

**October
2021**



Dear Readers,

I have several stories to tell this year. Camp CaPella was in session this year, and it was amazing! We had challenges, masks, social distancing, and half the campers and staff. It was interesting for me the newcomer to Camp. I am your new Executive Director, Melanie Dresser, and I look forward to building relationships with everyone in this amazing family of friends. Thank you all for making my summer into the most fulfilling time I have ever had. I fell for all of our campers and already look forward to next year.

At the beginning of this summer I was contacted by a mom, whose son loved camp. She wanted to do something special for him here at Camp CaPella. His name is Alex, Alex Hooper. Unfortunately, I never got the chance to meet him. His loving mom, Jessica and I started corresponding via email and sharing information about Alex. He was very Patriotic and loved raising the flag. Jessica and her husband Dennis wanted to redo the flag pole area to make a memorial for Alex. His family and friends have worked so hard to raise money to help honor him. We were finally able to meet at camp on September 10th. The Family and Friends of this amazing young man have raised \$15000.00 for camp, so our plan has grown a bit!

The funds will be used to build a wheelchair accessible flag raising area with gardens and ramps and memory tiles for all our campers. Alex is a part of camp history and while looking back through the years of pictures I have found many that I want to share with all our readers.

Thank you Alex for bringing joy to the lives of everyone you met!

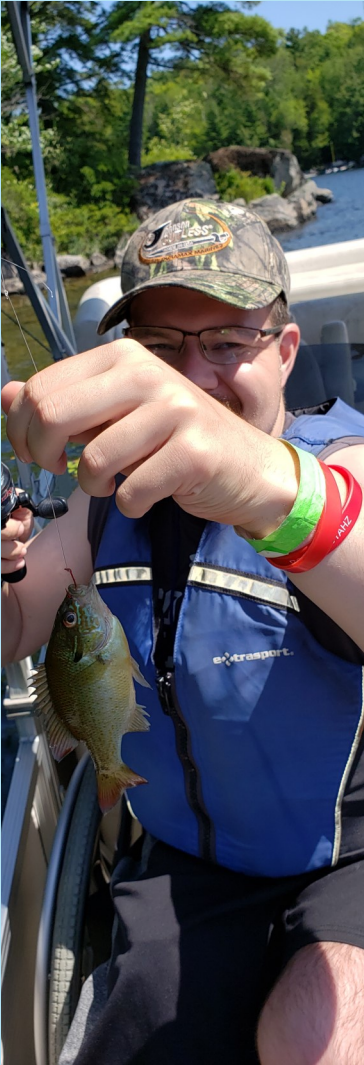


Camp CaPella's Mission Statement

Our Mission is to provide quality of life experiences for people with disabilities and their families by providing year-round recreational and educational experiences.

***Experience the Possibilities to make Memories for a
Lifetime***

Alex Hooper Memories



**Holiday Online
Auction!**

Nov. 29 — Dec. 10

Donations needed

Gift Cert., Gift Baskets, Donations Welcome! Keep a lookout for the upcoming event. Funds to benefit the tuition for our 2022 Campers

Donate Today





Camp CaPella Year Book Game

70's Flash Back! Camp CaPella has been digging in the archives and found some great pictures that we need to identify. So, as you are thinking back about camp, please take a look and if you know anyone in these pictures, give us a call.

We are scanning,
and archiving
all of our old
photos for our
Long Legacy of
Camp. Camp
is about our Campers
And Staff. Any Information will help.



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2021.....Was Crazy! Masks on, masks off, masks on? Campers, Staff, 1 on 1's, and Family made the best of it. It was down to the wire whether we were going to have overnight camp, or camp at all. We were ready either way and when we welcomed our first group of campers, well it was awe inspiring. This is my first year at camp and these families have not been able to do anything, see friends or just go somewhere in 15 months. Let me tell you, they were ready. Our first overnight group were all girl campers! They were giggling and gabbing and all around fun! Then in the morning the day campers came and the reunions between our veteran campers was amazing to see. I never thought I would get the chance to have a job that I loved, but I was wrong. These folks are the purest of hearts and mine grew 3 times too big this summer for having this experience. I met a lot of you this year, but I cannot wait to meet all of our camper families next year when, God willing, we are open to full capacity. My favorite things to do at camp is go for the boat rides and sing with you all, so much fun! Dance party comes in a solid Second.

We have a lot of projects to get done this year before we open next year but we will push them through. Making sure camp is open on time and ready is my biggest job and I will always get the work done. The work to be completed is the new floor in the lodge, new decking for the dock system, sewer project, which includes new bath house, and the Alex Hooper Memorial. It is going to be a busy winter and spring. We have had a lot of help, but always need more, so keep it in mind.

