THE MOWGLIS CALL 2010



MOWGLIS School of the open Established 1903 Cover photo (left to right): Mikasi Austin & Ben Morgan-Butcher

Ben Morgan-Butcher joined the Cubs for his first time this year and is carrying on a long Butcher family tradition as a fourth generation Mowglis. Ben's great grandfather, Henry Devereux Butcher, attended the camp for two years in approximately 1920, and loved his experience so well that he made sure that both his son Russell and grandson Neill had many Mowglis summers to enjoy. Russell attended Mowglis as a Cub in the late 1940's, while Neill was a camper for four summers in the mid-1970's (Den '77) and returned in 1981 as a senior staff member with the trip department. Neill noted that it was largely his grandfather's passion for the camp that got him to make the trek all the way from California for the first summer: "Even before I had seen the camp, I had heard countless tales about the many traditions that remain part of the Mowglis experience today. It is very special now to share that same experience with my own son."

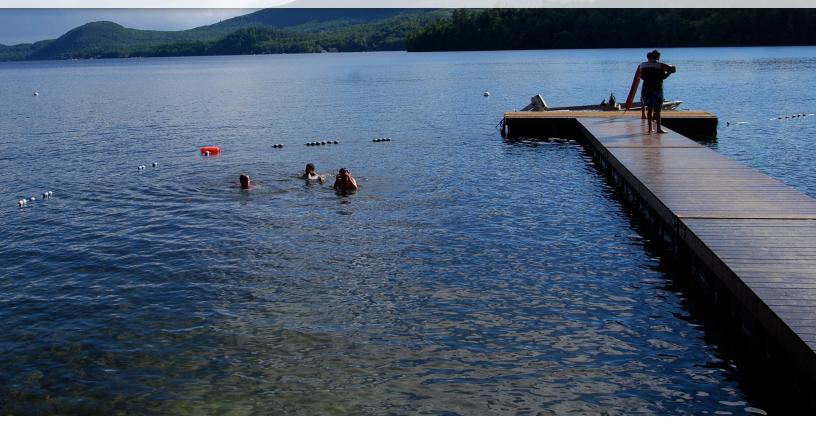
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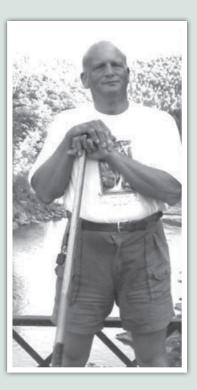


A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Mowglis,

Transitions are always challenging, especially when you have the traditions and history of Mowglis. But in his first year our new director, Sam Punderson, has accomplished a great deal. Thanks to stepped-up recruiting and outreach efforts we held enrollment steady at a time when many other camps saw declines of 5-10%. Careful off-season management cut unnecessary expenses, usually by finding smarter, cheaper ways to get things done. He funded, purchased, and implemented a new camp software system which will get our work done faster, and with fewer errors. Most importantly, he oversaw a summer which was exciting and wonderful in all the ways that you would expect.

Many people contributed to Mr. Punderson's success, but several deserve special mention. Tom Greenwell, a long-time camper and staffer, moved from Tripmaster to Assistant Director this past year. His extensive knowledge and experience, combined with hard work was absolutely vital. He's



primarily responsible for the solid growth of the Yearling Program, which sent out two crews for the first time this year. Bob Bengston, our outgoing director, returned often to play the piano and give advice on a wide range of subjects from alumni outreach to plant maintenance. His presence was felt in many ways, from the entrance garden to the camp water and sewer system. Mr. Punderson's administrative assistant, Holly Taylor, works tirelessly to keep the camp organized and on time. Her behind-the scenes efforts make a huge difference!

Mowglis has also benefited from hands-on support from key camp alumni. Gary Wright returned, as he has for many years, to set up the rifle range. When the camp Watermaster left unexpectedly former Watermaster Beth MacDonald stepped in during the last week. Stu Carothers returned to work with the Junior Staff and provide another set of hands during the busy last week. Richard Morgan continues, as he has for decades, to maintain and upgrade the camp computer and phone systems. Dave Concannon and his wife Donna spent almost two weeks at Mowglis, helping out wherever needed. There are others, of course, and anyone who wants to help out is encouraged to contact our director.

Now, as we look forward to the 2011 season, I hope all of you will remember Mowglis as you go about your lives. More than financial support, we need help finding the kind of boys who will benefit from a Mowglis

summer. Next year, when the cannon's roar echoes across the lake, we want camp to be better than ever. And we can't do it without you!

Good hunting, all!

Charlie Walbridge, '62 President, HEMF



Setter from the Director ...

SAM PUNDERSON

We did it!

Summer 2010 has passed, with happy campers and families telling us that this was the best summer in recent memory. Of course I don't yet have the perspective that would qualify me to comment on that claim, but I will say it seemed great to me.

I theorize there are four reasons our summer worked as well as it did.

1. Mowglis programming. The reason that Mowglis continues to be so successful is that the program works. Essentially this is the exact program that the first Pundersons (and many of you and your relatives) were so enamored with. Any man who attended Mowglis in the past could find commonality of experience with a boy from 2010. That's the beauty of this incredible camp. In fact, I would argue that the programming is now more relevant than ever as we all wage battle with the technology that's seeping into our lives. That Mowglis allows the ability for a boy to sever the techno umbilical cord for a full 7 weeks, is monumentally important today.

2. Tommy Greenwell. With so many people who need to be thanked for their roles, it's a bold move to single out one person, but I cannot overstate how important Tommy was to the success of this past summer. For those of you who don't know him he's a true Mowglis Man who has poured his heart and soul into our camp over the past 15 years, first as a camper, then as a counselor, and this summer as the Assistant Director. He knows every last detail of how to run a summer, from the minutiae of organizing even the most non-regular Mowglis day, to the big picture of what dorms go on what trips, and when, and how to get them there and back safely. He's a jack-ofall-trades and most importantly of all, is loved by the boys.

3. The staff. Our counsel this summer was a fan-tastic crew of folks. Of a staff of 14 we had 5 who had been senior staff before, another

5 who had been campers, and 4 who were completely new to Mowglis. While one would expect that the latter 4 would have taken a few weeks to understand and integrate, this crew assimilated immediately with the veterans, and they all came together to create a seamless experience. I would even argue that one or two of them, with another couple summers under their belts, will become Mowglis legends that the boys will talk about for decades to come.

