzzle, the summer of 2009, is more like those puzzles with over 1000 pieces. In fact if you add it all up, I believe there would be tens of thousands of pieces.

Let's see – there are 92 campers, 28 counselors, 9 Aides and 9 OWLES with their 2 counselors each one adding at least one piece to the puzzle. There were 51 days of camp. We have had 52 Circles (an extra one for Backwards Day). We ate (roughly) 18,963 meals, 903 of which were rice meals. We had 3 waterfront emergencies, all tag issues, 1 broken bone, and 3 Willie washings (clearly not enough). This is our 8th chapel and we have learned 21 chapel songs. We have heard 9 different musical instruments in chapel, including an oboe and a guqin. There have been 3 path talks. We have consumed at least 1000 cough drops, 500 Tums, and used 1 ½ gallons of bleach in the bleach bucket. We have used 200 pounds of clay, 1600 sheets of construction paper, and 10 gallons of paint. We have sent 693 bags of dirty clothes to the laundry and mailed 552 Sunday letters. We have hiked 14233.8 miles and we swam 10,484 triangles. We gave out 835 patches on Patch Night and 370 years of Onaway attendance were celebrated on Cake Night. We had **zero** cases of swine flu, and I'm guessing we grew at least 20 inches.

It is harder to account for the pieces that represent the intangible things at camp – things you cannot touch or count or list in the same way. There is no way to know how many encouraging words were passed along from counselor to counselor, counselor to camper, camper to camper. There is no way to measure how the Aides added enthusiasm, love and quite frankly hard labor to our summer. How many successful and unsuccessful time paddles did you do? How many times did you repeat the same lines or dance steps or songs so that they would be perfect for

our performances this weekend? How many serves did it take until you passed your Spruce? How many pieces of candy or cookies were received in the mail and turned in because of our honor system. I cannot count the pleases and thank you's or the "Would anyone mind if I have the last piece of garlic bread?" Does anyone know how many hugs they have given and received? How many times did we place our trust in someone or earn the same from someone else?

We will never know how many toilets were plunged (or not plunged for 3 days) and we have certainly lost track of how many mouse families we have displaced from under cabin shutters, in duffle bags, under beds and in my drawers at Offaway. We probably don't want to know how many times a counselor had to raise her hand to ask girls to be quiet in Woodland Hall or remind girls to be quiet after Taps in their cabins. I don't like to count the times that someone disrupted Circle with unnecessary talking or giggles. We know there have been squabbles between roommates and unkind words spoken.

But we include these not so pleasant pieces in our puzzle because they are part of what we learned about respect, friendship, generosity, and honor. They do not figure prominently in the big picture, but hopefully you will carry the lessons that resulted home with you as you resume your routines at home. Will you make your bed every day? Will you *write* a letter to a friend or grandparent that isn't an email? Will you take time for a moment of silence so you can reflect on where you have been and where you are going? Will you sing – a lot?

... this puzzle, the summer of 2009, is complete and as each of you leaves today, it will be dismantled. But the big picture will remain indelible in our memories and each time you think of camp, all the pieces will fall into place again. We will store them carefully in the box so nothing gets lost, but I will always think about how much fun it was and how much hard work went into getting the pieces to fit just right. Thank you for building this masterpiece with me, and I can't wait to start a new one next summer. □

Anne Peterson Conolly



Fourth of July



Cake Night



Swim Class



Chippies Hikers



Skytops Once Upon a Time

DRAMAWAY

A "Critic's" view of 2009

This past summer we were all blown away by the outstanding dramatic performances at camp. Wedged into Woodland Hall, parents and friends and fellow campers were thrilled for nearly two hours of what was the culmination of dedication, merriment and creative spirit. Like so many parents, I sat patiently waiting for the rustlings behind the curtains to cease, and the play to commence. My daughter had excitedly foreshadowed that this was "the best drama season ever" and to be sure to have a good seat. (The definition of a "good seat" at Onaway means- sitting on a dining hall bench and not suffering the indignities of standing on the porch!) Video cameras were rolling and lenses adjusted as parents fixated on the stage.

