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SPRING 2018

GREETINGS MOWGLIS PARENTS!

It is with great enthusiasm that I say summer has arrived! With an all-star team of counselors and a full camp, Mowglis 2018 is looking great!

We would love to have you see Mowglis in action this summer, so please consider heading to camp for one (or both) of our upcoming parent weekends:

- 📅 July 14 & 15: Parents Visiting Weekend
- 📅 August 3-5: Crew Weekend (for both parents and alumni)

These Mowglis events are a fun way to visit your son and experience a bit of the Mowglis magic for yourself. We hope that you can join us!

I want to take a moment to underscore how deeply we take the responsibility of ensuring the safety and well-being of your son(s) at camp. A full year of planning goes into bringing Mowglis to life every season, and we've assembled an amazing team, trained them extensively on the Mowglis way, and together, we CANNOT WAIT to welcome your son(s) to Camp Mowglis for our 115th summer!

Here's to happy camping,

Good hunting,

Nick Robbins, Director
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Nick Robbins and family



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MESSAGE FROM THE MOMS OF MOWGLIS (MOMS) GROUP :

Welcome back to another wonderful summer at Mowglis! If your boys are like mine, they are probably counting down the days to June 23rd! And if you are like me as a mom, I am starting to comb through the masses of old clothes to figure out how much of last year's gear they can still fit into! If you have any uniform items that no longer fit your boy(s), consider bringing them camp to donate to the lending closet. One thing that remains the same is that I am positive that the boys will have another great summer of exploration, fun, growth and friendships.

The Moms of Mowglis group will again be reaching out over the summer to make sure you have the information you need, and breakfast over one of the visiting weekends to meet each other. But in the meantime, if there is anything that can use another mom's ear, please feel free to reach out to me directly anytime at chiaki@nishino.us.

Look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks!

Best,

Chiaki Nishino
Lead M.OM.
chiaki@nishino.us



Hiro Nishino - Den '22



Shoh Nishino - Den '18

FIRST ANNUAL MOWGLIS LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT

Over Super Bowl Sunday, a total of 12 Mowglis staffers—members from the year-round and summer leadership teams—headed to the Jungle House for the first annual Mowglis Leadership Team Retreat with renowned camp leadership trainer Michael Brandwein.

The goal was to get as many members of the Mowglis leadership team together during the off season so that we could work together on building our camp leadership skills. It was a resounding success.

We laughed, learned, and grew as a team, and were energized for the approaching Mowglis 2018. A camp is only as good as its staff, and we are investing in our people to make the delivery of the Mowglis Program all that it should be. The campers today need the true Mowglis experience more than any generation before them, and we are prepared to deliver it!



From left to right: Jason Merwin (camp maintenance), James Hart & Boyd (Director of Alumni Relations; summer Assistant Director), Andrew Mohammed (Watermaster), Tommy Greenwell (Associate Director and Property Manager), Michael Brandwein, Nick Robbins (Director), Holly Taylor (Registrar), Amanda Lyons (Cub Mom), Hardy Wischlberger (Chef), Diane Palermi (Nurse), Julien Nunes (Head Counselor), Diana Robbins (Assistant Director), Jenny Kashouty (Head of Crafts)

STAFF 2018

Over the course of the entire year, we hire over 50 counselors who make the Mowglis mission their own and join us in bringing the School of the Open to life for the summer.

Mowglis staffers need to be fun, smart, responsible, skilled, empathetic, positive, hardworking role-models who, in addition to all of this, happen to have their summer available so they can immerse themselves in all things Mowglis.

Our 2018 Team consists of many returning stars from last summer such as Watermaster Mr. Andrew Mohammed and Cub Mom Ms. Amanda Lyons, as well as folks new to Mowglis such as our championship fencing instructor Sean Moisselle who joins us all the way from Ireland! (Don't worry fencers, Mr. Chan will be stopping by throughout the summer).



Andrew Mohammed - Watermaster



Amanda Lyons - Cub Mom (fourth from right), with Cubs

To ensure the health and welfare of the boys, we are beefing up our nursing staff. The ever capable Nurse Kathy will be returning. Assistant nurse Ms. Diane will join the staff to help keep track of the inevitable scrapes and bumps to make sure that the boys have a healthy fun summer.

