

# The Huckonian



A publication for alumni and friends

Fall 2020

## Jody Skelton Retires

by Helen Pelletier, alumna

**F**ifty-one years is a long time to plant yourself in one place. Time to sink deep, deep roots. Time to watch, from one summer to the next, as junior campers grow into junior counselors and then become the parents of the next generation of Nellie girls. Time for dreams—a chapel by the lake, mountain biking trails, a new leadership division—to flower.

The length of Jody's time at Huckins is only part of the story, but it's a good place to start. From her very first summer in 1970, when Jody arrived at camp and moved into Cabin T, she made her presence known. Just about everyone at camp knew Jody, the camper. She sang louder, swam faster, and laughed harder than pretty much anyone. As a CIT and a counselor, she became the Pied Piper of the Junior Division. Her itty-bitty campers adored her and, by the time Taps played each night, were totally, happily exhausted.

At Springfield College (founded, of course, by the YMCA) and afterwards, she spent her summers at camp in just about every role there was: program director, small crafts director, waterfront director, and director of the Leadership Division.

Soon after she graduated, Audrey and Zaven had the good sense to create a year-round job for her as assistant director. During those years, Jody and John married and welcomed Jamie, Michael, and Becca. When Judy Snell retired as director in 2003, due diligence required that the Board conduct a nationwide search for her successor. It was a thorough search with many strong candidates, but the final decision was not a hard one. Jody brought a unique set of skills to the role and a firm, lifelong, belief in the Y ethos: if you want to help young people (and their families) become stronger, more resilient, and more confident, you need to help them develop their body, mind, and spirit.

Jody pretty much personifies all three:

Body.

Jody has two speeds: awake and asleep. But the sleep state is questionable. One of Jody's super powers is that she's, somehow, everywhere at once. You turn around and there she is. Ready to swim to the island before reveille. Ready for a game of spoons late at night. Always ready to make good things happen.



Mind.

Energy, enthusiasm, and stamina are critical to running a complex organization like the Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins, but they are not enough to ensure its long-term financial stability, the successful management of its staff, and the smooth functioning of day-to-day operations. That takes the kind of knowledge, common sense, strategic vision, and emotional intelligence that Jody has brought to the job.

In her 17 years as director, Jody has worked with the Board to build a healthy endowment that will sustain camp through the pandemic and beyond. She's expanded the camping season to include hugely popular sessions for mothers and daughters, mothers and sons, and women's wellness. She's expanded camperships to make sure that what camp has to offer is more inclusive and accessible to more girls. In the years she has served as director, camp has built an entirely new division, a new mountain biking trail system, and embarked on a \$2.5 million capital campaign.

And...she fixed the tennis courts!

Spirit.

One of the amazing things about Jody is that her energy, enthusiasm, and openness to new possibilities are balanced by her incredible kindness and her deep connection to others and to the natural world.

A couple of generations of campers will tell you there's mom at home and then there's Jody, Camp Mom. The one who sits quietly with you when you're away from home for

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# Hucksters 2020

Camp is so fortunate to have returning campers and way back in the 1940's, we developed a special recognition ceremony that we still celebrate each session. Traditionally, at the end of each camper session, we have a Huckster ceremony honoring our 5, 10, 15, 20 and this year 30-year campers and or staff on the Friday evening before campers go home. This summer we gave our Huckster campers the option to participate in the Huckster ceremony on Zoom. Those who did not participate this summer will be allowed to join the ceremony next summer.

**67** of our campers participated in our virtual ceremony and 10 of our staff members became double Hucksters. Three of our staff—Maddy Clapp, Kim Brownell, and Christina Fenton—become

triple Hucksters (15 years), Sue Fullerton celebrated 25 years and Beth Coffey McKay became the third ever staff member to celebrate 30 years at Camp Huckins. Congratulations to all!!!!



**Beth Coffey McKay receiving a genuine Huckins sail, Sail Bag in honor of her 30th year at Huckins**



**Jody with triple Hucksters Kim Brownell, Maddy Clapp and Christina Fenton.**

The following campers made a special donation to Huckins in honor of becoming a Huckster.

