



# THE KNOLL NEWS

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Fall 2021



## Director's Message from Nat Crane:

All things considered, we have completed an incredibly successful season. Although we continue to absorb financial losses as the result of the absence of Camp during the summer of 2020, it's great to be back with all of the positives that a camp experience entails. We thank everyone for their incredible support during these challenging times.

In particular, we would like to express our appreciation to our staff. As much as those who have given their time or money to help Camp continue to operate during COVID, our seasonal staff are heroes as well.



We knew going into the 2021 season that staffing was going to be one of the biggest challenges. One major factor was the dearth of J-1 visa participants as well as their travel restrictions. Generally, about a third of our staff are from overseas. These folks also represent our older staff and provide strong leadership and maturity. This element was missing. Additionally, staff were asked to live in a bubble during their summer at Camp which may have been a disincentive for some.

In spite of these hurdles, we were able to hire enough staff to accommodate the number of campers we had. And the staff did an amazing job! We ate extraordinarily well, our nurse was amazing, the administrative team provided excellent leadership and supervision, our young counselors stepped up their game in the cabin and in activities, and our large Leader in Training group grew into valuable contributors to the Camp community.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**December 1** Early Enrollment-- Submit your Camp enrollment application for Summer 2022 WITH the non-refundable deposit to receive an Early Enrollment discount!

**December 31** Light your Camp candle to keep the Bill Larry spirit alive!

**January—March** Join in our virtual Open Houses!

**April 1** Deadline for payment of camper tuition balances.

**May 1** Deadline for Camp forms.

**June 26** Camp BEGINS!!

Don't forget to **light your WLC Candle on New Year's Eve** this year and rekindle your Camp memories!

Watch your email for news about our **virtual Open Houses in 2022** . Let us know if you would like to host one and encourage friends to join in!



**The 2021 Scott Giessler Award Goes to....**



The Scott Giessler Award, created in 2016 to honor Goose's then-25 years at WLC, is "awarded to the first-year counselor who best exemplifies the Camp's commitment to excellence in the areas of camper care and program." Shown here with Goose is **David Martinez**. Congratulations David!

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To accommodate staff who could not leave Camp all summer, we invested in their creature comforts, including moving the weight room upstairs in the well-ventilated Lodge, turning the current weight room into a large staff lounge, converting one of the rooms downstairs in the Lodge to a bunk room where staff could sleep on their day off, making Walmart trips on their behalf so they could stock up on goodies, and adding high-speed internet (Starlink) at the Lodge for staff use.

Additionally, our approach to the summer was unique due to factors surrounding COVID. We offered two three-week sessions, with a week with no campers in between. One major factor in our approach was the mental health of the staff. The week in between not only allowed us to properly clean the Camp between sessions but to give staff an extended breather. We also paid our staff significantly more than usual which was aided by the generosity of our current Camp families. We did a mini-fundraiser which allowed us to give healthy bonuses to our staff in light of their sacrifices. Their appreciation was abundantly clear and often emotional.

So, thank you to our amazing staff. You did an incredible job and you truly seemed to enjoy yourselves. You did a great job looking out for the health and safety of everyone at Camp, which contributed to our ability to have a COVID-free summer. The sense of community was strong, and your commitment, resilience and flexibility were admirable. By your participation, you have helped secure the Camp's future.



# Honor Society News

Becoming a member of the Camp's Honor Society is a tremendous commitment requiring a great deal of effort and sacrifice. It is physically demanding for campers, and finding the time for passing the 18 tests requires difficult trade-offs. For campers interested in pursuing this worthy accomplishment, we have made it a priority to support them on their journey. Due to the cancellation of our Summer 2020 program, for this year only, we allowed Junior Leaders to pursue their Woodsman achievement as well as campers. We are proud to note that campers William Crane and Elliott Giessler, as well as Junior Leaders Theo Braatz and Victor Brancieri, all became Woodsmen this summer.



**Theo Braatz** is from Wellesley, MA. He was a camper for eight summers, albeit missing his LIT summer in 2020, and he returned for his ninth summer as a Junior Counselor. Always able to attend to his counselor duties first, he completed his tests during his nine weeks with us.



**Victor Brancieri** is from Charlotte, NC. He was a camper for five summers, albeit missing his LIT summer in 2020, and he returned for his sixth summer as a Junior Counselor. Victor brought his younger brother to Camp this summer and definitely set the example!



**William "Chilly" Crane** is from Tuftonboro, NH, and this was his tenth summer as a camper. As the Director's son, he has had ample time to work on his tests and has been patiently waiting to become a Senior in order to complete his final five. Finally, after missing Summer 2020, he has become a Woodsman as a second-year Senior.



**Elliott Giessler** is from Mirror Lake, NH, and this was his eighth summer as a camper. He is part of a long-standing WLC family, being one of three sons of Assistant Director, Scott Giessler. After missing Summer 2020, Elliott worked hard to complete his tests and earn this achievement as a second-year Senior.

