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SCHOOL OF THE OPEN

A summer of fun, a lifetime of friends, memories, confidence and standards.

SPRING REPORT 2011

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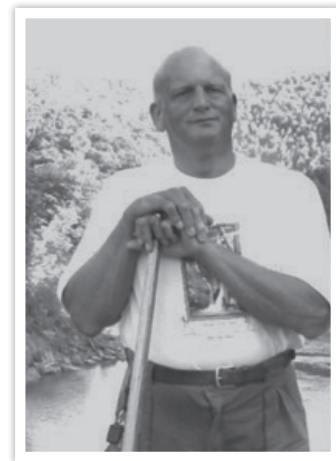
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Alumni, Family, and Friends of Mowglis,

As the weather warms and opening day of camp draws closer my thoughts often turn to my mother, who passed away on February 9th. She was devoted to her family and always looked for ways to help her three children grow up strong and independent. I was her most challenging project: a big, awkward kid who did poorly at school, hated sports, and fought constantly with his Dad. She felt that I needed an active summer away from home with boys who did something other than play baseball. She was right, and by a series of fortunate events I ended up at Mowglis.



President Charlie Walbridge ('62)

It's opening day, 1959. The Director, Mr. Adams, greeted me warmly when I arrived at camp. After a short chat he asked a boy to take me up to Akela. He was D. Snow Margeson, a five year camper who quickly took me under his wing. "D" and I became close friends; we played lots of croquet and hung out together at the library and the rifle range. We loved to read and shoot and share private jokes. Later Petey Thompson, Roger Smith and I would earn our rowboat safety tests and spent a lot of time out on the lake together. I wasn't much of a hiker that summer; when my dorm climbed Mt. Osceola, I ran out of gas and was walked down separately by Mr. Wadsworth. I remember that he was really kind; I was also amazed and grateful that there was no teasing from the group afterward.



Elizabeth (Libby) Mason Walbridge

During the next few years my life started to come together. That fall I felt more confident; my grades improved and I made more friends. During my second camp season I climbed Mt. Cardigan, which meant something after the previous year's failure. The next fall I discovered football, which agreed with me more than baseball. I also tried wrestling and track. I wasn't very good, but I was becoming more fit. The following summer I really enjoyed the camp hiking trips. I remember being totally awed by a spectacular view on top of Mt. Chocorua and a stunning sunset on the summit of Mt. Kinsman. After that I became a hiking and climbing fanatic. I covered lots of ground during my Den year and went on to be the only freshman starter on my prep school football team!

Mission Statement

Mowglis' mission is to guide boys on the journey to manhood by providing a summer overnight School of the Open under the guidance and care of experienced staff members.

Mowglis provides a rite of passage, offering boys the opportunity to become young men, learning leadership, responsibility, integrity, their role in the community, and respect for nature.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Dear Mowglis,

We've been busy this winter! Tommy Greenwell has been working with me since last fall, and as you're probably well aware (due to our slew of emails and postcards over the winter), we've both been on the road a lot. Our travels are always dual-purpose, with recruiting and reconnecting with alumni as our main goals. Thus far we've had success on the recruiting end, with over 200% more new families signed up as of March 15th versus the same date last year. These numbers are encouraging, but we're a long way from our goal of a full camp. Additionally, we've had the pleasure of meeting a large number of alums, most of whom have not had significant (or in some cases, any) direct contact with camp for decades. Meeting alumni is one of the highlights of our job, and it's always so energizing to see the love and enthusiasm that so many people have for dear old Mowglis.



Director Sam Punderson (center)

Our fall edition of *The Call* really struck a chord with many of you. We received many emails and letters that relayed how good folks felt about the message of *The Call 2010*. There were many comments on the Alumni Notes section, so please don't be shy, and share with us what you've been up to in recent years. This is one of the biggest reasons that folks are excited to read *The Call*.

We've seen a large uptick in donations to the annual fund this year, but we're still a way from where we need to be. Please take a look at the appeal page of this publication. You will learn a lot about where our money gets spent, where it comes from, and how large our fundraising goal is for this fiscal year.

We can't do it without your help. That "it" refers to just about everything here, whether it's sending money, referring a camper, or simply keeping in touch and attending an occasional gathering. Your participation means so much to us in every way. Thank you for all you do to support Mowglis.

