The Onaway Circle

Fall





Onaway's 113th Season

Barrie Pendergast, Skytops 1986, Director

very summer, I am amazed by the personal growth we see in each camper. Year over year, as campers return to Onaway, the council, staff, and I have the privilege of witnessing the profound changes in each young girl. As I move into my tenth year at Onaway, I'm astounded that my first group of Wendies from 2016 will now be ready to return as first-year counselors. I still recall sitting on the couch of an alumnae family, watching two of these hopeful Wendies giggling with excitement at the prospect of their first summer at Onaway!

Most days at camp, we are busy with the routine concerns that make up a camp day—is the COD ringing the wake-up bell, did a bear get into the trash, what surprising New Hampshire weather is going to thwart a trip on the Saco River, who can reattach the tetherball that just flew off the rope!? But some moments stop you dead in your tracks when you are in the right place at the right time to see tremendous development in a camper.

These moments happen all the time, every day of the camp summer. What has become apparent to me over the years, is that the changes in our campers often come after a period of challenge or frustration that created the opportunity for growth. In these moments, we see our mission in action, campers learning to face difficulties or fears with honesty, sensitivity, and courage.

On one such occasion, two young campers were locked in an argument so intense, it seemed nothing could shake it loose. Building on the work of other counselors helping to remediate the situation, Miss Alisha, our mental health counselor, facilitated a conversion that honored both campers' experiences. She tapped into each girl's inner desire to repair the relationship and used her Mary Poppins bag of tricks to guide the campers toward a resolution. Later that day, I saw the two campers happily talking and playing in the center of camp. A casual bystander would see two girls cheerfully chatting while sitting on the grass, but the girls and those who supported them along the way knew that this moment was like a treasure at the end of a rainbow.

I also recall sitting in the audience of the Lower Camp play, Matilda. One of the leads had a particularly challenging summer with homesickness, an experience that took them by











surprise after so many past summers that felt more carefree. As I watched and listened to them perform When I Grow Up, the meaning of the song and the prior seven weeks of camp swirled together, not just for this camper, but also for those who sang alongside her, with equally compelling growth and power. No Broadway version of this song will ever carry the emotion, joy, and hope we witnessed on the Onaway stage that day.

As I talk with parents and educators about what we are seeing in young girls today and the impact of what Social Psychologist Dr. Jonathan Haidt calls a "phone-based childhood" for Generation Z, I am more and more convinced that a summer at Onaway is the antidote for our young campers. This past summer, we saw, for the first time since the pandemic, a truly normal Onaway summer—one filled with growth and joy, a much lighter summer than we've seen in some time. But I would argue that we have not returned to a pre-pandemic "normal" but to summers in which we as the council and staff understand more fully what girls from age 9-15 need to develop and grow into healthy adults. And we know that

removing technology, immersing them in nature, and guiding them with strong role models—what Onaway has always done—is needed now more than ever.

Our 2024 Alumna Artist-in-Residence immersed the campers in nature, inviting them to "Listen" and tell us what the wind, the lake, and the earth are saying to us. See their project in this newsletter. In 1911, immersing campers in nature was a top priority for our founding mother, Mabel Hollister. She was wise.

Other highlights of this summer will stir up fond memories for alumnae from every decade: beautiful sunsets on Campfire Rock; Sunday Chapel, picnic, and dress-ups; overnights in the Lean-To; Hebron Fair; July 4th celebration "Once Uponaway" brought to you by the Onaway Aides; the Onaway Fair with counselor dunks, homemade games, and counselor auctions; Onaway Traditions Day and History Trivia Night; ambitious woodworking projects; four courageous length-of-the-lake swimmers; frequent Bald Eagle visits and even some alumnae visits!

We hope to see you at an Onaway Open House in the months ahead (check our website for locations and dates) or at camp next summer—perhaps at the 2025 Alumnae Reunion, August 15-17. Save-the-Date!

Meeting Campers Where They Are

Alisha Saini, Skytops 2006

Campers started and finished camp with the necessary supports in place to set them up for the many successes we saw throughout the summer! Campers knew that if they needed something, counselors would be there for them. In addition, counselors spent significant time during pre-camp training practicing and learning how to be proactive in ensuring camper safety—they worked extra hard to approach all situations through a trauma-informed lens, meeting campers where they were.

This hard work and time before camp allowed counselors to feel prepared and confident to navigate situations and helped us ensure campers knew what resources were available. Overall, Onaway felt like a positive, happy, and warm community this summer and we are looking forward to creating a similar environment next summer.





















Girls of Onaway Philanthropy

very summer, Onaway campers collect and save money from Chapel donations and Onaway Fair tickets sold to parents and guests. At the end of the summer, campers, aides, and counselors talk about the different organizations we have supported in the past and determine their giving priorities. The programs generally relate to the protection of our land and lake and our dedication to educating and supporting girls. A few of the charities are near and dear to a camper, counselor, or alumna and have been brought forth to the camp community for consideration.

This year, the Girls of Onaway contributed to the following nonprofit organizations. We thought you might like to know a little bit about the causes they have chosen to support:

Alternatives For Girls

Helps homeless and high-risk girls

and young women avoid violence, teen

pregnancy, and exploitation, and helps

them to explore and access the support,

resources, and opportunities necessary

to be safe, to grow strong, and to make

come New Hampshire families with new opportunities to learn the skills, courage, and confidence they need to handle

positive choices in their lives.

Camp Sunshine

Circle Program

round mentoring

Program provides

girls from low-in-

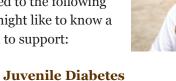
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summer camp programs, Circle

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families.





Nyashep Education Trust

A Kenyan community-based initiative Provides retreats combining respite, that helps underprivileged but promising children to complete secondary recreation, and support, while enabling hope and promoting joy, for children school education in Kenya. with life-threatening illnesses and their

Newfound Lake Region Association

Protects Newfound Lake and its watershed through education, programs, and collaboration.

Onaway Camp Trust -Scholarship Fund

Provides Onaway tuition assistance to families with demonstrated need.







Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests

Conserves and cares for the forests across the state of New Hampshire.

Watoto Trust (Mary)

Believes that by relieving poverty and educating children the world can become a better place. Girls of Onaway has been a long-time benefactor of individual girls through this organization, paying for school fees, physical therapy, and other specific needs of the student.







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his summer the Onaway Waterfront was a popular spot for campers as they each found an activity, or activities, that they enjoyed. The counselors and aides skillfully balanced safety, learning, and fun as campers worked hard to pass a level or simply enjoyed a favorite activity. Good communication between the campers and staff kept everything moving smoothly. Everyone respected the protocols, and we had no waterfront emergencies!