Loring Boak  
Sarah Chang  
Katelyn Erdlen

Jill Lyons  
Riley McLoy  
Gwendolyn Ryan

Julie Vakoc  
Vanessa Van Dyne  
Anne Quinn



**Sue Fullerton celebrated 25 years at Huckins.**

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the first time and feeling lost and a little heartsick. The one who notices you're feeling out of sorts and asks you to help her feed the goats. The one who quietly pulls together a team to make sure you have the support you need to get through a rough patch when the outside world intrudes on your two precious weeks at camp. The one who calls your worried real mom to let her know you're turning into a happy camper.

During the summers Jody was a counselor, she would sometimes sit on the roof of the lodge porch after taps, looking up at the stars and across the Middler Division. A peaceful place from which to keep watch on the people, and on a place, she loved.

A strong body, mind, and spirit. Jody learned from her loving, boisterous family and her summers at camp that those three elements are key to a good and meaningful life.

When balanced, they provide the armor needed to sustain you through life's challenges. They allow you to experience joy, build strong connections, and be generous to others.

Those are lessons that Jody embodies and has devoted her life to passing on.

There's a good reason Jody's favorite movie is *The Sound of Music*. It poses certain relevant questions:

How do you catch a cloud and pin it down? How do you hold a moonbeam in your hand?

Really. How do you capture all that Jody is and all that she has given to us and to this place we all love?

It's not really possible. But what we can do is follow her example: play hard, sing loud, care deeply, honor the fresh air and the open sky. Be rugged, wholesome, and true.

That is her legacy.

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**It is the mission of the Carroll  
County YMCA through its many  
programs, to strengthen the  
Spirit, Mind, and Body of youth,  
families, and communities.**

# Summer 2020 ... No Other Year the Same

The summer has flown by and it gives us a moment to reflect on what has been happening at Camp for the last 10 weeks. First and foremost, we had 35 staff and 12 staff children live safely on our site this summer. We followed the protocols set up by the CDC and ACA. We missed the singing in the Dining Hall, but I must say it was a joy to have most of our meals sitting outside. The staff were amazing, and we ran two successful virtual Camps: our own Huckins@Home and Kronos Virtual Camp. The Food Bank meals, prepared by Joel and his staff from our kitchen, fed the towns of Madison, Conway, Tamworth and Freedom an average of 290 meals each week. Heather, Stephanie and I continued to write grants and fundraise, and we have raised more donations in the last 3 months than ever before in Huckins History!! (More details on the Development page.)

Heather and I met with the COVID-19 task force weekly and this team (Leslie Guenther, Eleni Eliades, Anne Depew, Karen Shackford and Heather Lamberton) worked efficiently together putting lots of thought and ideas into our actions. We feel so fortunate to have board members who stepped up and gave a lot of additional time this summer.

Our Building & Grounds and our Master Planning Board Committees have also been very busy as we have met with our new architect, Scott Simons, and we are moving ahead to make the necessary Covid specific improvements so our camp will be ready for campers in 2021.

This fall we have been busy planning two virtual Programs for youth, one is for local Carroll County Middle School children and the other is with the Ultimate Kronos Group (UKG) families who want to participate in an after-school club program. We have hired Maddy Clapp to direct our UKG Fall Program. It is exciting to see how our year-round staff has adapted to



this new world of online activities.

Heather continues to learn and grow every day and it has been a pleasure to work and learn together. I am beginning to move my things out of the palace and pack up the office. This is sad but exciting and I will officially retire on Dec 1, 2020. John and I will spend time Home Sharing at the Farm by the River in Effingham this winter. When Puerto Rico opens its beaches, you are welcome to come and visit me for a surf lesson.

As my time at Camp ends, I am so thankful for the opportunity I have had to serve the Carroll County YMCA/ Camp Huckins. It is impossible to recap 35 years of full-time work, but it is the relationships, stories, singing and memories that I will treasure every day of my retirement. I can't say thank you enough to everyone. I have appreciated your support and feel confident that when I hand the torch to Heather Kiley, Camp will continue to flourish and grow because of all your hard work and devotion to our organization. Together we have made and will continue to make an incredible difference in the lives of many children, staff, and families. I have loved every minute.

In the Huckins Spirit,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jody'.