Sincerely,

Sam Punderson,
Director

Enhancement of the Grey Brothers Stage Area

Work is underway on several coordinated projects in Grey Brothers Hall. The first priority is to refurbish and preserve the artwork on the stage curtain, painted in 1940 by Richard West, better known as Chief Wah-Pah-Nah-Yah. The goal is to frame the painting and suspend it in front of and above the stage.

New curtains will then be installed in the same motif of red and blue as the 100-year Mowglis banner.

Then the plan is to suspend the old original, now-retired crew boats from the rafters in front of the stage. Proper lighting would also be installed.

Three new plaques would also be posted, with the following proposed inscriptions:

#1: This marvelous structure in which we now stand, Grey Brothers Hall, is the second by that name on this scenic hillside site. This building was constructed in 1939, using timbers felled nearby during the devastating hurricane of 1938. Ever since then, Grey Brothers has served as the beloved central assembly hall for the entire Mowglis community.

#2: These original Mowglis crew boats were built in 1911, especially for Mowglis, and were named for Mowglis' twin counselors of that year, Alcott and Bruce Elwell. Exactly 100 years later, in 2011, these boats were preserved and suspended above, for all future Mowglis to appreciate.

#3: The large original paintings of Rudyard Kipling's Mowgli, with his *Jungle Book* family members, were painted on canvas in 1940 by the famous Native American artist and Mowglis counselor, Richard West, better known as Chief Wah-Pah-Nah-Yah. For 70 years, they served as the stage curtain and side panels for the Grey Brothers proscenium. They were refurbished by the artist himself in 1976, and further preserved and framed in 2011, for all future Mowglis to admire.

2011 w/sh list

Can anyone donate the following?

An Aqua Finn sail

Axe handles & wedges

Drama props & costumes

Water games, toys, goggles, fins, kick boards

Two four-man tents

Dodge balls

Baseball gloves, bats, balls (new or used)

Basketball pole & hoop (for Cubland)

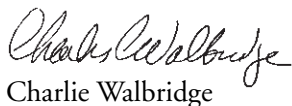
Leaf blower

Small portable generator

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Over the years many Mowglis friends have told me how important different camp experiences were to their young lives. I'm sure my mom, and theirs, would agree that it's not easy to send a little boy off to camp for eight weeks. But my mom knew what I needed and had the courage to make it happen. I suspect behind each of my buddies was a mother or father with the same selfless vision and insight.

Good Hunting,



Charlie Walbridge



Elizabeth (Libby) Mason Walbridge (left) with her son, Charlie Walbridge (right)

Mark your Calendars!

June 3-5, 2011

GET BACK & GIVE BACK WEEKEND

Alumni, friends, and staff working together to prepare the camp for the summer.

Frank McLelland ('71) of the world-renowned L'Espalier Restaurant in Boston will be our guest chef for what promises to be a truly special evening on Saturday night.

Please contact Holly at admin@mowglis.org if you are planning to attend or if you would like more information.

Mowglis Fall Trail Clearing

September 16th - 19th

Please RSVP by August 31st

*You did it as a camper,
you did it for your graduation requirement,
now you can go trail clearing for fun!*

Come back to camp for a day of trail work on the Mowglis Trail System! Our goal will be to re-blaze and clear the 'White Footed Mouse Trail.' The campers, Junior Staff, Yearlings, and alumni have been working on this project for the past two seasons, and by the end of this summer, we hope the Axemanship boys will make it up to the 'Stokes Memorial Forest' and allow us alumni to start the final stretch up to the summit of Plymouth Mountain!

There will be something to do for everyone! Searching through the forest and finding Mowglis trail signs, making and posting new trail signs, clearing small brush with clippers, loppers, and lively lads moving and chopping logs, and maybe even some Yearling campsite improvements.

Showers and mines will be working. Sleeping accommodations in the Lodge, Mang, Chef's Cottage, and dorms (please be sure to bring your sleeping bag).

