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The Director's Message To Mowglis Campers and Counselors:

It is a bright and sunny morning in New Hampshire with Spring finally in the air! As I write to you, I have just returned from a hike to Baloo Cove, the Waterfront, the Chapel and the Upper Ballfield. Snow is melting at a rapid rate, water is pouring in from the roofs, the brooks are swollen and racing and the fishermen have removed their colorful bob houses from the lake. There are now open areas along the Hope-To-Be shoreline, and approximately April 20th (give or take two days, according to Mr. Braley!), quite suddenly, the ice will be entirely gone. Soon, we will be able to smell the leaves and pine needles again, and the coming Mowglis season will seem much closer.

Preparations for 2005 are well underway. Equipment and supplies have been ordered, contractors have been hired, boats have been registered, and the Council is nearly complete. It is gratifying to announce that all of last year's Den will be returning as First-Year-Assistants, and that the Junior Staff will be much larger than usual. This should make a good amount of trailclearing possible! While the



full staff roster will be mailed to your in the coming weeks, I want to share with you here that Mr. David Powden will be our new chef. Already, he has planned our menus and he is implementing improvements to the camp kitchen. I am very confident that the food will be excellent, and that there will be plenty of it!

On June 25th, each of you will bring to Mowglis your own particular interests and talents. For first-year campers it will be a new adventure. For all it will be an opportunity to share with others, as we build the newest Mowglis community in this exciting environment. At the end of the summer you will return home stronger and wiser, as have Mowglis campers and counselors for more than one hundred years.

Campfires, crew, trips, fun and friendships are just around the corner. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Good Hunting! K. Robert Bengtson

A Message From the President

At the recent alumni receptions at the Harvard Clubs in New York City and Boston, I had the pleasure of speaking with alumni (including one who had been at Mowglis in 1948), with boys who are current campers, and with prospective campers. It got me thinking.

I posed the following two questions: First, "Why has Mowglis endured for over 100 years," and second, "Why do people who were campers years and years ago return to our receptions?"

In answering these two questions, I told a story from my time at Mowglis. Mark Reilly, our Assistant Director, asked me to share this story again in this edition of the Mowglis Call.

I was in Toomai, ten years old, and new to Mowglis. Our first Trip Day hike led us to Mt. Cardigan, which, as all of us from Mowglis know, is a

wonderful, challenging hike, with a stunning, panoramic view from the summit. We chose the Holt Trail, since it is the shortest trail. But it is also the steepest. An hour later, I found myself looking above as the trail disappeared. I was exhausted. We continued. Soon, the trees cleared and ahead we saw a curving wall of rock, the horizon seemingly within reach. But, with each step, the horizon receded, and the winds began to rage. I looked back; it appeared as though the mountain had fallen away, leaving behind us a cliff which seemed to follow us as we climbed. I was certain the winds would sweep me from the rock face and I would plummet far below. I moved in quiet terror, clinging to the small shrubs, moving from branch to branch. Ahead of me, our senior staff member bellowed, "Climb!"

I climbed. The winds did not sweep me off the summit; I did not plummet far below. At last, the horizon stopped receding. We reached the summit. Into the raging winds, I raised my arms and gazed at the stunning, panoramic view. The top of the world. I was sure I had passed through maturity that afternoon and become a man.

Thirteen years later, I was on the staff, leading a troop of boys from Cubs up Mt. Cardigan. Given the choice of what trial to hike, they had chosen the Holt Trail, the shortest trail. The steepest trail. An hour later, we found ourselves looking above as the trail disappeared. We were exhausted. We continued. Soon, the trees cleared, but then we came upon the curving wall of rock, and the horizon, seemingly within reach, receded with each step. On this day, the winds seemed to rage with more power than I had ever felt before. Behind us, the mountain had fallen away, leaving behind us a cliff that followed us as we climbed.

I waited on a ledge, bracing myself against the winds, and watched the boys fighting their way up. Then, around the bend, a boy named Chris (yes, that was his name!) was moving in quiet terror, clinging to the small shrubs, moving from branch to branch.

I bellowed, "Climb!"