A highlight of the summer was the Water Relay, one of our Brown & White Games. It was a hot and humid afternoon in July, and campers and counselors alike were eager to get in the lake. Each camper had a role in the relay from the Minnows searching for colorful rings inside the bobber line to a series of activities on the floats in the triangle, and ending with a sprint back to the beach. Counselors kept spirits high and made sure everyone was safe.

With the heat and humidity of this summer, swimming was a popular activity for campers of all levels. Everyone was eager to cool off in the lake and work on their strokes and skills Campers worked diligently in their morning swim classes and spent afternoons jumping off the diving board and searching for mussels. Daily swim classes are often mixed age groups which helps foster learning and fun. While many campers have goals to pass levels or swim a certain number of miles, some campers are there simply to have fun and be a cheer squad for those working to achieve goals. This community enthusiasm made Swimming a success this summer. The campers would collaborate to perfect their strokes and skills and give each other pep talks on the dive float. All of the hard work and enthusiasm of the summer paid off as forty-five campers passed a swimming level, twelve campers swam the width of the lake, and four swam the length. Each camper, regardless of their achievement, made incredible progress and helped to make Swimming so much fun this summer.

The heavy wooden rowboats can be daunting to the youngest, smallest campers as they are tasked with navigating and rowing them around the cove. Miss Julia Bosco, head of boating, did a wonderful job helping the campers gain confidence and strength. While Miss Julia did not boat at Onaway herself, she has a background in teaching kayaking to young children and was well-equipped to support campers as they developed their boat sense, coordination, and strength. The campers made remarkable progress and passed levels with their new skills. One of the most challenging skills in Boating is vaulting and reentering as it takes a lot of effort to get back into the boat. It can be discouraging, but this summer the heightened enthusiasm helped many campers persevere as they practiced with determination.

Canoeing was a BIG hit this summer as Miss Lizzy Randall, head of canoeing, did an excellent job ensuring campers had fun while building strength and skill. The activity groups, Bears through Eagles, have canoeing once a week and many campers eagerly sign up in the afternoons. Campers are drawn to canoeing to pass levels but also for fun things like tip tests, adventures out of the cove, and learning how to canoe-sail with tarps. Campers were eager to canoe rain or shine, and dedicated counselors and aides made this possible, always putting campers' interests first. There were three White Chevrons (highest level) this summer who exemplified dedication and spirit which inspired younger campers to not only pass levels but also support one another with hugs, cheers, and tireless effort.

This summer, sailing continued to be one of the most popular activities at camp. Miss Abby Stambaugh was the head of sailing this summer and did an excellent job balancing safety, learning, and fun as she met the high demand for afternoon Sailing, and made sure to give as many campers as possible the opportunity to sign up! Afternoons are popular because the wind tends to be better and the campers love having mixed age groups in boats as they learn from one another. In sailing, campers have a great deal of independence as they go further out on the lake than in other waterfront activities and steer their boats through the ever-changing wind and waves of Newfound. Counselors stay close by in motorboats to teach and often spend morning periods in the boats with younger campers to teach the basics. As an additional safety precaution this summer, the sailing department purchased helmets for campers to prevent the possibility of head injuries. It made a huge difference as it helped campers feel more at ease in the boats and kept everyone's head safe!

In 2022, Onaway's crew program grew as we included the Woodchucks in the weekly schedule, allowing younger campers to start rowing. Three years later, this choice has had a positive impact on the crew program as the Skytops and Tiptops this summer demonstrated greater skill and passion than in previous years. By allowing campers to start rowing at a younger age they have up to four summers to learn and grow as rowers. Each summer they return and build on their skill and gain confidence in themselves. Evidence of that this summer was when we had our first successful Onaway Crew Races! A bracket was created with four quads of mixed age groups, lineups selected by counselors. It was wonderful to see campers from different activity and cabin groups work together during these races and hear the bow seats lead their crew with enthusiasm and confidence. There was so much interest in rowing that we had a record-high number of Polar Crew periods. Early morning is the best time to be on Newfound Lake as it is calm and still before the wind or motorboat traffic picks up.

Before this summer, I was unsure what being head of the waterfront entailed, and going into it I had concerns about what I was taking on. However, these concerns dissipated when I arrived for pre-camp because the Onaway community offered plenty of resources to prepare me. I read the waterfront binder, with letters dating back to the '90s, and reached out to heads of the waterfront from the past four years. Through this process, I learned there was no single way to fill the role because everyone has done it their own way. I just needed to figure out what I wanted my way to be. As I reflected on this, I thought back to previous summers and the things that came to mind were: safety, learning, and

communication. I wanted the waterfront to be a place where campers felt safe and engaged in their learning. This meant having conversations with campers and counselors to figure out how to get campers to participate and be excited about the activities rather than opting to sit on the beach or dock. It also looked like having more "Just For Fun" opportunities in the water to balance out the intensity of levels that can often weigh heavily on campers. Campers loved Sailing JFF and Canoe Adventures!





Onaway Dance, an All-Camp Collaboration

Lucy Covarrubius, Counselor, Skytops 2020 Libby Rutledge, Counselor, Skytops 2021



hat a remarkable summer it was for the Dance Department! As we reflect on our time as coheads, we are filled with immense gratitude and joy for the experiences we shared with all of the campers. Dance has always been a significant part of our journey at camp, and leading this department together felt like the perfect continuation of our summers here.

From the very first day, we were thrilled to see so many familiar faces—and plenty of new ones—eager to express themselves through dance. Whether it was in Woodland or the Outdoor Theatre, we were continually amazed by the talent, creativity, and enthusiasm that every class and rehearsal brought. Watching everyone grow as dancers, exploring new styles, mastering routines, and most importantly, supporting each other along the way, was an absolute joy.

This year, we were especially proud of the dance pageant. It was nothing short of magical, and it was clear that all the hard work and dedication paid off. Seeing the campers shine on stage was one of the highlights for us, and we are so proud of their accomplishments.

When we were campers, we remember being mesmerized by how dance counselors could tell stories using only movement and music. We wanted our campers to experience the same magic and be part of something harmonious so we chose Rapunzel as the story. The campers were thrilled to see one of their favorite tales come to life at Onaway.

To prepare for the Dance Pageant, we analyzed the storyline, divided it into sections, and carefully selected music that fit each scene. Our goal was to choose songs that would be both familiar and new to the campers, ensuring variety while maintaining the magic of the performance. Music was a crucial part of the Dance Pageant, and every song choice was made with care. The choreography planning started in pre-camp, but much was refined during the camp session. We loved incorporating some of the campers' ideas into their dances, giving them a voice in the creative process.

