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The Huckonian

Exciting things are happening at Camp Huckins!

Family Camp celebrated its

25th
summer

with a parade,
a boat ride
entrance for three of the



original families
and a lobster
bake at the
waterfront.
Many alumni
family campers
came for the
day to cel-
ebrate with us!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

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Celebrating **85 years**
of YMCA Summer Camp at Camp Huckins
~ INVITATION TO FOLLOW ~



Ensuring our future leaders!

The **NEW** Leadership Division is well under way and we could not wait to share the most recent photos! The division will consist of a new CIT cabin, 3 "W" cabins, a Bathhouse, a covered meeting place and a home for the Leadership Division Leader.



All About the Alumni

The 1960s – 1970s

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Priscilla Brodeur, 70 years young, continues to work full-time bringing activities, entertainment and fun to the independent residents of a retirement community seven blocks from home in St. Petersburg, FL. She also continues to play clarinet in a community concert band as well as march annually with the “Awesome Original Second Time Arounders Marching Band”. They marched in the Macy’s Day Parade in 2008- great fun!



Jody Hutchinson Skelton on a sailboat in the British Virgin Islands with camp friends, Diane Jackson Gow, Susan Blondell Linblad, and Joanne Howard Landry, celebrating their 50th birthdays.

Joan (Arbeter) Rosenberg

of Newton, Massachusetts is looking forward to Commencement at Cornell University this year. Jake is a Senior in The School of Hospitality Management, Jesse is a Sophomore and Zach (8th) and Molly (3rd) attend the Buckingham, Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge.



Jesse, Zack, Molly and Jake Rosenberg.

Ellie Goodwin Cochran’s son, Andrew (a Belknap alum), recently became engaged and will be married next September in Meredith, NH. Last spring, Ellie enjoyed catching up with **Robin Reilly Wagner** and **Sherry Bartlett Brochu**.

The 1980s and 1990s

Annie Perley is living in Portland, ME with her son, Izaak, who just started 1st grade. She was recently promoted to Firm Administration Support of a midsize law firm downtown and also works for Weight Watchers of Maine running motivational meetings in several workplaces. The Huckins spirit is alive & well.



Chase Smith and Caitlin Gallagher giving a Huckins heart.

Valerie Spencer got engaged to Eli Custeau in March and is planning a wedding for next July. Her fiancé’s daughters, Yazmine and Julie Custeau, enjoyed their first summer at Huckins and son, Frankie, loved Belknap! Four generations of Huckonians! Valerie’s sister, **Becky Spencer** and Jeremy gave birth to a healthy baby girl on July 5, 2011. Baby Stella May is looking forward to her first time at Camp Huckins. Becky and family are living in Denver, Colorado and are enjoying life!

On June 26th, **Heather Fleming** (‘92) married Ralph Leach with her daughters,

Samantha Keegan and Colleen Keegan, as her Maids of Honor. Her sister, Beth Fleming, was the officiant. Heather’s parents, Sally & Dick Fleming, were participants in the wedding that took place in Kennebunk, ME. Heather and the girls are very excited to not

Alumni notes are listed under the decade to which the majority of their camper years fell.

Holly Crooks Cassidy got married this summer with many Huckins girls in attendance. Lisa (Crooks) Marin, Brenda Fingold, Elle Cassidy, Holly Cassidy, Maddie Cassidy, Molly Geffken and Taylor Lake.



only have Ralph in their lives but also Ralph’s 21 year old son. The girls have always wanted a big brother and now they have one! The family resides in Kennebunk, ME.

Ann Astrachan Eggleston is thrilled that her daughter Isabel is now a Huckins girl, too. She spent Session 1 in Cabin K having the time of her life. Ann reminisces, “The camp smelled and looked exactly the same – especially the jons. And I was thrilled that not only do they sing a lot of the same songs, but songs that were made up while I was a camper during evening activities they now sing as part of the repertoire!” Only four more years until Isabel is a Huckster!

Sandy Pfaff and her partner, Ben, live in Fairfax, CA near San Francisco with their son, Gabe (see Babies page). She has her own PR and marketing business – Pfaff PR.

The 2000s

Three Huckins ladies reunited in Boston in March for the Boston Globe Art and Writing awards ceremony. See picture (left to right-

Avery Peterman, Julia Messier and **Rachel Frazee**).

