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GREETINGS FROM MOWGLIS

Mowglis 2023, HERE WE COME!!!

Summer is approaching, and we are poised for an excellent season! 2023 will be Mowglis' 120th summer, and we cannot wait to welcome our campers and staff to the School of the Open soon!

We are heading into this summer with a full camp, a record number of seven-week campers, and a staff of 61 folks, 53 of whom are either alumni or returning from a previous summer. There will be many joyous reunions and happy introductions soon as campers and staff from all over the country and world converge at Mowglis! I can say with confidence that Mowglis is thriving thanks to the strength of the Pack.

To those reading this who will join us as a camper or staff member this summer: **SEE YOU SOON!**

To everyone else: Please keep in touch, and consider joining us for *Crew Weekend August 4-6* or *Fall Work Weekend September 22-24!*

Thank YOU for being a part of the Mowglis Community.

Good Hunting,

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Director

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ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT

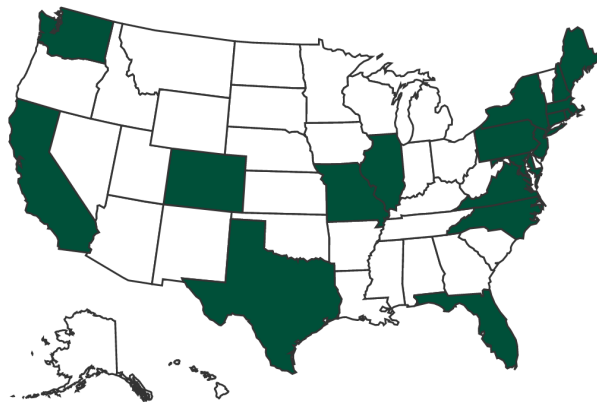
129
Campers Enrolled

89 boys returning
from last summer!

22% campers
had family attend
Mowglis

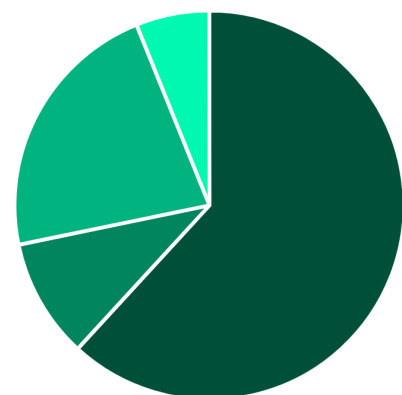
REPRESENT!

States and Countries represented at Mowglis in 2023



International Campers:
Ethiopia, France, Germany, Mexico, and Spain

CAMPERS BY PROGRAM



● 7 Week ● 4 Week ● Cubs ● Yearlings



SPONSOR A SQUAD:

Washington Squad (\$3000)

Gopher Squad (\$1000)

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES:

Lathe for Woodworking Industry (\$1200)

Folding Ping Pong Tables (\$400)

Aqua-Finn Sails (\$250) X 2

Safety Kit for new Vans (\$125 ea) X 3

Sports Equipment (New or Gently Used) - Frisbees, Soccer Balls, Basketballs, etc.

Pocket Knives (help us defray the cost of providing quality knives to the boys who earn their knife test)



If you would like to purchase one of the items directly, please call (603) 744-8095.

You can also visit mowglis.org/DONATE and make a gift to cover all or part of the cost of a wishlist item. Please include the name of the item in the notes section of the donation page.

2023 Important Dates

June 24 – Opening Day

July 22 – Four-Week Campers & Cubs Depart

July 22-23 – Parents Weekend

July 23 – Cubs Arrive for Session #2

August 5 – Crew Day

August 13 – Mrs. Holt's Day

MOWGLIS: AN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY 1903-2020 HAS ARRIVED!

By Nick Robbins

What started as a collaboration with NH preservation historian Elizabeth Hengen to get Mowglis listed on the National Register of Historic Places back in 2014 has, over the last decade, grown into a beautiful 12" x 12" hardcover book that tells the story of Mowglis' development over the last century.