4. The weather. If you've lived in New England for many years, and you were here to experience this past summer, you know that we just came through a most uncommon summer. The weather in East Hebron for the months of June to September, was simply unreal. I knew something was odd when during Get Back and Give Back on the first weekend of June the entire crew was lollygagging at the waterfront, swimming and wading for up to an hour at a time. Newfound is not typically that inviting in early June. It didn't stop. It was hot and sunny every day. I can honestly say that we only had to postpone or rearrange 2 days the entire summer due to inclement weather. It was staggeringly beautiful!

My take at this point is that I feel like running Mowglis is a team event. There are players on the team who are more intricately involved, like the summer staff, the off-season staff, and the Trustees, but there are other, unsung players. The parents and alumni



are key to the success of the camp. I have felt great support from both these groups during my first year. And for that support, I must thank each and every one of you.

My hope is that this support will not only continue, but increase. The combined passion of those whose lives have been touched by Mowglis is the very thing that will bring success in the future. Growing the population will not happen in a vacuum. My team will work aggressively to follow up every lead we can, but we will need help identifying those prospects. That's where all of you come into play, we need your assistance. I know you've heard me say this already, and I can promise you'll hear me say it again. Mowglis, with it's 7 week session, needs to be introduced to new families by people who both know the new family and know Mowglis. Parents are understandably concerned about sending their child away for such a long time, but if they could see the immediate and profound effect that Mowglis will have on their son, they would understand it all.

I want to thank all of you who have made this first year doable for me. The wonderful staff, the current families, the dedicated alums, and the untiring Trustees, thank you!

Good Hunting!

Sam Punderson

A Message from the Assistant Director

Once again Mowglis has brought together boys and staff from all around the world. Boys jumped right into their summer action plans with hopes of earning Sharpshooter, completing Level 5 for the Swimmers, earning the fourth ribbon to claim a seat in the Inner Circle, making Squads, dedicating themselves to learning new skills, or sharpening ones learned in previous years. This was also a summer of firsts - for both Mr. Punderson and Mr. Greenwell - it was our first time "running the show". It was the first summer at Mowglis for three great Senior Staffers and a wonderful Cub Mother. For a few staff it was their first time back on staff in several years. Five of the Senior Staff were campers of mine when I was a dorm staff. All these dedicated adults were striving to achieve the same goals: providing a safe, fun, and productive environment. They were able to unite from the very beginning and help fuel another truly amazing Mowglis season!

This Mowglis summer went by, as they usually do, very fast! One reason for this is the structure of the summer schedule. Between regular Mowglis days, trip days, overnight trips, athletic team sports days, (and remarkably, no rain day schedules) everyone was able to have a very productive summer. I personally answered more questions this summer than I think I did in three years as the Tripmaster. It was great! One of the best questions of the year (and there were many) was during the third week of camp during an inspection in Akela. A camper asked me, "Mr. Greenwell, why do the end of all our beds rise after we make them? They lay flat the rest of the time, but do you see how the foot of the bed (talking about the mattress) is higher than the head." I had to take a minute to make sure I un-



derstood and answered "Nathaniel, it is because when you tuck your blankets under the sides and foot of the bed it raises it up. Nothing is tucked in under your pillow but a sheet, so it doesn't make it rise." In eight years on the Senior Staff, no one has ever asked me such a good bed-making question. It sticks out in my mind so well because one of the things we strive to do here at Mowglis is to get everyone to pay attention to the details. The boys this summer paid attention to detail.

Mrs. Holts Day was a very proud day for the boys, the staff, and parents. Each person accomplishes so much each summer: progress in Industries, uniting as a dorm, forming new friends, and learning the ways of a Mowglis Man. Within a few hours after Mrs. Holt's Day the camp goes quiet, the boys are making their way home with their families, and the staff begins to pack away camp in a very meticulous way. The look and feel of the place changes the most as you approach the waterfront, and your view of the water is obstructed by the T-dock which is carefully stacked in front of the canoe racks, with the Waingunga and the swimmers raft in front of that. The water looks empty with the docks gone and only a lone sailboat still on the water. Already the leaves on the trees are changing around camp; before long they will have all fallen to the ground and be buried by the first snowfall.

I look forward to being able to see as many of you as possible in the off-season. I want to see all of you back next summer! And please, remember to bring a friend to share in this awesome place!

To all of the 2010 Campers and Staff - Thank You!

Good Hunting, Tommy Greenwell







CREW DAY 2011 • Saturday, August 6th Experience the magic all over again!

Please think about adding Crew Day to your calendar this summer. It is absolutely the most action- and energy-packed day at Mowglis in the entire summer! It brings you back to your time as a boy at Mowglis! Come back for Crew Day. Schedules posted on the Mowglis website and Facebook pages.



SWEATSHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

In the Fall of 2009 the idea of a logo design contest was proposed by Mowglis to our community. There was a lot of excitement and discussion online about creating a Mowglis hooded sweatshirt (hoodie), t-shirt, magnets, car window stickers, and bracelets. Spring of 2010 designs were submitted online and voted on by members of the Mowglis Facebook Group. Mowglis alumni, campers, and staff were asked to come up with a new Mowglis logo that would be used to put on a limited edition hoodie. Designs were submitted by Memo Ciocca (Den '08), Zeke Frost (Den '08), and Maurico Calderon (Den '03). The votes were tallied, and one of Memo Ciocca's designs was chosen as the



Winning sweatshirt design

winner. All of the designs submitted can be viewed in the photos on the Mowglis Facebook group page. Andrew Khatri (Den '93) came up with the quote "Making Men from Boys since 1903" which was printed below the design on the back of the sweatshirt. The logo and quote were silk screened onto red, blue, and grey hoodies. Alumni, Boys, and Parents were all able to purchase their own hoodies this summer, and they were a huge hit. There are still a few left so if you would like to get one, send us an email with the size and color you would like. Please understand that the stock is very low and we may not have your size, but if there's enough demand we might do another run. Keep a lookout on the Facebook group page and website for the next design contest!

