Wawenock Alumnae Reflect on the Impact of their Camp Experience

“Once 8:45 pm rolled around and my cabinmates and I were back in the lodge, my mood started to change. I knew that taps was going to blow and that bedtime was just around the corner. As someone who never did well with sleepovers, I knew that my fear of the dark was going to be my biggest hurdle that summer. Shortly after 9:30pm, I had awakend the other 15 campers in the lodge due to my hysterical crying. It was then that one of our Camp Directors walked in. June wrapped her arm around me and walked me outside to sit by the lake. If you have ever been on Lake Sebago then you know just how calming it can be, especially at night. June and I didn’t speak much that evening, we just sat and stared at the calmness of camp. I can’t tell you exactly what it was – Sebago, June, the combination of them – but a feeling suddenly came over me and I felt at home.” ~Megan Gallagher  ‘92-‘03, ‘05

“I wanted to share with you a project in Cambodia that I collaborated on that made me miss and appreciate Wawenock over and over again. I have been working with 6 other fellow Peace Corps Volunteers on a project called Camp G.L.O.W. (Girls Leading Our World). We received a grant to fund the hiring of facilitators to present on topics like puberty, women’s health, self-awareness, career planning, goal setting, and how to be an effective community educator to over 60 girls from 7 high schools across the province. Eight 9th grade girls from my high school’s girls club attended and I can’t describe to you how much I felt in my element working with the girls and leading activities which included name games and even a newspaper fashion show! I slipped back into my role as an activity and cabin counselor - something that I have truly missed. Wawenock has instilled in me a passion for working with youth and for supporting and helping to unleash the potential of young women around the world. I am so lucky to have the Wawenock family and to be able to apply all that I have learned from growing up in Sebago Cove to my work halfway around the world here in Cambodia. Just wanted to share the impact and reach of the lessons learned at Wawenock. This is just one example of the Wawenock spirit’s ripple effect.” ~Meghan Henshall  ‘00-‘06, ‘08-‘10

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After filling ourselves to capacity with candy, laughter and salted popcorn, my cabin and I walked in our pj’s from the Point to the pier. Pat, one of our directors, came with us. As we lay down, backs on the stone, staring at an incredibly starry sky, waves lapping in the background, she started pointing out the constellations. All recollection of the outside world and its demands dissipated in that instant, and I felt completely calm. One of the greatest happinesses, I have come to learn, is being in a beautiful place with people you love. Wawenock helped me to understand that and gave me the capacity to recognize and recreate so many other happinesses.” ~Desi Russo  ‘98-‘99, ‘08-‘11

Upcoming Alumnae Events:
Friday January 24th- Young Alumnae Event in NYC
September 5th-7th- 2nd Annual Women’s Get-away Weekend (registration enclosed)
30’s and 40’s

Arlene McCadam Mayer: “Thank you so much for the 2014 calendar. Such wonderful memories. I turned 80 in September and hope to receive many more calendars. Love to you all.” Mary Denworth Stratte: “I attended Camp Wawenock many years ago and loved it! I’m glad that you still have such a wonderful camp and I’m sure that Wees and Parky are smiling down on you all. My mother and Parky knew each other in college, and that is how we found Wawenock. My sisters and cousins attended at the same time and we all have happy memories. Continued good luck and happy summers to you!”

50’s and 60’s

Naomi Fries Chase: “Always love receiving the calendar of Wawenock at Christmas. It brings back memories of 7 years at Wawenock. I have been taking an Advanced Watercolor class in Windham this year. At the Fryeburg Fair I entered a watercolor 14 x 18 nature design with leaves, ferns, and flowers and won 1st place. I am amazed at all the wonderful activities with the campers and CIT Program. The newsletters are a joy to read. The influence camp has on the campers is evident in their writings.” Marianne Ziegler Stampfli, Bellevue, Switzerland: “I wish you all a very successful camp season. I always remember with great pleasure my summers spent at camp a long time ago and thank you very much for sending me the Wawenock calendar which always hangs in my kitchen.” Lilian and Bud McKenzie, Victoria, Australia: “Thank you for the Camp Wawenock news. Even though the old names of the 60’s no longer appear, we still find the spirit of Wawenockers we knew, now long ago. Good people with love for Camp are still in the pages. Aloha.”