"The wind," he yelled, "Is going to sweep me off the mountain!"

"Take my hand," I yelled back. He reached forward, then paused.

He asked, "What are you going to hold on to!?"

We climbed that mountain, hand in hand, in the raging winds, and, upon reaching the summit, raised our arms into the winds and gazed at the stunning, panoramic view. The top of the world.

Now, in reply to the first question, "Why has Mowglis endured for over 100 years," I offer this answer:

Mowglis has endured because it provides something of vital importance to boys; a rite of passage.

In reply to the second, "Why do people who were campers years and years ago return to our receptions?" I think this is the answer:

To hold the hand of the next generation.



I am on the board of trustees of the Holt Elwell Memorial Foundation; for the last year I have been president. These are exciting times. Mowglis is just over 100 years old; we are looking forward to another 100 years. As stewards of Mowglis, we trustees recognize our role in holding the hand of the next generation, in providing the rite of passage. As a part of our stewardship, we have three goals that I would like to share with you;

- 1. Increasing enrollment
- 2. Increasing alumni involvement
- 3. Increasing our endowment

In the next year, you will hear more about our progress, and you will hear more about your own opportunities to share in this stewardship with us.

Good Hunting! Chris Kriesen, April, 2005

Alumni Spotlight-A Q&A with the President

Named President of the Holt Elwell Memorial Foundation in the summer of 2004, Christopher Kriesen '80 possesses not only the strategic vision of where our camp should go, but also a fierce and unrelenting passion for our camp, citing Mowglis as "a life-long experience." A modern day Renaissance Man, Chris has experienced almost every niche possible in the Mowglis environment. The first of his family to attend Mowglis, he came to the camp in 1977 under the directorship of Mr. Hart, then continued on as Junior Staff, Senior Staff, and even as the Cub Director one summer! Our current president is certainly one that has climbed the Mowglis ladder!

Born in historic Philadelphia and raised in Rochester, NY, Chris received his Bachelors of Science from Villanova University, then going on to earn his Juris Doctor at the University of Connecticut School of Law. Currently, Chris practices law in Connecticut, where he lives with his wife and daughter.

Are there any particular experiences that are very prominent in your Mowglis memories that you could tell us

So many. Climbing the Southern Presidentials and submitting Mt. Washington on a glorious and rare clear day; the moment of silence every day, and losing our Red Racing Crew race in my Den year - there are profound lessons in loss.

What are some of your personal hobbies/interests?

For the last year, I've been studying the classical guitar, thanks to a seed planted in my mind by Abe Unger 18 years ago. (Editor's Note: Rabbi Unger '83 has planted this seed in many a Mowglis over the years, traditionally returning for one week each summer as staff and offering the never tiring "Hookah-Tookah," as well as a crash course in weather.)

What is your favorite book? Piece of music?

At the moment, my favorite book is the one†we are reading to our daughter, "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader." At the moment, my favorite piece of music is what I'm learning to play, "Romanza."

Who is your favorite character in the Jungle Book and why?

Bagheera, because he was cunning and bold, but had a voice like honey and skin softer than down. That's quite a range!

2005 HQ Staff Profile - Tripmaster Matt Hanggi

The Trip Program, an undeniable signpost of the Mowglis experience, will be led in 2005 by Matt Hanggi, who will lend to both the program's structure and its campers a backwoods sensibility rarely found among us in modern society. Though a first-time Mowglis as Senior Staff in 2004, Matt took to the staples of Mowglis life with a veteran's confidence, planning and leading trips in addition to fostering the advancement of campers trying to earn their Green (camping) and Brown (Hiking) ribbons. A rare occurrence among the Mowglis staff, after just one year under his belt Matt has earned the honor of being named Tripmaster and member of the Headquarters Staff for 2005!

