

# MOWGLIS SCHOOL OF THE OPEN

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

SPRING REPORT 2014

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Friends and Family of Mowglis:

What an exciting time for our "School of the Open!"

Director Nick Robbins has had a busy winter traveling the country, meeting alumni, as well as current and prospective families, as he embarks on his first summer at the helm of Mowglis. Nick has seamlessly integrated into the Mowglis family and culture, bringing enthusiasm, wisdom and years of valuable experience to the Director role. I share the sentiment of many that we are fortunate indeed to have him.



The spring board meeting of the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation (HEMF), held recently in New York City, was full of positive news: A successful recruiting season will result in one of the highest enrollments Mowglis has seen in many years; an extremely talented and seasoned staff is in-place to welcome the boys in June; and many improvements to our extensive buildings and grounds have been made to ensure the safety of the boys and enhance their summer experience. The most visible addition to our facility will be a new, fully equipped woodshop, which is scheduled to be completed prior to the boys' arrival this summer – that is, if the snow melts and ground thaws before June.

Although we are pleased to report that donations (both number of donors and total gifts) to Mowglis are up from previous years, the HEMF board remains committed to have greater and more permanent resources to ensure that we are hiring and retaining the best possible staff, maintaining our facilities and offering financial aid to deserving boys and their families. Please consider making a financial commitment to Mowglis - every gift is a vote of confidence in Mowglis and its enduring ability to bring out the best in boys.

As Mowglis' 112<sup>th</sup> summer approaches, I encourage you to come back and visit your camp. The annual Get-Back Give-Back work weekend in June and Crew Day alumni weekend in August, are but two wonderful events that bring past Mowglis together. Please plan to join and see firsthand what all the excitement is about!

Good Hunting!

Chris Phaneuf ('77)

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Dear Mowglis Campers, Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

As the snow begins to melt up here in New Hampshire and the first signs of spring finally begin to show, we here at Mowglis are eagerly awaiting the 2014 camp season. It has been a busy and productive fall and winter as I have begun my journey as Mowglis' Director.

I am delighted to report that 2014 camper enrollment is going very well, with 70 boys signed up for this summer to date. It has been so much fun to get to know the returning boys and their families better through correspondence and events. It has been wonderful to meet new Mowglis families who have made the decision to invest in their son by enrolling him at Mowglis. To you all: thank you for your trust in Mowglis! Caring for and mentoring your sons is an honor and deep responsibility.

The 2014 Mowglis Staff Team is almost entirely assembled and is looking great. There are quite a few returning Senior Staffers, such as Jay Gulitti, Cameron Carothers, Caroline Westberg, Randy Beckford, and both Santiagos just to name a few... as well as a great collection of new staff, some of whom are Mowglis Alumni (such as James Hart, John Davidge, and Jason Merwin), and some who are new to Mowglis but have been carefully selected for their skills, personality and virtue. Together we will be a busy team in just a couple of months, ensuring an amazing Mowglis summer for the boys.

With the vast amount of snow that fell this winter our Head of Maintenance Glenn Westfall has been focusing on inside projects for the most part, which I know many of you will enjoy hearing about. In the Mines, Glenn has installed shower partitions for a bit of added privacy. In the kitchen, Glenn and our new Head of Food Service alumni John Knott, have expanded and insulated the walk-in refrigerator.

As you all are aware, Mowglis School of the Open is a 501 (C) 3 Non-Profit Educational Trust and relies on

the generosity of others to help fulfill its mission. While many camps have shortened their sessions and have otherwise "modernized" to meet the latest whims of society, Mowglis stands unique for continuing to offer a tried-and-true, honest-to-goodness, back-to-basics summer camp experience for boys, regardless of the family income level.

Many of you made donations to the 2014 Mowglis Annual Fund and for that the boys and I thank you. Your support is truly appreciated. Your generosity helps Mowglis stay true to its mission as a small, values based, and traditional full-season camp. It enables us to continue to help this next generation of campers obtain True Mowglis Spirit!

It has been so much fun for me to meet Mowglis Alumni over the past 10 months. I look forward to seeing you all again! To those of you whom I have not yet met, I encourage you to call, email or better yet... come visit camp and take part in one of our pre-season work weekends. Spring too busy? Come to cheer on the Crew Boats on August 2!

Good Hunting,

Nick Robbins



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## NEW TRUSTEE PROFILE: ANDREW KHATRI

Andrew Khatri ('93) grew up in New York City and was introduced to Mowglis by Mark Reilly and Mason Sexton. He first came to camp as an Akelite in the summer of 1991. He continued in Panther and graduated from Den in 1993 and was inducted into the Inner Circle.

While at camp Andrew enjoyed sailing and the rifle range and was a member of the Mt. Washington Squad and the winning Red Racing Crew in 1993. He earned ribbons in Axemanship, Camping, Canoeing and Crew. Andrew returned as a Junior Staff in 1994 and the current "road" to the rifle range was the JS contribution that summer.