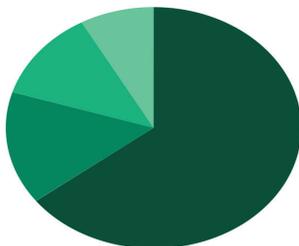
All of our counselors are extensively interviewed, background checked and vetted BEFORE they even make it to camp. Once at camp, they embark on a rigorous two-week orientation that includes training in Wilderness First Aid, how to handle campers who miss home, as well as myriad other sensitive topics like how to identify and stop bullying, teasing and social exclusion.... The list goes on and on. The bottom line is that we spare neither time nor expense to ensure that the summer Team consists of youth development professionals who are deeply committed to Camp Mowglis being amazing for our campers.

We will be sending out photos and bios of our 2018 Team via e-mail and will also be posting them at camp so you can get acquainted with this fantastic group of Mowglis Men and Women!

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Staff to Camper Ratio

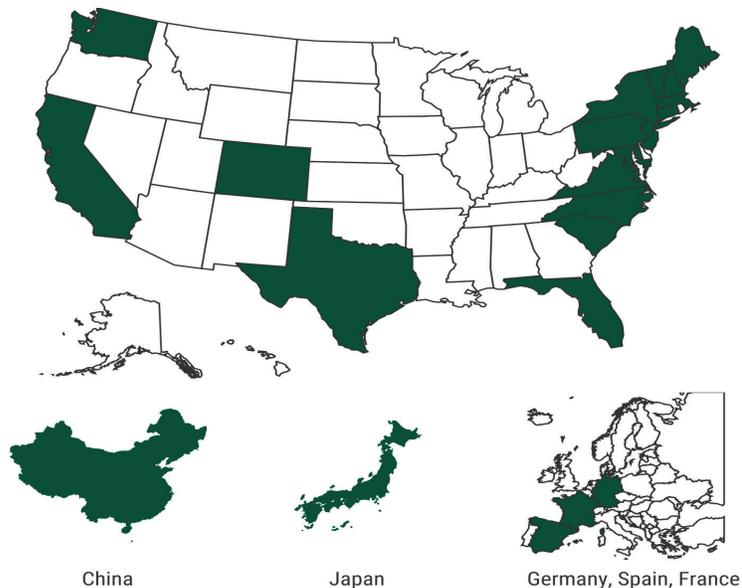
Campers by Program



● 7 Week
● 4 Week
● Cubs
● Yearlings

REPRESENT!

States and Countries represented at Mowglis in 2018



TICK TALK

We are fortunate that Mowglis is on a beautiful 160-acre lakeside forest in the White Mountains. But the unfortunate reality of going into the woods these days is that, in addition to the natural beauty, mountain summits, and pristine flora & fauna, there are also ticks.

Ticks are small arachnids, part of the order Parasitiformes. Along with mites, they constitute the subclass Acari. Ticks are ectoparasites, living by feeding on the blood of mammals, birds, and sometimes reptiles and amphibians. Making matters worse, Blacklegged Ticks can carry and transmit a number of “tick-borne diseases” such as Lyme Disease. Fortunately, Blacklegged Ticks are very uncommon in our part of New Hampshire. Regardless, we take tick awareness and prevention very seriously.

All of our staff, from the nurses to the junior staff, are extensively trained on how to identify & prevent tick bites, and we have enlisted a NH non-profit called “Tick Free NH” to help make sure that our team is up to speed on latest on how to thwart these creepy little pests.



Wearing tick-repellent clothing, tucking long pants into socks, having long sleeves, using insect repellent, and staying to the center of paths, is the best way for people to prevent tick bites when they venture outdoors; and we pass this knowledge and these practices on to our campers, repeatedly, throughout the summer. Campers are instructed to do “tick-checks” multiple times daily.

We have copious amounts of bug spray (containing Deet) available but please also bring some from home. Also, we have had good results using the “Sawyer Products” permethrin clothing spray (available on Amazon) which you can apply to your campers clothing and shoes before camp. In addition, we have removed much of the low brush from areas that are frequented by campers.

