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THE KNOLL NEWS

William Lawrence Camp



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Camp Community,
I hope this message finds you all doing well. It has been a busy six months since I've become the newest steward of William Lawrence Camp. Busy but also wonderful. I am inspired by the commitment of our alumni as they support the long-term sustainability and growth of Camp. I am amazed by the dedication of our summer staff (more on this later) and their behind-the-scenes work as we prepare for the 2025 season. I am energized by the excitement of our returning Camp families. And I love being in a position to recruit new boys into our Camp family.

On that note, we've made great strides this year in rebuilding our enrollment post-pandemic.

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A Message from the Executive Director (Continued)

Recruitment has increased significantly from 2024, and we've already surpassed our enrollment numbers from last year. We are excited that this summer promises to be our most robust season since 2019.

What is the reason for this increase? We've done a lot of things differently this year. Updated our website to be more 'kid appealing'. Highlighted our commitment to purposeful programming when it comes to character development. Attended more camp fairs. Strengthened our relationships with camp referral agencies. But most importantly, we've consistently worked the phones and made sure we've had multiple contacts with past and prospective Camp families. A special thanks must go out to the Recruitment Committee, especially leaders Bill McCabe and Seana Crellin, for their tireless work brainstorming and communicating with current and prospective Camp families.

There is much more to share, including Goose and Pat Rae stepping into two very important leadership roles at Camp, Joel and Hippo doing good work as Program Directors, and the return of so many of our core staff, including Jose and Jess in the kitchen, Shaun, Wayne, Jasmin, Neishy, Ciarán, Alan, Harry, Hugo, David, Cai, Alejandro, Ido, Carl, Ben, and Clemens.

Respectfully,
David



SPREAD THE WORD!



- Enroll by April 1st to receive a \$400 tuition discount.
- Attend one of our Wednesday night Virtual Information Sessions! Hosted by David Conover, our Executive Director, each Wednesday at 7 pm (EST). wlcamp.org/openhouse
- Join us for Service Weekend on May 23-26th. More details are on page 6.
- Want to hear the latest from WLC? Please update your contact info at wlcamp.org/registration to ensure we have your current email/USPS address. You may also opt to go paperless to receive digital copies only of the newsletter.

NOTE OUR NEW USPS MAILING ADDRESS!

Due to the closure of the post office at the Tuftonboro General Store, the USPS mailing address for WLC has changed. Please note that our addresses are carrier-specific.

For letters & packages via USPS:
William Lawrence Camp
35 Center Street
P.O. Box #177
Wolfeboro Falls, NH
03896-0177

For packages via UPS & Fed Ex :
William Lawrence Camp
139 Federal Corner Road
Center Tuftonboro, NH
03816

The (new) William Lawrence Camp Store

Check out our new online camp store – Your one stop shop for summer camp supplies and Bill Larry Gear. Items can be shipped directly to your home, sent as gifts to another address, or hand delivered to campers while they are at the Knoll.

wlcamp.org/campstore



CAMP FAMILY NEWS



We are sad to report the passing of Walter Jones, age 96, of Watertown, MA, in December of 2024. Walter was a staff member at WLC in the 1940s and maintained his connection to the area by spending beloved time in Meredith, NH, at the Winnepesaukee Beach Colony Club. He had a long career as a dairy deliveryman for Stone Dairy and HP Hood, and later, in semi-retirement, transported special-needs children and adults. Walter's family has generously recognized William Lawrence as a recipient for memorial donations. He leaves behind his wife, Beverly, daughter, Cheryl, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

WLC alum Brett Sowers was inducted into the Ridgewood (NJ) High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2024 for his record-setting contributions to the men's lacrosse program. Brett was a WLC camper from 1985 to 1991. Brett graduated RHS in 1994 and went on to attend Brown University where he was a three-year starter for the Bears. He was a State champion and All-American at RHS and an All New England player at Brown. Brett joins fellow WLC alums Chris Rae and Bob Keino in the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame.