Come back!

Mowglis Alumni:

Come back to camp and be a counselor! Come join in the mix with the fantastic group that we had this past summer. As I stated in my Directors Letter, it was a fun crew that had great energy, and provided the boys with an amazing summer. In addition to the staff who committed themselves to an entire summer, we were lucky enough to have multiple alumni who returned to be "guest staff" for as many as 3 weeks. This is a great tradition and one I don't think many alumni are aware happens. It gives the boys even more opportunities to bond with a role

model who they might identify with.

Whether you are able to come for full summer season, or just for a week, we would love to talk with you about coming back to camp to be a positive role model, to be that staff member you knew and loved when you were a camper. If you have any interest, please contact me at director@mowglis.org.

-Sam Punderson





- 1 Aqua Finn sail
- Canvas tent for Yearlings (Cimarron tents)
- 2 more singles / one 2-man shell
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- □ Drama props and costumes
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- 2 four-man tents
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DOUGLAS E. GEORGE ('66)

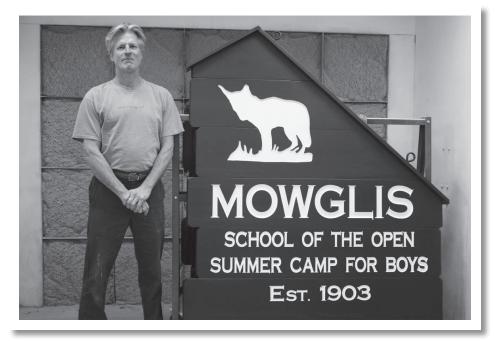
Douglas E. George, 57, died on Dec. 17, 2009 after a three-year battle with cancer. Doug came to Mowglis in 1963 and graduated in 1966. He was an outstanding hiker and woodsman who won the Wolf Paw Award. He played trumpet and french horn with great skill; Richard Morgain remembers playing with him in a the Brass Choir in the Chapel of the Woods. After a stint on the Junior Staff in 1967 he began working as an Appalachian Mountain Clubhutman. He became assistant hut master and hut master at Greenleaf and Madison huts and managed the Tuckerman Ravine shelter.

Doug graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1975 with a degree in resource management and later received degrees in civil technology and information technology from the UNH Thompson School of Applied Science. He married Caroline Edgerton of Bryn Mawr, PA in 1976. A year later they built their first house together. In 1979 they moved to Dover, NH, and founded Conserve Associates, later renamed Doug George Homes. Doug built over 100 high quality energy efficient homes and was recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in the field. A life member of the Appalachian Mountain Club he was an active hiker, biker, and skier throughout his life.

PETER HART ('55)

Peter Hart (Den '55) passed away a year ago in Livingston, MT. He was an outstanding outdoorsman at Mowglis, winning the Wolfs Paw Award. He had an outstanding career in the Park Service, managing parks all over the country and was well-known for his ability to work with all kinds of people. He was "Senior Ranger" at NPS, and after retirement he was often called back for months at a time to manage various parks during leadership transitions.

NEW SIGN AT MOWGLIS



Rick Hulme (Den '70) poses with the new Mowglis sign that he replicated using the old design.

STAFF PROFILE: Cal Gridley, Sailing Instructor

My name is Cal Gridley. I attend Wentworth Institute of technology in Boston. My main hobby is Ultimate Frisbee and I play it fanatically. I have many other pastimes though, including archery, parkour (freestyle running), and swimming.

How did you find out about Mowglis?

I discovered Mowglis through an interesting series of events that spanned a few years. Outside of camp I work as a lifeguard and swim instructor. Two years ago I embarked on a tall ships race across the Atlantic from England, and up the east coast. After the race officially finished in Boston, I brought my ship and crew to my hometown of Marblehead for a much needed break. While at port in Marblehead two of my students from swim class were able to tour the ship. Their mother, who is heavily involved with the camp, suggested me to Mr. Sam Punderson as a possible staff member.

How long have you been sailing? Where did you learn how to sail?

I have been sailing for about twelve years. I first learned to sail at a camp very similar to Mowglis. That's where I initially discovered the joys of sailing with a strong wind on a beautiful lake. I graduated to sailing tall ships when I was in high school when I began doing week long voyages in and around England and France.

Do you think sailboats are scary?

Sailboats can be a very scary place if you aren't prepared for what you have to do. There's always the danger of being thrown overboard into the ocean, getting hit with cables, beams, etc. Most of that adds to the thrill of the experience, though, and you'll find most sailors live for the sort of danger that is ever-present on tall ships.

How did you become the "Ninja Monkey King" at camp?

Believe it or not, I typically acquire a similar nickname to this anywhere I spend an extended amount of time. It *probably* has something to do with my tendency to climb over any obstacle as fast as possible. I also have a dive-roll that I use often in Frisbee and, well, you can see where things go from there...

Do you believe there are ghosts at camp?

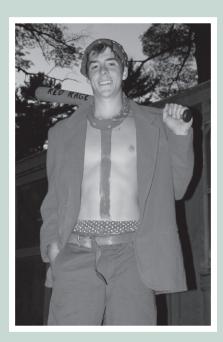
I do believe there are ghosts at the camp. I personally haven't had a visual paranormal experience that has absolutely convinced me, but I've heard some very convincing testimonies. I think it's very likely that if anywhere were to be inhabited by spirits it would be a place such as Mowglis, which builds so many strong and positive memories and can so easily become an important part of a persons life.

What was your best/favorite part of the summer as a staff member?

There are so many things that come to mind when I try to answer this. The way the kids and other staff brought me right into the fold and treated me as if I'd been there my entire life, the pure beauty of the location on the lake, the way the kids could make me laugh even when I was having a bad day, the awesome times I got to spend with the other staff. The list goes on and on.

What was your favorite special event day and why?

To be honest, my favorite event day was probably Lazy Day. Don't let the name fool you. For the staff, Lazy Day is not very '*lazy*'. A day packed full of Industry periods might drive some other staff to the limit but I found that Industry periods were my favorite times of the day since I got to be out on the lake so much. And now that I'm back in classes, I'd give anything to be out on the lake.