Inspired by a friendship gift, Candance Hilton Smith put together framed artwork for the church fair. She writes of the gift, “The gal sketched and painted a beautiful bird with a little greenery and hand wrote the poem, Why Were the Saints, Saints. I liked it then but as the years passed, the poem makes more sense.” Patsy Cooke Duggar shared of her friendship with Bambi Zimm Ray, “We had such fun at Camp together and never lost touch even though we lived in different parts of the country.” Mary Catherine Ware: “I’m retired now. I have put in 44+ years as a professor at State University of New York Cortland. Thanks so much for keeping me in touch with Camp all these years... my time there was great.” Clark Hantzmon writes, “I lost my mom, Margaret Brown Hantzmon three years ago. She had been a counselor at Camp Wawenock in the early 1950s. Her bugle from Camp Wawenock was on the altar with her ashes and flowers. A soloist sang Taps at the end of the service. It was very moving. Some of her best memories were from Camp Wawenock.”

Kathy Bishop: “In the late summer we spent a couple of weeks in Turkey. We had been fascinated with the eastern Mediterranean area since we visited Jordan a few years ago. So many different nations and cultures invaded and settled in this area that the archeological remains are varied and extensive. We hit the usual highlights, but also went further east around the coast to some of the lesser visited areas, which we found even more impressive.” Jane Wacker Collins: “Much of the first part of the year was spent in Florida helping my parents. I volunteered for the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust working on several computer projects. The summer was spent making visits to Little Sebago Lake and following Sam’s adventures in New Delhi and Khaitma. Thanks to Skype, we were able to talk regularly to Sam. We are enjoying having Sam back here in the States and celebrating the holidays with her.” Holly Hoffman Goettge: “We escaped a whole month of Alabama summer heat touring through New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island after our usual week at Camp Wawenock in Maine. For vicarious excitement, we follow our children’s adventures. In April, Kate Goettge Boone and Stephen rented out their house in Washington, D.C., left their jobs and moved to a small fishing village in Baja Mexico where cows wander across dirt roads and down to the beach for their afternoon siestas. Kate is working on her online master’s degree in sociology from Boston University. John has become an avid sit-skier and volunteers with Disabilities West at Alpine Meadow near Tahoe, CA where he is spending most of his winter working on his instructor’s certificate.”

Lydia Macht Parke: “All three of us are taking riding lessons every Saturday and all three of us had our first horseback riding lessons at Wawenock. I am enjoying sharing this activity with my girls. Jen Parke is working at Thomas Jefferson University in the Office of Tech Transfer. She is their financial analyst. Lydia Parke is working as a receptionist in a local dental office.” Joan Neiswinter Croll: “Bob and I kayaked to Camp this past August. We will look forward to being at Deb Primm Mills’ cabin on Sebago in August 2014!”

Judith Sanborn Bishop: “Every time I think of Camp I can still feel the warmth that was Wawenock. My smile for Camp will always remain.” Nancy Brown Anglada: “I think of Camp so often! I’m still working on my granddaughters to attend--hopefully sometime soon!” Lito Barcelona Collantes: “I know you had a very good year last summer and I know this summer of 2014 will be another very happy year. May the new year bring you all happiness, good news, and lots of love from everybody.” Roslyn Avery Fishbaugh: “Jim and I continue in good health and have been active in our favorite pursuits, family archiving and reading for Jim; art classes/shows and anti-fracking efforts for me. If you’re getting some of this ‘white stuff’ your winter weekends will be merry!
We watched South Pacific a few evenings ago and I thought of **Syd** and **Lillian**. How proud they would be of the camp you are creating today!

**70’s and 80’s**

In Fall 2012, **Emily Wentworth** “moved into a cottage located about 10 miles northwest of Sebago Lake.” She writes, “The quiet is wonderful. I figured it’s ‘now or never’ to set up that studio in Maine. Time to print the rest of the Paris editions and create some new work.”

