



The Onaway Circle

Spring



Since 1911

2024



EDUCATION, MENTORSHIP, LEADERSHIP

Thank You for your Stories!

We asked alumnae how Onaway may have shaped how they teach, mentor, or lead others in their jobs or volunteer work. Thank you for sharing your experiences with us. Your stories remind us about the impact of an Onaway education, how a counselor can make a difference, how a new skill or activity can open a door for a child, how courage is cultivated at camp, and how Onaway values become imprinted and shared with others for a lifetime.

Katie Christenberry Settleberry
Skytops 1997



Sundays were my favorite day at Onaway when I was on the council. I loved the later wake-up time, the van rides into Hebron, the feeling of carrying my guitar all over camp, and most of all, choir practice. Somehow, sitting cross-legged on a stage with 100 girls in front of me and several counselors next to me wasn't intimidating. We were in it together. At one choir practice, I recall being enthusiastically thanked with an "On, On, On" when I explained a challenging harmony. Oh, the encouragement of that cheer!

I have now been teaching elementary music in Cincinnati, OH for 18 years. It wasn't just leading the Onaway choirs that pushed me out of the nest. Onaway also gave me teaching material, and still does! This past winter, my third graders have been learning to sing a canon about a kingfisher in Australia whose birdcall sounds like laughter. Our version of "Kookaburra" is complete with instrumental accompaniment on xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels! Every student has a part, and all students are expected to sing. Everyone belongs. We are in it together.

I could write about the many influences and mentors I have had to encourage me to be the teacher that I have become. All of this has its place in my development as the educator I am today and mother of four. But I also need to give so much credit to the guitar lessons I had on my days off at camp with Miss Laura Davis. And the "Sound of Music" turns I did with my guitar over the yellow lines as we crossed the road to and from Hebron Church. And the reverent experience of leading the whole camp down to chapel in peaceful silence, and following the entire camp out. Passing out patches. Singing goodnight and not goodbye, when really, maybe it *was* goodbye. Music allowed us to feel the way we needed to feel when we otherwise did not have the words.

Singing is as much a part of the fabric of Onaway as are the brown and white uniforms and counselor checks. It is in everything we do and everyone belongs. We sing in celebration, in silliness, in devotion, and in times when we grieve that we must part. This singing is an invitation: a welcoming of all. And while my teaching is a scaffold of many various things, this is the heart of the lesson. All are welcome. We are in this together. Glad to see you, yes we are!



Isabel Ruane O'Connor
Skytops 2007



A few months after my second summer as an Onaway counselor, I sat dejected in my college library. Following the crowd, I had half-heartedly signed up for "on-campus recruiting" but had quickly realized that management consulting and finance were not for me. But what was?

I wrote down three questions: What do I love to do? What am I good at? What work can I imagine doing for years to come? The answers came easily: I loved learning, I loved working with kids, and I was pretty good at both. I pictured favorite high-school teachers and beloved Onaway counselors who also taught in the classroom (looking at you, Miss Liz Angney!) and thought, "That could be me."

The following fall, I joined the Newton Country Day School faculty where my first mentor was none other than alumna Patty Rockensies. After nine years in the classroom—and almost thirteen since teaching my first Onaway swim class—I started my own tutoring business, and I still love teaching as much as ever.

Onaway certainly helped me find a vocation, but more broadly, my Onaway experience—and especially my Onaway role models—nurtured my confidence. Having tackled such challenges as earning a Third Crescent, scaling Mt. Washington, or—toughest of all!—putting Hilltops to sleep every night, I have embraced career ups and downs with courage.

As I write, my husband and I are about five weeks away from meeting our first child, and while we don't yet know what she looks like, we do know that we'll be signing her up for Wendies 2034 :-)

Kimberly Moschella
Skytops 2015

As I enter my third year of teaching Pre-Kindergarten, I can look back at numerous points in my life where teaching became a passion. However, it is Onaway that helped me grow not only as a person but as an educator. My first summer on the council I fell in love with woodworking and helping campers build confidence in themselves. It was Liz Hallen who pushed me into the teaching role and worked with me individually to become a better instructor. It was Liz who made me believe teaching was the right career path and continued to be a mentor in the summers to come. She taught me patience, integrity and a problem-solving mindset. I will never forget the moment she shared that I would be stepping into her role or the feeling of someone believing YOU CAN DO IT. She inspired me to try new things and appreciate the littlest moments.