As a computer guru why is it important to you to disconnect for the summer?

As useful as technology is, it's important to remind ourselves that we don't need to rely on it. A whole summer of fun in the sun is just what we need to prove that we are humans and we can and should rely more on ourselves to get things done. As startling as going "computer cold turkey" is, it's been a regular practice of mine to take an extended period of time away from technology over the summer for the last few years. I find it helps me take a step back from getting swept away by everyday life.

Do you have any plans for next year's sailing program at Mowglis?

Oh yes. I plan to use the offseason as planning season. We'll just count last year as my trial run. I spent some time looking at the requirement sheets from way back when, and I plan to add a lot of exciting requirements and work a lot more on some racing techniques. I can't tell you all of my secrets, though!

STAFF PROFILE: Pat Ploof, Yearling Director

Why DO you always smile, Mr. Ploof?

I always have something to smile about and smiles are contagious and worth spreading because they bring comfort. After climbing something hard and frustrating, being cold, and getting to the top to see a friend smiling about what you just did, it's an amazing feeling to pass along, and it's impossible not to smile yourself.

Which states have you lived in?

New York, California, Michigan, and Vermont

What was your favorite part of the Yearling Program?

The basketball/soccer match held at Adventure Bound in Maine with the first session group. We had some free time after rafting before dinner and we played games for hours. It was competitive, but the focus was on having everyone involved and to have fun. Interacting with boys not as an instructor but as another team mate on the field was a whole lot of fun.

Hopes for the Yearlings next season? Get on the road more. The basics are learned at camp for the most part, and getting the groups more independent and self sufficient will be great. To be able to see different landscapes in new areas to give the boys a taste of all the beautiful landscapes in New England.

What do you have planned for the winter?

Ice climbing, Ski Patrol, enjoying Life, and attending a Mowglis event so I can see the boys.

Do you have a personal memorable experience in the back country?

Hiking in Utah, out of the middle of nowhere, an old cowboy shows up out of nowhere. He was quite rude to us, speaking down to us while sitting on top of his horse. We were on day two of a five day trip. It was one thing from the back country that I will never forget.

What is the coolest thing you have done since camp ended?

Every year at the end of September in Jamaica, Vermont there is a dam release on the West River. This was by far the best release I've done. My close friend Rob Shea was paddling



bow with myself manning the stern. Over the course of the day Rob and I made four runs consisting of two swims and some great eddy turns. One of our swims was caused by a giant curling wave, which ate us and then spit us out, and it caused us to flip. It was a day I will never forget and a release I will never miss in the future!

Charlie Walbridge visited with Garland and Jean Thayer this past June at their lovely home in Limestone, Tennessee. Garland was a counsellor at Mowglis in the 50's and 60's. A marvelous storyteller, he often told us tales of his life in the Southern Appalachians. In 1961 he was the only person who could keep my rowdy Panther under control. He lead by example and was a strong positive influence on all of us.

A retired teacher, school principal, and United Methodist minister Garland stays active as a visitation minister for home-bound members of a large congregation. His recent book, Moments of Mystery and Wonder, has many wonderful accounts of how God influenced his life. You can pick it up on Amazon. At 85 he and Jean have been married 45 years; four children and 7 grandchildren live nearby.





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If your name is misspelled or omitted, please accept our apologies and contact us, so we may correct it.

2010 ROBERT W. COOK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: HUNTER PERKINS

The Robert W. Cook Scholarship was established this summer in memory of Robert W. Cook (Den '51) by his family and daughter, Pamela Correia. Bob Cook was raised in Bristol, NH and attended Camp Mowglis while his father served as a Merchant Marine. He later became a Mowglis counselor during the summer months while attending New Hampton Prep School. He enjoyed traveling to various countries and found beauty everywhere he visited. Because of his love of nature and respect for others, Cook became a great humanitarian helping individuals in need all over the world.

The 2010 recipient of the Robert W. Cook scholarship was Hunter Perkins of Moultonboro. Hunter is an honor roll student at Moultonborough Academy entering the 8th grade. He enjoys fishing, kayaking, hiking, playing soccer, golf, camping, learning to cook & trying new foods, being with his friends, and caring for his families' pets. After high school Hunter would like to go to college and study to be a Marine Biologist.

While at Camp Hunter was a Pantherite. Some of his accomplishments:

- Mahoosucs Pack trip
- Franconia Ridge Pack Trip
- Graduates Dinner Waiter
- NRA Promarksman, 1st class, sharpshooter, 1st bar, 2nd bar, 3rd bar, 4th bar, 5th bar, 6th bar
- Arts/crafts
- Gopher squad
- Red Cross Swimming Levels 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Half Waingunga
- Archery
- Sailing
- Red crew 1st form, 5
- Winner of the 2010 Wright Riflery Award



Hunter accepting the 2010 Wright Riflery Award

His mom, Jennifer, reports to us that it was an amazing experience for Hunter as well as their family, as it was his first time away from home. She said that he was nervous about going to camp and missing out on spending time with his friends. He especially enjoyed the riflery. She tells us that Hunter returned from camp a much more confident young man, and said that he wouldn't trade his time at Mowglis for anything.

If you know a boy from New Hampshire who would like to come to camp this summer, please have them contact camp director Sam Punderson at director@mowglis.org.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to introduce Mowglis to a boy who would not otherwise be able to take part in the Mowglis experience.



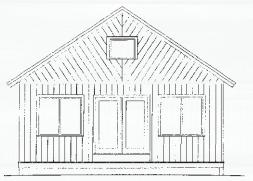
The summer of 2010 saw a resurgence of the Mowglis drama program. Matt Kelly was the man we hired to take on the job of bringing drama back to camp. Matt is from Swindon, England and was a fantastic addition to the staff this summer. He was tasked with working with each of the dorms to create skits, as well as run drama as an Industry. Matt worked with the boys to write some very funny skits, including one about the "Evil Director"! We hope you enjoy the photos.



KENT COTTAGE – A MOWGLIS DREAM COME TRUE!

