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# The Huckonian

## Jody Hutchinson Skelton, our Executive Director, celebrates 45 years at Camp Huckins!



**Alamen!** At our final Huckster ceremony of the summer, we had a heartfelt celebration to recognize Jody's 45 years at Huckins. Over the years, Jody has been a camper, counselor, CIT Counselor, Small Crafts Director, Waterfront Director, Program Director, Leadership Division Leader, Assistant Camp Director and for the last 11 years, our Executive Director Extraordinaire! Jody has made many life-long friends, created amazing camp memories for campers, counselors and staff, and has overseen the first major fundraising initiative for Camp – the Camp Huckins Capital Campaign. Under her leadership, Camp Huckins is thriving and stronger than ever. Thank you for your service, boundless energy, and friendship! We also thank your family – John, Jamie, Michael and Rebecca for sharing you with us too. **We love you Jody!**



### Capital Campaign Celebration

In July, our Board of Directors, leadership donors and campaign volunteers gathered on the Sports Field for our Capital Campaign Celebration. We had our "official" ribbon cutting of our brand new tennis courts and refurbished basketball court, as well as celebrated this historic milestone for Camp – the completion of our first-ever Capital Campaign! Through the generosity of almost 1,100 families, Camp Huckins



raised over \$1,928,000!! We are grateful to our Capital Campaign Committee who spent countless hours on this endeavor – Stephanie Paine (Chair), Sarah Bird, Eleni Eliades, Kristen Fischer, and Leslie Guenther; as well as our numerous volunteers, event hosts, and Alumnae Challenge volunteers who worked on Camp's behalf. Thank you to all of our donors who invested in Camp Huckins future.



# All About the Alumni

## The 1970s

**Sue Little Doyle** is currently working at Wheaton College as Executive Director for Alumnae/i Relations. The job does not allow for much time to visit New Hampshire and Maine, but she still loves hearing about what is happening at Huckins!

## The 1990s

**Kate Lawson** is the Title IX Coordinator at Xavier University in Cincinnati and **Meredith Klump** is a Clinical Psychologist at the VA. They have two sons-Miles just turned 5 and started kindergarten and Ellis will be 3 in a few months.

## The 2000s

**Leah Shorb** is currently teaching English for Safe Passage, an NGO in Guatemala, that supports and empowers those living in extreme poverty in the Guatemala City garbage dump community. From fourth-grade to high-school, Leah often uses camp games and songs in her English classes, and the kids love them. She is regularly reminded of the great times, valuable leadership skills, and enthusiasm for working with kids that Huckins provided her.



**Kristen Medved (01)** and **Sarah Sibel (01)** at *The Color Run 5K* in Allentown, PA, on October 4, 2014 showing their "Team Nellie" love.

with spinal cord and/or brain injuries. In the winter she volunteers with an adaptive skiing organization in the mountains of Colorado.

**Andrew Barr** got his PhD in Physical Anthropology and was offered a post doctoral research position at George Washington University. He and his wife, **Christina "Pookie" Fenton**, made the move to Washington, DC from Texas this fall.



*The Huckins spirit can be found everywhere! Check out these Huckinians at Machu Picchu in Peru! Left to right: Jeisson Cediell Pena, Mary Ann Hermance, Sue Leister and Sammir Ospina.*



*Huckins family and friends gathered at YMCA Camp Lincoln for **Emma Loosigian's** wedding celebration on October 4th, 2014.*

**Kristen Medved** is engaged to be married in May 2015 to Matt Berman of Lansdale, PA. They met through mutual friends 2-1/2 years ago and have since started working together in his father's lighting business, as well as established a music production company called Make A Difference Entertainment.

**Sasha Pietkiewicz** currently resides in Golden, Colorado and works as a Program Specialist for the City of Lakewood overseeing the Special Olympics and Unified Sports Program. She also works as a Recreation Therapist at Craig Hospital, a world-renowned rehabilitation hospital for adults

*Alumni notes are listed under the decade to which the majority of their camper years fell.*



*Boston Alumni gathered at the Asgard in Cambridge, MA on the evening of October 25th!*

member, **Leah Howard**, and two past campers, **Cirkine Sherry** and **Hannah Hirschfeld**.

**Melissa Stevens** is attending a college in Utah and loving it! She has fond memories of Huckins.

*Huckins hearts from Bermuda where former staff members **Savannah Whitley** and **Mia Thomas** are studying abroad this semester!*



*On Saturday, November 8, 47 family campers gathered at Apple Annie in Brentwood, NH, for a Senior Division Family Camp party.*



*On Saturday, October 25th, W's and CITs of 2014 gathered at the Hancock Church of Christ in Lexington, MA for a reunion.*

*Please send us your accomplishments and/or news or brag about someone else's-fellow Huckonians want to know! Email [kara@camphuckins.com](mailto:kara@camphuckins.com).*

## GET SOCIAL!

**LinkedIn** – please join our "Camp Nellie Huckins Alumni" private group by requesting membership. This is a great resource for networking!

