



Maine Summer Camps News

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Winter 2016



2016 MSC Business Networking Extravaganza

January 19th 11:00am to 2:30pm

Join us at the 2016 MSC winter workshops and the Business Networking Extravaganza on January 19th. The workshops start at 11:00am at The Italian Heritage Center in Portland. The Extravaganza begins at 12:30 and ends at 2:30. We are anticipating that close to sixty of our business members will be in attendance. Starting at noon we will be providing a “walking lunch” for everyone. The day ends with the “*you must be present to win MEGA raffle*”. Here is a list of businesses attending as of 12- 12-15 : Acadia Insurance, Acadia Mountain Guides Climbing School, Adventure Bound, Androscoggin Bank, AudioBody Entertainment, Beaverbrook Tennis, LLC, Benchmark Studio b, Blast Party Rentals, Bunk1, Camp Staff Connection, LLC, Casella Organics, Chalmers Insurance, CIEE Camp Exchange USA, Delorme, Curmudgeon Environmental Consulting, Down East Magazine, Drummond & Drummond, LLP , Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Five Star Golf Cars, Franklin Printing, Funtown/Splashtown, G-Force Laser Tag dba G-Force Adventures, Good Times Shuttle, GrandyOats Granola, Great Northern Docks, Hall Implement Co., Hemphill's Horses, LLC, Key Bank, Magic Falls Rafting Co., Maine Camp Outfitters, Maine Huts & Trails, Maine Tennis and Track, Merchants Fleet Management , Monkey Trunks, Mulberry Farms, Nitsend, NorthEast Charter, Northeast Whitewater Norway Savings Bank, Outdoor Leader Trainers of America, PFG NorthCenter, Portland Sea Dogs, Protect, Pest Services, Public Health Solutions, Raymond Laundry, ReMax By the Bay, Salt Pump Climbing Co., Summer Camp Supply, Summer on the Fly, Trout Unlimited, Sunday River, SYSCO, VIP Bus and Charter, Waterless Company

Schedule for the Day

9:00am Maine Summer Camps Board of Directors Meeting

11:00am **Workshop I** - Wilderness Trips - consider new adventures for your trips program and learn about innovations to help make your trips safer*

11:00am **Workshop II** – A Series of 3 Mini-Workshops*

- STEM at camp
- Master Naturalists working with camps
- Trout Unlimited and ACA partnership to bring fly fishing to camp

Noon Walking lunch (no charge for camp staff)

12:30 – 2:30 **MSC Business Networking Extravaganza** – ending with MEGA Raffle – you must be present to win! Grand prize is 3 days and 2 nights at the **Inn at Ocean’s Edge**—a Migis Hotels property.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors this year’s Business Networking Extravaganza will be held at the Italian Heritage Center—40 Westland Avenue, Portland.



complete workshop details on pg. 20

President's Column



Andy Lilienthal

In the midst of the holiday season - a whirlwind that requires an extra helping of mindfulness and intentionality to end the year with the same positive intentions we

began it with - it is time to slow down, be grateful and thank-

ful for the abundance and grace in our lives. A time to connect with ourselves and others who give us meaning, and reflect on all we have accomplished in the last 365 days.

I am lucky to work among a dedicated and caring group of professionals through MSC that understand the motto “a rising tide floats all boats.” From professional workshops such as the fall MSC-sponsored sexuality workshop to sharing tricks of the trade over coffee, it is a luxury and a gift to learn from creative and insightful minds that don’t always work like mine. As we continue to hone our mission and do the work that benefits so many people in a multitude of wonderful ways, it is important for all of us to take stock in our contribution to MSC and the greater camp world and find a space to be involved. Whether it is helping to connect camps with kindred spirits who can improve our industry, to volunteering on MSC committees, it is important because you are important.