# A HUGE Thank You to All of Our For Lawrence We Stand Donors!

Summer 2021 was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without the support of our donors. In order to continue to operate through the loss of Summer 2020 and during the months leading up to and through Summer 2021, for the first time ever, William Lawrence Camp had to take out a loan. Part of the funds from the FLWS campaign have allowed us to pay back that loan and continue to be a debt-free organization.

Typically, funds from the summer are used to keep Camp up-to-date both through maintenance and purchasing. Without Summer 2020, we did not have the funds to make the necessary purchases and upgrades required to run a COVID-safe Summer 2021. Again, the funds from our generous donors were what got us through. We were able to ensure we had the proper equipment, staff and items necessary to run a successful Summer 2021.

Although we made it through Summer 2021, we ran a much smaller and shorter Camp season, thus not earning our typical income. We also still anticipate some residual effects from COVID for Summer 2022. Therefore, we will be continuing the FLWS campaign and thank everyone in advance for their continued support!

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**Giving Tuesday 2021 is  
November 30.  
Please consider a donation  
to WLC on this day.**

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## Things We Could Use

As we operate under a very tight budget, our list of items we could use is a bit longer this year. All of the items listed would definitely be put to good use, while some are immediate needs. Your help is appreciated.

- Outcamping equipment, including 4 new backpacks (~\$100 per) and 4 new tents (~\$200 per)
- Woodworking equipment, including a chop saw (~\$250), a band saw (~\$250-\$350), and a router with router table (~\$400)
- Golf cart(s) for administrative staff, including our nurse
- AV equipment, including a portable PA system (~\$500)
- Chest freezers (~\$800 per)
- Commercial ice maker machine (~\$3,500)
- New 9.9 HP Honda outboard (~\$3,000)
- Aqua Finn/Sunfish sailboat (~\$4,000)
- West Marine Classic Dinghies (\$750 each)
- Used vehicles, such as a full size 4X4 pick-up truck, a Tahoe/Suburban style SUV and/or a crossover SUV
- New catamaran sail (~\$1,000)



# WLC Summer 2021 Was a Success!

Check out all the awesome (almost completely normal) activities we did during our **COVID-free Summer 2021**....



Kiss and Go Drop-off with the addition of COVID testing was a huge success on both opening days!



To minimize the crowd inside the dining hall, Juniors ate on the porch...they didn't seem to mind the extra fresh air!



Tug-o-War is still a highlight of Olympic Day!



Outdoor cooking was a huge success!



Staff pudding-eating contests were enjoyed by all!



Our new, safer and slightly larger water trampoline got plenty of use!



Wanting to use less traveled paths, the Seniors completed some very grueling hikes this summer!



Many tried but none succeeded at completing the new element in the challenge course



Doesn't every Carnival Night end in an epic dance party??



The new upper tiers at the waterfront were the home of some awesome field games!



A Bill Larry Boy is a camper or staff member who has been coming to Camp for 5 years... look at how many we had first session!



New Friendships were formed



We had even more Bill Larry boys in the second session!



We had a great Senior Unit leading the way for our younger campers.

# What is a Legacy Camper or a Sibling Camper at WLC?

## leg·a·cy /'legəsē/

noun

1. A camper whose father or grandfather attended WLC.

“Legacy campers and their families are essential to recruiting through sharing memories and the history of Camp with their friends and neighbors.”

2. A camper who is continuing a family tradition of making memories at WLC.

“Our legacy campers enhance the program at WLC by showing up ready for success as they have most likely heard about Camp since they were babies!”

## sib·ling /'sibliNG/

noun

1. A camper who is so excited after Camp ends that he goes home and convinces his brother to attend the following summer.

“I couldn’t stop telling my siblings how much fun Camp is!”

2. A young camper whose brother is also at WLC to help him learn the ropes.

“My older sibling showed me where the Archery Range is on my first day of Camp.”

## First Session



(Siblings—left to right) David Martinez, Rebecca Martinez, Willem Spek (back), Arie Spek (front), Bobby McCabe, Tommy McCabe, Noah Weiner, Simon Weiner, Claude Engle-Kes (back), Ozan Engle-Kes (front), Will Walters (back), Theo Walters (front), Lucas Nuernberg, Leo Nuernberg, Winston Correll, Oscar Correll, Ben Dodson (back), Sam Dodson (front), Elliot Giessler, Scott Giessler, Gabe Giessler (front), Tommy Giessler, Luke McNamara, Jake Burgess



(Legacies—left to right) Knox Witherspoon, Bobby McCabe, Noah Weiner, Simon Weiner, Elijah Ekholm-Jacobson, Tommy McCabe, Jake Rudberg, Hamilton Krolak (front), Joe Ackermann (back), Clemens Summersgill (back), Samuel Dodson (front), Benjamin Dodson, Ryder White, Charlie White, Gabe Giessler (front), Elliott Giessler (back), Tommy Giessler, Ben Crellin – Not Pictured – Keller Evon