**Twitter** - @CampHuckins #CNHAlumni #HuckinsHearts

**Facebook** – YMCA Camp Huckins

**Instagram** - YMCACampHuckins



Dear friends,

The summer of 2014 has come and gone and what a wonderful time we had. This summer kicked off with the opening of our newly resurfaced Basketball and Tennis Courts. Our new Sports Shed gave us lots of room to store our equipment and we loved having the mountain bikes right there at the sports field. We played more tennis and basketball on our new courts in two weeks than we have in two years!!! Thank you to all of our Capital Campaign donors for helping us improve our Camp facilities and for growing our endowment funds. The finishing touch on the court was the incredible "Camp Huckins Arch" over the entry way. Special thanks to Peter and the Cassidy family for making the arch.

We also had a newly renovated "Motel" that greatly improved our staff housing. We were very appreciative and fortunate to have Jill & Peter King, a former alum, volunteer and live in the Motel all summer. The Kings were amazing helpers; Jill in the office, and Peter, drove everything that moved (tractor, dump truck, fishing boat, camp car). Our two new Division Leaders, Kristin Wenninger Ekborg, and Alisson Borowski Kolodner joined right in and were wonderful additions to our Leadership Team.

This summer we had 2 baby loons born on our lake and one of the babies napped at our waterfront one afternoon. The loons continue to fish all around our boats all day and sing to us every night.

We had the most amazing crop of blueberries that I have ever seen. One morning we had an "all camp" blueberry pick and together we picked 40 quarts of berries in 3 hours. Thanks to our kitchen staff, we had plenty of blueberry pancakes, muffins and pie that session. The blueberries were all over the horse trails and we continued to pick berries from mid-July to the end of August!!

The Camp Huckins staff of 2014 were true "All Stars" this summer. Our program days were crazy and fun and we all loved dressing up and having fun. Our International staff hailed from 10 different countries and brought multiple cultures and spirit to Camp. Joel and the kitchen staff provided yummy meals with lots of nutritious choices.

The loyalty of returning staff continues to be one of Camp's greatest assets. This year, 164 girls (and Gus) became Hucksters. We had 14 staff receive their double Huckster necklace, Sarah Dodge and Katie Croyle became triple Hucksters. Kara Smith Couture and Mary Welch received their 20 year awards and Mike Skelton was a quintuple Huckster receiving his 25<sup>th</sup>.

For my 45<sup>th</sup>, I received an amazing gift of a trip to Guatemala to volunteer at an orphanage for 10 days that I plan to take in the spring. Thank you all for another amazing season! We hope to see you again next summer on the shores of Lake Ossipee, home of the Laughing Loon.

Lots of hugs and love  
in the Huckins Spirit,



## 2014 Annual Fund

**Have you made your gift yet? Our goal is to reach 500 donors!**

Camp Huckins relies on the annual fund to help us sustain and build upon our mission – providing a safe and fun summer camp experience for girls. The annual fund provides crucial funding for our amazing staff, our excellent programs that build leadership skills and self-esteem, upkeep and maintenance of our facilities, and scholarship for campers. Your gift is deeply appreciated and we are grateful for your support. We hope you will join us in supporting Camp Huckins this year. Every gift matters and makes a difference. Thank you!

• *Gifts can be sent to the Camp Office (17 Camp Huckins Rd., Freedom, NH 03836) or our website: [www.camphuckins.com](http://www.camphuckins.com) (click "donate")*

• *On Tuesday, December 2, Camp Huckins will be participating in #GivingTuesday. Join us by making a gift that day! #HuckinsHearts #CNHAlumni*

• *Also, many companies have a matching gift program – contact us for more details!*

## Whatever happened to...

My name is Happy Bowen Farrow and I went to Huckins from 1984-1991 (claim to fame - our cabin wrote "Boom de adda" and won the song contest back in 1987). My two sisters Ashley and Lindsay, and my three cousins, Sara, Rachel and Emily (also Bowens) went to Huckins too!