In this day and age, running a camp has to be a labor of love. There is simply way too much regulation, legislation, litigation and risk to assume otherwise. Certainly, the perks of the job can be pretty good too: a flex schedule, an occasional exotic trip and on good days, a happy group of parents! However, it has to come back to the kids who fill our camps. From the overstressed or under-loved camper who finds a place

among their peers and caring adults, to the child who has never felt the thrill of a crystal clear lake or the piercing star light that illuminates a Maine forest on a summer night, it is a gift to provide such moments that create seared-in memories that lodge somewhere deep in a participant’s DNA.

In a community that spans the globe, let’s all take a moment in the next few weeks and look at how we have been positively influenced by our work in camping, to reflect on the values learned at camp, and make a conscious effort to integrate them into our holiday season and the year ahead.

May the extraordinary memories of camp reverberate and continue to help signal our best selves forward. It has been a wonderful year at MSC and thanks to Ron, Margi, the board, committee members and all of you that have contributed to making MSC a dynamic, responsive and valuable resource. I look forward to thinking about and working toward another extraordinary experience in the year ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Lilienthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Don't Miss It!



2016 MSC Camp Fair

The Maine Summer Camps 6th Annual
Camp Fair will be held on

Sunday, March 20, 2016
at the East End Community School
195 North St., Portland, ME.
1 to 4 pm

Overnight camps, trip camps, and day camps will be included. Last year 74 camps signed up for the fair and there was a short wait list. More than 700 people attended last year's fair. As in previous years, we will be marketing the fair on the radio, in the newspapers, and by having flyers passed out at all area schools.

No need to pack a lunch since Ziggy's Food Truck will be at the fair.

On Monday, January 18, a registration link will be sent to all Maine Summer Camps members. On February 1, if space permits, registrations will be opened to non-MSC summer programs, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Exhibitor fees: \$110 Maine Summer Camps members; \$150 non-member camps.

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*Must bring own camping equipment **Must bring own sleeping bag and pillow (we provide sleeping pads)

A user fee of \$5 per person for the Kennebec River & \$12.50 per person for the Dead River trips will be assessed to cover the Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife levy and road access fee.

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Upcoming



Maine Summer Camps Spring Workshops and SYSCO Food Show at the Cross Insurance Arena April 26 starting at 11:00 am

11:00 Workshop I

Carlton Gardner, Compliance Section Team Leader for the DHHS Drinking Water Program, and Tom Bahum, Training Specialist from the Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA), will co-present a workshop covering the new maintenance and testing regulations (April 2016) for camps that operate small public water systems. This workshop will be geared toward camp owners and directors. MRWS will be offering workshops this spring for camp maintenance staff, and there will also be a webinar posted on the MSC website.

11:00 Workshop II

ReVision energy will present “Solar Energy for Maine Summer Camps.” Overview of solar technology and how it works to reduce net electricity consumption through utility net metering. System finances will be discussed for “non-profit” and “for-profit” camps including installation costs, tax credits, depreciation, grants and Power Purchase Agreements. Case studies will show how existing summer camps have already benefitted from solar energy. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn more about the economic and environmental benefits of solar power!

**SYSCO will be holding their annual food show all day at the
Cross Insurance Arena.**

**More information on both workshops and registration will be
sent out in March.**



WANTED! CAMP SPELLERS

On July 14 Maine Summer Camps and Norway Savings Bank will be sponsoring the 12th Annual Camper Spelling Bee. Last year, with the help of 134 competitors, the event raised \$670 which was matched by Norway Savings Bank.

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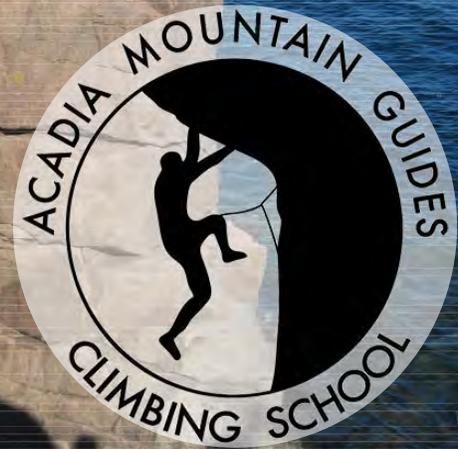
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Camp Personnel Come Together for a Day of “Opening Hearts and Minds”

It was a day intended “to open hearts and minds.” That’s how Camp Wawenock Director Catriona Sangster welcomed 85 participants at Maine Summer Camps September 16 program bringing together camp administrators for a day of education and discussion around issues of sexuality, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The program, held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn, was led by professionals from the fields of mental health, education, and law, as well as camp administrators, parents and two transgender youth. By day’s end, participants and presenters alike had shared a comprehensive and compassionate inquiry into a subject of increasing and significant relevance to all summer camps.