## Huckins @ Home



This summer our staff, both onsite and at home, helped us create a fun and engaging virtual summer camp for our enrolled and waitlisted 2020 campers. Our staff used Zoom to connect live and SeeSaw, a secure platform used by many schools, to provide prerecorded content. Each camper received a Huckins@Home care package before their session. During themed meals, we talked about acceptance and loving yourself at our Pride and Women Empowerment lunches, and we embraced our magical side on Disney and Harry Potter days! We learned new Zoom games (like Pictionary, and alphabet scavenger hunts), had some heated debates over “would-you-rather”; talked about role models, and reminisced on what we love about camp.

Over Zoom, we held Vespers, Huckster Ceremonies and Candlelight. We felt connected as we sang with counselors and staff all over the country! For the Hucksters ceremony, we read each Huckster card and campers wore their new Huckster necklaces which were dipped in Lake Ossipee before being shipped to them. We concluded each session with Candlelight. Campers held their Huckins candle from their Huckins@Home care package.

Our counselors/content creators created over 80 videos this summer. Some highlights included Solar Oven S’mores with Mae, DIY Volcano with Eliza, Paint a Rock with Courtney, and even Disney Fairy Houses with Sophie and Emma S (aka Tinkerbell and Captain Hook) and Quidditch with Jules and Sophie! These videos are being shared via social media twice a month and on our website in [Nellie Connections](#).

**Emma Rust and Ali Wilder**  
— Huckins@Home Program Directors

# Virtual Camp Huckins for Ultimate Kronos Group

We were so fortunate this spring to have the workforce management and human capital management company, Ultimate Kronos Group, reach out to us about providing a virtual summer camp for the children of their employees. This request happened at the perfect time; NH Food Bank reached out about us providing meals for local families and the vision for Huckins @ Home was being created.

Though none of us were entirely sure what “virtual” camp would look like, the Huckins staff rose to the challenge. The nineteen staff members that worked with us on this project created four weeks of unique programming with cabin meetings twice a day and both live and prerecorded “instructionals.” Some of these instructionals included: Solar Oven S’mores, Trees of Huckins (tree identification), Sink or Float, Digital Escape Room, STEM Challenges and Book Club.

Over the four weeks, we served 394 children ages 9–14, and 291 of them attended two or more virtual camp sessions. This opportunity allowed us



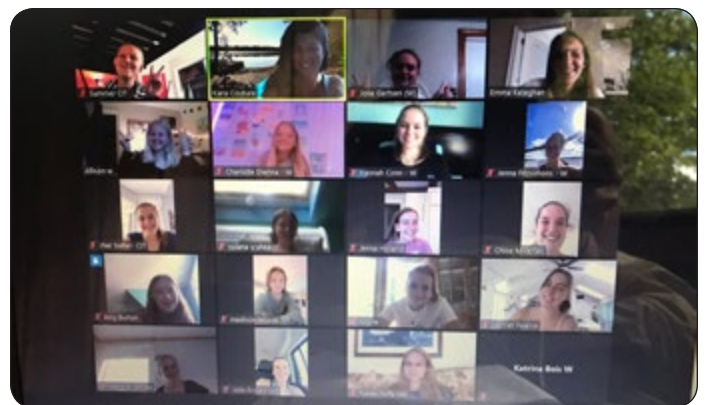
to provide the Huckins experience to children across the country. When asked what the favorite parts of virtual camp were, campers said they loved participating in the live sessions in which they could interact with their peers and Huckins staff. We feel so excited to have welcomed this group of children into the Huckins family. They truly embody the “Nellie” spirit, and we hope they will be able to join us on the shores of Ossipee in the future.

**Becca Skelton and Maddy Clapp**—  
Ultimate Kronos Group  
Program Directors

## Leadership Division 2020

2-0-2-0 at Huckins camp was one for the books! In true Nellie fashion, we were able to make the best of a difficult situation by providing 5 weeks of Huckins@Home camp connections for campers in the Leadership

Division this summer. Activities included yoga, cooking, personality tests, TED Talk discussions, a community service project and a book club, to name a few. Thank you for joining us in keeping the Huckins spirit alive this summer!