Fair week-end was a treat. The Upper Camp's performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was downright amazing. Thank goodness for the enlarged stage and the smart use of the entire Hall under the direction of Miss Meg and Miss Ellie. The girls entered and exited from windows, balcony, and the porch, and who knew that the Library could be the haven for faeries as they bore a litter of wee women with wings through the audience to the birch glade on stage! Puck was plucky, the moon bearer charming and the hilarity of the play amused everyone (most of all the girls themselves!)

To think that this crew of young performers had achieved the difficult plot and subplot in a language not found in their common communication of "texting" gave all of us an opportunity to appreciate what camp has to offer. The girls did this in under three weeks while swimming, climbing, and learning to live in the community that is Onaway! When I stopped a young Hilltopper later that evening and asked her, "Did you understand the play? What did you like about it?" She promptly replied, "I didn't understand all of it, but wasn't it funny?! I LOVE how magical everything was-didn't you?!" I felt certain that the large crew of performers, stage hands, counselors and aides had done a magical thing. They made Shakespeare come alive and be oh so much fun.

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown was the selection for the Lower Camp at Cup Weekend. (This time the haggling for a seat was more fierce because of the "good press" from earlier in the summer!) Cute seems too trite, but it was pretty darn cute and clever and just as much fun! The simplicity and smart attention to detail (Mr. Gene built an amazing doghouse for Snoopy who had to perform with a broken wrist) were apparent just as it was earlier in the summer. It is amazing to think that once again these girls had pulled off a fantastic show in a short time frame – and all achieved while passing tests, finishing projects and certainly the weight of "leaving" was on their minds. The music was adorable and again- outstanding. All who participated and supported this tried and true musical should be commended for giving it a fresh look that charmed everyone.



Titania and Bottom with the Fairies



The play within the play.



The finale of Charlie Brown



Dance Pageant

From this mom, "two thumbs up" for both performances and a round of applause and a standing ovation! Have my bench ready for next summer! I will be there blissfully wedged between other parents and ready to be entertained by elves, pixies, or dogs that talk and sing and a moonlit lantern hung high above the audience from a fishing pole! □

Betsy Haggett Moschella

ONAWAY ON STAGE

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UPPER CAMP PLAY

A Midsummer night's Dream

LOWER CAMP PLAY

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

DANCE PAGEANT

The Little Mermaid

The Spirit of the Arts Award

The council recognized that while we acknowledge all of our more athletic endeavors on the plaques in the dining hall, there has not been a place to applaud someone whose main focus at camp is in the arts. This award was designed to "honor a girl who expresses a clear love and joy for all the arts and demonstrates an impressive level of skill in at least one medium." This year's recipient was Abril Anderson.

ALUMNAE CORNER

Theatre after Onaway

Working toward a Ph.D. and becoming a college professor was never one of my career aspirations as a child. I entertained various possibilities (marine biologist, journalist), but no one thing ever held sway. I did know, though, that I liked plays. I had been in a few productions at home before I first came to camp as a Birch in 1988, but I was still surprised to be cast in *The Wizard of Oz*. I was in the play every year after that. At camp, I discovered my own gifts and was nurtured by counselors and aides in a supportive and playful environment—an experience I wish for every girl. Acting in the plays taught me far more than performance skills, though. I watched my counselors (Miss Susan Cherin, Miss Katie Menken, Miss Aimee Young, and Miss J.P. Plante) with an eagle eye. From them, I learned how to collaborate, how to meet a deadline, how to make a set out of wooden blocks, and how to pillage the Woodland attic for something approximating a frog costume.

The love of creative play and performance that I developed at camp extended far beyond the drama program and the Upper and Lower Camp plays. As a professor of performance studies, a field which includes theater but also other forms of performance, like singing, dance, and disguise, I am struck when I remember constant singing, “Hey Lotties,” paper bag skits, trip songs, and Sunday-night dress-up picnics. At Onaway, girls are immersed in a world of creativity. And the best thing is that if nobody really “gets” your cabin group’s Sunday night theme...well, there’s always next Sunday.