WLC alum Timothy Crellin just published his first novel, *The Land of the Living*. Tim was a fixture on the Knoll in the 80s as a camper, counselor and Waterfront Director. He has been an Episcopal minister for the past 29 years and has now written an historical novel that explores themes of immigration and assimilation, war and its impact on families, the role of race and class in forging identity and what it means to find home. The story takes the reader on an epic journey through the early 20th century. *The Land of the Living* can be found online and in bookstores nationwide. Congratulations Tim!

Thomes Speth, age 81 of Danvers, MA, passed away in October 2024. Tom was a camper and counselor at William Lawrence Camp from 1951 to 1964 and from 1967 to 1968. He joined the Camp Honor Society (Braves) in 1960 and was a member of the Carroll County Boys playing 6-string guitar. After achieving the rank of Sergeant in the Army, Tom worked for over 35 years for New England Telephone. He was also a talented artist and musician. Tom is survived by his wife Dorena and son Karl.

Pictured here are the Carroll County Boys (Bill Lewis, Rick Brown and Tom), singing "The Last Public Hanging" at the 4th of July parade at Camp, while other Senior Counselors enacted the lyrics of the song in a skit before the judges of the parade.



On January 20th, over 50 Boston-area members of the Camp family, including new and returning campers, alumni and staff, came together at the Craft Food Hall in Waltham to reconnect and get excited for Summer 2025. We were especially happy to meet many of our new families, talk with them about WLC and welcome them into the fold. Thank you to all who attended! Extra special thanks to the Ferriman Family for hosting this fun gathering!

Jay Chuck, WLC camper and counselor from 1987 to 1994, married fellow Ridgewood native Cait McGuire on January 12, 2025. The happy couple celebrated their engagement on Lower Beech Pond and is now excited to add to the William Lawrence Camp family with the anticipated arrival of twins, Avery and Emmett, in June. Emmett is sure to be a future camper, counselor and Bill Larry Man. Until then, the family looks forward to visits to Lower Beech Pond and Mother Rock in the coming seasons. Congratulations Jay and Cait!



INTRODUCING THE LEADERSHIP TEAM!



David Conover joined the William Lawrence Camp family as our new Executive Director on October 1, 2024. He has over 30 years of experience in the fields of outdoor education and recreation programming, including leadership roles at K-12 public schools in Alaska, Texas and Vermont, as well at international schools in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and Kyiv, Ukraine. David was a longtime director of Longacre Expeditions; he led the outdoor recreation programs at California State University, San Bernardino and at the University of Houston; and he served as the Executive Director of 4K for Cancer and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County, Washington. Most recently, he managed the US Navy's Morale, Welfare & Recreation programs in Djibouti, Africa and Isa, Bahrain.



Jennifer Conover is a lifelong educator, having taught everything from kindergarten through 5th grade at schools in Southern California, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Northwest Washington State, Kyiv, Ukraine, Oregon, and most recently in Central Vermont. Besides her background as an educator, she is also the mother of three children and possesses that special mom magic of making everything "ok" for when younger campers are feeling homesick. When not roaming the Knoll being a soothing presence (or carrying around a random farm animal), Jennifer will be keeping parents engaged and informed via the Companion App.



Jon Hippenmeyer, (A.K.A. "Hippo") has been a consistent part of the William Lawrence Camp family since he first attended as a camper/LIT. Over the years, he has been a

camper, LIT, Unit Leader and Waterfront Director. Hippo is our resident Lifeguard Instructor and consistently runs programs that are safe, fun, and memorable. The Summer of 2025 will be his 17th year at WLC!



Joel Magic has been part of the William Lawrence Camp Family since 2016. Hailing from South Africa, he has held a variety of leadership roles at Camp over the

years, including Cabin Head, Unit Leader, summer Program Director, and Head Counselor. Joel is passionate about the sense of community and growth that camp fosters. He is excited to help future generations of campers experience the William Lawrence Camp Way and build lifelong connections on the Knoll and with the people who call it home.