Since then, I have loved every moment of teaching woodworking and continue to use many of the skills I learned at Onaway. I sing camp songs to students at school each morning, we are never afraid to be silly, and we build a deep-rooted community. But most importantly, I teach my students to be proud of who they are and to have an endless sense of adventure. You never know what passions lie ahead, and those you will meet along the way. Thank you to Onaway for encouraging so many of us to step out of our comfort zones!





Helen Levy
Skytops 1984

I learned three very important things at Onaway that I use in my teaching today at the University of Michigan. First, always start class on time! Second, understand where each student is coming from, and work with them to set achievable goals. Third, it's okay if what you teach is not everyone's favorite subject. (Have I mentioned that at Onaway I was the sewing counselor, and now I teach economics?)

Last fall, my daughter Willow, a second-year Onaway camper, and I hiked in Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. For both of us, it was Onaway that sparked the love of hiking that we now share!



Sarah Scott
Skytops 1986

I remember clearly one of my first days at Onaway. When confronted about not talking and overhearing that I was "shy," I emphatically stated that I was not shy! In truth, I was painfully shy. That moment was transformational. I set out to become someone new who was not constrained by my shyness.

Onaway allowed me to explore and live that new reality. I dove into experiences and took advantage of opportunities. My friends and counselors were incredible. They encouraged me to try new things and ways of being. I thrived and I found my voice.

Returning home presented different challenges. It's tough to move beyond a reputation that you've had since elementary school. My parents understood my desire to learn and grow and provided me with a different opportunity to finish high school. I was able to build upon the confidence, independence, and drive that I'd developed at Onaway.

After college, I taught outdoor education and became a teacher and an elementary school principal. I hope my students say that I've nurtured them as individuals and have helped them realize their potential. My goal as a leader is to empower teachers, staff, and students to find their voice and to make a positive impact on others. Recently, I've become an area superintendent where I support principals to empower their teachers and students to thrive and to positively impact their world.

I truly believe that I wouldn't be where I am today if I hadn't been gifted the Onaway experience.



Karen Manherz Powell
Skytops 1984



I absolutely love my volunteer job! Onaway taught me to be a person who jumps in and helps out. I'm the volunteer coordinator (in charge of recruiting and training other volunteers) for our school district clothing center. We have a large facility where we take in used clothes and give them away free to anyone in our school district. It's run completely by volunteers.

Last year we served 750 kids from our 18 schools. We gave away about 200 coats and about 2700 new pairs of socks and underwear. It's a great system; We take in clothes, keep the best ones, and re-donate the rest to Savers. Then they give us a small price per pound which we use to buy the new underwear. The socks are given to us free from Bombas. We've also been given occasional monetary awards from organizations or school fundraisers. If anyone wants more information feel free to email me at karenman7@gmail.com.



Jane McKelvy
Skytops 2013

I'm now in my 3rd year of medical school, and I truly believe that learning about wilderness safety and first aid, as well as doing Seacows (with Miss Kala Bolton!) to become a lifeguard my Skytops year, were early experiences that shaped my interest in providing medical care for others. Who knows- maybe I'll come back to be a camp doctor one day!



Jenny Ammon
Skytops 2017

In my final semester of college at DeSales University, I will be graduating in May with a B.A. in Musical Theatre and a minor in Italian. I am thrilled to announce I am playing the role of Pinocchio in DeSales Act 3's "Pinocchio!" The encouragement of the Onaway community has kept my spirits high throughout my pursuits, and I believe Onaway is where I found the strength to faint not and fight on!



Katherine Bouman
Skytops 2017

Looking back, Onaway was in many ways foundational to my development as an educator. Whether in leading ceramics classes, teaching the pivot turn in boating, or inspiring hikers to press on to the summit, my days as a camp counselor allowed me to help others achieve their personal goals and afforded me the opportunity to understand that we are all different kinds of learners. My circuitous path from elementary school teacher to the field of museum education has allowed me to engage with students both in and outside the classroom. In my current role as Senior Associate Director of the Binghamton University Scholars Program, our honors program for undergraduates, I have the opportunity to work with some of the best students on campus and help them achieve their academic and pre-professional goals. We are pictured here in Ephesus, Turkey (I'm in the white hat). Onaway taught me many leadership skills, to take adventurous risks even when something seems scary, and to have a sense of humor along the way.