As I think many of you are aware, Mowglis has always had very little in the way of staff housing apart from its dormitories. As a means of strengthening the Mowglis experience via an enhanced ability to attract and retain a sturdy core of professionals from season to season, it has long been our hope to construct a cottage capable, for instance, of accommodating a married couple with, perhaps, a young family. Thanks to an extraordinary gift from Jane Johnson Kent, known to a good number of you as a former Director of Camp Onaway, Kent Cottage is a Mowglis dream come true; to be built and dedicated as a memorial to Jane's husband, Warner W. Kent, Jr., Mowglis Graduate of 1935.





South Front - Mowglis Kent Cottage

A Camper from an earlier generation under the leadership of Colonel Elwell, I can well remember Warner's enthusiastic return visits to Mowglis over the years, and I remember the warmth and fondness with which Bill Hart often spoke of him. And so it is with grateful hearts, and with considerable affection for Jane and Warner, that ground will soon be broken near the shoreline between Kaa Boat House and Cub Point. Thank you, Jane, for your vision, for your generosity, and for your commitment to helping Mowglis shine ever more brightly!

> -K. Robert Bengtson, **Director Emeritus**

Dear Sam,

I am sorry that I did not have the opportunity to speak to you before taking Adam home yesterday, but I just want to let you know that Adam ended up loving camp and will definitely be returning to Mowglis next summer. When I dropped Adam off at camp on June 26th he was filled with doubt and insecurities and after seven short weeks at Mowglis I picked up a child who is confident and poised. He told me he feels like a different person and that he had a "phenomenal summer". I cannot thank you and your wonderful staff enough and I look forward to seeing Adam become a Mowglis graduate.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours, Debra Freedman, Adam's mom



Adam Scher

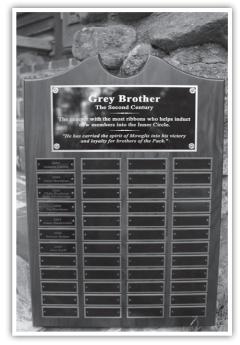
A LONG LINE OF GREY BROTHERS

It's the last Friday night of the summer, and the boys are seated around their final campfire. A hush falls over the assembly as the director steps onto the Council Rock with the skin of Shere Khan beneath him, and the long-standing Mowglis tradition of the Inner Circle Ceremony plays out for another summer.

Inner Circle is the recognition boys receive after successfully completing four or more ribbons, and Grey Brother is the camper, typically a Dennite already in the Inner Circle, who has earned the greatest number of ribbons.

The story of Grey Brother goes back to the original *Jungle Book,* where as Mowglis' wolf brother, he helps the man-cub in his battles against Shere Khan. At camp Grey Brother's role is to induct members of the Pack into the Inner Circle.

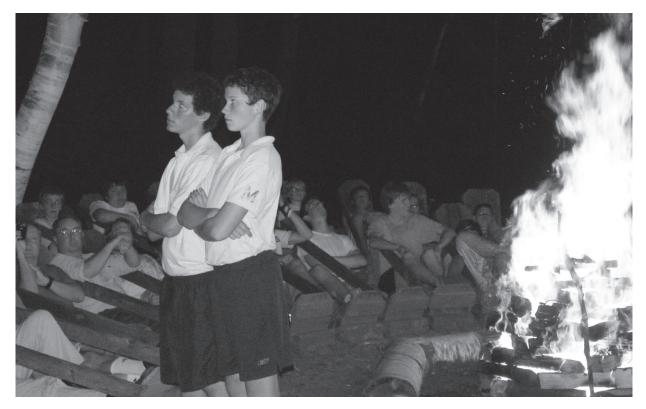
At the campfire, Grey Brother leads those boys being inducted around the circle and brings each before the Council Rock. A member of the Headquarter's Staff, playing a character from the *Jungle Book*, tells of the boy's accomplishments that signify his worthiness of admission.



Realizing the long line of Grey Brothers was not documented in the *Howls* or elsewhere at camp, the Reiff family (whose son Alex was Grey Brother in 2009) thought it would be fitting to create some way to honor them. The plaque they commissioned celebrates the camp's second century of Grey Brothers and is inscribed with the following names:

2003 – Joaquin Larrea 2004 – Chris Hurdman 2005 – Chris Hurdman and Kyle Stockbridge 2006 – Jay Hurdman 2007 – Adam Shankweiler 2008 – Sawyer Hulme 2009 – Alex Reiff 2010 – Axel Nunes and Beauchamp Zirnkilton

Please let Mowglis know when you were Grey Brother so we can start a proper record of the past Grey Brothers.











CUBS

2010 was a great summer up at Cubland. We started camp with 5 boys who had committed for the entire 7-week session. Four of them had older brothers in the Pack and 1 who was a 4th generation camper! At the end of the 4th week, we had an additional 5 Cubs who arrived to take advantage of our shorter 3-week session we instituted this summer. This new program went very well, and the arriving Cubs integrated immediately with the veterans.

Our Cub "parents" this summer were Rozlin Alber and Alvaro Gutierrez. They did an amazing job providing comfort and structure to the boys in Ford Hall. The Cubs were involved with the Pack, but due to the large Cub population, we also had the chance to give the boys their own experiences, just like the Cubs were allowed in decades past.

We're hoping to build on the momentum of 2010's Cub season. Thanks to all who made it a success.







THE BAGHEERA SOCIETY

Leaving a legacy and helping to assure our mission today and tomorrow.

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we recognize the following alumni and friends who, in an ongoing and collective way, are strengthening Mowglis future for generations to come by expressing their interest to include Mowglis as a beneficiary of their estate.