As a counselor, another piece of the puzzle came together: I realized that I loved teaching. Whether in the outdoor theater or in a 420, I derived immense satisfaction from passing my skills on to campers and learning from them, too. As I was contemplating graduate school, I read in the newsletter about Miss Helen Levy, my Laketops counselor, who had gone on to receive a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton. Up until that point, the only people I knew with doctoral degrees were my own college professors. When I think back on that time, I realize how important it was for me to see “Miss Helen” making a career in higher education. Her pursuits made it possible for me to imagine that future for myself.

Participating in—and then leading—the drama program at Onaway gave me a love of performance that I will carry with me my whole life. My greatest professional satisfaction now comes from sparking students’ interest in making theater and studying the theater of the past. My students now are the same age that I was when I was a counselor. Many of them will not go on to professional theater careers. But my time at Onaway as both camper and counselor helped me love performance for its own sake, a quality I hope to communicate to my students as they chart their own courses. □

Paige McGinley
Assistant Professor of Theater Studies and American Studies
Yale University



Paige off stage and in the woods last winter snowshoeing to Lonesome Lake.

Onaway Rentals 2010

Hollister House



Weekly rates: (Saturday to Saturday)
June 1st - 26th \$ 850
June 26th - Labor Day \$1350
Labor Day - October 31st \$ 850
Reservation Deposit \$250.

Northpoint Cabin



Weekly rate: (Tuesday to Tuesday) \$500
Reservation Deposit \$100.

Call the winter office
518-443-0004
for availability.

THE GIRLS OF ONAWAY

The Girls of Onaway once again chose to support both local charities and causes around the world. They were particularly pleased to be able to increase their gifts to some of their favorite organizations.

Appalachian Mountain Club
Camp Onaway Scholarship Fund
The Circle Program
Heifer Project International
Newfound Lake Region Association
Paradise Point Audubon Center
Pemi-Baker Hospice Program
Society for Protection of NH Forests
Camp Sunshine
Watoto Charitable Trust (Wamba Hospital in Kenya)
Nothing but Nets Foundation
Camp Carefree

OBITUARY: Remembering Kris Harvey Rouff

This past Sunday on a beautiful fall afternoon, I drove to New Hope, PA to meet with Sara Pilling, mother of Kris Harvey Rouff. Sara and I had made plans earlier this past summer to meet and to remember Kris. It was also the time when I would hand off "the stone."

Sara had asked me to retrieve a stone from the cool waters of Newfound Lake while I was at Onaway for Cup Weekend. She and her son, John, thought a stone from Newfound would make a meaningful marker on Kris' grave. I couldn't agree more and with a great heave, I pulled a stone off the shoreline at Onaway early Sunday morning. The stone of NH granite has just a twinkle of mica, is smooth from the waves and a solid 20 lbs. I carried it in the back of my Jeep to NJ and it rested on my porch until this past Sunday when I met Sara in New Hope.

Kris passed away in April of this year. She left her husband and two young daughters whom she loved with a ferocity that kept her illness at bay for

several years. She left parents who loved her, brothers who loved her and friends who loved her. She was a woman of determination and brave intelligence, achieving much in her career as a financial planner with prestigious institutions around the Philadelphia area. Her certifications, degrees and keen interest in learning marked her as a woman of accomplishment in more ways than I can mention in this article.

I prefer to remember Kris as she was at camp and the period shortly thereafter when we were in our 20's. We loved *Harriet The Spy* and books by Judy Blume (though we were both too old for them!). She loved sailing and was always sporting the braided rope bracelets that now are so popular- and weren't so in the 70's! She could be silly and serious at the same time. Once when we were in Gladwyn we stole apples from an orchard at dusk and ran like crazy ladies across open fields and streams as "watch dogs" were unleashed from the nearby estate... laughing and tripping the whole way- we never felt more alive than we were at that

moment. When I was living in NJ she would come and we would escape to the movies and to downtown Princeton and laugh and talk until we were hoarse at 2 a.m.

