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FROM OUR ALUMNI

CAMP MEMORIES ARE ONLY A FLYER AWAY!

Time may pass and lives may change, but you never forget the friends, memories and fun you had at Camp Foss! Alumni Taunya Jarzyniecki (Edwards) was reminded of her time at Camp Foss by receiving a flyer in her child's backpack. It brought back great memories for her and the experiences she had at Camp Foss. She wanted to express her gratitude for all the great work we are doing for the youth of today!



NEW CAMP VIDEO POSTED ON THE CAMP FOSS/CAMP MI-TE-NA WEBSITE!

A new video has been posted on Camp Mi-Te-Na's website, see <http://www.campmitena.org/video.shtml> for the link.

PLANNING A TRIP TO NEW ENGLAND?

We'd love to see you! Thanks to our generous supporters, a lot of great changes have been made at camp over the years, but one thing remains the same~our spirit! Join us for a delicious camp meal and some camp songs. E-mail Deb Farmer at dfarmer@gmfymca.org for more information!

If you would like to send us something to be published in an upcoming Fossil, please send it to Deb Farmer at dfarmer@gmfymca.org or mail it to the Greater Manchester YMCA in care of Deb Farmer, 30 Mechanic Street, Manchester, NH 03104

DEDICATION OF THE SAMUEL HUNT RECREATION LODGE

by Jessica Cornwell Kelly

On July 12, I had the pleasure of returning to the shores of Willey Pond with a handful of alumni and friends for the dedication of the new Samuel Hunt Recreation Lodge. Campers were enjoying their Saturday activities during Olympic Day as we toured the camp, a few of us even stopping in center camp to sing the evening circle song.

So much has changed in the 8 short years since my days at Foss, I can only imagine what it felt like for those who were there long before I was. I had the pleasure of meeting Nancy Young, "Sarge" as she was remembered at camp, and found out that her daughter Melanie Servetas was the horseback riding director when I first began as a camper. Before we even had a chance to look through the old yearbooks and photos, I could picture Mel and had remembered exactly who she was. Buildings and activities may have changed over the years, but there are always names and faces that you'll remember for a lifetime.

After the tour, we gathered at the entrance to camp at the site of the old horseback-riding ring where the new recreation lodge commands quite a presence. Upon entering the lodge I was overwhelmed by the enormous space. It wasn't until the campers began pouring in for the dedication ceremony that I realized that the lodge was just the right size for the present day Camp Foss... with room to grow.

It brought back many fond memories seeing the familiar faces of campers I remembered from years back who had now grown into young ladies doing the job that I loved – camp counselor! My former camper, Liz, is now the assistant director and her mother, Ellen, was there for the dedication as well. Ellen remembered my mother fondly from her days at camp and I was touched when she told me that she missed her.

We heard from Meghan Ricker, the current director, how the girls of Foss appreciate the new building and how it allows the entire camp to come together as one. This is something that has become increasingly challenging since Foss has grown to around 200 campers! Jane Cooper Fall spoke to the girls, giving a brief history of the camp and saying how proud she was of the work that had been done to get Foss the new rec hall we so desperately needed.

As the dedication ceremony came to a close we all made our way to the dining hall for lunch. Although there was only one song sung during our meal, I could still hear the old village songs and chants of "I am the music master, I come from Camp Foss" echoing across the room.

Although camp continues to grow and change, one thing will remain constant...Camp Foss is a place that nurtures the spirit, mind, and body... a place where you make memories that last a lifetime.

HONESTY CARING RES

Hello everyone!

We hope that you are enjoying the Fall! We had a great summer this year at Camp Foss—thanks to all the great staff that made it possible.

Last November, Kelly Hart and Ben Howe were kind enough to organize a reunion in Manchester, NH for former staff and campers from Camp Foss and Mi-Te-Na. We had a great time. We hope you can join us for a future event.

Now more than ever, we look to our supporters to make the Camp Foss experience available for many children that otherwise would not be able to attend. Your

wonderful generosity also helps us to make important renovations, build new facilities, and acquire new equipment. In addition, when you make a donation to Camp Foss, you make a valuable investment in the future.

Hope all is well. Take care and keep in touch.
Camp Foss Staff



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.



GREATER MANCHESTER FAMILY YMCA

ALUMNI EVENT REPORT



The November 2007 Camp Foss / Mi-Te-Na alumni reunion at Jillian's restaurant www.jilliansonline.com in downtown Manchester was a great success! 32 alumni, staff, friends and others attended the event.

