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Director's Message:



When I was a young child, I started to think about Christmas while we packed up the turkey leftovers from Thanksgiving. As the holiday got closer, we marked the days by tearing off a ring each night from a paper chain my sister and I made. I can still remember going out into the woods with a plastic sled and a bow saw to pick the perfect tree, (my sister always got a ride from me in the sled before the tree occupied the space). It was a wonderful time of year filled with wonder, joy, and family, only outshined by the sparkle of lights on our tree. Through all of the excitement of the holidays, there is always the sigh, that lonely feeling when the wrapping paper gets cleaned up, when the dishes are done, and it is over for another whole year. Why? What happened? Simply, it was the anticipation and expectation of the marvel of this wonderful time of year.

Over time I have come to realize that the expedition is where all the memories are made and the summit is usually good for a picture or two. I hope that as we travel through this holiday season you and your loved ones enjoy each and every moment that this special time of year brings. Remember to light that candle and think of all the friendships made and fantastic trips to Camp Foss!

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OCTOBER TRIVIA CONTEST

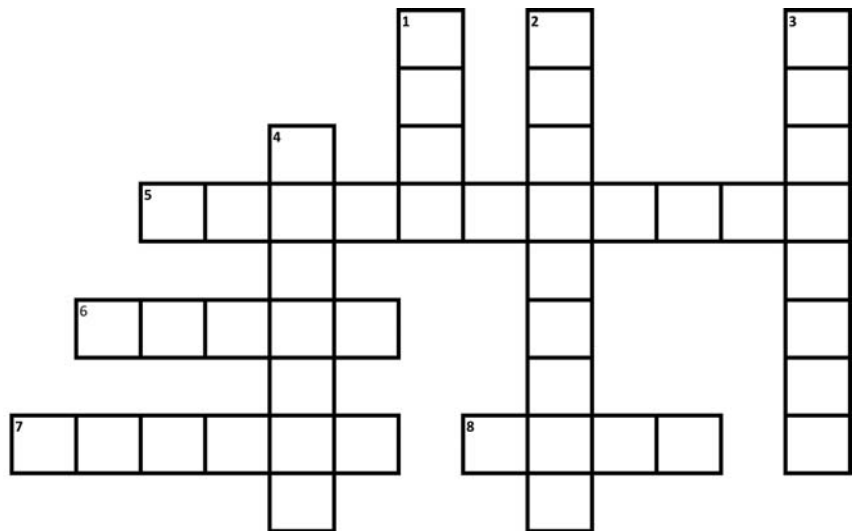
A shout-out to all of those who participated in the Camp Foss trivia contest in our October Newsletter. Everyone had great answers. Below is the list of campers that participated:

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| Alli Blaisdell | Eileen Savinelli |
| Sarah Bernt | Sara Alfaro |
| Caleigh Bousquin | Casey Clickener |
| Sophia Leggio | Hannah Carroll |
| Angela Millette | Gillian Connolly |
| Francesca Leggio | Brianna Tocci |

Congratulations to our raffle winner, **Gillian Connolly**, for winning 2 free weeks of camp at Camp Foss for the summer of 2012!



HOLIDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- The holiday that occurs on the last day of December
- Number of nights the candles are lit in celebration of Hanukkah
- Name the Red Nosed Reindeer
- The "cold/white" stuff

DOWN

- Camp Foss begins in what month?
- Number of days there are in December
- The French translation of December
- Name the language the word Kwanzaa comes from

STAFF MESSAGES



Hey Girls! I hope you're all enjoying all of this gorgeous snow! I know I am! I'm really enjoying winter break, but it really gets me thinking about summertime and how much I miss good ole Camp Foss! Six more months and we'll be back for yet another boss summer at CF. Keep lighting your candles and think about all the good times and friendships you made at Camp!

Ally Benoit



Happy winter Muffins! While I am up to my ears in snow in cold, cold Maine, I hope you are all toasty at home wherever that may be! I can't wait to see you all back at good old CF when the weather turns warm. Meanwhile, keep up the school work and daydream about boating, drawing, dancing, acting, running, and swimming on the shores of Willey Pond. It'll come soon! In the meantime, light those candles and think of the friends you made at camp. Stay warm! Best wishes and Happy Holidays.

Becca Blatchly



Hey Girls! I hope that you are all having an awesome year! Teach your friends and family some camp songs, lead a warm up in gym class, or start a neighborhood rafterball tournament to keep camp close while you may be far. Enjoy the holidays, light your candles, and start your count downs for summer 2012! See you then.

Maia Borensztein



Hi Girls! I hope you're all having a great school year! I'm loving the snow, but missing the warm days at Foss. The holidays are great and I'm excited to spend time with my family. As the year goes on; however, I'm even more excited to see my Camp Foss family. Have a great year and see you next summer!

