

# MYCF News

The Newsletter of Maine Children's Camps

Winter 2010



## WINTER BOARD MEETING & EVENTS

Thursday, January 21, 2010  
(new date, rescheduled from 1/14)

### CAMP KETCHA, SCARBOROUGH, ME

- 10 a.m.—12 MYCF Board Meeting
- 12: 15 Business Member /Camp member meet & greet activity (lunch provided) -All welcome!
- 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Web Marketing Seminar by Netbiz.com. Free - All welcome!

## JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> PROMISES LEARNING AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Start the afternoon with lunch and a fun networking event with many of MYCF's business members. Get familiar with vendors and businesses you may not know yet, who can bring excellent services and/or discounts to your camp.

### BUSINESS MEMBER LUNCH & NETWORKING EVENT!

### FREE SEMINAR—KEEP YOUR CAMP ON TOP (ON THE WEB!)

At 1:30, answer key questions, "How does your website rank?" "Can people find your camp in a Google search?" Here's an opportunity to hear the latest on how to move your website up in Google and other search engines. What are the secrets to success? This free seminar focuses on Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and web changes you can make along with resources available to make your site a better marketing tool. Presented by Randy Camat & associate, of Netbiz.com, this session is one you won't want to miss.

*Directions to Ketcha: From I-95 South, I-95 North. Take Exit 42, Route 1, Scarborough. Drive 0.5 miles. Merge onto Haigis Parkway. Drive 1.4 miles. Turn Left onto Route 1. Drive 1.3 miles. Turn Right onto Route 207, Black Point Road. Drive 2.8 miles. Camp Ketcha is on the left, just before Route 77. From I-295 North I-295 South. Take Exit 2, Route 1, Scarborough/Old Orchard Beach Drive 2.1 miles on Scarborough Connector. Merge onto Route 1. Drive 1.1 miles. Turn Left onto Route 207, Black Point Road, Drive 2.8 miles. Camp Ketcha. Camp Ketcha is on the left, just before Route 77.*



Central Lobby BSA Service Center

## NEW LOCATION FOR MYCF

The Boy Scouts of America, Pine Tree Council, has welcomed the offices of the Maine Youth Camping Foundation to their splendid headquarters building at 131 Johnson Rd. Portland, in the Portland Jetport area. In November, the MYCF office relocated to the second floor of the BSA Cianchette Service Center. The office is convenient to the Maine Turnpike and I-295. "We're delighted with the space and the light" said Mary Ellen Deschenes of MYCF. Pine Tree Council and MYCF have entered into a three-year lease agreement.



Information Updates:  
Maine Youth Camping Foundation  
camps@mainecamps.org  
New phone: 207-518-9557  
Call for fax number

Mailing address:  
PO Box 1861, Portland, ME 04104 (no change)

Physical address:  
131 Johnson Rd. Portland, ME 04102



## From the President

Most Mainers automatically think about summer when the mercury falls and the snow really starts flying at this time of year, but for those of us that are camp people, we think summer all year long. For our campers and their families, this may be a different story. How do we keep our campers' memories of summer camp alive at a time of year when so many other things are competing for their attention? — school, music and sports programs, friends, electronic media — the list goes on and on.

Hopefully, winter has provided you with the time and inspiration to reach out to your campers and their families and keep the camp spirit alive. Many of us host reunions both locally and all over the country and world to visit with our campers and bring the camp community together, but there are many other ways to remind our campers of their summer experiences.

Shake up a dull day at the office by reaching out with a birthday card. Yearbooks, calendars, newsletters and personalized notes are some of the little things we can do to keep in touch with our respective communities and remind them of the power of camp at a time of the year when they are farthest removed from the warm summer days at camp. Imagine the joy a camper must feel when they receive a birthday card from you in the mail!

I will never forget racing home from school each day in December to check my mailbox for the camp yearbook, hoping that today would be the day it arrived.

