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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JIM GRAFF



Dear Friends,

I am honored and humbled to be the next president of the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation. I was fortunate to spend the last week of Camp at Mowglis and to attend the final events of the 2016 season. As the names of the Denites were being read, and they were presented with their Birchbarks, I began to note the number of young men who are sons of people who attended camp in my era. I believe the final count was six of thirteen, and it reminded me of the strong connection between Mowglis past and Mowglis present.

It was another great summer under the leadership of Director Nick Robbins. The Camp was full of boys (over 115) as well as energy. The Campers, Parents, and Staff continued to be excited about the Mowglis experience, and excitement is building among alumni as well.

The success of this past summer is due to the efforts of many people.

I would like to thank everyone who supported one or more of our fundraising efforts, or who helped out with Work Weekends, or who assisted with recruiting, or who attended a local gathering. Mowglis generates its strength from all of us, and you should be proud of your contribution and the quality experience it helps to preserve.

For those of you who have not reconnected with Mowglis, I encourage you to visit when your schedule permits. Crew Weekend is the time when many alumni are at Camp, but you are welcome at any time. Just contact Nick and schedule your visit.

Nick, his team, and members of the Board are frequently asked if Camp is the same as it was “back in the

day.” The answer is an overwhelming “Yes!” Come and see for yourself! If circumstances don’t allow you to make the journey to New Hampshire, please do look for the dates of our regional gatherings in this issue.

The present state of Mowglis is strong, but we cannot rest on our laurels. In order to ensure that the Mowglis experience will still be available for the sons of current Campers, we continue to need your help. So please look for opportunities to speak with prospective parents, or to attend a Work Weekend, or to make a donation, or to reconnect with a fellow alumnus. With your help, we can strengthen Mowglis for today and for many tomorrows.

Good Hunting,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Ji' followed by a stylized flourish.

Jim Graff ('78)

President, Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation



MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

CHRISTOPHER PHANEUF



Dear Friends of Mowglis,

What a summer! One of the largest, if not the largest ever in Mowglis' history, at 111 Campers plus seven Yearlings, and 52 Staff, everyone at Mowglis 2016 experienced long sunny days on the shores of Newfound Lake, filled with opportunities unlike any they could have had elsewhere. I was fortunate to visit Camp a number of times over the summer, and it was wonderful to see Mowglis so healthy and vibrant.

In August, I concluded 10 years of board service, during which I had the

honor of serving as president of the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation. Stepping down, I feel immense gratitude for the opportunity to work with such a fine group of people who share my passion for Mowglis and all it represents. While 10 years is just a short time in Mowglis' 113-year history, I'm proud to have participated in the many accomplishments over this period that have strengthened all aspects of the Camp.

I was thrilled to be a part of the director search committee that led us to Nick Robbins, who first thoroughly impressed us during an exhaustive search process, and who has now gone on to exceed even our loftiest ambitions for the directorship of Mowglis. We are truly fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated man at the helm, and I look forward to many more years of Nick's leadership.

With the summer program and enrollment in good hands under Nick and his staff, the board's focus has turned to alumni relations and fundraising. The recent decision to hire a full-time Alumni Relations & Development staff is another major

milestone in the growth of Mowglis and the board's ongoing mission to solidify the Camp's financial position through increased alumni participation.

These events, plus many others too numerous to list, are the direct result of an enormous amount of time and effort from many people dedicated to Mowglis. The work is not yet finished, but I'm confident that Nick, new Board President Jim Graff, the trustees, and many others will work diligently to keep the Mowglis fires burning bright.

Although my time as a trustee is now over, I plan to remain active in helping Nick and the board in whatever way I can. This is rewarding and incredibly fulfilling work, and I would encourage everyone who cares about Mowglis to also become an active participant in its future.

Mowglis 2016, we salute you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Phaneuf'.

Chris Phaneuf ('77)



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

NICK ROBBINS



Summer 2016 was fantastic. No, that's not enough! It was terrific. No, still not enough... Tremendous? Stupendous? Sublime? Words fall short of describing how firmly we hit the nail on the head this summer at Mowglis!

Camp was full. It was dry, sunny, and warm. The Senior and Junior Staffs were truly invested, committed, compassionate, responsible, fun, and engaged. The campers were enthusiastic, hardworking, and embraced what being a Mowglis Man is all about.

While there are always areas to improve, this was a successful summer at Mowglis on many different levels: Axemanship, Woodworking, Campfires, Songs, Crew, Ceramics, Ribbon Requirements, Rock Climbing, Fencing, a new High Ropes Course, Chapel Talks, the Red Ribbon Trip, deep and lasting friendships, life lessons learned, the satisfaction that comes from a job well done, mountains climbed, obstacles overcome, morals, ethics, standards, and the pursuit of True Mowglis Spirit.

Campers, Yearlings, Junior Staff, Senior Staff, Headquarters Staff alike...we all learn and grow by taking part in Mowglis. It is the unique blend of people, place, and program that create the context for all of us to be just a little bit better each and every day.

Writing this annual letter for the Mowglis Call is, in a word, bittersweet. Especially this year. It signifies that the summer is now officially over. Now that we are all back at home, Mowglis 2016 feels like a distant memory. A summer at Mowglis is an amazing thing to be a part of: the flurry of activity, the intensity of each and every day, and the opportunities to rise to the occasion.

At the Candlelight Chapel Service, outgoing Board President Christopher Phaneuf encouraged us all to take the good that we discovered this summer and share it with our world back home. And as we take on another year, whether it's a new school year or taking the next step into adulthood, as many of our Senior Staff are doing, I echo this challenge to the entire Mowglis Pack: May we all dig deep within ourselves and bring the aspects of genuine friendship, respect, and courage, which are in such abundance at Mowglis, to all of our daily lives.

Yes, it was truly a fantastic summer at Mowglis; my very favorite yet. While I feel a bit sad that it is over, it is not really over, as long as we all continue to embrace and spread the Mowglis Spirit!

We all help Mowglis in many different ways. Thank YOU for contributing to the success of 2016. The state of Mowglis is strong, thanks to the strength of the Pack!

Good Hunting,

Nick Robbins, Director
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TRIVIA ?

Answer on page 60

Q: When hiking on the beautiful mountain trails around us, why do we see so many stone walls in the midst of the forest?

STAFF & INDUSTRY REPORT

By Tommy Greenwell ('98)

The 2016 season brought a remarkable group of young people to Mowglis in early June for Camp clean-up and for lifeguard and wilderness first-aid training. (Camp has been hosting these courses for several summers prior to staff training.) Once all the Counselors arrived, it was a fast-paced week of team-building, covering camp policies, setting up dorms, preparing for high-quality Industry instruction, and learning new skills and behavior management. The focus was on preparing the group to take on the awesome and challenging responsibility of being a Camp Counselor.

Just like the Campers, the Staff also come from all over the world, and each Mowglis has his or her own story about how they ended up at Camp - friend, family member, a Camp tour in the winter, a camp guy visiting a practice, letters, phone calls, camp events, or a summer off before grad school - over 30 Counselors and 14 Junior Staff comprised of Mowglis alumni, friends, returners, and new recruits, all quickly becoming friends, working as a team, and strengthening the Mowglis Spirit. One thing was apparent from the start - the Mowglis Staff is comprised of a remarkable group of hard-working and dedicated people.

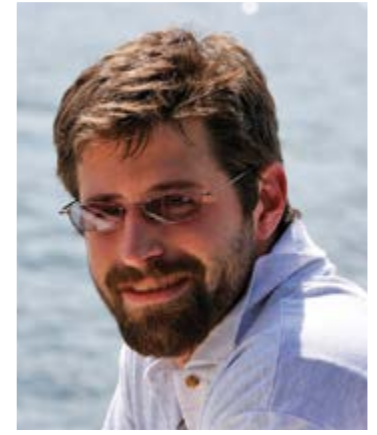
There are some notable updates on the conditions of Industry areas. Mr. Spodick finally convinced us to extend the Archery Range into the woods to enable 50-yard shooting. Mr. Mohammed, Ms. Liz, and Ms. Hélène gave the Craft Shop a makeover and got it fully stocked. Mr. Davidge and Ms. Kelsey supervised the most thorough cleaning and waxing of sailboats in recent memory. Mr. Hart and Mr. J. Nunes completed some final projects at the Rifle Range, ensuring not only a safe site and dry conditions for the rifles, but also tending to some rot issues. Mr. Bengtson and Mr. Stewart were regularly in the Woodworking Shop,

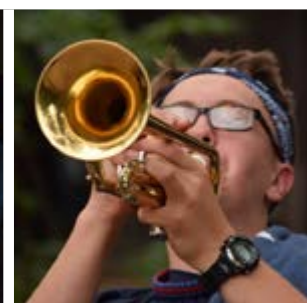
organizing, setting up, and stocking up for the busiest Gold Ribbon year on record, with both first and second Industries along with sign-ups. There was a continual hum of sanders, saws, and hand tools. Lower Gray Brothers got cleaned out, and after several rounds of mopping, it was ready to put down lines for the latest addition to Mowglis instruction: Fencing has come to Mowglis! - thanks to Mr. Chan, a first-time Counselor, who soon became one of the boys' favorites, and who provided superior instruction for first-time as well as experienced fencers.

With the arrival of the Campers, Industries were soon up and running, with full groups every period. Under the leadership of Mr. A. Nunes, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Rubin, and Ms. Lindsey, the Swimming Industry was well prepared to help many campers become stronger swimmers.

Boots and water bottles have long been a requirement for Axemanship, and Mr. Gomez and Mr. Glover held the boys to high standards of hard work, safety, and hydration. Wood was gathered by almost everyone in camp and loaded into the trailer and delivered to the axe yard, where Industry boys made quick work of stacking, splitting, chopping, and stacking again.

Down on the Rowboating Range, Mr. Hurdman taught boys how to row and how to rescue canoes, and after some good hard use, the oars received some T.L.C. It was a sprint to the finish for boys to earn Safeties and Ribbons.





Mr. Graff took over Canoeing this summer, teaching boys how to paddle and control the canoe well enough on the lake so that they would be ready to take on the Androscoggin Rapids. Eight boys were up to the challenge, and after two days on the river, they were back in Camp with high spirits, having successfully completed their final requirement with Mr. Walbridge on the Red Ribbon Trip.

Mr. Gulitti continued to improve the Crew program, maintaining high standards and expectations for Mowglis rowers. Whether it be in singles, fours, or the Mowglis Crew Boats, boys receive excellent instruction, while learning the details behind proper care and maintenance of the equipment.

In his third season at Mowglis from Newcastle, England, Mr. Hall continues to bring high quality instruction to the Photography Industry.

Mr. O'Connor was joined by Mr. Richardson from Scotland on the clay tennis courts, which were both regularly in use. The duo also led the charge to get the ping-pong porch in top shape. With a new table and new nets, the porch was then fully functional.

Just upstairs in the Green Room, Mr. Cherry had an overflowing amount of supplies to help boys think outside the box and to test their comfort zones on stage and around camp.

Rock Climbing continued under the leadership of Mr. Rogers, a passionate climber. He brought a confident and calming presence to what can be a 'scary' sport, and after a rock-climbing overnight trip, several boys had completed the requirements to earn the Ropes and Rocks Ribbon for the first time in more than 15 years!



Mr. Conklin and Ms. Burgess set a new standard of instruction for the Green Ribbon, preparing boys for their overnight trips and ideally, like themselves, to develop a passion for the outdoors.

In addition to the Counselors living with and teaching the Campers new skills, along with how to get along in groups, we have a crew of folks who do a lot of behind-the-scenes work. Mrs. Robbins's dedication to the daily schedule and coverage kept the Campers and Staff busy and productive. A motivated and hard-working group of folks in the kitchen fed the 150 people in Camp three great meals a day. The Maintenance Crew, led by Mr. Merwin and Ms. Donna, were in perpetual motion - repairing, fixing, and taking care of the buildings and grounds. A very dedicated and talented group of Junior Counselors accomplished numerous projects, while gaining valuable instructional skills,

as they prepare to be Senior Staff and year-round Mowglis Men.

One thing that we are frequently reminded of here at Mowglis is simply to surround yourself with good people, and it will all work out. Not only did we have a great group of people and excellent instructors, we also had an outstanding group of motivated Campers, and the Counselors were more than up for the challenge. In the words of Mr. Robbins, "As with many places and jobs in the world, it is easy to just coast by. Here is a place that could happen. It's also a place where you have the opportunity to challenge yourself, to grow, and to become a better person."

I can say with confidence that this year's Council took full advantage of this opportunity to change the world and to help a very special group of young boys and young men learn how to do the same.



INTRODUCING JAMES HART:

MOWGLIS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

By Nick Robbins, Director

As you may know, in the springtime we launched a formal search to find the right person to join our year-round team as the head of our Development & Alumni Relations Programs. To help facilitate this process, we formed an all-star search committee consisting of several Mowglis alumni who are development and alumni relations professionals.

Together we wrote a comprehensive job description, which was then posted in several locations online. Almost immediately, the résumés poured in. Many of the applicants were tremendously qualified, which truly illustrated what an exciting opportunity this was, for the right person.

Well, sometimes what you are searching for is right in front of you, and all you have to do is open your eyes to see it. This was, without a doubt, one of those situations. In mid-August, after reviewing the most qualified candidates, I made the decision to conclude the search, as right in front of me, there was an alumnus who was the perfect candidate to be our Director of Development & Alumni Relations.

He is intelligent, well educated, bleeds Mowglis, and his name is James Hart. I see raw talent in James, and while he is new to the alumni relations and development field, I have absolutely no doubt that he is the right man for this job. After speaking with him, the members of the search committee enthusiastically agreed with this assessment. James's deep love and enthusiasm for Mowglis, his knowledge of the program and history, and his appreciation for the values that make Mowglis unique, position him perfectly for this role.

Over the past three summers, James has become a trusted member of our Headquarters Staff, and he has proven that he has the grit, the work ethic, and the enthusiasm to take on many complex jobs. He has served as the Head Riflery Instructor, managed the Junior Staff, facilitated and managed the Staff's writing of the Camper reports, and coordinated our special programs, such as the Team Sports Days and the Parents' Weekend Evening Programs.

James attended Mowglis as a Camper from 1993 until his graduation with the Den of 2000. He was a Mrs. Holt's Day Speaker, a Graduate's Dinner Waiter, was on Gopher Squad in 2000, and rowed bow on the Blue Racing Crew in his Den year.

Many of you will already be familiar with James's grandfather, William B. Hart, who came to Mowglis as a Staff member and became a central figure in changing Mowglis from a for-profit to non-profit institution. Mr. William B. Hart then served as the Director of Mowglis for over two decades. James's uncle Phil was a Camper and Staff member and served as Assistant Director under Mr. Hart for many years, and he also taught Riflery. His uncle, Bill, Jr., was a Camper and Staff member, and served as president of the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation's Board for many years, and his father, Jim, was a Camper, Staff member, and Co-Director with Peter Dietz for five years in the late 1990s.

James served in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer from 2008 to 2013. After being honorably discharged, he returned to college to complete his B.A. in Political

Science from the University of New Haven (Cum Laude, Dean's List, Political Science National Honor Society, National Veterans Honor Society). In 2016, James completed his master's degree in Education, also from the University of New Haven (Cum Laude). James is currently an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of New Haven, and he also teaches American Government & Politics. For the past three summers, James has been joined at Mowglis by his fiancée, Ms. Elizabeth Cecere (Ms. Liz), who has served as our (absolutely amazing) Cub Mother!

James is in the very early stages of growing into his new role at Mowglis, and I know that he can't wait to see you at one of our upcoming reunions. In the meantime, I encourage you to help us in welcoming James to our team. His email is James@mowglis.org.



James and his fiancée, Elizabeth Cecere

FENCING

By Philip Chan, Mowglis Fencing Instructor

When I first came to Mowglis and realized the full extent of what I was being asked to do by starting the fencing program, I must admit I was nervous. I was not an experienced outdoorsman, and fencing is an indoor sport. I worried that I, and my fencing, might be out of place among all the outdoor activities that Mowglis offers. However, I soon found that Mowglis encourages, in its campers and in its counselors, many of the traits that the sport of fencing had taught me to value, among them sportsmanship, courtesy, focus, the drive to prove and improve oneself, and to overcome challenges. Fencing, to my pleasant surprise, blends seamlessly with the Mowglis experience.

I am both humbled and filled with a sense of pride when I consider what it means to be given the opportunity to bring fencing to Mowglis. That what I helped create is now part of such an established and exceptional

institution boggles my mind. I have made every effort to hold the Fencing Industry to the high standards of those that have been around since the Camp's inception, and I fervently hope that what I've built can stand as a new Mowglis tradition alongside the venerable century-old traditions on which Mowglis is built.