**Kara Couture**—Leadership Division Leader

# Depew Family Gift

Last year Charles and Heloise Depew gave a gift in honor of Jody's 50 years at Camp Huckins. The gift was designated for facility and program improvements to be identified by Jody. After much discussion with the Depew Family, Jody decided on two projects. We spoke with dock design companies and chose EZ Dock, a NH based company, out of Hudson to build an "outdoor swimming pool area." This swim area will enhance the waterfront by allowing swim classes to spread out and to have a space to swim laps. The area is complete with 4 swim lanes and flip turn boards so Camp will also be able to host our own swim meets during the summer.

In addition to Outdoor Swimming Pool, we also planted six high bush blueberry bushes, outside the Dining Hall. Picking blueberries is one of Jody's favorite summer activities. Camp has many low bush blueberry bushes



growing naturally all over camp and campers can pick blueberries at their leisure. Many times, we have had special blueberry picking and have made enough blueberry pancakes and or blueberry cake for the entire camp. These new bushes were planted outside the Dining Hall knowing that campers will

water them with the leftover water from camp mealtimes. When the berries ripen each July campers will have a nutritious snack at their fingertips!

Camp's Waterfront is an integral part of our summer program especially on hot summer days. This additional swim area will add more space to spread out campers and lifeguards and will improve our ability to provide quality swim lessons and swim meets. We can't wait for the blueberry bushes to blossom next summer. Thank you, thank you, to the Depew Family for this generous gift.



**Charles and Heloise Depew**

## 2020 Kitchen Report

**by Joel Weeman**

Summer 2020 in the Huckins Kitchen was bittersweet. With no campers on site we were unsure whether we would even open the kitchen. Sad news for a Chef! It felt strange to think we would not hear 500 voices singing together and laughing together three times a day, that we would not get to know new friends from far off places, that the adrenaline wouldn't kick in when you hear soupy blow and the burgers aren't quite finished grilling! However, in the end we were still able to make use of this beautiful facility.

Partnering with the New Hampshire Food Bank, and with a generous grant from the Robert and Dorothy Goldberg Charitable Foundation, we took on the Summer Food Service Program, delivering meals to families in Freedom, Madison, Tamworth and Conway. We were able to provide breakfast and lunch 5 days a week to about 40 kids. A big thanks goes out to our all-star volunteer delivery drivers, John and Jody, Kim Brownell, Kathy Vittum and Karen

Shackford. They willingly gave up a few hours a day, 3 days a week to get the food to the families.

In addition to cooking meals for the local communities, we also served 3 meals a day to the 50 staff living onsite who made up the Huckins-at-Home and Kronos teams. With masks and social distancing and lots of temperature taking, the dining hall was certainly not the same but we still managed to make some delicious meals, mostly eaten al fresco under the pines. It was nice to have a little more time to spend on cooking and eating.

So, while the dining hall was eerily quiet, and our kitchen crew dropped from 14 people to a 5-person bubble we stayed quite busy. We feel very fortunate to have still been able to cook with and eat the bounty of NH's short growing season thanks to our friends at Pork Hill Farm and Mountain Heartbeet Veggies. It is no small comfort to realize that despite the uncertainty in the world, a tomato grown in the Mount Washington Valley is still one of the best on earth.

The biggest "thank you" and Alamen belongs to our Huckins Kitchen Crew of 2020, Ginny, Vicki, Peter and Jill. Small but mighty!



# All About the Alumni ...



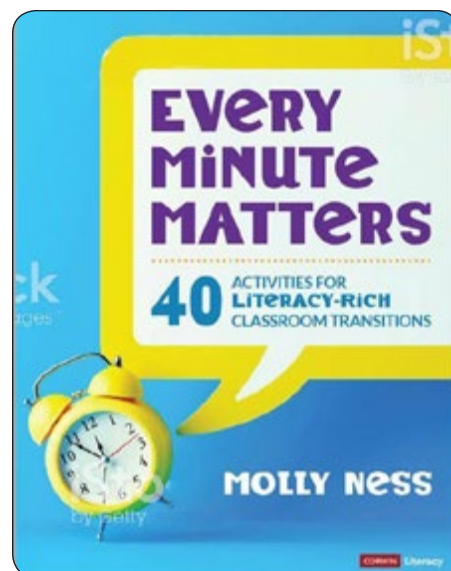
On June 16th, 2020, **Audrey Vorperian** (94) celebrated her 90th birthday with an abundance of cards.