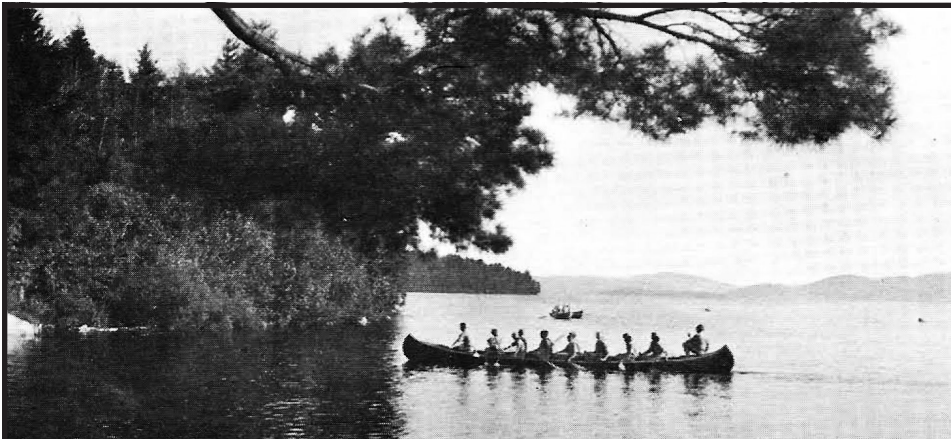
"We are the Mowglis Pack and we climb the mountain track," and we clear it too!!!

See you there!

We are currently accepting pre-orders for Mowglis sweatshirts, adult sizes S-XXL in grey, heavy weight cotton for \$50 each.



Please contact Holly at admin@mowglis.org or 603-744-8095 for more information.



War Canoes to be restored!

It's been many years since we've had the Mowglis Old Town 1924 War Canoes in the water. We hope that will change this summer. With the help of three generous donors, we've initiated the process of restoring our two 30-foot canoes! Our hope is that we will have one of them in the water in time for Crew Day! We'll keep you updated on the progress.

Adopt A Building

We have a new opportunity where alumni can adopt a building by either donating funds to a specific structure on camp, or come to camp and do hands on work to that building.

If you are interested, please give Sam or Tommy a call at 603-744-8095.



ATTENTION ALUMNI: If you are interested in doing a campfire presentation this summer, please contact Tommy Greenwell at wtgreenwell@mowglis.org.

- ALUMNI NOTES -

Dear Mr. Punderson,

I do not think we were ever properly acquainted, but I wanted to thank you for the role you have taken on at Mowglis. It has been a few years since my last trip to Mowglis as a 2nd-year junior staff, and so much has changed since then! Maybe it's time to reconnect with the past and let you all know what exciting things have been happening for me in the past few years.

The biggest change has been my transition from high school to college. My choice was to attend West Point. This was accomplished after many difficult interviews, screening events, and physical fitness tests. One of the biggest things that both West Point and my Congressional Nomination Board appreciated, and were most impressed by, was my time spent at Mowglis. After describing our usual events and daily norms, they understood that Mowglis had, in the words of a retired two-star general, "Created a pre-packaged, miniature officer ready for mountain warfare." While I don't know about mountain warfare, my time doing land navigation, rifle training, wilderness survival, and evening formation for the flag all coincided with necessary tasks and skills

taught to us here during basic training. In fact, Tommy Greenwell prepared me so well in Green Ribbon, I received full marks every time in land navigation and wilderness survival!

The academic year here is also so interesting. To be in a place where such greats as Lee, Grant, Patton, MacArthur, Edgar Allen Poe, and many more have walked and learned is quite awe-inspiring. I plan to be at camp for Crew Day this summer. If time and space permit, I would love to bring up some of my gear and give a presentation on West Point and the Army; perhaps get in on a game of staff hunt, and sit in the Inner Circle again.

Take care, and good hunting.

Very respectfully,

CDT PVT Christian Herberger (Den 2006)
Company C-2, 2nd Regiment USCC
United States Military Academy

My name is Pete Sinkler and I went to Mowglis from 1950-1956. In the winter of 2009-2010 I was in either Bryn Mawr Hospital or Dunwoody Nursing home in Newtown Square for physical therapy. When I was on the treadmill, a couple of fellows came in looking for DP. They waited for a little while, then left. A while later this gentleman came in looking for his friends. He looked like Darwin P. Kingsley who worked at Mowglis when I was there. I asked the nurse to go ask him if he was Darwin, and he was! I had not seen him since 1956, and he hadn't changed.

What a surprise to see him after all these years. A few weeks later, a woman took me down to x-ray. We got to talking about New Hampshire and lo and behold, she had gone to Onaway. What are the odds of seeing both of them within a month of each other?