Everyone really enjoyed catching up with each other and learning more about what is going on at each camp currently.

Everyone also enjoyed playing pool, air hockey, video games, and otherwise hanging out at the event. In addition, the staff at Jillian's was friendly, helpful and provided great service during the event, especially Scott and Wendy. We hope to be there again next year!

THE ALUMNI EVENT AT BIG DADDY'S SCOREBOARD IN PORTSMOUTH!



Christine Sequeira (McCarthy) hosted an event at Big Daddy's Scoreboard in Portsmouth in June 2007. Several Foss alumni and staff visited and everyone enjoyed catching up and reliving old Camp Foss memories.

SARAH DUNCAN
LIZ PUCHACZ
DANIELLE WOLTERS
GRETCHEN KLENE
KELLY COUTURE (HART)
ANDA LORING

AMY BUNKER
SARA WOODWARD
AUBREE CECIL
KATIE ARCHER
MEGHAN RICKER

SPECT RESPONSIBILITY

THE ALUMNI EVENT AT FOSS IN JUNE WAS ALMOST AS MUCH FUN AS CAMP ITSELF!



Several Foss alumni and staff volunteered to work at Camp Foss for one Saturday in June. The group started the day by taking a tour around camp.

Then the group painted the new Camp Foss Recreational Hall,

which was paid for by the Hunt Foundation, Jane Fall and other alumni. Jessica Cornwell (Kelly) and Kelly Couture (Hart) also painted the new Camp Foss welcome outpost. The group painted for about 3 hours!

In addition, Mi-Te-Na guys Tom Archer and Tom Auger took down all the plywood covering the hall's windows and made sure the ladies had everything they needed.

Kelly, Tom Auger, and Sarah Duncan also braved the cold water of Willy Pond and went for a swim. Later, some other alumni and staff joined the group. Everyone had a great day catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

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

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| KELLY COUTURE (HART) | VANESSA LANE |
| SARAH DUNCAN | MEGHAN COCHRAN |
| ALEXANDRA MCCAFFREY | ALLYSON DIGREGORY |
| REBECCA CURRAN | JESSICA CORNWELL (KELLY) |
| ELIZABETH DOZIER | ABBY ALBIN |
| CHRISTA RICKER | AUBREE CECIL |
| | GRETCHEN KLENE |



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FOSS AND MI-TE-NA ALUMNI STAFF DODGEBALL EVENT

The first annual Foss and Mi-Te-Na and alumni/staff dodgeball event in April was a great success! Everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves. Fourteen alumni and staff from both camps attended the event at the Manchester YMCA.



Players from Camp Mi-Te-Na included Ben and Tim Howe, Geoff and Tony Terragni, Dean Farmer, Mitchell Moody, Ronny Rose, and Dylan Landry.

Seana McCrackin also stopped by to visit. Players from Camp Foss included Aubree Cecil, Elizabeth Dozier, and

Sara Fallah. Kelly Couture (Hart) kept score. She and Deb Farmer also took some great pictures.

The games were hard played and everyone showed great sportsmanship. However, the highlight of the event had to have been the matching dodgeball uniforms that Aubree and Liz wore to the event.

A big How-How to them for showing the rest of us how to dress for dodgeball! Thanks to everyone who attended!





CAMP FOSS ONLINE STORE IS NOW OPEN!

Wish you still had that old camp tee? The online camp store is a great trip down memory lane, and with great gift ideas for proud Mi-Te-Na campers both past and present! Visit www.campfoss.org and stock up today!

KEEP IN TOUCH!



Have an update for us on what you have been up to lately? Interested in learning about future alumni events? Please

e-mail dfarmer@gmfymca.org and don't forget to check out Camp Foss' website at <http://www.campfoss.org/>.



ALUMNI UPDATES

- Pascale Desbiens has two children and has been working in a community center as a program director since 2001.
- Melanie Bourke lives in New Zealand.
- Corena Lyne did some traveling in Australia in 2008. She really enjoyed her time at Camp Foss and wishes she could come back and see old faces and hear their stories.
- Danielle Wilcox e-mailed and said that she really hopes that everyone at Camp Foss had a fabulous summer! She sent much love from across the big pond.
- Christine Sequeira lives in Florida. She misses Camp Foss and everyone very much.
- Anda Lucia lives in Cambridge, MA.

COMING SOON!

**BRAND NEW WEBSITES FOR
CAMPS FOSS AND MI-TE-NA
ARE COMING SOON!
WATCH FOR DETAILS!**

