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# The Huckonian

## Camp Welcomes Two Alumni to the Job of Alumni and Donor Relations

**Peter King** is the new Director of Donor Relations at YMCA Camp Huckins. Peter spent 10 summers at camp before beginning a career in event management and donor development. While at camp, he worked in a variety of areas starting in the kitchen and finishing as program director in 1979 with a couple of years spent driving the ski boat for good measure. After teaching 4 years of elementary school, Peter began a 35 year career in the non-profit world. He has developed, directed and enhanced million dollar fund raising events, managed annual campaigns and successfully solicited numerous major gifts. Peter and his wife, Jill, have volunteered the last two summers at camp and thoroughly enjoy being part of every day camp life.

**Stephanie Paine** is the new Director of Alumni Relations. Having most recently served as Chair of the Capital Campaign, Stephanie has been a Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins Board Member, Staff and Camper Parent, Family Camper, Staff member and Camper. Stephanie and her family live in Freeport, Maine where she has served on community boards and as a parent volunteer in the public school system. Her last job at Huckins was serving as Assistant Program Director under Jody, and is happy to be back working with her and the Huckins staff.

Peter and Stephanie will share this position and are looking forward to connecting with all members of the Huckins family.



*...New, but Familiar Faces*

## Counselor to Camp Director – Mark Cadman, a True “Huckins Boy”

A young man from Telford, England with a thick British accent first arrived on the shores of Lake Ossipee to work as an au pere for several young staff boys in 2006. Mark's infectious enthusiasm and easy adaptation to the culture of camp led to his return the next summer as our Assistant Sports Field Director. Mark has a wonderful way with children and the campers loved his positive attitude and his willingness to join in. With each returning summer, Mark's leadership skills blossomed. He became the Sports Field Director in 2009 and began showing a great deal of interest in getting involved with camping as a future career. That fall, Mark pursued his desire to learn more about camping; he applied and was granted a twelve month internship through CCUSA. Mark then observed our organizational operation for an entire year. In that role, Mark did a great job with the store,



*Mark, Maxine, Jody and baby Mae*

creating a new non-profit store website, and continued to work on our capital campaign.

Due to his hard work, genuine attitude and dedication to camp, Mark was hired to work full time for Huckins and has worked year round the past 3 years. Our camp has many beautiful traditions and a very strong

spirit that is passed on from staff to camper. Mark Cadman is one of a few “guys” that understands and embodies the Huckins spirit. He gives 110% all the time and he “gets it”. He realizes the value of the camp experience and how important it is that we take time to teach leadership to our children.

During his time at Huckins, Mark's imprint can be seen in countless programs and projects: the revitalization of the archery program and the advent of Sha-a-a-r-p-shooter awards, solar panels on the leadership bathhouse, recycling bins, compost heaps, farm animals and pig buckets, tier-pricing, online store, alumni groups and Huckins Council.

Mark is ready to make a career in the field of camping and we congratulate him as he begins his new position as Camp Director for YMCA Camp Lincoln in Kingston, NH, a branch of the Exeter YMCA.



# All About the Alumni

## The 1950s & 1960s

We had a great day with Alums visiting this fall. Hal Brown was visiting from AK, and old friends gathered at Huckins for the day.

## The 1970s & 1980s

### Nancy Voorhis

lives in Holderness, NH. She is married and has a 13 year old daughter. She enjoys hiking in the White Mountains – a love that first developed at Camp Huckins.

**Joanie Leopold** is a new grandmother! James P. Leopold was born to son, Joe (staff kid in 1988) and his wife, Liz, in April.

**Meredith Prichard Jensen** and her 3 sisters loved their years at Huckins. Meredith lives in California and her daughter, Maggie, attends Huckins with her best friend's daughter more than 30 years later!

## The 1990s and 2000s

**Erin Kenison** is pursuing her doctorate at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN.

**Gabrielle Glickman** is working as an Office Engineer for Clark Construction, a general contractor in Bethesda, MD.

She is doing a 2 year program rotating between project management, field engineering and pre-construction. She is currently



Jess Palmer, Lindsay Wetmore Murachver and Liza Bruno gather for the wedding of **Laurence Larochele Cadoret** (05).



