Dr. Christopher Thurber returns for July staff training on Tuesday, July 9 with a workshop entitled “KIDS DO DUMB STUFF”! Specially designed for first and second year cabin staff and counselors, this workshop helps staff find “the hidden treasure of accidental learning.”

**Kids Do Dumb Stuff**  
with Dr. Chris Thurber  
Tuesday, July 9, 2013  
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Camp Wawenock, Raymond, ME  
$20 per staff person

To register call or email the Maine Summer Camps office, camps@mainecamps.org or 207-518-9557. Non-member camp staff may attend for $30 per person.

You can punish and lecture when your campers go from silly to stupid, but what good will that do? There are more powerful responses to camper misbehavior than sending your own train off the tracks. This lighthearted workshop is packed with heavy-duty leadership techniques that will make you more of an educator and less of an ogre. Adopt a mindset and a skill set that help you transform normative misbehaviors into instructive experiences. Stay on-course and keep your own temper in check by discovering the hidden treasure of accidental learning.

**Coming Back and Bringing Their Friends --**  
A Way to Focus your Marketing, Program, and Facility Decisions to Fill Your Camp  
September 18, 2013  
Acadia Insurance, Portland, ME

Gary Forster, national camp consultant, will present several sessions for camps on September 18. Gary says, “I’ve got a number of camp friends who don’t bother going to conferences anymore because “I’d just end up with more things on my to-do list, and I never finish the list I’ve already got!” (continued on page 4)

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**Maine Summer Camps & MYCA Annual Meetings**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2013**  
Camp Cedar  
Casco, ME

9:00 a.m. Registration & Fellowship  
Coffee & pastries  
9:30 a.m. Business Meeting  
• Elections  
• Award presentations  
11:30 a.m. Back to camp!

**Camp Cedar Hosts Annual Meetings**

A few weeks into camp there will already be interesting stories to share with your colleagues! The Maine Summer Camps and Maine Youth Camp Association Annual Meetings are an opportunity to see old friends & share camp experiences. Camp Cedar in Casco is hosting this year's meetings and director Jeff Hacker invites everyone to visit his boy’s camp on Coffee Pond.

Jeff will have pastries and coffee to start the day at 9 a.m. followed by the meetings, with elections and award presentations to some of your favorite camp people.

**Directions to Cedar:** From South, take Rt 302 W to town of Raymond. Turn right on Rt. 121 opposite Mobil Station. Stay on Rt 121 for about 7 miles to blinking light at junction Rt 11. Go right onto Rt. 11, camp is 1/2 mile down on the right. GPS: 112 Camp Cedar Rd. Casco, Me 04015 or intersection Rt 121 & Rt 11. Phone 207-627-4266.
It’s time to get going!

It’s time to move on
It’s time to get going
What lies ahead I have no way of knowing
But under my feet, the grass is growing
So it’s time to move on, time to get going
-Tom Petty

I recently listened to this favorite old Tom Petty song, and it gave me a little extra shot of energy for the summer. I’m ready to put this past “off-season” behind me and embrace the fun, joy and adventure of the summer season. I don’t know exactly what this season will bring as each summer has its own tone and flavor, but I am hoping it is one of the best summers ever for each and every summer camp. The winter of 2012-2013 was a challenging one. As a nation, we faced one weather-related challenge or unthinkable tragedy after another. I often found myself looking for the support that a close camp community can provide. At the same time, I also found myself feeling that the world needs the lessons of a summer at camp more than ever before. Camping brings out the best in us. We’re good to each other at camp. We look out for one another, and take care of each other when we are struggling. We want our camps to be a place where every child and counselor belongs. We strive to be careful with our limited natural resources. We’ve been confronted with many challenges since last August. I believe that a camp experience can be a living example of the best elements of humanity. Hopefully most of our campers will not feel the burden of the past year the way many of us adults do. Either way, I am so hopeful for this upcoming season and all the potential it holds. It’s time to get going!

