

THE KNOLL NEWS

William Lawrence Camp



NAT'S RETIREMENT EXTRAVAGANZA AND CAMP FAMILY REUNION

AUGUST 23RD-25TH

Join us for a weekend of camp activities and celebrate Nat's retirement! Program areas will be open for all ages to enjoy both Saturday and Sunday. The main events will be happening on Saturday with lunch in the dining hall, a gifting ceremony for Nat, a WLC sit-down banquet Saturday evening, including a roast of Nat and story time, all culminating in a bonfire that night. Bring the whole family. If you are coming from a long distance (overseas, for example), you can stay in a cabin. Camp is available for your enjoyment after the weekend, so plan to stay for as long as you would like.

We will welcome arrivals on Friday, August 23rd, after 2 pm. Full meal service will start Friday at supper and run through Monday lunch. Campsites have been reserved for those who might be interested in going on a three-day Androscoggin canoe trip departing Tuesday, August 27th, and returning Thursday, August 29th.

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A Message from the Executive Director

I am very much looking forward to an epic last summer full of blue skies, staffing legends, smiling campers, and a retirement celebration like no other! My first hope is that the weather is better than last summer when we had all that rain. And this will be our first summer running our complete pre-Covid program. This includes rifle matches against FDL and minor league baseball games.

The staff will include some legends from my tenure at Camp. Tom Oxtoby started here in 1999 and was a Unit Leader, Waterfront Director and Program Director during his nine seasons on the Knoll. He returns to once again be the Program Director. Tom's wife Kate, who was in the office for many summers, will also be spending some time at Camp along with daughter Ellie. Wayne Wright started in 2005 and has spent several seasons at Camp over the years. Most recently, he came to Camp pre-season in 2019 to help finish up the Waterfront project. The man is a force of nature: hard-working and extremely skilled. He'll be here much of the summer with his partner Jaz. Thomas Cleary, who started as a camper in 2006 and worked his way to Unit Leader, will be making regular appearances throughout the summer. And Shaun Howarth, who started in 1998, will continue to run our out-camping program. Any other legends interested in being a part of Camp this summer?



Our staff is being rounded out by some of our amazing returning members. In the office we will have Ana, Becky and Corinna. Jose and Jess will be back anchoring the kitchen. Joel will be returning as our Head Counselor while Hippo will be heading the Waterfront and Senior Unit once again. We are excited to welcome back David, Grant, Alan, LB and Kevin DeAmicis to the ranks.

Jess, our Associate Director, has been doing an awesome job on the camper recruiting front and has hosted many information sessions. Enrollment levels are encouraging and continue to tick up from Covid-related challenges. Jess does it all and is an amazing asset to Camp. She is particularly proud of our new website, which she developed with alum Ben Marston. Check it out. Thanks, Ben!

See you all on the Knoll this summer!



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This will be a donation-based event. It will be great to see all the folks who have been a part of the rich history of Camp. Follow us on social media as we will be posting the names of registered guests as they come in. We already have a number of internationals from the 1990's and 2000's who will be attending. Cabin and Androscoggin space is limited, so call or email Camp today to reserve your spot!

A WELCOME UPGRADE

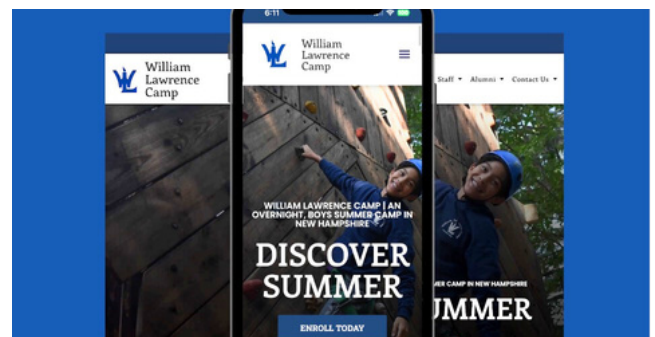
If you haven’t seen it yet, now is the time to open your computer, laptop, or phone web browser and go to wlcamp.org. We’ve upgraded the site to look more modern, be more user-friendly and enhance the overall experience!

This project would not have been possible without alumnus Ben Marston. He donated countless hours and his web development skill to create our website from the ground up. Thank you, Ben!