ROPES COURSE

By Tommy Greenwell ('98)

Many of you might remember the old ropes course in the woods near the upper ball field. It was recently removed due to safety concerns, as many of the trees were starting to come down on their own. With a generous donation from a faithful Mowglis, the camp had the means to build a new ropes course at Cub Point. Two high elements were installed this summer. The first is a multi-vine traverse, in which two people balance on a cable 30' in the air and use hanging ropes to navigate across each other's path. The second element is a giant swing...which is exactly what it sounds like! Once the person is tied-in, a haul team pulls the person up into the air and, when the rider is ready he releases himself - with a slight second of free fall - before the person begins to swing out over the lake.



CUB REPORT

By Ms. Liz Cecere, Cub Mom

I think I need to just come out with it ... 2016 was the best summer I have experienced at Mowglis as a Cub Mom. This summer, the Cub program went into full swing as a seven-week program, not just the abridged three-week program that has been offered in recent years. This change made the summer easier and better for all of us—including the boys!

Arrival day came, and we found ourselves surrounded by boys from all over the world. The Cubs quickly gathered themselves into their bunk beds, and it wasn't long before they were hootin' and hollerin'—some with the joy of being back at Camp, others with the excitement of being here for the first time. And just like that, they were buds. As a group, we dove into new adventures. There was never a dull moment.

The boys quickly learned their duties and to work together, helping one another out. If one boy ran into a problem, before one of the staff could get to him, another Cub would be right there, lending a helping hand.

As the summer rolled on, the boys tried their hands at all sorts of new activities—sailing, photography, and riflery, among others. All of them showed great diligence in the skills that they were trying to learn, and I couldn't have been more impressed with a group of such young boys.

My personal favorite memory of the summer was our base camp trip to Mount Cardigan. The White Mountains were no match for the boys in Mowglis Gray. From the grueling hike to the summit and all the way back down, to dressed in their pajamas roasting up some s'mores, these boys were the embodiment of what Camp Mowglis is all about—being courageous, exemplary, tenacious, and having fun.

More Cubs joined us for the last three weeks of the summer, swelling our ranks to 21. And before we knew it, Crew Week was upon us. This is a bittersweet time. It is the most important and exciting week of Camp when the boys get sorted into their Crew colors (some for the first time) and learn what good sportsmanship truly means. They learn teamwork and also how it is O.K. to fail sometimes. But when the week is finished, we suddenly realize that there is only one week left, the summer having flown by in a flash, and it's nearly time to pack our bags and say goodbye.

I do hope that many of these boys will return in the summers to come, and I also hope that they live every moment to the fullest and that they never stop exploring. And for those boys who may not return, I hope they will remember the fun they had, all the friends they made, and that they will know Mowglis will always be here for them.



JUNIOR STAFF 2016

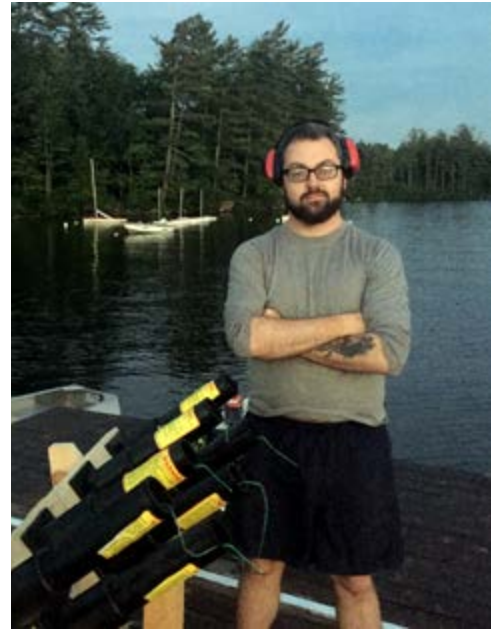
By James Hart ('00)

The Junior Staff program at Mowglis serves a number of important purposes. Beyond their daily usefulness as members of the Staff, this program helps perpetuate the incredible quality of Senior Staff we have been fortunate to have during Mowglis' long history. These "Counselors in Training" do far more than one might expect. Be it working on special projects like building bonfires with me, or aiding their counterparts on the Senior Staff in the dorms and in the industries, they are an essential part of Mowglis' day-to-day operations.

This summer's Junior Staff members were no different. With 14 staff, we rivaled the dorms in size. Representing four different countries, we rivaled them in diversity as well. We had recent Mowglis graduates and some entirely new to the Mowglis experience. We began the summer with seven JS, adding seven more with the completion of this summer's Yearling program. We strove to provide structure for these young men that would make the most of their time at Camp. In particular, we focused on ensuring that the Junior Staff were both participating in industries and activities that interested them, as well as learning to instruct them. It is integral to the continued success of Mowglis to have skilled instructors, and this summer's JS shaped up to be exactly that.

This summer, our young men lent a hand on base camp trips as well as on long pack trips. They put up tents and taught campers how to build fires and to light stoves. They did so in both fair weather and foul, and all without complaint. In Camp, Junior Staff were essential in the safe running of both the Rifle and Archery Ranges, as well as in Axemanship and the Waterfront. This is all in addition to the litany of often unnoticed daily responsibilities that they had. In all of these avenues, these young men vastly surpassed my expectations. Not only did they work hard, but they also contributed to the rhythm of Mowglis every single day, in ways distinct to their own skills and passions.

I could not be more proud of these young men, and our Camp beneath the pines will be fortunate to have every one of them on the Senior Staff in coming summers.



Leo Gassiraro, Thomas Klein, Nic Stathos, Fernando Latasa, Marcos Saenz, Santiago Mendez, Nicolas Covarrubias, James Hart, Kai Glover, Kevin Paul, Pablo Rego, Andrew Florence, Peter Zirkilton, Ben Stewart, Nick Soukup

THE SUMMER IN TRIPS

By Kate Burgess, Trip Leader

Thick clouds roll in from the south while we summit Goose Eye Mountain in the Mahoosucs, and boy, are they dark! We have a couple of miles left to go to our campsite, and even then, the only thing protecting us from the sky's wrath will be a nylon tent. We're going to get wet. Yet no one falters. The boys keep their packs on and chins up. Mowglis is a camp for men, gosh darn it! No torrential downpour can threaten the unwavering masculinity that 13-year-old boys possess! The clouds empty their buckets, but we march on. Such are the Mahoosucs: tough, drenched, and rock hard, as are the boys that hike 'em!

There's nothing quite like reaching a summit or campsite after a nine-mile day. You take your pack off, wind cooling the sweat on your back, shoulders rubbed raw. After the 25 minutes it takes to boil the water over a WhisperLite (maybe it's only five, but it sure feels longer), a classic chili-mac dinner satiates all hunger and calms all tempers. They're stuffed, tired, and ready to do it all over again tomorrow.

This year, the boys summited dozens of peaks, earned countless bruises, and collectively trekked over 100 miles. They laughed, cried, buckled down, and owned the mountains they faced—each summit a metaphor for their daily endeavors at home and at camp.

The first trip of the year brought the Den through the lush forests of the Carter/Baldface loop. We camped near ponds at altitude and loved making our way through Moose country. We finished with a quick dip into the icy waters of Emerald Pool. The boys cruised through this trip, proving their thick skins and enviable endurance.

Next, we headed up the Kinsmans with Akela. This was the first pack trip for many in the group, and at times it seemed as though the boys forgot that hiking does, in fact, include uphill segments! Frustrated, yet determined, they marched onward. Boys took spills into the creek and onto rocks, wiping dirt from their faces as they exclaimed with vigor, "Let's keep on!"

The summits offered clear views of the valley, and the boys were eager to share lunches with through-hikers we met on the trail. While the boys scrambled up Cannon Mountain on the last day, only to be met with whiteout conditions, it didn't crush their enthusiasm and willingness to seize the day!

Then it was Panther's turn to tear it up. The project: the infamous Mahoosucs. This trip contains the most difficult mile of the entire Appalachian Trail, called the Notch. It can take some hikers up to six hours to complete it. Our Mowglis boys crushed it in a mere hour and a half. The Mahoosucs offered 360-degree views of Maine's dense wilderness, which the boys absorbed with delight. The trail often brought steep sections of rock that most climbers would shudder at if they had to approach it without gear, as our boys did. Panther emerged on the other side, seasoned but not beaten.

In addition to the rigorous pack trips, boys relaxed at base camps at Cardigan, Nancy Brook, Belle Isle, and Cliff Island. The boys enjoyed the freedom to roam around the sites as well as copious amounts of food, which always tastes better when you didn't have to pack it up any hills.

The week before the Crew festivities began marked the beginning of the Squad Trips. Sixteen well-deserved spots were filled—eight on Gopher, and eight on Washington. Washington Squad brought clear weather and gorgeous views of the valley. The boys loved staying at the huts, making friends with everyone they met. One couple, in particular, ate meals with us at each hut every day during the trip; they had done this trip 30 years prior. Boys from Den shared many laughs with their new pals, making it a trip neither one of our groups could forget.

Gopher Squad slogged through terrible rain and fog, with Mr. Hart's classic storytelling keeping everyone in good spirits. However, the trails were no joke. Mount Jefferson brought consecutive 800-foot gains and drops in elevation, with large boulders underfoot. Everyone's knees were weak afterward, but the three-course meals in the huts seemed to wash away any pain.

All in all, these trips undoubtedly helped to turn the boys into men. They learned camping skills aplenty, shared laughs and memories with friends new and old, and despite the bruises, a little blood, dirt, hunger, and sweat, they never gave up, and they returned hyped to do it all again next year.



TRIVIA ?

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Q: On the original Mowgli's property, how many field-like flat spaces were there?

SWINGING TOGETHER: CREW WEEK 2016

By Jay Gulitti ('06), Crew Coach

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Despite the current swell of 90-degree weather here in New York's Hudson Valley, there are creepings of fall peeking in at the edges of everything. Due to the heat, people have been sticking to the shade or heading to the water to keep cool. Being down at the river this time of year makes me think not only of the coming months, but also the start of a new rowing season, fresh with the straining of new muscles and the strengthening of old. I struggle with meeting this season at its head; while I'm excited to see what comes next, I always find myself missing the sport. The summer at Mowglis has become the only time of the year that I remain thoroughly involved with Crew. It's become one of the things that has taken the sidelines, as the rest of life has revealed itself. This summer has been particularly difficult to leave behind, due in no small part to the way the camp as a whole embraced Crew Week.

The days leading up to Crew Week build up the atmosphere in camp slowly to a boiling point, as older campers return from squads, and campers all begin to speculate about Crew affiliations and boat lineups, with rumors of Crew Leaders cropping up as steadily as the increased rate

of practice. I always find it hard to eat at that Sunday evening's picnic supper due to the excitement of the coming announcements, and this summer was no different. As the night drew to a close, boys and staff returned to their dorms ready for an exciting week, but not until after they had applauded the newly announced boats, making sure to cheer particularly loudly for their Crew Leaders: Mr. Jack Richardson and Mr. Jack Cherry, the latter of whom was still on the bus returning to camp from a long weekend away. He was back by morning, however, just in time to help Mr. Richardson hand out bandanas to camp. Given that both of our Crew Leaders this year were first-time counselors, veteran staff on their crews wasted no time in lending a helping hand, and together they organized the boys in several productive days of learning cheers, making posters, and publishing some of the finest editions of the esteemed Scarlet Journal and Blue Banner that the camp has seen in some time. Morale was high, thanks in no small part to an early announcement from the Denites teaching us all about what it means to be sportsmanlike and how to respect our opponents, and Crew Week was off to a great start.

RED
CREW



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2016 WOLF'S PAW RECIPIENT: NATHAN SOUKUP

By Tommy Greenwell



This summer's Wolf's Paw recipient was Nathan Soukup. He arrived at Camp and soon began asking about completing his Wolf's Paw. He was close with his Ribbons earned, and he had been a Camper long enough to complete the 100 Mowglis Miles easily. Nathan was ready for a busy summer, completing Graduation requirements as well as Wolf's Paw requirements.

Requirements are completed throughout the summer and include learning orienteering, learning to dismantle and reassemble backpacking stoves, and then teaching another how to do the same. Nathan taught Toomai camper Peter Carini how to read a map, use a compass, and identify poison ivy.

Not awarded every year, the Wolf's Paw is one of the highest possible achievements for a Camper during his time at Mowglis. It requires a boy to earn six ribbons: Green (Camping), Brown (Hiking), Purple (Nature), Blue (Weather), Orange (Axemanship), and Red (Canoeing). A boy who has earned them all has discovered his place in the outdoors, and he has a relentless drive to learn all that he can about the natural world that surrounds us.

There are also some more substantial requirements, such as helping to supervise an overnight trip with a younger dorm, making

Washington Squad, hiking Mt. Cardigan and sleeping on the summit, plus a special project. Nathan's project was to give a thorough cleaning to the Trip Closet, then a fresh coat of paint before organizing everything back into its place on the shelves.

The summer was indeed busy for Nathan—successfully completing his ribbons, earning all of the Wolf's Paw requirements, and finishing the final Graduation Requirements. Nathan worked extremely hard, and he had the benefit of working with over a dozen Counselors who helped him to complete all of these goals in his final year as a Camper.

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2016 KAA AWARD RECIPIENT EMILIANO COVARRUBIAS MARTINEZ

By Cameron Carothers ('05), Watermaster

As Watermaster for much of Emiliano's time at Mowglis, I have watched him grow into a confident young man. The Kaa Award is given to the camper who demonstrates extraordinary accomplishment and leadership at the Waterfront. It is not awarded every year, but rather only when there is a Camper who satisfies all of the demanding requirements of this distinction. This includes earning five Waterfront ribbons, completing a Waterfront Project, and generally displaying the qualities of good attitude, discipline, judgment and leadership.

Emiliano earned his Maroon (Crew), Golden Anchor (Sailing), Red (Canoeing), White (Swimming) and Silver (Row Boating) Ribbons. For his Kaa Project, Emiliano also constructed a new hydro, having received his inspiration from a remark made by Mr. Rodgers about the difficulty and awkwardness associated with using the existing hydro. With the help of his brother, Emiliano cleared an extension to the existing hydro path, and after finding a suitable location amid the rocky terrain, he dug the necessary four-foot hole and then installed the new hydro. In order to complete this project alongside his other Den summer aspirations, he remained behind on the final Trip Day—the Mt. Cardigan Assault—to put in the finishing touches. His project will improve the quality of experience for all users of the Waterfront and is a lasting mark of Emilio's commitment to Mowglis.

In earning his Kaa Award, Emiliano noted a few memorable moments that granted him a sense of pride and feeling

of accomplishment. Two moments were industry related: completing his Double Full Waingunga to earn his Swimming Ribbon and rowing his 2K to complete his Crew Ribbon. The other was working alongside his brother on the Kaa Project and enjoying the relationship that they hold in a place that has contributed so significantly to its strength.

Emiliano also offered advice to the Mowglis community: Take advantage of the opportunities that Mowglis presents, particularly at the Waterfront. The lake itself is a rare gem. The availability of watercraft and experienced staff members, who are excited to share their knowledge, offers a chance to do and learn things perhaps not available anywhere else.

It was a pleasure witnessing Emiliano's growth through the years and working with him to design his Kaa Project, the credit for which belongs entirely to him.





Graduates' Dinner



Inner Circle



Mrs. Holt's Day



10 TIPS ON BECOMING A MOWGLIS MAN

By Nick Sears, Den of 2016

The following was delivered as the Den Remarks by Nick Sears on Mrs. Holt's Day, 2016:

Rather than simply recount the Den's activities this year, I thought I would instead offer some advice to the younger dorms on how to make the most of Mowglis and become a true Mowglis Man.

1. Find Good Friends.

There are many things you can do here at Mowglis on your own. You can earn Ribbons, make Squads, and become a real Mowglis Man. But these things accomplished alone will never compare to the experience you will have when working with your friends.

This summer, there were Denites on both the Gopher and Mt. Washington Squads. I can tell you from personal experience that if I hadn't had some of my best friends on that Washington Squad trip, it would not have been as memorable.

I earned my Maroon Ribbon this summer. I never would have been able to do it if it hadn't been for some of my best friends working alongside me in the same industry. I would like to thank Nathan, Kurt, Emiliano, and Andrés for that.

2. Do What You Want.

Everybody leaves a legacy here at Camp. Whether it be your name on a Racing Crew plaque, or your name on a Howl, make it what you want. At Camp, you call the shots. Make your legacy as large or as small as you want it to be.

3. Find Your Passion.

We had a very passionate Den this year. We had rowers on both the Blue and Red Racing Crews. We had men on both Squads. And we earned many different Ribbons, including Axemanship, Tennis, Drama, Riflery, Crew, and Archery. This relates to doing what you want, because in order to truly master anything, you have to be passionate about it.

4. Be a Gentleman.

This is one of the most crucial aspects of being a Mowglis Man. Everyone in our dorm exhibited the qualities of a gentleman (though I confess we all did have our moments...).