It’s also time for me to move on as President of Maine Summer Camps. I’ve been honored to serve this vibrant organization the last four years. I hope our work here has made it a little easier for all of us to do our jobs at our own camps. We’ve accomplished a lot- a new website; marketing campaign; educational sessions for staff and counselors; sustainability practices; business member networking event, and a concerted membership outreach initiative. It’s been a pleasure to work closely with the board, and I look forward to staying involved and supporting the new President Andy Lilienthal when he takes the reins in July at our summer meeting at Camp Cedar in Casco. I hope you can join us. Best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Correction from March issue: Jason Silberman of Camp Matoaka received the Meritorious Service Award from ACA New England for his strong performance as an ACA volunteer, not the Distinguished Service award as reported.
Legislative and Government Affairs
News from the Maine Youth Camp Association

Jack Erler reviewed over 1500 bills during this past session of the Maine Legislature. Numerous bills were tagged as being of significance to camps. These were monitored and many died in committee.

Major Tax Threat

Late in the session, the biggest threat arose, in the form of LD 1496, An Act to Modernize and Simplify the Tax Code. This bill called for sweeping changes in income taxes, sales taxes, and property taxes with serious impacts on both private and non-profit camps. MYCA monitored the public hearings and work sessions closely, and numerous legislators were contacted for support of camps’ concerns. As of this publication date, the bill was still being modified and worked on by the committee.

State Inspection Waivers

The law that allows the state Health Inspections Program to grant waivers from inspection to camps went into effect this spring. Camps meeting specific criteria, including camps with ACA accreditation, may request a waiver from the Chapter 208 rules (Rules Relating to Youth Camps, Primitive and Trip Camping). At license renewal time licensed camps were able to request a waiver. Inspections of pools (Chapter 202) and kitchens (Chapter 200) cannot be waived. The state will conduct those inspections unannounced and on a two year cycle.

MYCA is the sister organization to Maine Summer Camps. It focuses on governmental relations for summer camps in Maine. It is a 501c4 non-profit. For more information on any items listed, contact MYCA at 207-518-9557.

9th Annual Camp Spelling Bee - Don’t Miss It!

All proceeds to benefit Maine Summer Camps. Norway Saving Bank will again generously match all entry fees!

Details to follow.
FMI 207-518-9557 or call Bob Strauss, Camp Wigwam (207) 583-2300.

WEDNESDAY-- JULY 17-- 2013
Portland Racket & Fitness Center
(Off Jetport Exit 46 of Maine Turnpike)
2445 Congress St. Portland, ME

9:30 am Registration
10:00 am Team Competition begins, all ages
Fee: $5 per camper. Approximate ending time: 1 p.m.

2012 Winners from Tripp Lake Camp

Master Naturalists Available for Camps!

The Maine Master Naturalist Program, an independent non-profit organization, has volunteers available to offer naturalist walks to any age group. A MMNP volunteer can bring nature alive for your campers with a walk and talk at your camp for a morning, afternoon or all day program. Looking at the local flora and fauna at your camp are their specialties, but stretching minds and triggering curiosity are always part of the programs. The programs are free.

Margi Huber, Office Administrator for Maine Summer Camps is a mentor and instructor for the program. If you would like more information or need a naturalist at your camp, contact Margi at 207-518-9557 or check out www.mainemasternaturalist.org.
"Uncle Al" Ordway, long time owner & director of Camp Winona, passed away in April from complications of adrenal cancer. Al's impact on Maine camps was truly significant. He was a past president of Maine Summer Camps and as legislative chair, guided camps through a difficult drinking water transition process in the 1990's. Al was revered for his wisdom and good humor. Gifts may be made to the Uncle Al Campership Fund (not tax deductible), Winona Camps, 35 Winona Road, Bridgton, ME 04009 or to the Steve Glidden Foundation (tax deductible for Winona Camperships) at the same address. A memorial service to celebrate Al's life will be scheduled for Fall 2013. FMI: information@winonacamps.com or 207-647-3721.

Gary Forster Workshop - con’t from page 1

“Many young camp directors watch “Mad Men” and think they can come up with a magic slogan and a fancy toy that will attract new campers out of thin air. The more humble camp leaders -- those of really successful camps -- know that only two things guarantee a full camp: high return rate, and great word-of-mouth. From visiting over 300 camps, I'll share photos and stories and data that can help us all bring more kids to our camps, and keep them coming back.”