Catherine DeLaura
Tiptops 1982

I came to Onaway late. My first year I was a Tiptop. I was not a legacy camper or a child with connections to the lake through another camp. I did not really understand the whole concept of Onaway. My first summer, my grandmother sent me cookies and I hid them in the cabin. By the end of the summer, I realized my bunkmate, who had always received honor awards, did not get one that year due to my actions. Then I fully understood the magic of the Onaway Honor System.

The honor system taught me independence, ethics, and a clarity about the person I wanted to be. I never did get an honor award, but I have taken these lessons with me. I became an educator and eventually landed at an organization in the Dominican Republic called the DREAM Project. My experience at Onaway helped me develop my educational philosophy that fosters independence, communication, and a drive to create a place where everyone is welcome. The explicit honor system really helped me conceptualize the best way to act, and I was a child that needed that. I ended up at Onaway for 6 summers and made life-long friendships that still support me today!



Mary Stuart McGuire
Skytops 2011



When I first became a counselor in 2015, I did not think I would still be returning for eight more summers. But considering the thrill of camp, it's hard to say no to returning year after year. In fact, that first summer on the council sparked a realization that teaching could probably be a pretty cool and camp-compatible job. I like to say I have the best of both worlds: I grow the minds of fourth graders during the school year, and then I get to cheer them on at camp in the summer.

What I love most about teaching and being a counselor is the opportunity to continuously learn from my peers and colleagues. Working at camp is wonderful professional development for a teacher. Each summer, I am reminded of the amazing creativity of the council and the connections they make. We learn how strong communities make strong teams and the importance of fun at camp. Each fall, I return to my classroom ready to adjust my teaching practices using what I learned from younger, arguably cooler counselors. So I focus on building community in my classroom and among the staff. Teaching how to be team players is just as important as teaching how to read and multiply, and when they master teamwork, they have the most fun. I can't wait to see what tricks I learn from this summer's counselors and aides!

Miss Phyllis's O.L.D. Fun(d) for Leadership Development



Supporting all the leadership training opportunities at Onaway, such as our alumnae have written about in this section of the newsletter, requires funding. During our recently completed WIDE AWAKE Capital Campaign, a new endowed fund was created to support Onaway Leadership Development. Alumna Phyllis Woestemeyer, a counselor from 1969-1986, created the fund with a generous contribution, naming it with her well-known Onaway sense of humor! She hopes that others will contribute to the fun(d) so that it grows to meet the many training and development opportunities available to our staff and counselors.

As an endowed fund, it will exist in perpetuity and only the interest will be used each season. Her thoughtful gift will support training such as Wilderness First Responder (WFR), Wilderness First Aid (WFA), Water Safety Instructor (WSI) for swim instructors, and Life Guard Instructor (LGI) so one of our staff is certified to train the rest of our staff and our oldest campers and aides. All counselors receive CPR and First Aid training. With this new fund, Onaway

will be able to seek out new leadership training resources as well.

We asked Miss Phyllis to tell us about her inspiration for this new fund:

When I was a counselor, ages ago, I needed to obtain the many waterfront certifications necessary to do my job at camp. It was incumbent upon me (and all counselors) to obtain, pay for, and maintain them. When this particular fund was first suggested, it seemed a natural fit to provide that support for counselors who need all sorts of different certifications, skill training, and experiences to provide the best program possible for the campers. Just as importantly, they also need to learn how to develop leadership skills in each camper and aide. Of course, all of this is best accomplished when the entire summer is fun!

With the great success of the Wide Awake Campaign, now is truly the time to focus on all the priceless learning opportunities Camp can provide people at all levels. This will ensure the development of strong Onaway counselors, aides, and campers to carry on the traditions and core values that are at the true heart of Onaway. Properly done, it simply looks like people are having fun [hence the "(Fun)d"] while they are developing as women with a strong and caring basis for their lives. Such strength does not occur overnight but with time and support. The Onaway Leadership Development (Fun)d was created to nurture the growth and development of future positive leaders in this world. It aspires to provide the necessary financial support so that Onaway can continue to do this for years to come. Your contributions will help make this a reality!



To contribute to this fund online, click the Donate button on our website and enter Leadership Development Fund in the text box under "a different fund". Or mail a check to Camp Onaway, PO Box 339, Glenside PA 19038.

You can follow this QR code to the online donation page!