Take the time to reach out to your camp community with a reminder of the power of their camp experience. Your community (and your enrollment) will be that much stronger come summer.

Best wishes for a healthy and productive winter!

Garth Altenburg, President, ME Youth Camping Foundation

## MYCF Board

### MAINE YOUTH CAMPING FOUNDATION

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## INCREASING CAMP PRESENCE ON MAINE TOURISM WEBSITE

MYCF and the Maine Office of Tourism (MOT) have met several times to discuss ways Maine youth camps can have more “presence” on the MOT website, [www.visitmaine.com](http://www.visitmaine.com). Since camps have a very significant impact on the Maine economy, it seems fitting to include youth camps on the tourism site. The groups are working together to establish a “landing page” for youth camps on the MOT site, which will give a promotional boost to Maine camps and direct visitors to the MYCF searchable camp website, [www.mainecamps.org](http://www.mainecamps.org). Working on the project on behalf of MYCF are Nancy McCann, Betsy Roper, Jeff Konigsberg, Jack Erler, Matt Pines, Rich Deering and Mary Ellen Deschenes.

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*Submissions & articles welcome!*

## CAMP STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

### CAMP WALDEN— PROPERTY & OPERATIONS MANAGER

Full-Time, Year-Round position available, Denmark, ME.

The Property and Operations Manager at Camp Walden is responsible for opening and closing camp and the maintenance and upkeep of all building, grounds and equipment, as well as the water, septic, and other systems that affect the functioning of the physical plant. It is the responsibility of this person to keep the facility safe, attractive and in good working condition. Hire and supervise crew members who assist in the upkeep of camp. Participate in annual budget planning.

Qualifications: An Associates degree or equivalent, plus five years of experience in the following areas: facility and site management, maintenance, construction, and land-management, personnel supervision for hiring, training, and scheduling of staff, budget projections. Current certification in first aid and CPR.

For full job description or to apply, interested candidates should email a letter listing qualifications and salary requirements to Karen Krieger, Director, Camp Walden [karenkrieger@campwalden.com](mailto:karenkrieger@campwalden.com).

### CAMP RUNOIA SEEKS DIRECTOR OF WILDERNESS TRIPS

Come join our team. Outstanding girls' camp seeks Director of Wilderness Trips. Experience in Maine canoe (flat and white water) and hiking trips; sea kayaking a bonus. Maine Guide (or similar license) & Leave No Trace training wanted. Looking for age 21+ candidate interested in long term camp relationship for seasonal position. Administrative position will supervise, support and help train 6-8 trip leaders and organize logistics of trips and travel, food ordering, equipment maintenance and purchasing. Salary commensurate with experience. Comfortable summer camp living with opportunity to lead a few trips. Family housing possibly available. Send resume and cover letter to: [info@runoia.com](mailto:info@runoia.com)

### CAMP MICAH—BOYS HEAD COUNSELOR

Camp Micah, a traditional, Jewish, co-ed, overnight summer camp in Bridgton, Maine —seasonal position of Boys' Head Counselor (June 10 – August 18, 2010). Bachelors degree or higher and a minimum of 5 years experience as an administrator in the camping field. For more information and to apply, please visit our website at [www.campmicah.com](http://www.campmicah.com) or e-mail Mark Lipof, Camp Micah's Director, at [markl@campmicah.com](mailto:markl@campmicah.com).

## CELEBRATING 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARIES IN 2010

**MATAPONI (GIRLS)**

*founded 1910*

**TRIPP LAKE CAMP (GIRLS)**

*founded 1911*

**WAWENOCK (GIRLS)**

*founded 1910*

**WIGWAM (BOYS)**

*founded 1910*

*Congratulations!*

## WELCOME NEW CAMP MEMBERS

**CAMP SUMMIT - Autism Society of Maine.**

Contact: Cathy Dione, 72B Main Street, Winthrop, ME 04364, (800)273-5200, email: [asm@asmonline.org](mailto:asm@asmonline.org). Weekly day camp in Farmington for children with for children ages 5-15 with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

**CAMP WILLIAM HINDS - Boy Scouts of America.**

Contact: Cathy Gosselin, 131 Johnson Rd., Portland, ME 04102, (207) 797-5252, email: [cgosseli@bsamail.org](mailto:cgosseli@bsamail.org). Weekly residential camp.

