Director’s Message from Nat Crane:

We have some really exciting news to share. We are about to make a major investment in our Waterfront! We have been working on plans for a significant revitalization of the Waterfront which includes all new docks, a much-needed building, improvements to the beach, as well as the creation of more open space. Some improvements will be implemented for this summer with others coming in 2019.

This is all made possible by a major grant from the Copper Beech Foundation. This foundation, based in Ridgewood, New Jersey, belongs to one of our alumni families. They have been generous donors to our Annual Fund and were instrumental in funding the Centennial Lodge.

The new building will provide shelter during inclement weather, a setting for indoor instruction, proper equipment storage space, areas to perform boat maintenance, bathroom facilities, as well as winter boat storage space (illustration on page 3). For those of us who have used the Waterfront, both campers and staff, you can certainly appreciate the need and the functionality that the building will provide. We hope to break ground on this immediately following the 2018 season.

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NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

We have moved our website onto a new user-friendly platform giving us greater flexibility to make updates in-house. The effort allowed us to make a number of changes, including streamlining the enrollment process and providing more current information. A great deal of gratitude is extended to alum Andy Amiri who has been our webmaster for over a decade.

Photo Credit

The photographer who created the banner picture on the first page is named Ken Hamilton. He has taken multiple photos of Camp, as well as other NH locations. The photos are actually printed on metal, and the resulting pictures are stunning. If you are interested in purchasing the banner photo (or any other creations by Ken), please contact Sarah Coppestone at Artisans Corner, 7 North Main Street, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. The shop phone number is 603-393-0532.

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Do Something This Spring

Bring A Friend to an Open House at Camp in May!
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The new docks have already been ordered and will be in place for this summer. Widely used in the camping industry, the EZ Docks are plastic, lightweight, and easy to assemble. The configuration of the swim docks will be the same, while the boating docks will be enhanced to better accommodate our fleet of motor boats. There will also be a new slide.

While we’re down at the Waterfront with heavy equipment, we plan to create more useable space, add a barbecue area, remove the large rock in the middle of the swim beach, and expand the use of our Waterfront beyond the swim docks toward the cove.

However, we need to raise additional funds and need your help. The grant from Copper Beech includes a matching component where, if we raise $75,000, they will increase their grant by an additional $75,000. To fully implement our vision, we need your support in any amount you can give. Donations can be made to the Waterfront Capital Campaign on our website. Click on the “DONATE NOW” button on any web page and follow the links. Your help, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

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**THINGS WE COULD USE**

Some of our important needs for the 2018 season include:

- New Sunfish style sailboat $3,500
- Shiver Pole element for High Ropes $2,000
- Golf/Utility Cart $5,000
- Commercial Ice Machine $2,500
- Adirondack Chairs $350 per chair

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Nat at (603) 569-3698. Your help is greatly appreciated!
Mark Your Calendars!
2018

May 5     Service Weekend
Come help open up Camp. After a delicious breakfast at 8:30 AM, Nat will divide
attendees into work crews. A full lunch will be provided, as well as a hearty dinner.
Cabin accommodations are available, and breakfast will also be provided Sunday
morning at 8:30 AM, after which all will depart. No Friday meals are served, but
cabin dwellers are welcome to arrive Friday evening.

Saturdays in May  Open Houses on May 5, 12, and 19
Three chances for prospective and new families to talk with the Director, meet some
staff, and take a guided tour of Camp. Current and former staff are encouraged to
attend whenever possible to help lead tours. If you wish to bring or send a
prospective camper family to one of these open houses, please have them contact
Camp to arrange a tour time.

June 7—15    Certification School
June 16—23   Staff Training
June 24      CAMP BEGINS!
July 14      Board of Trustees Meeting at Camp
August 11    Camp ends
August 13-18 Camp Kesem, UVM chapter
August 14-19 Camp Kesem, Chestnut Hill chapter
August 20-25 Camp Kesem, Dartmouth chapter
September 1  105th Reunion at Camp
New and Improved!