Born, raised and schooled throughout his youth in Naples, NY, Matt attended the University of Maine for his undergraduate education. Beginning with a major in Biology, Matt then changed to Microbiology before eventually settling on Environmental Law and Policy, successfully earning his Bachelor's of Science. No stranger to passion and where it can lead us, Matt says he has "always been intrigued by science and how it molds, shapes and frequently dictates how we live our lives," adding that "we need to understand what we are tinkering with and are sure not to (as Aldo Leopold says) throw out any of the cogs without knowing how they all work together as a coherent hole." Citing Thoreau's Walden as a heavy influence, it is easy to see where Matt's passion stems from! Below, you will learn some interesting aspects of the man behind the Mowglis:

Is there any particular experience that is very prominent in your Mowglis memories that you could tell us about?

The most vivid memories I can recall right away are of crew-week. Here is a brief excerpt from my journal Friday, August 6th: "Little sleep in the past 72hrs. Crew week has been fun and draining; cheers, posters, skits, assemblies etc.. All this preparation for a handful of races that last for less than 10 minutes each! Memories, however, last indefinitely and are made all the more singular by those whom they are shared with. The past 6 weeks have been agreeable and enlightening, and I feel as though I have forged some invaluable relationships with many of the staff - it would be fun to visit them in their "normal habitat!"

What is your favorite Jungle book character and why?

Bagheera. He seems to embody wisdom and implicitly understands what is right. He co-sponsors Mowglis' entry into the pack, a wise move and one

Hiking, Backpacking, Rock Climbing, Mountaineering, Rugby, Soccer. I'm not sure if political discussions and commentary are hobbies, but I think they are essential. that Bagheera knows will serve to benefit all of the jungle. Making good with "Man" is their only hope as "civilization" and further threats to the jungle way of life steadily "progress" forward.

What are some of your hobbies and personal interests?

The job interview question: where will you be in 5 years?

I hope have done a bit of traveling, volunteering or teaching in the non-western world. Ideally, I will be done with grad school and working to advocate the development and use of Renewable Energy (solar, wind, tidal, geothermal, modern biomass) to meet our voracious energy appetite. Perhaps we will be able to power Mowglis by capturing the free sun and wind energy by then!

A key player in the establishment of the first Mowglis Recycling Program, Matt hopes to begin a composting system in the summer of 2005. When it comes to life goals, Matt challenges the conventional notion of success with a quiet wisdom, positing that "it may be more important to live simply, associate with the people that push you toward your goals and help you to successfully navigate the unforeseen detours that come our way." At a camp whose underlying themes are rooted in simple sensibilities that are fading into the background with the rapid rush of modern life, we are fortunate to have inquisitive minds such as these working with the future minds of our society.



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- ~ Sleep in an open air dorm
- ~ Hike Mt. Cardigan
- ~ Play tennis on a clay court
- ~ Sing the goodnight song under the stars

MOWGLIS ALUMNI, WE SALUTE YOU!

For more information, please contact Mark Reilly, Assistant Director, at (603)744-8095, or asst.director@mowglis.org

2005 SUMMER CALENDER

SATURDAY, JUNE 25	Mowglis Opens
JULY 16-17, AUGUST 6-7	Visiting Weekends
saturday, august 6	Crew Races
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12	Inner Circle Ceremony
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13	Tennis, Archery Finals; Candlelight
	Service in the Chapel
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14	Mrs. Holt's Day Exercises













Family Profile

The Mitchell Family are a Mowglis staple in and of themselves, and we asked them to provide some background about their lives and how they became linked with the camp. John Mitchell will be in Den this summer, continuing the link of Mitchell's that have been involved with the camp.

Family Connection with Mowglis

Davis Mitchell '41 was a camper for Panther and Den, legendary years at Mowglis. He met Wah-pah-nah-yah and has two original paintings on leather by him. His son, Ed Mitchell '69, graduated with current camp director Bob Bengtson, among others, attending Mowglis from Baloo through Den, earning ribbons in row boating, (Editor's Note: Ed's involvement with the Mowglis Rowboating industry certainly didn't end here, as he returns each summer to lend his expertise to eager campers!) axemanship, camping, and hiking.

It would take far more than this limited space allows to cite all of the memorable recollections that Ed ha for Mowglis, though he cites "the friendly and caring staff who provided encouragement and guidance to do ones best and be ones best" as one of the most important aspects of his camp life. To illustrate this point, he generously shared a personal anecdote from his camps years: "I had trouble learning to do the running dive and couldn't get my swimmers, though what I really wanted was to be able to go water skiing. One day during relax I was called to the waterfront by Headquarters Staff and taken out skiing! Later on I got his swimmers."

