



# On Squam

Fall 2024

The Annual Newsletter of the Deerwood Foundation  
Since 1994

## From the President of the Board, Tim Caffrey



During my 10 summers at Camp, a simple message repeated by Tommy and Len remains with me: *Always leave your campsite better than you found it!* With age, I have come to appreciate the wisdom of these words as a metaphor for how to live. This past summer the Deerwood Foundation supported 27 campers, which was a direct result of your donations. Your generosity exemplifies the message of Tommy and Len, and the entire Deerwood community is better off for it. Thank you!

In May, the Foundation hosted a Deerwood gathering in Boston that was well attended with alumni from various decades. One theme of the night was family, as multiple members of the Campbells, Littles, Strehles and the Wielands/ Veidenheimers were in attendance. Lorne also found the night a success for a different reason, as he recruited two former counselors to work at Camp again this summer. We hope to continue hosting an annual gathering to raise awareness about

the Foundation and to help strengthen the Deerwood alumni network. If anyone is interested in hosting a gathering, please reach out to me or Bruce.

A great perk of being on the Board of the Foundation is visiting Camp each summer during our annual meeting in August. This year was extra special as we presented Heather and the Thomsens with a plaque commemorating Len's efforts in helping to start and guide the Foundation. For those visiting Camp, you can see this plaque on the wall of Buck's room in Ty. Another highlight of this year's annual meeting was lunch in Toots Shor for the first time since pre-Covid. I can assure you that the magic of Deerwood is alive and well, and I am grateful that your donations enable boys who would otherwise be unable to attend Camp to experience this magic.

For those able, please join me in donating to the Foundation.

Best,  
Tim

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 is a non-profit 501©3  
 organization committed  
 to supporting families of  
 diversity for their sons to  
 experience a summer at  
 Camp Deerwood.*

## Campership/Scholarship Report

### Andy Smith



In 2024, we were gratified to welcome 27 boys to camp through the Scholarship program, 14 for the first session, 10 for the second session, and 3 for the entire season. The Foundation awarded \$150,355 in tuition costs, and also provided assistance for travel and accommodations totaling nearly \$4000 to help families make the journey to Deerwood. Individual awards ranged from a few hundred dollars to full tuitions. These young men gained immensely from their

experiences and gave so much by enriching the Deerwood community.

When you support the Foundation, you make it possible for us to promote the Scholarship Program by continuing to reach out to families in need, by strengthening current relationships with partner agencies that help us connect with prospective campers, and by seeking new agencies with whom we can ally to broaden our scope. We are so proud to partner with you in making the Scholarship Program thrive!

## The Treasurer’s Report

### From Deerwood Foundation Treasurer, Tom Riehl (since 2006)



The Deerwood Foundation was formed 30 years ago. In the first summer of 1995, we funded three camperships for \$6,000. Fast forward to the most recent summer, and the Foundation funded 29 camperships for over \$157,000. We are thrilled that we are able to support so many boys and their families.

Your generosity has allowed the Foundation to provide boys with a unique and enriching summer experience, while fostering personal responsibility and growth. These young men receive a summer of adventures and a lifetime of memories.

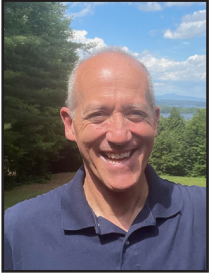
Thank you for your continued support. Over our 30 year history, the Deerwood Foundation has received 8,100 donations, with gifts totalling over \$2.2 million. This generosity has led to the funding of over 610+ camperships and Tree Talk scholarships.

The Foundation is well positioned to continue providing opportunities to those in need, in hopes of making the “Deerwood Experience” available to as many boys and young men as we can.

We so appreciate your trust and generosity.



## The View from the Deerwood Director's Chair Co-Director, Jeff Barclay (Barx)



those of the Foundation boys, and they filled me with the most rewarding feelings imaginable.

How proud these boys and their parents must have been when they read about all that they had accomplished around camp and contributed to their cabin groups. What also struck me was how these boys took advantage of the opportunities that they had to participate in things that they can't do at home. Each one of them went on an overnight trip. So many of them

channeled their inner creativity by completing art, shop, forge, and ceramics projects. They ventured well outside of their comfort zones to improve their swimming skills as well as to simply try new activities.

As each session came to a close last summer, the confidence that we were observing from these boys was indescribable. So many had become leaders, and a large number of them were looked to among their peers for leading roles in cabin skits and songs, Studio D, and drama productions, or simply helping to carry hilarious, memorable conversations at the table in Toots Shor. We cannot thank you all enough for helping to give these boys opportunities of a lifetime this past summer. It was so great to see them truly take advantage of those moments to grow.

