



THE FOSSIL

Greater Manchester Family YMCA CAMP FOSS *Established in 1923* JANUARY 2007

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying our unseasonably warm weather! I have been having a great time watching how fast the new recreation hall has been going up because of our late winter. The building is beautiful and all of the staff have been talking excitedly about our new programming options.

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated to the Step Up for Kids Campaign. There is still more to be built, though. If you wish to contribute there is still time just contact Leslee Stewart (603-232-8629 or lstewart@gmfymca.org).

A few months ago, Christine McCarthy and Ben Howe were kind enough to put together a reunion for former staff and campers from both camps. It was a lot of fun to see many who were staff when I was a camper! We look forward to doing it again in the future.

Lastly, please all join us for our barbeque this summer. It will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007. Tentative time schedule would be from 12:00-2:00PM. Come see our beautiful new building and all our campers in action.

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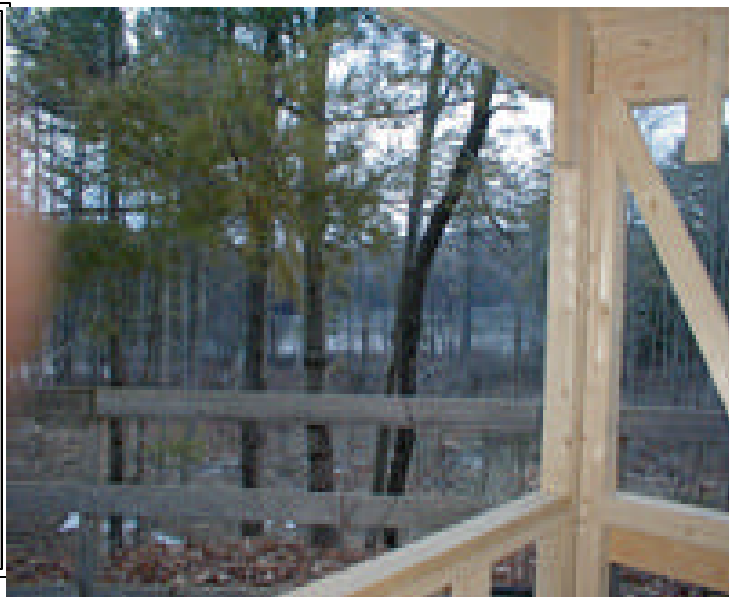
Amy Bunker, Christine McCarthy and Sara Woodward at alumni get together

REMINDER

Camp Foss Alumni Barbeque

7/14/07

12:00-2:00



View from the new rec hall now under construction

Dear Friends,

At a recent alumni gathering in Manchester, NH, I was reminded that although the world around us is forever changing, the one thing that will last a lifetime is our memories.

Being surrounded once again by fellow campers and staff members brought back so many fond memories of my summers spent on the shores of Willey Pond. The laughter, the smiles, the friendships that were shared – those that have moved on and those that have stayed close. Each memory of camp holds a special place in my heart, as I'm sure it does for you.

It was great to reminisce with the alumni... Christine McCarthy, Amy Bunker, Sara Woodward, Danielle Walters, Kelly Hart, Kelly Shemanske, and current director Meghan Ricker and fellow staff member Sarah Duncan.

We shared the stories of our lives and the paths we've taken since leaving camp. We looked back on our fun-filled summer days that seem so long ago. I even recall a few of us singing "Swimming, swimming, in a swimming pool..." It's amazing how even just the memories can transport us back to our youth!

It's true, Camp will continue to change and grow. But it was evident that the closeness and the spirit of Camp Foss will remain with us forever.

I would love to connect with fellow Foss alum. Please send along your addresses, emails and updates on your lives. Christine and I are trying hard to build our alumni base, but we can't do it without your help!

Until we meet again... keep smiling!

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Danielle Walters and Sara Woodward



Sara Woodward and Kelly Hart



Danielle Walters and Ben Howe

The first annual Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss Alumni Get Together was held on Saturday, October 21st at Strange Brew Tavern in Manchester, NH. Several Camp Foss and Mi-Te-Na alumni attend the event, including Christine McCarthy who traveled all the way from Florida. Both Alumni Associations would like to thank everyone who attended the event!

The Camp Foss alumni that attended included **Christine McCarthy, Kelly Hart, Danielle Walters, Amy Bunker, Kelly Shemanske, Jessica (Cornwall) Kelly** and her husband Rob, and **Sara Woodward**. Everyone had a great time! At one point, Kelly tried to get everyone from Foss to sing some of the old favorites, but none of the other alumni were interested. **Meghan Ricker**—the current director of Camp Foss—also stopped by to say hello. Finally, a special thanks goes out to Christine for making special Christmas ornaments to commemorate the event.

The Camp Mi-Te-Na alumni that attended included **Ben Howe, Tony, Geoff and Jo Terragni, Dean Farmer, and Davis Richmond. Rob Kurlansky, Sara Duncan** (also a Camp Foss staff person), **Colin Canedy, and Brian McCarthy** also stopped by the event. In addition, current Manchester YMCA/Mi-Te-Na staff **Rick Ross, Eric Werner, and Deb Farmer** checked in and made sure that the 1st Annual Mi-Te-Na/ Foss Alumni Foosball Tourney went off smoothly.

Thanks again to all the Foss and Mi-Te-Na alumni who attended our event!



Christine and Brian McCarthy and Amy Bunker

Step Up for Kids Capital Campaign

The \$2.9 Step Up for Kids Capital Campaign is nearing the \$2.5 million mark as pledges continue to come in from foundations, corporations, and generous individuals who know their donations will provide opportunities for over 2,500 more young people to benefit from YMCA programs.

Funds for Foss raised over \$100,000 for the Capital Campaign from 73 donors, which was matched with a \$100,000 grant from the Hunt Foundation. A round of applause to Jane Fall, who headed up that successful effort!

Just a couple of months ago, we sited the footings for a new lodge, on a crest overlooking Wiley Pond. The new lodge should be completed for next summer's camping season. What a great addition it will be to Camp Foss!

The new wooden Recreation Lodge will be over 4500 square feet. This Lodge will be built in a style to complement all other camp buildings. It will include a stage for performances and lots of windows to provide for daytime natural lighting. Most importantly, the Recreation Lodge will be built to accommodate our entire camp population, allowing Camp Foss to provide quality programming including: skit and theatre nights, camp award ceremonies, dances, game nights, and camp-wide meetings and assemblies. The existing historic lodge will remain and be used as a program lodge for drama, small village assemblies and story time for our younger girls.

If you haven't already donated to the Capital Campaign, and would like to do so, you can make a pledge by contacting Leslee Stewart at (603)232-8629, or emailing her at lstewart@gmfymca.org.



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