We must also thank those who helped along the way to ensure that this website met our high Bill Larry standards. Thank you to the following people for looking over our “rough draft” and providing valuable feedback:

- Anne Bullitt
- Seana Crellin
- Ben Damon
- Ross Fidler
- Lucy Hancock
- Sharon Paul
- Glenn Rudberg
- Pam Sharpe
- John Swanson
- Will Yankus

Please visit the site and share it with everyone you know!



Search for New Executive Director

In anticipation of Director Nat Crane’s retirement, the search is underway for his successor. The Board of Trustees appointed the Search Committee last fall, and the group went right to work. Committee members include Trustees, alumni, and friends of WLC. The Executive Director job was posted on multiple sites, including Indeed and the American Camp Association, and resumes were accepted until March 1st. Initial interviews will be complete by mid-April, and the second round of interviews will be conducted in May. Each finalist will spend a day at Camp in late June and will meet with the Board of Trustees in mid-July. The search and selection process will be complete by the end of July. The new Executive Director will start the job on October 1st and will overlap with Nat for three months.



Louise Penhallow Crane of Dover, MA, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2024, at the age of 99. She leaves behind five children including our Director Nat. She was predeceased by her husband Chilton and son William. Family members who attended Camp include her daughter Anne and husband Jay, grandsons Jed Chandler, Sam and Russell McCarter, Anthony Hulbert, Charles Kirby and Chilly Crane, as well as great-nephews Ted Ludwig and Rob and Dave Swan. With her generous spirit, the Crane household was a busy place with friends of all six of her children always welcomed into her home. An incredibly gracious woman, she was loved by all who knew her. Many considered her a second Mom. May she rest in peace.

We recently heard the sad news that Julie Peters of Darien, CT, passed away suddenly at the age of 53 on January 15, 2023. Her sons Connor, Scott and Brett were all long-time campers and counselors at WLC. Julie was a joy to be around, and we appreciate the support of the Peters family over the years. Our thoughts are with them.



Bruce Neske, father of campers and staff members Jon and Daniel Neske, as well as husband to former Camp Trustee Sue Neske, passed away peacefully at the McCarthy Center in the company of his loving son Daniel Neske in Sandwich, Massachusetts, on



October 5, 2023, after a long and courageous struggle with cancer. In his free time, Bruce enjoyed reading, walking (running in his younger years), painting, and visiting art museums and galleries. He especially cherished fishing and boating on Cape Cod Bay and Nantucket Sound with his son Daniel. Above all else, Bruce adored his grandchildren whom he loved dearly. In lieu of flowers, consider memorial contributions in Bruce's name to VNA of Cape Cod Hospice at support.givetocapecodhealth.org/ To share a memory or leave an online condolence, visit www.doanebealameshyannis.com/



Marilyn Page, mother of campers and staff members Dave and Phil (Leppy) Page, as well as ex-wife to former Camp Trustee Dan Page, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2023, at the age of 84, with her three children, Dave, Phil and Jeannie at her side. Throughout the different chapters of her dynamic and ever-evolving life, her intelligence, optimism and sense of humor remained a constant beacon of light to all around her. She will be missed.

CAMP FAMILY NEWS



Connor Mercer is currently a Freshman at Clarkson University, in Potsdam, NY. Connor is majoring in aerospace engineering. Prior to his acceptance, Connor wrote about his time as both a camper and an LIT in his college essay, and Clarkson specifically noted on his acceptance letter that they were eager to see his leadership skills. Connor signed up for a Freshman

Orientation trip - they canoed and hiked the Adirondacks - with portages up to 5 miles. He wasn't concerned at all because of everything he had accomplished at WLC.



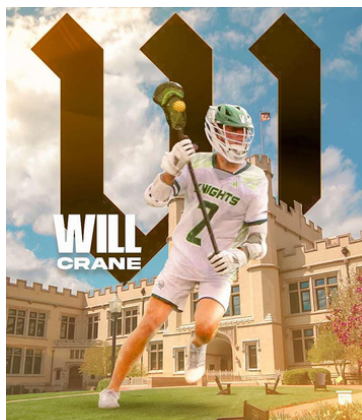
Camp Family News, continued



Nick McKay (Camper '16,'17, Staff '19) graduated from the police officer basic training program at the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy in Prescott, AZ, on December 7, 2023. He's shown here with friends and fellow WLC alums Russell and Sam McCarter.



Every winter, alumni from the 2000's come visit Camp for a weekend. This year Kevin O'Neill, Joe Caruso, Andrew Nagle, Thomas Cleary, Ross Fidler and Ryan (PK) Pitcairn (L to R) visited in early January.