## Second Session



(Siblings—left to right) Max Kalinichenko, Michael Kalinichenko, Xandy Rimalovski, Nick Rimalovski, David Martinez (back), Rebeca Martinez (front), Conor Smith (front), Myles Walker (middle), Boden Walker (back), Eamon Smith (front), Russell McCarter (back), Sam McCarter (back), Graham Wisneski (front), Callan Wisneski (front), Sam Rickel (back), Russell Aitken (front), Will Rickel (back), Gabe Aitken (back), Rhys Mildwoff (front), Ian Whitaker (middle), Aidan Whitaker (back), Everett Mildwoff (front), Elliott Giessler, Gabe Giessler (front), Tommy Giessler (back), Drew Hohenstein (back), Cooper Hohenstein (front), Victor Brancieri, Adrian Brancieri, Owen Kearnan, Avery Kearnan, Caden Walker, Liam Walker



(Legacies—left to right) Ben Crellin, Ryan Lynch, Cole Foley (Back), Conor Smith (front), Eamon Smith, Tommy Showstead, Russell Aitken, Owen Cooney, Gabe Aitken, Elliott Giessler, Tommy Giessler (back), Gabe Giessler – Not Pictured – Maverick Pope



# Camp Family News



We celebrated **Scott "Goose" Giessler's** 30th year at Camp this summer with CAKE!



**Will** and Cori **Hancock** welcomed Noelle Leigh Hancock on February 18, 2021. She arrived almost a month early, but she caught up quickly! They live in Dover, NH, and Will is a Sergeant in the Rollinsford, NH, Police Department. He also serves on the Strafford County SWAT Team. Cori is taking time off from work to be home with Noelle. Will was a WLC camper from 2000 through 2007, then an LIT in 2008 and on staff in 2009, '10, '11, and '13. Will is the son of our beloved Trustee **Lucy Hancock**.



**Liam Neish** was on staff at WLC for 9 years in the early 2000's. He has returned periodically to visit, including for our Centennial Reunion, and to marry his wife, Michele Harvey, in the Chapel on 9/1/12. The family currently lives in Dundee, Scotland. His son, Harper, whose birth was publicized to the WLC

community in the Fall 2014 issue of this newsletter, has apparently grown into both a serious sportsman and a hilarious character. Harper just turned 7 on September 9<sup>th</sup>, and father and son celebrated with not a birthday party or a birthday day, but a birthday week! Harper is pictured here with Liam and also in a warm-up period at the Dundee Regional Performance Center for Sport, where he trains regularly. We can't wait until COVID and travel restrictions are behind us so that Harper can come to the Knoll for the summer!





**Vincent Hurley** and Tori Popov were married in Hingham, MA, on August 21, 2021. They live in Rochester, NY. Vincent works as an electrical engineer at Dematic, and Tori is a doctoral student in neuroscience at the University of Rochester. Pictured are Vincent and Tori and their cats.



The group photo contains WLC alumni **Evan Lamlein**, **Vincent Hurley**, **Jonathan Handy**, **Raymond Lamlein**, and **Taylor Handy**. While they started at Camp in different years, all five were on the Knoll together for the summers of 2012 through 2014.

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**Austin Jacobs**, our Food Service Director in the summers of 2017 and 2018, has continued his running this past spring. On May 19, Austin participated in the first running of the New Boston Half Marathon, finishing with a time of 1 hr. 58 min 41 seconds. This was his last big training race before heading out to do The Super Marathon in Snoqualmie Pass, WA, on June 27<sup>th</sup>. This race, which is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon, is one of the fastest marathon courses in the country, offering 1500 feet of gradual net downhill and fabulous scenery in the Cascade Mountains. After a few days on the Vermont Long Trail in early July, Austin was in great shape to come to the Knoll and take some of our campers and LITs on hiking and canoeing adventures!

Anyone who has attended Camp in recent years knows that in the WLC Dining Hall, Texas is a country, with its own National Anthem, just like South Africa, Mexico, etc. And our Texas poster child is none other than the incomparable counselor, **Adam Muhith**. In the spring of 2021, Adam graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Environmental Engineering. To launch the next phase of his life, Adam is starting his career in environmental research with an Internship at the Mount Washington Observatory. In his 9/28/21 write-up in the Observer Comments at the Mount Washington website ([www.mountwashington.org/experience-the-weather](http://www.mountwashington.org/experience-the-weather)), Adam reports that it is “already cold there” and he has done some hiking, of course. For someone who has never spent a winter outside of his home state, the next 8 months at that lofty altitude will be quite a learning experience in many, many ways!! Adam does intend to return to the Knoll in Spring 2022 for what will be his 13<sup>th</sup> summer at Camp. We are super-excited for you, Adam, and can’t wait to hear the stories of your experiences!

# 2021 Annual Fund Donor List

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## 2022 Annual Fund is Underway

The 2022 Annual Fund is now underway. Make your donation to WLC by December 31, 2021, to ensure that it qualifies as a 2021 charitable contribution for tax purposes.

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