

Fossil

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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.



Camp Foss Waterfront

Save The Dates For Three Upcoming Alumni Events!

The Foss and Mi-Te-Na Alumni Associations have scheduled our second annual staff/alumni **Dodgeball Tourney**, which will be held at the Greater Manchester Family YMCA on **April 17, 2010 from 1pm until 3pm**. Everyone who attended last year had a great time playing! Even if you are not interested in playing dodgeball, feel free to come and hang out.

We also really need your help! We are also holding our annual alumni **Clean Up the Camp!** event at both Camps Foss and Mi-Te-Na on **June 12-13, 2010**. Foss alum will complete small work projects around camp and help the staff get the camp ready for the arrival of campers later in June. Tours of Camp Foss will also be offered. When the work is done, we will take a swim in Willey Pond (weather permitting). Your help would be much appreciated!

We will also be organizing the first ever **Camp Foss Alumni Open House** on **September 11-12, 2010**. 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 coming weeks.

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

New Director at Camp Foss

Please join us in welcoming Molly Reeve as our new Camp Foss Director.

Molly is a graduate of the Audubon Expedition Institute based out of Cambridge, MA. She earned a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Studies while travelling through Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, the Southwest, the Adirondacks, and the Chesapeake Bay region. In 2007, she spent extensive time in the backcountry, skiing, backpacking and rock climbing while completing the Outdoor Educators Semester with the National Outdoor Leadership School.

Molly's passion for the outdoors began when she first attended Camp Foss as a little girl. She has lovingly participated as a CIT, Village Head, Trips Director, and Waterfront Director for 3 years. This summer will be her 16th year at Camp Foss. She is excited to bring her knowledge of camp management and a passion for learning, leadership, and FUN to the director position. She can hardly wait to start creating new memories on the shores of Willey Pond!

Molly is currently working and playing as a Ski Patroller in Idaho. Previously she took a few years away from camp to pursue a successful career as a raft guide. She enjoys working in her garden, taking long walks in the woods with her Golden Retrievers and everything about the outdoors!

Programs At Camp Foss in 2010

Bringing Back Some Old Favorites!

Camp program staff are 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 this past summer and it was a hit! Both campers and staff surveyed about the 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 e-mail 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!

Songs for Scholarship Report

The Mi-Te-Na and Foss Alumni Associations raised \$910 on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at the Songs for Scholarships Benefit Concert held at Milly's Tavern in Manchester. All money raised went to the scholarship funds for Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss.



Alumnus Allen McRae of the Tin Thistles

We would like to thank the 36 camp advisory board members, Mi-Te-Na and Foss alumni and staff, friends and others who attended the event or made donations. Everyone had a great time! We would also like to thank all of the acts that performed during the evening and did a great job—The Tin Thistles (featuring Camp Mi-Te-Na alumnus, Allen McRae), Human Chemistry (featuring Camp Mi-Te-Na alumnus, Seth Davis), Johnny Keys, and the Max Sullivan Group!



Max Sullivan

Director's Message

Camp Foss Fossil:

At some point along the line of leaving Camp Foss as a camper or counselor, you think to yourself...I wonder what it would be like to go back. Well, I am so thrilled to be returning as the Director for Camp Foss after a two year hiatus. This summer will be my 16th year. I have gone through the CIT program, supervised an enormous staff my first year as a Village Head of Lakeview and Sunrise, lead amazing adventures as the

Trips Director, and had a lifetime of great memories as the Waterfront Director for 3 years. I have completed a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Studies with a focus on Leadership from the Audubon Expedition Institute, Lesley University. I have been playing as a river guide in the summers and working as a ski patroller in the winters in Idaho for the last 2 years. I am so excited to bring some of the older traditions back to camp and have new ideas to keep camp dynamic. As many of you know, this summer we will

have some of the highest numbers for returning staff, and our senior staff alone has almost 100 years of experience at camp! I am truly blessed to be able to lead this group of extraordinary women to keep creating amazing memories and experience that last a lifetime for girls at Camp Foss

Thank you for your time.
Molly Reeve
Camp Foss Director

Come Visit Camp Foss While You Drop Off Your Child

The Foss Alumni Association would like to remind everyone about the upcoming 2010 camping season. The Greater Manchester Family YMCA's two overnight camps, Camp Mi-Te-Na for Boys and Camp Foss for Girls, offer boys and girls ages 7-15 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 Greater Manchester Family YMCA's Camping Services at (603) 232-8642.