The Basics

Jeff Perrotti, who directs the Safe Schools Program for the Massachusetts Department of Education, began the morning with a presentation of basic definitions. Perrotti offered participants a framework to both understand and discuss what he described as the “steep learning curve” of issues related to gender identity. Indeed, the kinds of discussions camp personnel had “10 or 15 years ago” regarding sexual orientation, Perrotti said, are now taking place with respect to gender identity. *Sexual orientation* describes who individuals are romantically and erotically attracted to. *Biological sex* is determined by physical anatomy, chromosomes, and hormones. *Gender identity* is how individuals think of themselves and identify in terms of sex. *Gender expression* is what individuals do to communicate sex and gender to others. It is important to remember that each of these terms exist independently of one another, Perrotti said.

Perrotti offered the following definition of transgender: “someone whose gender identity is inconsistent with their assigned sex at birth.” Its manifestation is “insistent, persistent, and consistent” in an individual, he added, and often manifests itself at age four or younger.

Camps and other institutions need guidance on gender identity in a number of areas, Perrotti suggested, including the use of names and pronouns, issues such as bathroom use and athletics, and matters of confidentiality. Camp culture must “demonstrate inclusiveness,” Perrotti said. This includes visible indications that campers are not alone: signs, flags, and literature available throughout camp will “increase comfort and confidence.”

The Law of the Matter

Following Perrotti’s introduction, Jack Erler, legal counsel for Maine Summer Camps, set forth the legal requirements with which camps must comply on issues concerning gender identity. Specifically, he said, camps are bound by the Maine Human Rights Act not to discriminate against transgender campers or staff. Since 2005, transgender has been a subset of the class “sexual orientation” against which discrimination is prohibited. *continued on next page*



Photos: Top left to right: Jack Erler, Lia and Christy Hegarty
Bottom left to right: Matt Pines and John

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The law protects transgender individuals with respect to housing and employment. Camps constitute “public accommodations” to which the law refers, Erler said.

The Maine Human Rights Commission hears discrimination complaints, seeking to determine whether there are “reasonable grounds” for the alleged unfair treatment. Cases that remain unresolved by the Commission may proceed to court, Erler said.

Hearing from the Panel

“Camps have always been a place where campers and staff can be themselves,” said Bob Ditter, M.Ed., LCSW, a Massachusetts therapist and frequent ACA speaker. Ditter, along with a panel of camp administrators, parents, and campers themselves, offered insights about creating opportunities to welcome transgender campers and staff, and also acknowledged the challenges camps face.

In addition to Ditter, Perrotti, and Erler, panelists included: Peter and Meg Kassen, directors of Hidden Valley Camp; Matt and Monique Pines, directors of Maine Teen Camp; Boyd and Christy Hegarty, advocates and the parents of a transgender child; the Hegarty’s daughter Lia; and Maine Teen Camp camper John and his mother Cindi.

Collaboration among all those involved in the camp experience is essential, Monique Pines said. Matt Pines agreed, adding that “tolerance and inclusiveness are the bedrock” of camps. Lia Hegarty, a fifth grader from New Hampshire, is a three-year camper at Camp Aranu’tiq of Harbor Camps, which has camps in both New Hampshire and California, and serves transgender children. John has been a camper at Maine Teen Camp in Porter, where for the first time last summer he lived in a boys’ cabin. But both youngsters emphasized that camp is not about being transgender, it is about simply being a camper.

