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MOWGLIS CALENDAR 2009

JUNE 27 - OPENING DAY

All campers arrive by 4:00 p.m.

JULY 18-19 & AUGUST 8-9 VISITORS' WEEKENDS

Saturday

3 to 5 pm Various events
7:15 to 9 pm Evening program

Sunday

10:00 am Campers may leave with family or friends
3:30 p.m. Campers return
4:00 p.m. Chapel Service
Guests are welcome

AUGUST 8

3 pm

RED & BLUE CREW RACES

AUGUST 14

7:30 pm

INNER CIRCLE CEREMONY

AUGUST 15

3 pm
8 pm

FINAL DAY

Tennis & Archery Finals
Candlelight Chapel Service
Candleboats

AUGUST 16

9:30 am

CLOSING CEREMONY

Mrs. Holt's Day Exercises
in Gray Brothers Hall
Campers depart

12 noon

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P. O. BOX 9, HEBRON, NH 03241



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PAST ISSUES OF THE CALL & THE HOWL

Looking for a lost copy of *The Call*?

Want to share a back issue of *The Howl* with a fellow alum or a camper prospect?

You can go to the Mowglis Web site - www.mowglis.org - and browse the alumni section for back issues of both. If you don't see what you are looking for, check back as we are always adding more. Or maybe you have a back issue to share?

Just call the camp office at 603-744-8095.

FOR THE CALL:

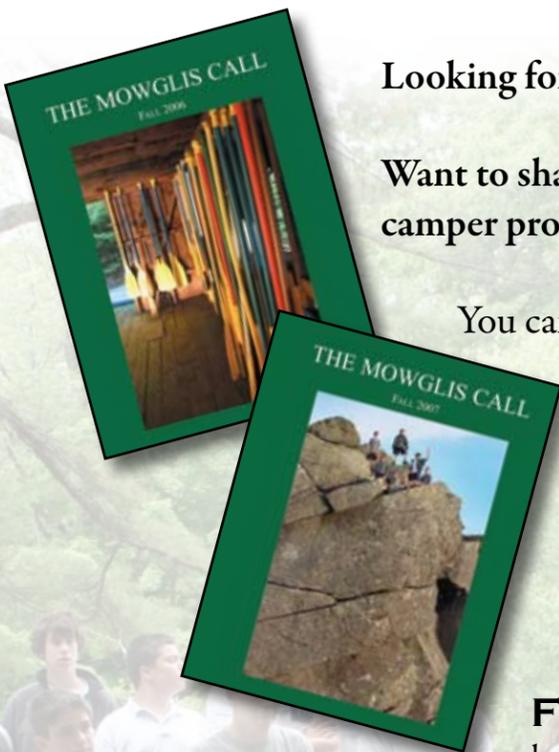
<http://www.mowglis.org/foralumni/thecall.htm>

FOR THE HOWL:

<http://www.mowglis.org/foralumni/thehowl.htm>

CALL FOR PICTURES:

Mowglis closed for the summers of 1943 and 1944 during World War II. The camp did not resume publishing *The Howl* until 1957. If you have photos from the late '40s through 1957, would you share them with us?



2009

CAMPER APPLICATION

TUITION = \$5,600

Please make checks payable to MOWGLIS
A reservation is assured upon receipt of completed form and \$400 deposit.
The camp reserves the right to dismiss a boy when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the group.
Tuition is nonrefundable.

**** PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ****

DATE OF REGISTRATION: _____

CAMPER'S NAME: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST SUFFIX

NICKNAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE AS OF JULY 1, 2009: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

FATHER: _____ MOTHER: _____
FIRST LAST FIRST LAST

**** COMPLETE ONLY IF DIFFERENT FROM CAMPER'S ADDRESS ****

ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____ E-MAIL: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____ E-MAIL: _____

OTHER INFORMATION

CLOTHING SIZE (CIRCLE ONE): YOUTH S M L ADULT S M L XL XXL

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT MOWGLIS? _____



THANK YOU

to all who made contributions over the past year. Without your ongoing support, we would not be able to offer the programs of excellence we have all come to associate with the Mowglis experience.