I am going to try to get to camp this summer, perhaps for a weekend. I have a lot of memories of Mowglis. When I go to Maine and sit out by the lake and hear the loons, it reminds me of the moments of silence with the fire in front of Grey Brothers.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Pete Sinkler
Downingtown, Penn.

Dear Sam,

I recently had a delightful conversation on the phone with your father, Frank. I recited a favorite poem of mine by Col. Alcott Farrar Elwell many years ago. It was printed in *The Howl* at least once.

*Across the lake the echoes ring
The cannon's strident shout-
The night is quiet closing in,
The candle boats sail out.
They float and twinkle on their way
And one by one the lights remote
Go out-
Yet ever on through all the years
Those happy lights shine bright,
For those whose hearts have Mowglis loved
Can ever see their light.*

Your dad suggested that I send this to you, Sam, as an item that you might find quite interesting.

The Colonel made a great impression on me over my many years at Mowglis. One of the finest people/leaders I ever known.

Faithfully,

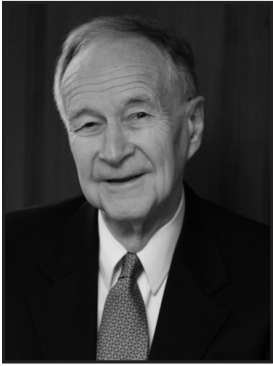
Dean Hatheway

We'd love to have you host an event in your hometown!

This off-season alumni have hosted events in Philadelphia, Marblehead, Breckenridge, Colorado, New York City, San Francisco, and Weston, Mass. Please contact Sam Punderson at director@mowglis.org if you would like to host an event.

In Memoriam

Written by K. Robert Bengtson, Director Emeritus



DONALD E. CUMMINGS (1925 – 2010)

*Secretary to Colonel Elwell &
Longtime Trustee*

Born in 1925 in Woburn, Mass., Don died peacefully on Thanksgiving Day, 2010, at his home in Westfield, N.J., surrounded by his entire family. It was in 1949, while a student at Harvard, that Don's unbounded interest in and generosity to Mowglis

all began. Responding to an ad from Colonel Elwell, Don applied for the position of Summer Secretary, a post he was thrilled to receive. As a young man, he loved typing the Colonel's letters, and he was very proud of his unique assignment on the staff. Upon inception of the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation in 1962, he shortly thereafter became a Trustee, a responsibility to which he was devoted for more than two decades. With enthusiasm, he served as Treasurer of the Board and as Chair of the Recruitment and Scholarship Committees. A great many boys attended Mowglis thanks to the efforts of Don Cummings; both via his ability to reflect the essence of the program, and through his determination to

make the experience possible for those requiring financial assistance. We shall always be grateful for the countless receptions hosted by Don and Elaine, his wife of 56 years; and we shall continually be gratified by the generosity of Don's family and friends who have made possible the Donald E. Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund within the Mowglis Endowment. This fund will meaningfully help perpetuate Don's wish that every deserving boy be able to come to camp.

With degrees from Harvard College and Dartmouth's Tuck Business School, Don's business and professional life was based in New York City. A founder of Bregman, Cummings and Company, as well as Cummings & Taylor, Inc., he retired at age 65 from the executive staff of the New York Stock Exchange. Then, with energy and compassion, he worked for another 20 years, until age 85, at the Manhattan Veterans' Affairs Medical Center. In World War II, serving in combat with the 100th Infantry Division in France, he had received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained.

In addition to Elaine, Don leaves two daughters, Diane and Carolyn, and his son, David, a Mowglis Graduate of 1974. Warm and engaging, Don was a truly wonderful and successful man. Good Hunting to one whose sincere passion was to be kind and helpful to all!



COL. JOHN FRANCIS PALMER HILL (USA ret.) (1915 – 2011)

*Mowglis Camper – Counselor –
Trustee to be buried in Arlington
National Cemetery*

Born on October 8, 1915, in Naples, Me., John passed away at the age of 95 on February 20, 2011, in Baltimore, Md. Having first come

to Mowglis as a camper in 1928, he graduated from the Den in 1930. Returning to the Junior Staff in the summers of 1931 and 1932, he felt particularly honored to be entrusted by Colonel Elwell with overall charge of the camp motorboat.

