October 2023



Dear Supporters,

We had another amazing summer at Camp CaPella! This is the end of my third year at camp and it was an outstanding summer! The theme weeks were a hit! We had Halloween, Pirate, Mad Science, Around the World, Carnival, Olympics, Hawaiian Luau, and Christmas in August weeks. The dunk tank was back, along with cool visits from the Dedham Fire Department and an actual pirate by the name of Captain Jack Lash Lanigan. The grass skirts and costumes were a blast and we had waterfront games, boat adventures, water wars, outdoor recreation, fabulous themed food and arts and crafts. We built a volcano each week, and set them off at the new Family BBQ that occurred each Friday. We had many adventures, and the campers' loved the new Archery Range!

At Camp the replacement of the Walkways and Alex Hoopers Memorial work has been an excellent addition to the safety of the camp. With the fundraising from Alex's family which includes the Hamilton Marine family, along with the grant awarded by **Bangor Savings** made the walkways a reality this summer. **Lee Concrete** generously donated labor and materials to the project! **Sandollar Spa and Pool** donated a Hot Tub for Camp this year, the Campers loved it!

More Big News!

The Bath House Project has been fully funded! The **Chalmers Family** finished the fundraising for the bath house with an incredible donation adding to the **Vinick Family**, **Grant Noyes Family**, and **Borman Family**.



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

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2023 Camp CaPella Photos





Camp CaPella Year Book Game

2009 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 at 207-843-5104 or email us at info@campcapella.org.

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Check out the new Bath House plans below. The adjacent map is of the ADA Hiking Trail System!

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2023 Annual Report:

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www.campcapella.org to check out our wonderful patrons. To have your name added to the list click the donate button.

Annual Financials:

Income needed for 2024

\$400,000.00

Fund Raising Needs for 2024 Capital Improvements

Hiking Trails \$255,000.00

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We are raising money, donations of materials and labor for our long awaited ADA Hiking Trail System. These hiking trails will be completely safe for all campers and available to the public for use. We will be able to have informational stops to point out the native fauna and flora. Overnight camping sites and additional parking. The next stage will be to add the outdoor pavilion for events, 2 more bunk houses and yes, the handicap accessible **Tree House!** The Hiking trails need funding and we are going to promote **adopt a section** of hiking trails for folks to sponsor and maintain.

Contact us at info@campcapella.org to get involved with this amazing project!





Our Campers through the Years

C-Jay has been coming to camp since 2007. He is adventurous and willing to try everything. Our new Archery Range was a big success for him. We put a sounding device on the target and he hit it! Super impressive young man. He can do 3-D puzzles with just his sense of touch! He was a labeling machine this year and labeled everything around camp in Braille, even my phone! Super cool to learn a little about that form of writing. We went and interviewed C—Jay. Here's what he said about camp.

"My favorite thing this year was Paddle Boarding. I love going out on the boats, wrapping Hailey up in Christmas paper, getting to see a lot of old friends and meeting new ones. "He loved the counselors, especially Jay and Hailey. He now has support chickens at his home. He also suggested that we have more games at camp that have a Braille feature, like UNO and Bingo. I hope you have an opportunity to meet this exceptional young man. He is so amazing and can remember you after meeting you once by the sound of your voice.





2023 Golf Scramble Huge Success!

Hermon Meadows was the place to be for an amazing 32 Teams this year, Wow!

Gross - 58 - Jacob Cyr, Dylan Cray, Colby Brooks, Vinny Gilmore 2. Gross - 62 - Marcus McCue, Ryan Soucie, Mike Walker, Carl Gaudette 1 Net - 49 –Jason Gillie, Tyler Ring, Josh Richard, Tyler Richard 2 Net - 52 - Adam Pelletier, Kyle Goodrich, Jon Birmingham, Danae Thompson Long Drive - Women - Danae Thompson Men - Jon Birmingham Pin: No. 16 - Randy Bates 7-9 Putting Contest - Aaron Smith

Jeff's Catering made the day perfect with a mouthwatering brisket. Best of all folks, we raised over 19K for camp! Awesome Tourney Everyone!

Chipping Contest - Shawn Pearson







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Polar Dip Fundraiser and Carnival in February! Start gathering your 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
- CaPella Community Partners Annual Sponsor
- Sponsor A Camper
- Purchase Camp Gear
- Memorial Donations
- ♦ Event Sponsorship
- Invite us to speak to your service group, church, etc.
- Donate w/Enclosed Envelope



Thank you Holbrook School for sharing your children with us at Camp! These kids raised 1616.07 in pennies for Camp! Great Job Kids!



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.