5. Have Fun.

This relates to doing what you want. If you're just being productive here, while not having fun, you're not doing the right thing. Figure out how to make the best of your time, but remember, "The summer's just for fun, boys!"

6. Try New Things.

Everyone has a comfort zone. Regardless of how large or small your comfort zone is, you should be able to break out and try new things. I never rowed Crew until I came here, and I don't think I would ever have tried it if it weren't for Camp.

7. Know When to Stop.

This one is pretty self-explanatory. I confess that our dorm wasn't very good at this.

8. Find Something Good to Do Every Day.

Whether it is helping a friend fold his sheets and blankets in the morning, or sweeping the writing porch during clean-up when no one else will, a little will go a long way.

9. Keep in Touch with Camp Friends.

I've talked recently with many alumni about my graduation from Mowglis. They said that the biggest mistake that they made as a Camper was that they didn't stay in touch with their dorm mates. Trust me, everyone in Cubs through Panther, and even my fellow Denites, I implore you to stay in touch with one another in the off-season. You'll be thankful that you did.

10. Plan Ahead and Prepare.

"Leave No Trace" is an important part of Camping here at Mowglis, and a very useful principle in life in general; leaving no trace requires forethought and preparation. Learning to plan ahead and to prepare will keep you out of bad situations and make you into a true Mowglis Man.

After spending seven weeks and several summers with these guys, I am truly proud to be a member of the Den of 2016. I am and will be eternally thankful to have shared my experiences with my dorm mates. I have spent a lot of my life here, and I love these guys. They are my brothers!



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Q: Other than their altitude, what is the main difference between the Upper Tennis Court and the Lower Court?

THE CHEF'S COTTAGE

By K. R. Bengtson ('69)

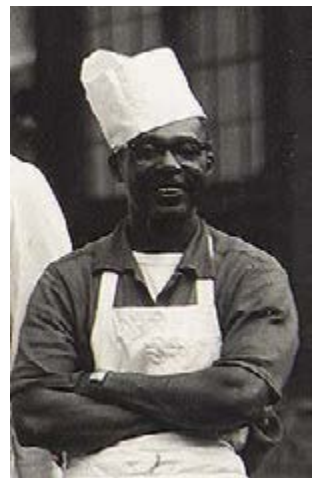
In the spirit of providing accommodations for professional/married summer Staff and guests in the off-season, the Chef's Cottage was entirely refurbished through the generosity of Jane Kent, Chris Phaneuf '77, Greg Phaneuf '82, and Jim '69 and Lin Westberg. Following jacking the foundation and gutting the walls and ceilings, the cottage received fresh paint, new wiring, new plumbing, new screens, and new furnishings. THANK YOU, Jane, Chris, Greg, Lin, and Jim!

There were five pre-existing buildings from the old Barnard Farm at the time Mowglis was founded in 1903: the old Farm House (now the Jungle House), the Carriage House (now the Lodge), the Sugar House (now the Den), the Ice House (now Blue Crew headquarters) and, a little-known fact, the Chicken Coop (now the Chef's Cottage).

In the midst of all the work mentioned above, we found ourselves reminiscing about Asley V. Smith, who resided in the cottage for 28 seasons! "Smitty," as we called him, was Chef from 1948-1960, 1962-1974, and 1976-1977, hence serving under directors Elwell, Kingsley, Adams, and Hart. During those years, there was only one chef, meaning that Smitty's "time off" was confined to Sunday picnic supper and Thursday 'Trip Day' lunch. Undoubtedly, there are countless Mowglis who remember him. Jim Westberg and Bob



Bengtson fondly recall working with him for three consecutive summers while on the Junior Staff from 1970-1972. It is likely that Jim Hart '67 assisted him longer than anyone else. While Smitty cooked at MIT for much of the year, it is Mowglis that he loved. His checkered jacket often turns up during Skits and Plays on Saturday nights, and his ashes are scattered on the property.



Asley V. "Smitty" Smith

MOWGLIS' VINTAGE 1896 STEINWAY PIANO

By K. R. Bengtson ('69)

Given to Mowglis in 1989 in memory of Richard B. Beal '43 by his family (many of you know Dick's sons Barry '67, Todd '68, and Doug '71, and, grandson Britty '06), the "Beal" Steinway's original "untouched" action received significant attention this spring in time for the opening of Camp. Its mahogany case having been refinished, the piano is now in near-perfect condition. How fortunate we are to have an instrument of this caliber, one for which the boys and Staff demonstrate great reverence.





THE COLONEL JOHN F.P. HILL WORK WEEKEND

By Jay and Sandee Brown

In 1975, Colonel John Hill, a member of the Mowglis Board, initiated a "Trustees Work Weekend" to help Mr. Hart prepare for the opening of Camp. The weekend was enormously successful and, without exception, has since been held every year on the first weekend in June. In the early going, the participants were largely Trustees. Over time, the effort has evolved to include alumni, staff, older boys, parents and friends. Twenty-five years ago, Bob Bengtson proposed a resolution, unanimously approved by the Board, to formally name this annual event "The Colonel John F.P. Hill Work Weekend."

This year, as every year, an incredible group of loyal Mowglis showed up—over 45 alumni, staff, and parents—ready for the hundreds of jobs and projects that needed to get done.

The Waterfront was abuzz with activity, as boats were launched, swim lines and moorings set, and canoes readied for the Red-Ribboners. Sailboats were moved out of Lower Gray Brothers and set afloat, and Baloo Cove tidied up with newly planted grass seed.

The Lodge was renewed with freshly painted screens. All the tables in the dining room were repainted, as well! A new hydro was installed by Baloo. Akela got a fresh coat of stain (all 27 gallons of it!). Chapel benches were moved into place, and the sound system for the organ

was updated. Up on Cub Field, a new gaga ball court was built.

Off the main path, trees and bushes were trimmed back, and leaves blown. One could picture campers hiking eagerly to their industries on these freshly cleared paths. All of that brush was fed into a rented wood chipper, filling the air with the scent of fresh pine.

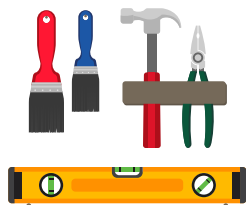
Even the Cub and Pack Libraries got some much-needed attention. The Cub Library in Kipling Hall was completely cleaned out, some older books removed, and the remaining books were relabeled and reshelfed to create easy and inviting access for the boys.

After a day of hard work, the group surrounded a campfire, renewing old friendships, and remembering those special times at Mowglis. It was agreed that the Work Weekend which has become such a special and integral part of Mowglis be renamed in honor of Col. John Hill.

Despite the scattered rain on Sunday morning, the dedicated crew attacked the remaining projects with renewed vigor. Soon it was time to depart. But we could almost hear the voices of energetic campers soon to be echoing throughout these woods.

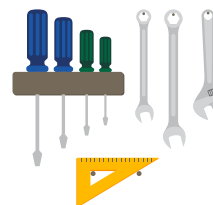
Every year, we are amazed by the dedication of these loyal Mowglis. What a difference a Col. Hill Work Weekend filled with Mowglis Spirit can make!





MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

By Jason Merwin ('06)



This year's maintenance program was run a little differently from that of past years. There were four of us, Mr. Dorates (from Mexico) and Mr. Taylor (from Jamaica) helped out in the kitchen part-time in addition to performing maintenance work, while Miss Donna and I were full-time on the grounds. Before the arrival of the campers, the crew was busy fighting back the jungle and getting Camp to look like Mowglis once again.

The summer started off with some small projects: building new stairs at the upper tennis court and clearing brush and overgrown rock walls. In addition, soon after renovations were completed on the Chef's Cottage, we added a rock wall behind it. Added to the Crafts Shop was a new pottery kiln, and a roof addition was installed on the west side of the shop.

We also built a tipi platform and gaga pit for the Cubs. Gray Brothers Hall windows were removed and replaced after glazing and staining, and a significant amount of the building was stained. Headquarters ladies' room bathroom was renovated (and very much appreciated on Crew Weekend)! While the upper mines sparkled all summer long, the lower mines were jacked up and a new sill installed. However, issues with the plumbing persisted, and ultimately the building was demolished by the staff after the season was over. A solid foundation was the only thing left after the dust settled. Bridges were built, stairs were fixed, and many things were stained. With the countless projects completed and the landscape kept trimmed, 2016 was a very productive summer for the Mowglis maintenance crew.

THE HOLT - ELWELL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION NEWS

By Meg Hurdman

The purpose of the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation (HEMF) is to own, maintain, and operate Camp Mowglis in order to promote education, training, traits of good character, and qualities of leadership in boys and young men in accordance with the ideals and standards established by founder Elizabeth Ford Holt and her successor, Alcott Farrar Elwell. The HEMF is also charged with providing scholarship assistance to boys who otherwise would not be able to attend Mowglis. Each year, HEMF awards over \$100,000 in scholarships so that boys from all income levels can experience and benefit from the Mowglis experience.

The HEMF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit established in 1962 specifically to provide governance and financial support to Mowglis. The HEMF Board of Trustees is made up of Mowglis alumni and camp parents. Although tuition covers the bulk of expenses, the foundation relies on contributions to close the gap between tuition and expenses. The HEMF works hard to maintain Mowglis traditions and to give each boy an outstanding summer experience.

HEMF Board Report 2016

The board would like to thank three retiring trustees: two past presidents, **Chris Phaneuf** (Den '77) and **Charlie Walbridge** (Den '62) and Chris's brother, **Greg Phaneuf** (Den '82), who have served a combined 40 years. These men have been extraordinarily generous to Mowglis with their time, energy, and financial support. We expect all to remain active with the HEMF in an advisory role. Thank you, Chris, Charlie, and Greg!

We welcome four new trustees: **Sandee Brown**, **Erik Bernhardt**, **Meg Drazek**, and **Will Scott**. Please see their biographies in this issue.

We have four newly elected officers:

President, **Jim Graff** (Den '78)
Vice President, **Tomo Nishino** (Den '84)
Treasurer, **Roel Hoekstra** (Den '76)
Secretary, **Meg Hurdman**, parent of Chris (Den '05), Jay (Den '06), and Robby (Den '09)

We thank outgoing Secretary, **Richard Morgan** (Den '68) and VP **Jim Westberg** (Den '69).

HEMF TRUSTEES

President, Jim Graff

Birdsboro, Pennsylvania
(Den '78) and father of James (Den '12)

Vice-President, Tomo Nishino

Glen Ridge, New Jersey
(Den '84) and father of current campers Shoh and Hiro

Treasurer, Roel Hoekstra

Norristown, Pennsylvania
(Den '76) and father of Chris (Den '07) and Carter (Den '13)

Secretary, Meg Hurdman

Falmouth, Maine
Mother of Chris (Den '05), Jay (Den '06), and Robby (Den '09)

Erik Bernhardt

San Francisco, California
(Den '88)

Sandee Brown

Glastonbury, Connecticut
(Staff 1977-1987) and mother of Ian (Den '83)

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(Den '79) and father of Ian (Den '10)

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(Den '74) and father of Foster (Den '12)

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Denver, Colorado
Mother of current campers Cooper and Spencer

Rich Morgan

Sandwich, New Hampshire
(Den '68)

Andrew Khatri

New York, New York
(Den '93)

Ben Ringe

Glen Ridge, New Jersey
(Den '85)

Will Scott

Columbia, Maryland
(Den '70)

Diane Sears

Marblehead, Massachusetts
Mother of Manning (Den '13), Nicholas (Den '16) and current camper Jack

Jim Westberg

Nashua, New Hampshire
(Den '69) and father of Doug (Den '02)

Three years ago, President Chris Phaneuf appointed a task force to evaluate the governance structure of the foundation. After a nine-month review, the task force made a series of recommendations. For the past two years, the current board has been working diligently to implement those recommendations, including the following:

- Compile and organize a Trustee Handbook
- Review and update policies required by N.H. law
- Adopt a declaration of board responsibilities, which includes:
 - Participation
 - Financial responsibility
 - Ambassador to the organization
 - Ethical responsibility
 - Board member evaluation
- Publish annually a report of foundation activities
- Include an education component at all board meetings
- Recruit alumni and parents for board committees

Last fall we reorganized our board committees. The new standing committees are as follows:

1. **Executive** (President, VP, Treasurer & Secretary)
2. **Audit** - Andrew Khatri
3. **Governance** - Meg Hurdman
4. **Nominating** - Al Reiff
5. **Finance** (includes Investment) - Roel Hoekstra
6. **Fundraising** - Andrew Khatri and Chris Phaneuf
7. **Internal Affairs** (Buildings & Grounds, Program, Risk Management) - Jim Westberg
8. **External Affairs** (Alumni Affairs, Communications, and Publications) - Tomo Nishino
9. **Archives** - Diane Sears

The HEMF welcomes alumni and parent participation on our board committees. We are always seeking people with expertise in our focus areas and encourage interested people to contact our new president, Jim Graff, at jimfgraff@gmail.com.



Thank you for Your Service:

RECOGNIZING HEMF'S OUTGOING TRUSTEES

By Jim Graff ('78)

At the end of the summer meeting, the terms of three Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation (HEMF) Trustees expired. Every board member's contributions are important, and the Mowglis community is extremely grateful for their service, but I would like to take a few minutes to single out these three individuals.

Thinking back to July of 2001, September 11th was just another date on the calendar. There was no such thing as a Great Recession. My son, now a freshman at Penn State, was three years old, and Charlie Walbridge and Greg Phaneuf joined the board. Their remarkable fifteen consecutive years of service is made even more noteworthy by the fact that it is no longer possible, the Board having changed the rules to allow three three-year terms, instead of three five-year terms. Volunteering for the Board always involves work, but for some terms, the burden is heavier than for others. The fact that these two men stepped up at that time says a great deal about their character and their dedication to Mowglis - a dedication that they continued to show for fifteen years and that they will, I am sure, continue to show in the future.

Chris Phaneuf has served on the Board for "only" ten years. He is, as you know, my predecessor as President. Under his leadership, both the Camp and the Board have made great strides forward. I would consider myself and the Camp fortunate if I can do half as good a job as Chris has done!

Of course, those gripped with the true Mowglis Spirit don't ever really leave the Pack, even after ten or fifteen years of service. I know Charlie is leading an effort on the Camp's behalf right now, and I expect that he will continue to rally the vast numbers of alumni with whom he has remained in contact, and he will be joining the Red Ribbon Trip for years to come! Chris and I have already exchanged emails, and he is planning to continue to be involved in our fund-raising efforts. And we know we will see Greg again as his son reaches the age when he will continue the Phaneuf family legacy at Mowglis.

I am deeply appreciative of the service of these men, and I am grateful that I, and Mowglis, can count on their continued support in the future!

Charlie, Chris, and Greg, We salute you! Thank you!



Thanks for making 2016 such a GREAT summer!

2017 Camper Registration is OPEN!

We already have a lot of exciting things planned for next summer! We hope to see you then!

*Good hunting,
Mr. & Mrs. Robbins and Mr. Greenwell*

NEW TRUSTEE PROFILE: ERIK BERNHARDT ('88)

Erik first came to Mowglis in 1985, thanks to the generosity of Brooks Benjamin, a former assistant director. Erik spent four years as a camper and three more as a Counselor and counts summiting Mt. Washington in Akela and teaching sailing as just two of his many great memories. Growing up in St. Louis, Erik earned a B.A. in History and Business Administration from Principia College and later went on to get his M.B.A. at UCLA. He has spent his entire career in investment finance, first starting as an investment consultant at Cambridge Associates in Washington, D.C. He later worked for PAAMCO, a Newport Beach-based hedge fund, where he managed portfolios for large institutional clients. Currently, he is a director at Artisan Partners, a \$100 billion global asset manager, and is tasked with building a hedge fund business within the firm. Erik lives in San Francisco with his wife Katie and their daughter Ellie.



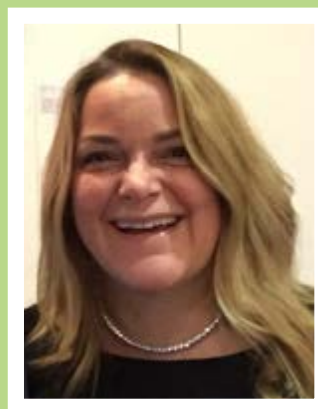
NEW TRUSTEE PROFILE: SANDEE BROWN

In 1977, Sandee came to Mowglis with her husband Jay. For 10 years they both served as Cub Parents. They then took a year off, returning later to serve as Program Directors. Their son Ian joined Cubs and went through all the dorms, graduating from Den in 1983. Their daughter Wendi attended Camp Onaway. Sandee graduated from Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada. She subsequently earned a master's degree in Math, Science and Technology and another master's degree in the Teaching of Reading. During her 40 years of teaching, Sandee specialized in teaching Natural Science at the elementary school level. Among her several national awards was the National Environmental Teacher of the Year Award, and for many years she served on the national steering committee of the nationwide nonprofit association, Food, Land and People, where Sandee joined with several colleagues to write lessons for an environmental and agricultural curriculum that is still being used in schools across the country. Sandee continues to teach today with the Connecticut Audubon Society, teaching Science in Nature programs. During children's lessons, she helps them learn how to use digital equipment while doing scientific studies. She serves on the Regional Connecticut Audubon Board. Sandee still is "running with the wolves!" Sandee also works as a historical interpreter at the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Conn. She lives with her husband, Jay in Glastonbury, Conn.



