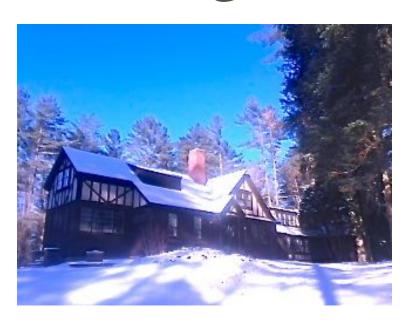


# MOWGLIS SCHOOL OF THE OPEN

# Mowglis Moments



Winter greetings from Mowglis! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday, surrounded by your loved ones.

We're busy at and are really looking forward to next summer. **2014 Registration is open!** We have 40 campers signed up, which is a great start, but we really need your help to meet our goal of 75 campers this season.

January is when our camper recruiting kicks into high gear, and the majority of our campers come from referrals. Do you know someone with a camp-aged boy who would benefit from Mowglis? If you do, please get in touch with Director Nick Robbins!

Attention all 2013 Campers... It's time to SIGN UP FOR **2014**!

### **ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

We've had a great response to our fall appeal. We've received over \$41,000 year-to-date, with 11 of the 110 donations from first time donors! Many thanks to everyone who has donated to this important fundraising



campaign.

If you have not already donated, please consider doing so, and don't forget about corporate matches offered by many employers - it's a great way to double your money! Please go to <a href="www.mowglis.org">www.mowglis.org</a> to donate online. **THANK YOU!!!!!!!!** 

# **Upcoming Events**

#### 1/30 Camp Fair

Tower Hill School Wilmington, DE 3:30 - 7 pm

## 1/31 Alumni & New Camper Gathering

Austin, TX at the home of the Rego family

#### 2/9 Camp Fair

St. Mary's School Raleigh, NC Noon - 4 pm

#### 3/6 Alumni Gathering

New York, NY at the Princeton Club 6:30 - 8:30 pm

#### 3/15 Camp Fair

McCarthy Middle School Chelmsford, MA

11:30 - 2

#### 3/22 Alumni Gathering

Philadelphia, PA Corinthian Yacht Club



#### **ALUMNI NEWS**

We heard recently from **Ed Grosvener** ('65) regarding his son **Stuart** (Den 2010 JS 2011). Stuart is rowing again for a Red crew. Although his high school didn't have a rowing program, Stuart has joined the freshman team after enrolling at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. The school's colors are red and black.

The Washington team rows on the historic Chester River, in the same waters in which George Washington must have been rowed when he came to town. (Our first President gave 50 guineas to help start the college in 1782, which was named for him.)

Stuart was excited to hear that Mowglis has a presence at the famous Head of the Charles Regatta, which he hopes to compete in some day. The Mowglis rowing heritage carries on!

Former Crew Coach **Gavin Slusher** (staff 2010-12) is doing great in Oregon working as a research assistant and planning to hike the Pacific Crest Trail this spring.

**Dylan Bixby** ('98) is an aerospace engineer for Raytheon and living in Arizona. His dad told us that he's doing great, and is into caving and rock climbing.



Peter Berking, '66 and his wife Linda at camp in September

**Rafael Horta**, ('96) got in touch this fall to let us know that he is married, has a daughter and is living in Brazil. He is working in finance as a partner of BTG Pactual on the Private Equity Team. His

Brother, **Thomaz** ('97), is married and living in Rio. He spends a lot of time with his cousins **Marcelo** '95 and **Ricardo** ('93) **Hallack**, who all miss Mowglis dearly and values enormously.

**Joe Vitacco III** ('82) was featured in a NY Times article this fall. Joe's love of organs and organ music was influenced by Bob Bengtson and Mr. Hart during his time at Mowglis.



Joe masterminded the rebuilding of the organ at Our Lady of Refuge Roman Catholic Church in Midwood, Brooklyn.

It was a six year project that required raising over \$250,000. The organ was taken apart, piece by piece. The 1,800 dusty pipes were sent to Ohio to be cleaned or replaced. The three-manual console was sent to Missouri to be rebuilt.

Everything was brought back in June and reassembled by the team that did a similar job for the organ at the Cathedral Church of John the Divine. And now, the 79-year-old instrument at Our Lady of Refuge can be played again.

You can read the article in its entirety on our website under alumni profiles in the alumni section.

**Greg Shelness** ('67) got in touch to let us know that he and his wife Barbara have two grown children: Nathaniel, age 26, and Sarah, age 23. Greg is on the staff of the Wake Forest School of Medicine.

#### **RECENT PHOTOS**





Elizabeth Cecere, Mike Bartlett, Steve Minich, James Hart & Hardy Wischlburger at the Wood Pile Clean-up weekend at camp this fall.





Tommy Greenwell ('98) & Foster Conklin ('12) rock climbing in Rumney

#### TRUSTEE PROFILE: BEN RINGE

Benjamin "Benjy" Ringe ('85) spent seven summers at Mowglis as a camper. Starting with two years in Cubs, Benjy spent every summer at camp until his graduation. He earned seven ribbons: silver, yellow, red, orange, green, black and blue. (The Blue Ribbon for weather became particularly valuable later in life when developing several new television series for The Weather Channel.) After his time in the Pack, Benjy returned to spend four summers on the staff, instructing rowing and then

heading up the tennis program. More recently, Benjamin joined the Holt-Elwell Board of Trustees in 2012. He is the son of Buzz Ringe who was a Mowglis Camper, Counselor, and Trustee.

Ben resides in Glen Ridge, NJ with his wife BobbiJo and their two daughters Samantha & Gabrielle, both headed for Onaway! He is the Sr. VP of Development & Exec. Producer at Peacock Productions.

Last summer Benjy was the production brains behind Nik



Wallenda's gutsy tight-rope-walk across the Grand Canyon!





**Alvaro Gutierrez** ('99) kicked off the new year by hiking the second highest peak in Mexico, The Ixtlazihuatl, whose peak is 17,060.37 feet above sea level.

## WITH THANKS...

We would like to thank **Dr. Edward Conklin** ('42) for donating all of the ammunition used at the Riflery since 2003, along with his son and trustee **Forty Conklin** ('74).