Congratulations to alumna and staff parent, **Margi Rosenthal**, on her most recent piece in the NY Times.

Please send us news about your accomplishments—or brag about someone else—fellow Huckonians want to know! Email Kara at [kara@camphuckins.org](mailto:kara@camphuckins.org).



**Colleen Keegan** (19) with her mom, **Heather Fleming Leach**, after graduating from the University of Maine in May 2020.



Check out the newest book by **Molly Ness** (93): *Every Minute Matters, 40+ Activities for Literacy-Rich Classroom Transitions*.



**Karen Cestari** with her sisters and bridal party, **Susan Cestari Weeks** and **Linda Cestari Hauptfuhrer**, at her wedding.



The Churchill Family, **Christina Churchill Rutherford** and her husband, Chris and son, Henry, grandmother and former Board member, **Cindy Churchill** and **Leah Churchill Stewart** recently participated in the annual Portland ALS walk in memory of their husband and father, Dr. Bruce Churchill.

## Get Social!



## Update your Alumni Information

**CampMinder**

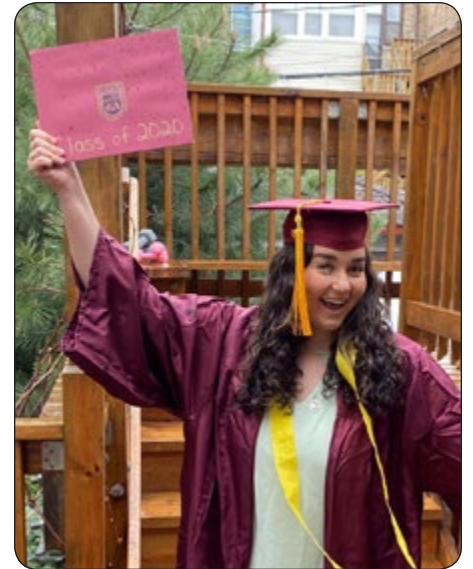
Huckins strives to keep our database up to date and complete. Please take a minute to check that we have your current contact information, relationships, and alumni history. Campminder allows you to connect with other alumni in the system.

Please go to [www.camphuckins.org/alumni/426-2/](http://www.camphuckins.org/alumni/426-2/)





**Alli Brooks** with Huckins friends (**Sara Doverspike**, **Jody Skelton**, **Kara Evans**, **Katherine Martin** and **Lindsey Wiggin**) at her wedding on September 12, 2020.



**Emma Rust** (20) graduated from Loyola College with a BS in Nursing in May 2020. She will be working at the University of Vermont Medical Center in the Cardiology Critical Care Unit.

## Join Us!

A group of alumni have created an anti-racism group that meets bi-weekly via Zoom. If you would like to engage in regular conversations with other Huckins alumni on diversity, equity and inclusion contact [nellieantiracismteam@gmail.com](mailto:nellieantiracismteam@gmail.com) to learn more or visit the [social justice website](#) they created.



**Ellie Goodwin Cochran** with her new granddaughter, Vivian, and big brother, Owen.

## Don't Miss Our Virtual Alumni Reunions



**7 pm Oct. 28 40's-60's**  
**7 pm Nov. 4 70's & 80's**  
**7 pm Nov. 11 90's**  
**7 pm Nov. 18 2000's**



Three generations of Riley women: **Lindsay Riley Nelson** with Rose, **Anne Vaughan Riley** with Gracie and **Sarah Riley Silva** with Amelia.



**June Loud** (38) celebrated her 100th birthday in July at the Mountain View Nursing Home in Ossipee, NH.



# Welcome to the Huckins family!

## Weddings and Babies



**Jane Siegel** (09) married Dave Richards on November 8, 2019 under California Redwood trees in Fairfax, CA. There were two Huckins girls in the wedding, sister and maid of honor **Emily Siegel**, and best friend, bridesmaid, and bunkmate at camp, **Jill MacArthur** (09)!