Left to right: P. King, R. Shaw, H. Brown, the Hermances, S. Macintosh, R. Shaw, the Therriens

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

Maine Alumni Reunion at Flatbread Company in Portland, Maine



working in the project management side on a bioengineering building at the University of Maryland

**Anna Cranage Corathan** lives in South Portland, Maine with her son, Sam, 7, and her husband, Mike. After a lengthy mom "sabbatical", she is performing stand-up and screen-writing again.

## • • SAVE the DATE • •

### Annual Boston Reunion

Friday, November 6, 2015

6pm-Social, 7pm- Dinner

### Scholars American Bistro & Cocktail Lounge

25 School St, Boston | (617) 248-0025

RSVP Kara Smith Couture: [kara@camphuckins.com](mailto:kara@camphuckins.com)

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

*There are so many ways for Huckins alumni and friends to stay connected!*

**Get Social!** LinkedIn Join our "Camp Nellie Huckins Alumni" private group by requesting membership. A resource for networking!  
Twitter @CampHuckins #CNHAlumni #HuckinsHearts. Facebook YMCA Camp Huckins. Instagram YMCACampHuckins.

## Whatever happened to...



Julia Lingham

**J**ulia Lingham Tanton is currently working as Special Assistant to the President at the U.S. African Development Foundation, based in Washington DC. She has recently completed two years in Uganda as a Peace Corps Volunteer; where she worked as a literacy specialist in a primary school in the south of the country. She recently got married to another Peace Corps she met in Uganda, and invited some old Huckins friends to the wedding! Huckins has influenced Julia's love of public service, commitment to social justice and, of course, that sense of enthusiasm that comes with every Huckins girl.



*Our Spring 2016 Huckonian will focus on this Huckins alum... can you guess who it is?*



# 2015 Women's Empowerment Days

This summer there were two Women Empowerment Days at Huckins, one in July and one in August. Both were well attended, so thank you to our 35 courageous alums who came and visited for the day. Empowerment Day is about campers learning to find their voice as a woman, meeting Huckins Alumna and another bonus of the day is that the Camp Staff networking with Alumna.

The groups were diverse and included a few notorious Huckins Ladies - June Loud, a camper in 1929, Audrey Vorperian, Co-Camp Director 1965-1987 and Judy Snell, former Camp director 1989-2003. Each volunteer was assigned a cabin and then at the bugle they headed off to meet with the cabin groups. Emily Parker, former camper, counselor and Middler Division Leader, attended the July event. Emily returned to the Middler Division and was assigned to

X2. The campers were enthusiastic about sharing their camp experiences and curious about her and about camp when she was a camper and counselor. Campers are amazed that there used to be a soda machine. For lunch we had a "Dress as your female role model" theme. Many campers dressed as their counselors but several campers wore tags that said "Mom". The Alumna ate lunch with their cabins and got to experience a real Huckins' meal with cart girls, waitresses and lots of singing - it never changes!

After lunch, the group met in the Lodge with the staff. Alums introduced themselves and shared what they had done and were currently doing personally and professionally. There was a great mix of careers and experiences. Staff and Alums then got a chance to mingle and share information.

Emily was so glad that she came. The day was a great reminder to her "what camp does for campers staff and alums". Huckins ladies, if you could not make it this year, please consider volunteering next year. Alamen to all who participated!!!



*Charlotte Butler dressed as her female role model Malala at the dress-up lunch for Empowerment Day*



## Weddings & Babies



**Katie Archer** (03) married Michael Schwartz on Aug. 29, 2015, at Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, MA.

Avery Ethel was born to **Stephanie Martinez** (00) & Rob Ruckman on May 17, 2015. She joins brother Campbell (3). Margaret (Maggie) Elizabeth was born to **Kristen MacDermott** (01) & Jon Stevens on June 30, 2015. She joins brother Everett (4).



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**Brooke Currier** (05) married Lee Frank on Sept.12, 2015.







**Abby Miressi** (05) married **Bruce Clark** on Aug. 1, 2015 in Connecticut.



**Laurence Larochelle-Cadoret** (05) married **Reed Kipp** on September 14, 2015.



**Kathleen McIntosh** (05) married **Shawn Carrigan** on July 25, 2015 on Cape Cod, MA. Pictured with Huckins alums!



Jack Steven was born to **Elizabeth Serio** (05) and **Steve Eskenazi** on Sept. 21, 2015.



Zera Amy was born to **Amy and Hamish Rowsell** (05) on June 12, 2015 in Australia.