Getting Ready for Onaway’s 113th Summer

The Evolution of Leadership at Camp

Barrie Pendergast, Director, Skytops 1986

As I prepare for the 2024 season, I am excited by the shift that has taken place over the past several years concerning early and mid-career educators returning to camp. The landscape for teachers has dramatically changed over the past ten years and following an often grueling school year (even with all the joys and successes), one of our questions has been—how can we ensure our most seasoned counselors recharge versus burnout at Onaway?

This summer, we are fortunate to have at least four educators returning to Onaway: Stu McQuire (Program Director), Jane Lindstrom (Head of Lower Camp), Alisha Saini (Head of Upper Camp & Camper Support), and Kimberly Moschella (Woodworking). With roughly 35 years of experience as Onaway staff, they will be the backbone of the 2024 council, a significant support for both me and the campers, and trusted mentors for our team of talented, eager, inspiring counselors.

Miss Kimberly, a Preschool Teacher during the school year, has ably led our very popular Woodworking program for the past three seasons and will return part-time to Onaway this summer to train and support Miss Brooke Carmody who is taking over the shop. After Ms Liz Grace enhanced the woodworking program during her tenure, it is thrilling to see her campers’ and counselors’ ability to run the shop. Miss Kimberly will be with us at key times to ensure things are humming along and the leadership transition is smooth. Woodworking is not only a popular activity, as is evident by our ever-expanding



shop, but a skill that builds tremendous self-confidence and courage in the campers.

Miss Jane, a 3rd grade Special Education teacher for language-based learning differences, and Miss Alisha, a middle school licensed mental health and professional school counselor, will support our campers in their so-

cial-emotional life at camp. For the past few years, we have enhanced the roles of Heads of Upper Camp and Lower Camp after seeing an increased need to meet our campers where they are as they transition to community living at Onaway. Our counselors and staff have always been mindful and attentive to the adjustment from home to



camp, particularly with our new campers. Since 2019, we have witnessed an increased need for attention in this area, and we are making sure our cabin group counselors are prepared and supported for the unique challenges our campers face.

Miss Jane, with nine summers on the council, all in Wendies, Hilltops, and Birches, is an expert in the experience of our youngest campers and serves to support the counselors who work directly with those groups. When not sailing or bringing joy to the art program, she also deftly manages our camper report writing, including midsummer letters, final camper reports, and Taylor Colors.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the way in which we support campers has changed. I began seeing a shift in our campers just before the pandemic. Countless articles and data points address the vulnerability of young girls and women in today’s landscape. The exposure to more social media than ever before, the lost social and emotional growth during the pandemic, and the decreased time spent in nature have all contributed to this shift. While a summer at Onaway is the antidote to many of these deficits, the transition

can be abrupt, and we have changed our staffing structure to help smooth those edges.

The last two summers, we have seen the positive impact of increasing our commitment and attention to mental health with Miss Alisha’s skilled support. With her strong background in mental health and school counseling, she will again provide invaluable camper support this summer. Our goal, as has been the goal of an Onaway experience for decades, is to build resilience and self-confidence in our campers so they can thrive during the summer and take new skills home. Miss Alisha has been instrumental in developing best practices, and she can be found all over camp with her golden doodle, Kevin!

Finally, having such strong senior leadership has allowed us to reevaluate the summer assistant director role, shifting some responsibilities to other individuals and allowing a stronger focus on program leadership. Therefore, Miss Stu, a 4th-grade teacher in the off-season, will return as Program Director. In this new role, she will oversee and support the counselors in their activities, specifically focusing on the excellence we strive for in teaching. She will also ensure that our special

events, like the Fourth of July and Fair Weekend, run smoothly! You may also find Miss Stu at the waterfront, behind a camera, or in the darkroom teaching campers.

In the past, educators who loved being counselors had difficulty returning due to tight school schedules and the significant demands of camp and school. In addition to the leaders mentioned above, we have several other experienced counselors capable of leading during pre-camp staff training and stepping in for each other throughout the summer as needed. Camp has the potential to offer wonderful growth and development opportunities for teachers. With a more shared leadership model, creativity and teamwork abound, greater balance is achieved, and burnout is less likely. An Onaway summer is a marathon for any staff member, and this model also allows for more reasonable time off for everyone and the possibility for educators to have a summer where they leave with a sense of accomplishment and inspiration as they return to their classrooms and offices. Most importantly, it provides a broad base of excellent camp leadership and a deep bench of support for the growth and development of our campers.



Together Again,
At Last!