Lia’s parents, Boyd and Christy, and John’s mother, Cindi, also offered their insights to program participants. Today, as a camper at Camp Aranu’tiq, Lia is able to feel “not, not normal,” Christy said. Lia has also felt ongoing support at her school in New Hampshire.

Panelists agreed on the importance of support and inclusivity. Children at camp need to be “seen,” said Ditter. “They need to know ‘I get it,’” he said.



Presenters Bob Ditter and Jeff Perrotti

Scenarios for Discussion

The afternoon session offered participants an opportunity for small-group discussion of hypothetical situations regarding issues of sexuality and gender identity. “I feel like people allowed themselves to be vulnerable and open up in a lot of different ways,” Sangster said, acknowledging that the topic of the program raises many questions for further discussion. “And the presenters modeled how to be open and understanding. The onus is on us to be educators,” Sangster said. Camps are at different stages on the subject, she said. While some have already integrated transgender staff and campers, “others are just beginning to understand what this means.” And while participants may not have had all their questions answered, Sangster said, the dialogue is essential. “We started a conversation,” she said.

To read the complete article above written by Kris Millard please go to the MSC Members Page at www.maine camps.org



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In the 2015 summer issue of this newsletter we congratulated Camp Natarwi for being the first camp in the country to complete the Green Camps Initiative Groundwork Certification. A second member camp, Camp Wawenock, has also completed the Groundwork Certification.

Kristy Andrews, Assistant Director of Camp Wawenock in Raymond, thinks the Groundwork Certification is a great entry point for anyone considering doing more, saying, “It’s a simple way

to evaluate where you are in regards to sustainability and take steps forward toward becoming more sustainable. The Groundwork Certification ensures that you will complete at least one tangible initiative, while also fine-tuning practices you already have in place.”

The Groundwork Certification is a five-step process that improves sustainability in camps by:

- 1) Creating a Green Team
- 2) Generating a Conservation Policy
- 3) Completing an audit survey
- 4) Implementing an initiative
- 5) Submitting a case study

Camp Natarwi chose to install low-flow shower heads, which can save between five and seven gallons of water per minute, as their initiative. Camp Wawenock submitted a camper-driven initiative, the “clean plate challenge,” as their case study towards food conservation and composting.

Kristy’s advice is to involve your campers in the process. “Getting the minimal paperwork done ahead of the summer and then involving campers in whichever initiative you choose is a great opportunity for education.” Visit www.greencampinitiative.org to learn more, reach out to Kristy at kristy@campwawenock.com to ask any questions, or contact the MSC Sustainability Committee by emailing camps@mainecamps.org.

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THE CAMP HISTORY CORNER BY Henry Johnson, Historian

Camp Belgrade- “We’ll widen your son’s horizons”

From 1937 through its closing in 1984, Camp Belgrade was a summer camp with a unique philosophy. As written in one of its brochures:

We want our boys to enjoy themselves, while they learn more about themselves both as individuals and as members of society. To achieve these goals, we provide some of the finest instructors, programs, and facilities to be found anywhere.

Camp Belgrade provided the opportunity for 7-to-15 year olds to participate in activities with boys of their own age and abilities. The campers lived in solid cabins with a bathroom and lights in every bunk. The camp believed that the food was the best, and the water system at the camp had a complete chlorination system while their crystal lake was completely spring-fed.

At Belgrade, in order to maintain the camp’s health rating (the highest issued by the State of Maine), each boy’s health was checked regularly by the camp doctor and nurse. Belgrade boasted to have an exceptional waterfront comprised of approximately 200 feet of natural sand beaches that lined Great Pond, the largest lake in the Belgrade region.