Emily Farrington (Milly) was born to **Kate Golden** (97) and **Hamilton Wood** on September 20th, 2015. She joins brother, **Holton** (3) at home.

Teagan Claire was born to **Courtney Dunn** (00) and **Kris Shirley** on May 13, 2015 in Washington DC.



Avery Mae was born to **Marissa DiMatteo** (03) and **Josh Schoen** on May 20, 2015.



Thomas Devine Breakell was born to **Sarah Devine** (12) & **Michaela Breakell** on July 25, 2015.



Carter Rowe was born to **Meghan Piotrowski** (04) & **Jeremy Kenison** on July 20, 2015.



Teddy was born on Feb. 6, 2015, to **Meredith Millen** (99) & **Colin Wroblewski** & joins sister, **Hazel**, 3.



# Staff Family Day



**Doonan**



**Ryan**



**Jennings**



**Green**



**Kelly**



**Rust**



**Counihan**



**Sheehy**



**Doherty**



**Ulrich**



**Curley**



**Gamache**



**Hein**



# Family Camp Week 2015



**Junior Division**



**Leadership Division**



**Senior Division**



**Middler Division**

**25 years ~  
Renshaw Family**



**5 year Hucksters**



**20 years ~  
Sanders Family**



# Labor Day Family Camp 2015



**Junior Division**



**Middler Division**



**Leadership Division**



***Hucksters***

**Fun for  
the whole  
family!**



**Senior Division**



## Mother/Son Weekend



**Mother/Son  
hits 5yrs!!!**  
Our mother/son  
weekend doubled  
in size and  
was **TOTALLY  
AWESOME!**

*The following 7 families  
became Hucksters:  
Ryan, Cassidy, Busick,  
Flowerdew, Zuzenak,  
Baya, & Cloutier*



## Women's Wellness Weekend



A wonderful combination of relaxation,  
adventure and camaraderie. Please save the date:  
9/24 – 9/26 for 2016 and join us!!!



# Mother/Daughter Weekend

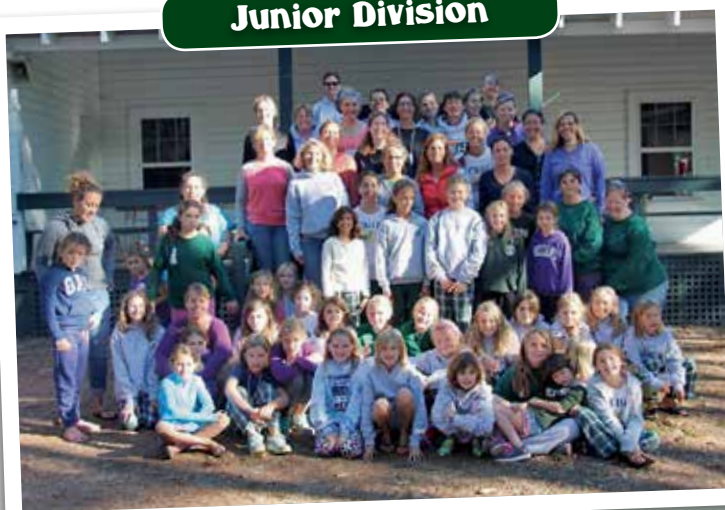
**Senior Division**



**Middler Division**



**Junior Division**



**Leadership**



We had amazing weather for our 6th Annual Mother Daughter Weekend with 275 in attendance, a new record! On Saturday, 118 campers swam to the island – our largest group ever! We also had 13 families become Hucksters and 25 families were new to Huckins.

**Woo hoo!... Thank you to all for so much fun!!**

**Hucksters**





## The Gift that Keeps on Giving

This year 178 campers reached the 5 year landmark and become Camp Huckins Hucksters! All qualifying campers are notified by mail of their induction into Hucksters and are asked to honor that achievement and recognize it's significance by making a donation to the Huckins Scholarship Fund. The fund provides scholarships to help meet the tuition needs of qualifying campers. The Hucksters are asked to find a way to earn the money for their donation to make the gift especially meaningful.

Hucksters are very creative and each year find a variety of ways to raise

monies for their scholarship donations. This year three new Hucksters using different strategies went above and beyond in their support of the Camp Huckins Scholarship Fund. Coleen Boucher donated \$50 from her earning from babysitting jobs she had during the course of the year. Julia Johnston did a variety of jobs around the house and donated \$110 of her earning from those efforts. Corinna Kent canvassed the neighborhood



Corinna Kent

soliciting orders for home made cookies. Her salesmanship resulted in a donation of over \$500 for the Scholarship fund! Each young lady expressed their love of camp and how important that experience would be for others. Congratulations to all Hucksters!