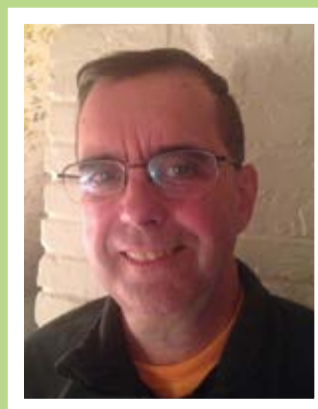
NEW TRUSTEE PROFILE: MEG TWEEDY DRAZEK

Parent of current campers, Meg grew up in Pelham, N.Y., and currently resides in Denver, Colorado. She is part of the Merwin/Tweedy family of Mowglis alumni and the parent of two current fourth-generation Mowglis campers, Cooper and Spencer Drazek. Her grandfather, Gaius Warner Merwin, Sr., stood in for Colonel Elwell as director for two seasons during WWII, and her uncle, GWM, Jr., participated in founding the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation. Meg was a Camper at Onaway from 1979–1982 and on its Council from 1989–92, during which time she was Waterfront Director and Trip Director. Meg graduated from Westover School, Kenyon College for her B.A. in Art History, and the University of Kent, England, for her M.A. in International Conflict Analysis. She worked as a press secretary for H.M. King Hussein of Jordan and as a field producer for CNN before joining the State Department as a Foreign Service Officer. Meg is married to Greg Drazek, a Special Agent with the Diplomatic Security Service, and together they have served in eight posts abroad, including Baghdad, Kabul, Moscow, New Delhi, and multiple posts in Europe. After Camp 2016, the family relocated to Denver, Colorado, where Meg will work as liaison to the Department of Defense.



NEW TRUSTEE PROFILE: WILL SCOTT ('70)

Will is a member of the Den of 1970. A second-generation camper, Will entered Baloo in 1967 and continued through 1974, with one year on Senior Staff as the Archery instructor. The worst hiker in his dorm for three years, he became a keen hiker in his Den year, and he has remained active ever since, favoring the White Mountains and the Adirondack High Peaks. Will has a B.A. in math from Princeton University and has labored as a mathematician or a supervisor for the U.S. Dept. of Defense for 38 years. His wife Jill is a retired mathematician. One daughter Meg works at an art gallery in Brooklyn, N.Y., and younger daughter Annie studies government and communications at the University of Maryland. Will serves as a volunteer and leader at his local church. He is a bike commuter in all seasons. Will and Jill reside in Columbia, Md.



CHRISTOPHER A. PHANEUF ('77) A RECOGNITION

By K. Robert Bengtson ('69), Director Emeritus

It has been ten years since Chris Phaneuf joined the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees in 2006. For the past six years, he served as President, a period during which a tremendous amount was accomplished. With a very comprehensive vision and determination, he focused on leadership, restructured the Board's committees to maximize efficiency and productivity, and oversaw the process that selected Nick Robbins as Camp Director. All existing Board and Camp policies were reviewed and, where necessary, additional ones drafted, and a committee was created to organize and preserve Mowglis' myriad archival treasures. An excellent correspondent and delegator, Chris spent considerable time communicating with fellow Trustees and with Director Robbins. He invested substantial energy as well in developing the crucial areas of fundraising and alumni outreach. During his tenure, the Camp's endowment was notably expanded, and Kent Cottage and the Woodworking Shop were constructed. And along with his wife, Katie, and their two daughters, Emily and Abby (both Onaway alumnae), he generously and frequently shared his home for Mowglis events.



At the annual meeting of the Foundation on Crew Day, August 6, 2016, Chris stepped down from the Board, passing the torch to James F. Graff '78. More than the tangible achievements reflected above, Chris will be remembered as President for his intelligence and pragmatism, his diplomacy and ability to listen, his sincerity and warmth, and his true Mowglis Spirit.

A Mowglis cheer for Chris Phaneuf, for a job exceedingly well done!

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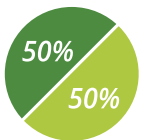
As we all know, Mowglis is a 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Educational Trust and relies on the generosity of its alumni and friends to cover expenses. Every bit counts!

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Planned Giving & Bequests

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PRESERVING MOWGLIS HISTORY

Contributors: Liz Hengen, Meg Hurdman, and Diane Sears

National Register Project

In the fall of 2015, the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees voted to pursue nominating Mowglis to the National Register of Historic Places. Established in 1966, the National Register is the nation's official list of historic places worthy of preservation. Mowglis, founded in 1903, has a rich history, and the Camp property has an outstanding collection of rustic buildings and sites, several of which date back to the Camp's founding. Mowglis also has extensive archives documenting its 113-year history.

The first summer youth camp in the United States opened in 1881 on an island in Squam Lake. Camp Chocorua launched a movement that spread across New England and beyond. By 1893, Squam Lake hosted three boys' camps. Two years later, a counselor from one of those camps founded Camp Pasquaney on Newfound Lake. Pasquaney, in turn, influenced the start of nearby Onaway and Mowglis.

Elizabeth Ford Holt, who started Camp Mowglis, was an educator. As she contemplated her new camp, she wrote author Rudyard Kipling, whose *Jungle Book* stories she had recently read, to ask if she could use names of his characters for the camp and its buildings. He gave his permission, and the connection to both Kipling and his literary work has guided aspects of the Camp program ever since.

National Register listing raises awareness of the significance of historic and cultural resources and the important link between the conservation of natural and cultural resources. It raises a red flag early in the planning process for large-scale projects, such as road widening, communication towers, and wind farms that might impact the setting or character of a listed property and provides a means to affect their outcome. It also provides some relief in applying building and fire codes and ADA regulations. Contrary to popular perception, listing does not put restrictions on owners regarding building or site alterations, nor does it require public access to a property. The nomination can, however, assist in making informed decisions regarding future changes.

The Board has engaged preservation consultant Elizabeth Durfee Hengen of Concord, New Hampshire, to research and compile the nomination, a process that will continue into 2017. The form will weave together the Camp's

historical evolution and articulate the character-defining features that comprise its physical environment and how they relate to the boys' camping experience. We anticipate completing the nomination by next summer and hope the Camp will be listed in early 2018.

Liz Hengen has consulted extensively around New Hampshire since 1980, including preparing a series of National Register nominations around Squam and Chocorua Lakes, and she notes this will be the first summer youth camp in New Hampshire to be so recognized.

Mowglis Campers and alumni develop a strong bond with the property, and the nomination can further the importance of and help guide the stewardship of this unique place. The Board and director also envision the nomination providing the foundation for a future book on the history of Mowglis.

Mowglis Archives

The role of the Archives Committee is to ensure the proper care and cataloging of papers and artifacts relating to Mowglis' distinguished history. Archives provide a resource to examine the past and gain insight into the camp experience. They also provide a lasting record of the contributions of Mowglis Campers and Staff over a century and have ongoing value for day-to-day operations.

In July of 2013, Trustee Diane Sears arranged for her sister to visit Mowglis. Diane's sister, Jill Rawnsley, is the archivist for the city of Philadelphia. Subsequently, Jill joined the Archives Committee and has been offering her professional advice. This past April, Jill arranged for current Trustees to have a tour of the Philadelphia archives. This was followed up by a presentation to the Board that covered the value of archives, the life cycle of a record, and considerations regarding where to house the Mowglis archives.



*Jill Rawnsley, Nick Robbins,
and Diane Sears*

One of the first tasks of this committee is to define the mission of the Mowglis archives and determine if professional expertise is needed. In addition, the Committee will develop a retention schedule and formalize what will be kept and for how long. This ensures that legally-required documents are saved and assists in the orderly management of records. It also ensures no important records are inadvertently discarded.

Jill emphasized the need to store all archives in the same location and put a system in place for logging those items in and out. The archives should always be under the custody of the Camp, and if loaned, there should be a formal loan agreement. Donations to the archives should fall within the Mission Statement, and donors should sign a "Deed of Gift," which is a legal agreement between the donor and the Camp.

Jill recommended the Kipling letters be photographed for display and the originals stored in appropriate archival boxes, which has been done. The original Wah Pah Nah Yah paintings have also been professionally photographed, and copies are now on display in the library.

Trustee and new Board President Jim Graff and Director Nick Robbins are working with our registrar, Holly Taylor, on scanning the older HOWLS so they can be posted and searched on our website. With respect to preserving current history, Diane Sears, Nick Robbins, and Assistant Director Tommy Greenwell have made a list of the camper items to preserve and have purchased archival boxes for the items to be archived annually.

Old Mowglis Library

In October 2015, with help from Bob Bengtson, Tommy Greenwell, and Charlie and Meg Hurdman, Nick Robbins executed a project that had been discussed for over a year. On a beautiful October day, we took the "old" Mowglis library, about 22 banker's boxes



filled with books from the Jungle House, the Lodge, and Cubland, to rare book dealer Douglas Harding in Wells, Maine, for a formal appraisal.

Mr. Harding looked at every single Mowglis book, setting aside those with value. Once he had reviewed everything, he assigned values, which ranged from \$5 to \$75 per book for a total of \$1,500. All those that did not make the cut are valued at \$1 each and add up to \$300. So the grand total of the "old" Mowglis library is \$1,800. Much to our disappointment, we had no monetary treasures. The appraisal was a donation to the Camp.

The books with value have been tagged on the first page. The books with the highest value are *How to Cook Vegetables* from 1891, worth \$75, followed by *Handbook of Invalid Cooking* from 1893 at \$50. *The History of England* (8-volume set) has a total value of \$75 because it is in good condition, and a large Bible is valued at \$40. The remaining books range from \$5 to \$35.

The low/no value on most of the books is primarily due to condition. Unfortunately, even the Jane Austen novels lack monetary value because the bindings are gone. Other factors that bring down the value are catalog marks, annotations in the margins, and missing cover illustrations or pages. Some of the books in better condition would have had a higher value if they had been first editions. The Camp owns several copies of A. A. Milne's *Now We Are Six*, but none are first editions. Some books have value only because they have nice covers. Old cookbooks are popular right now, so that is a contributing factor.

While there are no monetary treasures, there are many Mowglis treasures. Several books are inscribed "Elizabeth Ford Holt," and others have notes by (or to) Colonel Elwell. There are books from the Colonel's days at Harvard and some from his ROTC training and



Douglas Harding examining books

military library. Evidently, the Colonel spent at least a little class time doodling, as the margins of a book of John Milton's minor poems are filled with his funny little sketches. And the Colonel's first wife, Jessica, seems to have been an avid reader, with many books bearing her inscription as owner.

Carolyn Hayward, who wrote 45 children's books and based *Penny Goes to Camp* on Mowglis and a Mowglis family, signed a book for Cubland. At least a dozen other books are signed by the authors to members of the Elwell family.

There are also two sets of Rudyard Kipling anthologies and many single copies of Kipling's books.

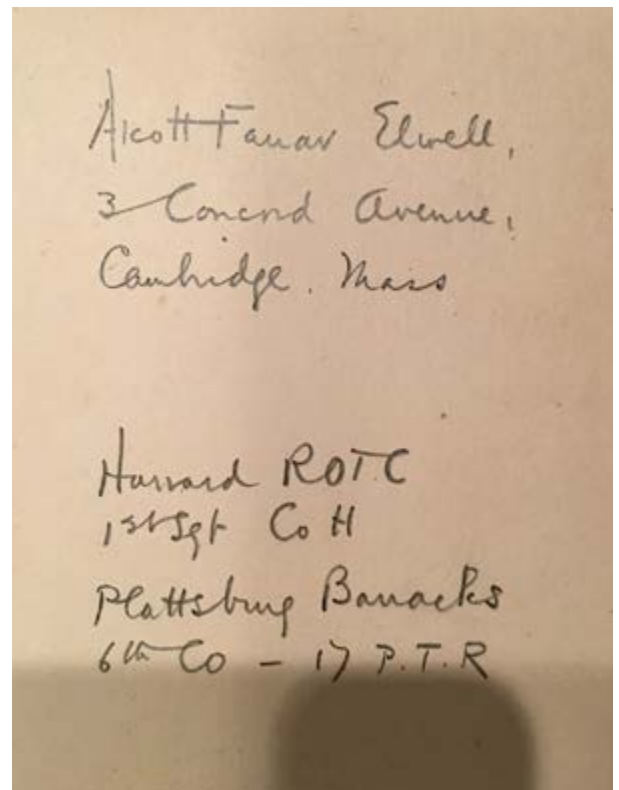
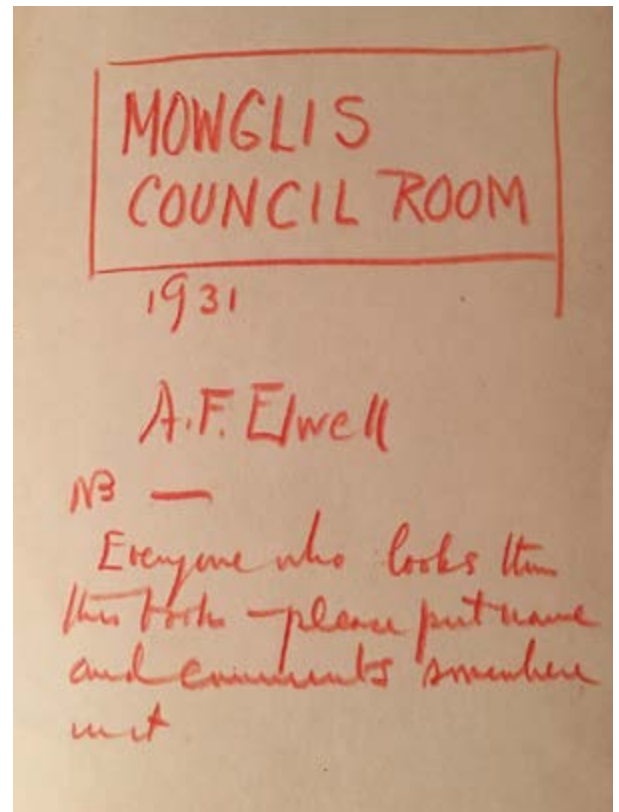
Still, other books are valuable to Mowglis because of their subject matter, especially books on camps and camping, books about New Hampshire flora and fauna, and books about the White Mountains. As such, there are some books that will go into the archives. We have set aside four boxes to be considered. The remainders have been returned to their former homes in the Jungle House, the Lodge, and Cubland.

Museum of the White Mountains

Prior to the fall 2014 board meeting, HEMF Trustees met at a new museum in Plymouth called The Museum of the White Mountains, which opened in February 2013. The museum is affiliated with Plymouth State University and specializes in the history of the area, with a mission to "preserve and promote the history, culture, and environmental legacy of the region; as well as provide unique collections-based, archival, and digital learning resources serving students, researchers, and the public." The museum director at the time, Dr. Catherine S. Amidon, gave Trustees an introduction, overview, and tour.

That meeting resulted in a connection with Paul "Hutch" Hutchinson, who is affiliated with Boston University and who completed a dissertation in March 2015 titled "Crafting an Outdoor Classroom: The Nineteenth-Century Roots of the Outdoor Education Movement."

The Museum of the White Mountains is in the planning stages for an exhibit on summer camps of the White Mountains. The exhibit is titled "Summer Camps: The White Mountain Roots to an Iconic American Experience," which will open on May 1, 2017. As part of their research for this exhibit, curator Hutch Hutchinson and his team spent Crew Day at Mowglis, interviewing a select number of alumni to capture their memories of past summers. Their reflections will be included in "Summer Stories," an oral history multimedia exhibit at the museum. We look forward to the small spot Mowglis will have in the exhibit next summer.



The Summer Camp—A New Factor in Education

By Tomo Nishino ('84)

On May 1, 1925, the 39-year-old Alcott F. Elwell submitted to the Harvard Graduate School of Education a doctoral thesis titled “The Summer Camp—A New Factor in Education.” He had served as a Counselor at Mowglis on and off since 1905, a year prior to enrolling at Harvard as a part of the undergraduate class of 1910. Owing to financial reversals, it took him 11 years to complete his undergraduate degree. In the interim, he served as the Assistant Director of Mowglis, starting in 1914, and was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Army in 1917. After the Great War, he returned to Harvard to pursue a graduate degree in education, completing his doctorate in 1925, the same year that he assumed ownership and directorship of Mowglis.