The wide range of activities at Belgrade included swimming, boating, canoeing, sailing, water skiing, scuba diving, fishing, tennis, basketball, soccer, baseball, archery, riflery, arts & crafts, photography, dramatics and ecology. The camp also offered overnight trips for each of the various age groups, which varied in duration, consisting of canoeing, backpacking and deep sea fishing. At Belgrade, instruction in all skills was done individually. One boy was taught by one instructor so that each boy received the training and attention to enable him to progress at his own pace. Team sports were emphasized so that each individual learned the meaning of teamwork and sportsmanship. As stated by the Directors of Camp Belgrade:

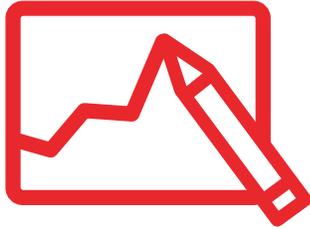
We believe that each camper at Belgrade should also be given the opportunity to select the activities in which he wishes to excel, and at the same time, develop new areas of interest. Our primary concern is the happiness and growth of each boy.

I, as a former camper at Camp Powhatan, remember Camp Belgrade fondly. I remember Camp Belgrade exhibiting excellent sportsmanship and provided good competition to our camp teams. My best



recollection of Belgrade is that they adorned a gray and maroon or red block-lettered t-shirt with accompanying gray pants. Belgrade, in my respectful opinion, is one of the great summer camps of Maine with a sad ending. On June 3, 1984, a letter, which was received in the Offices of the Maine Camping Association on June 6, 1984, stated:

It pains both Charleen and myself (the then directors of Camp Belgrade) to write this letter to both of you. . . . If he has not told you the situation, it boils down to the fact that the man who owns the land wants to sell it for condo development. . . . We delayed in writing to you since there was some talk by some of the parents of . . . starting a day camp in the area.”



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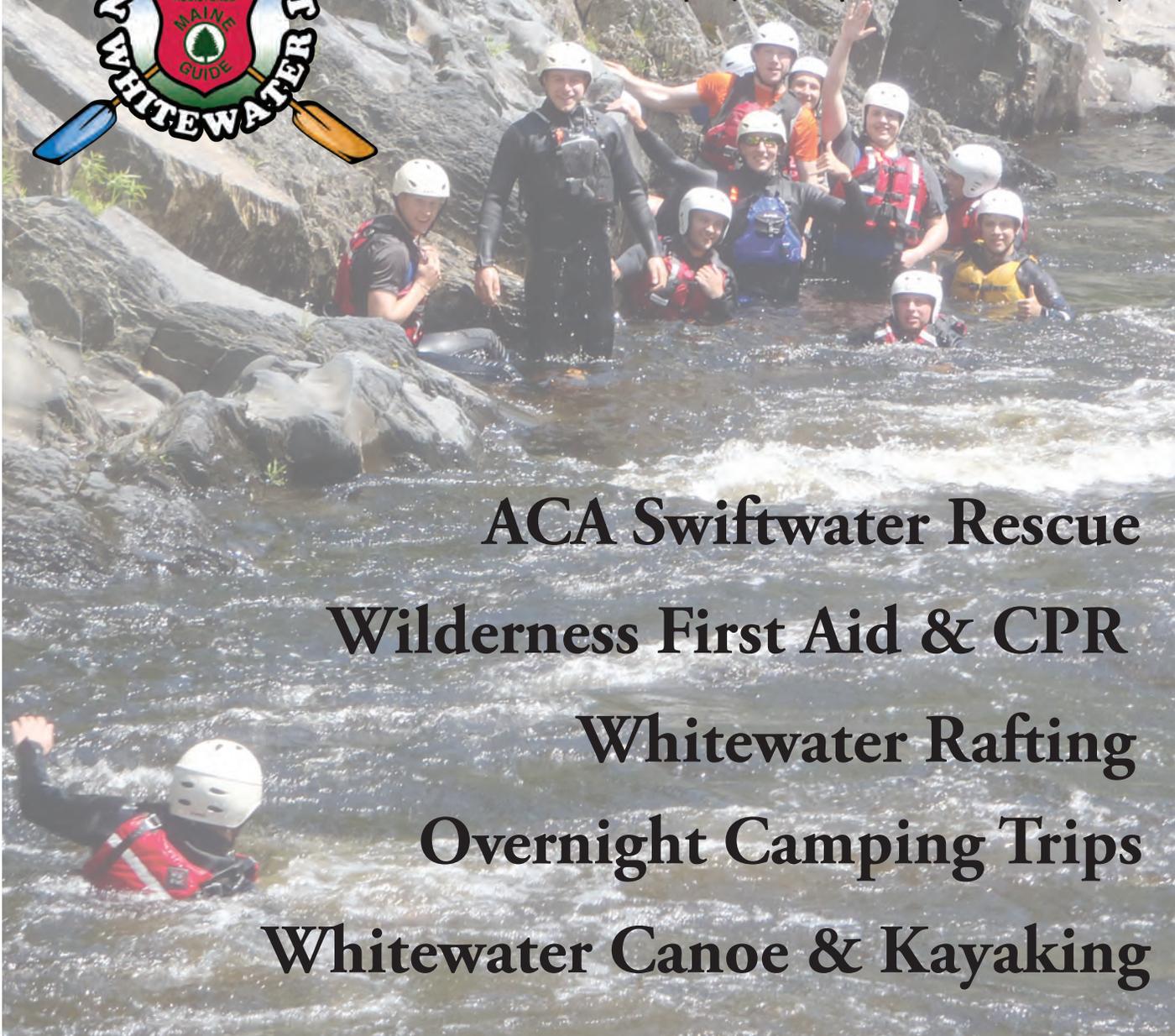
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Legislative News