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2009 CALENDAR..... BACK COVER



If you would like to make a contribution to the Annual Appeal or the Endowment Campaign in support of Mowglis, please contact us at 603 - 744 - 8095 or e-mail us at alumnirelations@mowglis.org.

Night-Song in the Jungle

*Now Chil the Kite brings home the night
That Mang the Bat sets free—
The herds are shut in byre and hut
For loosed till dawn are we.
This is the hour of pride and power,
Talon and tush and claw.
Oh, hear the call!—Good hunting all
That keep the Jungle Law!*

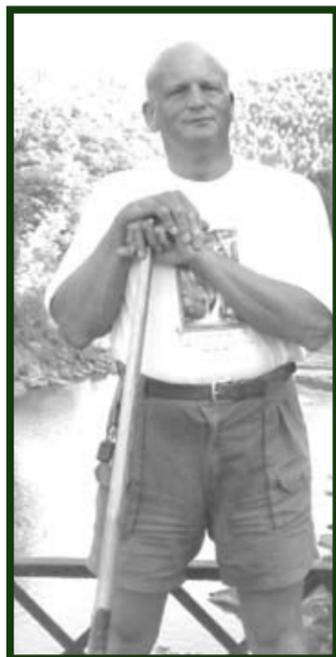
- Rudyard Kipling



Mowgli by John Lockwood Kipling
(father of Rudyard Kipling)
An illustration from *The Second Jungle Book*, 1895



FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD . . .



Nationwide Director Search to Begin in January:

You have all received the announcement of Pete St. John's appointment as interim Program Director for the 2009 Mowglis season. We are indeed fortunate to have someone with his qualifications and skill available to run the camp. The "interim" designation reflects that the selection, while competitive, was limited to a few people with the ability to start work immediately. We plan a broad, national search before making a permanent appointment.

Running a summer camp like Mowglis is a diverse and challenging job. The person we're looking for is a strong and energetic leader who will earn the trust and respect of campers, staff, parents, and alumni. Our Director must be a strong communicator, with excellent speaking and writing skills. The job demands someone who is well organized and highly motivated, with the skills needed to oversee the camp's business, recruiting, and outreach operations. But most important, a successful candidate has previous camp experience and has worked extensively with young people. He is thoughtful and knowledgeable, with high

personal standards, good judgment, and a sense of humor.

The national search for a permanent Director will begin formally on January 5, 2009. An announcement letter will be sent to the Mowglis, Onaway, and Pasquaney communities, seeking qualified applicants. We also plan job postings on the American Camping Association Web site and several other key outdoor education sites. In the following months members of the Selection Committee will evaluate incoming applications and interview each candidate by phone and in person. The final interviews and selection will be made in May at the spring meeting of the Mowglis board.

If you know of anyone we should contact, or have an interest in the position yourself, please contact:

Charlie Walbridge
Chairman, Search Committee
(304) 379-9002
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or you can contact any other member of the Committee as well:

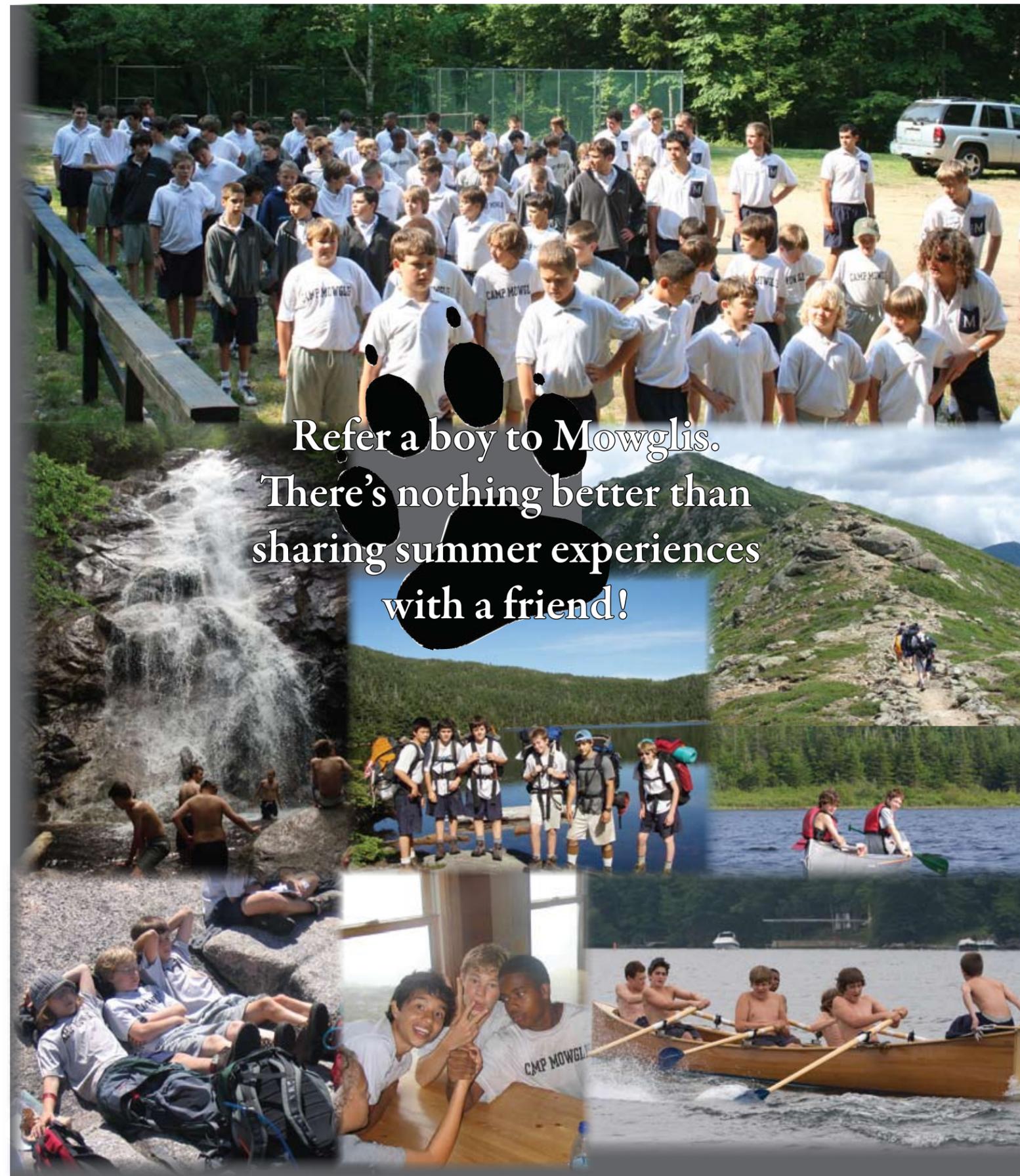
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Refer a boy to Mowglis.
There's nothing better than
sharing summer experiences
with a friend!

RECRUITMENT & ALUMNI EVENTS IN 2008

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB WINTER 2008 PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



Back Row: Adam Fritz, Chris Hoekstra, Cindy Hoekstra, Miss Hoekstra, Roel Hoekstra.
Front Row: Carter Hoekstra, James Graff, two prospective campers . . .
Do you know anyone you'd like to refer?

Are you willing to host
an event in support of
Mowglis?
Please let us know!



Buzz Ringe speaking to Dave Tower, Miss Hoekstra, and others.



Carter Hoekstra and
Roel Hoekstra



Tommy Greenwell, Stu Carothers, and
Chris Hoekstra.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR . . .



It's getting colder outside, and small non-profits everywhere are turning up their collars and keeping a wary eye on the thermostat!

Mowglis is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated community, and I'm pleased to report that, even at this early date in the fiscal year, many alums, parents and friends have given generously – even if their capacity for giving has been reduced of late. Mowglis certainly needs the income provided by the annual appeal to make ends meet, so I hope you will do what you can when you receive our annual appeal letter.

Even more important for the life blood of the place is a full camp – not just for the tuition dollars, but also for the energy and vibrancy a strong summer population provides. Here again is where you can make a real difference: by referring a family to Mowglis. No advertising campaign, no TV spot, no sales jargon can compete with the testimonial of a Mowglis parent or Mowglis alumnus. Parents everywhere are looking for the right summer solution for their boys – a solution that provides wholesome living in a structured, outdoor environment, where boys can make lots of friends, and take the time to do a variety of things and do them well.

Please help us to connect with them. We'll send along some materials, and I'll be happy to come to your area to meet prospective families in person. We're scheduling recruitment meetings all around the Northeast this winter – in Hollis, N.H., in Falmouth, Me., in Philadelphia, and Manhattan, with more to be added. Watch the Web site for details.

Together, we will keep Mowglis growing strong in the summer sunshine! I look forward to connecting with you. Feel free to call or e-mail.

Good hunting,

Pete St John

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THE YEARLING PROGRAM



The Yearling Program was originally offered to older boys several decades ago. We resurrected it in the past few years with the help of dedicated Mowglis alumni and, of course, the young men who participate in the program.

WHAT IS THE YEARLING PROGRAM?

It is an ideal opportunity for young men, ages 15 to 17, to gain a basic understanding of adventure sports and leadership. Over the course of three weeks, in a small group and almost completely outdoors, these young men gain serious outdoor skills and learn from natural consequences, becoming stronger individuals who evolve into a high performing group. The boys come together to experience Mowglis in a new way – not as campers or staff, but as a group seeking adventure.

In 2008 we had six Yearlings, led by Hunter Nadler and Mike Bartlett. In addition to the four main program activities, they also went whitewater rafting in Maine and cleared the brush between Gray Brothers and the lower tennis court in record time. Here is a quote from the 2008 trip log on the second day of whitewater rafting on the Kennebec River:

“the dam was letting out eight thousand CFS of water, which made the rapids huge. Everyone was really excited because all the guides were really excited, which meant that it must’ve been something big. The rapids had giant waves and really strong currents. We always steered towards the biggest waves and crashed into them, sometimes folding the raft. It was exciting to launch off the waves, it was the coolest thing I’ve ever done! We stopped half way and ate lunch, which was amazing: steak, cookies, and veggie stir-fry. Then we left and had a huge water fight with all the other boats. Then we got back to Adventure Bound and we watched a movie and a slide show of our rafting day. This place is awesome! (Britty Beal & John Mauran).”



WHAT DO YEARLINGS DO?

The Yearlings are an independent, self-sufficient unit at Mowglis. They live on their own, usually at Cub Point, and cook most of their own meals. More than half of their nights are spent on the trail or in campgrounds. The group comes back to base camp at Mowglis only to swap out gear, do laundry, and take showers.



There are four main activities during the three week program:

Top-Rope Climbing – learning proper anchor setups, how to belay, and different climbing techniques; and potentially a multi-pitch in small groups, either at Rumney or Cathedral Ledge.

Whitewater Kayaking – paddling kayaks for four days on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts through rapids, surfing waves, catching eddies, and learning to Eskimo roll out of a flip.

Mountain Biking - enjoying the exhilaration of coursing down one of the many local mountain trails.

Hiking in the White Mountains – hiking for four to five days out on some of the most spectacular trails available.

In addition to learning about and experiencing these sports, developing group dynamics and leadership roles, Yearlings gain valuable training on safe travel in the backcountry. This builds a foundation of confidence when it comes to trying new things or solving problems back home, at school, or work.