**Matt Clarke** (16) married Natalie Mourits on August 1, 2020 in New Zealand.



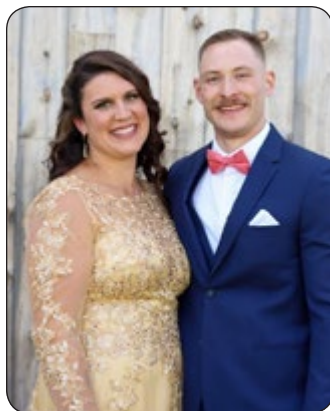
**Lauren Browning** married Wyatt Bebout on August 21, 2020 at the Ocean House in Watch Hill, RI with immediate family.



**Livie Cohn** (09) married Matt Skinner on September 6, 2020 in Gloucester, MA.



**Matt Murphy** (14) married Margaret (Meg) Walker on July 4, 2020.



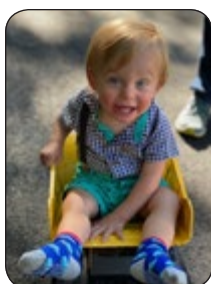
**Alli Brooks** (17) married CJ Clark on September 12, 2020 in Northwood, NH.



Claire Nina was born on June 27, 2020 to **Jen Stebbins** (06) and Dylan Thomas. She joins sister, Eliza, at home.



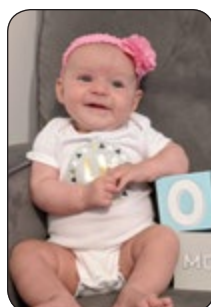
**Karen Cestari** (86) married Patrick Kenney on July 20, 2019.



Henry was born to **Christina Churchill** and Chris Rutherford.



Henry Bradford Tanton was born on April 17, 2020 to **Julia Lingham** and Jim Tanton.



Gracie Victoria was born on April 17, 2020 to **Sarah Riley** (12) and Brian Silva. She joins Amelia, 2, at home.



Isla Lea was born on July 6, 2020 to Lauren Hawkins and Jeremy Fullerton. Isla is the fourth grandchild of **Sue Fullerton** (20), Administrative Assistant for Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins.



# What ever happened to...

## Kristen Parthe Brown

I attended Camp Huckins from 1979 to 1989 and like many others, took a year off as a counselor to “earn real money” only to return the following summer. Huckins was way more than a job—it is where I grew up, the one place I knew I could be my whole self and a pivotal experience that led to my happiness and success later in life.

I come from a long history of Huckins’ girls; my mother, aunt, two cousins and two sisters spent time on the shores of Ossipee. I distinctly remember when my mother asked me if I would be interested in going to camp and I was so excited! After spending two weeks in Cabin V that summer, my life would never be the same. I had experienced camp. I had experienced Huckins.

**Our Spring 2021  
Huckonian will  
focus on this  
Huckins alum...  
can you guess  
who it is?**



I returned to camp year after year, excited to see the same friends I knew so well and meet girls who either switched sessions or came to camp for the first time. I especially liked new campers as I was anxious to share all of the wonderful things camp had to offer. Many of the friendships formed during those formative years are as strong today as they were back then.

After finally leaving camp and graduating college, I pursued a career in human resources that took me to Washington, San Francisco, Boston, Chicago and then back to the Boston area. Everywhere I went there were Huckins friends or alumni. Despite not being on the shores of Ossipee, the Huckins Spirit continued to be present and guide me through life.

My family and I settled back in New England nine years ago which has given me the opportunity to spend more time at camp. I’ve enjoyed strengthening my connection to camp though alumni weekend, Mother/Daughter weekend, the Triathloon and so many other things. I think what I am enjoying the most is expanding my



**Kristen Parthe Brown**

Huckins’ friendships....I love meeting other alumni and have formed many close friendships over the recent years. Huckins is the gift that keeps on giving.

Next summer, my daughter will enjoy her fifth summer at camp as a lower Senior. As a mother, I feel like camp is one of the greatest gifts I can give her. Camp will teach and empower her in ways that I can’t, and she will carry that forward through her life. “For you girl, belong to Huckins and Huckins belongs to you.”