Gary's September 18th workshop will run from 9 - 12 noon, and 1- 2:30. Intended audience is directors and program staff, and from 1- 2:30 the session will also be of interest to facilities managers. Additional details will follow. Cost will be: $20 for first attendee from a camp, and $10 for additional people from the same camp. Lunch is generously sponsored by Key Bank.

Gary Forster is an ACA-NE member since 1984, a past ACA national board member, former head of camping for the YMCA of the USA, and now a consultant for non-profit and private camps across the country.

Camp Fernwood
The quick thinking of Camp Fernwood’s caretaker rescued a trapped ice fisherman this past winter. Greg Varney of Fernwood noticed a truck remaining by the lake after dark and went to investigate. He found a local 75 year old man caught by his leg and arm in an ice pressure ridge. Varney called rescue workers and the man was freed. He was airlifted to a Lewiston hospital and released after treatment. Great going, Greg!

Camp Matoaka
Camp Matoaka confirmed that a two-story maintenance building was destroyed by a fire in late May. The camp says all the tools, supplies, and equipment that were lost will be replaced. There were no injuries in the fire, and the camp will be able to open on schedule on June 23rd. The cause of the fire is unknown and the fire marshal’s office is investigating.

Welcome
New Business Members

AVON Products Contact: Pamela Mason, 1 Curtis Hill Rd., West Paris, ME 04289. Email: paloomamason@gmail.com. (207) 838-7262. DEET-FREE, non-toxic, AVON Bug Guard Expedition with SPF30 and other protection products.

Maine Electric Boats Contact: Eugene Story, 62 Bowdoin St., Portland, ME 04102. Email: estory@mmtech.org. (207) 774-0949. Providing and servicing quiet zero emissions launches for the lakes of Maine.

Parent and Family Magazine Contact: Carrie Lorfano, PO Box 664, Gorham, ME 04038. Email: clorfano@maine.rr.com. Family focused resource and information guide. Jan/Feb to May/June issues and web feature Summer camp guide.

R Judkins EnterSURprises Contact: Randy Judkins, 54 Ridge Rd., Portland, ME 04103. Email: randy@randyjudkins.com. (207) 233-2339. Total Camp Performances-character comedian using circus skills and audience interactivity.
The 1950’s were a golden age for many American protestant churches, both financially and in terms of cultural relevance and influence. This postwar, baby boom decade was also a fertile time for the country’s summer camp phenomenon, which developed to maturity during the first half of the twentieth century. The confluence of these two trends gave birth to an unprecedented number of church camps. In 1956, the Congregational-Christian church of Maine, in the midst of that abundant age, manifested Pilgrim Lodge, on Lake Cobbosseecontee, in West Gardiner, Maine.

A year later the United Church of Christ (UCC), would coalesce from the union of four churches. In New England, most UCC churches were previously Congregational, with roots back to the settlement of the area in the 1600’s by Europeans seeking religious freedom. But our church’s camping instincts were more than a product of peacetime prosperity. The founding of the camp was a crescendo of hard work, camp spirit, and vision that began thirty years earlier, just up the lake.

The first Congregational Youth Camp was actually convened decades earlier, for a single week during the late-summer at the State YMCA camp in 1925. Young people and adults from all over the state came together for that powerful experience of community, discovery, and encouragement that still compels us today. Eventually the program expanded to the point where it was offered at various sites including Medomak, in Washington, Maine. It became clear the program had grown so popular, and become so central to the program of local churches, that it was time to change from this nomadic existence to a permanent home.

Meanwhile, a different kind of camping program was developing across the lake. Balbrook Lodge, went into business in 1930 as an adult camp catering to New York elites. Complete with uniformed servants, fine dining, and hot running water, Balbrook was a combination of rustic outdoor living with some of the familiar comforts of home. The proprietors were from Baltimore and Brooklyn, hence “Bal-Brook.” As the ubiquity of automobiles made dependence on rail and trolley less important, this type of rustic get-away adult camping became less appealing at exactly the time the church was ready to find its camping home. After Balbrook closed, Pilgrim Lodge was established on the site in 1956.