The Dance Pageant consisted of activity group dances and several individual parts assigned through auditions. Dance at Onaway is unique because it's one of the few activities where every camper plays a role in the bigger picture. We encouraged everyone to participate, have fun, and express themselves. Auditioning for special parts provided an opportunity for campers to build confidence, take on challenges, and see how committing to something can translate into success not just at camp, but in life.

Dance also brought campers together across all ages and activity groups. Jazz, for example, was a favorite where campers from various groups could bond over their shared love for music and movement. It was wonderful to see campers from different groups come together, supporting each other and

having fun.

As we look ahead to the future, we are excited about the ways the Dance Department can continue to grow. One aspect we're particularly excited about is how FTA (Fiber and Textile Arts) has become a bigger part of camp, with campers eager to help sew new costumes and contribute to the production. This summer, the head of FTA (Miss Mojo Eisenburger) played a role in repairing costumes, and it added an entirely new layer of collaboration to the pageant.

Preparing for the Dance Pageant took an incredible amount of work, but it was so much fun collaborating with the campers. Not only did the campers who performed larger roles make the experience memorable, but also those who helped with sets, backstage work, and costumes. Working with everyone to bring the production to life reminded us that every contribution, big or small, is vital to creating something beautiful.

We're excited to see what next summer brings and are already imagining new themes, choreography, and ways to make the dance experience at camp even more magical.



















Earth Press Project: Listen The Earth Speaks

Nancy Winship Milliken, Skytops 1976

une 30th through July 2, in the summer of 2024, I was an Artist-in-Residence at Onaway. I brought a publicly generated, site-specific environmental project to the camp. The project's premise is to introduce the idea that if we could interpret or speak "Nature," what would we hear her say? Whether it is the earth or wind, the animals, the lake or insects, if we listen closely enough, the sounds around us might be translated into words. What are those words?

The soundscape of Onaway is rich; from the wind in the pines, the lapping of the waves on the shore, the morning birds, to the startled and scolding chipmunks. We can hear a different "voice of Nature" than when we are home in a busy life, in the car, at school, on the playing field, or in band practice. Here, it is uniquely Onaway.

We asked each girl to listen to the other-than-human sounds at Onaway and imagine what the sounds of Nature are saying. What might it feel like to be an animal or a lake during these times? It asks us to empathize with another species. It offers a voice for those not able to speak.

The concept of Earth Press Project: Listen is inspired by the former Vermont Poet Laureate Chard deNiord who mused in his poem Dispatch from Gaia, if he could translate the sounds of Nature.

Mother's singing to us now in a loud soft voice, "Put your ear to the air and ground and sea."

Mother's speaking in so many languages that are nonetheless one.

Mother's quacking and chirping and barking and purring and growling and braying and snorting and yodeling and keening and grunting and laughing and hissing and screaming and whispering.

Mother's speaking silently in every language: listen.

Distilled down to one word, using the earth as their canvas campers imprinted their words into the earth—into the beach sand, the trails in the woods, the Outdoor Theatre, near the Log Cabin, and in the center of camp. They wrote about the lake, the wind, the birds, and how it feels to be in nature. When telling us about their word choice, words that seem ordinarily human-centric were directed towards





animals and nature, for example, SAIL relates to the birds sailing through the sky. WELCOME HOME relates to a feeling of belonging. FOLLOW~ what the bird calls are asking of us. $\mathbf{IMAGINE} \sim \text{the beautiful magical place}$ around us. Bold~ the trees and wildlife, nature, is bigger than us. LIFE ~ "I can hear the life of everything and their interactions." AGGRESSIVE ~ relates to the waves on the lake. PEACEFUL ~ "Not just the kind where it feels and sounds peaceful, but also it sounds like it wants peace. It wants to be allowed to be peaceful."

The fun part of this ongoing project is that other youth are doing the same project and printing in their environments in Puerto Rico, Vermont, and South Africa. If you know of any other group that might enjoy being a part of this project, please contact Nancy at nancy@nancymilliken.com.

These images are just a few of their words printed at Onaway. The words were fun, insightful, and personal while also being universal. Together they present the voice of Onaway.

























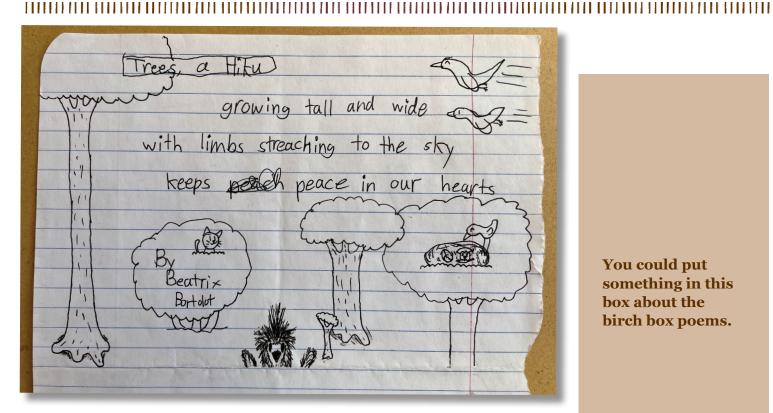






Circle Program Update Evolving with the Changing Needs of the Girls

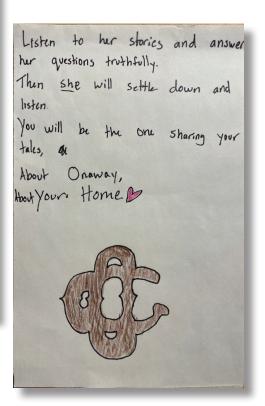
Beth Dever, Executive Director



You could put something in this box about the birch box poems.

Onaway is talking, You. And about

She will ask you questions she knows the answers to. trees wisper about in the wind? What And, questions. you stories of the past, make her true.



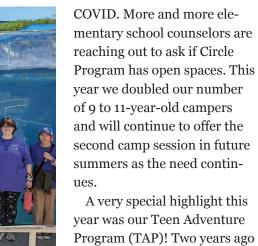
ircle Program had a great summer! The Circle Program Board of Directors approved three changes for our 2024 camp season:

- **1.** Moved our teen (12 14 year olds) 2-week camp session from the end of July to the last week of June through July 4th weekend.
- 2. Moved our 1-week taaravel summer camp for our TAP (Teen Adventure Prograam) teens (15 - 18 year olds) to the last week of June.
- 3. Trimmed our 9 11-yearold girls' summer camp session back to two weeks and added a second girls' session to accommodate the growing numbers referred to Circle Program each spring.