THE PROGRAM GOING FORWARD . . .

In the past, Mowglis has offered the Yearling Program just once during the camp season. Now the plan is to expand the program to two back-to-back sessions, one starting on June 28th, the second on July 20th. This multi-session setup allows older boys who might have high school sports or other summer commitments the chance to come to Mowglis for part of the season and go on an amazing adventure with old and new friends.



WORK WEEKEND

SAVE THE DATE
Weekend of
June 6 & 7, 2009



Unidentified alum and
Buzz Ringe.



Technology Advisor Richard Morgan,
Program Director Pete St. John, and
Board Member Greg Phaneuf.



Mark Reilly, Kristian Sanchez, and
Benji Ringe.



Jamie Orr and Sandee Brown

BACK-TO-THE-PACK

SAVE THE DATE
Weekend of
August 22 & 23, 2009

FROM THE DESK OF THE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR . . .

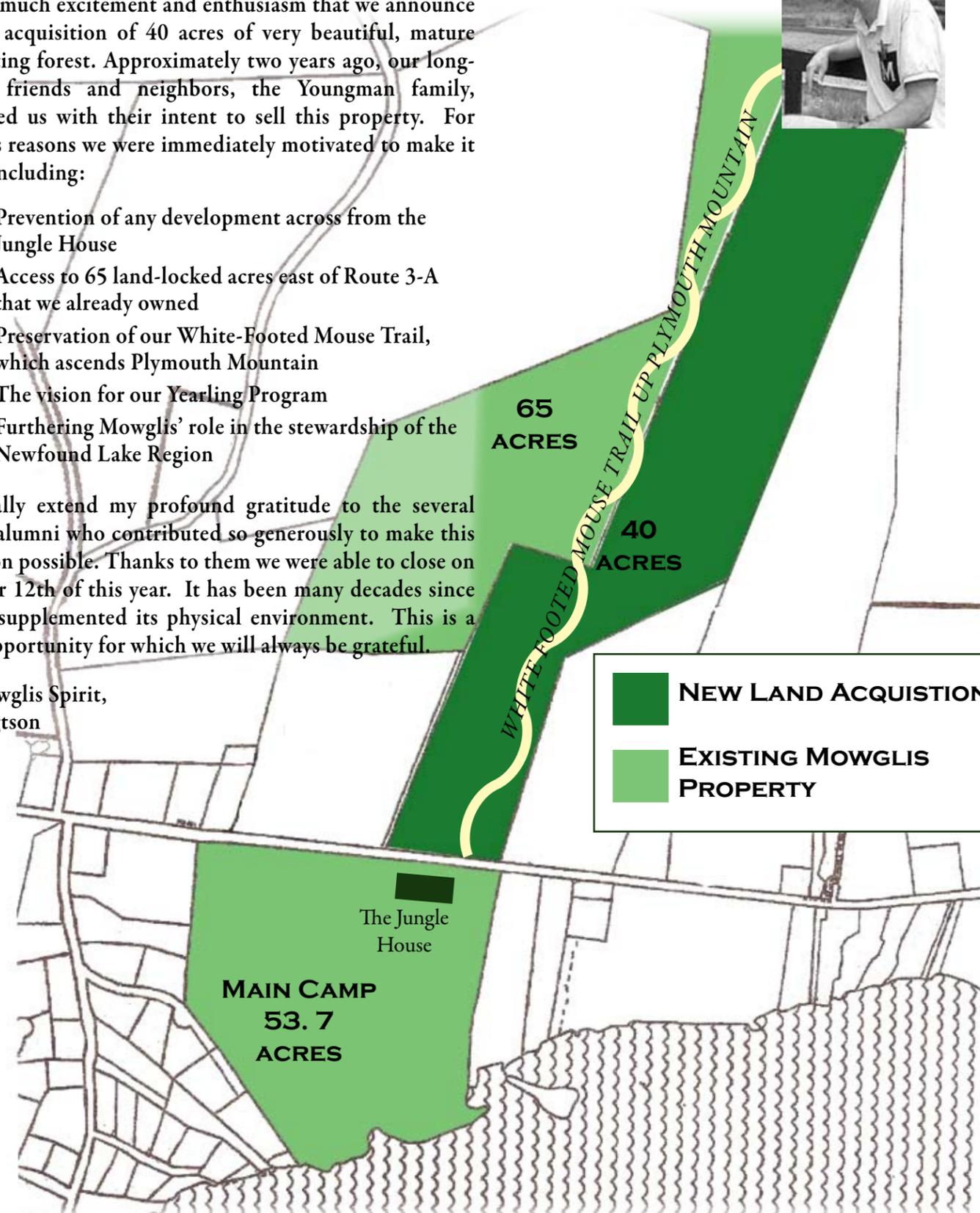
MOWGLIS ACQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL 40 ACRES!