A large campus such as ours always has a long list of needs. We chip away at the more expensive items each year, some with appeal and others a bit more mundane. In addition to re-roofing the Farmhouse this off-season, we will be having the tennis courts resurfaced.

Pictured above right is a sample of the new docks we’ll have at the Waterfront for 2018!

It's Never Too Late

The 2018 Annual Fund has been very successful! So far, the total stands at over $28,000. The Annual Fund is extremely important to Camp, as it is used to address capital improvements and equipment needs without adversely impacting the operating budget. All donations, whether $5 OR $5,000, are appreciated and needed. It’s never too late to support the Camp or to contact your company for a matching gift to increase your donation. To make an online donation, go to our website wlcamp.org and click on the “DONATE NOW” button on any web page.

SAVE-THE-DATE
105th Anniversary Reunion
Saturday, September 1, 2018 (Labor Day Weekend)
William Lawrence Camp, Center Tuftonboro, NH

On Saturday September 1st, we will celebrate the 105th anniversary of William Lawrence Camp. Join us at Camp for a reunion that will include a gathering in the Chapel and luncheon. Re-connect with old friends and take a walk around the grounds. If there is a need for accommodations for those coming from afar, please contact Nat at knoll@wlcamp.org or call 603-569-3698. Keep an eye out for registration information which will be emailed this spring.
Password: Perseverance

When you spend a summer on The Knoll, you learn so many different skills. Some of them are easy to describe, such as swimming, riflery, archery, and woodworking. Other skills are much more intangible and develop over time, but may even be more valuable over a lifespan. Often these skills become part of who you are, traits that someday become distinguishing characteristics. Perseverance is one such trait that is part of the William Lawrence experience. Every single day, campers are steadfast and determined to achieve something despite difficulties. Perseverance develops when a senior camper traverses the Presidential Range in a driving rainstorm or canoes for hours into a stiff headwind on Lake Winnipesaukee to make landfall by dark. For a junior camper, it may be as simple as learning how to start a fire with flint and steel. It isn't as easy as you might think. Time and time again, young men blow on tiny embers ignited by a spark to cause the paperlike birch bark to catch fire. Patience and resoluteness are essential for success! Perseverance becomes part of the camper persona; a characteristic that will serve each young man well for the challenges ahead.

SPREAD the Word!

- Tell friends about WLC.
- Host an Open House; we’re available.
- ‘Like’ & ‘Share’ our official Facebook page and ‘Friend’ Bill Larry.
- Advertise Camp in your town through local parent channels/forums.
- Follow us on Instagram: @WilliamLawrenceCamp.
- Post a review on Yelp.
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel.
- Campers earn a WLC baseball cap for recruiting friends.
- Share your love of Camp with your friends! Request promotional packets to give out.
- Tell friends about our Open Houses at Camp. Better yet, help WLC staff give a tour!
Open House Update and Thank You

We have had several successful Open Houses so far this winter including events in Boston (MA), Hingham (MA), Ridgewood (NJ), and Wellesley (MA). Many thanks to those who came to support the effort and to our hosts the Summersgills and Crellins in Boston, the Sharpes in Hingham, the Chmiels in Ridgewood, and the Braatz family in Wellesley.

Camp Reunion

Our usual January Camp Reunion had to be canceled due to inclement weather. So we decided to try something different and rescheduled it in February at the Italo American Club in Wellesley, MA. It was great to see many alumni and camper families work around the date and venue change and come out to celebrate Camp. We hosted an Open House for prospective campers directly after the reunion, and it worked out nicely that many families who came for the reunion stayed to share their opinions on Camp and lend their support during the Open House!
Camp in the Off-Season

Scenes from the Knoll

...and on the Waterfront
Camp Family News

Hailing from Quebec, Canada, current camper Louis Paradis is becoming quite an accomplished athlete in freestyle mogul skiing. He is participating frequently in local and national championships and some North American championship events; footage of Louis skiing was included in a video recently released by the Ski Acro Quebec organization. Some of his “local competition” includes athletes who competed at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang. Perhaps we will be watching Louis in 2022!