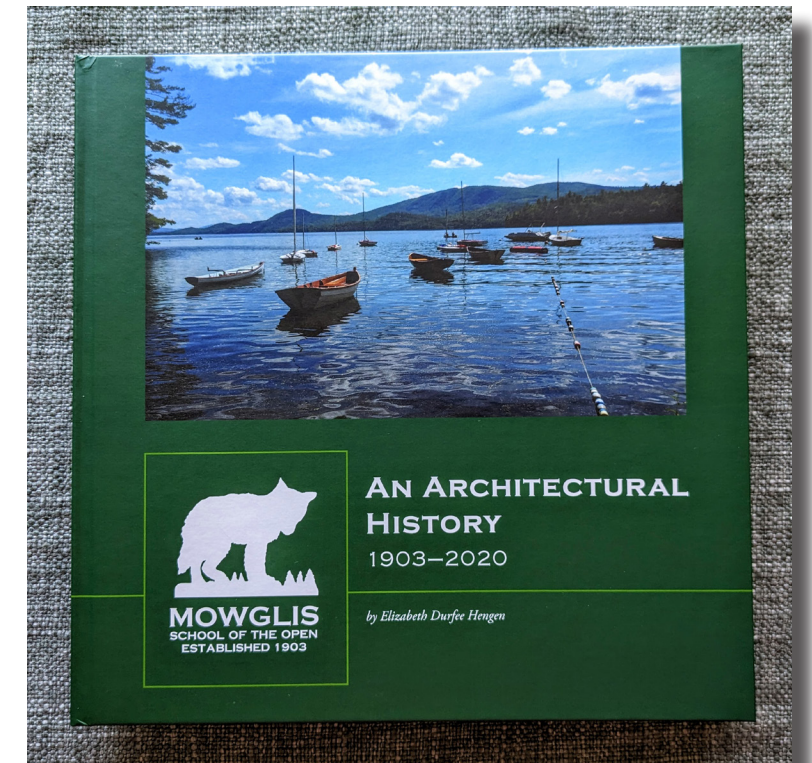
Mowglis: An Architectural History 1903-2020 documents the early days of the School of the Open and follows it as it progresses into the flourishing and thriving institution that has been such a significant part of thousands of people's lives.

The Mowglis campus, which started as the Barnard Family Farm, grew with the program as it developed over the last century; the Campfire Circle was created, the Dorms were built, Gray Brothers was built and then rebuilt, the Jungle House was added onto, a boat house was even pulled across the lake to serve as the core of Waingunga!

Mowglis: An Architectural History 1903-2020 is chock-full of historical photos and stories about the development of the School of the Open. The buildings, the traditions, and the people who brought it all alive are deeply woven together and documented in this impressive book. From its early roots as the dream of Mrs. Holt to provide a summer school where boys would learn all the important things they were not learning at school to the venerable institution we know today.

The production of this book was no small undertaking. I want to take this opportunity to thank historian Elizabeth Hengen for all her work, as well as the tireless efforts of HEMF Trustee and Chairwoman of our Archive Committee Linda Robinson, as well as Director of Alumni Relations James Hart, and our talented graphic designer Jenn Libby, as well as numerous members of the Archive and Publications Committees. To all who helped bring *Mowglis: An Architectural History 1903-2020* to fruition, I raise a Mowglis Cheer!

Copies of *Mowglis: An Architectural History 1903-2020* are for sale online at the camp store and will also be available at camp this summer during Crew Weekend! **The net proceeds from the sales of this book will support the efforts of the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation's Archive Committee and Camp Mowglis!**



Buy your copy today!

www.mowglis.org/SHOP

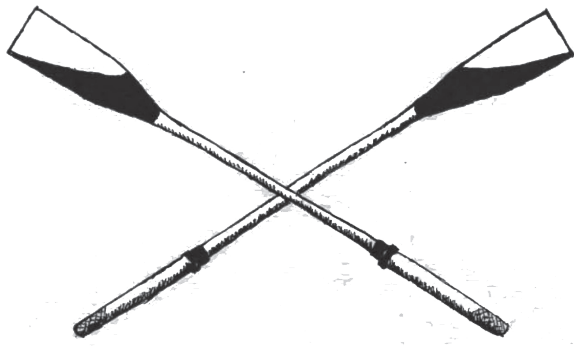
DEN REUNION: 1973

2023 marks the 50th reunion for the **Den of 1973** and we are excited to welcome this crew of Mowglis Men back to camp to celebrate over Crew Weekend!