Kris loved Onaway and she loved sailing on the lake. She was amazing on a boat and it was something she was so proud to have in common with her two brothers. I think the stone that I pulled out of Newfound is a lovely tribute to her....I like to imagine that her sailboat was zipping above while this rock was nestled down below in the sand. I'd like to think that she was made of granite and that the twinkle of mica is so much like her brown eyes when she was laughing over a silly joke or singing loudly in my Pinto hatchback all the Onaway songs we knew ("Tall Silk Hat" was our favorite!). Sara made an excellent request, and I cannot think of a better place for it than with Kris. She was my Harriet The Spy! She was a good friend. □

Betsy Haggett Moschella

In Memoriam:

Mary (Happy) Schwartz White. April 9, 2009. Onaway camper in the late 20's, mother of Mary Perrin Scott, and grandmother of Sarah Scott and Samantha Mooney.

Edward A Johnson, June 21, 2009. Beloved brother of Jane Johnson Kent.

Helena (Fifi) White Davies, July 12, 2009. Wife of loyal Onaway friend, Bill Davies, and grandmother of Onaway campers, Shelby and Lindsay Barada and Clare and Meg Davies.

CIRCLE PROGRAM UPDATE



Julia, Catherine, and Lindsay sporting their medals after the Triathlon.

The Circle Program had much to celebrate this summer with the official opening of their new lodge. Much like our Woodland Hall, the lodge includes a large auditorium, a stage and Green Room, a library, an arts and crafts room, and bathroom facilities. When the 2009 Onaway council spent an afternoon volunteering at the Circle camp during pre-camp, they were a bit envious of the beautiful showers!

Onaway and Circle connections remain strong. In addition to the clean up help provided by our counselors, many of our campers enjoyed cabin group sleepover on the Circle property during the summer. We were delighted to welcome Kathy Kearns, the new Circle Executive Director to Fair Weekend where she raffled off bears and talked to parents about Circle. Our sessions overlapped towards the end of the summer and so we started a penpal program between the two camps. Onaway campers from Hilltops, Birches and Laketops wrote to the Circle girls and shortly thereafter received a letter in return. The girls found that they had a lot in common- particularly their love of camp and their friends.

This fall the Second Annual Circle Triathlon took place in Ashland, NH. The Skytops '08 team of Julia Bradshaw (swim), Catherine Ostholhoff (bike) and Lindsay Crevoiserat (run) competed to a 4th place finish in the Intermediate Class. What a great way to support the Circle Program.

PARENT COLUMN

Through the Eyes of Our Daughters



Alex (Aides) and Margot
(Laketops)
Painter in 2009.

There are many of us who have had the privilege of experiencing Onaway through the eyes of our daughters. We get to watch as they count down the days in June, hug us briefly at Fair, and cry all the way home in August. As a camper, I spent my last summer in Laketops. Because of a family trip, camp was not offered to me the following year, and that was the end of it. Little did I know how the lessons from Onaway would sit patiently beside me as I continued with my own life through high school, college and beyond.

As the youngest camper during my first year, memories include

Bunker Junior, playing jacks on the porch, hikes, trip songs, singing during meals, singing again in Woodland, one particular waterfront emergency (yes, I forgot to turn my tag), passing my third crescent in boating, failing junior lifesaving while Suzanne Russo tried to drown me, and every Sunday listening to Mrs. Kent recite "Be Strong..." Best of all, my Onaway memories encompass friendships of all ages and feeling safe as an important member of a community for eight summer weeks.

As Onaway approaches its 100th birthday, the camp can feel good about staying the course. It is evident that the mission stands firm: "...providing girls time, space, and guidance to develop the physical and spiritual strength necessary to meet the challenges of today's world with honesty, sensitivity, and courage." Though the uniform is the same and the cabins have

had mere facelifts, most important are the intangibles that have endured: cultivation of friendships, developing confidence, and importance of community.

My youngest daughter relishes in her friendships with campers of all ages. By keeping the camp small and placing an emphasis on community, Onaway's beautiful cycle of having the older campers reach out to the younger ones continues. How great it is that our girls get excited when a privilege may include a visit to the Log Cabin or permission to stay up a couple of minutes later, activities that might be expected at home. For seven weeks, cell phones, ipods and computers are blessedly absent.

One of my daughters arrived home a couple of years ago from camp and begged me not to give her cell phone back. Though this lasted for only a short while, it is a testament to Onaway's philosophy that a simple life is a richer one.