Elwell’s doctoral thesis—part an impassioned ode to the American camp movement, part a historical survey of summer camps in the U.S., part an attempt to “scientifically” articulate the benefits of the summer camp, and part a meticulous “how-to” manual—laid out his vision for what he called the “School of the Open,” a summer camp devoted not to entertainment, but to education. Look past the brittle yellowed pages and the old-fashioned type and language, and one is astonished at just how prescient his observations and insights were.

Elwell was writing at a time of profound change. The largely agrarian society that characterized much of the U.S. at the time of his birth was rapidly disappearing. People were steadily abandoning their farms for the city—two-thirds of the American population lived on farms around the time of Elwell’s birth, but by 1925 that number was less than half—and his native New England had led the way. The Great War was safely behind us, the Roaring Twenties were well under way; city life enticed ever more people into crowded tenements and apartments, cutting them off from their connections to the land; mass industry demanded a new kind of education, and newfangled entertainments like jazz and the cinema proved irresistible.

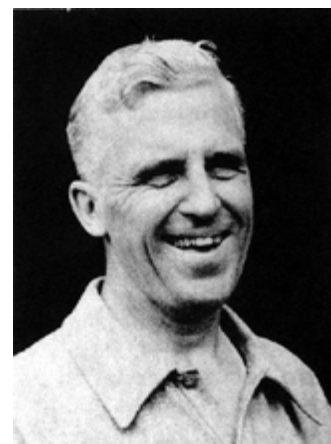
Elwell fretted about how these profound societal changes would affect the young. He noted that the biological capacity of humans had hardly changed in millennia, even as the realities and pressures of modern life demanded ever more from each individual. He noted that a Captain in the Great War was expected to know more than a Colonel in the Civil War, or that a “modern” farmer, operating a tractor, electrical lights,

and a radio, needed to know more than a “wise scientist” from generations past. He worried that these new pressures were affecting children most of all, ever hemming in their lives with more and more demands—a concern any modern parent with over-scheduled children would understand. He worried that children who knew only the artificial, man-made and hemmed-in life of the

city were losing touch with the physical “laws” of the natural world. Replace the word “city” with “virtual,” and his concerns are those of a parent today. Elwell even complained of too much “screen time”—though he was referring to the then new technology, the motion picture.

Elwell’s solution was the “School of the Open.” He noted that the normal school system—beset by the demands of education in the new “Industrial Age” (which echoes our own anxieties today about the demands placed on education in the age of the “gig-economy”)—was simply incapable of responding to the distortions and pressures of the modern era. He envisioned that the “School of the Open,” which would simplify life to its core essential values and bring children back into contact with the real, physical, and natural world, would complement the schools by providing children with essential education that would (re-)humanize them amidst the demands of the urban-industrial world.

Elwell sought to create an environment where children could acquire those elements he deemed necessary in order to deal with the “speed and complexity of modern life.” His program was that of radical simplification that emphasized authentic values, while at the same time inculcating in children “the outlook of success” through positive encouragement. He sought to pull children away from the atomizing and competitive individualism of the modern education system by emphasizing “fair-play,” cooperation, and group success, while at the same time stressing the will to succeed. He notes that the School of the Open should bring to children



Alcott F. Elwell

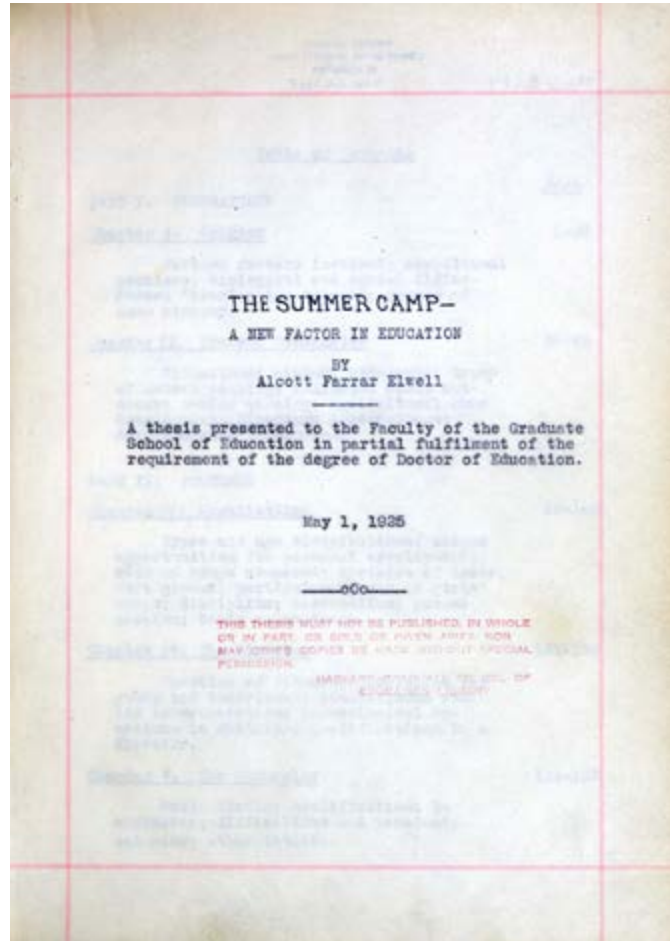
“1. Expectations of success; 2. a fearless outlook; 3. undiminished hope; 4. the “see-it-through” attitude.”

To achieve these ends, in his thesis, Elwell lays out in meticulous detail what he thought were the key elements of the School of the Open—the Director (“must be an organizer able to radiate ideals with background and balance”), the Council Staff (“as living examples counselors can do more than in any other way”), duties (“each camper should experience the breadth and necessities of communal life”), spirit (“the final expression of success is the ‘spirit’ of the camp”), rules (“must be few and inflexible”), the camp uniform (“the uniform becomes not only a visible bond of unity, but an expression of singleness of purpose”), camping (“an opportunity for the modern child to see behind the curtain of civilized life and realize that there are physical conditions which man does not control”), play (“an educative process quite apart from relaxation”), industries (“work which is not academic but at the same time requires instruction and study”), and many other practical considerations besides, ranging from the optimal size of the camp to the physical plant and the health and welfare of the campers and staff.

He lays out the rationale for specific industries as both opportunities for education and for children to try new things. “On the Trail,” he writes, “there are lessons to learn. Wind, rain, and sun to face. These things do not man’s bidding.” He notes that among industries Nature Study—to inculcate a love of nature—should be prominent. “The man or boy who pulls the toad from the cart track and puts him safe in the ditch can say with Mowgli of the Seonee Wolf Pack: ‘We be of one blood, little brother!’ He has begun to love things and the beauties of nature he cannot help but see wherever he goes.” He goes on to elaborate on the educational value of swimming, crafts, canoeing,

riflery, “trail craft,” and much else. And he lays out a daily schedule—consisting of duties, industries, relax, swimming and campfire—that would be familiar to any Mowgli camper today.

What becomes apparent upon reading Elwell’s thesis is just how carefully the Mowgli program was crafted to achieve the educational goals that he sought. And nearly a century later, that the program endures remarkably unchanged (as evidenced by reflections from the 1940’s elsewhere in this issue), is a testament to his thoughtfully constructed vision.



Elwell envisioned far greater things for the camp movement. In the penultimate paragraph of his thesis, he opined, “The organized camp may, before long, fill a gap between the conservative past and the too radical future.” He thought that the camp would become an integral part of the American educational landscape that would help children cope with the demands of modern life. This grander vision was, we now know, not to be. What is striking in reading his thesis, though, is despite the old-fashioned language, just how contemporary he sounds. His anxieties about a rapidly transforming world in which the old verities no longer seem to apply are our anxieties. And if it is true that the only constant in history is

that there will be change, then one suspects that these anxieties will be there for the next generation as well. We do have one advantage on the Colonel, though. Thanks to him, in Mowgli we have a trail map out of the woods.

As Elwell wrote in the final paragraph of his thesis: “The School of the Open is a school for simplicity and primitive reality, in which growth is in social ideals and cooperation coupled to better understanding of one’s self. The child who can see simply and look into the heart of nature will have a key to the Book of Life—this is Education.”

The Jungle Book – A Manual For Developing Exceptional Young Men

By Roel Hoekstra ('76), Treasurer, Holt Elwell Memorial Foundation

“And he grew and grew strong as a boy must grow who does not know that he is learning any lessons, and who has nothing in the world to think of except things to eat.”

What does it take in today's ever faster, ever more connected world to develop young men of strength and character? Men willing and eager to change the world for the better; to raise strong families; to sacrifice, sweat and struggle building communities that thrive while respecting and protecting the natural world we live in.

In the age of Facebook, Xbox, year-round athletic programs, SATs, and 30-year-old college graduates living with their parents, is it reasonable to look back to a children's book written in 1884 for the answers to how we guide young boys through the minefield of middle school and send them to high school as strong, independent, confident young men ready to grab life by the horns? Well ... yes, it is.

Kipling's Time – The Industrial Revolution

When Rudyard Kipling wrote *The Jungle Book*, the Industrial Revolution was in full swing. Families were moving from an agricultural lifestyle into cities to work in factories and industry.

It is hard for us to imagine, but at the time there was a general concern that our men were becoming too soft, removed and unappreciative of the splendor of the natural world. *The Jungle Book* went on to become the best-selling children's book of all time, and Mowgli went on to fame and fortune on the silver screen.

Why? Because the book is a parable. Mowgli is you and me. A young and helpless boy alone in a big, bad world. He shows up naked and vulnerable but not afraid, as he doesn't know any better. To survive he needs the support of parents, friends, teachers ... indeed, an entire community that has his back. A wolf pack!

Kipling set the story in the “Jungle.” In the natural world where the laws are firm and harsh but fair for all. He seemed to be implying that the natural way

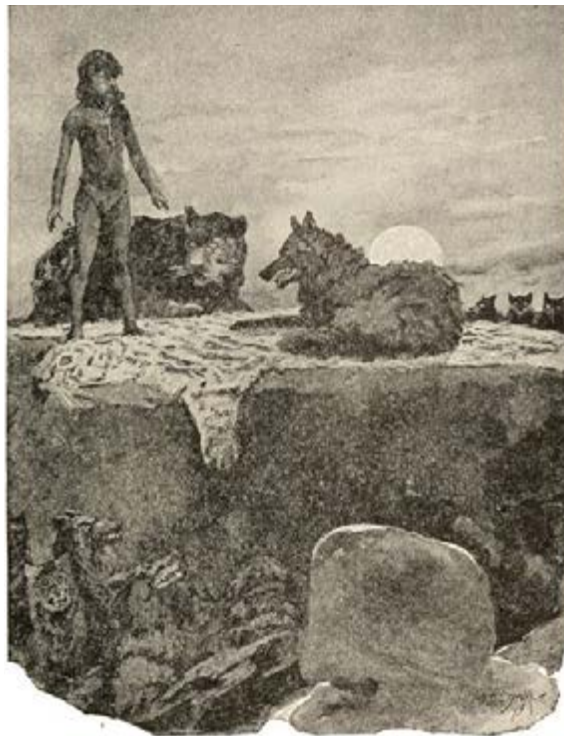
was superior to the brutal and capricious ways of man. After young Mowgli is accepted into the wolf pack, he spends several years learning how to survive in the natural world. Kipling does not elaborate on this, but rather summarizes these years as follows:

“Take him away,” Akela said to Father Wolf, “and train him as befits one of the Free People.”

And that is how Mowgli was entered into the Seeonee Wolf Pack for the price of a bull and on Baloo's good word.

Now you must be content to skip ten or eleven whole years, and only guess at all the wonderful life that Mowgli led among the

wolves, because if it were written out it would fill ever so many books. He grew up with the cubs, though they, of course, were grown wolves almost before he was a child. And Father Wolf taught him his business, and the meaning of things in the jungle, till every rustle in the grass, every breath of the warm night air, every note of the owls above his head, every scratch of a bat's claws as it roosted for a while in a tree, and every splash of every little fish jumping in a pool meant just as much to him as the work of his office means to a business man. When he was not learning he sat out in the sun and



slept, and ate and went to sleep again. When he felt dirty or hot he swam in the forest pools; and when he wanted honey (Baloo told him that honey and nuts were just as pleasant to eat as raw meat) he climbed up for it, and that Bagheera showed him how to do. Bagheera would lie out on a branch and call, 'Come along, Little Brother,' and at first Mowgli would cling like the sloth, but afterward he would fling himself through the branches almost as boldly as the gray ape."

Our founder, Mrs. Holt, was not content to just skip 10 or 11 years. She wisely realized that the story and the process contained in that brief paragraph could be used to create an experiential learning program that would take young boys from helpless and silly children to strong men of character.

Mrs. Holt's Vision

And so she wrote to Rudyard Kipling, who was living in Vermont at the time, to ask if she could use the characters in the book as the model for a summer camp, or a "School Of The Open," as she called it. He enthusiastically wrote back that it would be fine and to do so with his blessing. He also answered two pressing questions she had. Since she was to have many boys at Camp, how would she use the plural form of Mowgli and importantly ... how do you actually pronounce Mowgli? He responded that you would add an "s" to the end, but that it would be silent. And that Mowgli is pronounced "Mow" as in "cow." So it is with irritation that I have to listen to Disney mispronounce the name Mowgli over and over again!

So what started with 11 campers in 1903 has grown to serve thousands of boys over 113 years, but what is most remarkable is that the program, the process, the "School Of The Open" that she developed (and Colonel Elwell refined) has changed so little over the years. Or that the mission of the program has never been as relevant as it is today.

Camp Mowglis Today

Enter as a Cub. Just as Mowgli joined the Seeonee Wolf Pack as a man-cub with the other wolf cubs, our youngest campers ages 8 and 9 join Mowglis and learn critical life lessons (Law of the Jungle) without effort. While it might seem to be all play ... indeed, the Cubs are learning how to function independently from their parents, how to be a part of a group of peers, how to face challenges and overcome fears, all while under the close guidance of a Cub Mother and a group of strong young men.

The Cubs operate as their own group under the watchful eye of a Cub Mother and the supervision and guidance of a select group of Sr. Staff (generally college men of outstanding character). So think about that for just a minute. How many 9-year-old boys get to explore the lakes, mountains, trails, and streams of N.H. with 15 of their closest friends under the tutelage and guidance of four or five caring big brothers? This experience sets the foundation for handling the responsibility, opportunity, and increased independence that life in the Pack will bring.

Move to the Pack

Acceptance into the Pack. Once a boy is admitted to the Pack, he is part of a society with structure, rules, consequences, and support that exists to create men of character. A year or two as a Cub has prepared him to learn and thrive in this rough-and-tumble environment. While there is one Pack, I like to think of it in two parts representing the growth of Mowgli from boy to man.

The Lower Camp (Toomai, Baloo, and Akela), where boys 10, 11, and 12 learn the basic skills required for survival in the "Jungle": being true to yourself as an individual, while living and supporting the group as a whole, learning to swim, sail, canoe, hike, camp, shoot a rifle and a bow and arrow. All these skills are learned at a basic level under the strict guidance of seasoned and knowledgeable teachers. So just as Mowgli has Baloo and Bagheera as teachers, so our young Mowglis Men are taught by older brothers (Sr. Staff) who are committed to their success.

The Upper Camp (Panther and The Den) for boys 13 and 14. During these final two summers, boys are challenged and tested. The hikes become multi-day pack trips. The Crew teams race hard for glory. Success in an industry requires a real mastery of the activity. In recognition of their status as leaders of the Camp, these older boys are asked and expected to look out for and support the growth of the younger campers.

And just as Kipling suggested, our Mowglis Men learn all these lessons while having fun. And today that fun is real, unconnected, and authentic fun. No TV fun. No Xbox fun. Swimming, sailing, tetherball, soccer, camping, exploring, reading fun. Exhausted at 9 pm and ready to go to sleep. Fun, nervous anticipatory fun. Rain-soaked and summiting Mt. Washington fun. So hoarse from cheering on the Racing Crews I can't talk fun. Can't wait to tell my parents what I can do now fun.

For the worthy ... graduation. Perhaps Mowgli is unique in this manner ... I don't know, but as Rudyard Kipling imagined in 1885 and as Mrs. Holt brought to life in the early 1900s, once the lessons of the "Jungle" are learned, young Mowgli leaves the support of the Pack and heads out into the world to make a name for himself. For us, that means graduating.

For me, it meant leaving Camp Mowgli as a self-confident, mature 14-year-old young man and heading off to face high school knowing I could handle any adversity thrown my way. I saw the same knowing look in my grandfather's eye as he listened to my stories. I saw the same lively step when my two sons left Camp and started their high school careers.