**Linda Wilkins Muirhead:** “Last year we announced two new daughters-in-love! Now we have Edmund! Best part of 2013 for us was the joy of becoming grandparents. We welcomed Kevin & Heather’s son, Edmund Revere Muirhead, on Sept. 11. Wow! We are thankful that they are living nearby in Pagosa. I decided to retire from teaching this year, but continue as a caregiver with Visiting Angels.”

**Kristen Shepherd Hampton:** “My mom, **Kathleen Kessler Shepherd** bent my ear this morning relaying Post Camp news! It is a lot of fun to hear. My girls would have loved being there—but their school began on August 11th this year! I heard Finch had a great time, too, once she got used to the idea of having chores! I’ve started a new job as music teacher at Hess Academy in Decatur, GA, teaching pre-K through 8th grade. This is added to my teaching at two other preschools, the mini-farm we have out back (chickens, bees, fruits and veggies), and being a mom to Ava (9) and Morgan (6).”

**Tina Van Lonkhuysen Gwozdz:** “I continue to practice medicine and enjoy running local road races in my free time. This summer we toured Yellowstone and hiked in the Tetons with our son, Andrew.”

**Nancy Gorman Dougherty:** “**Kerri Dougherty** is a sophomore at St. John’s College in Annapolis and is enjoying her exposure to ‘the classics’ immensely. She hopes to get to Guatemala again at the end of the school year to do some more work with *From Houses to Homes*. She is working hard at finding an internship in NYC for the summer in the field of education. Auntie Ann has graciously offered to let her stay at her apartment in Brooklyn Heights, which of course will be much more fun than living at home with us. Studio 1200 seems to consume much of my time these days; our office is booming, with 18 full-time employees, and lots of interesting projects in the works. When I am not working, I am driving to lacrosse tournaments, going back and forth to Annapolis, or squeezing in some volunteer work.” At the helm of the office of admission at Princeton, **Janet Lavin Rapelye** continues to put a new class together, while serving as a spokesperson for the University. Both she and Peter enjoyed a weekend in November with Bob and Joan Lavin at a Princeton football game. **Carole** and **Larry Lieving** flew to Los Angeles to be with **Sarah Lieving Restrepo** and Nic to welcome grandchild #9…Jesse Lawrence Restrepo, born September 15, at home with midwives!

**Sue Mapel:** “I continue to enjoy working at Haggerty Elementary School in Cambridge. Our daughter, Clara at 6 is in ‘senior kindergarten’ and loves school, music, dance, art, monkey bars, and her friends. Thank you for all you do to keep the magic of Wawenock alive!”

**Martin Stone:** “We are now living in Maine! We moved up here last fall when my husband Ken started a new job with a practice in town. Happy also to announce the births of our twin daughters, Alexandra and Madeleine, last August. I hope they will be campers someday! I continue to work as web editor for Humane Society International (hsi.org). I’ve stayed or gotten back in touch with many camp friends through Facebook, happy to know what people are up to.”

**Carly Worman Ryan:** “What a beautiful camp it is, and looks just the same!”

**Julie Shepard Emery:** “Love seeing the Facebook photos of winter scenes from around Camp….my favorite place any time of year!!”

**Sally Nutting Somes:** “I continue to have an interesting year at North Yarmouth Memorial School. The building will be closing at the end of the school year and we will move into Greely Middle School. I am working with the librarian there to weed our collection and prepare to combine with GMS. Technology continues to become a bigger part of my program and I am feeling the need to go back to school….yikes! **Sarah Somes** and I will be traveling to Guatemala in April through *Safe Passage*.”

**Annie Garriga:** “**Sophie Kunz** is in eighth grade, and she is part of St. Mark’s cheerleading team. Last summer she attended Wawenock and enjoyed her time with summer friends. **Sophie** loves to bake…cupcakes are her thing. She enjoys making them more than eating them. On the work front, Cary and I are still working at GE. It was quite a busy year for both of us!”

**Susan Geoghegan Henshall:** “Charlie and I traveled to Cambodia for 2 weeks around Thanksgiving to visit **Meghan Henshall**. It was amazing to observe and experience **Meghan**’s life there. She is an integral part of her site community, has 2 wonderful host families, and wonderful friends who love and care for her. She is fluent in Khmer and banters back and forth with everyone she meets. Cambodia is a beautiful country filled with green rice fields, wonderful warm people, and amazing temples. There is little to no infrastructure in the outer villages, but it was obvious to us that what was valued by all were families and friends.”