It gives me enormous satisfaction that our girls are experiencing some guaranteed goodness, while being given a break from the constant pressures of adolescence. I like to think of Onaway as the safe haven they will always have in their lives. Growing each year as they return, every camper experiences the slow molding like a dipped candle, forming a unique, self-assured, happy girl.

There are many times when my girls and I find ourselves spontaneously singing "Flicker" or "Four Leaf Clover" together. Though we are far away, Onaway continues to stay true to itself and Onaway girls inevitably keep part of this identity with them forever. This is a beautiful thing as our world continues to change around us. □

Deedo Schaus Painter

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ALUMNAE NEWS

News of the 30s

Betty Swartz Birdsall's family is growing. She and her husband Tom have six great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons. She writes, "They are a joy to us-we feel so blessed."

News of the 40s

Marybelle Ziesing Klein fondly remembers the cabins and cabin mates from her years at Onaway. She and one of her cabinmates, Ann Pew Curran, are great friends to this day.

News of the 50s

After living in her home for 35 years, Ginny Whitney Bradley recently downsized and discovered treasures from her camper years, like her sweater and patches. She shares, "I look forward to coming up and visiting this wonderful place, a little bit of heaven. The values and lessons I learned, and my daughter Nina Bradley Smallhorn agrees, are so important."

News of the 60s

Louise "Ouisie" Freeman Bulkeley was given a surprise 60th birthday by her family and was totally surprised! She shares news about her daughters: Tracy (80s) has two daughters, Brooke has a son and a daughter and Leigh lives in San Francisco, Calif. and teaches English.

Dorsey Davidge's daughter Cate just finished her first summer at Onaway and "had a ball."

You never know when you'll see Onaway alumnae. While golfing on Fisher's Island, Ellen Harvey saw Anne Sanger - who she went to camp with for a year in the 60s.

Martha Twombly is a grandmother! She recently visited her granddaughter, Mackenzie Loren Ray in Florida.



Martha **Twombly** with her daughter and granddaughter

News of the 70s

Stephanie Anderson's novel, *Georgia Belle* has been published and is available through amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. Her daughter Alma Lupe attended camp this past summer - that makes all three of her daughters who "have had the privilege of attending Camp Onaway".

Marianne Noble now has two children, Geoff (4) and Arden (2). She can't wait for Arden to be old enough to be a Wendie! Marianne continues to work as a literature professor at American University. She is writing a book on "the quest for genuine human contact."

Amy Kemmerer Nonnenmacher had a wonderful week in NH this summer. She visited Onaway, swam at Sculptured Rocks, climbed Mt. Cardigan and stayed at the Lonesome Lake hut with her children.



Amy **Kemmerer** Nonnenmacher's sons in NH

Linda Albright Tomb introduced her daughters (ages ten and six) to camp this summer.

News of the 80s

Lauren Williams Baynham and her husband Todd announce the birth of their son, Jackson Williams Baynham (Jack) who was born August 10, 2009. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Big sister Caroline loves having a baby brother.



Jack Williams Baynham

Samuel Michael Behrend, son of Christi Sizemore Behrend and her husband Glen was born on April 17, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs 5.5 oz.



Samuel Michael Behrend



McKenzie and Malina Bohlmann

Nici Bohlmann is living in Connecticut and working at a power plant in the northwest corner of Rhode Island. She visited her sister Jessie Daigneault (90s) in San Diego, Calif. to celebrate Jessie's birthday.

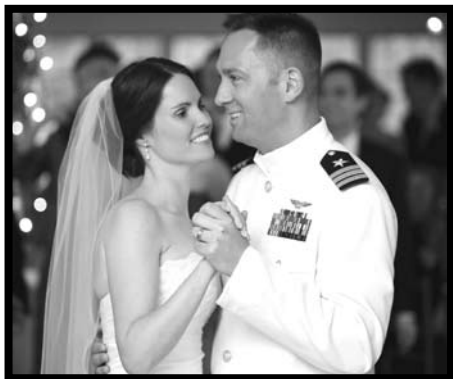
While she was there, she also visited with Christa White (90s) and Jane Conolly (2000s). Nici has two daughters, MacKenzie (6) and Malina (4).