- * Matthew Baird, III (Den 1916)
 - K. Robert Bengtson (Den 1969)

R. Arthur Bradbury (Den 1951)

- Benjamin W. Dulany (Den 1933) * Helen C. Elwell (b. 1888, d. 1976)
 - Roger W. Farrington (Den 1958)

Charles B. Feuer (Den 1973)

Philip L. and Elizabeth Hawkins (parents of Robert Hawkins, Den 2000)

- * Senator H. John Heinz, III (Den 1953) Robert C. Howe (Den 1972)
- * William Tredwell "Treddy" Ketcham, Jr. (Den 1933)
- Christopher P. Kriesen (Den 1980)
- * Edward F. Lincoln (Den 1956)
- * Henry H. Livingston, Jr. (Crew Coach, 1938)

Henry H. Livingston, III (Den 1955) Charles N. Ludlow (Den 1941) Lockwood D. "Woody" Merriman (Den 1962) Stephen B. Minich (Den 1971)

- * Edward W. Morrison (Den 1953)
 John H. Morrison, III (Den 1948)
 Henry A. Phillips (Den 1950)
 Henry R. "Buzz" Ringe, II (Den 1950)
- * Mary R. Russell (b. 1891, d.1988)
- * Ruth E. Russell (b. 1894, d. 1988) John L. Scott (Den 1932) Jeffrey A. Shaw (Crew Coach, 2003) Dwight B. Shepherd (Den 1967)
- * Clyde H. "Mickey" Smith (Den 1946)
 Perry M. Smith (Den 1972)
 Christopher H. Thompson (Den 1984)
 James R. Van Schaick (Den 1967)
 Charles C. Walbridge (Den 1962)
 Douglas P. Warwick (Den 1951)
 James G. (Den 1969) and Linnea P. Westberg

* Indicates those of whom have passed on.

Please consider joining the Bagheera Society by including Mowglis in your estate planning. No details or documentation are necessary, just an indication of your intentions to the Director. If you would like information on how to include Mowglis in your plans, contact Sam Punderson at (603) 744-8095 or director@Mowglis.org.

"Moughts We Go Singing On Into The Coming Years"

YEARLING UPDATE

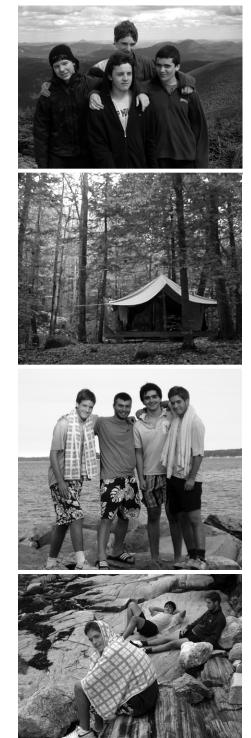
This past summer we ran two threeweek sessions for Yearlings. There were 7 boys in the first session and 5 boys in the second session, along with their skilled and passionate leaders Mr. Pat Ploof and Mr. Cameron Carothers. Each group followed a similar schedule. Session one backpacked in the Pemigiwassett Wilderness of New Hampshire's White Mountains and the second session, on the Long Trail in the Green Mountains of Vermont. Then there was whitewater kayaking on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts, mountain biking in various locations in New Hampshire, and rock climbing locally at the world-famous sport crag, Rumney Rocks. Session one white water rafted on the Kennebec in Maine and session two sea kayaked in Muscongus Bay in Maine. The combination of the sessions brought three new boys to Mowglis and nine returning Mowglis. Most of the boys were from New England, one from Washington State and three from Spain.

The Mowglis Yearling Program teaches leadership, teamwork, outdoor, and social skills to high school age boys. The program has the unique ability to be custom tailored to the group's interests. Communication between Mowglis, the Yearling Leader and the potential Yearlings is what guides the program to the interest the boys have. When planning the coming summer, after speaking with potential Yearlings as well as our veterans, we develop a program that is fun, effective, educational and safe.

The 2011 Yearling Program will be full of energy and excitement. We plan to do more sea kayaking this coming summer, as it was the favorite activity for most of the group who participated in 2010. Our goal is to get the groups out of camp more and keep them on the move throughout their three weeks. We strive to continue to deliver a highly effective program.

In early June 2010, work was done around the Yearling campsite on the west side of the road at Mowglis. The fire ring was re-excavated and the rim lined with stones. Paths were reopened from spring growth and small sites were opened up for the Yearling Leader's tent. During the summer the Axemanship boys spent time cleaning up large logs that had fallen, building bridges, and groups continued to clear their way up the White Footed Mouse Trail. Last winter Tommy Greenwell and Tom Bridsall spent a few days hiking through the snow looking for Mowglis Trail Signs and flagging trees. Over 1000 feet of flagging was used to mark the trail from Mowglis to the Stokes Memorial Forest.

All of these improvements and plans will help to create an even stronger experience going forward. We're looking forward to next summer!





ALUMNI/RECRUITING EVENTS

When I tell people I'm a camp director, they say "Wow that must be great having all winter off to ski!" and I respond by saying, "Yes, that'd be great". As many of you know, I spend a lot of time on the road in the off-season, visiting with both prospective boys and their families, as well as connecting with alumni.

This past off-season was a blast. I would say, that aside from being at camp in the summer with the boys, the greatest part of my job is getting out of the office to visit with Mowglis alumni. This past year we had gatherings in the following places:

- Falmouth, Maine
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Marblehead, Massachusetts
- Boca Roton, Florida
- Breckenridge, Colorado
- Golden, Colorado

- Grand Junction, Colorado
- Jackson Hole, Wyoming
- Palo Alto, California
- New York, New York
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Frederick, Maryland



- Malvern, Pennsylvania
- Londonderry, Vermont
- Middlebury, Vermont
- Sugarloaf, Maine

We will be having many of the same gatherings this year, and we know we will be adding destinations again. We will do our best to inform you when the gatherings will be happening, but please keep checking on our Facebook page as well as our website.

We are also constantly looking for families who would like to host an event. If you think you can pull together a few alumni, then we'll fit it into our schedule. Please let us know if this is something you'd like to do.

Please come join us at an event near you. You would be astonished who you might meet at an event, and I know you will be pleased to meet any current campers and friends. It's a blast to reconnect with other Mowglis if you've been out of the loop for a few years! We look forward to seeing you this year!



Event in Marblehead, MA

Beginning top left (right to left): Sam Punderson and Bill Bradstreet; Chris Phaneuf and Wayne George; Bruce MacDonald and Kristian Sanchez; Manning Sears (right) and friend; Beth MacDonald, Chris Phaneuf and Diane Sears; Bill Bradstreet, Eva Smith, and Chris Phaneuf



ALUMNI NOTES

Greg Morse, Den '97, wrote to us this winter and said, "I began my time at Mowglis in Baloo. I was out of shape and in for a little bit of lifestyle change shock. But by my Den year, I had worked myself into good enough shape to have the honor of being on Gopher Squad and the victorious Red Racing Crew. I also made the Inner Circle, having earned ribbons in (as I now recall) Axemanship, Canoeing, Camping, and Crew. Fast forward 12 years, and I am now a future soldier in the US Army, shipping to boot camp on January 25, 2010. My occupational specialty will be Intelligence Analyst. The discipline skills I learned at Mowglis will no doubt be of use. In fact, I realize that Mowglis has very adequate-ly prepared me for what lies ahead and should certainly make my participation in many drills and ceremonies a breeze."