Matt Kellick, camper (1998-2004), staff member (2005), and Brave, will be getting married on 5/26/2018 to Jordana Weisman. Matt is currently a paramedic/firefighter in Hamden, CT. Jordana is a nurse at Yale Medical Center. They live with their dog Colby in North Haven, CT.

Jim McIntosh, long-time camper and counselor, passed away at his home in Winchester, MA, on December 19th, 2017. Jim was born on April 21, 1933, and is survived by his wife Victoria Taylor and his four children. Jim attended WLC from 1946-1954 and served many leadership roles during his time at WLC, including Head of the Waterfront, Head of the Senior Unit, and a member of the Braves. He loved his time at WLC and often talked about his time spent at Camp. Jim has a 1954 all-Camp staff and camper photo framed in his living room and enjoyed the book of the 100 years of WLC. His son, Geoff McIntosh, was a long-time camper from 1977-1984. (In the picture above from the summer of 1953, Jim is in the back in the UMass sweatshirt. For identities of others in the photo, visit page 124 of the Centennial Book.)

Grandmother Meredith Hanrahana Boshes reports that Kevin Ryan Paige graduated from Middlesex Sheriff’s Academy as an Officer on December 8, 2017. Kevin was a camper from 2005 through 2009. His brother, Christian, was with him for ’05, ’06, and ’09.

She also provided news about another grandson, Gianni Irizary. Gianni married his high school sweetheart, Yanina Marin, on August 8, 2017. Gianni was at Camp for the summers of 2001 through 2003.
If you are familiar with some of Scott “Goose” Giessler’s legendary antics at Camp, you will not be surprised to learn that he loves to act in the off-season when he can, as well. This past fall, he starred as Professor Harold Hill in the Village Players’ production of The Music Man. Not to be outdone, his equally talented wife, Phoebe, played Ethel Toffelmeier, and son Elliott gave a memorable performance as Winthrop. We look forward to seeing all of the Giesslers back on the Knoll in Summer 2018!

David Henderson visited camp in mid-October to donate some extra fly fishing gear. David and his father, Douglas, were avid fly fishermen. When Douglas passed away in December of 2015, he left all of his gear to David. When David determined that he had many items which he no longer needed, he thought of helping to grow the fishing program at the Camp he loves. David was a camper from 2006 through 2008; the picture shows David, Douglas, and Jack, the dog, outside of a cabin on Parents’ Day 2008.
**Ben Marston** and **Joe Caruso** have been providing needed assistance the last couple of years with both fine-tuning our Powerpoint recruiting presentation and helping Nat co-host some of our Open Houses. Camp is grateful for the assistance of both of these Bill Larry Men. Ben was a camper from 1998 through 2004 and a staff member for 7 years after that, while Joe was a camper from 2006 through 2010 and on staff from 2011 through 2015.

Ben writes that, when he is “not talking about Camp to anyone who will listen,” he is working as a Media Director and Project Manager at a marketing agency in Newton, MA. Having recently moved back to the Northeast from Atlanta, GA, he is excited that he will once again be spending a summer in New England, exploring the White Mountains with his girlfriend, Aimee.

After living much of his life in Massachusetts and spending 10 summers at Camp, **Ryan Baker Dunn** has finally become a full-fledged Vermonter. After graduating from UVM 1.5 years ago, RBD worked with the City of Burlington as Assistant Waterfront Manager. Just this winter (January 2nd), he began a new job which will be full-time/year-round, managing a number of islands and landings in Lake Champlain for the Vermont Dept. of State Parks. Sounds like a great job for a man who spent as much of his camper time (2003-2008) and staff time (2009-2012) as possible down at the Waterfront and working with boats!
Do Something This Summer - Bring a Friend to Camp!