*Jeff Barclay and Lorne Thomsen are the co-directors of Camp Deerwood.*



Foundation Board attendees (left to right): Andy Mathieson, Tod Campbell, Jim Vose, Bruce Wilhelm, Tim Caffrey, David Showalter, Cosby Hall, Biff Sutcliffe, J.B. Boynton, Dan Ragsdale, Stewart Ackerley, Don Brown, Andy Smith

This summer the Deerwood Foundation was able to hold its annual meeting in Buck's Room in Ty. We used the time to also hang a new plaque in honor of Len Thomsen, one of the founders of the Foundation. The meeting was followed by a spirited lunch in Toots Shor with the campers and the counselors. Fun was had by all.

# Giving During Fiscal Year 2023-24

## Squam Lakes Club- \$5000 or more

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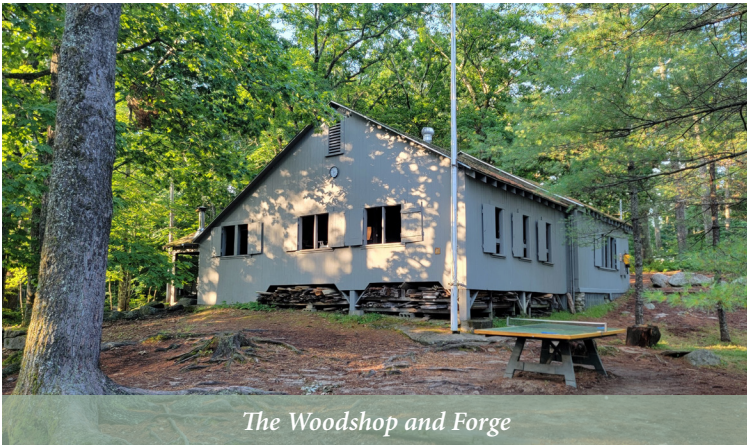
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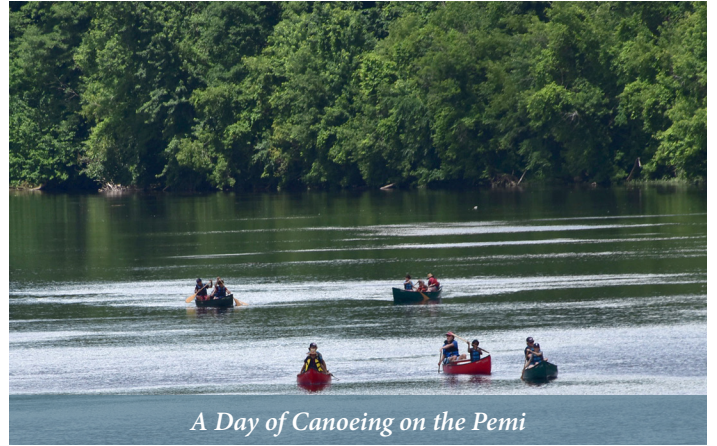
### **Jack and Will Sieber**

Kate and John Sieber





*The Woodshop and Forge*



*A Day of Canoeing on the Pemi*



*The bell that keeps everyone on time ALL summer*



*Sunset at the 'Fro*



*"Stade" Deerwood - Red clay courts "in the pines".*



*Trip souvenirs in Ty*

## **Deerwood's Summer of 2024**



All photos in the newsletter taken by Jeff Thomsen and other 2024 Deerwood counselors. We also appreciate Cosby Hall's work with both our Deerwood Foundation Instagram ([deerwoodfoundation](#)) and Facebook page.



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Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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**Camper Scholarships** -To provide financial assistance to allow boys between the ages of eight and fifteen years to attend Camp Deerwood. Such assistance will be provided without regard to race, religion or national origin of the recipient, and will allow boys to attend Camp Deerwood who would not otherwise be able to do so for financial reasons.

**Counselor Fellowships** – The Tree Talk Fellowship is a program where the Foundation can provide counselors with promising leadership potential, who may need extra support, to make a summer at Deerwood more financially feasible.

- To underwrite the travel and other expenses of counselors from foreign countries in order to enrich the experience of the campers at Camp Deerwood and to afford an opportunity for young people from foreign countries to learn about the American camping experience.
- To establish a permanent endowment fund to serve as a future source of support for the purposes of the Foundation.
- To receive unrestricted donations from individuals and corporations who wish to provide financial support to the Foundation to carry out its purposes.



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