**Nanci Lewis Adams** writes that her daughter, **Sydney Adams** “has headed to Tabor Academy to board and seems to love it. Thanks to the Wawenock teaching of independence! I have opened a private practice in Providence. We love it in our new home—city living, lots of excitement!”

**Kristin Cogar Burtle** is thrilled to have her daughter experiencing the magic of Camp. She shares, “**Lindsay Burtle**’s confidence seemed to skyrocket this summer, allowing her to relax, make deeper connections with friends and generally soar. This past summer’s letters home were the best yet. Of course we will be forever loyal to Wawenock and are very glad to have the excellent Wawenock staff there to guide **Lindsay** and the other girls through each summer’s journey of growth and self-discovery. We will certainly plan on joining the March 22nd open house event in Baltimore, MD, and we might even bring along a friend or two!”

**Sassie Scharfe Oestmann:** “Winter greetings from
Hamburg, Germany! I hope all is well. Big hugs and best regards to the camp family.” Katherine Riester: “Best wishes for the summer of 2014 and thank you for working hard to keep Wawenock such a special place.” Joannie Wales: “Thank you for the amazing and important work you do, and for continuing to keep us oldsters connected! The new calendar is gorgeous. I love the song theme--great quotes!” Madeleine Zieglers Ditschler, Jena, Germany: “We are pleased to read about Camp Wawenock. What a nice picture for February. We wish you as well as the entire Camp family a successful year.” Karen Kirchner Martin: “Sending love to you and the Camp family. Thank you for the beautiful calendar…brought back such great memories of Song Night!” Julie Bussiere: “Camp is always on my mind. Not a summer goes by that I don’t wish I was back. Campfires, sunsets, Vespers, tribes, activities and friendships! I miss it all! I try to teach some of the values I learned there to my daughter and high school students. Thank you to the staff, to dear June, Syd and Lillian for making Camp Wawenock such a special place! Thank you for having played a big part in who I am today! Wawenock spirit never dies!”

90’s
Sari Schwartz Holmes: “Thanks for all the newsletter updates and fabulous fall photos on FB! My husband and I bought our first house last year. Everything here in the DC area is going well for us. My job in Cardiac Surgery Research is rewarding and I am keeping very busy. We have learned a lot about being homeowners and the ‘joys’ of yard work. I treasure my memories of summers at Wawenock and can’t wait to return for another visit someday soon.” Martina Morrow Duncan: “Hi Camp Family! Ellen Blanchard and I had a mini reunion in Wiscasset in June with our daughters, Eowyn and Julianna. We had a great time reminiscing and also looking forward to Eowyn and Julianna being cabin mates soon!”

Congratulations to Maria Muth and Jack Connor on their marriage! This summer, Maria and Jack spent their honeymoon in France before spending a weekend on Sebago. Julia Hoffman Davis: “After more than thirty years living in New York, my husband and I are moving to Berkeley, California in February, where I will be joining the Citizen Engagement Lab as their Chief Development Officer. All that said, I’m a proud Wawenock alum and will be an enthusiastic ambassador for you however I can be! Wherever I am!” Lindsay Hoffmann Lofaro: “Wawenock is in my heart this holiday season - as it is most seasons of the year! As my girls (Ruthie and Francesca) get older, I get more excited for their opportunity to join the camp family! Here’s to Camp and all the staff does to make our world a better place!”

2000 – Present
Marilee and Bob Dunklee: “We enjoy the grandchildren and everyone can’t wait for Rob’s first Maine Christmas in over ten years.” Jenny Wright: “I continue to do some subbing at the local and middle high schools. I also do taxes with Volunteers of America and stay active at church. I have no regrets about moving to Maine. ‘Mud season’ and dark winter days can be a challenge, but summers make up. Early summer found me at Wawenock doing staff CPR training. I always enjoy those camp connections.”