Susan Hazelton, long-standing supporter of Mowglis wrote to fill us in on her family's Mowglis history: "My grandfather, George Gibbs, worked at Mowglis from 1920 to 1957. I have the scrapbook presented to him at his Testimonial Dinner, held at Mowglis on August 8, 1957. In it are the original letters from many of the early campers at Mowglis. The book includes personal notes from U.S. Senator Norris Cotton, Bill Hart, and Alcott Farrar Elwell, whom I remember meeting when I was a small child at the North Place.

My father, Ivan Gibbs, also worked at Mowglis. While he was working, my sisters and I lived on the Island (I never knew the name) and during the summer of 1955 or '56, our house in Windham, NH, burned to the ground. It was only through the generous contributions of the Mowglis family that we were able to make a new start in Plymouth, NH.

After my grandfather's death in 1962, my grandmother, Irene Braley Gibbs, worked at Mowglis. She loved it there and I believe it was one of the things that kept her going during the difficult years after George's death. I was very touched when you remembered her in "The Mowglis Howl."

My uncle, Carter Gibbs, attended Mowglis, as well as my cousin, Scot Gibbs.

When David and I decided to marry, it seemed unacceptable to hold the ceremony at any place other than the Chapel at Mowglis. An outdoor wedding is a risky choice for a New Hampshire couple, but September 4, 1965 was a perfect day. In 1995, on the occasion of our 30th anniversary, we returned to the camp and had our picture taken at the Chapel Arch. We returned again in 2005."

Darren Teoh, camp counselor in charge of tennis in 1997 wrote us from Malaysia after receiving last year's Call. He had this to say:

"To quote a line in your recent letter: As the Goodnight Song says, 'the things we've done and the pals we've met are never, ever forgotten.""

The above is so true. It struck me even more when I saw your recent newsletter, *The Mowglis Call 2009* on page 16, and I can still remember these two names and faces. These two were 14 year olds (I think) Donovan Holtz and Jordan Baker. I am certain the camp at Mowglis have made them greater men.



I remember some of my fellow counselors and the staff back in 1997. I think there was Chad Bradbury, Peter Dietz, Peter Manthiass and a German counsellor who "stole" my lobster a few nights before our camp ended :-)

Working with the kids back then was memorable!"

Randall Gibson was a camper in the 50's, on staff in the early 60's, and is a former trustee. He remembers getting the call from Mr. Hart his first season as director. He needed an archery instructor because the fellow who was going to run the program cancelled out. Randy went down to the local sporting goods store, bought a bow, some arrows, and a how-to book, and started practicing. He got pretty good, and the kids loved him. He remembers Mr. Hart coming down past the archery range and introducing him to some visitors. He shot a perfect bullseye—one of the few he hit all summer—right then!

William B, Hart Jr. (Den '53), a long time camper, counsellor, and former president of the board of trustees, has retired from his last position as chair of the National Trust for Historic Preservation but remains on the board of the Academy in Rome. They offer the famous "Rome Prize" for artists, who spend a year living together with other prize winners. It is a remarkable opportunity for talented artists. Bill and his wife split their time between Rome, Virginia, and California.

Philip Hart, a camper and counselor in from the early sixties to the early 80's and a long-time assistant director is teaching philosophy at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire. He has a strong following with students who enjoy his challenging and provocative intellect.

Jay A. Kranis (former Holt-Elwell Foundation Board member) writes that he and his wife Jo Ann are still happily living in New York, as is his daughter Elizabeth (Onaway, 1984) and her husband, Tim Gomes. Sons Andrew and Jordan, Mowglis alums, live, respectively, in Italy, and Los Angeles, CA. Andrew (Panther, 1981), a LEED-accredited architect, holds a Masters in Architecture from Columbia University and a B.A. from Duke University. He moved to Italy after winning the Rome Prize for Historic Preservation in 2008. An unexpected Mowglis connection accompanied the award ceremony: Bill Hart, Jr., former President of the Board of the Holt-Elwell Foundation and currently President of the Board of the American Academy in Rome, presented Andrew to the Board of the Academy. Andrew has remained in Rome to teach architecture and to research ecology and urbanism in support of sustainable design projects such as his "Green Piazza" proposal (for which he was awarded the Rome Prize) and his "Vertical Farm" (highlighted in Eco-Gowanus: Urban Remediation by Design, published by Columbia University's Urban Design Program). He is married to Maryann Fennimore Kranis, a teacher, artist and singer-songwriter.

Jordan Kranis (Den '83), a television writer and producer, holds a BA from the University of Miami. His primary professional focus has been sports-related documentaries, two of which – both HBO productions - garnered Emmy nominations. The first, the critically acclaimed series, *Legendary Nights*, was awarded an Emmy in 2004. The second, *The Perfect Upset*, was nominated for an Emmy in 2006, and was recently selected by *Sports Illustrated* as the Best Sports Documentary of the first decade of the 21st Century. Jordan currently produces the *Pros vs. Joes*, which airs on Spike TV. He is married to Trish Brush, Manager of a custom design furniture firm in Los Angeles. They are the proud parents of soon-to-be 6 year-old Koby. Jordan enjoyed attending a New York Mowglis reunion (before he moved to LA) and re-connecting with a number of old mates, including Benji Ringe. Watching the slideshow brought back a flood of wonderful memories of his days on Newfound Lake.

Terry Stenburg (Staff 1950-52) was headmaster of the Hawkins School in Cleveland for 15 years and the American Collegiate Institute in Ismere, Turkey for 4 years. Now retired, he lives in Cushing, Maine.