Allie Burke recently visited "Miss Tiger" Anne Thompson in Minneapolis Minn. They explored the city by foot, bike and sea kayak. Allie, her husband Jeremy and son Parker (2) live in western Maine where she runs an afterschool program.



Allie **Burke**, Liz **Lucarelli** and Juli **Mahoney** have an unexpected reunion on Lake Umbagog during this summer's OWLES trip

Lael Cragin and Mike Bilzor were married on June 13, 1990 in Rye, N.Y. Many Onaway family and friends were in attendance.



Lael Cragin and Mike Bilzor

Meg Tweedy Drazek with the help of mom, Alice Merwin Tweedy (40s), husband Greg, sons Cooper (4) and Spencer (2), two dogs and 14 bags all moved to Prague. She and her husband will be working at the embassy for the next two years. Meg invites alumnae who are heading in their direction to please drop them a line.

Helen Levy is delighted that she has a future Onaway camper! Daughter Clara Elizabeth Rosenfeld was born on September 24, 2009 and joins big brother Charlie (3).



Clara Elizabeth Rosenfeld

Aldie Jennings Loubier gave birth to Emmett Loubier on August 14, 2009. He joins big brother Cooper (2 ½).



Cooper and Emmett Loubier

Karen Manherz is recently unemployed and using the time to catch up with old friends. She requests that alumnae find her on Facebook and hopes that everyone is doing well.

Kate McCullough is married to Ryan Newby and now lives in Des Moines, WA.

Lizza Miller's daughter Elsa is now 5. She looks forward to Elsa attending Onaway in a few years.

Nina Bradley Smallhorn, her husband Tom and her daughters have moved to Corte Madera, Calif. - 10 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge.



Nina Bradley Smallhorn and daughter Serena

Anne Thompson and her husband Alex have moved to Minneapolis, Minn. They bought their first house and spent the summer doing home renovation projects. Anne works in marketing for General Mills on the Nature Valley brand. She can't wait to host a gathering for Wisconsin and Minnesota alumnae.

News of the 90s



Emily Heinlein and Kate Barrett

lived only a few blocks away from each other. Kate works for the AFS Intercultural Program, a non-profit high school foreign exchange organization as a hosting coordinator. Emily writes, "I am still living in Baltimore and running a community health education program for

It's a small Onaway world! Kate Barrett and Emily Heinlein (90s) were in the same yoga class - neither knew that the other lived in Baltimore, Md., much less that they

Latino immigrants. I spent a month hiking in northern Spain this summer."

Catharine Biddle will spend another year in India. Last year she taught English in a village located five hours from Mumbai. This year, she will be supervising eight American teachers who are teaching English in four schools.

Liz Clark spent five and a half months thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail. She finished her hike on September 28th by summiting Mt. Katahdin in Maine. Liz wrote, "The trip was an amazing challenge and adventure and made me so thankful for all of my Onaway hiking experiences. All along the way I was joined and supported by Alida McIlvain (90s), Gervie Stone (90s) and Alex Hulme (90s)."



Liz Clark

Katharine Decker attends law school, lives in Boulder, Colo. and sees J'April Barrett (90s) and Helen Gemmill (90s). She adds, "I won CU's trial competition and this spring won the regional trial competition held in Oklahoma City! I'll be working in the District Attorney's office this summer, but will be thinking of the 'flicker of the campfire' at the rock."

Hanna Greenlee recently returned to Rhode Island from California where she went to wine school and passed the first two levels of the Court of Master Sommelier Exam to become a Certified Sommelier. She and her brothers have created an organization to conserve nature preserves and protect wildlife on Block Island. For more information, please see their website: <http://conserfest.org/>

Alex Hulme graduated from Bucknell University in May, spent three weeks working as a teacher's assistant in Nicaragua and visited camp for a

weekend. In August she moved to Washington, D.C. and began an internship at The Society for International Development-Washington DC Chapter. She would love to hear from alumnae who are visiting the D.C. area.

