

Fossil

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Three Upcoming Camp Foss Alumni Events!

The Foss and Mi-Te-Na Alumni Associations are planning a fall reunion to be held on Saturday, November 19 at Jillian's in Manchester. More details about this event will be available soon on the alumni page of the Camp Foss website.

The Summer Reunion at Camp Foss will be in June 2012. Last summer's event was great and this summer's event will be even better! If you have not been to Camp Foss in a few years, here is your chance to visit and take a tour. Please keep an eye out for the next newsletter for more details!

We will also be organizing the third annual Camp Foss Alumni Open House in September 2012. This open house will be a fun event for Foss alum, family, friends, and staff at camp. We will share more details about this event in the next newsletter.

Interested in learning more about any of these events? Please contact the Foss Alumni Coordinator at fossalum@yahoo.com.



Camp Foss Welcome Sign



Foss Alum enjoying the September Reunion

Everyone Had A Great Time at Camp This Summer!

The summer of 2011 at Camp Foss was fantastic! Everyone at camp enjoyed the great weather. There were new waterfront games and wonderful trips. Camp Foss Director, Molly Reeve, reported that everyone enjoyed the good times at Willey Pond. Molly also reported that construction officially began in September and the new infirmary will be an infirmary next year! Only a few hundred days until Camp Foss begins again!



Camp Foss Cabin

Come Visit Camp Foss While You Drop Off Your Child Next Summer!

The Foss Alumni Association would like to remind everyone about the upcoming 2012 camping season. The YMCA of Greater Manchester's two overnight camps, Camp Mi-Te-Na for Boys and Camp Foss for Girls, offer boys and girls ages 8-15 a diverse mix of exciting and challenging programs and activities for the summer. These overnight camping programs allow young people the opportunity to explore personal interests, participate in exciting outdoor sports and activities, and develop a variety of lifetime skills. For more information, please contact the YMCA Camping Services Branch at (603) 232-8642.

Message from the Director:

The crunchy leaves line the old dirt road headed to Foss. The buildings are all boarded up and there is only the memory of girl's laughter, hot days at the waterfront, and circling around the flagpole. Recently, we had our 2nd annual alumni weekend in September! It was a huge hit, thanks to Checker Morrissey Hanson and Alison Hayes Davis for hosting the event! I believe a good word to sum the weekend up was *grateful*. As we gathered together to remember the good times, I can't tell you how many alums asked me all sorts of questions about what we are doing now and what activities do campers still love. It was amazing to see all of the passion that still burns in your hearts for this great little place on Willey Pond. It is my goal to strengthen the connection Camp Foss has with our alumni and hopefully have many of you reconnecting with the friends and counselors of your past! The alumni association will be putting a display up in the new Rec Hall for summer 2012! Please send me any old photos you have that would be good to use! You can reach me anytime at www.campfoss.org

Thank you for a memorable weekend and I am already looking forward to next September!

Molly Reeve, Director



Foss Alum Enjoy Good Times at Camp Foss During the Fall Alumni Reunion this September!

Camp Foss alum Alison Davis reported that the September weekend was a great success. Alum started arriving at about 1:00pm. Most started off with tours, visiting with old friends and looking at wonderfully scrapped pictures by Christina Whittaker, and browsing old yearbooks and calendars of years past.

Tom Archer spoke with the Alumni group about projects being done around camp and the importance of the Willey Pond Club for the future of Camp Foss. He also spoke about the alumni group's future and possible fundraising efforts.

Alum worked on some journaling and met at the flag pole in time for vespers and a touching poem read by Jessica Kelly (Cornwell). We were dismissed for a wonderful dinner provided by Christina Whittaker. Yummy! Everyone contributed to our meal by bringing desserts and we had quite the spread!

After dinner, we went back to the cabins of Woodside Village to get ready for evening programs where we had a campfire, songs, s'mores, and closing ceremonies. By far the best part of the reunion! The next morning we had a nice breakfast provided by Linda Shaw, a collaborative meeting with some great alum ideas, and ended our visit with a walk to Pioneer Point.