We spoke with **Jim Punderson (Den '40)** soon after he was run down by a snowboarder at Okemo in Vermont. A member of an "over 70" ski club, he is active on the slopes despite his 80+ years. Like all Pundersons, he's tough! Despite pain from a dislocated shoulder and bruises all over his body he spoke fondly of Mowglis and its influence on his life. He also brought us up to date on the activities of his four sons.

Jay Punderson (Den '62) lives in Florida He retired from the U.S. Navy after reaching the rank of Command Master Chief. Rick Punderson (Den '63) worked for his father at Punderson Oil Company then continued to work for the new owners when it was sold. Now retired, he lives in Longmeadow, MA. Peter Punderson (Den '66) started another successful oil company in Longmeadow. Steve Punderson (Den '67) has been a logger who learned his trade in the Mowglis axe yard and has been helping his cousin Sam with work around the camp property. He lives in nearby Hill, NH.

Dick Livingston, a counselor in the 60's, is living in New Canaan, CT and working at a small leasing company nearby. His two daughters are getting married this year.

Christian Herberger (Den '06) wrote recently to update us on his recent accomplishmets and whereabouts:

"This year I have been fortunate enough to earn an "appointment", an acceptance to the United States Military Academy or West Point as it is commonly known. The road to West Point is a hard one, filled with many interviews, handshakes, and enough corny jokes that going to a comedy club is forever ruined for me. However, one of the major things that I would have to say helped me was my time spent at Mowlglis and the wonderful things I learned from my instructors and with my friends. As Major Karbel, who interviewed me for my nomination, put it, "it seems like through this camp you have already learned and excelled at all of the things an Army officer would do and then some!" But aside from getting to know literally everyone from the Eastern seaboard Army Command, getting into West Point has certainly been a journey for me. You have to be in amazing shape physically, challenge yourself academically and prove you can handle it, and have a disciplined mindset and attitude in order to join the "long grey line" of cadets. I will admit, most if not all of those things were a challenge for me to do, but in the end I found that Mowglis has certainly helped me with all of them. So for those who are currently campers and might have an interest in a military academy, know that you are being trained by some of the best to help you become the best. Try your hardest in industries, be a leader on the pack trips, and, as hard as it may be, wake up on time for revelry, because all of it matters in the end, even inspection. Thank you again to all those who have helped me along my path, especially my good friends Mr. Greenwell and Mr. Bengtson. Good hunting!"



Mark Reilly, former assistant director, is living in a small village in Bali, called Bualu, which is on the very southern tip of Bali in an area called Nusa Dua. He writes, "I work and live at a yoga center we opened around one year ago for the community and for visitors from all over the world. Children, adults, and all kinds are involved on a variety of levels. We have Hatha Yoga, meditation, singing, and a variety of other things. Living at the center in a small room crafted out of bamboo makes me think of Mowglis every day. And the variety of maintenance tasks—mopping, sweeping, gardening, etc.—brings me back to Mowglis on a regular basis. In so many ways my many years at Mowglis prepared me for this. Just today I was cleaning my room and neatening the clothes in my bureau and I laughed at how deeply Mowglis runs!"

Byrd W. Davenport, III, (Den '85) is now an MD and is living in Virginia. He does research at MCV/VCU. **Silas S. Davenport (Den '88)**, resides in Charleston, SC and is in the construction business. He now has a new baby, Silas H. Davenport. Si won the KAA award while at Mowglis!

Tom McGraw wrote to let us know of the fate of his father and uncle and wrote: "I came across your 2007 alumni publication on the internet, *The 2007 Call*, and note that my father, **Thomas A. McGraw** and his brother, **Robert S. McGraw**, are listed as among the 'missing'...

In the event that you had not yet been able to 'locate' them through other sources, I thought I'd take a moment to send a quick note letting you know that unfortunately both are deceased. My father, Tom McGraw, was a surgeon practicing in New York City and passed away tragically at 42 in a boating accident near our summer home at Squirrel Island, Maine in August of 1966. His younger brother Robert Stewart McGraw, Chief of Psychiatry at what was then Roosevelt/St. Luke's Hospital in New York passed away, also tragically—succumbing to mental illness at the even younger age of 31, in November of 1960.

I attended Mowglis for a single year in 1964, but was not to return there, as a less than stellar academic performance in the 1964-65 school session landed me in a summer school camp the following year. I have some happy memories of the beauty of the place, a number of the counselors, the hiking trips and time spent on the lake.

I did not ever really get to know my uncle Robert McGraw, but I do recall that when my father came to pick me up at the conclusion of the 1964 session, he seemed beside himself with happiness to be back on the grounds of the camp. I sensed that his summers at Mowglis were very joyful times for him.

Thanks for the opportunity to maybe bring some small bit of closure to what looked like a fairly long list of people you were/ are trying to find. Sorry the news of these two men could not have been better, but I am sure you'd have been hearing from my father in these past 40+ years had he been fortunate enough to live longer."

Good Hunting!



Photo taken at an event held at the home of the Concannons in Malvern, PA



GET BACK AND GIVE BACK WEEKEND, JUNE 3-5, 2010

(Formerly known as Work Weekend)

During the first weekend in June Mowglis alums, friends and staff came together with the common goal of getting the Camp open for the season. Leaves were raked, the Jungle House received a fresh coat of paint, the craft shop was cleaned out, potholes in the road patched, bunk houses cleaned, gardens weeded, and tall grass tamed.

The weather was unseasonably warm, with many folks actually lingering in the water at soak; highly unusual for Newfound Lake in early June! The food was amazing and everyone had a great time.

We would love to see more Mowglis than ever at next year's event, so mark your calendars the weekend of June 3-5, 2011.

Andrew Khatri ('93) had this to say about this year's weekend:

"The Get Back, Give Back weekend, was a great opportunity to get back to camp in a casual atmosphere, to catch up with old friends, meet some new alums and help get the camp ready for the summer. As soon as you smell those pine needles and all those other things that remind you of camp you will be glad that you didn't miss the opportunity to help the camp and the campers... Also, a nice impromptu soak in the lake might help with that too!"





"The lake was warm; the sun hot; the work satisfying; the company enjoyable; and the victuals amazing!"

-Woody Merrimam ('62)

Get Back & Give Back Weekend

Save the date!

Weekend of June 4-6, 2011