Rachel and Julia were in Boston to accept Boston Globe Art Awards and Avery joined in to cheer them on!

Ginny Mapes Aseltine got married this past July to Rick Aseltine and is living in Rochester, NY. She is in school studying to become a Massage Therapy and having a blast doing it!



Cannell Family Reunion 2011

Allyson Lord spent the summer in Los Angeles, CA interning and taking classes through a program at Elon. She will spend the fall semester in London, England. She misses everyone at camp!

Please call, write, or email Kara at kara@camphuckins.com any time to discuss what has been happening in your lives or to send updated pictures for the Huckonian. We look forward to hearing from you!

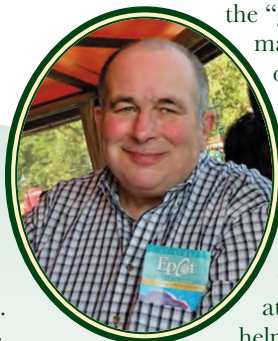
Tributes

George Craig

December 11, 1943 – August 20, 2011

George Craig started at Camp Huckins as a boy camper and counselor with his brother, Dave in the 1950's. George loved camp so much throughout his life he continued to stay involved. He was one of the first alums to sign up to return to camp for Alumni weekend. When George's doctor said, "You need to go somewhere where there is fresh air", George called camp and asked if he could volunteer for the summer.

George's daughters all attended Huckins and one summer his wife, Pam, came to run the Craft shop. George wanted everyone to experience the Huckins "magic".



During the summer of 2008, George was honored as a Triple Huckster, completing his fifteenth summer at Huckins.

As a staff member, George was the "go to" person. It did not matter what you needed or where it was, he was there to get it done. Doing things that made other people's day a bit easier is what made George happy. When he wasn't doing errands, you could find George at the maintenance sheds helping Howard and Lyman. He could fix anything. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry - you name it, he could fix it.

George was dedicated and committed to Camp Huckins. His love for camp was an inspiration to all of our staff and campers- he was a true "Huckins boy". We will place a bench at camp in George's memory.

Lauren Astley

April 1, 1993 – July 4, 2011

Lauren Astley started attending Camp as a young camper in the Junior Division. Her happy, enthusiastic spirit fit right in at camp and she returned each summer throughout her childhood. Lauren loved her time at camp; she made friends easily and loved sailing and playing tennis.

During the summer of 2009 Lauren returned as a Counselor in Training. She loved working with the youngest girls and she could be found bouncing

around the division playing and singing with the juniors. In 2010, Lauren returned as a Junior Counselor in the Junior Division. Everyone will always remember Lauren's smile and positive attitude. She was loving and kind to all she met and she truly embodied the Huckins spirit.

We have set up a Camper Scholarship Fund in Lauren's name. If you would like to make a donation, please contact camp.



ALUMNI Gatherings

Boston Alumni Reunion

Please join us on Saturday, November 5, 2011

TAVERN IN THE SQUARE

730 Massachusetts Ave. • Cambridge, MA 02139

6:00pm- Social • 7:00pm- Dinner

Please RSVP to kara@camphuckins.com or on our Facebook Event Page.



2011 New York City Alumni Reunion

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Whatever happened to...



Lisa Breed Moorhouse

It was the summer of 1983. My mother had decided that her girls needed some structure in their lives; so off into the wilderness of New Hampshire we went. Being the 'New Camper' in Cabin B, proved to be somewhat challenging. Little did I, or anyone else for that matter, realize just how much that first summer at Camp Huckins would change my life.

In fact, when the registration for next summer arrived, my parents were convinced that I wouldn't go back. However, my younger sister, Tara, immediately signed up for a whole month

and, not wanting to be outdone, I did too. It was one of the best decisions I have ever taken, even if I took it for the wrong reasons. I

loved my year in 'W' and eventually became a counselor.

After college, I joined the Peace Corps and served in Niger, West Africa. This sparked a lifelong interest in public health, which has led me to spend numerous years doing disease eradication in many countries in Africa. After completing a Masters degree in Public Health, I currently work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta.

In brief, I don't think that I would have traveled so extensively had it not been for the courage and good start I got from Camp Huckins. I love that Camp Huckins gave me a full appreciation of the outdoors and showed me how to enjoy it.

I still have fond memories of my time at Huckins and just wish that real life allowed for a daily rest hour, even if it didn't end with a bugle call!

