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Fall 2019 Newsletter

Celebrating 25 years of providing a “Deerwood Experience” for deserving boys

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**Summer of 2019 Campership
Summary**

For our 25th summer the Deerwood Foundation sponsored a total of 28 half-time equivalent camperships. A half-time equivalent is a three-and-half week session at Camp Deerwood. Six of the boys were here for the full summer. The boys represented the States of: FL, VT, NH, MA, OK, NY CT, RI, VA and CO. Of the 22 boys, 10 were “new” to Deerwood, 3 were here for their 2nd year, 2 for their 3rd year, 4 for their 4th year and 3 had been here for 5 or more years! Our tuition awards ranged from 31% to 99%. Awards ranged from \$1,600 to \$7,700. Our campers represented approximately 12% of the camper population.

The Tree Talk Fellowship

A new initiative for the Deerwood Foundation:

For its first 25 years the Deerwood Foundation has focused on providing young boys ages 8–15 with camperships for as many years as each was able. While this is still the primary mission of the Foundation, we noticed that among our sponsored campers, young men emerged with leadership skills who we would like to return as junior counselors and counselors. To help these young men, whose family resources have proven to be worthy of scholarship assistance, make a summer of working at Deerwood possible, we have instituted the Tree Talk Fellowship. This fellowship is designed to grant financial assistance in the form of a sum of money paid directly to an institution for any post-high school education/certificate program. Candidates must first secure a job offer from Camp Deerwood and then are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Awards can vary depending on the number of candidates and they must be utilized within a certain number of years after graduating from high school. Funding for these Fellowships will be from our annual donation program which we have been fortunate enough to maintain at a level that will allow for this additional mission. Thank you to all who make this happen!!

Thank You for 25 years of Generosity

Over 6,300 donations to the Deerwood Foundation have supported nearly 500 camperships for over \$1,500,000. From the summer of 1995 with \$6,000 in camperships to this past year with over \$101,000 in camperships, your generous support is helping give boys a summer of adventure and a lifetime of memories. The Foundation is well positioned to continue providing opportunities to those in need. With 25 years of tradition behind us we will continue to make available the "Deerwood Experience" to boys and young men. We appreciate your trust.

From the President of the Board

Tim Caffrey

At the 75th reunion, Andy Smith lead a band of Deerwood legends including Tod Campbell, Dan Thomsen, Lorne Smith, Wayne Wilkins, Mike and Graeme Gengras, Dave Little and Len Nichols in a spirited version of "Will the Circle Be Unbroken." Introducing the song to a packed Ty, Andy said the "purpose of this song is to affirm connection, family and togetherness because that is what this weekend is all about." Connection, family and togetherness – a terrific choice of words to describe the reunion and the Deerwood experience.

<https://campdeerwood.smugmug.com/75th-Reunion/i-cxM4bc7>

I would add one other word to describe the weekend, and that is gratitude. Most importantly, for a deep gratitude to the Thomsen family and all of their efforts in running Camp for the past 75 years.

This summer, I succeeded Dave Schowalter as the President of the Foundation. Dave has been a terrific leader, and I am thankful that he is remaining on the Board. My transition to President from Board Member has been an easy one because of Dave and our Executive Director Biff Sutcliffe. Biff just finished his 50th summer at Camp and second on the Foundation (hopefully he serves for 50 years), and I am grateful for his counsel and friendship.

And, finally I am grateful for all of your donations as they have helped fund over 500 camperships to Deerwood over the past 25 years. Your donations have allowed so many boys to experience the "connection, family and

togetherness" that we all enjoy. As camp enters its 76th season and we embark on our 26th year, please join me in donating to the Foundation.

From the Executive Director

George "Biff" Sutcliffe

The Foundation continues to be supported by a loyal set of families and friends. In the past year we have been fortunate to add to our donor base with several of the "next" generation taking on the challenge of making an annual donation – however large or small. I encourage our former campers and counselors to reach out to their cabin and blue/gray friends and educate them in the need to accept the challenge to help support the Foundation's missions.

With this issue of our Newsletter we are formally introducing the **Tree Talk Fellowship**. This new initiative of the Foundation is our way of extending our original mission. We now aim to provide counselor-age young men, many of whom have been Foundation Campers, an opportunity to become counselors by helping them with a post-high school education stipend. This program will help increase the diversity of the Deerwood staff and take advantage of each counselors' demonstrated leadership skills. We are excited to make this Fellowship available.

As we head into our 26th year we look forward to making the "Deerwood Experience" available to another generation of campers. We are all better for it! Thank you.

A chance to purchase "Some Kid"

"Some Kid" was Deerwood's first Lightning sailboat. Buck purchased it from Lusty's Marina in York Harbor, ME. in time for the summer of 1964. Sometime in the mid-70s, the boat was no longer usable and went to a shed. Henry Damon (former camper and counselor) took it off Camp's hands, stripped the exterior and applied epoxy, repainted the interior, redid the mahogany trim and obtained newer sails. After a decade of fun sailing at his place on Dog Cove on Squam Lake, new challenges in his life prevented him from maintaining it so the boat went into storage for 27 years. The past two summers he has done another refurbishing of it and he believes the boat has some good years left in it! Before putting it up for sale on the internet he wants to let the Deerwood community know about the boat in case someone wants a large, usable - for at least some years - piece of Deerwood memorabilia. For an appropriate donation to the Deerwood Foundation, and a small check to Henry (\$250) for materials, it could be yours. It has always been his intention to donate whatever proceeds the boat might bring to the Foundation. If interested or have questions, please contact Henry directly at hhdamon@yahoo.com.