Patrick Rae (A.K.A. Raezor Jr) is delighted to embrace the role of Alumni at Camp Coordinator for William Lawrence Camp. Hailing from Ridgewood, NJ, and now

residing in Farmington, NY, Patrick brings a wealth of experience and a deep connection to the Camp community. Patrick's journey with William Lawrence Camp began in 1980 as a Junior camper. He continued as a camper until 1986 and later took on various staff roles until 1993, including Assistant Cook, Rifle Head, Senior Unit Head, and Assistant Program Director. In 2013, he returned as the Head Chef, and in 2024, he spent half the summer as a Legacy Staff Member.



Scott Giessler (A.K.A. Goose) has been an active and invaluable member of the William Lawrence Camp family since 1984, when he first came to the Knoll as a camper.

Over the past 40 years, he has done good work as a counselor, Waterfront Director, LIT Director, Head Counselor, and Assistant Director. It's an understatement when we say that no one embodies the William Lawrence Camp Spirit (Willingness, Loyalty, Comradeship & Sportsmanship) more than Goose. Which is why we are excited to have him back on the Knoll in the summer of 2025 as our Director of Character Development.



Rachel & Jordan Lowe When meeting with prospective campers, we tell them that we are a camp for boys by families. The Lowe family is a great example of this. A graduate of Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, (where she was a collegiate athlete on the swim team), Rachel brings a wealth of experience in healthcare leadership and as an RN. During the Summer of 2025, she will serve as our Camp Nurse in the Wellness Center.

Jordan grew up on a farm in Delaware, where he developed a plethora of 'camp' skills, including farming, fishing, carpentry and mechanics. He also attended Gardner-Webb and was also a collegiate athlete on the wrestling team. At Camp, he will wear a variety of hats, from leading programs to leading building projects. Since 2023, the Lowe family has been on the road throughout the United States. They will be joined on the Knoll by their two sons!



Enrollment Discount Deadline

Receive \$400 off tuition if you enroll by April 1, 2025. This discount applies to all Two-, Three- and Six-Week options.



Service Weekend

Save the Date! Registration for the 2025 Service Weekend at William Lawrence Camp is open now. This year's event is being held from Friday, May 23 to Monday, May 26, and it is a wonderful opportunity for new Camp families to discover the Knoll and for alumni to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Come for a day or stay the entire weekend! Lodging and meals are provided on a donation basis. Visit wlcamp.org/serviceweekend for details.



Certification Week

William Lawrence Camp is excited to once again host the annual Certification School June 5-13, 2025. Registration is on a first come basis and is open to program staff at camps and school groups in New England. Visit <https://wlcamp.org/certificationschool> for course information.



Opening Day!

Campers will arrive for the first day of Camp on Sunday, July 29.



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

BILL LARRY “SPEAK”

As a new WLC camper, and especially as a parent of one, you may hear some terms that sound a little strange to you. Below is a short guide to some of those funny words and phrases to help you navigate the William Lawrence lingo.



BROG: The acronym for Blue, Red, Orange and Green – the colors of the four Honorable Houses of William Lawrence Camp.

Bill Larry: William Lawrence Camp’s alter ego, it can also be the collective “we” for all those whom William Lawrence has affected.



Units: The different age groups of campers, which are comprised of Juniors (7-11 y/o), Middlers(12-13 y/o), and Seniors (14-15 y/o).

WLCS: The four cornerstones of William Lawrence are Willingness, Loyalty, Comradeship, and Sportsmanship. Alternatively, someone who shows their WLCS is expressing their William Lawrence Camp Spirit.



The Knoll: The large sloped field that greets you as you drive up the entrance to Camp. This is where many activities take place, from flag raising/lowering to Evening Programs and Gaga Ball.

Waysides: The name of the camp bathrooms/showers. Each Unit has its own dedicated Wayside.

Password: Password is a sacred morning tradition at Camp, where campers and staff gather to hear an inspirational and motivational thought for the day.