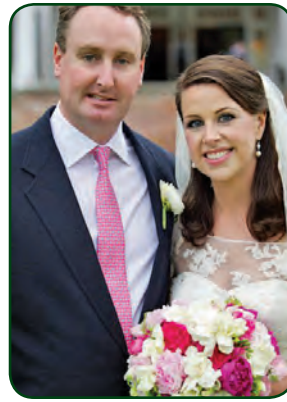


Our Spring 2012
Huckonian will focus
on this Huckins alum...
can you guess who it is?

Wedding & Babies



Kim Devine (02) married John McDevitt on August 7, 2011 in an historic mansion in Newport, RI. Huckins girls pictured: Sarah Devine, Heidi Luce Pelletier, Pam Cleaves Devine, Whitney Bull and Kaitlin Gangl.



Kate Golden (97) married Hamilton Wood in May 2011 in Woodstock, VT.

Stephanie Martinez (00) married Rob Ruckman on June 25, 2011 in Royal Oak, Maryland.



Elle was born on August 27, 2011 to **Alison (Goslee, 97)** and Mark Memoli.



Connor was born on Sept. 14, 2011 to **Laurie (Jauron, 01)** and **Casey Mohan** (00). Connor joins big sister, Madeline (19 mths) at home.



Jonathan Samuel was born on May 11, 2011 to **Rebecca (Levy, 00)** and Brian Corwin. They reside in the Boston area.



William was born on August 26th, 2011 to **Christian (Murray, 97)** and Leon Soltysiak.



Everett Jonathan was born on April 3, 2011 to **Kristen (MacDermott, 01)** and Jon Stevens.



Sydney was born on April 2, 2011 to **Molly (Marsh, 98)** and Ryan Smith.



Connor Patrick was born on August 6th, 2011 to **Lisa Briand** (98) and Sean Holleran.



Gabriel, now 17 months, was born to **Sandy Pfaff** (84) and her partner, Ben.



Maeve Elizabeth was born Sept. 11, 2011 to **Lisa (Keegan, 01)** and Tim Parcell. She joins big sister, Keegan Catherine (4) at home.

Staff Family Day



Clark



Colbert



Bilodeau



Pier



Eberly



MacDonald



Fallon



Doonan



Kosow



Husson



Roche



Schreier



Richards



Schofield



Depew



Kehoe

Mother/Son Weekend



The first annual Mother/Son weekend in June was a HUGE success!

The weekend consisted of fishing, boating, doing arts and crafts, archery, BB's, a casino night and nature walks. We are already looking forward to next year!

Mother/Daughter Weekend



Senior Division



Middler Division



Junior Division

We had over 200 mothers and daughters at our 2nd Annual Mother/Daughter Weekend in September.



Archery Competition

Family Camp Week 2011

25 years
of bringing families
together!



Triple Hucksters
The Ventre Family, the Messier Family, and the LaRoche/Hutchinson Family



Juniors



We loved having past family campers visit during Family Camp.



Middlers



Hucksters
Liam and Paris Sherron, the Ashworth family, Donna Murphy and Mabel Rude, Heather Lester and the Darcy Family.



Seniors

Labor Day Family Camp 2011



Senior Division



Fun for the whole family!



Junior Division



Three Generations Crafting



Middler Division



Hucksters – The Ventre Family, Kevin Cavanaugh and the Lapoint Family.

Summer Fun 2011

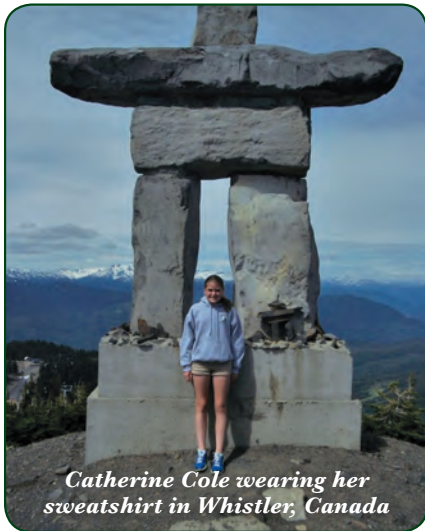
The gates opened and the campers arrived! We could not have asked for better weather, a better staff or better campers!