There are several reasons for these changes. Local businesses are finding it hard to fill summer positions, and 90% of

Circle teens need to work during the summer months. Moving both teen groups to the beginning of the summer allows our campers to attend camp and also work. They no longer have to choose. Another reason for moving the teens was to give our young, temporary summer camp counselors two additional weeks to strengthen their skills as camp counselors before our young 9-year-olds start camp. Starting with the teens allows our counselors to focus on programming, team building, and summer camp logistics without the added focus on the homesickness and emotional instability of girls who are leaving their homes for the first time.

We also have seen increased demand for our program since



A very special highlight this year was our Teen Adventure Program (TAP)! Two years ago we decided to reinvent this camping and leadership experience. Circle's 15 to 18-yearolds now research New England areas and choose a summer travel camp destination. These campers plan their entire trip throughout the year prior to the summer. This year was the second year of TAP's "Eastwood Bound" Summer Camp adventures! Nineteen teens and their three camp counselors planned this year's

trip to Mystic Connecticut. The girls rented vans, planned menus and did the shopping, inventoried all their camping equipment, made reservations at the local Mystic KOA, and produced a fun-filled travel and camping experience that included the zoo, a high ropes course, a boat ride, a maritime museum, and an aquarium. When they returned to Circle camp they spent the evening with the younger teens and showed them a slide show of their adventures through smiles, giggles, and laughter.

To learn more about Circle Program, its Onaway roots, and how you can support it, please visit our website: circleprogram.org.







Welcome, Lou Berl!

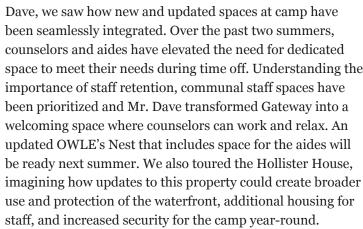
By Sarah Mudge, Trustee, Skytops 1974

Cathy Sanford

Skytops 1985 Co-President, Onaway Board of Trustees

eturning to Onaway for Trustees Weekend was extra special this year, as I happily peeked in on two new campers from my extended family. There were lots of smiles and enthusiastic stories from both.

Seeing camp in action is always a reminder of why the work of the Onaway board is so important. During our campus tour with Mr.



While our rich board discussions touched on topics from finance and tuition to diversity, equity, inclusion & belonging to strategic priorities, one decision deserves special mention. Over the past several years, we have closely followed camper enrollment trends, tracking recruitment and retention data to better understand the challenges of hitting enrollment targets. A major challenge has been attracting 9-year-old campers for the Wendies cabin group. Particularly since the pandemic, parents (alumnae included) have articulated a variety of hesitations about the 7-week program for their rising 4th graders. For the last 2 years, the board and staff have discussed the pros and cons of introducing two 3-week sessions for the Wendies. Proceeding with care, we learned about the successful Cubs program at Camp Mowglis, spoke to parents and counselors who work with that age group, and imagined what an adapted program could look like at Onaway. The thoughtful concept that Barrie brought to our August meeting is developmentally appropriate for current 9-year-old



campers, meets the needs of hesitant parents, and has the potential to double or triple the pipeline for full-time campers in Hilltops and beyond. The board unanimously approved piloting two 3-week Wendies sessions next summer, one of which is already full!! Simultaneously, we remain firmly committed to our 7-week program and will assess the Wendies pilot program with that priority in mind.

Last, we welcome three new members to the Onaway Board of Trustees. Learn more about Lou Berl, Ally Hurdman, and Sarah Crane in the following sections. We are fortunate to add their varied expertise and shared love for Onaway to our governing team. As we all introduced ourselves this summer, I was struck by how geographically diverse our group is, with trustees coming from 12 states, including Georgia, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

Welcoming new board members means that we also have to say goodbye to members who are completing terms, and this year's farewell is particularly difficult. Mary Broderick, our previous board president and current governance committee chair, has served on the board since 2013. Mary's impact has been significant. She led the board with warmth, kindness, wisdom, and a steady hand through the new director search that brought Barrie back to Onaway; the COVID-19 pandemic; the launch of our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging board committee; and a historic capital campaign. Mary's governance expertise increased activity and accountability within our committees, improved reporting structures, promoted inclusive participation, and unfailingly supported the core principles and values that make Onaway a special place. I know I speak for many of my fellow board members when I say it has been a true pleasure to serve under her guidance, experience, and empathetic and deeply human approach to leadership. We are grateful for Mary's incredible contributions and will work hard to ensure that her legacy endures.

Elizabeth "Lou" Berl joins the Onaway Board this fall, bringing with her many years of experience in coaching women's sports, especially crew, plus working in admissions, teaching history, and being a mother to 3 Onaway daughters. Lou was never a camper at Onaway, but rather joined the staff as a counselor (1987

1989) to help develop the camp's crew program.

An accomplished rower herself both in high school at St. Andrew's, and in college at Trinity, Lou utilized a technique of "visualization" to help empower her to become an elite rower and coach. She found that mental imagery in addi-

tion to physical training was beneficial to her. "Practicing thinking positively on a regular basis might impact your own brain, your own feelings, and your own reality."

Lou started her career at the Noble and Greenough School, working in admissions, teaching history, and coaching 3 sports, including rowing. After introducing "visualization" to the crew team, they went on to be undefeated for 2 years. She then went on to coach at her alma mater Trinity College, the University of Virginia, and Ohio State University. While serving as head coach of the Women's Lightweight squad at Harvard University, she led the team to an undefeated season, won the IRA National Championship, and was selected as Women's Lightweight Coach of the Year. Lou returned to St. Andrews to coach rowing and said, during a Chapel Talk there, "How we think and act towards others impacts our brain, our own physiology, and our happiness. I believe kindness and generosity are the fuel for a fulfilling life." These beliefs make her an excellent addition to the Onaway Board, serving on the advancement committee and camper recruitment task force.

Lou lives in Westport, Massachusetts, on Buzzards Bay, with her husband Chris, and they have three grown Onaway alumnae daughters Charlotte, Wilder, and Allaire.

Welcome, Sarah Crane! By Tara Bahn, Trustee

Sarah Crane, Skytops 1995, joins the board this fall. Sarah is originally from Plymouth, New Hampshire, and now lives there with her husband Sam and sons Andrew (13) and Everett (10). As a camper, one of her favorite camp memories was singing songs from Grease in the talent show with her sister Jennifer. Her love of hiking started at Onaway and she returned as the trips counselor from 1999 through 2002 and as an OWLEs counselor in 2003. She also spent a season teaching at The Winter Term in Switzerland.

Sarah attended Tufts University and, following graduation, taught Spanish in Moultonborough, NH for several years. She and her family returned to Plymouth when she began working in her family's construction business, where she is now a vice president. In the short windows of free time, Sarah enjoys running, reading, hiking with her dog, and of course, spending time at Newfound Lake with her family. She and



her sisters return to the lake each summer for family and cousin time.