I live in Newton, MA with my husband James, daughter Cecily (6 years old) and son Teddy (3 years old). I graduated from Yale in '97 (BA) and RISD in '06 (MFA). I'm a freelance textile designer - I create textile patterns and fabrics for interiors and women's apparel. I've designed rugs for Merida Meridian, chair cushions for a Massachusetts based home textiles manufacturer and textile patterns for apparel companies, including Hanna Andersson, Target and Loft. As you might suspect,



**Happy Bowen Farrow**

I spent lots of time in the Huckins Craft shop back in the day. Who knew all of those macrame necklaces, beaded bracelets and gimp coat hangers would lead me to a career involving yarn and looms!

This past summer, we were up in the North Conway area, exploring around Echo Lake, visiting Storyland and driving past the crowds at Diana's Baths (in my Huckins memories, we were the only ones there!). We stopped for lunch at the Poor People's Pub and saw several Huckins families. It was so great to be back in the fresh New Hampshire air, smelling the pine needles (a scent that always brings back great Camp memories) and realizing that soon Cecily will be old enough to go to Huckins!



**Our Spring 2015  
Huckonian will focus  
on this Huckins alum...  
can you guess who it is?**



# Weddings & Babies

*Welcome to the Huckins Family!*



**Jessica Meakin** (05) married Shaun Stone on October 11, 2014 in Australia.



**Jennifer Stebbins** (06) married Dylan Thomas on September 20, 2014 in Portsmouth, NH.



**Carol Knerr** married Lynn Hersey in June at Lake Winnepesaukee. **Caroline Simmonds Cook** and **Meghan Anderson Parisi** represented Camp Huckins.



**Emma Loosigian** (10) married Michael Laham on October 3, 2014 at Apple Annie in Brentwood, NH.



**Samantha Gillis** (08) married Michael Busenhart on June 28, 2014. There were many Huckins alumni in attendance.



**Lilja Bjork Jonasdottir** (11) married Chad Lemay (11) on August 22, 2014 in Hampton, NH. They met at Camp Huckins.



**Carolyn Goodwin** (06) married Michael Leary on July 25, 2014 at LaBelle Winery in Amherst, NH.

Huckins friends gather for a photo at **Lindsay Wetmore's** wedding on July 5, 2014. From left to right: **Jen Stebbins**, **Courtney Chisholm Massey**, **Laurence Laroche**, **Lindsay Wetmore Murachver**, **Jess Palmer**, **Carolyn Goodwin Leary**, **Catherine Meyer**, and **Elle Works**.



Bay Foster was born to **Molly Marsh** (98) and Ryan Smith on July 10, 2014. She joins big sister, Sydney, 3, at home.



Elsa Marie was born to **Meredith Haff** (96) and Erik Breiland on May 3, 2014 in Burlington, VT.



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Rowan Andrew was born to **Danni Goddu** (00) and Clayton McFarland in March 2015. He joins big sister, Lilly Annes, 2 ½, at home.



Miles (5) and Ellis (3) - sons of **Kate Lawson** (01) and **Meredith Klump** (01).



Harper, now 2, is the daughter of **Tori Parker** (96) and the granddaughter of **Emily Parker** (70) and **Nancy Feldman** (84).



Joel was born to **Jess Brandt** (05) and Ben Eisner on June 13, 2014. He joins Samuel, 3, at home.



## Mother/Son Weekend



**Boys and Mom's at Huckins – a really fun and special time at Camp!!!**



# Staff Family Day



**Barraclough**



**Grubbs Donovan**



**Hamilton**



**Bolling**



**Wade**



**Teare**



**Corkery**



**Bosworth**



**Hein**



**Herman Dunphy**



**Heaps**



**Dewitt**



**Duffy**



**Wilcox**



**Sheehy**



# Huckins Tri-Ath-Loon

On June 1, 2014, we hosted our first women's-only sprint triathlon, "the Huckins Tri-Ath-Loon". Approximately 50 athletes competed as individuals or on relay teams in this USA Triathlon (USAT) sanctioned event.

The sprint triathlon was a 1/2 mile swim, a 10 mile bike ride and 3.1 mile run and the course was located in and around Camp Huckins. This event generated over \$28,000 in scholarship funds. The funds raised will provide 19 girls with a two-week Huckins summer camp experience.

Taking top honors on the day was U.S. Triathlon team member Meghan Skidmore, 30, who resides in Intervale. Skidmore, also competed at the World Triathlon Championship in London last fall, set the official course record in a time of 1 hour, one minute, 59 seconds. Lee Winer, 31, of Maynard, MA, was second and Deirdre Gaudreau Wadsworth, 31, of Portland, ME rounded out the top three. Both Winer and Wadsworth were campers and counselors at Camp.