While a student at Andover, John told his dad that he wanted to become a soldier. His father responded positively, but with the provision that he was to have a proper education first. Hence, upon graduation from Harvard in 1938 with a degree in history, John commenced what would become a substantial military career. On active duty during World War II, he became part of the newly formed American Division, which for three years made its way through the Solomon Islands and the Philippines, and eventually to Japan. At age 28 he commanded 800 men in the 221st Field Artillery Battalion, and by 1944 had earned a Bronze Star. Eventually serving in Saigon, Indochina; West Berlin, Germany; Hanau, West Germany; South Vietnam, and in the Mekong Delta region, John lived around the world. A member of the class of 1958 – 1959 at the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., he retired from the Army in 1970.

John's re-engagement with Mowglis began with the enrollment of his grandson, Berkeley Jeffress, as a Cub in 1976. Quickly cementing a close friendship with then Mowglis Director Bill Hart, whom he had not seen since 1932, he was nominated to the Mowglis Board and he became a Trustee-In-Residence, living in Mang during the seasons of 1977 and 1978. While somewhat formidable for boys, and staff, he was also very popular. Often the one to lead dormitory inspections, his test for a properly made bed was the degree to which a quarter would bounce! John enjoyed taking as many counselors as possible out to dinner over the course of those summers, and he saw to it that those who came to Mowglis for the first time were made to feel immediately welcomed and included. It was during this period that he established the Annual Work Weekend, bringing back volunteers of all ages early every June to help open camp. In later years, the Board resolved that it be called the John Hill Work Weekend. For much of John's long tenure on the Board he chaired the committee on trusteeship. Altogether conscientious in this role, he made sure that new members would be a good and happy fit. John was very generous to Mowglis, both with his time and with his resources. He especially liked making major improvements to the Lodge (infirmary), and he frequently called upon our registered nurse to ask if there was anything she needed. He also delighted in making improvements anonymously, leaving us wondering just where all that new equipment had come from.

Predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth, John leaves a large extended family, many of whom are actively associated with Mowglis. With certainty, there will be a Mowglis cheer for John at this year's Work Weekend, as well as the firing of the Winchester Canon, for a while, one of his anonymous gifts.

SPRING APPEAL



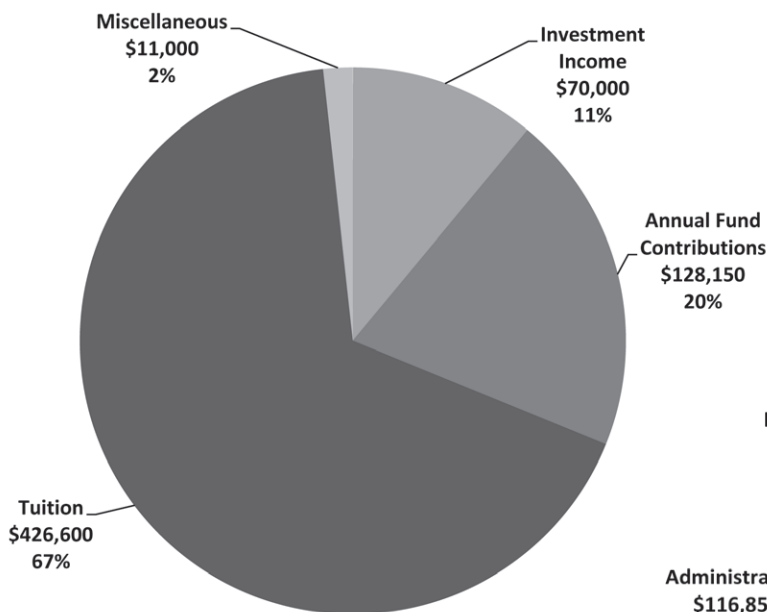
Below you will see a breakdown of our 2011 income and expenses. As you can see, we are running a balanced budget, but the numbers require us to meet two very important goals. First is the Annual Fund target. \$128,550 is a large number for a small institution like Mowglis, but we've traditionally had a strong group of supporters. We've already raised \$86,770 so we need an additional \$41,380 by the end of our fiscal year, October 31, 2011. The second goal is to reach our tuition projection.

One of the best accomplishments for an institution like Mowglis would be to have 75% of our constituents give to the annual fund. It illustrates to the Board, banks, and major donors that we have a strong following and are a good bet going forward.