Julia Groff Traylor: “I just finished my action research and now have one online class I start January 5 that runs 5 weeks and then a one credit closure class that meets three times between February and March and then I am DONE with my classes for my masters degree!” Over the summer Caroline Kemp moved to California to start a joint MBA-MA in Education program at Stanford. She shares, “It’s a two year course and I am loving every minute of it so far. I’m so inspired by my classmates and definitely taking advantage of the opportunity to step back and reflect on ‘what next!’” Congratulations to Rocio Russo and Niklas Pearce who welcomed their first child, Matthew Albert Duncan Pearce! Sam Hoffmann: “I enjoy getting the newsletter and seeing posts on Facebook to keep up with camp happenings. Exciting to think the 4th generation of McSorley/Hoffmann girls will be campers before we know it! All is well with me—working in Aspen for the Skiing Company in Human Resources. Thanks to early snow we were able to open the mountains early! It’s been crazy at work getting everyone started and through orientation, but glad to be busy! Hope to get to Maine one of these days for a visit!”

Elizabeth Smith: “I was lucky enough to have a quick meet-up with Chelsea Hedlund. She told me all about this summer. Congratulations on another wonderful season! Everything is very busy here at school. I’m applying to jobs as a paralegal for next year. I hope to do that for two years before starting law school. When I was feeling nervous before my first interview, my dad said, ‘Just remember camp. Start with a firm handshake and you’re on your way.’ It definitely made me feel better. I am constantly thinking about how I couldn’t imagine starting college or entering the job market without the skills I learned at camp. I am also keeping busy with my senior thesis which is due in the beginning of April. I’m writing on United States sanctions of Iraq, Iran, and Libya. It’s a huge project but I’m trying to keep chipping away at it bit by bit. I’m still sailing as well (with Margaret...
Meyer!). The team lost its coach at the beginning of the season so it has been an adjustment for all of us, but we’ve managed to have a successful season and to recruit a good new batch of sailors (including a former Timanous sailor).” We enjoyed having Chelsea Hedlund visit Camp for a few days in December. She even helped us prep for Summer 2014! Chelsea is enjoying being back home and spending time with her family. Ally Sullivan graduated from The College of Charleston and moved to North Carolina where she is a Staff Accountant at Carr, Riggs, and Ingram.

Anne Terkovich is in her final year of her Master’s in Art Education at Columbia University. She is currently student teaching in a private elementary school and will be student teaching in a public high school in the Spring. Anne shared: “So much of what I learned as a staff member at Wawenock has dovetailed with the learning I am doing about developmental stages and educational theory at Columbia.” Ali Schroeder has adjusted well to the working world, selling marketing data for a financial company. After just a year on the job she has been promoted and is being transferred to London, effective January 1 for a 2-year assignment. Kaitlyn Kimzey: “Wawenock never fails to creep back into my mind and stir up thoughts of sunny summers past and the friendships I still hold so dear with other campers and counselors. I just got home from a four month study abroad program in Rome! While in Rome I worked as a waitress in an American bar to help with the cost of food and travel. One night Maria Bowe walked into the bar! It was so nice to see a Wawenock face on the other side of the world!” During a weekend jaunt to Amsterdam I visited the Van Gogh museum to see his notorious sunflowers. I couldn’t help but think of June when looking at the yellow, cheery petals. I purchased an umbrella that had Van Gogh’s sunflowers printed all over. Now when it rains I carry memories of June with me. My umbrella mirrors her bright yellow rain slicker.” Mollie Scheerer: “I am tackling a full-year thesis which is difficult but will be rewarding in the end. I’m writing about museum collecting and how it affects national identity, specifically looking at the Maya and a Hieroglyphic Stairway in Copan, Honduras as pieces of it are currently in a museum at Harvard. The most exciting part of the research is that I was accepted for a grant from the History Department at Trinity and will be traveling to Honduras mid-January to explore the ruins and museums firsthand! It should be an incredible experience, not to mention an escape from this lovely but brutal New England winter that is unfolding. I hope you are all doing well! Camp looks absolutely beautiful from all the photos. I hope you have a wonderful, wonderful Christmas and please send my love to everyone!!!” Becca Atkinson: “I have no doubt the campers loved it and the counselors went above and beyond to create a magical summer experience for everyone! New York was a great experience this summer, and while I enjoyed working for a magazine and learning more about myself and how I function in a work environment, it made me realize what I missed about camp. I am so confident you all did an amazing job this summer, and am sad to have missed what was surely another great summer at Wawenock. I know I will return again, and until then, Wawenock will always be in my mind and heart.”