After Ed's camp experience there was a "Mitchell lull" until 2000, when he rode his Harley over to Mowglis and the family hasn't looked back since! And, as goes the story at Mowglis, the entire family became a part of the equation. Wife Carolyn took up the post of residential nurse in 2002, accompanying their son, John '05, to camp, and she, too, has been with us up to the present day, slated to return as nurse this coming summer.

Ed grew up in Greenwich CT, graduating high school and attending college for three years at Old Dominion University and Syracuse University. His love of boating interfered with his academics and he left college to travel and has worked in various aspects of the boat building and repair industry since then. He is currently self-employed and spends most of his time repairing racing sailboats - Mitchell Marine LLC in conjunction with Casey Yacht Enterprises. Even with his busy schedule, Ed finds time to make sure the Mowglis fleet is up to par, and we cannot thank him enough for his efforts.

Carolyn grew up in Bath, New York and graduated from the University of Rochester - 1974 with her BS in Nursing. First meeting in the Adirondacks (how appropriate for a Mowglis family to meet in the mountains!) they were married there in August 1980. Soon moving out to Bainbridge Is., WA., Ed worked in a custom boat building shop and Carolyn went to the University of Washington to obtain her Masters in Nursing with a specialty in Pediatric Pulmonary nursing. They were there for three years and living on a 33 foot wooden yawl that served as both home and

recreation. How many of us are able to, quite literally, take our house wherever we choose? When they left Washington they had the boat trucked to New Orleans and spent about 6 months traveling in the Gulf of Mexico and after the winter came up the inter coastal waterway to New York and then eventually ended up in Maine.

Living in Maine since 1985 they sold their boat after a few years and moved into their current home in 1988. John and Bitsy (Elizabeth Eleanore) came along in 1991 and 1995 respectively. We all look forward to having John and Carolyn back this summer, and Bitsy's presence will certainly be missed around these parts as she begins her first summer at Camp Onaway.

Personal Interests:

Ed - Motorcycles, Boating, Antique and classic boats, and cars, shooting and Home† Maintenance - has two motorcycles - one a 1945 Harley he built in his parent's living room when he was 19. Has multiple boats a 1903 lake launch built of mahogany and cedar being the best

Carolyn: Gardening (which she has sacrificed for Mowglis!), singing, mostly in our Church choir, Piano, sailing. Favorite Book: Forgotten Truth by Huston Smith

John: Riflery, medieval weaponry and history. favorite book by David Gemmel, Midnight Falcon.

Bitsy: loves horses and riding, likes to sing - knows more Mowglis songs than anyone in the family Favorite Book - All horse books

Favorite Character in Jungle Book: Bagheera the panther, because he represents strength and integrity





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Friday, August 19th

3:30pm Arrival and Registration on Greybrother's Field

4:00pm Set up in dorms

5:00pm Mandatory soak in Newfound Lake

6:00pm Cookout on the baseball field

8:00pm Movie screening on vintage reel-to-reel projector

Saturday, August 20th

8:00am Reveille

8:30am Breakfast and prepare trail lunches 10:30am Hikers depart for Mount Cardigan

- non-hikers will choose from a variety of "industries"

4:00pm Soak in Newfound Lake 6:00pm Dinner in Dining Hall

7:30pm Campfire

Sunday, August 21st

8:00am Reveille 8:30am Breakfast

10:00am Short Chapel Service

11:00am Depart

Mowglis Alumni, We Salute You!

