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## Fall 2017 Newsletter

### A word from Board President David Schwalter

**T**hanks to all who participated in our annual appeal. This past year was a good one for the Foundation with 294 contributions totaling over \$110,000! These funds supported 3 full-time campers and 22 half-session campers, representing ten states and the District of Columbia. Individual awards ranged from \$500 to \$6,900.

This year, the Board of Directors asked George “Biff” Sutcliffe to take on the reins as Executive Director. Over the last fifty years, generations of alumni have witnessed Biff’s can-do mentality and contributions as a counselor and handyman. The Board feels he is an excellent fit for advancing the Foundation’s data management and outreach activities, particularly engaging younger alums.

We are also delighted that Henry Damon will be staying on as Campership Administrator, where he will be leading efforts at bringing in a diverse group of campers who are a good fit for Deerwood and who need financial assistance. Henry has served the Foundation admirably as a board member and Executive Director, and he will now be ensuring continued success of its central mission.

In the following pages, you will read about all that has been happening this past year with fundraising and providing a wonderful summer for 25 young men at Camp Deerwood. Enjoy the pictures and reminisce. Many thanks for giving the Deerwood experience to so many deserving boys!

*David*



## Notes from Executive Director Biff Sutcliffe

Camp Deerwood is now in its third generation of family leadership and keeps getting better all the time – without appearing to change! (Except for a few innovations.) I am thrilled to be leading outreach and data efforts of the Deerwood Foundation. Below are some updates regarding both the Foundation and Deerwood alumni, in general.

- We are moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century—methodically. You can now join us on Instagram ([deerwoodfoundation.org](http://deerwoodfoundation.org)) and on Facebook (DeerwoodFoundation). Visit and see recent and old photos of summers on Squam Lake and trips to the mountains and rivers to our north. If you have photos that you would like to share on Instagram, send them to [deerwoodfoundationsocial@gmail.com](mailto:deerwoodfoundationsocial@gmail.com). We are updating and improving our website –[www.DeerwoodFoundation.org](http://www.DeerwoodFoundation.org) – as well.
- In our move to more “high-tech” office practices we are working hard to reduce paper use and mailing costs. Some of you have already requested email-only newsletters. If this is also your preference, please email me so I can include your email in our data base, for which I’m updating and coordinating thousands of entries. You can help by sending your email and mailing address to me at [BiffSutcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:BiffSutcliffe@gmail.com), with Deerwood Foundation in the subject line. Thanks!
- Camp Deerwood has started the planning stages of Deerwood’s 75<sup>th</sup> Summer Celebration *and* marking The Foundation’s 25<sup>th</sup> year. While details of the weekend’s events are still in the formative stages, the dates are set:  
**Labor Day weekend of 2019: August 31 – September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
You’ll be receiving an official “Save The Date” invitation to a special weekend of celebrations. Join us!
- Funds for camper scholarships are covered each year by the donations of nearly 300 families and several foundations. We hope to continue to provide this level of scholarship awards every year. If you’re considering a gift, please use the enclosed pledge card or go to the donations section of our website.
- Lastly, do reach out and tell former campers and counselors about the Deerwood Foundation and our website, where they’ll see that life on Squam Lake is still as magical as it was back almost 75 summers ago!

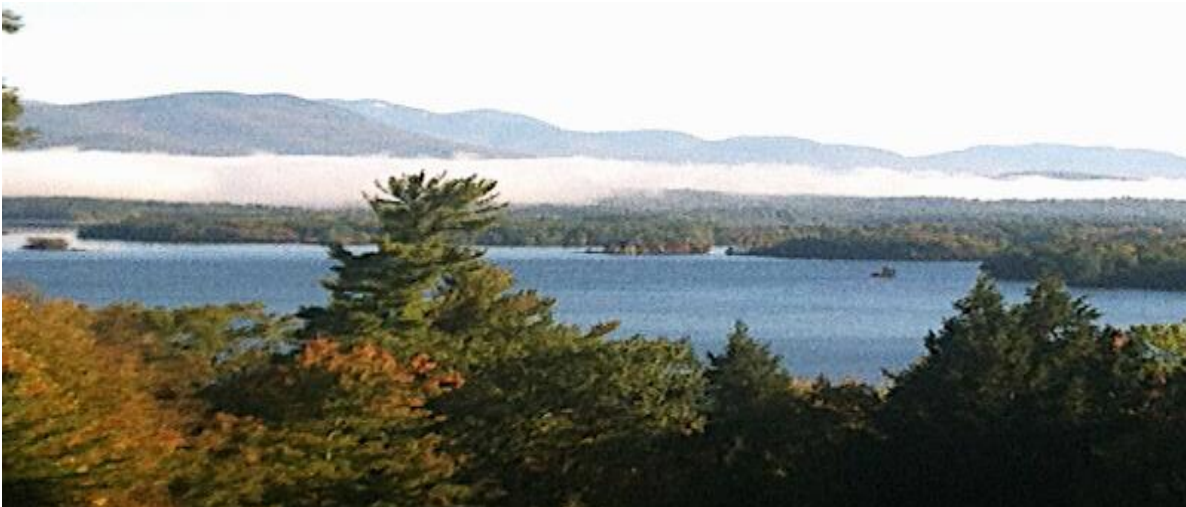
### Ed Strapp and his fundraising swims from Camp Asquam to Camp Deerwood