Lodging Tax Rate Increases to 9 percent on January 1, 2016.

The new 9 percent rate for the Maine lodging tax takes effect on January 1, 2016. Increased as part of the legislative budget agreement last session, the rate was increased to 9 percent. Two years ago both the meals and lodging taxes were "temporarily" increased from 7 to 8 percent with a sunset provision that would have reverted the rate back to 7 percent on June 30, 2015. Instead, the legislative agreement for the FY 2016 -2017 biennial budget repealed the sunset provision; kept the meals tax at 8% and increased the lodging tax by another percentage point to 9 percent.

News From

american **CAMP** association

The American Camp Association is pleased to announce that on December 18, 2015, President Barack Obama signed the Omnibus federal spending bill — HR 2029 containing a change in law pertaining to interstate transportation. The change specifically exempts camps from certain commercial regulations when operating 9-15 passenger vans. Senator Susan Collins (ME) and her staff were instrumental in getting this exemption for camps. More information will be forthcoming in the new year. Finally, all our hard work has paid off.

Welcome

New Camp Members

Boy Scouts of America - Camp Hinds *(returning)*

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see all meeting details front page

Workshop I - Facilitators: Greg Shute and Chris Wentworth

If you thinking about changing or adding to your tripping program this is the workshop for you. One-to-three day wilderness trips and the best practices for safety for will be discussed. The session will start with a brief presentation by Chris Wentworth covering the Maine Trip Leaders Program and what's new in technology to help make your trips safer. Representatives from Delorme, and Summer Camp Supply, will be present. The remainder of the workshop will have representatives from a number of organizations from Maine and New Hampshire. The tentative list includes: Maine Island Trails, Maine State Parks and Public Lands, Maine Huts & Trails, and possibly Appalachian Mountain Club. Each organization will present a short overview of what they have to offer. The workshop will end with an informal meet-and-greet period that can spill over into lunch.

Workshop II - Facilitator: Catriona Sangster

This workshop is comprised of three separate presentations: the Maine Master Naturalist Program, STEM in Camps, and Summer on the Fly.

Maine Master Naturalist Program: Susan Hayward, founding member of MMNP, will start with an overview of the program including how the volunteer requirements expected of all students can benefit Maine camps. She will also discuss a few positive experiences that graduates of the MMNP have had with Maine camps. The main focus of her presentation will center on suggested guidelines for the various camp leaders to use as they plan for integrating nature study into their camp experiences using the MMNP as volunteers.