I am also working on our Social Media presence. I would love stories from all of my campers and pictures if you have them. I have tons of pictures too so just call me at camp if you have an idea for Facebook! Remember guys, I need all the help I can get to keep Camp CaPella in our minds and hearts throughout the year. So, give camp a call or email with your stories so I can post them.

We are working on updating the website with our Donor, Volunteer, and Endowment page. I would also like to make sure our application page can be filled out online so it will be easier for our folks.

Lastly, I would like to get the back lot hiking trail project off the ground and built so Volunteer, Donate and Fund Raise. Every dollar counts.

Melanie Dresser Executive Director



Our Campers through the Years



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2007



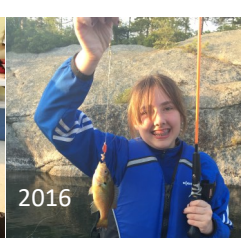
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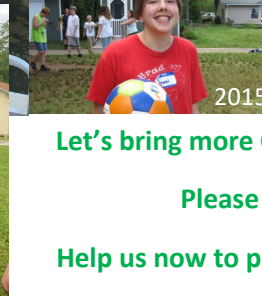
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2021



2015

This is something new we are going to do. Our campers come back year after year, and I thought it might be nice to feature one every time I send out a newsletter. Our first Camper is Jewel Anderson. Her first year at camp was in 2004, she was 5. I interviewed her and here is what I found out.

Jewel is a lifetime camper, she loves the swimming, boating, and fishing. Her favorite fellow campers are, Sidney, Makayla, and Lindsey. She totally digs overnight camp! She is an accomplished ventriloquist. She always puts on a show for us, its awesome! Her favorite counselors are Melanie, Breniann, Brett, and Ally. At overnight camp she loves the Shaving Cream Party. She told me her favorite story. In 2015, Megan Pike was her overnight counselor and when they did the Shaving Cream Party and had shaving cream all over their clothes, she let the campers jump in the lake with their clothes on. So much Fun! In 2016, (Note: we need to get this counselor back!), Megan Pike again was her favorite and lip syncing with her at the top of the list. In 2021, her favorite game is Drip, Drip, Drop. (Duck, Duck, Goose in water sports.) and a Counselor Misty would read the best stories at night to put the campers to sleep. Jewel has been coming to camp for 17 years and can't wait to come next year. I also asked if she would be interested in being a volunteer, so we may get to have her help with the campers next year. She certainly knows the ropes. Thank you Jewel for always having a smile on!

Let's bring more Campers to Camp in 2022

Please Donate Today!

Help us now to prepare for Summer Camp 2022!



2021 Golf Scramble Huge Success! Hot off the press, Hermon Meadows was the place to be on August 22, 2021. 25 Teams competed for the Win. Northern Light Team won the Gross -58, Bob Tracy Team came next Gross-62. Violette Landscape came in Net -44 and Our own Mike Noyes Team came in Net-50

Putting contest: Phil Smith, Long Drive Women: Ryan Hayes, Long Drive Men: Dennis Lewey.

Big Daddy BBQ made the day perfect with a mouth watering brisket. Best of all folks, we raised over 20K for camp! Best Tourney Ever!

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work! You too for Donating to Camp CaPella!





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Polar Dip Fundraiser in February Start gathering you sponsors Now!

Ways To Support Camp:

- ♦ Volunteer at camp or an event
- ♦ Host a fundraiser
- ♦ Use our Clynk bags for returnables
- ♦ Or drop your returnables at any Damon's Beverage
- ♦ Shop Amazon Smile :)
- ♦ Sponsor A Camper
- ♦ Purchase Camp Gear
- ♦ Memorial Donations
- ♦ Event Sponsorship
- ♦ Invite us to speak to your service group, church, etc.
- ♦ Donate w/Enclosed Envelope



A Special Thanks to Wayne Hamilton of Hamilton Marine for his Generous Donation to Alex Hooper and Camp for 10,000.00. We will see his memory

Honored.

Pictured Melanie Dresser, Jessica LaSuer (Alex's Mom) and Wayne Hamilton.

(Jessica's Uncle)

Do you have a Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement fund? If you are like many financially savvy Mainers and are required by law to begin a drawdown of your RMD fund, but don't really need the income, have you considered donating it to a qualifying nonprofit like Camp CaPella? There can be an income tax incentive for you and you can create a legacy for your favorite charity. Be sure to check with a financial advisor.