Chilly Crane will be off to college in the fall. He was heavily recruited to play lacrosse at the College of Wooster in Ohio. It is excellent academically and has a strong DIII lacrosse program, and he will also play Club basketball. His visit sold him on the school: great facilities, coaches and teammates.

You never know when your path will cross again with your old WLC friends! Owen Sharpe (Bill Larry Boy, Camper '15 - '19) and Tyler Closuit (Camper '18 and '19)



reconnected this past year after both committed to the Global Scholars Program at Northeastern University. They are currently spending the spring semester studying in London, England. Owen is a data science/math major in the Khoury School for Computer Science, and Tyler is pursuing a business degree in the D'Amore-McKim School of Management. Owen and Tyler are pictured here, along with their roommate, upon arriving at Northeastern's London campus, which overlooks Tower Bridge.



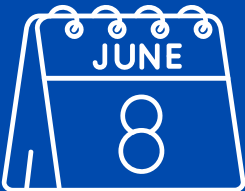
On January 7th, campers from 2023, alumni, potential campers, and newly enrolled campers planning to attend Camp for the first time in 2024 came together at the Craft Food Hall - CityPoint in Waltham, MA - for our annual reunion. There were games, raffles, pizza and lots of laughing and codging. Thank you to all who attended!

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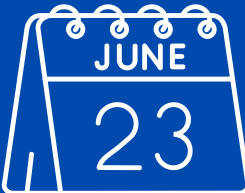
Service Weekend

Bring your gardening gloves, rakes, chainsaws, and your Bill Larry Camp Spirit to the Knoll on May 4th to get Camp ready for the summer.



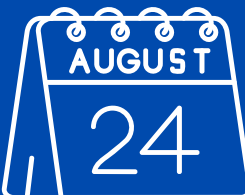
New Camper Tours

Come visit Camp before your son's session starts. Go on a guided tour of Camp, see where he'll sleep and meet some of the staff who will be at Camp while he's here! To schedule a tour, please call Camp at 603-569-3698.



Opening Day

Camper's will arrive for the first day of Camp!



Nat's Retirement Extravaganza and Camp Family Weekend

Come spend the weekend being a camper! Activity areas will be open during the day on Saturday and Sunday for campers of all ages to participate. Guests are welcome to arrive Friday, August 23rd, in the afternoon with the main events happening on Saturday, August 24th, and activities taking place all weekend.



Use this QR code to check out all of our upcoming events

DID YOU KNOW?

A new addition to the Knoll News.

In this issue - Nat-isms from Nat's 32-year tenure at WLC



There were certain terms that became synonymous with Nat's tenure that will be familiar to many alumni. Here's a sample:

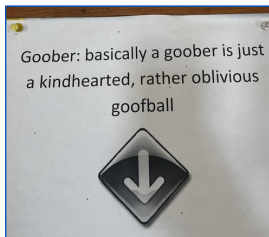
Hole Diggin' lives in the souls of all staff during the past 30+ years. It's the affectionate term for everything from actually digging holes to painting a cabin, mowing the fields (including the **Field of Dreams**), light carpentry, **brush brigades**, splitting firewood, shingling a roof, etc.

Codging (or to Codge) is the term we use when we're sitting around chewing the fat. You can also be a **Codger**, like Uncle Natty codging with folks at the green chairs.

Goober is actually a term of endearment so if you were ever told you were a Goober, it was a good thing. Folks who work at camp generally have some level of **Goobertitus**.

Natasaurus comes from Nat's fascination with dinosaurs as a child and is depicted on a rock by the athletic shed.

There are others which many may recall. Some are a bit too edgy to mention here. Please bring your best Nat-isms and stories of their use to the Retirement Celebration on the weekend of August 23-25.



2024 Annual Fund is Underway

The 2024 Annual Fund is now underway. Check out all our amazing donors from last year and make sure to get your name on this year's list! Use the QR code below to see the 2022-23 Annual Fund Donor List.



To leave a gift in your will, simply share this sentence with your lawyer or financial advisor: "I bequeath \$____ or ____% of my estate to William Lawrence Camp, PO Box 52, Ctr. Tuftonboro NH 03816."

Spread the Word! Enrollment for 2024 is well underway!

Please share our new website and invite your nephews, grandsons, neighbors, son's teammates, daughter's classmates, etc., to join us at Camp this summer!

Also, we will offer Camp tours all summer, so let anyone who seems interested know that they can visit Camp this summer. Please have them contact Camp at 603-569-3698 or knoll@wlcamp.org