Beth Osselear: “I’ve been in Ireland this semester, but thought Andy would appreciate an Edinburgh postcard. Scotland was incredible as is Ireland. I’m thinking of and missing you from across the pond.” Sarah Atkinson: “This summer I got my first office experience, although I have to admit there is no better office than the A-frame, windsurf boards, and beautiful Lake Sebago. It seems like this was a summer filled with fun, energy, and spirit for Wawenock and I am very happy for you all to have had another AWESOME summer for the girls. I was also very touched to hear news of the June Gray Award. I received the newsletter and your letter with warm happiness and it moved me to know that I could still be with you all while in Edinburgh! Yes, Scotland! Everyone is so kind and welcoming. I love living abroad as every day is a new adventure. I have done some traveling too - Dublin, London and Munich! Living the life!” Sarah was able to meet up with the Sangsters while abroad. Andy’s mother, Alison Sangster shares, “We picked up Sarah outside her student flat on Friday morning and took her to Dollar for lunch and a dog-walk, which she seemed to really enjoy. Sarah is very easy to get on with and we all enjoyed meeting her. A typical Wawenocker we thought!”

Kayleigh Dearstyn-Hulin: “Swimming and school have really kept me busy. Sophomore year has been fun, but lots more work than freshman year. I’m really excited for April because school is offering a trip to France that I will be going on. I love getting the calendar and newsletters!” Kelly Smith, Stafford, UK: “A big thank you for the newsletter! I always love lying in bed and reading them before I go to sleep. It always makes me miss Camp so much and I fall asleep reminiscing about my time there. I do wish that one day I can come back to camp. I work fulltime now at a school as a Drama and Dance teacher. I finished all my training in July and moved up north to Lincoln. I work at a lovely high school called Tuxford Academy. Even though its been a huge change, Im really enjoying it. The pupils are lovely. I’ve been taking them out on many theatre trips. I’m going to introduce a bucket into my room very soon so that I can get them to be bucket fillers! I’ll let you know how that goes!” Ellie Mortimer, Oxon, UK: “In November I spent a week in Gambia, as part of a group of 40, helping with the building of a health clinic. It was an amazing and life-changing experience. We met lots of local people and I had the opportunity to teach some of the children at the local school. I think of camp often. I have been thinking back to my summer with you and the self-confidence it gave me. It’s been helpful to think of my wonderful summer memories.” Amanda Styskal: “Thank you to everyone at Wawenock for getting me the 2014 calendar. Every memory and experience I have of Wawenock is so precious to me! You are all in my heart always and I see your gentle guidance is so much that I do everyday. Thank you.”

Valerie Corbello has been keeping busy since the end of summer. She writes, “I think of you all and talk of you
often--what a wonderful reflection for me. Love to you all.” Alice Robinson spent the holidays in the French Alps to get some skiing in with her brother. Jolijn Schouwstra: “I enjoyed the snow pictures on Facebook of Camp. It’s almost a fairytale. Lots of love.” Sarah Murphy, mother of Kate and Carolyn Murphy: “We are all so happy that both Carolyn and Kate will be at Camp this summer! When visiting my brother in Cincinnati for Thanksgiving, Kate contacted Alice Hardy and stopped by to say hi. It was cute to see them greet each other with a huge hug. Carolyn has just returned from a semester in China where she was a part of an experiential learning group who traveled to more cities and rural areas than I can remember. They were almost constantly on the go, except for 6 weeks when they lived with host families in Kunming. It was certainly a life changing experience. She will begin at Middlebury College in February. Kate, a freshman, has jumped into her new school with both feet. She made the varsity swim team and really loved it. Now that is over she is planning on playing lacrosse. She loves her classes and continues to exude a joyful spirit with all that she does.” Carmie Heisler, mother of Elsa Heisler, writes, “Thank you, sincerely, for Elsa’s camp experience. She brings back Wawenock Spirit to share and we all benefit!”