## “It is in the Shelter of Each Other that the People Live”

by Heather Kiley

**T**his Irish proverb perfectly describes one of the most powerful aspects of spending a summer at Huckins. In talking with staff, campers, families and alumni in recent months, the friendships formed at Huckins take center stage. The cabins and the pines shelter us from the elements, but it is living with other campers and staff that accept us for who we are that allows each young woman to thrive.

Creating this special type of community does not just happen. It

requires intentional tending to build a place where all campers and staff feel a sense of belonging. As our community becomes more diverse, how do we ensure all our campers and staff feel included as their authentic self?

In July the Board of Directors voted unanimously to make **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging** (DEIB) a strategic priority for CCYMCA/ Camp Huckins. Bringing a DEIB lens to all aspects of our program, systems, culture, and organization will help us

build on our strengths AND grow in new ways so everyone can discover and be their true self.

We recognize this important work will be ongoing, as we have much to learn. We are creating a task force, comprised of key volunteers, who will lay out an overarching vision that will guide our planning. The task force will create a structure for our work, including engaging subcommittees to explore unique topics.

There will be opportunities for all members of our Huckins community to participate in this work, as listening and learning from you is an essential step. We will be reaching out with surveys and invitations to Zoom conversations and we hope you will engage with us.

# Camp Huckins Prepares for Summer 2021

On May 20, 2020, the day after Heather and Jody made the video closing camp, we began planning for next summer. We put together many different teams to guide and help us prepare for the summer of 2021. The Board of Directors quickly came up with a COVID team that met weekly throughout the spring and summer. We consulted with the State of New Hampshire, the YMCA of USA and the CDC and focused on the safety of our campers and staff, how to safely open our facility, our income loss and everything in between. They have been steady and thoughtful resources and we are so thankful to have such committed board members.

We also began a Reopening Task Force, working with Chef Joel, Mike from Maintenance, Kara, Beth, Mark, Heather and Jody to begin looking forward to 2021. This group continues to meet regularly, discussing the evolving state and national recommendations and what changes we need to consider for next summer in our food service, facility, program, and staffing.

Preparing our facility will be a significant undertaking, so some renovations have already begun. Our Maintenance Crew has been remodeling the Bath Houses in each Division. We are improving the ventilation with more screens and adding new exit doors, adding new flooring to help keep the floors cleaner and drier and we have been polyurethaning the wood surfaces to make for an easier cleaning surface. We will be adding ventilation fans to all camper cabins, as well as expanding screens with emergency exits at the back of each cabin. The most significant needs will be around Dining Hall systems, adding space and beds to the Health Center, expanding and improving handwashing, and making improvements to the Snell Dome to allow for more social distancing during all-camp gatherings.



**New screens will improve ventilation in each division's bath house.**



**Bath house renovations include more screens; new exit doors; new flooring for cleaner, drier floors; and making wood surfaces easier to clean by polyurethaning them.**

Together with our nurses (we were fortunate to have both Kathi Santis and Melissa Jo Nason at camp this summer), we began meeting to revise our health forms, check-in procedures and our Health Center policies to prepare for next summer. We are so grateful that some of our alumni doctors and nurses have joined the task force. We would like to thank Dr. Ben Hoffman, Dr. Andrew Pellitier, Dr. Kara MacDermott Ryan, Dr. Christina Smith Paul, and nurses Kathleen Mulkern and Molly Mullins for being so willing to join us on Zoom planning calls.

The Huckins spirit runs deep in our alumni, our camper parents and friends and we are doing everything we possibly can to get camp ready for a safe Summer 2021. We will continue to update our camper families through our website, and we can't wait to see everyone back at Huckins in 2021.

## 2021 Parent Information Nights on Zoom



**click  
here**

**Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, October 22, 7:00 pm**

**Monday, October 26, 4:00 pm**

*Visit our website for the most up to date information on our planning for the 2021 Camp Season*



# Development Update

## Update

**Alamen** to all of the alumni, families and friends who donated to Huckins so far this year. We have been humbled and heartened by the incredible support that we have received during this difficult time. The giving has been unprecedented—raising more money from more donations than in the history of Huckins giving. In addition, our leadership team has been exploring other funding sources and have successfully written grants to community foundations, the state of New Hampshire and the Federal government for COVID Relief, staff salaries and community programming.