How wonderful it has been to return to in-person reunions and open-house gatherings this past winter and spring! Thank you to everyone who brought friends to the gatherings to learn about Onaway. You are our best ambassadors! Children have many summer activity options today, and parents are looking for the best programs for their daughters. Introducing your friends to Onaway is a tremendous gift! We gathered in nine cities, from the East Coast to the Midwest. It was fun to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones! Next year, we hope to return to the West Coast as well. Thank you to all our hosts for opening your homes to the Onaway community.



Top: Boston, MA, Open House hosted by Rockensies/Sullivan Family
Middle: Chapel Hill, NC Alumnae Gathering
Bottom: Brooklyn, NY, Open House hosted by Clary Family.



Chevy Chase, MD, Open House hosted by Talieh Family



Chicago Area Open House hosted by the Barhight Family



New Hampshire Open House at Onaway



Philly Open House in Wayne, PA hosted by the Connor Family



St. Louis, MO, Open House hosted by alum/trustee Lisa White Pelikan

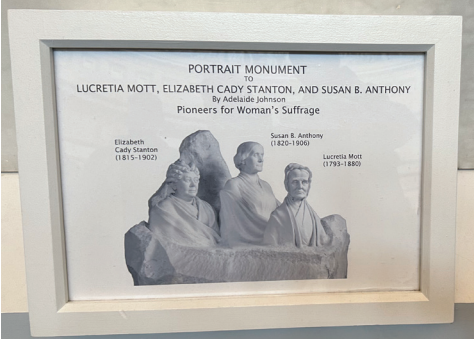


Boulder, CO, Open House hosted by the Miller/Pinkerton Family

ONAWAY EVENTS

Onaway Goes to Washington!

Onaway Trustees and staff headed for Washington, DC in April for a spring board meeting. Our thanks go to Onaway alumna, Bizzy Willing, who works for New Hampshire Congresswoman Annie Kuster (also a Newfound Lake neighbor) for organizing a tour of the Capitol on Friday. And following the tour, we gathered with local alumnae and friends at Circa for happy hour. It was an inspiring way to begin a week-end of productive meetings in our quest to keep Onaway strong!



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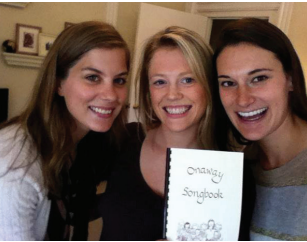
June... the Perfect Month to Remember Camp

Alumnae Opening Day Meet-ups are Back!

Onaway alumnae, call your Onaway friends and plan a June outing to bring back memories and celebrate Opening Day 2024! In past years, alumnae have met for picnics in the park, a hike, bowling, brunch, or a happy hour. Wear brown and white, share camp stories, post a photo and a few memories on the Camp Onaway Alumnae Facebook page, and sing a few camp songs!

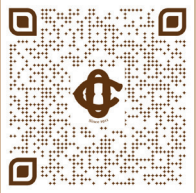
Whether it's a meet-up of 2 or 10, let your Onaway spirit move you! If you aren't sure if there is another alumna living in your city, ask us! We're happy to check. If June 22nd, Opening Day at camp, is not the best day for your meet-up, pick another day in June. Send us photos so we can share them in the fall newsletter.

June is also the perfect time to donate to the Onaway Fund during the annual Alumnae Brown & White Challenge. Donate in honor of a camp friend, a beloved counselor or director, or simply in honor of Onaway's 113th season! Onaway is the oldest continuously operating girls camp in America and that's worth celebrating and supporting!



ALUMNAE BROWN & WHITE ONAWAY FUND CHALLENGE 2024

Join the campers and counselors in the spirit of Brown & White Games this summer. Participating in the Alumnae B&W Challenge will help us reach the top of the Onaway Fund mountain (see next page). Alumnae, join your team by donating today and feel the joy of reaching the summit together and helping your dear old Onaway! No matter the amount, each gift will earn one point for your team. If you do not remember which team you were on, we will do our best to assign you, based on family members or team balance. Most importantly, we are all on Team Onaway! So please donate by August 1st, when we will





Onaway Fund

Climb this mountain with us!

In a few weeks, campers will be nesting in their tiny cabins and making new friends while learning to swim, sail, use power tools, dance, and climb mountains!

With-ever increasing food and maintenance costs, even the rising tuition does not fully cover the cost of camp. The Onaway Fund is critical for a successful summer at camp. It's a steep climb, but if everyone joins in, we can make it together. Please help us reach the summit this summer!