Summer on the Fly: The TU Summer on the Fly program aspires to match the success of archery by putting fly rods in the hands of thousands of summer campers across the country. Fly fishing teaches motor skills, concentration and patience, and kids love it. But perhaps best of all, fly fishing fosters a conservation mindset. Summer on the Fly is currently being promoted and expanded through a partnership between Trout Unlimited and the American Camp Association. With Summer on the Fly, any camp with access to fishable water—be it a pond, lake, or stream—can engage their campers in a sport that will last them a lifetime.

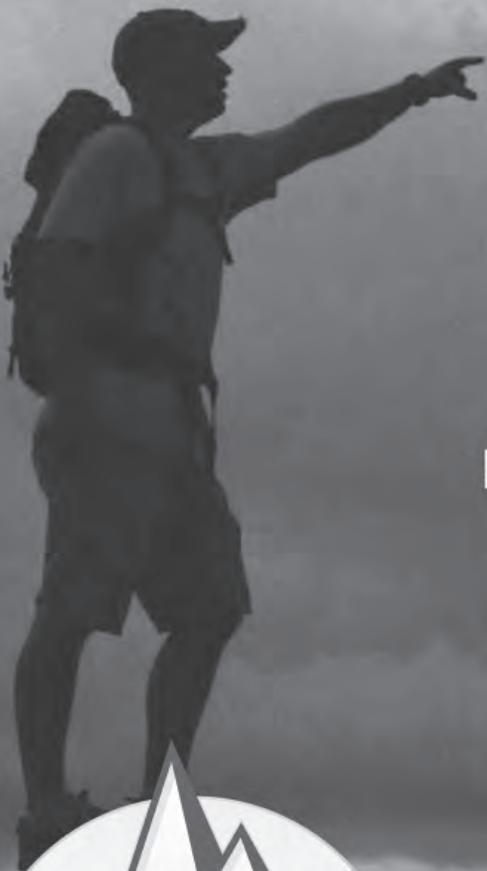
STEM in Camp: STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and the importance of it in the development of young minds is everywhere these days. But does it fit into the camp setting? The answer is yes...and camps are already doing many aspects of the learning process as part of every-day activities and camp rituals. Through hands-on learning and creative problem solving, camp participants can gain an incredible amount of skills easily applied to their everyday lives through activities that are fun to do and fun to teach.



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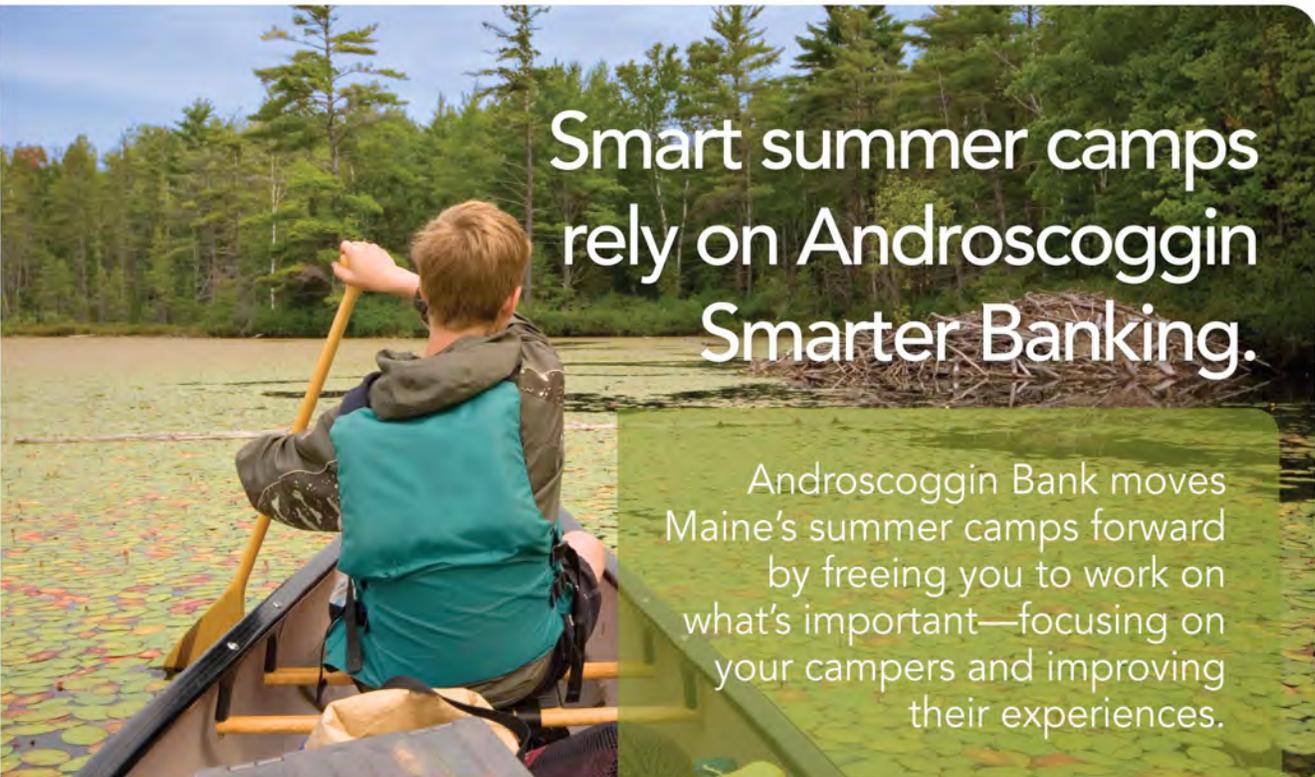
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Trout Unlimited Contact: Franklin Tate, 394 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC 28801. ftate@tu.org 828.575.6132. *Summer on the Fly is a partnership program between TU and the ACA.*