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$45 per person

STAFFING: Will include members of the 2005 Senior and Junior Staff

and Trustees

For more information, check www.mowglis.org or contact Mark Reilly, Assistant Director, at (603) 744-8095 or asst.director@mowglis.org

HEAD OF THE CHARLES

October 22-23 2005

Remember the giant of Newfound Lake as you experienced the thrill of crew at Mowglis? Join members of the Mowglis community in a tent on the banks of the Charles for this annual crew event as we celebrate the Mowglis Crew program. Meet up with old friends, watch the races, and enjoy the sight of the new Mowglis Crew boats and memorabilia from the Mowglis Crew program. Please check the "For Alumni" section of www.mowglis.org for further







Alumni Notes

J.D. Arohnson '90 wrote to update us on what he has been up to, sharing the following:

I would love to be in a position to be more involved with Mowglis on a regular basis. I was a camper for two years and junior staff for two as well. Since Mowglis, I went to college in Ohio for a while and then to a state school in Pennsylvania. While at college, I got married to my wife Valerie, who is from NY state. Perhaps motivated by the need to eat, I graduated in three years. I had planned to go to law school and I ended up at Villanova Univ. School of Law. After finishing there, I went to work for a law firm in Delaware. Val and I had our first child (Cylie pronounced Kylie - now 6 years old) while I was still in law school and she was working as a paralegal in a suburb of Philadelphia.

After another child (Olivia - now 4 years old), a move to Pittsburgh and way too many hours at work, I quit the "corporate" lifestyle and came to work for myself at a little real estate closing company in Harmony, PA. "This town is a little bigger than East Hebron and a little smaller than Bristol. Life is actually somehow more complicated, but much more fun. We still see food on the table and I see my family much more frequently. I still haven't been able to figure out how to fit an overnight hike in the White Mountains into my schedule - but we'll get there!" Great to hear from you, J.D., and we'll have you back on the staff anytime! Josiah Bartow '51 is getting primed up for the Mowglis recruitment efforts, saying it is time for me to start spreading the word of Mowglis about and I do so with my immediate family."

Lucius Carroll II '56 turned 64 on April 14th! Happy Birthday, Lucius! He reports that he is "enjoying the ride through life, always have and always will!"

Steve Drogin (camper summer of 1947-48 and 1951) lives in La Jolla, California. A man who spends much of his time underwater surfaced long enough to share some news with us! "I spend my time traveling the world. My passion is underwater photography. I hve made more than 6000 scuba dives worldwide. I have just completed building a 3 man submarine which has been certified to 1500 ft. and will take a pilot and 2 passengers and can stay underwater for 6 hours. I made my first dive to 1040 ft. in mid-March." Best of luck, Steve.

We've received news about Christopher Hedges (1964-1968). Chris spoke at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany as a guest preacher and part of his tour for his book "War is a Force that Gives Us Meaning." Chris, a former war correspondent in the first Gulf War, the Balkans, Africa and Central America, was a member of the New York Time team that won a 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory reporting for the paper's coverage of global terrorism, and















also received the 2002 Amnesty International Global Award for Human Rights Journalism. In a review of Mr. Hedges' book, General Wesley Clark wrote: "Chris Hedges-bears sad witness to what veterans have long understood - that the find and seemingly noble sentiments of wartime soon pass, and can leave behind the wasted hearts and minds of the young who have heeded their call Ö Hedges provides a somber and timely warning to those who would evoke the emotions of war for the pursuit of political gain." We hope to do an "Alumni Spotlight" feature on Mr. Hedges in the upcoming Fall edition of the Mowglis Call.

Matt Hanggi (Senior Staff 2004) will return as Tripmaster in 2005. There is a profile on Matt in this edition of the Call.

Colin Hulme '99 tells us that he is "currently a Sophomore at Colgate University. I am majoring in Anthropology and am a member of the Mens Lacrosse team, where I start at defense. I also joined the Sigma Chi fraternity this year and am having a good time being a part of the group. Over the past few summers I have been working at a pool supply company for my Uncle Jon who was also a Mowglis graduate and played club lacrosse. My last time at Mowglis was in 2000 as Junior Counselor and graduated in 1999 after starting out as a cub. I have very fond memories of camp and hope to come back for a visit soon." Maybe Uncle Jon will let Colin take a summer of to be back at Mowglis as staff!