Ed Strapp (Counselor 1992–1997) and his family now live on the site of the former girls’ camp, Camp Asquam, near Sturtevant Bay. For the past two summers, Ed has made the long-distance swim from his waterfront to Deerwood’s tower. He has asked for sponsors to support the Deerwood Foundation. Unfortunately for all of us at Camp Deerwood, the day of his swim is also the day that our campers are being picked up and we are racing to convert Camp Deerwood to Singing Eagle Lodge. As result we have missed his triumphant finish each year but we are very appreciative of his efforts to raise awareness of the Foundation and for the funds he has raised over the last two years - 2016 brought in more than \$1,400! He plans on repeating the swim in 2018 and is hoping he can get some alumni to join him! He’s looking at the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend as the date. Check the website by logging into [www.DeerwoodFoundation.org](http://www.DeerwoodFoundation.org) and clicking the *Asquam to Deerwood Swim* button.

**Thank you, Ed, for your enthusiasm—and endurance!**

### Fund Raising While Shopping

If you shop at Amazon, consider joining Amazon Smile. Why? You can name The Deerwood Foundation Inc. as the recipient of 0.5% of each of your qualifying purchases. There is no cost to you, it’s easy to sign up, and you don’t even need to set up a new account! It’s as simple as signing up and using the AmazonSmile link to shop. Read about it and enroll at: <https://org.amazon.com>





## Auction History and the Auction 2017

### An update from Auction Chair Denny O'Brien

In 1998 a number of Deerwood counselors and parents wanted to help the Foundation raise money for scholarships. Len and I talked with Rock Hudson, Tod Campbell, Dan Thomsen, Biff Sutcliffe, and Jeff Thomsen to come up with handmade items that might make up a silent auction. Len and I also talked to a few talented parents: Jeannie Merrick-Maddux and Kay Fischer who offered original water colors and antique artifacts with a Deerwood theme. And then there were the devoted grandparents, like Helen Mathieson and Henry Damon who repeatedly came up with donated items with great success.

We all felt that parents' weekend would provide a great venue. So, we put together the auction with a Hudson forge item, a Dan Thomsen shop project, a Jeff photo, a Biff woodwork item, a Jeannie painting and a Kay artifact. We also produced a publication entitled "Camp Classics" with campers' favorite recipes and a lot of Deerwood history and stories. (This is in its 4<sup>th</sup> printing and has sold more than 400 copies.)

That first year we raised \$1,135 and then \$3,209 the next year; we now raise between \$8,000 and \$14,000 every year from an average of 25 to 30 donated items. All have a Deerwood theme or connection and include forge items, art work, needlepoint belts, knit wool caps, ceramics, wood crafts, handmade quilts, old maps, framed photos, and even a cedar strip wooden canoe contributed by the CITs that sold for \$7,000 in 2010! Thanks to the generosity of the Deerwood staff, parents, alumni, and grandparents, the Auction has raised more than \$180,000 since 1998, all funding camp scholarships.

Denny O'Brien, Auction Chair

We are grateful to the following people for their wonderful contributions of talent and commitment to the success of this year's Auction, which raised \$7,500!

Quilt – Cynthia Johnson  
 Lacrosse Stick Theme Towel Ring – Brooks Johnson  
 Needlepoint Deerwood Belt – Caren Parker  
 Bar Set – Brooks Johnson, Whit Findlay,  
 Austin Maddux, Harrison Lusty  
 3-D Squam Topo Map – Laurie and Peter Thomsen  
 "D" Pillow – Nancy Morris  
 Squam Lake Photo – Jeff Thomsen  
 Waterfront Shirt – Ethan Grove, Timmy Gallagher  
 Pier Mirror and Fall Foliage Photo – Biff Sutcliffe  
 Cherry Box – John Fattore  
 Shaker Oval Box – Dan Thomsen  
 Carved Wood Serving Platter – Ty Swindell  
 Waterfront Painting – Jeannie Maddux  
 Antiqued Deerwood Rudder – Kay Fischer