**We are thrilled to report that we have only \$160,000 left to raise to fill our original \$1.2 million gap** caused by the cancellation of all the traditional camp programs. Although this summer we were not able to be together on the Sportsfield, the Huckins community has figuratively joined our hands in a giant Friendship Circle and we are grateful to all of you.

Together we have made a difference. In 2020, there have been:

- 1500 donations
- 571 new donors
- \$100,000 summer challenge match reached, raising \$200,000 in six weeks
- \$742,937 in grants received for COVID Relief, staff salaries and community programming
- 190 donations via VENMO

For all who have given, thank you! **If you had not yet made your gift or are able to give an additional gift, we hope that you will consider helping us close our \$160,000 gap.** Gifts can be made in the following ways:

**Give Online** - <https://camphuckins.org/donate/>

**Give via VENMO** - <https://venmo.com/camphuckins>

**Give via check** – CCYMCA/Camp Huckins, 17 Camp Huckins Road, Freedom, NH 03836

### YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT CAMP HUCKINS VIA AMAZON SMILE!

It couldn't be easier.

Just visit  
**[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)**  
and select

*Carroll County YMCA - Camp Huckins*

as your charity.

Amazon will make a donation to Huckins every time you make a qualifying purchase!



**A special thank you to Ally and Anna Hartmann (pictured in photo) and Madi and Brynn Johnson for all of their help with the special package we sent to every camper this summer!!!**

## Join the Legacy Society

Legacy Society members are those alumni and friends who have decided to include Huckins in their estate planning. Leaving a gift is easy—bequests from a will or trust are the most common way to leave a planned gift. You may also have Huckins as a recipient of memorial gifts (in lieu of flowers). Others have made Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins the beneficiary of 401K/IRA plans or insurance policies or have a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust to the Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins.

Membership in the Huckins Legacy Society offers a meaningful way to leave an enduring personal legacy to a place that has made a positive and life changing impact on campers for generations. For more information or to let Camp Huckins know of your estate plans, please contact Stephanie Paine at [stephanie@camphuckins.org](mailto:stephanie@camphuckins.org).

## CARES Act Raises the Charitable Deduction Giving Cap

Did you know that the CARES (Corona Virus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) provided aid to non-profits by created tax benefits for almost all taxpayers who make charitable tax donations in 2020?

- Taxpayers who take a standard deduction and do not itemize may deduct \$300 for an individual and \$600 for joint filers for charitable contributions on their 2020 federal tax returns above the standard deduction.
- Those taxpayers who do itemize may deduct up to 100% of their charitable gifts.
- Caps for corporate donations have been changed from 10% to 25%.

**Please consider taking advantage of this benefit and helping Huckins at the same time!**

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## YMCA Camp Huckins

### IMPORTANT DATES ~ 2021 SEASON

**June 27–July 10** 1ST SESSION  
**July 11–July 24** 2ND SESSION  
**July 25–August 7** 3RD SESSION  
**Aug 8–August 21** 4TH SESSION  
**Aug. 23–28** Family Camp Week  
**Sept. 3–6** Labor Day Family Camp  
**Sept. 10–12** Mother/Son Weekend  
**Sept. 17–19** Mother/Daughter Weekend  
**TBD Jody's Retirement Party**

## Get your Nellie Gear!

Nellie's General Store will be open from December 1st to December 15th.

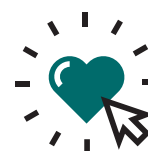
Stay tuned for the 2020 Holiday ornament and camp's NEW book, "Good Night Camp Huckins," written and illustrated by staff and campers!

**[www.camphuckinsshop.com](http://www.camphuckinsshop.com)**

**Questions?** [store@camphuckins.org](mailto:store@camphuckins.org)

## Don't Miss Our Virtual Alumni Reunions

7 pm **Oct. 28** 40's–60's | 7 pm **Nov. 4** 70's & 80's  
7 pm **Nov. 11** 90's | 7 pm **Nov 18** 2000's



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