## MYCF ONLINE BUYERS GUIDE

The Maine Youth Camp Foundation maintains an online buyers guide of business members at [www.mainecamps.org](http://www.mainecamps.org), making it easy for camps to find goods and services they need to operate — discounts and special offers are highlighted online.

These businesses support MYCF through annual dues, advertisements and sponsorships. They are committed to the camps in Maine. We encourage camps to patronize our Business Members and to recognize their support.

On page 5 of this issue, a full list of current business members is provided.

# Legislative & Government Affairs - News from the Maine Youth Camp Association

MYCA is a sister organization to the Maine Youth Camping Foundation. It focuses on governmental relations for summer camps in Maine. It is a 501 (c) 4 non-profit.

## NATIONAL International Exchange Program in Jeopardy

been working with ACA National and our Maine delegation in Congress to get these rules changes nullified.

Changes proposed by the State Department could make it difficult for international visitors on J-1 visas to work at camps. Rules that seriously change the timing of visas and require camps & all businesses to register with Dun & Bradstreet will create an untenable situation for camps seeking international counselors. MYCF has



We have had good support from our Congressional delegation in questioning the Department of State's rationale for the proposed changes.

## STATE

**Maine Tax Reform Delayed.** Due to a people's veto effort, the recently enacted tax reform law has been delayed until after a June 2010 referendum vote on the measure. In short, new and increased taxes on services and goods will not go into effect until the referendum has been decided.

Over 56,000 Maine citizens signed the petition to put the question on the ballot. The question will read "Do you want to reject the new law that lowers Maine's income tax and replaces that revenue by making changes to the sales tax?"

Depending on the outcome, camps may have to pay new sales taxes on recreational activities such as bowling, movies and amusement park admission.

**Predatory Marketing to Minors.** A bill was passed making it illegal to collect personal information from anyone

under age 18 without parental consent. As currently written the law includes all marketing to persons under age 18, including collecting information from interested campers on web sites. The law as written is too broad and will not be enforced until changes are made.

**Swim Area Permits.** A new law prohibits the marking of swim areas on inland waters except by "qualified entities". Licensed Maine Camps are one identified qualified entity. A permit will now be required to mark a swim area. Licensed camps will be exempt from the \$150 permit fee. Rules are being written and an application process established. MYCA will send additional information to MYCF members when



available. MYCF members had an opportunity to comment in December. MYCA: [policy@mainecamps.org](mailto:policy@mainecamps.org)

## SURVEY SHOWS HOPE FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT IN 2010

This fall, 81 (69%) of the 117 member camps of MYCF responded to our annual survey. Results showed that camps are projecting somewhat higher enrollments for 2010 than they actually had in 2009. Numerous camps cited improving economy and stronger marketing as influences on the projections. Reasons given for lower 2009 enrollments in order of frequency: Poor Economy (28), H1N1 flu fears (9), Poor weather for 2 years (4), internal transitions/ownership changes (4). Reasons given for higher 2009 enrollments in order of frequency: Better Marketing (11), Changes in camp length or program (2).

Biggest concerns for the 2010 camp season given in order of frequency: Poor Economy (40), Not enough campers (17), Health concerns like H1N1flu (11), Rising Costs (9), and availability of quality staff (2)

**2009 Enrollments & 2010 Projected Camp Enrollments—Maine Camps**

2009 Enrollment	# camps		2010 Enrollment Projection	
Completely full /wait list	14	17%	15	19%
90 - 99% full	19	23%	27	33%
80-89% full	24	30%	28	35%
70-79% full	16	20%	6	7%
less than 70%	8	10%	5	6%
<b>Total responding</b>	<b>81</b>		<b>81</b>	

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 Member Lunch and  
 Networking Event on  
 January 21st!**  
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# Winter Trainings & Camp Fairs

## CAMP FAIR UPDATE



The number of camp fairs in Maine has reduced significantly for 2010. Libra camp fairs will not be held in Portland or Lewiston. The Maine Youth Camping Foundation is planning a fair in the spring on Sunday, March 21. Details will follow.