Framed Window View of Lake – Jeff Thomsen &  
 Camp Deerwood  
 Deerwood Paddle – Camp Deerwood  
 "D" Cribbage Board and Deerwood Cards –  
 David Cosman & Owen Brooks  
 "D" Ceramic Coasters – Austin Maddux  
 Canoe Wannigan – Stephen Newman &  
 Dan Thomsen  
 Turned Pine Bowl – Stephen Newman  
 Aerial Lake View Photo – Todd Dorsey  
 "Camp Deerwood" Swiss Army Knife –  
 Bernie Armstrong  
 Carved Deerwood Plaque – Clark Ruff  
 Squam Lake View Print 2/50 – Jeannie Maddux  
 Deerwood Themed Wall Hanging – Sandy Bemis

## Annual Fund

Donations from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 are listed below. We sincerely hope that we have not missed anyone. If we have, please know that we are terribly sorry and wish to be corrected.

### Donors Who Contributed at or above the Squam Lake Club Level of \$5,000

Anonymous	Dr. James Freeman	Cosby Hall
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### Donors Who Contributed at or above the Big Buck Club Level of \$1,500

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Mid-winter at the Bathhouse

## **Deerwood Foundation Experience From This Summer**

A young friend could have attended a camp for ten days close to his city this past summer. Yes, he could have learned to swim and try his hand at archery there but the closest he would have gotten to the experience of forging iron would have been roasting marshmallows in a camp fire. My family wanted more for him. We wanted the unrelenting beauty and experiences of Deerwood.

We learned about the Foundation through Henry and Lorne. Could our young friend qualify for a Foundation grant? We risked suggesting Deerwood to the boy's mother who, after looking at the website, told us she liked that Deerwood "has lots of nature".

The abundant generosity of the Deerwood Foundation, coupled with the patient and courteous help that Lorne and Henry gave the boy's mother as they worked together through the application process, allowed a fine young man to stretch and grow in more ways than he -- or we -- could have imagined!

For a boy who previously had climbed nothing taller than Rattlesnake, to climb Jefferson and Washington is priceless. For him to try riflery and badminton, be challenged in archery and swimming, with the careful attention of excellent counselors, and to learn what fun a musical can be, is priceless.

But, of course, it *does* come with a price. And for the Deerwood Foundation to cover the lion's share of the boy's Deerwood experience (minus a nominal contribution from the family) resulted in a life-changing experience for a sincerely grateful young man.

Grateful Patrons of a Deerwood Foundation Camper 2017

## **Deerwood Foundation Experience From Summers A While Ago**

I've only previously shared this story with my wife. When I was an 8-year-old in Sheraton in 1996, I caught a bat. Specifically, a Little Brown Bat. I knew this because I was a solitary, nature-obsessed 8-year-old. He was sick, clearly not taking flight any time soon. I left him with some bugs I knocked out of spider webs around the boathouse and promised to come back. He had passed away by the time I returned. I buried him in a jar under Sheraton and never disturbed that dirt again until after restorations to the cabin years later. I like to picture Biff with a shovel being surprised to dig up this treasure, but it's more likely that one of the Hall brothers, Rich brothers, or Ibarra brothers watching over Sheraton that summer was wise to my memorial service and kindly never embarrassed me with the retelling.

I came to Deerwood while big changes were happening at home. Only years later did I learn of the Deerwood Foundation through the generosity of early donors who made me among the first, possibly the very first, to be able to proudly follow my big brother to Camp when my family wasn't in a position to send me. I was never a shoe-in for Happiest Camper, most likely in that summer of '96 to be found flipping rocks in moosewood groves looking for big bugs and salamanders. For me, it was really an enduring friendship made through collusion in pranks on Moon Island that marked a turning point in my life at Camp and beyond. Though still oddly interested in bats, I at least went out for the play and brought home a couple banners to pin on my wall. Lasting friendships were forged that summer.

We all cherish those friends - counselors and peers alike - with whom we endured the challenges of Camp and that laid a foundation for how we would conduct ourselves, and the stories we'd tell, until the next summer. Riverside ice cream after grueling trips, first candles snuffed on the range, nailing the high notes to Goodnight Dear Deerwood, right along with the deepest pangs of homesickness and gut-wrenching losses to the Blues.

No encounter is more fun for me today than a Deerwood alumnus, of any vintage, with whom to share memories of Squam and possibly engage in some contest of our campcraft skills. To those who contributed to the Foundation's mission in its early days, I remain forever grateful. To those recalling your own time at Camp, consider the Deerwood experiences, friendships, and lessons that have likely enriched your life as well.

A Foundation camper from 1996



Please consider a gift to the Foundation. It will help a boy attend camp this summer.

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