Pilgrim Lodge is located on a forested hillside with cabins running along a boardwalk parallel to the shoreline. Two offshore islands (purchased for $800 in 1958) frame the setting summer sun, which streams across the lake and reflects off the water illuminating the underside of the forest canopy with a flickering golden light that is transformative beyond words. The camp was expanded by 15 acres in 1999 and became accredited by the American Camp Association in 2007.

Rev. Bryan Breault, Camp Director since 1977, says “Pilgrim Lodge is an essential ministry of the church it represents (now titled the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ.) Generations of campers have been inspired and encouraged. Its program model and philosophy still rely heavily on volunteers from the local churches, though all are welcome to attend. About 90% of our campers are from the state of Maine. The camp’s mission, like the church’s, is one of inclusion, choosing to encourage the camper’s inner spiritual growth through community and nature, rather than indoctrinating required dogma and rigid belief systems.”

“We look to the future eagerly as we are about to launch a long anticipated capital campaign fittingly titled “We Want To Pass It On” evoking the lyrics of a well-loved church camp song. We believe in the work we do and we are honored to be part of the tapestry of camps in Maine that support emotional and spiritual development.”
Pre-Camp Staff Trainings

**Wilderness First Aid and First Responder**
Chewonki-Wiscasset, ME
June 3-6  WAFA to WFR Bridge (Wilderness First Responder); $400 or $525 w/lodging
Special for both classes: $675/$900 w/ lodging
FMI or Registration: Greg Shute, gshute@chewonki.org, (207) 882-7323

**Camp Agawam-Raymond, ME**
June 8-9  SOLO Wilderness First Aid & Wilderness First Responder certiﬁcation. $175 or $195 resident.
WFR certiﬁcation-add $15.00
Registration: Karen Malm, mander@campagawam.org, (207) 627-4780

**Outward Bound LL Bean Mt. Center-Newry, ME**
June 1-3  Wilderness First Responder Review; $325 w/ lodging
Registration: Andy Bartleet abartleet@hiohs.org, (207) 706-6290

**Camp Winnebago-Fayette, ME**
June 11-12  SOLO Wilderness First Aid; $165 w/ lodging
Registration: Andy Lilenenthal, andy@campwinnebago.com or (207) 767-1019

**Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME**
June 12-13 or 14  Wilderness First Aid w/Wilderness Medical Assoc.
June 15-16  $195/$215 w/ lodging
June 19  CPR/AED for Health Care Provider (AHA); $60
Register: http://www.winonacamps.com/pdf/13_Training_Clinicpdf; (207) 647-3721

**Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME**
June 17  First Aid and CPR Certification; $65
Register: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certiﬁcation-trainings/(207) 452-2051

**Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME**
June 10-11 or 12  ARC Wilderness Remote First Aid; $200 w/ lodging
June 15-16  $195/$215 w/ lodging
June 12 or 20  ARC CPR/AED/First Aid; $65
June 13 or 18  ARC CPR Professional Rescuer; $65
Registration: info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

**Camp Arcadia-Casco, ME**
June 9-11  SOLO Wilderness First Aid; $350 w/ lodging
Registration: laura.monica@camparcadia.com, (804)-346-5082

**State YMCA Camp-Winthrop, ME**
June 15  Basic Wilderness First Aid; $130 includes lunch
Registration: info@maineycamp.org, 207-395-4200

**Watercraft**

*FIT=Fundamentals of Instructor Training
*ARC=American Red Cross

**Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME**
June 10-11 or 12  US Sailing Counselor; $150; $170 w/ lodging
June 12-13  Safe Power Boating-NASBLA approved
$150/$170 w/ lodging
June 14-16  Small Craft Safety Basic/Instructor-Sailing with FIT (ARC); $140/$185 w/ lodging
June 14-16  Small Craft Safety Basic/Inst-Canoe, Row, Kayak with FIT(ARC); $140/$185 w/ lodging
Register: http://www.winonacamps.com/pdf/13_Training_Clinicpdf; (207) 647-3721

**Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME**
June 1  ACA Instructor with Introduction to Canoeing; $80
June 2-4  ACA Canoe Instructor; $410
June 12-14  Windsurfing Instructor w/intro to windsurfing; $225
June 13-14  Windsurfing Instructor for experienced windsurfers; $175
Register: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certiﬁcation-trainings/(207)452-2051

**Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME**
June 12 or 13  ARC Small Craft Safety; $60
or 18 or 19
Registration: info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

**Camp Nashoba North-Raymond, ME**
June 14  Stand Up Paddleboard-Instructor Training; $70
FMI and Registration: programs@campnashoba.com, or ask for Tom at 978-486-8236 (until May 20) or 207-655-7170

**Tennis**

**Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME**
June 12-13  Tennis Instructor. $125; $145 w/lodging
Register: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certiﬁcation-trainings/(207) 452-2051

**Ropes**

**Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME**
June 7-11  Challenge Course Combined-$695
June 4-10  Low Ropes Facilitator-$335
June 7-10  High Ropes Facilitator-$495
June 4-10  Challenge Course Combined-$695
Register: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certiﬁcation-trainings/(207)452-2051

**Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME**
June 13-14  Low Ropes Facilitator; $190 w/lodging
Registration: info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

**Lifeguard Training and Water Safety**

*ARC=American Red Cross Trainings
*FIT=Fundamentals of Instructor Training

**Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME**
June 6-10  ARC Water Safety Instructor; $295/$370 w/ lodging
June 2-7  ARC Lifeguard Instructor; $315/$415 w/ lodging
June 11-15  ARC Lifeguard Training w/waterfront module (First Aid, CPR, AED for Prof Rescuer); $250/$330 w/ lodging
June 17-18  ARC Lifeguard w/waterfront module review/update $130 w/ lodging
Register: http://www.winonacamps.com/pdf/13_Training_Clinicpdf; (207) 647-3721
**Pre-camp Staff Trainings**

**Robin Hood Camp-Brooksville, ME**

- **June 16-17** Level 2 Archery NAA Certification. Instructor Lucy Morris, NESAS. $175; $190 w/lodging
- Register: staff@robinhoodcamp.com or (831) 659-9143 (until June 13) and (207) 359-8313 (after June 13)

**Trip Leader**

**Windfall Rafting- Jackman, ME**

- **June 14** Trip Leader Certification Course at Camp Brookwoods,NH
- **June 27** Trip Leader Certification Course at Windfall Rafting, Jackman, ME
  - $60-Bring lunch. Housing available.
- Registration: info@windfallrafting.com, (207) 668-9224

**Camp Cedar-Casco, ME**

- **June 11** Trip Leader Certification Course-Instructor Ron Furst; $65
- Registration: jobs@campcedar.com or (617) 277-8080; after June 3 (207) 627-4266

**Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME**

- **June 14** State of Maine Trip Leader Safety Course. $60

**Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME**

- **June 17 or 19 or 21** Maine State Trip Leader; $45
- Registration: info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

**Leave No Trace**

**Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME**

- **June 5-6 OR June 11-12** Leave No Trace Trainer Course; $75
- Register: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certification-trainings/(207) 452-2051

**Baxter State Park-Millinocket, ME**

- **June 12-13** New date. Leave No Trace Trainer Course; $50
- Register: marcia.williamson@maine.gov, (207) 723-8537

**Pottery and Ceramics**

**Portland Pottery Studio – Portland, ME**

- **June 15 or 21** Pottery and ceramics counselor training $75/person includes lunch
- Register: chris@portlandpottery.com, (207) 772-3273

**Horse Handling**

**Camp Nashoba North-Raymond, ME**

- **June 14** What All Horse Handlers Should Know; $70
- Register: programs@campnashoba.com, or ask for Tom at 978-486-8236 (until May 20) or 207-655-7170

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**Pilgrim Lodge-West Gardiner, ME**