## 2010 CAMP FAIRS

### VIRTUAL CAMP FAIR—CITADEL BROADCASTING JAN 15—FEB 15, 2010

Something new— a virtual camp fair! Camps get radio advertising time on WBLM (Maine) as well as a page with video on the Camp Fair Virtual Tour Page. Prizes and incentives to tour the camp fair. For information:

Laurie Marcello 617-833-9088

laurie.marcello@mail.citcomm.com. Fee \$300.

### THE SUMMER CAMP FAIR

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 5—8 P.M.**

**Lexington, MA.** Minuteman Career & Technical High School (on Rte. 2A, minutes off I-95)

THE Summer Camp Fair registration for ACA-accredited camps will open on Tuesday, January 5. Registration forms and an online registration option will be available on the ACA/New England website [www.acanewengland.org](http://www.acanewengland.org) on 1/5/10. Registration is on a first come-first served basis.

### CAMP BANGOR FAIR

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23 4-7 P.M.**

**Bangor Civic Center, Bangor, ME**

For Info contact Sara Yasner, (207) 941-2800 ext. 212, [saray@unitedwayem.org](mailto:saray@unitedwayem.org)

### PORTLAND CAMP FAIR

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21 1—4 P.M.**

**East End Community School. Portland, ME.**

Cost: TBA. Sponsored by MYCF. Contact: Mary Ellen Deschenes, [camps@mainecamps.org](mailto:camps@mainecamps.org). 207-518-9557. Registrations for MYCF members, licensed day, residential, and trip camps. Space will be limited, filled on a first come, first served basis.



## ARCHERY

### Level II Archery Instructor Training

*Experience as an instructor required. Pre-test and Post-test. Graduates qualify to teach Level I Archery Instructor Training course.*

**April 17 and 18, 2010**

Concord, NH

\$350 (includes \$90 NAA membership— required)

For more information:

New England School of Archery, Inc.

109 School St., Concord, NH 03301

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## UNIVERSITY OF MAINE CAREER FAIR

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**

**10—3 P.M.**

Campus Recreation Center at the U Maine in Orono.

This fair brings employers to campus to meet face-to-face with students of all majors and all classes (first year through graduate students) to educate them about careers.

Registration: \$375. Info: 207-581-1353  
[cathy.marquez@umit.maine.edu](mailto:cathy.marquez@umit.maine.edu)



## ACA STANDARDS TRAININGS

January 21	<b>Standards Course</b>	ACA/NE Office Lexington, MA
February 23	<b>Standards Course</b>	Camp Sunshine Casco, ME

Sessions Offered at the Annual ACA-New England Conference, Center of Manchester Radisson, Manchester, NH

March 25	<b>Standards Update Course</b>
March 25	<b>Standards Course</b>
March 25	<b>So you want to be accredited...</b>

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## SPOTLIGHT ON: CAMP PINEHURST

Featuring MYCF camps  
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dates.



Facing the sunset on the sandy shores of Crescent Lake, Camp Pinehurst is a traditional overnight summer camp for boys and girls. Camp Pinehurst offers an organized daily schedule coupled with quality instruction to allow campers the opportunity to meet with success in a safe and supportive environment. This recipe for success has been fine-tuned over the past 65 summers by the Curtis Family, the original owners and directors, who are proud of the program that Camp Pinehurst provides.