Our tick removal policy is that any ticks that are discovered on a camper or staff member while at camp are to be removed by a member of our nursing team. One of our Wilderness First Aid certified counselors removes any ticks discovered while out on hiking trips (they all have this certification). All ticks, whether they are removed at camp or in the back country, are sent to a lab and are tested for Lyme Disease. In addition, the site of the bite is marked and monitored for any signs of infection.

If you or your camper have any further questions about ticks, or if you have a family tick policy that differs from ours, please feel free to give us a call or e-mail. While there’s a real threat posed by ticks, with prior planning, ongoing awareness, and vigilance it is still possible to safely venture into the woods.



MOWGLIS HATS AROUND THE WORLD

Members of the Mowglis community visit unique and interesting places around the United States and the world. Let Mowglis share in your travels by snapping a picture of you wearing your favorite Mowglis hat on your journeys this year.

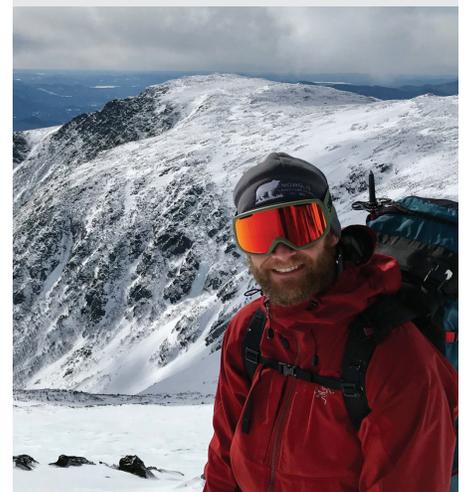
We are compiling the photos to publish in the 2018 Call.

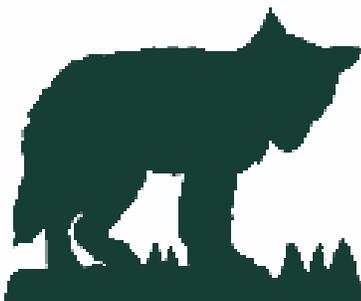
Send photos to Director of Alumni Relations, James Hart at james@mowglis.org.

Need a Mowglis Hat?

Visit mowglis.org/shop to get one and, while you’re at it, check out all the other Mowglis gear we have available.

All proceeds from gear sales go to support the Crew & Alumni Weekend festivities.





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2018 IMPORTANT DATES

CAMP SEASON CALENDAR:

- **CAMP OPENS: SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1-3 PM**
- **FIRST PARENT VISITING WEEKEND: SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 14-15**
- **3-WEEK CUB SESSION STARTS: SUNDAY, JULY 22, CHECK IN FROM 1-3 PM**
- **CREW WEEKEND: FRIDAY, AUG. 3 – SUNDAY, AUG. 5. CREW RACES ARE ON SATURDAY, AUG. 4**
- **CAMP CLOSURES (MRS. HOLT'S DAY): SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 (APPROX. 11:30 AM)**

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (FOR UPS & FEDEX):

CAMP MOWGLIS
4 MOWGLIS DRIVE
HEBRON, NH 03241

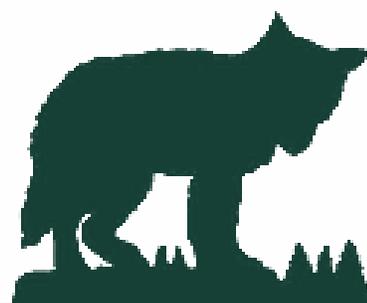
MAILING ADDRESS

(FOR CAMPER LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM HOME):

CAMP MOWGLIS
PO BOX 9
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PLEASE BE SURE TO PUT YOUR CAMPER'S NAME ON ALL
CORRESPONDENCE/PACKAGES SENT TO CAMP

PHONE: (603) 744-8095
EMAIL: INFO@MOWGLIS.ORG



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2018 PRE-CAMP CHECKLIST

What	Done ✓
Camper Forms	
Online Forms: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Health History2. Transportation Form (even if you are driving)	
Download & Complete/Sign Paper forms: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Permission to Treat/Health History Addendum Form2. Permission Form3. Memorandum of Understanding	
Submit Forms or Print Template and Have Doctor's Office Complete: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Physician's Exam (within the previous 12 months)2. Immunizations	
Review Packing List. Order uniform & other essentials for Camp	
Review Parents Visiting Weekend dates & secure lodging	
Pay tuition in full by May 15th unless other payment arrangements have been set up.	