Shannon Bownes



Hey Ladies! I hope you all had a fabulous start to the school year. I think about camp all the time and the great memories I had with all of you. Don't forget to light your candles this holiday season! I can't wait to see you all back at Willey Pond! Happy Holidays.

Audrey Boyd



Hey Foss Ladies! Happy Holidays from cold and snowy Canada. I continued on travelling after camp and I love exploring the beauty of Canada. I hope you are all keeping warm and don't forget to light your candle and think of all your summer memories from the shores of Willey Pond.

Emily Burns



Hey Girls, I hope that everyone is having an absolutely fabulous year so far! I'm snuggled up by the fire with my puppies pretending that we're at the Sunrise fire circle! Think warm thoughts and before you know it we will be back at camp! Happy Holidays.

Erin Caldwell



Happy Holidays Everyone! I hope you are enjoying your much deserved vacation! Who's excited about next summer?! Enjoy time with your family and friends. Rugby says hi and that he is enjoying running around in the snow!

Aubree and Rugby Cecil



Hi Girlies! I hope you're all staying warm during this holiday season; turning on the oven to bake some muffins helps! I hope you're doing what you can to keep the memories of camp alive and fresh, whether it's wearing your Foss sweat-shirts or lighting your candles. It won't be long before we're back on the shores of our home, Willey Pond!

Krista Chouinard



Hey Girls! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful winter weather and having fun on holiday break. Don't forget to light your candles and remember all of the memories you made last summer.

Michelle Fecteau



Hiiii! I hope everyone is having a fantastic school year so far and a lovely winter. It is FREEZING up here in Vermont, but thinking of all of your smiling faces warms my heart (cheesy, I know). I am way too excited for this summer and am already thinking of new ideas for the plays. Keep up the good grades and, most importantly, keep smiling!

Brianna Fitzpatrick



Hey Girls! I hope school is going well and that you are all ready for the holidays, which means almost half way back to camp! I miss Willey Pond and Cooper's Field. Keep up the school work until it's time for camp. See you in the summer.

Laura Gallagher



Hey Ladies! Greetings from Florida. Hope you are all having a great school year and a wonderful Holiday Season! Enjoy this time with your family and just think it's only 6 months until camp starts again. See you there.

Stephanie Gilbert



Hey Girls! I hope you're having an awesome school year! I'm having a blast working in an elementary school in Manchester! Pretty soon it will be summer and we can go "somewhere only we know"...aka Camp Foss! Get excited because I can't wait to see you there!

Emily Goupil



It's winter now which means only a few more months until summer! I'm already counting down the days. Keep lighting your candles. Happy Holidays.

Kim Gunn



Hey Ladies! Hope you are all working hard at school. I know I have been working hard thinking of fun activities for next year. I've had a lot of fun playing out in the snow. This time of year is one my favorites, lighting my candle thinking of all the good times I've had at camp. Hope you all have a great holiday season. See you all in a few short months back on the shores of Willey Pond.

Megs Hanson



Hey there! I hope everyone has had a wonderful school year so far! I've been thinking about camp a lot with these cold winter days, and I can't wait to be back there with all my favorite people! Light those candles girls! See you soon.

Maggie Hendrickson



Hope all of your winters are going well and that you're all staying nice and warm! I'm sitting here amidst the snow fallen in Vermont dreaming about the sunny days on Willey Pond. Light your candles to feel camps warmth.

Sarah Hiers



Hey Ladies! How has everyone's school year been? I love mine, but I can't wait for it to be over so I can be back on the shores of Willey Pond! Too bad that's not for awhile, but I'm going to light my candle this Holiday Season and I know all of you will too. Before we know it, camp will be starting again and we will all be together playing at G-Swim. Until then, have a great school year, girls! Happy Holidays!

Emily Hopkins

STAFF MESSAGES



Hey Ladies! I hope you are all enjoying the colder weather and are lighting your candles to remind yourselves of the fabulous times on Willey Pond. I know I am counting down the days until I will be there again! See you all soon.

Megan Hopkins



Hey girls! I hope you are all enjoying this chilly season, celebrating the holidays with your family and friends. This time of year, many people have a lot of traditions. Something that has become a tradition for many of us is lighting our closing campfire candle and thinking back over all the wonderful memories you made at camp. I miss Willey Pond and all it holds for each of us, but I will never forget the fun and friendships I made on its beautiful shores. Think warm thoughts, ladies, and summer will be here before you know it! Happy Holidays.

Laura Houpt



Merry Christmas from England! Hope you guys are having an 'awesome' holiday season! Missing you all.

Aimee Hughes



Hi Ladies! I hope you're having a spectacular school year! I am having some tea because it is positively freezing outside! I can't wait to be back at camp in the warmth of summertime. See you in the riding ring.