Foss Alumni Taking Down the Flag



Vespers on the rock

The Foss Alumni Association would like to thank the following alumni, staff, and their guests for their participation:

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| Kelli Tourgee (Robinson) | Kelly Richards (Teixeira) | Sarah Kern (Bunker) |
| Carolyn Gustafson (Dame) | Bette Frazier (Peterman) | Alison Davis (Hayes) |
| Danna Talbot (Cooley) | Peggy Nault (Merrow) | Tami L. Chevalier |
| Stephanie Huston (Mayotte) | Jennifer Crisileo (Satran) | Nancy McIntosh |
| Jessica Kelly (Cornwell) | Rebecca Reilly (Schulte) | Lauri Jacobson (Mindick) |
| Charity Collier (Yacovitch) | Checker Hansen (Morrissey) | Jess Gooch |
| Melissa Reynolds (Dickson) | Christine Whitaker (Van Beaver) | |

Summer Alumni Reunion at Camp Foss was a Great Success!

We wanted to thank everyone who attended the Summer Reunion at Camp Foss this past June. After lunch was served, Martin Jones received the Camp Foss Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Service Award. Martin received his award for his outstanding support of Camp Foss, by making signs for all over camp. With his son's help, he established a Frisbee golf course at Foss and is in the process of making maps of the entire course. Aubree Cecil received the Alumni Special Recognition Award for her outstanding support for the Foss Alumni Association and her important contributions made to several alumni events over the years. Congratulations to all the winners!



Pascale Desbiens, Jessica Kelly, Christine Sequeira at Camp Foss

Twenty-six Foss alum, staff, family, and friends attend this year's event! Molly Reeve, Camp Foss Director, reported that Camp Foss staff gave camp tours and the Foss alum painted the Alumni Room in the White Lodge and cleaned out the camp kitchen. It was a great day! Thanks to everyone who attended and we hope to see you next summer!

Updates From Our Alumni

Amanda Hodges: I was at Camp Foss in 1988, 1989, 1990, and I think 1991 too! I saw the Foss Fossils online, thank you!

Anda Lucia: Hey everyone! A huge hello from the Middle East! I won't be back in the states until late July so I will miss you all for the June reunion. I loved my time at Camp Foss with all of you and can't wait to see Camp Foss again! Say hi to everyone for me. I am still in the United Arab Emirates as of late June. I will be in the US for about 2 weeks, and then it is off to Serbia and back to the UAE for another contract. So sadly, I am not going to make the September alum event either! I am moving out of my Cambridge apartment, which I have been subletting for the past few years, while I have been working abroad.

Kelly Lynne Richards (Teixeira): I was at Camp Foss from the time I was 6 to the time I was 17, and they were the best summers of my life. They helped me mold me into the woman I am today. My daughter is going to Camp Foss for the first time this summer for two weeks. It will be fun taking her back since I have not been since I was 17...and that was a long time ago! My son Matthew is almost six, but too young to attend Camp Mi-Te-Na yet—maybe in a couple years.

Christine Sequeira (McCarthy): I am a high school guidance counselor in Florida and mommy to two beautiful little girls, Juliana and Emily.

Pascale Desbiens: I have a 5 year old girl named Chloe and a 2 ½ year old boy named Alexis. I am not married, but I have been with my boyfriend for over 11 years. We bought a house 5 years ago in Quebec City. I work in a community center.



Arts and Crafts Building at Camp Foss

Your Generous Support Keeps Camp Alive!

When you make a donation to Camp Foss, you make a valuable investment in the future. Your generosity helps us make much-needed renovations, build new facilities, and acquire new equipment, but in the big picture, your dollars do so much more than that. They are an investment that helps us build stronger, healthier kids who learn to become caring, responsible adults. Please see the below for the many ways you can donate to camp:

Endowment Fund

Your personal gift to the endowment fund, either by an immediate gift or a gift in your estate plan, will help us continue to offer generations of future campers a fun, safe, and supportive environment to learn and explore, while embracing the YMCA's core values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. Camp Foss is deeply honored to be remembered by our alumni and friends in such a personal and significant way.