Camp Mowgli of Tomorrow

The world changes quickly and seems to get smaller as information is shared globally in real time. Camp Mowgli, our program, and traditions live on and are as strong and relevant today as 100 years ago. Our Camp has had strong leaders who brought the story of *The Jungle Book* to life.

As Akela was the wise old wolf, the leader of the wolf pack, who looked after the best interests of each wolf individually and the pack as a whole, today our Director, Mr. Robbins, takes his place on Council Rock each evening and sees 100-plus young Mowgli to nurture and guide and a Mowgli pack thousands strong reaching back generations to protect.

Mowgli 2016, I salute you!



THE MOWGLIS

INNER CIRCLE SOCIETY



There are a great many traditions at Mowglis. One of our most prestigious is the Inner Circle Ceremony. Each new member earns their seat, having been spoken for by a member of the pack, and earning their four husky marks, having proven that they have *"carried the spirit of Mowglis into their victory and loyalty for brothers of the Pack."*

As each boy is presented and accepted by Director Nick Robbins in his role as Akela, he declares, *"Now admit these brothers to the Inner Circle, and may each brother now in the Inner Circle help to light them to better things, as they kindle a welcome within the Inner Circle."*

The Inner Circle Society was founded to honor this tradition of loyalty and generosity to Camp Mowglis. As we considered a name for a leadership society that would acknowledge the deep commitment of its members, it became clear there was only one real choice. Like our respected tradition, the Inner Circle Society is for people who serve Mowglis *"faithfully and well"* and who *"carry the Spirit of Mowglis"* and *"loyalty to the brothers of the pack"*.

The Inner Circle Society members' generosity of spirit leads the way in giving, and ensuring that the Mowglis experience lives on for future generations.

Full Waingunga (\$1,903-\$2,499)

The journey from the diving raft to Waingunga Rock and back is a swimming milestone.

Gopher Squad (\$2,500-\$4,999)

Joining this two-day Presidential Range hike is an honor awarded to boys.

Racing Crew (\$7,500-\$9,999)

A seat on the Racing Crew is earned by the six best oarsmen and coxswain of each respective crew.

Mt. Washington Squad (\$5,000-\$7,499)

This four-day Presidential Range traverse is awarded to boys who display the Mowglis Spirit, both on and off the trail.

Wolf's Paw (\$10,000+)

An award, given to extraordinary Mowglis who achieve all the trip-oriented ribbons and proves themselves to be an exceptional Mowglis Man.

There are many ways you can help assure the longevity and stability of Mowglis. If joining the Inner Circle is something you are interested in doing, please feel free to contact us with any questions:



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***Special thanks to Leigh Goehring and Doug Thompson of G&T Farms for donating
 all of the Camp's grass-fed, organic beef again this summer!***

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BAGHEERA SOCIETY UPDATE

By James Hart ('00)

The Bagheera Society, Mowglis' planned-and estate-giving society, is made up of many of our most dedicated alumni and friends. Membership in the Bagheera Society offers dedicated alumni the unique opportunity to safeguard the important experience that Mowglis offers for future generations.

By including Mowglis in their estate planning, members of the Bagheera Society make an investment in the future of this special place that we have all come to know and love.

With a tremendous summer behind us, and the 2016 fiscal year coming to a close, the Mowglis Bagheera Society is stronger than ever. Some highlights from 2016 include the following:

- Mowglis welcomed five new members to join the ranks of the Bagheera Society. Each new member represents a life-long commitment to the philosophy and stability of Mowglis.
- Members new and old enjoyed a lovely brunch at the historic Inn on Newfound Lake where, over a delicious meal, we discussed the current summer and summers to come. The collective happiness about the state of the Camp was overwhelming, and we truly thank everyone who joined us to make this a special and memorable event.

- With the growing membership of the Bagheera Society comes the growth of the collection of trail signs in Gray Brothers Hall, as each member of the Society is honored with a Mowglis trail sign, to forever act as a testament to their commitment to Mowglis.

As 2017 edges ever closer, please consider including Mowglis in your estate planning. Becoming a member of the Bagheera Society is incredibly easy, and it will help to ensure the long-term stability of Mowglis.

If you are interested, or if you have questions regarding the Bagheera Society, please contact James Hart, our Director of Development & Alumni Relations at james@mowglis.org or at (603) 744-8095.

To make an investment in the future of Mowglis, join the Bagheera Society today!

New Members:

Joseph Beckford (posthumously)

Allyn Brown (posthumously)

Norris Eisenbrey

2nd Lt. James P. Hurdman

Junius Powell (posthumously)



LOYALTY TO THE PACK WE LOVE.

THE BAGHEERA SOCIETY

Mowglis' Planned & Estate Giving Society

The following Mowglis alumni and friends have included Mowglis as a beneficiary of their estate and they are strengthening the future of Mowglis for generations to come:

Matthew Baird, III ('16), Deceased
Joseph Beckford (Staff '57-'61), Deceased
K. Robert Bengtson ('69)
R. Arthur Bradbury ('51)
Allyn Brown ('30), Deceased
Peter Caley ('72)
David Concannon ('79)
Benjamin W. Dulany ('33), Deceased
Dean Ellithorp ('37), Deceased
Norris Eisenbrey ('53)
Helen C. Elwell, Deceased
Roger W. Farrington ('58)
Charles B. Feuer ('73)
Jonathan Feuer ('66)
James B. ('49) & Alna K. Francis
James F. Graff ('78)
James P. Hart ('00)
Philip L. and Elizabeth Hawkins
(parents of Robert Hawkins, Den 2000)
Senator H. John Heinz, III ('53), Deceased
Roelof Hoekstra ('76)
Robert C. Howe ('72)
James P. Hurdman ('06)
William Tredwell Ketcham, Jr. ('33), Deceased
Christopher P. Kriesen ('80)
Edward F. Lincoln ('56), Deceased
Henry H. Livingston, Jr. (Crew Coach, 1938), Deceased
Henry H. Livingston, III ('55)
Charles N. Ludlow ('41), Deceased

Bruce ('73) and Elizabeth MacDonald
Caroline Fiske Markovich (Staff 2004- 2008)
Lockwood D. "Woody" Merriman ('62)
Stephen B. Minich ('71)
Edward W. Morrison ('53), Deceased
John H. Morrison, III ('48)
Tomo ('84) and Chiaki Nishino
Christopher ('78) and Katherine Phaneuf
Gregory Phaneuf ('82)
Henry A. Phillips ('50)
Junius Powell ('37), Deceased
Samuel Ide Punderson (Camper 1978-1981, Staff 2009-2013)
Benjamin Ringe ('85)
Henry R. "Buzz" Ringe, II ('50)
Reinhard Rother ('69)
Mary R. Russell, Deceased
Ruth E. Russell, Deceased
John L. Scott ('32), Deceased
Jeffrey A. Shaw (Crew Coach, 1977-81, 2003)
Dwight B. Shepherd ('67)
Clyde H. "Mickey" Smith ('46), Deceased
Perry M. Smith ('72)
Stephen Stackpole ('39), Deceased
D. N. Thold ('53)
Christopher H. Thompson ('84)
James R. Van Schaick ('67)
Charles C. Walbridge ('62)
Douglas P. Warwick ('51)
James G. ('69) and Linnea P. Westberg

Joining the Bagheera Society by including Mowglis in your estate planning is quick and easy.
Email Development Director, James Hart, at james@mowglis.org to find out how.

"Mowglis we go singing on into the coming years."

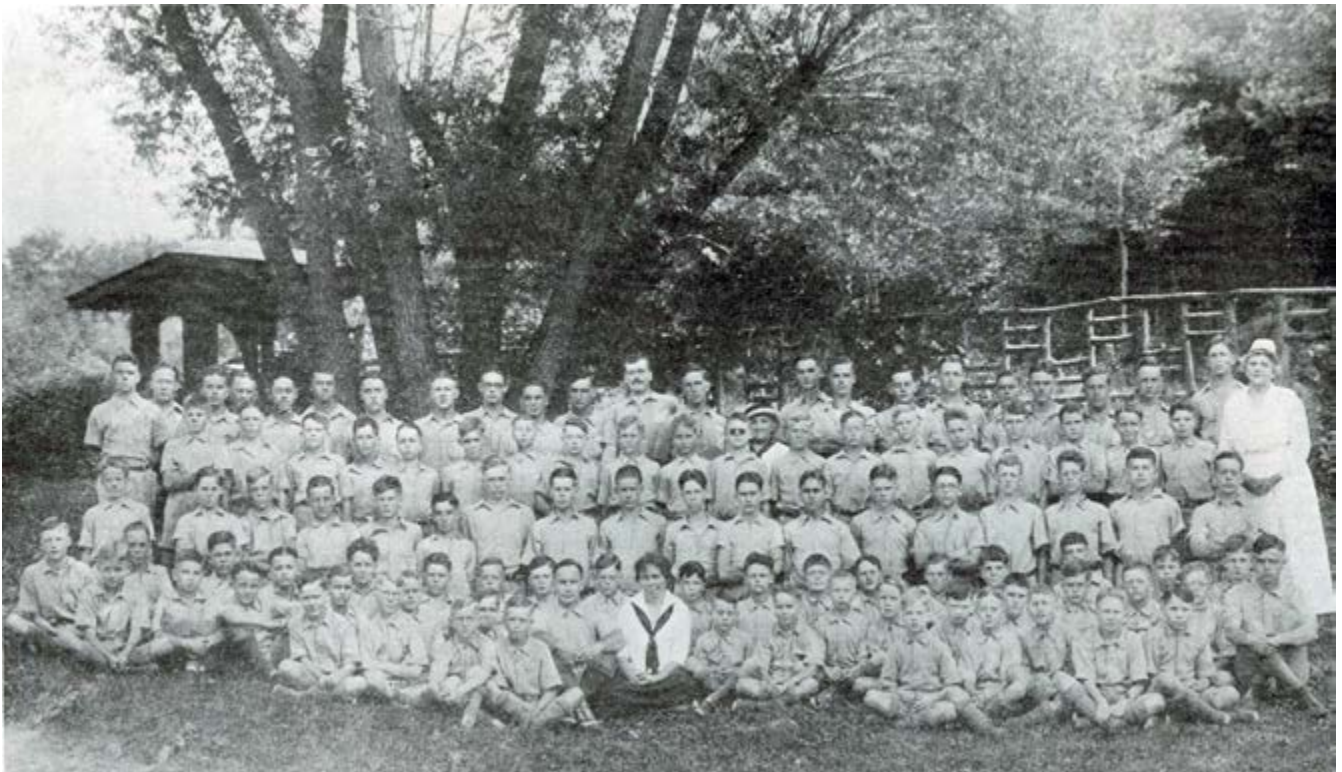
HEINZ FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT

By K. R. Bengtson ('69)

On May 25, 2016, the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation received word from Mrs. Teresa Heinz that the Teresa and H. John Heinz, III Fund of the Heinz Family Foundation had approved a substantial grant in support of its Scholarship Endowment. We are heartened by this grant, as we have been striving vigorously to assure financial assistance for deserving boys who otherwise wouldn't experience Mowglis.

Many of you will remember the late Senator Heinz, who graduated from the Den in 1953. It will interest you to know that the senator's father, Henry John "Jack" Heinz, II (an early member of our Board of Trustees), graduated in 1922, and that his uncle, Rust Heinz, attended in 1925 and 1926.

For the generosity of the Teresa and H. John Heinz, III Fund and the Heinz family these many, many years, we are deeply grateful.



Mowglis Pack - 1922

TRIVIA ?

Answer on page 60

Q: Back in the day, what type of construction by the boys in Toomai was often threatened by a similar construction of the boys in Baloo?

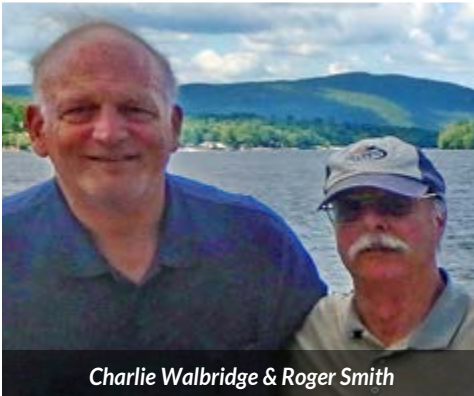
2015/16 ALUMNI EVENT PHOTOS



Weston alumni event



Roger Farrington ('58) and Charlie Walbridge ('62)



Charlie Walbridge & Roger Smith



Campfire Circle at Work Weekend



Tony & Ginny Valace, Wes Pullen, and Frank Punderson



Chris Phaneuf, Andrew Khatri, Ben Ringe & Tomo Nishino



Scott Smith presenting at the Philly reunion



Ben Ringe, Tommy Greenwell, Buzz Ringe at Philly reunion



Explorer's Club reunion



David Concannon, Nick, Julia, Ollie, & Alex McGreevy, Nick Robbins



Nick Robbins & boat builder John Harkness at Weston event

FROM WHERE I SIT

By William S. Jackson

The following appeared as the “From Where I Sit” column in the May 12, 2016, issue of the newspaper *The Sun*, serving the Lower Dauphin County in Pennsylvania, which includes the towns of Hershey and Hummelstown. The column was penned by Mr. William S. Jackson, who attended Mowglis during the summers of 1946 and 1947. Mr. Jackson owned *The Sun* with his wife until his retirement in 2007 and continues to pen the weekly column. The column is reprinted with permission from *The Sun*.

Mr. Jackson also generously provided us with old photographs from his albums, which are reproduced alongside this article:

“Last month I was surprised and pleased with the announcement of a new film version of *The Jungle Book* from Disney. The new film, with some name cast members such as Bill Murray as Baloo the bear, is an update with much better animation than the 1967 version of the Rudyard Kipling children’s classic by the same name.

“For those not familiar with *The Jungle Book*, it tells the story of a young boy named Mowgli (pronounced ‘Mauglee,’) who was abandoned in the jungle and is raised by a family of wolves headed by Akela, befriended by the giant bear Baloo, and pursued by

other less friendly animals such as Shere Khan, the evil tiger who seeks revenge against the wolf family.

“For me, my memories of *The Jungle Book* and its cast of characters goes back much further than that.

“It was 1946. The war was just over and I had lost my father the previous Feb. 23, killed in combat in Germany.



“I was a somewhat depressed 12-year-old boy facing a summer in which I wasn’t looking forward to playing ‘war’ with my friends as we usually did, for obvious reasons.

“My mom recognized this and after consulting with some friends who had found a wonderful summer camp for boys, I was signed up to spend

eight weeks at something called Camp Mowglis located in the wooded area outside Hebron, New Hampshire. We were all clothed identically, having received a complete uniform, rainwear, etc., package from an outfitter in Boston, Mass.

“Parents dropped us off at the camp and were gone, and we were immediately introduced to our counselors, either young men in college, teachers, or, in those days, several returning World War II veterans.



Camp Mowglis 1946



Camp Mowglis 1947

"We were divided into barracks based on our age—the camp was for boys ages 7–15—and each age group gained a name from Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. I was initially an Akela, or a wolf, and when I returned in 1947 I was a Baloo, or a bear.

"The camp was located on 128 wooded acres on the shore of Newfound Lake, which lies just south of New Hampshire's White Mountains. Throughout the camp were many playing fields, plus rifle range, archery range, clay tennis courts, and a fully-equipped craft shop, where I made a Railway Express warehouse in the scale of my Lionel 027 model trains at home.

"We learned all types of woodcrafts, starting from the basics of how to properly use and care for a knife, then a hatchet, and finally a woodsman's ax. Of the latter, once you were qualified, you could purchase your own special axe that you could carry with you on the many trail hikes through the White Mountains.

"The camp leader I have never forgotten. His name was Col. Alcott Farrar Elwell, and I'm pretty sure he had been around since the camp started, which I was surprised to find out, thanks to Editor Dave checking the Internet for me, was in 1903.

"*The Jungle Book* connection had been there since the beginning as, with the permission of author Kipling, the camp's founder borrowed the names from his 'Jungle Books.' During his life, Kipling kept in contact with the camp and maintained an active interest in the undertaking so influenced by his stories.

"The Kipling influence was there in daily activities such as our swimming tests based on distance. There was a pole in the lake about 220 yards from shore. If you swam to it, it was called a 'Half Waingunga' named after a river in *The Jungle Book*, and if you swam out and back, it was a 'Full Waingunga.'

"The hiking and woodland skill training were rigorous and the goal was to excel to a point where you would be chosen for the Mount Washington trip. This was a three-day hike in which you climbed Mount Washington to the peak, then came down the interface of the mountain, spending a night in the hostel at the top. I was selected for the trip during my 1947 second year and it was an experience I have never forgotten, especially the part where our trail paralleled the cog railway partway up the mountain.



"The Kipling connection was reinforced nearly every evening as, after assembling on the parade field, lowering the flag to the Taps bugle call, the campers all would gather in the campfire circle, inner circle for those more accomplished campers and outer circle for the neophytes. At the campfires we would review our day and conclude with some readings from Kipling's *The Jungle Book*.