It is with much excitement and enthusiasm that we announce Mowglis' acquisition of 40 acres of very beautiful, mature and abutting forest. Approximately two years ago, our long-standing friends and neighbors, the Youngman family, approached us with their intent to sell this property. For numerous reasons we were immediately motivated to make it happen, including:

- 1) Prevention of any development across from the Jungle House
- 2) Access to 65 land-locked acres east of Route 3-A that we already owned
- 3) Preservation of our White-Footed Mouse Trail, which ascends Plymouth Mountain
- 4) The vision for our Yearling Program
- 5) Furthering Mowglis' role in the stewardship of the Newfound Lake Region

I personally extend my profound gratitude to the several Mowglis alumni who contributed so generously to make this acquisition possible. Thanks to them we were able to close on November 12th of this year. It has been many decades since Mowglis supplemented its physical environment. This is a unique opportunity for which we will always be grateful.

With Mowglis Spirit,
Bob Bengtson



ALUMNI

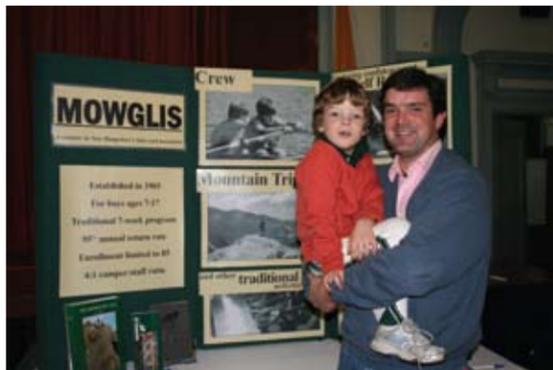


Recognize these campers? Send us an e-mail with their (correct) names along with your updated contact information and receive a Mowglis gift.

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Alumnus Tom Ringe and Tripmaster Tommy Greenwell at a camp fair in Philadelphia.



Alumnus Tom Lloyd at a camp fair in New York with his son ... a future cub?



Alumnus Jamie Orr at a camp fair ... we like that shirt, Jamie!



Alumnus and Trustee Forty Conklin atop Mt. Cardigan. How's the view, Forty?

IN REMEMBRANCE

reflections from Charlie Walbridge

CLYDE H. "MICKEY" SMITH



I first met Clyde H. "Mickey" Smith in 1959, when I was an 11-year-old Akelite. His story was a Mowglis legend. He met Colonel Elwell in the 1930s as a boy on Mt. Cardigan, where his father, Clyde F. Smith, was the fire lookout. His family lived in a rough cabin just below the summit from spring until fall.

Each weekday Mickey hiked eight miles to and from Canaan to attend school. Growing up in the New Hampshire mountains, he developed a rare appreciation of the outdoors.