News! We now accept Apple Pay and Google Pay on our website donation page. Easy! Thank you for your support!



GOAL: \$225,000 from 500 donors by year-end Sept 30.



Online... easy as 1, 2, 3! In fact, easier than ever since, in addition to credit/debit cards, we now accept Apple Pay and Google Pay on our online donation page.



Stock/Securities... visit our website for stock transfer information under GIVING tab. Or follow this QR code directly to the "Gifts of Securities" webpage.

Check... mail to Camp Onaway, PO Box 339, Glenside, PA 19038

TODAY: \$117,990 from 240 donors... almost halfway to the top!

WHOOPS! Our apologies and sincere thanks to these generous donors whose names were missing from the Role of Donors in the Fall 2023 newsletter and annual report:

Nancy Denious, *Onaway Fund*
Bill and Roe Sanford, *WIDE AWAKE Campaign*



Campfire Rock Society

Last year my husband and I were planning a trip without our kids and realized we should probably formalize a will ahead of our trip. Adding Onaway as a beneficiary in my will was something I had always considered doing, it was just a matter of time.

Even with three little boys, it was important to me to recognize the impact that Onaway had on my life, instilling values around community, independence, serving others, being kind... the list goes on. These are values I am constantly trying to remember in my day-to-day life and to instill in my sons. My summers at Onaway helped shape how I

approach challenges in life or work, and how I connect to my community.

Including her in my will is just one way to acknowledge the positive influence that Onaway had in molding me into who I am today and who I continue to try to be. There will always be a need for Onaway - today or 50 years from now - as an escape, as a guarantee of a safe space for girls of all backgrounds to learn, grow, laugh, be silly, and develop into the best they can be. And I hope they all enjoy jumping into that clean lake or sitting by a campfire after their summers have ended there, as much as I do.



To join or learn about Campfire Rock Society, contact us at (610) 525-0676 or mfunston@camponaway.org, or visit our website, www.camponaway.org, under the Giving tab.



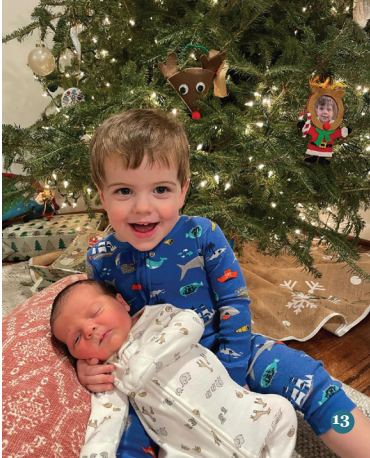
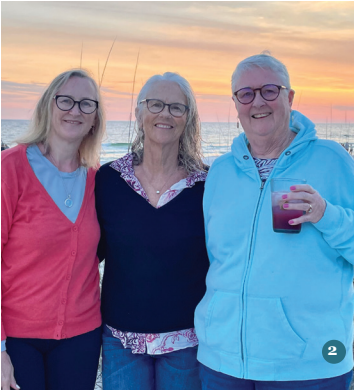
CAMPFIRE ROCK SOCIETY MEMBERS

Save-the-Date!

July 20, 2024, at 2 PM ET
For a summer rendezvous on Zoom

Live, from Camp Onaway!
*Hear from Director Barrie Pendergast
See the beautifully renovated Woodland Hall
And connect with other Campfire Rock Society members.*

(Details to follow via email)



1960s

Anne Peterson Conolly A fun little impromptu Onaway gathering in Dillon CO with, L to R: Merrick Stein Becker, Brookie Lanigan, Anne Conolly, daughter Nancy Conolly, and sister Polly Peterson Wright. 1

1970s

Elizabeth (Ibby) Carothers After a trip to Kenya over the summer with Natural Habitat Adventures, I've discovered that wildlife photography and adventure travel are two of my passions. My next adventure is in 2025 to Antarctica and Patagonia, where I'll be kayaking in Antarctica and hiking and horseback riding in Torres Del Paine! Thank you, Onaway for unforgettable memories of Senior Hiking Club in the Presidential Range decades ago, climbing Mount Washington. I want to hike the Appalachian Trail in 2026. Practice hiking between now and then, on my weekly days off from work, is a must! Any fellow

Onaway alumnae who have hiked the AT and want to share their experience let me know at ibbyemail@gmail.com!