Questions? Please email us at info@mowglis.org or call 603-744-8095.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

HOPE-TO-BE:

In the coming years, Mowglis will be undertaking a renovation to Hope-to-be, the iconic changing room at the waterfront. The concrete stairs have long-needed repair, and will be torn out completely and replaced. The building itself will be pulled back from the water and the porch expanded. The process will take time, and the greatest care will be taken to ensure that the renovations are done with the distinct nature and history of the Mowglis waterfront in mind.



A local surveyor has been hired to survey the entire waterfront, which is the first step in applying for the appropriate building and wetlands permits. Alumni Doug and Don Merrill (Den '78) will be helping with the creation of a "perched beach" to replace the concrete stairs, along with the excavation needed to move and reconstitute Hope-to-be.

Mowglis was fortunate to receive several donations of sailboats. Our moorings were already a bit crowded, and this influx has encouraged us to build a small floating dock system to house the new additions to the Mowglis fleet.



MANG:

Mang received a partial update around the turn of the century, which added a more modern bathroom. This season, we undertook the remainder of the needed updates. The interior walls were removed to create less living space for four-legged squatters. The walls will be sealed and painted and the electrical will be updated. Mang was also due for a new roof, which we decided to undertake now as part of the broader improvements.

DISH ROOM:

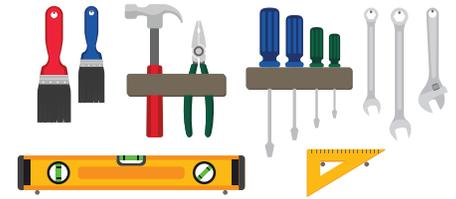
This summer, the Dish Room will have a new floor, fresh paint, and updated electrical. Perhaps most importantly, in cooperation with Hobart and Kittridge Equipment, Mowglis will have a brand-new dishwasher and stainless steel counters installed! The layout of the room will be adjusted to allow increased traffic.

In tackling all the plumbing and electrical for this project, we've decided to make some updates to the kitchen as well, improving hot-water access and replacing some aging pipes. We're also looking at some updates to the Dining Hall to brighten the room and improve air-flow.

LODGE ROOF:

The Lodge is one of Mowglis' oldest buildings. Originally it was the carriage house for the Barnard sheep farm. While a number of updates are planned in the coming years, the first is a new roof, to be undertaken this spring by the same contractor who built the new lower mines.

We'd like to give a special thanks to Mr. Eugene Morrison, whose support has made many of these projects possible this season.



MOWGLIS MAINTENANCE BY THE NUMBERS

Keeping Mowglis looking great is no small task. Tommy Greenwell and the building and grounds crew have been hard at work!

65 Windows Refinished
(That's **11** Quarts of Glaze and **370** Window Panes!)

19 New Chapel Benches Built

2 New Electrical Panels in the Jungle House

4 Doors Rebuilt

36 Mowglis Trail Signs Made

76 Pieces of Board and Batten Replaced on Gray Brothers Hall

38 Must-Do Projects Once the Snow is Gone





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IMPORTANT NEW POLICIES

Being camp director means that you have to make changes in policy from time to time... And this year I've made three of them:



Pocket knives: Please do not bring them from home. We will be supplying campers who are in Akela and up with camping pocket knives for their pack-trips.



Magic and Pokemon Cards: We know they are fun games but these cards are valuable and inevitably lead to strife and unhappiness in the Dorms. We'll have lots of regular cards and board games available. We are asking campers to leave these cards at home.



Dogs: We LOVE dogs, but if you'd like to bring yours up to camp on pick-up, drop-off, or a Parent's Weekend please e-mail me ahead of time. While at camp, we require all dogs (including dogs belonging to employees) to be either on leash or contained by invisible fence, and all waste to be picked up and disposed of by their owner.

These policies are for the safety and well being of your children, our campers, and staff, and we respectfully ask that you help us implement them. Please call or e-mail me with any questions. Thank you!