From the Reynolds: “Sarah Reynolds has headed to Elon University this Fall. Sarah loves Elon and is thriving there. She spent a few weeks last summer in Thailand again working with an orphanage, which has changed her world view. Our world traveler is also making noise about the Peace Corps and got accepted into their Leadership Program. We know that big things are in store for our Sweet Sarah.” Hannah Somes: “I am really enjoying school! My classes are going well, I’ve made some great friends, and I’m part of some fun clubs like theatre and the education association.” Susana Figueroa, Madrid, Spain: “Hello camp family! I am writing to you from the south of Spain where I have a house that I go to every summer...after camp, of course! I am missing camp and the wonderful people I met there! I have changed my focus of studies from medicine to business, which means I am available to return to Wawenock this summer! Lots of love to my camp family. Can’t wait for summer 2014!”

Lizzie Schwiezer is in her junior year at Choate and loving it. She is still pursuing art, and was admitted to the Arts Concentration program this year. She will be spending her winter term in Paris in a language emersion program, and is thinking she may want to be a doctor! Maddy Ryon: “Early last Spring I joined an elite field hockey club in New Jersey called G-Force and over Thanksgiving, we were down in Florida competing at the USA Field Hockey National Tournament. It was a showcase for over 4,000 players (roughly 300 teams)! My team competed in the U-19 age group which has about 18 divisions within it. To our surprise, we were undefeated at the tournament and we came in first for our division! Right now I am thinking about majoring in Kinesiology in college, so I plan to do internships with specialists to get some experience.” Eliza Sareyan: “I have found Wawenock on my mind all week and I wanted to take a minute to reflect and share some of what camp means to me! Even after two years away from my summer home, memories of camp are still so vivid and joyful. I have realized that so much of who I am has been shaped by my summers at Wawenock. I would never have attended an all girls boarding school if not for my fond cabin memories and warmth I felt in the Wawenock community. I am now looking to apply to Chewonki semester school in Maine and I know that was completely spurred from my love of the outdoors, which I learned at Camp. Wawenock taught me how to be happier, more confident, resilient, a good friend, and reflective. Thank you for all the positive influence Wawenock has brought to my life. I will be eternally grateful! Hope all is well on Sebago Blue.”

Grace Ruksznis has been keeping in contact with her camp friends. She is planning on having Ana Berman visit her to celebrate her 13th birthday. Big news for Isabel Ruksznis who will be headed to Denison next Fall! Carly McAdam has had a busy fall with school, swimming and soccer. She qualified for a big travel meet in Arizona, which was a highlight! She is looking forward to Maine this summer. Erin Greatorex is loving high school. She just had the lead female role in their first play of the year; probably due to all her Wawenock experience! She’s looking forward to another summer at Wawenock! Yohana Valdez has been communicating with many friends from camp and has recently put up a picture of herself and her cabin mates on her bedroom door. Mary Dietz has been busy on stage--starring as Auntie Em in her school’s production of the Wizard of Oz. Sarah Somes has a challenging year in sophomore honors classes at Greely. She has just joined the swim team and will play lacrosse in the spring. Lauren O’Brien, Sara Robinson and Ines Arnaiz met up in Spain over Christmas. Lauren writes, “Just checking in with you all to see how everyone is doing and hope you all are well! Rachel Osei-Owusu and I had a little reunion in NYC. It was great to see her and we both cannot wait for summer 2014! My sailing season just ended, and I really enjoyed it. I used much of the skills and knowledge gained from camp to help the team. I am so thankful to have learned so much over my various summers at Wawenock! See you all soon!”

Summer 1998- Kristy Andrews with her brothers donning their camp uniforms
Please Join Us for a
Weekend Get-away at Camp!
September 5th - 7th, 2014
All Wawenock Women, age 18 and up - alumnae, parents and friends - are welcome.