Sophie Jacobi was married to James Parisi on May 1, 2009 at Studio 450 in New York City, N.Y. Judge Clark V. Richardson, a New York Family Court Judge officiated.



Sophie Jacobi-Parisi and Jim Parisi

Onaway was well represented.



top row: Helen Gemmill, Liz Hoogenboom, Liz Angney, Sophie Jacobi-Parisi, Amy Cragin McWhorter, Patty Rockensies Kneeling: Emily Fink, Kath Keen, Allie Keen

Krissy Atteberry Leonard and her husband Joe announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Jane Leonard who was born on August 6, 2009.

Caroline Nutt Linz's business, CPC Designs, has launched its website. She invites alumnae to visit www.cpcdesignsinc.com and design a dress!

Arin Lucarelli is teaching K-6th grade (14 students) in Arctic Village, Ala., about 300 miles north of Fairbanks. She writes, "Right now we have about a foot of snow on the ground and it has been about -2 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. I have been doing a lot of hiking, skiing, and riding on the snow." Arin adds that if anyone has arts and crafts supplies, nice clothes for

elementary school age boys and girls, or would like to donate to the school, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the winter office for contact information. To follow Arin's blog, visit <http://arinlucarellialaskaadventure.blogspot.com/>.

Liz Lucarelli is working as a therapist at the Greenbrier Academy for Girls in West Virginia. She and her fiancée Travis are planning a Memorial Day Weekend 2010 wedding. She celebrated Juli Mahoney (90s) birthday with her in Charlotte, N.C. and had Alice Matthai (2000s) and her mother over for an indoor BBQ when Alice was in the area looking at colleges.

Alida McIlvian is working as a research coordinator in the Division of Urology. She plans to return to school to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Meg Price lives in Belmont, Mass. and teaches children with severe autism in a one-on-one school.

Allison Reilly earned a Masters degree and teaches in Manhattan.

Jane Shiverick was in the heart of Burgundy, in Beaune, France this past September where she worked on the wine harvest. She adds, "2009 has been a fantastic vintage and I was lucky to be a part of it! Ona-Oenophiles living in New York can find me at Crush Wine and Spirits in Manhattan."

Annie Stover married Evan Reece on June 20, 2009 at the Ausable Club in upstate NY. Carol Morgan Southall (40s) officiated. Her wedding was attended by a strong Onaway contingent.



Kneeling: Emily Grogan, Kath Keen, Ellie Shepley, Isabella Comstock, Alexa Comstock, Julia Shepley Standing: Laura McIlvian, Lucy Grogan, Maura Leary, Cynthia Gorman, Liz Angney, Annie Stover, Evan Reece, Carol Morgan Southall, Allie Keen, Sarah Crane, Laura Davis, Caroline Mabon, Japril Barrett, Leigh Bulkeley



Evan and Annie Stover Reece

Annemarie Vocca is working as a field instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School.

Megan Underwood is a "cultural ambassador" through the Spanish Ministry of Education. She is working as a teacher's assistant helping with English classes at a primary school in Bailen, Andalusia.

Kaitlin Walsh graduated in May with a Masters degree in Film and Television Producing. She is living in Los Angeles, Calif. and is working on a Disney TV show.

News of the 2000s

Amanda Noble spent a week in camp this past May with her father. Everyone in Wendies and Hilltops were grateful for the redesigned bathrooms!

Isabel Ruane shares that her spring Alumnae Circle was delivered with

another newsletter stuck to it. The name and address revealed that Amy Cragin McWhorter (80s) lived in her town. She contacted Amy to deliver the newsletter and now babysits Amy's children, Gigi and Alden. Isabel is all set to sing them to sleep with Onaway songs.

Staff News

Gretchen Kriesen recently earned a Master's degree at the Rochester Institute of Technology and has finished her third book, *Freakiverse*.



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Amherst College
Auburn University
Brown University
Claremont McKenna College
Colgate University
Elon University
Georgetown University

Hobart William Smith College
Kenyon College
Loyola College
Mt. Holyoke College
Sewanee, University of the South
Skidmore College
Smith College
Springfield College

Towson University
UC Davis
U of Delaware
U of Miami
University of St Andrews, Scotland
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech

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