If you want to organize a gathering or reunion of your own, contact James Hart, our Director of Alumni Relations at james@mowglis.org or (603) 744-8095 ext. 280 and he would be glad to help!



Den of 1973
Top: Chuck Goehring, Charles Feuer, Leigh Goehring
Bottom: John Fay, John Moukad, Gordon Marr, Jim Lynch, Bruce Macdonald



2023 Crew Weekend Schedule

Friday, August 4th	
5:30.....	Alumni Reception - Baloo Cove <i>Hosted by the Holt-Elwell Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees</i>
7:30.....	Parents Arrive
7:45.....	Pep Rally & Bonfire
8:45	Guests Depart
Saturday, August 5th	
2:00.....	Visitors Arrive
2:50.....	Crew Parade
3:00.....	Race Time!
5:00.....	Colors and Oar Raising
5:15.....	Alumni & Parent Reception - Baloo Cove
6:15.....	BBQ - Lower Ball Field
7:45.....	Evening Program - Lower Ball Field
Sunday, August 6th	
10:00.....	Bagheera Society Brunch - Baloo Cove



THE MOWGLIS FLEET GETS 3 NEW VANS

A full camp is the new normal here at Mowglis, and with that come all the logistical challenges of feeding, transporting, and providing a safe environment for nearly 200 people (staff included).

This year we made a significant investment in Mowglis' fleet and purchased three additional vans. These two fifteen-passenger and one twelve-passenger vans will make Trip Days, airport pickups, and shuttle runs safer, simpler, and convenient!

This was a big expense for Mowglis, despite being a symptom of a healthy enrollment, so in that spirit, we ask that if you can, to consider making a donation to help Mowglis offset this important investment. Whether a gift to help us cover the purchase, or choosing an item from our Wish List to ensure these vehicles have all the necessary safety equipment, we are SO GRATEFUL for your support!



Crew Weekend Silent Auction: Donations Needed!

During last summer's Crew Weekend festivities, Mowglis hosted our first ever Silent Auction. The funds raised went to defray the cost of hosting this incredible gathering, and ensure that we can keep the event free for all those attending.

As the Mowglis Pack grows ever larger, so does Crew Weekend attendance, which means our costs do too.

- One way **YOU** can help is by donating items and experiences to our Silent Auction! Do you have:
- Mowglis history you are ready to part with?
 - A vacation home with an open weekend?
 - A skill or trade you would be willing to offer?

Contact James Hart, Director of Alumni Relations if you would like to arrange a donation, and **THANK YOU!**

WE WANT YOUR OLD WATER BOTTLES!

Do you have a stash of old water bottles you don't use but don't want to throw away?

Give them a new home in our Trip Closet!

We loan out water bottles **ALL THE TIME** and our collection is depleted! If you have reusable metal or plastic water bottles in usable condition, we'd love to wash them and put them to use!



Simply drop them in the mail or bring them along the next time you visit.

THANK YOU!

CANS FROM CAMPERS (AND ALUMNI)

As we are all aware, many families struggle with hunger; and unfortunately, during the summer months, food pantries regularly see a decline in donations. To help address this, as a part of our sustainable development initiative, Mowglis is started our very own “Cans from Campers Arrival Day Food Drive” program in 2019.

The program was a success, and we were fortunate to deliver a sizeable donation of nonperishable goods to the Plymouth, NH Food Bank. This year we want to extend the opportunity to support those in need to our alumni as well!

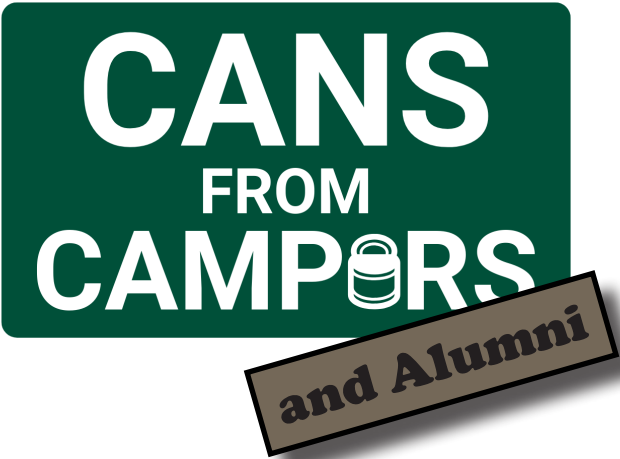
We hope that this initiative might in some small way symbolize the culture of generosity and community-mindedness that we aim to build here at Mowglis.