BILL LARRY “SPEAK” (CONTINUED)



EP (Evening Program): Activities that happen each evening after dinner and flag-lowering and include camp-wide (BROG) events and Cabin Chat conversations.

CQ (Counselor Quarters): Staff-only lodging in the Farmhouse and in Washington House. Also, the back section of cabins where counselors sleep.

Flag Raising: The official start of the day when all campers and staff gather on the Knoll for the raising of the flag.



Honor Society: Honor Society (formally known as “Braves”) is the oldest and most revered program at William Lawrence Camp. Visit wlcamp.org/explore-wlc/character to learn more.

Central Staff: The core leadership team at Camp, which includes the Executive Director, Program Directors, Parent Liaison, the Wellness Center Director, and the Camp Chef.



Free Swim: Free Swim is an ‘open’ period of time where campers can play at the waterfront, participate in recreational sports, read in the library or lounge outside enjoying nature. Free Swim is a core feature of our daily program, as it allows unstructured time for campers to slow down and breathe, connect with nature and their fellow campers.

Chop Wood, Carry Water: Chop Wood, Carry Water is a leadership philosophy brought to Camp by our new Executive Director, David Conover. It revolves around the ideas of ‘finding joy in challenge and hard work’ (chopping wood) while ‘being focused and in the moment’ (carrying water) when participating in activities or engaging with friends and camp counselors.

Your 2024 Gifts Supporting William Lawrence Camp

Thank you for supporting William Lawrence Camp. Your support continues the tradition of Adventure-Based Learning, helping good boys become great men. We have acknowledged your gifts below, using various New Hampshire waterways that are frequented by our campers.

Please drop us a note if your name was accidentally omitted from this list or if you provided “in-kind” donations.

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+ Designates five or more straight years of giving since 2019

* Designates Evergreen monthly givers in 2024

INVESTING IN CAMP!

ALL contributions, great and small, are important to us. Gifts are tax deductible. You may designate your donation and decide the timing that is best for you. You may give online, by check or via direct deposit. You may become an Evergreen member by giving monthly.

Designation of Gifts

- **Scholarship Funds**
 - These funds are used to reduce camp costs for those who may otherwise never attend camp. Scholarships may be given for use during the camp year or given to a named scholarship fund where the interest and income will be used in the future.
- **New Executive Director's Fund**
 - David Conover's enthusiasm and vision to invest in WLC includes additional programming and activities to increase enrollment. Our goal is \$150,000 of new unrestricted funds to ensure the success of William Lawrence Camp.
- **Annual (Greatest Needs) Fund**
 - Supports the Camp's greatest needs. This includes improvements and renovation of buildings, upgrading of the athletic fields and courts, repair to or building of cabins, special outdoor trips and lakeside equipment.
- **Perpetual Endowment Fund**
 - Established to provide a source of income in future years, the Perpetual Endowment Fund will enable William Lawrence Camp to thrive for generations.
 - This Fund is perfect for your estate and planned giving.
 - It was established in 2023 with a generous gift from alumnus Avand (Andy) Amiri.

How to Give

- **Today**
 - Link here for Monthly or One-time gifts: <https://wlcamp.charityproud.org/Donate>
 - Use your phone by scanning the QR code: 
 - Check payable to William Lawrence Camp
 - Wire transfer – for large amounts
 - Gift of Securities
- **Planned Giving**
 - Your planned gift is an investment in William Lawrence Camp that creates a lasting impact, as future generations of campers will benefit from your generosity.
 - Whether it's arranging for the donation of retirement assets, a provision in your will or trust, assigning a life insurance policy to the Camp or setting up a gift that provides lifetime income, there are many opportunities to support WLC through planned or deferred giving.
 - All donors of such gifts are recognized as a member of the Candlelight Legacy Society.
 - If you have named William Lawrence Camp in your estate plans and want to have your name listed in the Candlelight Legacy Society, or if you would like to learn more about this possibility, please call the Camp at 603-569-3698.

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