It does not matter what session you attend, we all share in the special traditions that make Camp Huckins special- eating family style, flag raising, chapel talks, campers, standing on benches to sing, dress-up meals, cabin activities, vespers, talent shows, program days, campfires, Hucksters ceremonies and Candlelight.

We also have special events unique to each session to make camp that much more fun and memorable- Mardi Gras day, 4th of July fireworks, Double Day, College Day (Yay for Springfield!), Unbirthday Day, Olympic Day, Toy Story day and Huckins Got Talent. Campers and staff showed their silly and creative sides with their great costumes.

Thank you to the staff for being dedicated, hard-working, enthusiastic

*“No other year
the same”*



Catherine Cole wearing her sweatshirt in Whistler, Canada



Where have you been in your Huckins sweatshirt? Email me a picture at kara@camphuckins.com.

and caring. Thank you to the campers for coming to camp and being the reason why the staff continue to come

back! Don't forget to light your candle on your special holiday. See you all next summer on the shores of Ossipee!



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(Top left) 10 year “W” Reunion during Alumni Weekend.



(Top right) Alumni Weekend Hucksters



(Bottom left) 2011 Alumni Weekend Participants

LEADERSHIP DIVISION REUNION For 2011 W's and CITs

WHEN: Saturday, November 12th, 2011

WHERE: Hancock United Church of Christ
1912 Mass. Ave
Lexington, MA 02421

TIME:
2:00pm to 4:00pm

RSVP: to kara@camphuckins.com
(by November 4, 2011)

New Board Members

Name: Deirdre Gaudreau Wadsworth
Hometown: Falmouth, Maine
Current Location: Portland, Maine
College: University of Denver
Current Job: Project Manager at Hardypond Construction
Camp Summers: 1991-2001, 2005



Favorite/fondest camp memory: "There is not just one memory that stands out, it's more like a million wonderful times that I am thankful for. The thing I remember the most is the feeling of camp. It feels like home, a place I belong, a place where everyone is a friend, even if I haven't met them yet."

Something we should know about you: "I have known for at least the last 10 years that I wanted to be part of the Huckins Board of Directors. I knew that I wanted to give back to the place that has given me so much- confidence, leadership skills, and determination. I am excited that I have joined the Board so early in my career and that my professional expertise can be of use to Huckins in this period of growth."

Name: Sarah Bird
Hometown: Meredith, NH
Current Location: Summit, NJ
College: Vanderbilt University
Job Experiences: Currently 1st Vice President



of the Board of Trustees at the Tilton School, 1994-2008- Principal at Hewitt Associates, a global management consulting firm specializing in human resources.

Camp Summers: Started as a Junior in Cabin V- JC of 1986
My goal as a Board Member: "To be another passionate supporter of the Camp Huckins mission and to contribute in whatever ways the Board sees as appropriate."



(Above) Leadership Training Institute,
 (Right) Lasell Soccer Team,
 (Below) Kennet Jr. High on the Ropes Course

Fall Groups



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2011 Holiday Ornament Winner Announced...

In 2010, we launched our first Holiday Ornament, designed by Craftshop Director, Maxine Wolfe. This summer, we opened the "2011 Holiday Ornament Contest" to all campers and staff. During free time, campers could visit the craftshop to design an original ornament of their own. We are very excited to announce this year's winner- Lindsey Larson, Cabin BV. Lindsey was a first year camper during second session. The Ornament (below) will be sold from November 15th to December 15th on our online store. Congratulations to all our 6 finalists; Anna Macomber (R), Zara Cheney (R), Kelsey Abernathy (K), Julia Taylor, (G), Abby Smalley (BW) and Clara O'Rourke (Staff). Take a look at our new Camp Fire Mug and Magnet! Visit the Huckins store www.camphuckinsstore.com starting November 15th to place your order!



YMCA CAMP HUCKINS IMPORTANT DATES 2012 SEASON

Alumni Work Weekend • June 1-3

85th Celebration • June 2

Mother/Son Weekend • June 8-10

Early Bird Week • June 10-16

Staff Training Week • June 17-22

1st Session • June 23-July 7

2nd Session • July 7-21

3rd Session • July 22- Aug 4

4th Session • Aug 4-18

Staff Parents Day • July 28

Family Camp • Aug 20-25

Labor Day Family Camp • Aug 31- Sept 3

Mother/Daughter Weekend • Sept 14-16

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