> Sarah comes to the board with prior camp board experience. She served on the Circle Program Board of Directors for eleven years. As president of its board, Sarah led the program during its search for the current Executive

Director as well as through the COVID years. As a member of the Onaway Board of Trustees, Sarah will be serving on the governance committee.

BOARD UPDATE

Welcome, Ally Hurdman! By Lydia Romano Barhight Trustee, Skytops 1998

I'm excited to introduce Ally Hurdman, our new young alumnae representative on the Onaway Board. Ally is a true Onaway veteran—a camper from 2008 to 2014, moving through every cabin group from Wendies to Skytops. Her journey didn't stop there—she returned as a counselor in 2018 and 2019, and helped virtually during the summer of 2020!

Ally's connection to Newfound Lake runs deep. She comes from a family who loves the lake—her three brothers and uncle were campers at Camp Mowglis, and her mother served on their board as a trustee from 2010-2021. Her cousins also attended Onaway as campers and counselors under Mrs. Southhall, Ms. Connolly, and Ms. P.

Originally from Falmouth, Maine, Ally now lives in Portland. She attended Bucknell University, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where she studied Mathematical Economics and Spanish. Outside of her studies, Ally was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority and enjoyed being a part of a strong community of women. You'll often find her exploring the farmers market and new restaurants or hitting running and walking trails in the area.

At Camp Onaway, Ally was a true waterfront girl, spending countless hours sailing and swimming. She even earned the



capstone accomplishments of both Captain and swimming the length of the lake! As a counselor, she was active in both departments and instructed Seacows (lifeguarding). One of her favorite Onaway memo-

ries is hiking Mount Washington on the Senior Hiking Trip her Skytops summer. It may have been cloudy at the summit but the trip was epic and pushed her out of her comfort zone, giving her the confidence to take on new challenges. Another highlight was being a proud member of the Chorus of the upper camp play Mamma Mia in 2014.

In her professional life, Ally works in the financial services sector, specializing in investor services. She works at Stone Coast Fund Services a hedge fund administrator based in Portland, Maine. She is excited to be a trustee, serving on the advancement and finance committees, working to ensure everyone feels connected to Onaway and that Camp can continue to serve its mission.

We're thrilled to have you with us, Ally!

Stanwood and relocated to Pasquaney, and Mr. and Mrs. St. John were hired. Jane and Warner must have had a very busy job as trustees during this time.

Jane was my mentor, colleague, and most importantly, dear friend. In 1973 Jane became camp director and my first employer when she hired me as a sailing counselor. She sent me to Camp Tevya in the Berkshires to learn how to teach sailing. Does anyone remember going to the Millstream and having frappes with Warner? Do you remember Jane having her hair done every Thursday? I enjoyed two summers under her directorship. She reinstated uniforms (after a few summers of blue jeans!) and brought back nail inspection, table manners, and daily beaning of the cabins, all of which had vanished under her predecessor.

During that time Jane and I worked together to raise funds to buy four Blue Jay sailboats. We had such fun picking up the boats in Lyme, CT and trailering them behind her station wagon. Two other major accomplishments during Jane's tenure as director were the building of the new Birches Shower House and the new Dining Hall. The one thing I remember most is that Jane taught us how to write camper reports. "Always begin with something positive," she said. This advice has lasted a lifetime for me.

In 1985 Jane asked me to be on the board. I was working in development and realized that Onaway needed strengthening in the fundraising area. This was my first time serving on a board and Jane was a wonderful mentor and colleague. I even rode to board meetings with Jane and Warner in their station wagon. Jane served many roles on the board but mostly used her math and bookkeeping skills on the finance committee. Her impressive memory for camp history was only surpassed by her dedication and love of the camp. She was truly inspiring.

Jane also embraced my daughter Jenny who lived in North Carolina. They met twice at Topsail Beach where Jane

enjoyed two weeks every summer once she stopped traveling to Onaway's Hollister House on Newfound Lake.

We will all miss Jane for her kind, loving spirit, gentle strength, beautifully coiffed hair, and wonderful laugh. But mostly we will miss her for her dedicated leadership and stewardship of Onaway.





Jane as a camper, second from right

If you would like to honor the impact and legacy of Jane Johnson Kent by making a gift in her memory, there are several ways to contribute.

Onaway Fund

Donate to the Onaway Fund in memory of Jane

Kent. The full amount of your gift goes straight to work to support the 2025 season.

Daughters of Onaway Fund

Established in 2015 by Jane Johnson Kent, this fund provides tuition assistance for campers who are daughters of Onaway alumnae and eligible for financial aid. Your gift to this endowed fund will grow and help future generations of Onaway families afford camp.

Johnson Kent Staff Support Fund

Established by Jane Johnson Kent and Warner Kent, Mrs. Edward F. Johnson, and Frances and Edward A.

Johnson in 1993 with restricted gifts to the 75th Anniversary Campaign to recruit, retain, and develop experienced counselors. Your gift to this endowed fund will grow over time and help Onaway hire and support highly qualified staff.



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Remembrance of Jane Johnson Kent, 1926 - 2024

Camper, Aide, Counselor, Trustee, Director By Elizabeth Porter Hawkins, Skytops 1969

his summer we lost an Onaway legend, a real gem. Two weeks before her 98th birthday, Jane Johnson Kent died in her home in North Carolina surrounded by her family. Jane began her long association with Onaway as a camper from 1937-1940 and was one of the first aides in 1942. The aides' duty was to tend the wartime Victory Garden on the Hollisters' lawn. Jane served Onaway as a trustee from 1965 - 1973 and 1979 - 2006 and as a special trustee from 2006 - 2024. Between her trustee terms, she was the camp director from 1973 - 1977.

I first met Jane at her house in Pleasantville, NY where she held annual open house gatherings for families in the area. There was a large contingent of campers and alumnae in the Scarsdale, Pleasantville area. Jane and her husband Warner were great hosts and shared the wonders of Onaway.



My parents and
I were entranced
and jumped right
into the Onaway
community. At
that time Lora and
Margie, Jane and
Warner's daughters, were both
campers, so it was
nice to know two

campers when I arrived at Onaway in 1966.