Thank You!

### 2015 Huckster Donations:

Meg Aldrich, Colleen Boucher, Annabel Brewer, Lexie Casais, Lindsay Cator, Caroline Clark, MacKenzie Cote, Amy Cotter, Christina Curran, Kathleen Delane, Elizabeth Donahoe, Emma Hart, Ella Henry, Julia Johnston,

Corinna Kent, Kristen Keough, Samantha King, Lindsey Larson, Emma Macdonald, Haley McHugh, Lauren Meaney, Eve Montgomery, Natalie Morgan, Eliza O'Donnell, Adair Olney, Mia Olsen, Lily Packard, Rebecca

Pasley, Anna Pollak, Annie Rademacher, Abby Radwanski, Caroline Rogers, Thyra Roller, Molly Ropelewski, Ava Ryder, Jamie Shapiro, Caitlyn Swartz, Kate Uluatam, Emma Ventre, Anna Walker, Morgan Wiese, Abigail Wright

### Huckins Quilt donated for Scholarship Fund

This summer, alumna Patti Sullivan, donated this quilt she made so it could raise \$ for the Scholarship funds. The quilt was displayed each Change Day at the Lodge and campers could purchase tickets for the drawing. The total raised was \$400.00 and the quilt winner – from a drawing – was Allie McCarthy. Congrats Allie and thanks again to Patti for such a beautiful quilt.



### Coming Soon - A New Palace!!

A landmark at Camp since it was built in 1964, "The Palace" has hosted 3 camp directors, their families and more visitors than anyone could possibly keep track of. Rumor has it that the name "Palace" was bestowed because at the time it was built the house was the only building in camp with indoor plumbing! Demolition of the existing palace is scheduled for the fall of 2015 with the new and improved space ready for the start of the 2016 camp season.

The new palace will be built on the current foot print and will be built for year round living, will have a third floor, improved meeting spaces and living quarters that will greatly improve the environment and overall



functioning of the space. This year's Annual fund gifts will go towards the construction of our "new Palace", a home that we can be proud to house our Camp Huckins Camp Director. You can donate to the Annual Fund 2015 by using the enclosed envelope.

Watch our Facebook page for continuing updates.



# 2015 Tri-ath-Loon

## 2015 Tri-ath-Loon Raises \$23,00

16 year old Huckins Alum, Haley Markos, accepts her prize from Jody Skelton after winning the 2015 Tri-ath-Loon. Fifty women participated and there was enough money raised for 17 full scholarships.



[www.HuckinsTriathloon.com](http://www.HuckinsTriathloon.com)



An amazing group of Alums attended Alumni weekend volunteering their time to help us set up camp for the summer and the Triathaloon. Thank you, Thank you to our amazing Alumni who give so freely of their time to help us!!!

## Tributes

### Tara Breed

July 28, 1970 – July 27, 2015



The Camp Huckins family joins in prayerful remembrance of Tara who passed away, descending from 13,088ft summit in Boulder, Co. She was a vibrant, full of life Huckins woman, who was an avid runner and spent her free time, hiking, biking, kayaking all over the world. It was at Camp Huckins that Tara was first able to develop her love of adventure and exploration. Tara truly savored every moment of every day. She gave 100% commitment to everything she did. Her smile was limitless and will be truly missed.

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## The Store is Online!

The Camp Huckins store will be online from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 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 2015 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 2016 SEASON

Snow Day At Camp • February 20

Alumni Work Weekend • June 3-5

Women's Tri-ath-LOON • June 5

Mother/Son Weekend • June 10-12

Early Bird Week • June 13-18

Staff Training Week • June 20-24

1<sup>st</sup> Session • June 25-July 9

2<sup>nd</sup> Session • July 9-23

3<sup>rd</sup> Session • July 24-Aug 6

4<sup>th</sup> Session • Aug 6-20

Staff Parents Day • July 30

Family Camp • Aug 22-27

Labor Day Family Camp • Sept 2-5

Mother/Daughter Weekend • Sept 16-18

Women's Wellness Weekend • Sept 23-25

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