Do you like to go out to breakfast?

Dates are scheduled for both Portland and North Windham. A great way to connect with your colleagues during the off season. If you want a meeting in another Maine town, let Ron know.

R.S.V.P. to Ron at camps@mainecamps.org.

Q Street Diner, South Portland-Wed. 8:45

January 20 and April 6

Chutes Family Restaurant, North Windham- Tues. 8:45
March 8 and May 10



Junior Maine Guide News

This fall JMG launched its new website www.junior-maineguides.org and so far the traffic to the website has been robust. If you haven't checked it out we highly

recommend you do. And while you're at it, checkout the JMG Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/juniormaineguides/> and make sure you "LIKE" it.

The JMG Field Handbook will be available sometime this winter. This new publication will contain the cur-

riculums for Junior Maine Woodsman, Maine Woodsman, and Junior Maine Guides Programs. A free copy of the handbook will be available to any MSC camp that requests it. Additional copies will be available for sale in the spring.

Junior Maine Guides just received a grant thanks to the Maine Timberlands Charitable Trust for \$10,000. The funds will be awarded to 10 JMG test candidates from Maine. Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help pay for their camp tuition and JMG fee. Preference will be given to MSC agency camps that participated in the JMG Test Camp program in 2015.

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January 19, Tuesday - Winter Board Meeting, Workshops, and Business Member Networking Event – Italian Heritage Center – Portland
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

March 20, Sunday - Annual MSC Camp Fair, East End Community School - Portland
1:00 pm

March 31 – April 2 New England ACA Conference - Manchester, NH

April 2, Saturday - Semi Annual Membership Meetings of MSC and MYCA at the ACA/NE Conference in Manchester, NH, (continental breakfast provided by Chalmers Insurance and Norway Savings Bank)
7:45 am

April 26, Tuesday - Spring Board Meeting and Workshops at the SYSCO Food Show, Cross Insurance Arena, Spring St., Portland
9:00 am

June 10, Friday - MYCF and MYCA Annual Membership Meetings - Fernwood Cove

July 12, Tuesday - Chris Thurber Staff Training Workshop, at Camp Wawenock - Raymond

July 14, Thursday - 13th Annual MYCF Spelling Bee - Portland

July 25 - 29 - Junior Maine Guides Testing Camp, Stephen Phillips Preserve - Oquossoc, ME