Bunny McClave Three Onaway sisters on Santa Rosa beach for our semi-annual "Sister Fest". Peg McClave Howes, Bunny McClave, and Kerry McClave Faughnan...OnaOna-Onaway. 2

1980s

Cristina Anez de Gomez We all went to Orlando for New Years and to Disney and had a great time in the happiest place on earth. I just got my board certification in lifestyle medicine and love working as a PCP in the Chicago suburbs. Dani finished Gymnastics and is now doing track and field in school. Laura is studying at DePaul University with a double Major in Psychology and French and currently doing a semester abroad in Paris. In picture 3 Dani, Cristina, and Laura, and picture 4 is Laura in Paris. 3 4

Rebecca "Becky" Clothier Case (Skytops 1981) of Hingham, MA died on December 18th, 2023, after an 11-year battle with kidney cancer, surrounded by loving family and friends. Becky was born December 8th, 1966, in Bryn Mawr, PA, and was the daughter of the late Isaac H. Clothier IV and Barbara M. Clothier. Wife, mom, friend, teacher, lover of hydrangeas, twinkling blue eyes, and a big bright smile are just a few words to describe Becky. She was a special education teacher and a volunteer in her community.

Jon Hawkinson, Onaway counselor from 1970 - 1997, husband of alumna Ramsay Stewart Hawkinson, passed away on April 2, 2024, at the age of 77. Jon was a great educator. He taught special education and adapted physical education for BOCES for over 30 years. After marrying Ramsay in 1969, Jon came to Onaway with her where he taught sailing and swimming, and ran the trip program for many years. Jon

spent a lot of his time doing activities in nature that brought him joy—gardening, snowshoeing, hiking, birdwatching, and nature photography. He had a delightful sense of humor and loved to make those around him smile and laugh with his jokes and stories.

Ellen Langford In a combination of luck and schedule wiggling, my wife Ashleigh and I spent a few precious minutes with my cousin, alumna du-Vergne Gaines, and her husband David Shackelford in London. Onas abroad! 5 6

Jessica DiLuglio Park After the death of our mother Alexandra *Lexie* Ramsay (1954-1957), in 2022, my sister Nicole DiLuglio (1983-1985) and I, Jessica DiLuglio Park (1984-1986) visited New Hampshire to handle her estate (selling her Hebron Hillside Inn cottage she owned for almost 40 years). We are grateful we were able to make a generous donation in her memory which allowed camp to purchase 7 rocking chairs, 2 benches,

library books, and other library and landscaping beautification projects. It gives us peace and comfort to know her legacy will live on for campers and counselors to enjoy for years. 7

Karen Manherz Powell I am thrilled that my daughter Ella (11) will be going to Onaway in 2024. She's been looking online for clothing and supplies since December and is almost finished collecting everything on the packing list. Ella loves her uniform so much that she wore the t-shirt and hoodie to school which I thought was hysterical because I would never have worn my 1982 shirt and sweater to school! We're both hoping Ella's dad will be able to survive the 7 weeks without his "daddy's girl." Photo is Ella in her new uniform. 8

Alexandra Stetzer Copes Last year I married Jeffrey Copes! My son, Alexander M Williams, is a junior at Conestoga. We moved to our new house in August. 9

1990s

Elizabeth Hoogenboom Clary I was overjoyed to be the host for the Brooklyn NY Onaway Open House gathering this year and am looking forward to living vicariously through Emma as she is in Birches this summer (the only cabin group I never was in!). 10

Katherine Keen An Onaway Meet-up with Helen Gemmill and Lizza Miller! 11

Elizabeth Lucarelli After over a decade working as a wilderness therapist I've launched my own coaching and therapy private practice in Asheville, NC. You can find me at Lucarelliwellness.com. My work as a professional is deeply rooted in the philosophies of camp and the Be Strong quote sits on my desk as a reminder to persevere during the tough times. I'm forever grateful for my Onaway experience and love connecting with my camp friends when I can. If you're traveling through the Asheville area let me know,

I'd love to connect and delight in fun camp memories!