AUCTION 2019

For most of the Foundation's 25-year history we have raised funds through a silent auction held during Camp's final weekend. Rather than solicit for items to auction we have had tremendous success with the larger Deerwood community organically providing 25 to 30 items each year. Many of our auction items are handmade – many in the Deerwood woodworking shop! This year the auction garnered \$12,440. Denny O'Brien and Peggy Conner provided many hours of help in setting up and running the auction.

| ITEMS | DONOR |
|--|-------------------|
| Deerwood Key Fob | Naomi Appel |
| Photo – Bull Moose in Spring | Rhu McBee |
| Deerwood Needle Point Belt | Caren Parker |
| Ty View Print -Framed | Adams Family |
| 4 Crochet Blankets | Laura Botello |
| Laminated Turned Plates | Caffrey Fielding |
| Wine Cabinet in Oak | Caffrey Fielding |
| c1910 Railroad Map NH | Henry Damon |
| Antiqued Deerwood Sunfish Rudder | Kay Fischer |
| End Table – Mahogany & Walnut with drawer | John Fattore |
| Photo – “Summer Night” | Sharon Beaty |
| Photo – “Aspen Leaves on Pond” | Sharon Beaty |
| Photo – New Hampshire Fall Foliage | Sharon Beaty |
| Photo – Mt. Washington Summit in Winter | Sharon Beaty |
| Trivet – Nature Conservancy special edition | Sharon Beaty |
| Plant Stand – Cherry | Biff Sutcliffe |
| Table Runner – photo of Deerwood Waterfront | Todd Dorsey |
| Bath Towel – photo of Squam Clouds | Todd Dorsey |
| Replica Lacrosse Stick | Dan Thomsen |
| Loon Sculpture in Granite | Heather Thomsen |
| Keepsake Deerwood Box | Owen Brooks |
| Deerwood 75 th Anniversary Table | Brooks Johnson |
| Weekend at Squam Lake Cottage #1 | Ellis Family |
| Weekend at Squam Lake Cottage #2 | Ellis Family |
| Maple Turned Bowls – set of 2 | John O'Brien |
| Colorado Ski Adventure | Don & Karen Brown |
| Elegant Deerwood Tote Bag | Jake Killion |
| Boathouse Watercolor | Lindsay MacGregor |
| Deerwood Swiss Army Knife | Bernie Armstrong |
| Blue & Gray Toddler Knit Cap | CC Conner |
| Cracker Basket – handwoven | Karen Warren |
| Deerwood Commemorative 75 th Anniversary Bell | Danko Family |



This commemorative bell was given to Camp Deerwood in celebration of Camp's 75th summer. The Danko Family cast two of these 20 lb. bells at the family foundry, Danko Arlington, Inc. One bell was given to Camp Deerwood to hang near the new theater/barn as is shown in this photo. It is hanging on a granite post donated by Chris Keith. The other bell was donated to the Foundation to auction off, and it raised \$3,600.

Annual Fund for Fiscal Year

2018 – 2019

We are fortunate to have a core of faithful donors, and this year we raised \$113,000.

Gifts ranged from \$15 to \$8,000.

In addition to the Annual Fund's donations from individuals, we receive grants, matching gifts, dividends, and gifts-in-kind. Along with the auction our income for this fiscal year was \$124,000.

We earned \$123.00 from Amazon Smile during the year. If you shop using Amazon consider doing so through Amazon Smile. Every little bit helps.



Buck sculpture donated by Helen Mathieson in memory of Ferris "Buck" Thomsen

The lists below acknowledge the donors whose contributions were recorded between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019

We hope this list is accurate – please contact us if you believe we have made an error.

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Remarks from former Foundation Campers

The following comments are from two past recipients of the Deerwood Foundation's scholarship program. Both young men received aid for multiple years and distinguished themselves as enthusiastic, fully engaged campers showing leadership skills.

The Deerwood community was enriched greatly by their many contributions.

David Levy Jr. – New York City

Usually my summers were just an endless loop of playing games, eating and sleeping. I would rarely go out unless it was Sunday. Until 2017 most of my summers were nothing to get excited about. After my first year at Deerwood my eyes opened on how different my life at home was. Living in the White Mountains allowed me to reach out and gain a broader outlook on what is possible. With thanks to the Deerwood Foundation I was able to be a part of the greatest place in the world. Being able to be of use to Deerwood as a Junior Counselor this past summer has been my goal ever since my first year as a camper. Being a part of such a wonderful community is something I'll treasure for the rest of my life. I will never forget it!



Eduardo Interiano – Immokalee, Florida

Camp Deerwood is a place that I'll never forget. So-far it's made three of my summers the best summers of my life! Not only mine, but also many first-time campers. I'd like to talk about my C.I.T. year (2019) where I increased some of my skill levels such as Communication, Responsibility and Leadership. In my opinion communication plays a big role in Camp. Being able to speak with other campers and ask them "what did you do throughout the day" or "what activities do they plan on doing," help make a first-year camper feel welcomed and secure. For them to know that a fellow camper is interested and cares goes a long way to make a camper feel good.

In addition, I'd like to speak about Responsibility and Leadership. These two traits are important for being a counselor. For example, I remember I was at mountain biking and a first-year camper approached me and said "How do you pass first class?" The counselor was busy with another camper, so I decided to take action and go through the whole first-class requirements with him. As the end of the day the camper passed the class and I felt a tremendous sense of accomplishment. My C.I.T. year was a most rewarding experience as I was able to give campers one of best summers of their lives. This just shows how beautiful a place Deerwood is. Once a boy comes here it's hard to forget the experience.



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The new stage in the barn/theater completed just before Parents' Weekend this summer