"I will confess I was surprised, in this day of instant gratification, that Camp Mowgli still exists with the same mission as it had for me back in 1946 and 1947; 'The Mowgli mission is to guide boys on the journey to manhood by providing a summertime overnight 'school of the open' under the guidance and care of experienced staff members. Mowgli offers a rite of passage, giving boys the opportunity to become young men, learning leadership, responsibility, integrity, their role in the community and respect for nature.'

"Thanks for the memory."

THE CONKLIN FAMILY AND THE RIFLE RANGE

By Gary Wright ('69)

It was the weekend of August 1-3, 2003. More specifically, it was the Mowglis Centennial celebration. A week earlier, I had returned to Camp to help make the place ready. Then Director Bob Bengtson asked me to audit and evaluate the Rifle Range. I had last been involved with the Range in 1976, my final year on the Senior Staff. Upon assessing the Range, we determined that we needed to purchase some new rifles, have some professional work done on the older rifles, and update the physical building, which included re-roofing the building due to a fallen tree.

I was in a quandary at what to do. The program could not continue in its present state. As I considered my options, I rotated from running the Range to assisting at the camp store. While at the store, I looked up and recognized some old friends: Dr. and Mrs. E. Foster Conklin, Sr. Their son E. Foster "Forty" Conklin, Jr, a current trustee, had earned the Red, White, and Blue Ribbon in Riflery. Forty had also been one of my last assistants at the Range. Dr. Conklin had been on the Rifle Team while he was a Camper. Obviously, the conversation soon turned to

the Riflery program. Dr. Conklin and Forty were both as concerned as I was about the deterioration of the program. It was during that weekend, and later through numerous phone calls and e-mails, that the Conklins decided to sponsor the Riflery program, and to bring it back and make it even better than before.

For the next decade, and continuing to today, the Conklins have spared no expense, or effort, to give the Mowglis Riflery program what it has needed. Both Dr. Conklin and Forty have donated rifles, procured ammunition, targets, and other necessities. Many times when I was at the range, a member of the Conklin family would arrive with greatly appreciated and needed supplies. Sandra, Forty's wife, was a life-saver, delivering ammo at the end of the 2013 season just as we were running out.

I can safely say, from a front-row, long-term association with the Mowglis Riflery program, the Camp would not be in the enviable position we are today without the Conklin family. They have been good friends to me and even truer friends to Mowglis!



MOWGLIS WHO HAVE SERVED

In the spirit of Colonel Elwell, we would like to have a record of all Mowglis who have served. If you are an alumnus who has served in the military, or to an elected position in national or state government, please email or call James Hart at 603-744-8095, james@mowglis.org with your service dates so we can update our records.

Reconnect with the Pack on our Alumni Facebook Group!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CampMowglisGroup/>

*Search "Mowglis" on Facebook
and request membership to join
hundreds of other Alumni.*



MOWGLIS ALUMNUS: Christopher Whiton (Den '84, Bethlehem, N.H.)

Mowglis alumnus and photographer Chris Whiton ('84) has been capturing the breathtaking beauty of the White Mountains for many years—first on film, then with digital. His love of photography stemmed from his long involvement with oil painting. He found that he got the same joy out of painting with light as he did out of the magic of painting with brush on canvas.

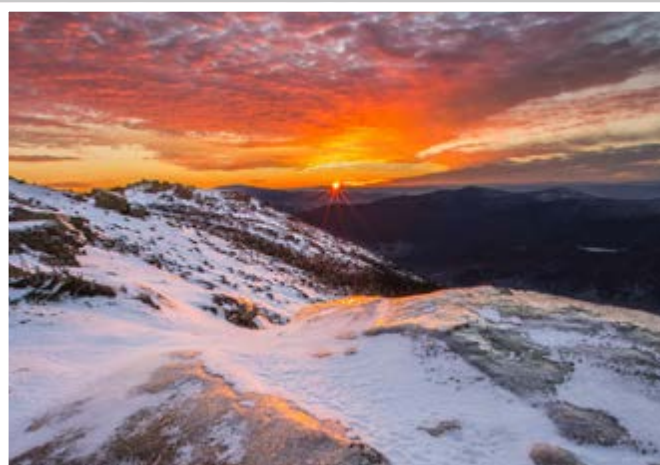
An avid hiker from an early age, Chris draws inspiration from his love of the grand wilderness in New Hampshire. His grandfather and grandmother were pioneer trail-blazers, living on the top of Mount Cardigan, while his uncle was a world-traveling professional photographer, and his cousin is a well-known photographer, painter, and landscape artist. Growing up in such a family, Chris naturally fused his love for the outdoors with an eye for natural beauty.

The New England wilderness offers unique opportunities to capture breathtaking vistas. The challenge for the photographer is to see each scene anew and find unique ways to capture the raw beauty and dramatic contrasts of New Hampshire's landscapes on film.

In sharing with us his recent works, Chris noted the following:

"The six years I spent at Camp Mowglis made a huge impression on me as a child. Prior to camp, my main activities were reading, writing, and playing archaic video games. Camp opened my eyes to the wonders of nature all around me. Having grown up in the shadow of the Old Man of the Mountain, I was so used to these surroundings that I failed to appreciate them. Camp Mowglis introduced me to sports, mountain climbing, teamwork and good friends. After graduating from Den, I went on to continue school with a slight difference—the occasional visit to my now-familiar mountains. When I later started raising a family, I was excited to show the beauty of the mountains to my children, when they grew old enough to walk. The kids have grown up and moved on with their lives, but I am still traveling to the summits and ravines whenever I can, attempting to capture with the camera what I am feeling in my soul."

Chris lives with his family in Bethlehem, New Hampshire.



Haystack Sunset

A cold January afternoon looked perfect for a trip to Franconia Ridge. Headed up with a good friend and stayed on the summit of Little Haystack until sunset. The colors were phenomenal, and we were in the perfect place to witness it. Had a great snowshoe swoop down Falling Waters Trail in the dark.



Table Rock Autumn

Each autumn I take a trip to Dixville Notch in the far north end of the state to do a loop hike over the craggy peaks of the area. On this particular day, I was running late and made the summit of Table Rock, 800 feet above the notch, just right as the sun started to set. The filtered light brought out all of the reds in the trees, seeming to set them on fire. Took several shots and then headed down the steep trail by headlamp.



Lupine Field

Every spring, the fields of Sugar Hill are swamped with photographers, all looking for that classic shot. Early on a Tuesday morning, I had the field to myself and caught this gem.



Winter at Gem Pool

A photographer friend and I were headed up the Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail to take sunset shots from the Lakes- of- the- Clouds Hhut. Sunset was a bust, but the frozen water at Gem Pool more than made up for that it.



Star Lake Sunrise

Hiked up to Madison Spring Hut in the dark on one warm August morning, hoping for some good light on my favorite lake in the White Mountains. The sunrise did not disappoint. As the birds chirped, and the warm yellow glow painted the side of Mount Adams over the water, I knew this was one of those moments I would always remember.

To see more of Chris's work, please visit:
www.whitemountainimages.org

ALUMNI NOTES



Andrew ('93) and Sheila Khatri welcomed their son, Smith Andrew Khatri, into the world on March 12. A future Mowglis camper is born!



Congratulations to **Doug Westberg ('02)** and his fiancée Kerri Metcalf on their engagement. Their wedding date is November 13.



Congratulations to **David Concannon ('79)** and Kim Frank, who were recently married!



Henry R. Coons ('67) and grandson, **Nico Noble**, on Moose Pond in Otisfield, Maine.



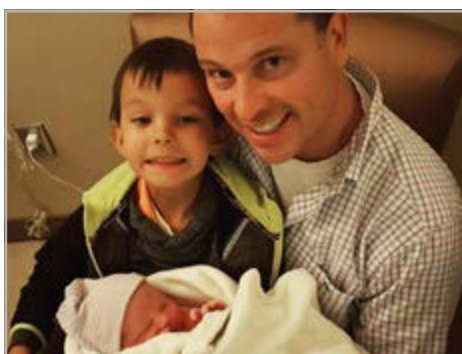
Josh ('95) and Laurie Kahn's son Alder Gutmann Kahn was born on September 3. A future member of the Red Crew, he weighed in at 6lbs, 8oz and measured 19 inches. long



Mowglis counselor **Mr. Dan Rubin** wearing the Mowglis fleece on top of Mt. Etna, Sicily, Italy



Jeffrey Heit, father of **Ethan Heit** (Toomai, 2016) wrote: "Mowglis moment: friends of ours were visiting and brought this neighbor with them. Turned out to be a Mowglis Man!" (Amir LaGasse)



Greg ('82) and Rhea Phaneuf welcomed their baby girl, Amelie Olivia Phaneuf, earlier this month. Big brother Armon is thrilled!



Greg Paul, father of **Kevin Paul** (2014 Graduate and current Junior Staff) and long-time Mowglis supporter, is taking Mowglis to new heights, literally! As you may have seen in previous publications, Greg carries his Mowglis banner with him wherever he climbs. He (and the banner) have summited Island Peak and Lobuche Peak in the Himalayas and Peru's Alpmayo.

After starting the journey in early April, Greg summited Mt. Everest on May 13, 2016. From Greg: "On Friday, May 13, the Mowglis Flag made it to the top of Everest. I did not dare take off my backpack or gloves to get stuff out to photograph due to high winds and bad weather. But the flag did summit along with me." You can read Greg's blog at www.gregclimbing.com.



Current campers **Simon, Robin, and Colin Solibieda** (with their mom, Melanie) spent some time in Wahington, D.C. before returning to Germany after camp, learning about the history of the US, walking the National Mall, and enjoying great museums.

PAINTER EMILY BUCHANAN PAINTS THE MOWGLIS WATERFRONT

By Nick Robbins

When acclaimed painter Emily Buchanan dropped off her son Matthew at camp for his first time this summer, she remarked that she hadn't been here since her brother David had been a camper, years ago. An Onaway alumna, Emily spent many summers on Newfound Lake, but she was particularly taken with our simple and historic waterfront buildings as well as the view of the lake and surrounding mountains. When Emily asked if it would be okay with me if she were to return and paint our waterfront, I was aware that she was an artist, but I had no idea how significant an artist she is.

Emily was born in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts. She began painting as a child with her grandmother, Eloise Gardner, on the North Shore. Emily attended Shore Country Day, the Middlesex School, and Bates College. She later studied painting at Lyme Academy, The National Academy of Art, and with the Boston School painter, Paul Ingretson.

Buchanan works primarily around her native New England when weather permits, painting regularly in Northeast Harbor, Maine; Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Squam Lake in N.H., and the Adirondacks. In winter, she paints in Palm Beach, Fla.; Malibu, Calif.; and the Bahamas.

Buchanan did the painting for the official 2014 White House Holiday card, and Architectural Digest called it "exquisitely rendered." *Main Street Magazine* said that "she is one of those rare breed of artists who truly speak in a visual language taken directly from life."

Perhaps the most meaningful quote, however, was from *Quest Magazine*. Quest said that "her paintings bring all of those wonderful places, and the emotions that they evoke, to those who can't be there." I think you'll agree with this statement when you look at her painting of the lake from the Mowglis waterfront (found on the back cover of the 2016 Mowglis Call).

"There are a lot of wonderful camps out there for boys, but Mowglis is incredibly special (and beautiful). Greatest experience ever for my son, and thank you to Mowglis for letting me paint the waterfront!"

- Emily Buchanan, painter,
Mowglis & Onaway Mom, and Onaway Alumna

Emily is represented by Mark Murray Fine Paintings in New York City, as well as other galleries on the East Coast, and the Princess Street Gallery on Harbour Island in the Bahamas. Her work is widely collected in private and corporate collections.

Prints of Emily's Mowglis waterfront painting (in a variety of sizes) will be available for purchase. The original 18" x 42" painting is also available. If you are interested in acquiring a print or purchasing the original painting, please email info@mowglis.org.





IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO WILL BE MISSED



Joseph Gorham Beckford passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, surrounded by his wife and children. He was a wonderful father to his tribe of four children, their spouses, and twelve grandchildren.

A native of Massachusetts, Joe graduated from St. Mark's School, then earned

a B.A. from Amherst College and a J.D. from Yale Law School. While in Law School, he worked summers at Mowglis, where he eventually became Assistant Director and ultimately served on the Board of Trustees.

He served for four years as an attorney in the U.S. Navy, stationed on Treasure Island in San Francisco, where he met and later married Maryanne Convey of New York City. He worked in San Francisco for the McCutchen Law firm, then went to Harvard for his M.B.A. After six years as Corporate Secretary at Southeast Banking Corporation in Miami, Florida, he moved his family to Palo Alto, Calif., where he practiced law for the next 30 years.

Joe was the Mowglis Assistant Watermaster in 1957, the Watermaster in 1958-59, and the Assistant Director in 1960. He was a member of the 1962 original Board of Trustees and was instrumental in creating the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation.

He is the author of the LexisNexis 2,000-page Bank Holding Company Compliance Manual, which he has updated twice yearly for 30 years. In 2015 the Supreme Court of California and the State Bar of California recognized his 50 years of service as a member of the State Bar of California.

After raising their family in Palo Alto, he and Maryanne moved to Folsom in 2003. Refusing to retire, he continued to practice law; volunteered with the Folsom Democrats, Powerhouse Ministries, and Rotary Club

of Historic Folsom; and devoted himself to his nine grandsons and three granddaughters.

Joe is survived by his wife, Maryanne; son Mark Beckford of Folsom, Calif., and his wife Ashley; daughter Carolyn Morlin of Bellevue, Wash., and her husband Doug; son Paul Beckford of Golden, Colo., and his wife Tiffany; daughter Sarah Hoefer of Mountain View, Calif., and her husband Eric; as well as his 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, James Beckford, and his wife Bonnie of Raleigh, N.C.; and Jim's three sons, Peter, Randy, and Caleb Beckford.

Note: Joe's brother Jim ('56), nephews Peter ('80), and Randy ('86), son Paul ('85), and grandson Jack ('15) are all Mowglis graduates, and grandsons Kyle and Eric were in Panther and Toomai, respectively, this summer. Joe attended the Centennial Celebration in 2003.

Joe's honesty, integrity, and generous loving spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

Robert R. Eddy, 85, of Hopkinton, son of the late Roy Claire Eddy and Loretta (Dill) Eddy died in his home Sunday, May 3, 2015, following several years with Parkinson's Disease.

Bob Eddy was born in Cleveland in 1929 and attended school in his home community of Chesterland. He entered Yale University in 1946, majoring in Mathematics, and is a 1950 Phi beta Kappa and cum Laude graduate. There he was a member of the Society of Sigma Xi. College summers brought him to Hebron, where he was the Mowglis Camp Secretary 1949-1950, Head Counselor in 1955, and the Assistant Director from 1956-1959.

Following college he joined the Mathematics department of St. Paul's School, but was subsequently drafted into the Army and served two years with the Signal corps, doing classified work, in Washington DC. Bob returned to St. Paul's and continued his career which, at times, included administrative duties and

service as head of the Mathematics department. His true professional delight was teaching, including in the St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program during the 1960s. Bob is credited with helping to develop computer operations at St. Paul's for academic and administrative use, following his specialized military experience with these early devices. He enjoyed summer graduate study at Dartmouth and Harvard and earned a masters degree in Mathematics during a year-long sabbatical, that included teaching, at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. From 1982 until his 1995 retirement from St. Paul's School, Robert Eddy held the John G. Ordway Mastership in Mathematics.

A person of many interests and hobbies, Bob enjoyed reading, music, piano and organ playing, photography, woodworking, travel, gardening, hiking, lake sailing, and actively sharing the beauty of New Hampshire with his family at their summer Cottage high above Newfound lake in Bridgewater.

Bob Eddy's community commitments and involvement with the New Hampshire Heart Association led to regional and national responsibilities. The Eddy family joined St. Paul's church in 1968, where Bob served with the vestry and the rebuilding efforts, following the great fire of 1984, and was a member of the Concord Chorale, in the early days of the organization. In retirement, the Eddys moved to the Sugar Hill section of Hopkinton to a home which Bob designed. He served on the board of the Hopkinton Historical society and 14 years with the AARP income tax preparers and continued his active commitment with the Newfound Lake Region Association which began in the 1980s. In later retirement, the Eddys moved to Contoocook village.

Robert Eddy will be remembered for his intellect, kindness, judgment, and work ethic. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ingeborg (Schade) Eddy and two sons, Nils and his wife, Mary Jensen Eddy of Salt Lake City and Tavis and his wife, Julianne Feck; and two Grandchildren, Ameya and Corbin, of Lander, Wyo.; a brother, Donald Eddy and his wife, Belinda of New York and many nieces, nephews, and extended family friends.