In 1965 Jane and Warner became Onaway Trustees. It was a time of transition for the camp when Miss Stiles was retiring, Mrs. Buell became the director until she became Mrs

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From the Treasurer

Jennifer Blessing, Trustee, Skytops 2000

s canoes were put to rest in the boathouse and cabins latched for the last time, we also closed the books on the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The 2024 camp season saw some welcome moderation in expense growth, following several years of extreme cost inflation. While tuition, currently \$10, 450, has also increased through this time period, it has not kept pace with expenses and



only covers approximately 66% of the full cost of attending camp which is over \$15,000. Support from alumnae, family, and friends through annual giving to the Onaway Fund along with endowment gifts is critical to fill that gap and help provide funds for scholarships, maintaining our beautiful campus, and other camp needs. For the 2024 camp season, we were able to award \$139,000 in tuition assistance to families, a new record and a 25% increase from 5 years ago.

While the canoes and the tiny cabins rest, the staff and board are already busy planning for the 2025 camp season. Continued investment in the highest caliber experience for campers is our priority—including recruiting and retaining our top-notch staff, pursuing programmatic excellence, and enhancing our physical infrastructure. We are grateful for the generosity of our community in pursuit of these goals.

Wow! Largest Onaway Fund Ever!

We set a goal of \$225,000 for the last fiscal year ending Sept. 30, and in the spring edition, we asked you to help us climb that mountain. With your help, we exceeded our goal and raised \$242,770! The Onaway community is amazing! Thank you!



Onaway girls love Cake Night!



This is a longtime tradition of recognizing campers and staff who have been at camp for four or more years with layers of homemade cakes, lovingly decorated by counselors, each layer representing four summers at Onaway. In that festive spirit, we honor our current Onaway Fund donors for their years of loyal support - each cake layer representing four years of giving to the Onaway Fund. Thank you for your generosity. Every single gift made a difference as we crossed the finish line on September 30th. May your cakes keep rising!

2024 Cake Night Club Honor Roll

Sally Osberg

Thank you, Onaway Fund Donors!

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SEVEN LAYER CAKE (28+ years)



ONAWAY ALL YEAR

Don't let your cake fall! By joining Onaway All Year, our monthly giving program, you don't need to watch your cake - it just keeps rising! Set it up on our website donation page and forget about it. Then enjoy the delicious feeling that you are giving the gift of Onaway to a girl next summer.



SIX LAYER **CAKE** (24-27)years)

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FIVE **LAYER** CAKE (20-23)years)

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Maura & Chuck Willing

in honor of Blakeley Crevoiserat

Catherine Teegarden & Rick Supple

Sarah Scott



FOUR LAYER CAKE (16-19)years)



THREE LAYER **CAKE** (12-15)years)

ONAWAY BROWN & WHITE GAMES

Congratulations to **Team Brown** for winning the games at camp this summer. And kudos to **Alumnae Team Brown** for winning the 2024 Alumnae Brown & White Challenge. Flags were raised, money was raised, and the Onaway spirit barometer was off the chart!









TWO LAYER CAKE (8-11 years)

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CAKE BATTER

> Every Cake Begins Here!

(1-3 years)



ONE LAYER CAKE (4-7 years)

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Onaway Endowment

RESTRICTED FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Frances M. Frost Fund

Established in 1986 with a bequest from the estate of Frances M. Frost, Director of Onaway, 1937-1943.

Rosen Memorial Fund

Established in 1987 with a bequest from the estate of Milton J. Rosen in memory of his daughter, Sandra Rosen.

Raymond D. Brown Memorial Fund

Established in 1993 with gifts from the family and friends of Raymond D. Brown, Trustee, 1978-1992.

Susan Jackson, in memory of Will and Mary Jackson

General Scholarship Endowment Fund

Established in 1993 with restricted gifts to the 75th Anniversary Fund/ Capital Campaign and Trustee-designated Capital Campaign funds.

Mary and Robert Shea Scholarship Fund

Established in 1994 with a gift from Mary and Robert Shea.

Frances Pitts Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in 1997 with a gift from the family of Frances Pitts, in her memory.

Susan R. Cragin Scholarship Fund

Established in 2002 by the Cragin Family in memory of their daughter and sister, Susan Cragin, an Onaway Camper, OWLE, and Counselor.

Edwin and Virginia Cragin Bill and Heli Tomford

Anne P. Peterson Scholarship Fund

Established in 2003 by Walker F. Peterson, Jr. in memory of Anne P. Peterson

Anne Peterson Conolly Polly Peterson Wright

In addition to supporting the Onaway Fund, we encourage those who wish to do more for Onaway to make contributions to the endowment. These gifts become part of Onaway's investment portfolio, allowing the funds to grow. Onaway's policy is to draw up to 4% of a 4-year rolling average portfolio balance each year to supplement tuition and Onaway Fund income. Our strategic goals include growing the endowment so Onaway is prepared to make significant capital improvements and meet increasing scholarship needs.

Circle of Hope Scholarship Fund

Established in 2013 to provide tuition at Camp Onaway for girls from the Circle Program.

Daughters of Onaway Fund

Established in 2015 by Jane Johnson Kent to provide tuition support for daughters of Onaway alumnae.

Meredith Funston, in memory of Jane Johnson Kent Susan Jackson

Sulloway-Adams Scholarship Fund

Established by alumna Kathryn Sulloway Adams in 2018 for the purpose of providing tuition assistance.

Winkie Chase Almy Scholarship Fund

Established in 2019 by Leslie Stimmel Guggiari, in memory of her mother Winkie Chase Almy, to provide tuition for a girl whose diversity enriches Onaway's community.

Anne Converse

Elizabeth Hayward Marshall Scholarship Fund

Established in 2019 by alumna Anne Marshall Gieryn and her brothers, in memory of their mother, alumna Elizabeth Hayward Marshall.

> William Marshall Anne Marshall Gieryn

The Bell Scholarship for Diversity and Inclusion

Established in 2020 by the Sperry Family to provide tuition assistance to one or more girls from a historically underrepresented racial or ethnic group.

Alex and Tara Bahn

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Catherine Sanford and Eric Bonnet-Eymard

Seton Lindsay O'Reilly Circle Scholarship Fund

Established in 2022 by the O'Reilly Family in honor of alumna Seton Lindsay O'Reilly, to provide tuition at Camp Onaway for girls from the Circle Program.

Seton Lindsay O'Reilly

Bettina Lindsay Jenney Scholarship Fund

Established in 2022 by Lindsay Scott in memory of her mother, alumna Bettina Lindsay Jenney.

Alice Merwin Tweedy Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in 2022 in memory of Alice Merwin Tweedy by her children Meg Tweedy Drazik and Bill Tweedy.

Meg Tweedy Drazek

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William and Susan Tweedy

Liz Porter Hawkins Scholarship Fund

Established in 2022 by Phillip Hawkins, in honor of alumna Liz Porter Hawkins.

Phil and Liz Porter Hawkins



Emma West Katzman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in 2023 in memory of alumna Emma West Katzman by her family and friends.