- **June 9-11** ARC Lifeguard Training with CPR; $375 w/lodging
- To Register: http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/pages/registrationinfo.html or call (207) 724-3200

**Girl Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME**

- **June 10-13** or **June 15-18** ARC Waterfront Lifeguard; $290 w/lodging
- Registration: info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

**YMCA of Central Maine-Lewiston, ME**

- **June 16-18** ARC Lifeguard Training; $260 Y Members; $285 non-members

**Camp Arcadia-Casco, ME**

- **June 8-11** ARC Lifeguard Training: $450 with lodging
- Registration: laura.monica@camparcadia.com, (804)-346-5082

**Shooting Sports-Archery and Riflery**

**Camp Cobbossee-Monmouth, ME**

- **June 8 – 9** NADA/USA Archery Certification-Meets ACA standards: $125; $150 w/housing
- Registration: info@cobbossee.com or (207) 933-4503

**Camp Winona-Bridgton, ME**

- **June 8-10** Rifle Instructor-Civilian Marksmanship Program; $150/$180 w/lodging

**Camp Wyonegonic-Denmark, ME**

- **June 12-13** or **June 14-15** Level 1 Archery NAA Certification. Instructor Lucy Morris, NESAS; $175; $190 w/lodging
- Register: http://wyonegonic.com/contact-us/certification-trainings/(207) 452-2051

**Camp Cedar-Casco, ME**

- **June 14** Archery Certification. Meets ACA standards for archery instruction; $160 lunch included
- Registration: jobs@campcedar.com or (617) 277-8080; after June 3 (207) 627-4266

**Bryant Pond 4-H Camp-Bryant Pond, ME**

- **June 14-16** 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training-meets ACA standards; $50/Maine Residents; $65/others w/lodging
- Registration: scott.olsen@maine.edu, (207) 665-2068

**Girls Scouts of Maine-Bridgton, ME**

- **June 10 or 15 or 21** Level 1 Archery Instructor; Meets ACA standards $160
- Registration: info@gsmaine.org, (888) 922-4763

**Camp Manitou – Oakland, ME**

- **June 13** Level 1 Archery Instructor; meets ACA Standards $185 w/lodging if needed.
- Registration: jon@campmanitou.com, (203)642-4120

**State YMCA Camp-Winthrop, ME**

- **June 21** Level 1 Archery Certification; $160 includes lunch
- **June 22** Level 2 Archery Certification; $210 w/ lodging
- **June 21-22** Both Level 1 & 2 Certification; $210 w/lodging
- Registration: info@maineycamp.org, 207-395-4200

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Camp Nurse Workshop --Camp Cedar, Casco, ME

Friday, June 14, 2013

8:30 Registration & Breakfast; 9am – 5:30 pm, Workshop
$100, includes contact hours, workbook, breakfast & lunch

FMI and Registration: vjgibbins@gmail.com or call 617-277-8080 until June 3 or 207-627-4266 after June 3.

10th Anniversary of the New England Camp Nurse Workshop! This dynamic full-day workshop prepares new camp nurses for their unique role in a camp community. For the returning camp nurse, this is an opportunity to network, share ideas, and gain further skills in the management of health and wellness in their camp setting. Content includes a primer on camp professionals roles and responsibilities, setting up the health center, screening staff and campers, daily operations, medication management, and communicable disease management. Previous attendees have loved the opportunity to meet other camp nurses and share their thoughts and ideas. It is a powerful message to know that you are not alone in the woods!

Workshop has been submitted to WNA CEAP for approval to award 7.5 contact hours. Faculty: VJ Gibbins RN BScN MS

Calendar of Events

Save the Date!

July 9, Tuesday
Christopher Thurber Staff Training. Camp Wawenock. Raymond, ME.

July 10, Wednesday
MSC and MYCA Annual Meetings. Camp Cedar, Casco, ME.

July 17, Wednesday
Annual MSC/Norway Savings Bank Camp Spelling Bee. Portland, Me.

July 22-26, Monday-Friday

September 18, Wednesday
Fall Board Meeting & Fellowship. Education Session with Gary Forster. Location: Acadia Insurance. Portland, ME.