This event was made possible thanks to the expertise and services of Tri Tek Events from West Ossipee, NH, led by Race Director, Vince Vaccaro. Corporate sponsors included: Bernstein Investments, Revision Energy, APEX Plumbing and Heating, Profile Subaru, Camp



America and Pizza Barn. In-kind donations were received from: Pepsi, Performance Food Group (PFG), Mountain Center Physical Therapy, Tents R Us, Minuteman Press, Bobby Sue's Ice Cream, Ward's Boat Shop and Sketchers.

Camp Huckins will host its second women's-only sprint triathlon on **Sunday, June 7, 2015**. The participant age for entry is 15 years old. A Youth Dash for children age 4 to 14 will also be held. For more information or to register please go to: [www.huckinstriathlon.com](http://www.huckinstriathlon.com).

***Don't miss out on this amazing event!***





# Family Camp Week 2014



**Junior Division**



**Middler Division**



**Leadership Division**



**Senior Division**



Family camp celebrates –  
the Winsor family 25years (above) &  
the Sirois families 20 years (above right)





# Labor Day Family Camp 2014



**Senior Division**



**Middler Division**



**Junior Division**



**Leadership Division**



*Labor Day Athletes*

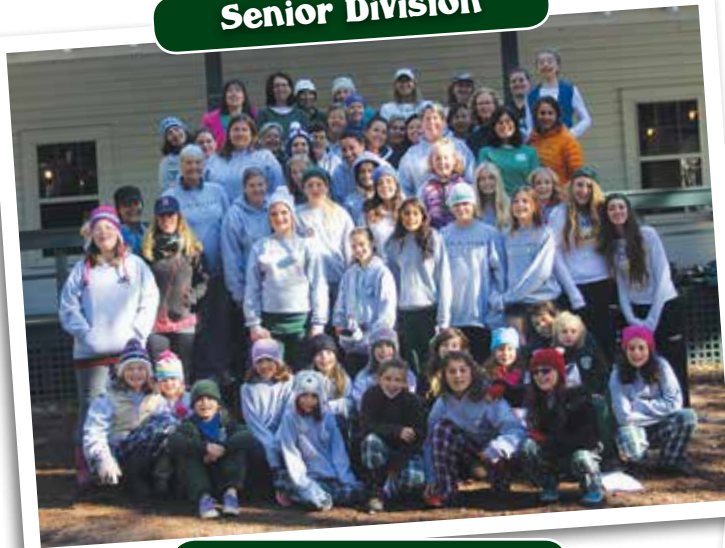


*Hucksters*

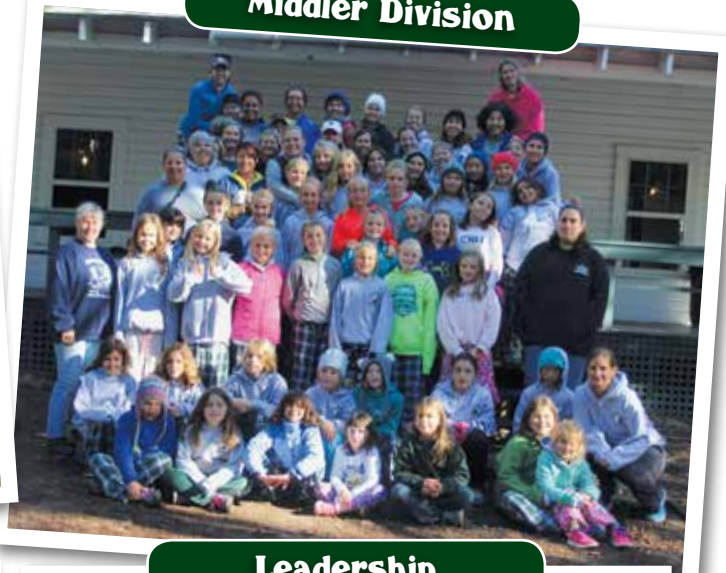


# Mother/Daughter Weekend

**Senior Division**



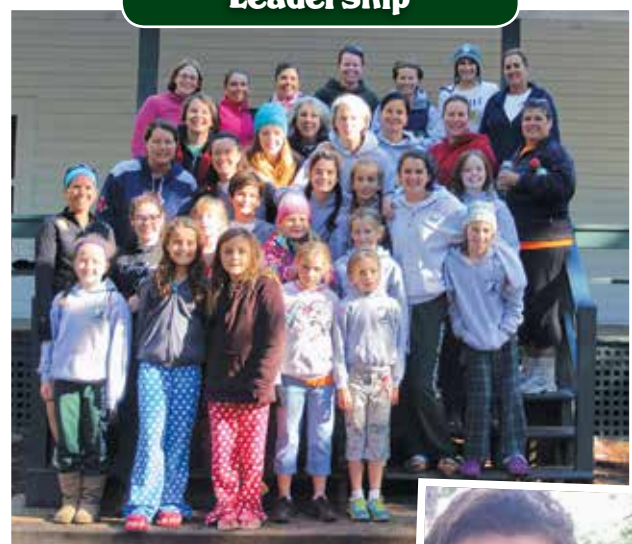
**Middler Division**



**Junior Division**

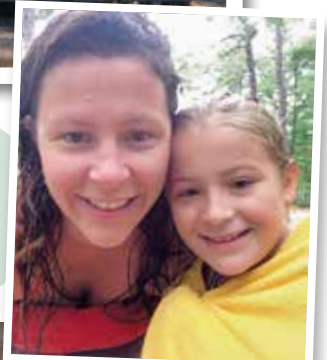


**Leadership**



**Largest group  
EVER!!!**

**Alamen Mothers  
and Daughters!!**





## Huckins Empowerment Days

We hosted two “Huckins Empowerment Days” this summer. On these special days, alumni came back to Camp to meet and have lunch with a cabin, and then during rest hour, the alumni were able to visit with counselors. The goal was to connect alumni with current campers and counselors and to network with each other. Much fun was had by all! Campers asked questions, such as, “What was your favorite food? Did you have trampolines? Was there a hot tub on Big V’s porch (the old CIT cabin)?” Alumni were able to visit with campers and counselors and enjoyed having lunch in the dining hall (lots of singing and cheering!). Counselors and staff enjoyed talking with alumni about different career paths. If you would be interested in participating next summer, please contact Amily ([amily@camphuckins.com](mailto:amily@camphuckins.com)).



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*Like so many of us, Camp is a place where I feel happiest. It is full of belly-aching laughs and heart-swelling friendships. It's the place where many of the women I admire most – both older and younger than me – hail from. I know that every generation of girls to come through the Huckins' gates is lucky indeed – for the freedom, tranquility and sense-of-self they get to experience – and for the gift of friendship that is forever theirs.*