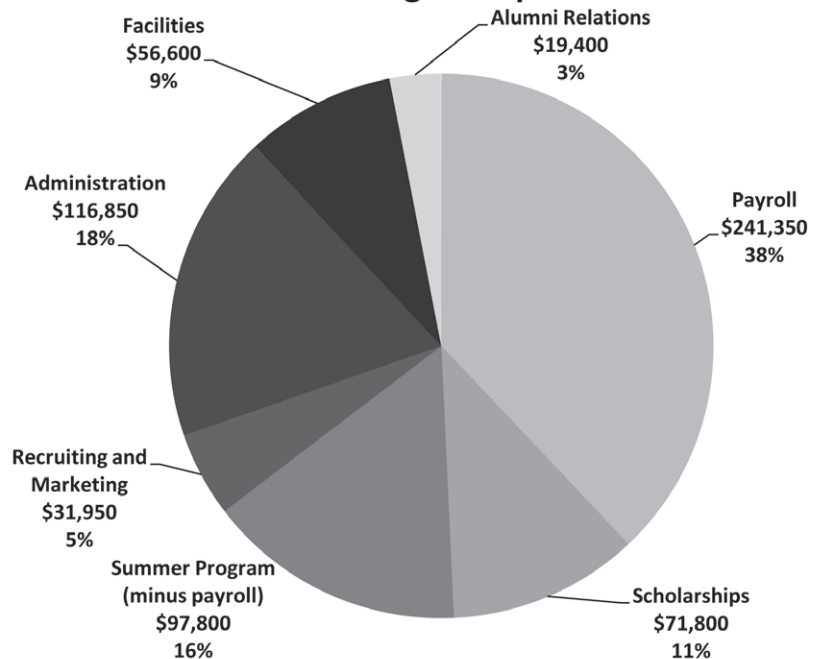
Please consider giving if you have not given before. It's not the size of the gift that counts, but the fact that you are giving, that you are willing to show support for an institution that has meant something to you or somebody you love. Mowglis can use your support today more than ever. Small gifts can add up to make a large impact. If you and every other person on our donor list gave just \$30, we would raise nearly \$100,000!

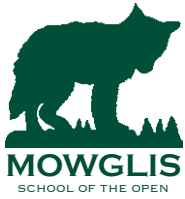
If the thought of making a lump-sum gift seems daunting, you may want to consider spreading your donation out throughout the year in installments. The frequency and amount are completely up to you and totally flexible. Please go to our website, www.mowglis.org, and click on the "donate now" tab, which will take you to our online donor page.

2011 Budget - Income



2011 Budget - Expenses





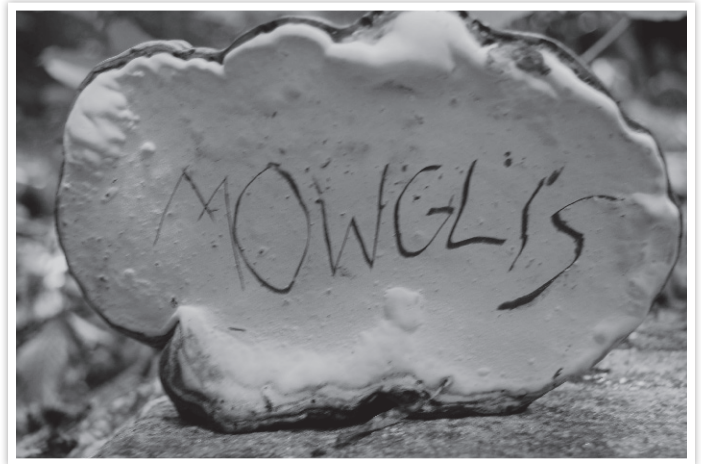
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Newly Established Scholarship Fund in Memory of Donald E. Cummings

With great enthusiasm, we announce the creation of the Donald E. Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund. It was Don's family's wish for all of those making contributions in his remembrance to give to Mowglis. Already, with donations from Don's family and friends we have established this fund, which will exist under the umbrella of the HEMF Endowment Fund. Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the Cummings Scholarship Fund may do so by simply letting us know when the donation is made. Please contact Sam Punderson for more information.



————— *With Thanks* —————

It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that we thank **David Orr** for his tireless efforts in keeping the Mowglis alumni mailing list up to date. Dave has researched hundreds of addresses and helped to find many whom we thought were lost Mowglis.

Thank you, Dave!