Andrew graduated from *The Lawrenceville School* in Lawrenceville, NJ in 1997 and *Boston College* in 2001 where he obtained a B.S. in Finance, Operations & Strategic Management from the *Wallace E. Carroll School of Management*.

Following graduation Andrew began his finance career with *Wellington Management*

*Company* in Boston. He returned to New York in 2007 to take a position at *Citigroup Global Markets*, and in 2009 moved on to *MarketAxess*. Since 2011 Andrew has been the Director of Taxable Fixed Income Trading at *Lord, Abbett & Co.*, working out of their offices in Jersey City, NJ.

Andrew reconnected with Mowglis in 2004 through the Sanchez brothers who invited him to a work weekend. Recently he has served as a member of the Fundraising Task Force and chaired the Governance Task Force. He has also co-hosted (w/Ben Ringe) the New York City Reunion on three occasions.

Andrew is engaged to Sheila Smith and will be married in October 2014. In his free time Andrew enjoys skiing, playing golf and squeezing in a hike whenever possible.



**Mark your Calendars!**

**May 30 - June 1, 2014**

## MOWGLIS SPRING WORK WEEKEND

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

Please contact Nick or Holly to RSVP or for more information at: [nickrobbins@mowglis.org](mailto:nickrobbins@mowglis.org) or [holly@mowglis.org](mailto:holly@mowglis.org).

### Interns Needed

We are in the early stages of starting an internship program at Camp Mowglis for current college students and recent graduates. Areas of focus will be general business administration, outdoor recreation program management, marketing and outreach. Anyone out there know someone who might be interested? Please contact Nick Robbins.





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## ALUMNI NOTES

We heard recently from **Bruce McKelvy ('60)** who said that he is living on the Georgian Bay, Canada during summers, for which Mowglis prepared him well; Switzerland in winters, and Atlanta spring and fall. His fondest memories of Mowglis are: "All those special friends and experiences that make Mowglis incredible; and of course, rowing..."

**John W. Davidge, III ('66)** wrote to let us know what **John W. Davidge IV (2010)** has been up to lately. John graduated from high school, Taft, in Watertown last June. He plans on attending the University of Richmond in the fall of 2014, after a year off. To date he has worked for the Appalachian Mountain Club in Lonesome Lake hut, and volunteered for WWOOF in Chile. While in Chile, he visited friends and has been rafting and hiking. One night in S. Chile he was invited to dinner with the President of Chile, who was visiting there with his entourage. John looks forward to joining the Mowglis staff this summer.

**John Hemenway ('38)** is living in Strafford, Vermont. He has been working over the years to assemble timberlands of several hundred acres in three towns. Last September, these lands were designated Vermont's Tree Farm of the Year. Congratulations, John!

We would like to wish **Robert Dorsey, Jr. (2010)** well in his endeavors in the U.S. Navy!

Billie Paul, mom of **Kevin Paul, Panther 2013**, wrote to let us know that her husband, "Greg is attempting Everest again this year. Kevin and I are going to go with him as far as Everest base camp. We leave on March 25th and will be gone for a month. Greg will be gone for 2 1/2 months and come home in June."

**James Graff (2012)** recently went on a trip to the Dominican Republic with his school in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. James told us that it was a wonderful and rewarding experience!

**David Concannon ('79)** made a presentation at our recent Philly gathering, showing us his film chronicling the expedition he was on to recover the engines from the Apollo 11 rocket in the Bermuda Triangle. Check out the links on our website on the Alumni Profiles page.

**Chris Kriesen ('80)** writes: I recently finished a winter ascent of "the most dangerous small mountain in the world" - Mt. Washington. The photo is of me just off the summit cone, about to head down Lion's Head Trail, with Tuckerman's Ravine in the background. It was about 5 degrees F with 20 mph winds. In other words, a beautiful winter day.

I had tried this guided climb in 2012, but was not ready for it. On the alpine garden (between Lion's Head rock and the base of the summit cone) I could no longer feel my

fingers because, as my guide explained, "Your body is directing your blood to save your vital organs." I made it, but only with the help of my guide. That fall at the Mowglis Head of the Charles gathering, I happened to speak with Bruce MacDonald (Den '73) who modestly told me about his climb at Denali. He suggested a training regimen for mountaineering, which I followed. In 2013 I returned, but 75 mph winds turned us back. That's Mt. Washington for you.

I set my sights on a winter ascent in 2014 and started Bruce's training regimen that summer. Visiting Mowglis, I saw Scott Smith, a peer of mine while I was a camper. He was at Mowglis to give a presentation on his ascent, just three months before, of the highest mountain in the world. And I thought, "That's Mowglis for you."

So at the trailhead of Mt. Washington this winter, I was in a way participating in a grand Mowglis tradition. Climbing in the winter with plastic Koflach boots, crampons, and an ice axe is a more technical climb than the summer hike of shorts and sunglasses. And the cold can freeze your water, your Cliff Bars, and your exposed skin. But the mountain is beautiful in the winter: reduced to the simplicity of black and white by the snow, desolate, quiet. Our team made it to the top (where we would stay at the observatory). Bundled in my warmest down, I watched the sun paint the sky in yellows, oranges, and reds as it set and as the winds picked up on top of the highest mountain in New England.