Schedule and Activities
Our goal is for the weekend to be relaxed, giving you time to enjoy camp & each other.
• Offering of daily camp activities, such as swimming, tennis, archery, canoeing and kayaking
• Special activities such as hiking and yoga
• Relaxing on the beach
• Campfire
• Spaces for, connection, conversation and dialogue
• Meals from dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday will be provided.

Please RSVP by completing and returning the form below by May 15th.
Registrations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wawenock Women’s Weekend Get-away Registration

NAME: ____________________________ BIRTHDATE: ____________________________

STREET ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

CITY: ____________________________ STATE: ______ ZIP: ________________________

EMAIL: __________________________

HOME PHONE # ____________________ CELL PHONE # _____________________________
Accommodations will be in camp cabins with other reunion guests. Please list any people you wish to share a cabin with:

Cost for the weekend will be $175 per person, to include food and lodging.
Please include an additional $25 if you wish to use camp linens and blankets.

PAYMENT: Enclosed is my check for $ ____________________ made payable to: Camp Wawenock.
To return this form by email: Fill out all necessary fields, and send to wawenock@campwawenock.com
To return this form by mail, send to: Camp Wawenock
Attn: Weekend Get-away
33 Wawenock Road
Raymond, ME 04071

Questions? Please feel free to call (207) 655-4657.
GIVING BACK TO CAMP... Alumnae, friends and current families often ask us, “What can we do for Camp?” As it happens, there are many ways that you can give, or give back, to Wawenock...

1) One powerful and simple way you can help is to describe for others the impact that Wawenock has made in your life, or your child’s. Refer them to the website and encourage them to join you (or us) at a Camp Gathering, where prospective campers and their families feel the connections within the Wawenock Family and learn about the benefits of the seven week camp experience. (See the list of upcoming gatherings on this page for details!)

2) Make a donation to the Wawenock Scholarship or Staff Training Funds. The Staff Training Fund helps Camp attract and retain the highest quality staff by giving them the opportunity to become certified instructors in activities they are leading and teaching. The Scholarship Fund supports Camp’s goal of broadening the diversity of the camp family by providing a number of deserving girls, from varied backgrounds and circumstances, the opportunity to attend Wawenock.

3) Come back to Camp and give the gifts of your time and effort! For some, that might be working on staff or joining our Post-Camp crew in August. For others, it could be helping out at our annual Memorial Day Weekend Work Day at Camp. Please contact us for more information or to share your own ideas!
Thank you, thank you for your loyalty to Wawenock!

Thank you for your love and loyalty to Wawenock!

Upcoming Camp Gatherings
January 25th- Pennington, NJ
January 26th- Duxbury, MA
February 2nd- Larchmont, NY
February 8th- San Antonio, TX
March 1st - Raleigh, NC
March 22- Baltimore, MD

Camper Scholarship Fund Donations to Remember and Honor Friends & Relatives
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Cynthia Impey Nolen in memory of Phyllis and Ann Impey
Sam Hoffmann in honor of Ruthie and Francesca Lafaro
Bob Ditter in memory of Lillian Usher and June Gray
Louise Mason Clare in memory of June Gray
Judge and Mrs. M. K. Gray in memory of June Gray
Katherine Riester in memory of June Gray
Elizabeth (Alison) Jones Dennis in memory of Elizabeth Lovell
Alison Soule in memory of June Gray
Lindsay Hoffmann and Rick Lofaro in memory of Dolly Mendenhall McSorley, Nancy McSorley Hoffmann, Ruth Ann McSorley Taylor, Maddie Hoffmann, Samantha Hoffmann, and Lauren Hoffmann
Anne Stern and Michael Gallagher in honor of Sarah and Megan Gallagher
Ann Franklin and Thomas Ewig in memory of Bryant Barnard
Elizabeth Small Needham in memory of June Gray
Hannah Zimpritch in honor of Gigi Devine
Lynne Ryan in honor of Nancy Ryan Lowitt, Amy Ryan Lowitt, and Diana Ryan Lowitt
Sue Mapel in memory of William Maple whose hard work during my youth enabled me to attend Wawenock for ten consecutive summers.
Karen Kirchner Martin in memory of June Gray
Carole Hayes Williams in memory of Marion Meschter Kane

Thank you for your gifts to the Camper Scholarship Fund:
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