For Parents/Families:

Please keep your can(s) handy when you arrive as there will be a donation canoe at registration and the food items will be donated to the Plymouth area food pantry.

For Alumni:

Our donation canoe will be staged on Gray Brothers Field, so when you visit for Work Weekend or Crew Weekend, bring along whatever nonperishable goods you can spare and we'll ensure they get to those in need.



**Moving? Getting Married?
Having a Baby? New Job? Retiring?**

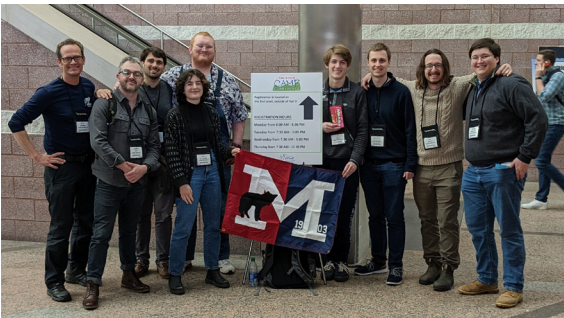
Let us know! (and if you'd like it included in *The Call*)
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2023 HEMF FELLOWSHIP

By Jay Gulitti - Assistant Director

One of the tentpoles of Mowglis is the generational nature of our program. A Cub who has learned the basics returns as a member of the pack. Denites graduate and become Yearlings, who in turn learn to teach other members in the pack below, and become Junior Staff. Those summers spent helping to run industries and care for Mowglis instill the drive to return as Senior Staff, and help shape the camp in even more meaningful ways. I believe that a core part of why so many choose to return and give back in their own way is due to the ways Mowglis invests in the members of its community.

The Holt-Ellwell Memorial Foundation Fellowship is intended to do just that. As we are privileged to have talented and driven staff



The Fellows gathered at the 2023 American Camp Association Conference

year after year, it seems only right that we do our best to invest in their continued professional development and personal growth, be it connected to Mowglis or not. Made possible by generous gifts from our dedicated community, the HEMF Fellowship seeks to empower

returning Mowglis staff as leaders amongst their peers, providing opportunities to practice the things they learn in school or on the job in a productive and safe environment during the summer, and build their skillset through workshops, classes, and trainings in their respective fields.

This spring, members the 2023 class of Fellows hit the ground running as they came together from all corners of the globe to meet at the American Camp Association Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey in March. We spent four days surrounded by teachers, camp directors, developmental professionals, and educators of all kinds learning about everything from staff management and child behavioral development, to homesickness and inclusiveness.

With summer right around the corner, the fellows have been hard at work preparing their own training segments for our staff orientation, on subjects ranging from waterfront safety to dorm group dynamics. Whether they are returning for their second summer or their tenth, this year's fellows are well positioned to help lead the pack as we approach our 2023 season.

I'm proud to introduce a unique group of staff committed to the growth of our pack and program! Please join me in welcoming the 2023 Class of HEMF Fellows:



Rodrigo DeVelasco
(Staff 2017-19, 2022)



Cat St. Hilaire
(Staff 2022)



Maurice Schmetzer
(Staff 2022)



Peter Zirnkilton
(Den 2015, Staff '17,'18,'21,'22)



James Mida
(Staff 2022)



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RETURN ADDRESS
REQUESTED

Do you have items that you would like to see preserved and shared with the Mowglis community?
The Archive Committee is ready to help!

We have been hard at work, organizing and inventorying photos, publications and Mowglis memorabilia. We have 120 square feet of climate-controlled storage space, ample preservation materials, and our committee members and volunteers are ready to ensure that Mowglis' history can continue to be shared with future generations!

Contact:

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