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Meredith Carden Living in Park Slope, Brooklyn with my husband and daughter, Viola. Our home is about to get a bit more crowded, as we're expecting two babies this summer - one future Onababe, and a future Pasquaney camper! Come say hi if you're in the neighborhood! 12

Claire Eberhardt My husband and I welcomed Scott "Scottie" Reynolds on Christmas Day! 13

Dresden Graff I had an incredible weekend at the 2024 AKC National Agility Championship with Harley Quinn placing 2nd in the Challengers round by 0.3 seconds. Cheering on my students in finals was a thrill! 14

Julia Harris-Polk Last year I started a global health non-profit organization that





builds healthcare and education facilities in underserved areas around the world. We're currently building our first clinic in Akure, Nigeria. I worked in global health for many years before becoming an ob/gyn and now starting my own organization has been a dream come true. Check us out! <https://www.julayo.org>

Jennifer Hawkins On April 23rd, my mom, Elizabeth Porter Hawkins, Skytops 1969, received the first-ever Legacy Award at EChO (Evergreen Christian Outreach) where she started the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot fundraiser. Believing no one should go to bed hungry, she continues to volunteer. What a beautiful night for a wonderful cause, honoring an amazing woman! She is always helping others, volunteering in every way possible, and never able to say no. She's a strong, powerful woman I look up to and call my role model.

Stella F. Lynch I am thrilled to announce that I just graduated Law School in Rome, Italy,



and I am embarking on a new journey as a practicing attorney! I wanted to express my gratitude to each and every one I met at Onaway. The memories of my time spent at Camp and the wonderful people I had the privilege to meet have left an indelible mark on me. The invaluable lessons I learned during my time at camp have played a significant role in shaping the person I am today.

Katherine (Katie) Mark I finished my graduate degree in Early Childhood and Special Education in 2021. I entered public education and am a Kindergarten teacher in Bristol, CT. I am looking for a new district, where I can set roots and ideally stay for a long time. Wish me luck! In my free time, I have been climbing indoors and outdoors. I attached a photo of myself leading climbing in Rumney, NH last May. Driving up to Rumney, NH was a flashback to my camp years and I absolutely loved it.

Kelly Smith McElroy Officially a momma of two girls!



Baby Alice joined the family November 23! Can't wait for them to have their Onaway summers :)

Heather Murphy Mrs. Southall and I were able to meet up for lunch!! It was so nice to reconnect with her!! I have been very busy nannying and pet-sitting and loving every minute of it!! Mrs. Southall and I are hoping to catch up again this month!!

Isabel Ruane O'Connor Introducing a new addition to Wendies 2033! Louise Marion O'Connor, 6 lb 5 oz 19 inches long, arrived at 2:38 AM on March 14, 2024. Mom, Dad (Luke), and baby Louise are happy and healthy! Besides eating and sleeping, her favorite activity is listening to Mommy sing Onaway songs. We are in love.

Catherine Ostholthoff Ransom I married Brandon Ransom on October 21, 2023 at my second favorite lake, Lake Waramaug, in New Preston, CT. There was champagne, a



jazz band, and a lovely group of Onas in attendance! Living in Seattle, I am looking forward to hiking in the Pacific Northwest this summer, which is not a sentence I would have uttered as a camper.

Jennifer Rawson I started a new job at a chiropractor's office in Fairfield Connecticut. It's going well.

Meredith Richter My wife Molly and I welcomed baby Eli in early February. He doesn't understand the concept of rest hour quite yet, but he'll get there eventually!

Johanna Zabawa Looking forward to my 2nd summer working at Camp Pemigewasset in Wentworth, NH as their Head of Health and Wellness. It's been amazing introducing my family to camp life. Can't wait to bring Charlotte (4) and Holly (2) to visit Onaway!



Marta Escura Esteban Miss Charlotte Berl and I went on a big trip together! We hiked Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and did a little Onaway cheer at the top. This is a very special trip for us because it marks 10 years since our Skytops summer (we were Tiptops and Skytops roommates)!

Rachel Freedman Since the summer of 2023, I have been working in the White Mountains doing trail work and teaching English outside of the US during the fall, winter, and spring seasons. I love being back in the mountains where I found my



love of hiking with Onaway. I hope to see you all on the trails this summer!

Jess Hebert I've been loving living in western Maine the last few years. I'm working as a construction project manager building ski lifts, trails, snow-making systems, and even giant igloos for a couple of resorts in Maine. I have a little bit Onaway in my life weekly thanks to Liz Scribner Repetto! We work together in the winter on Sunday River's ski patrol team and on the Mahoosuc Mountain search and rescue team in the summer.



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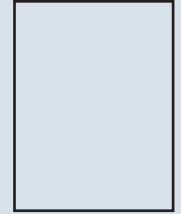
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