Good hunting. Chris Kriesen (Den '80)





## MOWGLIS TO BUILD INDEPENDENT WOOD WORKING SHOP

Woodworking has long been among our most popular Industries, remaining in the minds of alumni for decades after their Mowglis summers – a core element of their Mowglis experiences. In recent years, inspired and made possible through substantial contributions of very fine equipment and tools from the Gassiraro and Warwick families, the interest in wood working on the part of Mowglis boys has swelled far beyond the confines of its limited space in the Maintenance building. For more than a year, a Woodworking Committee

composed of present and former Trustees and Directors, and the Gassiraros and Warwicks, have been working to make possible an independent shop. It is very gratifying and exciting to announce that the generosity of several Mowglis have made the Shop a reality, and that construction will begin this Spring following the departure of what has been more than the usual amount and lingering of snow and frost. The new Woodworking Shop will be located just uphill from the Craft Shop.

The Mowglis Woodshop



### Alumni Updates Wanted

Please update your online alumni record. To create an account or update an existing account, please go to our website, [www.mowglis.org](http://www.mowglis.org), and click on the Campintouch page under the alumni tab. Once your account is set up, click on the forms icon, and choose "alumni update form." You will be able to enter crew information, ribbons, years at camp, etc. *Thank you!*

### Save the Date!

AUGUST 1-3  
2014 CREW DAY &  
ALUMNI WEEKEND

CREW DAY  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2  
2:30 PARADE  
3:00 RACES

DEN REUNIONS AT CREW DAY  
2004 - 1994 - 1984 - 1974 - 1964 - 1954 -  
1944 - 1934

If you are interested in being your den year representative, please contact the camp!

## PHOTOS FROM CAMP

Frozen Newfound Lake from Big Sugarloaf. The ice is 27" thick!



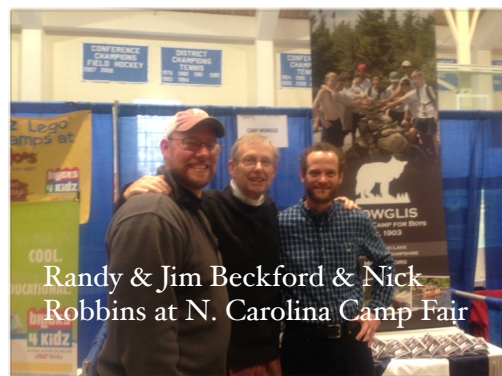
Spring cleaning in the Robert C. Blake Library



Most of the books in the library were donated by the Gulitti Family and other Mowglis families and authors. There's still some space on the shelves for books relating to Mowglis Industries!



Glenn Westfall, Head of Maintenance, has been busy this winter! He has upgraded the showers at camp so that there are now individual shower stalls. He's also been renovating the walk-in refrigerator in the kitchen, with the help of John Knott ('70), Head of Food Service, for the upcoming summer.



Randy & Jim Beckford & Nick Robbins at N. Carolina Camp Fair



### 2014 Wish List for Industries

Please let us know if you are able to donate any of the following:

- 3 Archery Targets
- Diving Rings & Other Water Toys
- 4 S&N Axes
- Sunfish Sail
- Fishing Tackle



# ALUMNI EVENT PHOTOS

The Princeton Club  
New York, NY  
March 6, 2014



Bob Bengtson, ('69)



Meg Hurdman, Nick Robbins & Diane Sears



Andrew Khatri ('93), Tommy Greenwell ('98)  
& Jim Graff ('78)

The Corinthian Yacht Club  
Essington, Pennsylvania  
March 22, 2014



Stu Carothers ('69), Buzz Ringe ('50), Charlie Feuer ('73) & Roel Hoekstra ('76)







### *Kent Cottage Fund*

Through the generosity of Jane Kent, the Mowglis Trustees have established a named fund within the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation Endowment for the purpose of assuring both the short and long term needs and maintenance of Kent Cottage. Built in 2012 to provide housing for staff during the summers and alumni during the off-season, the Cottage is named for Warner W. Kent, Jr., Mowglis Denite and Graduate, 1935.



Kent Cottage Dedication - June 1, 2013

### CAMP MOWGLIS CALENDAR

<b>MAY 17</b>	<b>Brush Clearing Weekend</b>
<b>MAY 30 - JUNE 1</b>	<b>Mowglis Spring Work Weekend</b>
<b>JUNE 21</b>	<b>Camper Arrival Day!</b>
<b>JULY 12 - 13</b>	<b>Parent's Weekend</b>
<b>AUGUST 1-3</b>	<b>Parents &amp; Alumni Weekend</b>
<b>AUGUST 2</b>	<b>Crew Day</b>
<b>AUGUST 10</b>	<b>Mrs. Holt's Day Closing Ceremonies</b>



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