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Established in 1985 by a gift from Henry C. Hollister.

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Johnson-Kent Staff Support Fund

Established in 1993 with restricted gifts from the Johnson-Kent family: Jane Johnson Kent and Warner Kent, Mrs. Edward Johnson, and Frances and Edward Johnson.

Carol Morgan Southall Fund

Established in 2003 with gifts in honor of Carol Morgan Southall on her 20th anniversary as Director.

Miss Betsy's Fund for the Arts

Established in 2007 with a gift from alumna and Trustee, Betsy Haggett Moschella and her husband Victor Moschella to support the Onaway Library and Arts programs at camp.

Vic and Betsy Haggett Moschella

Mrs. Conolly's Endowment for Counselors

Established in 2016 in honor of director Anne Peterson Conolly to provide support for the professional development of Onaway Counselors.

Anne Peterson Conolly Nancy Conolly Claire Eberhardt

Polly Peterson Wright

Miss Phyllis' O.L.D. (Fun)d for Counselor Training

Established in 2021 by alumna Phyllis Woestemeyer to support **O**naway Leadership **D**evelopment for counselors.

Susan Jackson Phyllis Woestemeyer

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For the completion of capital projects associated with the WIDE AWAKE Capital Campaign.

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Onaway Immediate Impact Scholarship Fund

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We honor the members of Onaway's Campfire Rock Society, who have taken the thoughtful step of planning a deferred gift by naming Camp Onaway as a beneficiary in their will, trust, or retirement plan. Thank you for your dedication and foresight.

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Deceased

hen Parker Rice—son of Marion Rice, husband (both dance of Mona Rice, and father of Robin Rice and counselors) Rebecca Rice—passed away in 2023, Onaway are memorireceived a lovely legacy gift that helped pay for the beautiful alized on our new stage curtains in Woodland Hall. The stage was being pair of wireenlarged at the time to make it suitable to perform a dance less speakers pageant in the event of rain. And the old curtains, which were which we use no longer functioning properly, were too small. all over camp, one named for

Parker's gift made it possible to open camp that summer with highly durable, beautiful curtains on our new stage. The campers, aides, and counselors were so grateful for this gift! They produced many skits, plays, dances, and programs and appreciated the ease of drawing the curtains open and closed like pros!

In speaking with Parker a few years before he passed, he was delighted to hear that his mother Marion, and wife Mona



"Who has Mona?!" or "Where is Marion?!"

Parker was a true believer in the mission of Onaway and we are grateful for his forethought to include Onaway in his estate plans.

FALL 2024 EVENTS





- 1 Onaway Gathering at Head of the Charles, Boston MA
- 2 Alumna Sumner Kerr and Teammate Metal at HOCR
- 3 Boulder, Colorado Open House
- 4 LA, CA Joint Onaway-Pasquaney Open House
- 5 San Francisco Joint Onawau-Pasquaney Open House







SAVE THE DATES!

Onaway Work Weekend



May 31-June 1, 2025

Onaway Alumnae Reunion at Camp Onaway



August 15 - 17, 2025













Onaway lasts a lifetime.

Polly Peterson Wright A

busy summer of travel with two





I was visiting Freeport Maine recently to stay with Carol Southall and catch up with old friends. Polly Burke joined us one evening along with her daughter Allie Burke. There was LOTS of Onaway talk, laughter, and funny stories. "Mrs. S", grandmother of Robbie and Sadie Southall and daughters, Sarah and Cordie Southall, continues to live in her house overlooking the water while enjoying her nightly visits of fox and deer. I moved to the greater San Francisco area in 2018 from Yarmouth Maine and now live in Corte Madera, just north of my Onaway daughters, Kristen Eyler, Laura Larson, and my five beautiful grandchildren. Lucky me! Here we all are in a recent August! 2 family birthday pic at Kristen's house. Hudson (12) and Bennett (9.5) Eyler along with Sammy (almost 8) and Paige and Claire

Clarinda Higgins What a great summer I had...though it wasn't at special Onaway. My

all, Nurse Weesie 💵

Larson (5 yr old twins). Future

Guide Dogs for the Blind, vol-

unteering as a public health RN,

and playing pickleball:) Love to

Onababes! I keep busy fostering

son got engaged and moved closer to me from CO to NY, my daughter accomplished her PhD and I had a wonderful trip to Croatia! I'm still very much in touch with my first Onaway cabinmate Kathie Otte!

Laura Bemis Rollison I'm in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan. And we are facing another typhoon:(Over the three years I've been here we are now experiencing what a typhoon can really do to an island. That said, it has been a great experience teaching here. I've been to other South Asian cities and to some in Japan. The big news is I retired and will be spending more time in New Hampshire. My partner, Jim Laney, is the head of school here. I'll be commuting for a while, yet. I'm looking forward to the reunion at camp next

Lisa Sarno My friendship with "Miss Leslie" (Leslie Stimmel Guggiari) spans the decades of the 1960's through this summer of 2024. We had our annual luncheon "flyby" 2-hour power lunch, this summer on the north shore of Massachusetts. 3

Stephanie Smith Searched for and found an "Onaway" getaway on Upper Sysladobsis Lake in Maine. The influence of

trips to Europe. Both trips involved representing the United States in 2 very diverse competitions. In July I was in Krakow, Poland playing chess in the World Senior Team Championship Women's 65+. In October I raced in World Championship triathlon in Torremolinos, Spain. In between those two trips was a mission trip with my church youth group in Los Angeles and Colorado for fellow Onaway alum and neice Nancy Conolly's wedding. 5

1970s

Susan Riley In December of 2023, I retired from my position as clinical director of inpatient physical therapy services at Mass General Hospital and then promptly relocated, with my husband, to Omaha Nebraska. There, I assumed the role of Director of Physical Therapy and Associate Professor at the Munroe Meyer Institute. Munroe Meyer is an institute that serves children, families, and young adults with developmental disabilities. We moved to spend time with our grandchildren, James age 7 and Clara age 5. We

miss New England desperately, especially the ocean and the mountains but do plan to return when I really retire in about 2 years. Until then we are making the most of our time in the Midwest traveling to National Parks hiking and generally enjoying the landscape. I still look on my time at Onaway fondly and credit it for contributing so much to who I am today, all these years later, and for that I will be forever thankful.