Gretchen Klene, Katie Archer & Deb Farmer

Planning a Trip to New England This Summer?

We would love to see you! 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 for a delicious camp meal and some camp songs. Please email the Foss Alumni Coordinator at fossalum@yahoo.com for more information!

Mementos Needed for Alumni Room

All Foss alumni photos and other memorabilia are kept in the camp's Alumni Room. The room has been improved over the last year. Please send photos and other memorabilia (e.g., flags, old yearbooks) for the room to Deb Farmer at the Manchester YMCA, we would appreciate it!



Foss Alumni Room

Updates From Our Alumni

I attended Camp Foss for many years, long ago. Well, maybe not that long ago, but it has been awhile :) I'm a retired Pre-K teacher and going to school for Elementary Education in Southern California. I am also the Children's Mile Coordinator for a global peace project called Art Miles. - Issanna Loughman

I am busy planning for my wedding this summer. My fiancé's name is Jon Manter. - Sarah Duncan

I recently moved to Austin, Texas where I am undertaking a green remodel of an old home. After finishing my Master's degree at UNH, I took a year off to travel and explore. Now immersed within the Austin community and learning everyday, I will not be missing the New England winters this season... - Amy Bunker



Jeff, Christine and Brian McCarthv at Brian's wedding

Happy New Year from Thailand!! I am living and working in Beijing, China as a high school science teacher Biology and Chemistry. I salsa dance whenever I can. I am home for summers in Cambridge, MA. I would love to make connections with other Camp Foss and Mi-Te-Na alums that might be in China or the Middle East as I am regularly back and forth between Beijing and Abu Dhabi, UAE. - Anda Lucia

At the end of the 2009 camping season, I packed all of my belongings into a U-Haul and drove across the country to Boise, Idaho. I am attending Boise State University and am working on finishing my degree in Elementary and Special Education. I am looking forward to coming back to Camp Foss this spring for my 20th season! I hope to see you all at alumni weekend!
- Liz Dozier

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 Club

The Willey Pond Club 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 Club 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? The 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, Executive Director of Camping Services Branch, at tarcher@gmfymca.org.

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YMCA Mission Statement

The Greater Manchester Family YMCA 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.

Looking for Camp Sweethearts

We are looking for Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss couples who took the big plunge and got married after they left camp!

This newsletter, we heard from Barrett and Estelle Sullivan. According to Barrett, he and Estelle met at Camp Mi-Te-Na in the 1990's on top of the zip line platform for a team building event for the staff from Camp Foss. He and Estelle still talk about that time often and the adventures that they pursued after their first meeting. He and Estelle were married in Key West, Florida at Ft. Zachary Taylor beach on a lovely afternoon in April 2004.

They had a few close friends and family that attended the wedding, including Craig Maxwell Mace and Ricky Ross. By the way, they showed up to the wedding in a pink flamingo mustang with the top down! It suited Rick, Craig and Key West appropriately.



Barrett & Estelle Sullivan
wedding

Barrett and Estelle now live in Breckenridge, Colorado with their young son, Dylan. Dylan plans on attending camp and making his stamp on the camp lifestyle! Thanks for the great story, Barrett and Estelle!

Keep In Touch

Want to know what's going on at Camp Foss? You can also visit www.bunk1.com and sign up to receive the latest updates! Bunk1 gives alumni access to camp news. Sign up today and keep in touch!

Check out Camp's Website

We have posted past copies of the alumni newsletter and pictures from previous events on the camp website. Log on to www.campfoss.org today!

Planning Future Alumni Events

The Foss Alumni Association is always looking to put on other events. If you would like to suggest an idea for a future event or be added to our alumni e-mail list, please send us an e-mail with your information to the Alumni Coordinator at fossalumni@yahoo.com.

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.