Tribute Gifts

Honor a friend or family member with a gift to camp. Your thoughtfulness will be very much appreciated and the gift will have a lasting impact.

Willey Pond Society

The Willey Pond Society is a group of individuals who feel they would like to do a little bit more for camp. Each member agrees to donate a set amount of financial support each year to camp. We ask that all Willey Pond Society donors agree to donate a minimum of \$500 annually.

Personalized Brick Program

Were you someone who liked to write your name on your cabin's walls? If so, Camp Foss now has a very special way for you to leave a lasting mark—a personalized brick! For a minimum of \$150, a donor will receive a personalized brick that will be placed at camp.

Corporate Matching Gift Program

Does the opportunity to double your donation to camp without additional writing another check sound too good to you? Camp Foss' Corporate Matching Gift program is a great way to do just that! Many companies are pleased to support their employees' donations by matching your gift to a non-profit organization. In order to have your donation matched, please contact your Human Resources Department to request a Matching Gift form and instructions regarding your employer's matching gifts process.

Camp Wish List

Camp Foss is always looking for quality camping and outdoor equipment. If you have an item you would like to donate please make sure it is in good working condition. Not sure if what you have would make a good donation? Please contact us and let us know what you have to donate. If you are local, we can pick up the item. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

If you are interested in taking advantage of any of these donation options or have any questions, please contact Tom Archer, VP of the Camping Services Branch, at tarcher@yogm.org.

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**Camp is an
Experience that
Lasts a Lifetime!**



**Moved
Recently?**

If you have moved recently or would like to be added to the alumni email list, please send the Foss Alumni Coordinator an email with your contact information so we can stay in touch.

YMCA Mission Statement

The YMCA of Greater Manchester is committed to creating a place where all are welcome. The YMCA builds a healthy spirit, mind and body in individuals and families while instilling the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility through our practices and programs.

Bringing Back Some Old Favorites!

Camp program staff is interested in learning about your favorite activities from when you attended camp, as they are interested in reintroducing activities from other eras that may not be offered today. For example, Camp Foss brought back Kangaroo Kourt as an evening program a few summers ago and it was a hit! Both campers and staff surveyed about that summer said it was one of their favorite activities. It was the first time in ten years that the staff had held Kourt, but with some modifications, it worked great!

Please email the Foss Alumni Coordinator (at fossalum@yahoo.com) a brief description of your favorite activity and any pictures and we may decide to incorporate it into this summer's program schedule. If your activity is incorporated, we will publish your name and the activity in a future newsletter. Thanks in advance for your help!

Check Us Out on Facebook & Twitter!

Did you know that the Camp Foss Alumni Association is on Facebook? The Alumni Association has a group page on Facebook where you can reconnect with old friends and learn about fantastic upcoming events. Camp Foss is also on Twitter, visit <http://twitter.com/CampFoss>. Please contact the Foss Alumni Coordinator at fossalum@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



Planning a Trip to New England?

We would love to see you next summer! Thanks to our generous supporters, a lot of great changes have been made at Camp Foss over the years, but one thing remains the same ~ our spirit! Join us next summer for a delicious camp meal and some camp songs. Please email the Foss Alumni Coordinator at fossalum@yahoo.com for more information!

Check Out Camp's Website

Camp Foss has a wonderful website! We have posted past copies of the alumni newsletter and pictures from previous events on this site. Log on to www.campfoss.org.

We Need Your Help to Expand Recruitment Efforts!

We need your help! We are trying to spread the word about camp in-state, out of state, and abroad and are looking for alumni volunteers to hang a flyer in your employer's cafeteria, to host a camp party at your home or church, or to communicate with some of the schools in your area. It would be a big help. For more information about volunteering or if you have any questions about this effort, please contact the Foss Alumni Coordinator at fossalum@yahoo.com.