–Kathy Vittum, 1982-1995

*Thank you so much for including me in this special day. I was overwhelmed with great memories and I had a tear in my eye on many occasions. My cabin assignment was cabin Big V, which was my old CIT cabin. I was happy to find my name on the wall right away. Please invite me next year too. Always a Nellie Girl.*

– Nora Mulkern-Bean

*I loved being part of Empowerment Day. The CITs and counselors I met were thoughtful, funny and smart, just as always. It was fun to talk to them about what has changed and what has stayed the same about Camp. And it was great to hear about their career ideas and how many of them plan to pursue service-oriented work.*

–Leslie Smith,  
1980-1993



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## Women's Wellness Weekend



Huckins alumni enjoyed Women's Wellness Weekend in September. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed yoga, massages, dining at the waterfront,



archery, bonfires, swimming in the lake, and waterskiing! We also had our second skillet toss. Lots of laughter, relaxation and rejuvenation was had by all.

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## The Store is Online!

The Camp Huckins store will be online until December 15th for all of your holiday shopping! Send a loved one some Huckins attire or choose from one of our many gift ideas and add some "Nellie Magic" into the Holiday Season! Be sure to add the 2014 Holiday Ornament to your collection! Also available are the new night shirts and an ONLINE EXCLUSIVE Camp Huckins "Go Green" coffee mug! There are so many items to choose from. Check out [www.camphuckinsstore.com](http://www.camphuckinsstore.com) to shop and place an order!



## YMCA CAMP HUCKINS IMPORTANT DATES 2015 SEASON

*Snow Day At Camp • February 21*

Alumni Work Weekend • June 5-7

Women's Tri-ath-LOON • June 7

Mother/Son Weekend • June 12-14

Early Bird Week • June 15-20

Staff Training Week • June 21-26

1<sup>st</sup> Session • June 27-July 11

2<sup>nd</sup> Session • July 11-25

3<sup>rd</sup> Session • July 26- Aug 8

4<sup>th</sup> Session • Aug 8-22

Staff Parents Day • August 1

Family Camp • Aug 24-29

Labor Day Family Camp • Sept 4-7

Mother/Daughter Weekend • Sept 18-20

Women's Wellness Weekend • Oct 2-4

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**Fall 2014**



*Thank you campers for your food pantry donations!!!*

### Snow Day Photo 2014

We hope to see you at Huckins  
in the SNOW on Saturday  
February 21, 2015



### Huckster Donations 2014

Natalie Boyle	Mikayla Fortin	Camila Paris
Abigail Brady	Riley Higgs	Rachael Perrow
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Emma Campbell	Hanna Hudson	Rachel Seyler
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