We received a heartfelt Spring letter from Bradford Kimball, Jr. '58 which warmed the office just enough to hold us over until the ice receded. Brad shared some interesting news about Mowglis alumnus Christopher Hedges, who first came to Mowglis as a Cub in 1964: "Chris, a war reporter and author, attended Mowglis in the 1960's. My parents knew his mother before she married! The parents called my parents in regard to Chris being able to attend Mowglis - way back when . He started out in Cubs. Bill Hart was director, and the rest is history! I called Chris in New York City before his coming up to Albany to my church, and what a thrill it was to see him in person. Three other churches all came together to my church in Westminter to hear him speak and to have him sign his book. About 1,000 in attendance! Mowglis has certainly touched a lot of lives. Well, when the squirrels start to lick the branches on the maple trees we'll know the sap is flowing and spring has arrived. Peace and blessings, and I hope that perhaps in the future I'll be able to attend a Mowglis event!"

Harry Li (Senior Staff 2004) certainly misses the camp! "Last month I received a letter sent to all Mowglis from Mr Bengston wishing us well. Thanks for that, it pepped me up a bit after a tough term at university. Well onwards and forwards and I'm in the process of planning summer 2006, probably will be spent as an exchange student in Hong Kong working in a hospital. Strangely, it is snowing heavily in Brighton at the









beginning of spring! Medical school is flying by, 3 more years to graduate. It was strange just two weeks after returning to the UK, we were cutting up brains from corpses in our Neuroscience module, and in 6 months I will be doing overnight shifts in the teaching hospital. Thanks for the summer of a lifetime. I really grew up a lot! I wish everyone at Mowglis well. I will definitely visit in the future."

Eric Love '91 is currently residing in the clamor of New York City, where he works for a Real Estate Company.

Bill McKelvy '58 had some information on Mowglis pictures: "The picture titled "Break on the Trail 1959" on the top left of the 14th page of the historical pictures, is of my brother, Bruce McKelvy, and another unknown camper both in Mowglis trip hats. Bruce is the one closest to the camera sitting on the left. I assume he can tell you who was sitting behind him in the picture. Keep up the great work."

Jose Medina Mora '96 will be sorely missed around these parts this summer. He brought us up to speed on the current chapter of his exciting life: "Life for me is entering another chapter here in Barcelona. I have a flat that I'm sharing with other fellow students and friends. Life is fun. This past week has been quite intense. I had spring break, and decided to go on a trip to Morocco. Such an interesting country, is sense quenching!!! So many colors, smells, noises, tastes and people... Amazingly beautiful! I took a journey in to the Sahara desert, slept under the stars along with my camel and sleeping bag, no noises miles and miles around me. It was such a spiritual experience! The camp, the boys, my second family, everyone was there too."

Barry Travis '55 passed on some unfortunate news about the oldest living Mowglis:

"As some who attended the Centennial celebration may recall, it was a generally accepted fact that Hattie Travis was the oldest living Mowglis. I am sorry to report that that honor must be taken on by someone else. Mom passed away on August 21, 2004 after a period of declining health. Mowglis was always an important part of her life. As a life-long kindergarten teacher, she loved the Cub program which she ran for many years. I owe my many Mowglis opportunities to she and my dad (Ambler) who worked there summers in the '40's and '50's. Mowglis was special to us all."

Tim Van Schaick '96 is "still pulling through at James Madison University and I have nearly completed my BA in History. Just one more class in May session and I'll be all caught up. After that things are very uncertain at the moment. I plan to remain in the Harrisonburg community for one year and start applying to some graduate schools. I plan on continuing my studies in history. My brother Dave '93 (Den '93) is still living in Aviano and working in the Air Force. He was recently promoted to Sargeant. I look forward to hearing how everyone is doing. If anyone from my Den is interested, I'd love to hear how they have been."

Doug Westberg '02 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in an April ceremony. Camp Doucet in Nashua was the scene of Doug's project. He replaced boards and trim, installed a new screen door and repainted the front porch, windows and trim on the main building at the camp. All of the affected parts had not been maintained for many years and needed a great deal of preparation in order to restore them. Doug raised the necessary funds through direct contact with local businesses, individuals and charitable groups and was so successful that he was able to donate about \$700 which was used to re-roof the building. Doug is the son of Jim Westberg '69. The ceremony was attended by Bob and Jaylene Bengtson.