In 1946, Violet and George Hartley Curtis converted an old barn in the center of Casco, Maine into a summer camp. Appropriately enough, the camp was named Camp Hayloft, and Violet and Hartley ran camp activities ranging from swimming and field sports to woodcraft and archery. Boys played in the barn, slept in the hayloft and enjoyed home cooked meals on the front porch of the family farmhouse. Hartley's extensive knowledge of biology and Violet's keen interest in botany afforded the boys a plethora of educational opportunities in the natural setting of the Maine woods.



Over the course of ten years, Camp Hayloft's enrollment grew too large for the family barn and farmhouse, so Hartley began looking for other properties nearby to be a new home for the camp. Hartley, Violet and their son, John, chose a beautiful piece of land on the eastern shore of Crescent Lake. With much renovating and rearranging, the new camp took shape and in the summer of 1956 the relocated summer camp opened with a new name- Camp Pinehurst.

The abundance of pine trees on the new property prompted George Hartley to name the new camp Pinehurst. Violet and Hartley's son, John, who had been a camper and CIT at Camp Hayloft, was now ready to step up and lead the new program at Pinehurst. The expansive camp property opened the door for new activities and the centerpiece of the thousand feet of shore frontage was the waterfront. Opportunities for sailing, boating, fishing and swimming brought in many new campers and the camp began to flourish.



On June 5, 1965, John and Jean Curtis were married. That camp season, Jean began her tenure as a director of Camp Pinehurst as a newlywed. With John running camp program and out-of-camp tripping, Jean proved herself quite adept at handling the financial affairs of Camp Pinehurst. Jean's business acumen is one of the main reasons Camp Pinehurst is still thriving after all these years. John and Jean are also proud that their son, Jack, and his wife, Elizabeth, have joined the Camp Pinehurst directors and are continuing the Curtis family tradition for a third generation. This summer, Camp Pinehurst celebrates its 65<sup>th</sup> camp season, no doubt proving that their directorial team is a tough one to beat!

The summer of 2007 marked an exciting change for Camp Pinehurst. After running a successful boys summer camp for over 60 summers, the directors decided it was time for sisters to have the opportunity to join their brothers at camp! That is how Camp Pinehurst has come to be a traditional summer camp for boys and girls. The program has been fine-tuned and a few new activities have been added, but Camp Pinehurst is striving to stick to its roots and offer the same quality camp experience that has proven so successful for all these years. Camp Pinehurst might be best summed up by our raucous camp cheer that can be heard echoing across the lake, ringing off the mountains and rolling over our playing fields- "*Pinehurst!... That's the place to go!*"

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January 21 (new date) - Board Meeting, Web Marketing Workshop, Biz Member Lunch

## Calendar of Events

MYCF: Maine Youth Camping Foundation (207) 780-4628  
ACA: American Camping Association (765) 342-8456  
ACA/NE: ACA, New England Section (781) 541-6080  
ACA/NY: ACA, New York Section (800) 777-CAMP

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 21, 2010\*\* *Thursday - Winter Board Meeting & Web Marketing Workshop. \*\* New date*  
March 26- 27, 2010 *Friday – Saturday, New England ACA conference, Manchester, NH*  
March 27, 2010 *Saturday – 7:45 am Semi Annual Mtg at the ACA/NE conference in Manchester, NH*  
March 16 -19, 2010 *Tri State Camp Conference – Atlantic City, NJ*

April 27 *Tuesday. Spring Board Meeting & Fellowship. Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, in conjunction with SYSCO Food Show.*

July 6 *Tuesday, Christopher Thurber Staff Training Workshops, Camp Wohelo, Raymond*

July 7 *Wednesday – MYCF Annual Meeting.*

July 14 *Wednesday, 5th Annual MYCF Spelling Bee*

July 26- 30 *Mon – Fri. Junior Maine Guide Testing Camp, Stephen Phillips Preserve, Oquossoc, ME*

Sept 23 *Thursday – Fall Board Meeting & Fellowship*



## WELCOME NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS

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