Mickey's father later became a noted craftsman and sign maker. His elegantly rustic signs guided hikers and visitors to trails and parks throughout the Appalachians. He made signs for Mowglis trails in the Cardigan region as well as the sign that has marked our front entrance for over 40 years. Once, while helping him place a trail sign in the mid-60s, he told me about the day he realized that his son had become a stronger hiker than he, leaving him behind on a steep climb. Clyde Sr., the consummate trailman, died while maintaining the Appalachian Trail near Roan Mountain in 1976.

The Colonel invited Mickey to attend Mowglis, and he was a successful camper, counselor, and tripmaster. When Mr. Adams was Director, he often returned to give slide shows of his travels. These were elaborate multimedia presentations with several projectors and recorded music. In the 60s he led several Washington Squads, including my own in 1962. Our final day included a challenging climb up the Huntington Ravine Trail and a final trek across Mt. Washington to Mt. Jefferson and down the Caps Ridge Trail. I doubt if we would have tried a hike that challenging without his sure-footed presence! He later became a trustee and a close advisor to Mr. Hart.

Mickey was an accomplished mountaineer who made challenging treks through the White Mountains, the Adirondacks, Mexico, and South America. When I became involved in whitewater sport, I learned that he was also a fine canoeist. Trained as an architect, he became a nationally known outdoor photographer. Some of the pictures he showed us in Gray Brothers found their way into books, magazines, and calendars. Amazon.com lists two dozen of his books still in print, each one showcasing a different part of the Eastern outdoors and Alaska.

During the last few years Mickey's health was not good, but his love of Mowglis never flagged. At last year's Back-to-the-Pack Weekend he treated us to a moving video retrospective of his childhood at the summit of Mt. Cardigan. His Christmas card to me enthusiastically described his latest book about the new Northern Forest Canoe Trail from Old Forge, New York, to Fort Kent, Maine. His loss will be deeply felt by many Mowglis and outdoorsmen throughout the country.



JEAN ELLEN (BAKER) BENGTON

Jean Bengtson, the camp nurse for many years, died peacefully on Friday, August 29 after a long illness. She was 82.

When Mrs. B. was just six years old she told her grandfather, a physician, that she planned to become a nurse and a mother. She stayed true to those goals her entire life. She was an emergency room nurse for over 20 years, thriving on

the fast pace and challenge of the the job. She raised three fine sons: Bob, Rick, and Craig. All were graduates and counselors with an important place in Mowglis history.

Her association with Mowglis began in 1968. She lived in Ansonia, Connecticut, near Mr. Hart, the then camp Director. They both went to the same church and knew each other well. Her husband was in the Coast Guard and was gone for most of the summer, so when Mr. Hart asked her to become the camp nurse, she agreed. She held the job from 1968 to 1973, dealing with the scrapes, illnesses and occasional serious problems of each camp season with grace and skill.

She really understood boys, knowing when to offer support and when to send a slacker packing. Her youngest son, Craig, was going for his Red Ribbon in canoeing while still in Baloo. He was a little guy, just 9 years old, but unusually determined and focused for his age. Mr. Hart had already questioned me about his fitness for the upcoming whitewater trip, and I assured him that he was ready,

On the morning of the trip, I dropped by the Lodge to pick up the first-aid kit. Mrs. B. greeted me by the door. She said in a loud voice, "Charlie, Craig is sick. He has a tummy ache." Then she pulled me aside and whispered, "Charlie, he's scared! But he'll kick himself if he misses the trip. Get upstairs and talk him into it!" I went upstairs, sat down on his bed, and told him that I knew that tummy aches often cleared up fast. I suggested that he ride to the river with us. The river ran right along the road, so he could see it first. If he still felt sick, he could stay in the van.

Needless to say, he didn't feel sick that afternoon, and he didn't want to paddle with me. He had a great trip! I wasn't surprised to hear, many years later, that he had become Peter Jennings's producer!

In her final years Mrs. B dealt with failing eyesight with her usual energy and persistence. She had many friends and often came to Mowglis to watch the Saturday night programs. She will be missed by many Mowglis who benefitted from her solid, calming presence.