Bailey Johnson



Hey Ladies! I hope you're having an amazing holiday season. I'm up in beautiful Maine getting ready to go home for Christmas. The horses are spending their holiday at pond Hills in Vermont. I hope school is well and you're all counting down the days to camp. Can't wait to be back at camp sitting on the barn steps looking at the horses running around.

Maddison Kane



Hey Ladies! I can't believe how quickly the snow came! I hope you're having a wonderful holiday season. It would be very difficult to kayak on Willey Pond right now! Start thinking about summer because it'll be here before you know it! Have fun and work hard in school.

Sarah Lagasse



Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas! I hope all of you girls are having a very happy holiday. I'm thinking of you all enjoying yourself playing in the snow. Miss you all!

Hannah Leworthy



Hey Girls! I hope everyone is staying nice and warm this winter, and that you all had a great start to the school year. Only a few more months until camp starts again! Happy winter! See you soon, girls!

Heather MacLennan



Hello Ladies! I hope you are keeping warm this winter with thoughts of spending your summer at Camp Foss. It's hard to think that in only a few months we will be swimming and making sand castles, instead of ice skating and building snowmen. As this holiday season comes around be sure to light your candle and think of all the great memories you made at camp, and the many more that are to come in summer 2012.

Tess Merry



Hi Ladies! I hope you're all having an excellent year so far. I sure have been. Yet, I still yearn for the shores of Willey Pond, and am eagerly looking forward to next summer. Enjoy the holiday season!

Molly O'Brien



Hello Ladies! All this holiday cheer makes me so excited for another summer at the one and only, Camp Foss! So, light your candles and be sure to wish your former cabin mates Happy Holidays as well. See you all in June!

Ally Pyers



Hi Ladies! Camp might seem far away with all this chilly weather, but it's right around the corner! I'm so excited to be back on the shores of Willey Pond, hanging with all of you. I'm most excited to face my fears in the high ropes course, and dive off the docks into our fabulous pond. Hope to see you all there!

Zoe Radner



Hey Girls! Hope everyone's school year is going well. I wish I was at camp to see all the snow. I bet Lakeview looks beautiful as always. Summer is coming faster than you know. See you all soon and in the meantime think of all your camp memories.

Amanda Schiller



Wish we had as much snow in England as camp must have right now! Happy Holidays everybody.

Lily Thistlewood



What's up ladies?! I hope you are all having a fabulous holiday season. I've been thinking about camp so much and I'm sure you have been too. I just wanted to say thanks for making last summer so special. I can't wait to see you all again next year!

Mina Vahedi



Hey Girls, hope your school year has been going well. Keep on lighting your candle and thinking of camp. Can't wait for summer 2012!

Sarah Van Beaver



Happy Holidays! Hope you girls are having an excellent school year and holiday season.

Laura Van Beaver



Hey there Ladies! I hope everyone's enjoying their school year and the holiday season. It's pretty cold here at UNH, but I'm having an awesome time regardless. I'm missing the shores of Willey Pond and the sounds of all you crazy girls! I can't wait to be spending my summer back at Foss with all you extraordinary staff and campers. Keep on counting down the days, and get excited!!

Erica Vazza



Hello Everyone! I hope that everyone is having an amazing school year and a happy holiday break. This past summer was a great year for the village of Sunrise. From stories and star gazing, to volleyball games, tanning, and kitchen raids, we made it one of the best summers yet! I cannot wait to see you all next year! CF, CF, Foss, Foss, Foss!

Audrey Willis

DON'T FORGET TO LIGHT YOUR CANDLES

Join us on the "Camp Foss OFFICIAL GROUP" page on Facebook and remember all the great times you had at camp! It's a great way to stay in touch with your camp friends all year long. We'll also post updates on what's happening on the shores of Willey Pond.

HEY PARENTS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Join us on the shores of Willey Pond for another fun filled summer. We can't wait to unveil all of the new program ideas and activities we have in store for the summer of 2012. Register today at www.campfoss.org, or call our camp registrar at 603.232.8642.

Register and pay in full by December 31st and receive a 5% discount.

BRING A FRIEND DISCOUNT

For every friend you bring to camp that has never been to Camp Foss as a camper you'll receive **10% off** your camp tuition fee. Cut out the coupon below and provide us with your friend's name and information and mail it to Jamie Kimball at the address below. Once we have confirmation of their registration, we will credit your account! **It's that simple!**

BRING A FRIEND TO CAMP AND SAVE!

PRESENT THIS COUPON TO RECEIVE 10% OFF YOUR 2012 SUMMER CAMP TUITION!

Your Name: _____ Friend's Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

SUMMER 2012:
This summer, all camp check ins will be on **SUNDAY** and check outs will be on Saturday.



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