Nicholas "Nick" Pond Mispsee Greene, 68, died May 20 in Dusseldorf, Germany, from Agent Orange-acquired Parkinson's disease. He was born January 16, 1948, in New York, N.Y, son of Dr. Nicholas and Elizabeth (Miller) Greene.

Nick grew up in North Haven, Conn. Nick was a Mowglis camper from 1958-1960. He attended Brooks School, North Andover, Mass., leading the crew team as captain to the Henley Royal Regatta in 1966. Nick enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps following his graduation, volunteering for two tours in Vietnam, where he served as an interpreter, working in the Civic Action Program in small villages to bring project education, medical assistance, and village protection. Nick was honorably discharged following a lengthy hospitalization after leading an attack with two South Vietnamese irregulars to retake his Civic Action Program compound, overrun by the Viet Cong. Nicholas was one of three Marine survivors.

Following his tour in Vietnam, Nick attended Harvard, graduating cum laude in the field of economics in 1973, going on to complete postgraduate studies in finance and mathematics at New York University.

Nick began his finance career with Chase Manhattan Bank, where he managed Chase's correspondent relationships with Latin American banks, then worked at Dresdner Bank's New York office as head of the bank's Credit Department, and subsequently as VP and Co-Head of Dresdner's Structure Finance Unit. He went on to become Executive Director at Westdeutsche Landesbank, where he founded and managed the bank's New York Leveraged Capital Group, and then co-founded and co-managed the bank's Structured Commodity Trade Finance Group, a leader in the development of cross-border financing in the natural resources sector in the former Soviet Union. From there Nick joined Access Industries as VP in the Moscow office, where he helped secure Tyumen Oil (later becoming TNK-BP). He continued his attention to Russian investments as senior VP with AKB Rosbank in Moscow, after which, as CFO of Nelson Resources, he successfully turned to the oil fields of Kazakhstan. Nick's influence in the world of acquisition related cross-border structured financing in the energy and natural resources sectors of Europe, the U.S., and CIS could be attributed to his widely regarded neutrality and integrity. Most recently Nick was Director of Finance of FinAnswer GmbH, Dusseldorf, an independent financial advisory company specializing in the management of highly leveraged and high-growth corporate financing in energy sector businesses in Eurasia.

Nick was an active artist throughout his life, taking a short hiatus from the world of banking early on to attend the Art Students League in New York.

He illustrated “Heraclitus Under Water,” and more recently turned his attention to Suprematism, an art form valued as the first consequent form of non-figurative abstraction, in a 2013 exhibit in Dusseldorf named “Cube in the Round.”

Nick is survived by his mother, Elizabeth M. Greene of Hamden, Conn., children Audrey Greene of New York, N.Y., daughter of Arien Greene-Pinto; and Conrad Borst Greene of Dusseldorf, Germany, son of long-time companion Stephanie Borst; sister Cynthia R. Greene of Peacham, Vt.; brother Joseph N. Greene II and wife Kristen of Mystic, Conn.; Aida Alvarez of Piedmont Calif.; and several nephews, nieces, a grandniece, and many cousins. Nick was preceded in death by his father. Dr. Nicholas M. Greene, and nephew Nicholas Beard. Burial services at Arlington Cemetery, Washington D.C.

Hugh McBirney “Barney” Johnston III, 77, Mowglis camper from 1934-1937, formerly of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, an officer at several area banks, died Aug 23 of pancreatic cancer at his home in Spring House, where he had been living since 2011.

Mr. Johnston retired in 1994 from PNC Bank, where he had been vice-president in the investment management and trust division. Earlier he had worked at Goldman Sachs, Western Savings Bank, and First Pennsylvania Bank.

Raised in Greenville, Del., and Gladwyne, he attended Haverford School and graduated from St. Mark’s School in Southborough, Mass. He received a bachelor’s degree in art history from Hamilton College, where he played football, baseball, tennis, and ice hockey.

Physically active as a young man, he had run with the bulls in Pamplona and climbed Mt. Ranier and the Matterhorn with friends. Later in life, he had developed an interest in gliders, and, after obtaining his pilot’s license, he purchased and raced two sailplanes in regional and national contests.

Mr. Johnston served in the Army Reserve.

He is survived by his wife, the former Louise R. Detweiler; daughters, Louise D. “Robin” Allen and Anne D. “Bibby” Loring; a brother, C. Wanton Ballis; sisters Elizabeth B. Goodyear and Margaret B. Patton; a step-brother, Thomas C. Sheffield; step-sisters Eliza

B. Chrystie and Anne B. Morse; four grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren. A sister, Deborah J. Lionberger, preceded him in death.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mural Arts Program, 1729 Mt. Vernon St., Philadelphia, PA 19130, or to Friends of the Wissahickon, 8708 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118.

John H. Morrison, III (‘48), of Warwick, New York, passed away on September 29, 2015, at his home. He was 81 years old.

Born on September 22, 1934, in Providence, R.I., he was the son of the late John H. Morrison, Jr. and Marchessa Louise (Worcester) Morrison. He was married to the late Evelyn J. Jones Morrison, who passed away in 2012.

John attended Mowglis for 10 consecutive seasons from 1946–1955. His brother Ed graduated in 1953, his brother Gene in 1957, his son John attended in 1970 and 1971, and his son Robert graduated in 1989. He last visited Mowglis with Robert during the summer of 2015.

John had a long list of academic credentials, including degrees from MIT and Harvard and a doctoral degree from the University of Wyoming. He and his late wife, Evelyn, were well known for their financial support of SUNY Orange, donating the money to create the Morrison Lab School, a child-care center on campus. He was the Chairman of Orange County Trust, 1992-2012. He was a lifetime Christian Scientist.

He is survived by his children: John H. Morrison IV and his wife, Thanh Nguyen of Houston, Tex.; Dee Morrison Huntington and her husband, Don of Denver, Colo.; and Robert W. Morrison of Somerville, Mass.; his grandchildren, Daniel Huntington, Jonathan Huntington, and Rebecca Huntington; a brother, Eugene Morrison, and his wife, Jean of Mississippi. He was predeceased by a brother, Edward, and sister, Sara Sorensen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Morrison Lab School, 115 South St., Middletown, NY 10940; Middletown Emergency Housing, 38 Seward Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940; or Warwick Historical Society, PO Box 353, Warwick, NY 10990.

Junius Le Very “Jay” Powell, Jr., 90, a resident at Wake Robin, Vermont since 2009, died on October 7, 2015. Mr. Powell was born in New York City. He graduated from the Buckley School, Pomfret School, and Yale University. He served in the Army Air Corps and Air Force Reserves and was employed at Chubb & Son, Inc. (Chubb Group of Insurance Companies) from 1948 until his retirement in 1985.

He was a resident of Montclair, N.J., for 49 years, and was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Marlis Bluman Powell, in 2008. He is survived by his daughter, Katharine A. Powell, son Robert M. Powell, daughter-in-law Kathleen F. Powell, and five grandchildren.

Jay was a good friend to Mowglis and he visited often, even in his very senior years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association, 223 Ethan Allen Ave., Colchester, VT 05446, or the Champlain Housing Trust, 88 King St., Burlington, VT 05401.



Thomas B.K. Ringe Jr., 88, of Berwyn, Pennsylvania, a former Navy pilot, lawyer, tennis camp founder, and businessman, died Saturday, April 9, from complications of pneumonia.

Mr. Ringe became a law associate at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia after graduating in 1956 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Two years later, he formed the Center City law firm of Ringe, Peet & Mason, and he continued to practice general corporate law until the mid-1970s, when he co-founded Meditel Inc., one of the first companies to use computers in medical diagnosis.

Mr. Ringe left Meditel before it was sold to another corporate entity. He continued to practice law part time from Berwyn until retiring in the early 2000s.

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Ringe graduated from Episcopal Academy in 1946 and from Dartmouth College four years later. He was vice-president of his college senior class and president of Psi Upsilon fraternity.

During the Korean War, Mr. Ringe trained in Pensacola, Fla., as a Navy fighter pilot certified to land airplanes on aircraft carriers at all hours.

His unit, Navy Fighter Squadron VF-84, known as the Sidewinders, was deployed to carry out sorties against North Korea from the decks of the aircraft carrier USS Antietam (CV-36) in June and July 1953, according to a Navy history.

Mr. Ringe designed the unit's signature patch, which depicts a serpent and an upside-down top hat.

“He was tremendously proud of that,” said son Thomas B. K. Ringe III.

Mr. Ringe married Cynthia Steward in 1956, and the two settled in Devon and then on a farm near Phoenixville to raise four children. Later, the couple moved to St. Davids, Pa., and then to Berwyn, Pa..

Mr. Ringe was a gifted athlete. At Dartmouth, he earned nine varsity letters in soccer, squash, and cross-country. He also was captain of the varsity squash team. He also served as president of the Inter-Collegiate Squash Association. Later, he won many squash championships at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

As a young man, he enjoyed hiking and was one of the youngest to supply the huts along the Appalachian Trail by carrying quantities of food and bulky stoves up the steep mountain paths on his back.

Tom was a camper at Mowglis from 1938-1940. As an Akelite in 1940, he earned both a seat in the Inner Circle and was appointed to the Mount Washington Squad. Through having discovered his love of the mountains at Camp, he went on to serve as Hutmaster of the AMC's Madison Hut, or “Madison Madhouse,” as he called it. His proficiency in tennis was shared at Mowglis by three Tennis Counselors--his brother Buzz '50, his nephew Ben '84 (now a Trustee), and his grandson Hunt Welch, who served as Senior Tennis Instructor from 2012 – 2015.

As he grew older and had a family, he managed the Tennis Farm Inc., a Berwyn, Pa., non-profit started with his wife in 1973 that taught tennis to children and adults. He also coached the Radnor High School girls' tennis team to numerous championships.

He loved to attend high school sports events and to spend time with his family watching the Eagles, Phillies, and Flyers, of which he was a charter season ticket holder.

His son said that Mr. Ringe was “the consummate gentleman who was adored for his patience, kindness, and loyalty. He was selfless, accepted everyone as they were, and made an impact on so many with the twinkle of his eye and gorgeous smile.” His brother Buzz added: “To paraphrase Maya Angelou, ‘It was not so much what he said, or even what he did, it was how he made you FEEL, and he always made me feel great!’”

Besides his son, Tom III, and his wife of 59 years, he is survived by daughters Kirven Talone, Katherine Welch, and Elizabeth Hunter; eight grandchildren; and his brother, Buzz ‘50.

Donations may be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club through www.outdoors.org/get-involved/donate/tribute-gift.cfm.

Mason P. Westfall, 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at the Hospice House in Concord after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was born in Franklin, the son of Paul and Grace (Goodhue) Westfall.

He was a graduate of Bristol High School and a lifelong resident of Bristol and Bridgewater. After high school, Mason joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Macon.


Mason was a fine carpenter who built many homes around Newfound Lake. He will long be remembered for his community service and commitment to maintaining the quality of the lake and the land.

Mason was a truly wonderful man who, over the decades, performed a significant amount of carpentry on the Mowglis property. His last project was the building of Kent Cottage in 2012, an undertaking through which Jane Kent and Bob Bengtson found much joy in working with him.

Over the years, Mason served as a Selectman in Bridgewater, on the Bristol Recreation Advisory Council at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center, the Bristol Conservation Commission and the N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions, the Lakes Region Planning Commission, the North Country RC & D, Homeland Cemetery Association Board, Slim Baker Lodge, was instrumental in teaching the woodworking program at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center, worked on Santa’s Village, was a founding member of the Newfound Lake Region Association, a member of the Bristol United Church of Christ, and countless other organizations, committees, and boards.

Family members include his wife of 55 years, Jane (Dahlbom) Westfall of Bristol; sons and daughters-in-law, Glenn and Denise Westfall of Bridgewater, and Todd and Cindy Westfall of Alexandria; daughter and son-in-law, Kara Westfall and Dave Nolan of Rochester; three grandchildren, Duncan Westfall, Janelle Westfall, Donovan Nolan; sister and brother-in-law, Paula and Joseph Denning of Bristol; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, PO Box 766, Center Harbor, NH 03226.



*O Mowglis! Thy sons have grown sturdy and strong,
Some must part from the Jungle today.
Their faces are turned to the pathways beyond,
But their hearts with their brothers will stay –
The call of the Pack
They ne’er can forget,
“We be of one blood, Brothers, All!”
Good hunting! To those who are loyal and brave!
Then hark ye! O hark to the Call!*

The Graduates’ Hymn

KIPLING CORNER

By Meg Hurdman

The Jungle Book, a collection of stories by British author Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) became a favorite children's book at the turn of the 19th century. Our founder, Elizabeth Ford Holt, was so inspired by those stories that she contacted Mr. Kipling, and after receiving his permission to use the names of the various characters that appear in the book, established Mowgli's, School of the Open—place where boys could learn the life lessons little Mowgli learned in the jungle.

Did you know ... The Jungle Book stories were written in Vermont?

Joseph Rudyard Kipling was born on December 30, 1865, in Bombay, India. He was educated in England and then returned to India in 1882 to work as a journalist. A decade later, Kipling married Caroline Balestier, and they settled in Brattleboro, Vermont, to be near his wife's family.

In the spring of 1891, the Kiplings purchased a piece of land just north of Brattleboro and constructed a large home, which they called the Naulahka. While living in Vermont, the Kiplings welcomed a daughter named Josephine and a second daughter named Elsie. A third child, John, was born in 1897, after the Kiplings had left America.

Kipling named the house after the Naulakha Pavilion, situated inside Lahore Fort in Pakistan. The house was



designated a National Historic Landmark in 1993 for its association with the famous author. The house is now owned by the Landmark Trust, and is available for rent.

For rental information, visit
<http://landmarktrustusa.org/properties/rudyard-kiplings-naulakha/>

Kipling's work during his time in Vermont included *The Jungle Book* (1894) and *The Second Jungle Book* (1895). In 1907, at the age of 41, Kipling received the Nobel Prize in Literature and, to this day, he remains the youngest ever to have received this honor.



Front row: Meg Hurdman, Forty Conklin, Diane Sears, Chris Phaneuf, Andrew Khatri, Tommy Greenwell, Tomo Nishino, Ben Ringe; Back row: Nick Robbins Al Reiff (Nominating Committee Chair), Roel Hoekstra, Rich Morgan, Jim Graff, Charlie Walbridge, Erik Bernhardt



*Nurse Kathy Flaherty at
Gettysburg Nat'l Park*



Eric Love ('91) at Sequoia Nat'l Park



*Photo of the Grand Canyon
sent in by Charles Whitcomb*



*Hurdman family at
Acadia Nat'l Park in 1999*



*Pat Ploof & Foster Conklin at
Yosemite National Park*



*Jim Mixer, '61: I volunteer as a guide
in the NPS/Amtrak program Trails
and Rails. We ride on Amtrak trains
and give out info on National Parks
and provide commentary about the
history and features of the route we are
traveling. I ride between Cumberland
MD and Washington DC and
Washington DC and New York City.
In the one photo, we have the iPad
speedometer app up, and the train is
running at 124 MPH!*



Roger Scull ('85) in Yosemite, 1989



*Spencer & Cooper Drazek,
Rocky Mtn. National Park*



Soibieda boys at Canyon de Chelly



Solibiedas at Muir Woods



*Tomo, Chiaki, and Shoh Nishino
at Yosemite*



CAMP MOWGLIS 2016

TRIVIA ANSWERS:

Pg. 5: Before the forests grew up in the mountains, the stone walls that we now see in the forest were made by farmers, who were simply clearing the rocks and stones out of their fields, since the best farmland was as high up as possible, so that it would receive the maximum amount of sunlight—unlike in the shady valleys below!

Pg. 13: On the original Mowglis property, all the way from the lake to the mountain across the road, there were no field-like flat spaces—none! The entire property, from the lake to the mountain across the road, consisted of one long, continuous sloping hillside!

Pg. 20: The Upper Tennis Court is located in a much smaller area, so that the Lower Court has far superior space between the court's outside lines and its surrounding fencing.

Pg. 44: In the stream that runs by their dorm, the boys of Toomai loved to build a dam: Upstream from them, the boys of Baloo also enjoyed building a dam, which, when it was holding back enough water, that water would then be released to test, if not break through, the Toomai dam! This exciting event often occurred more than a few times per summer!



2017 SUMMER CALENDAR

Saturday, June 24..... Arrival Day!

Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16 Parents' Weekend

Friday-Sunday, August 4-6 Crew Weekend

Saturday-Sunday, August 12-13 Closing Weekend

Saturday, August 12 Candlelight Chapel Service

Sunday, August 13 Mrs. Holt's Day

*Please call or email us with any questions about the
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Mowglis waterfront painting by Emily Buchanan

Prints in a variety of sizes are available for purchase. The original 18" x 42" painting is also available. If you are interested, please email info@mowglis.org.