1980s

Susan Cherin My partner Kayla and I founded The Lotus Project, an arts education/production company that uses the arts as a vehicle for change in the areas of self empowerment, conflict resolution, and community advocacy. We received our nonprofit status in fall 2023, and currently are producing a musical with 57 performers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We did not have enough going on, so we bought a house, got a dog, and are planning a wedding for April 2025! (The way the world is going we didn't want to risk not being able to get married, so we are doing it now. I am so grateful for my crazy and beautiful life! Check us out at thelotusprojectnc.com or on





Meg Tweedy Drazek After six years on the continent, I'm in my final year in Africa and headed to DC next summer. If you're coming through Cape Town or Johannesburg, let me know. We've got one boy rowing at Bates College and one freestyle skiing at Brewster Academy. This summer, Greg and I bought our forever home in Stowe, VT, and are excited to land in such a beautiful place when we retire in a few years after serving in twelve countries in 25 years. We hope you'll visit!

Luz Erhardt Hello from Spain!! So amazing to see Camp growing. While we write this we're prepping for Halloween and Luz's 14th birthday coming right up! 8

1990s

Allie Burke I had a wonderful visit with Polly Burke, Carol Southall, and Weesie Barton a few weeks ago. They have not changed a bit! 9

Jennifer Plante-Johnson

Hello! It's Miss JP reporting live from the shores of Lake Michigan! I've been soaking









projects, I'm busy trying to keep up with our son Leo's boundless energy and pondering whether he'll be interested in summer camp this year or soon. If you ever find yourself in West Michigan, don't be a stranger—drop

Elizabeth Wasley Reese

me a line!

Elizabeth Wasley Reese (Skytop '96), husband Mike, and siblings Elsa and Jake were delighted to welcome Blaire Morris Reese to the family on February 22, 2024. Elsa and Jake are loving every minute with their new sister! We are all looking forward to the many adventures we'll go on as a family of 5! •

2000s

Hope Shiverick Adair

My husband, Patrick, and son, James Lincoln (2), welcomed our second child and future camper, Jane Shiverick Adair, on September 18th!

Isabella Cloe I've been having fun playing piccolo in my college's marching band for my second year and our football team looks like they will make it to a bowl game soon. Go Monarchs! (I'm front and center in the photo) (2)

Nancy Conolly I got married in Littleton, Colorado on September 13th, with a big crew of Onaway girls there to celebrate! Kath Keen was our officiant and Annie George read "The Invitation" at our ceremony. Having so many friends from camp there felt like a reunion and a wedding rolled into one, and made the day even more meaningful! 43

Pictured in photo (from L-R) Back row: Molly (Shiverick) Sandbo, Madison Bright, Merrick (Stein) Becker, Brooke Lanigan, Anne (Peterson) Conolly, Annie George, Nell Ethridge, Alice Matthai, Emily Griffen. Front row: Laura (Smallhouse) Canning, Shelby Barada, Kath Keen, Lizzie Conolly, Jane Conolly, Nancy Conolly, Rachel Wolfe, Polly (Peterson) Wright, Lydia MacDougall, Jane Conol-

Lindsay Crevoiserat I

haven't done this in probably 10 years. However, it popped up on my email notifications and I was like why not, and would love to be more involved in camp since I spent 10 of the best years there! I moved to Madison, Wisconsin 3 years ago. Been coaching the women's cross country and track team here at

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University of Wisconsin. We just competed in the first Big Ten Championship with all the additional schools. (For those who don't know, Washington, Oregon, UCLA and USC). The women came in 3rd, behind Oregon and Washington. Our Men won beating Washington and Oregon! Up next: is the qualifier race for the national championship, and then the national championship on Nov 20th, right here on our home course in Madison in which the Top 30 teams in the country compete!

Lucy Rice Culp Excited to announce the birth of my second Onababy on March 18, 2024. Eloise Davison Culp. Can't wait to show camp to her and her older sister! 45

Jessica Feldman Miss Jess Feldman (Skytops '00) flew down from Maine to delight in the extraordinary company of Miss Nina Fink, Miss Emily Heinlein, and Miss Laura Davis at Baltimore's Crankie Fest! (Photo: Emily Heinlein, Nina Fink, Jess Feldman) 6

Kaitlan Biondi Griffin

Sarah (Robart) Friedlander and family came to visit us in London this summer. We also all took a trip to Disneyland



Paris. It was wonderful to spend time with them on our side of the pond!

Back L to R: Sarah (Robart) Friedlander, Shay Griffin, Kaitlan (Biondi) Griffin; Front: Emma Friedlander, Sailor Friedlander, and Declan Griffin

Julia Harris-Polk I am busy raising my 4 and 6 year olds, working as an ob/gyn at Kaiser San Leandro and running a global health non-profit. I hope to get my 6 year old daughter out to visit Onaway in the coming years as a prospective camper. My non-profit, Julayo, had its second annual fundraising gala early November. We are nearing completion of our first primary care clinic in Akure, Nigeria and are hoping to be open by the end of 2025! https://www.julayo.org

2010s

Lea-ann Downs The last two years have been super exciting for my family! My partner and i got engaged summer of 2022. We welcomed our first son Paxton in Jan '23, moved into our first single family home (Belmont NH) in March '24 and welcomed our second son Leo in Aug. '24! I also left my long-





time retail job in fall of 2024 to become a school bus driver, it's been the best decision! I love my job and I love having my babies on the bus with me. Picture from left to right, Me, Leo, Paxton, Parker.

Kelsey Hoekstra I recently moved to Washington, DC to work at National Geographic. I've gotten to meet up with camp friends at weddings and concerts since moving and I'm looking forward to meeting any other alums in the city.

Alexandra D. Hurdman

It was a great summer in Portland, Maine, capped off with running the Beach to Beacon 10k road race and visiting Camp in August! During a recent trip to New York, I was able to meet up with Miss Serena and Miss Josephine in the city! Looking forward to seeing more Onaway friends soon!

Hannah Johnson I recently got engaged and am moving out to Isle au Haut, a small island community off the coast of Maine. My fiancé, John, and I are in the process of building a yurt to live in while we build a more permanent structure on our land there. I hope to continue to farm on the island in one form or another. Pictured: John



Carnes, Hannah Johnson, and our vurt! 49

Sofia Parodi This past June, Miguel Morales and I got engaged on the beautiful beaches of Cancun. With the waves in the background and a couple of close friends by our side, we celebrated the start of a new chapter.

P130 in the Books!

Congratulations to our brothers at Camp Pasquaney for an amazing 130th Anniversary Celebration. In August, after camp ended, hundreds of alumnae, family, and friends returned to the hillside to be with old friends, honor Mr. Vinnie, and refresh their Pasquaney spirit. Several Onaway counselors donned the blue P130 uniform to join the celebration council and be hosts at Onaway where some of the guests lodged and enjoyed tours.

Many Onaway guests enjoyed the celebration! We wish you many happy returns and thank you for being our lifelong good neighbor.

































