

Fall 2021



A few words from Greg & Laura

Dear Parents, Campers and Alumni,

We hope that this newsletter finds you well and back to as close to normal as your home communities and common-sense permits. We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and spent time with your Family, which is what Thanksgiving is all about!

We wanted to take a moment to officially announce that we're postponing our Winter Reunion. With COVID currently on the rise nationally we feel it is prudent to push the reunion date until later this spring. Our campers come from so many different schools and communities; it would be irresponsible for us to bring everyone together under one roof. Later this spring, we'll be able to host most of the event outdoors and we're confident that by then, most of our campers will be fully vaccinated and COVID will be seasonally burning out.

Although camp is a much quieter place, Birchmont never rests. Of course, we've put the fields to bed after aerating, fertilizing and seeding and have begun the many repairs and cabin improvements for this coming summer. In conjunction with the Lake Wentworth Watershed Association, we're midway through a major renovation at our waterfront. Much of the unseen work will divert and infiltrate water, reducing sediments and nutrients that are entering Lake Wentworth during rain storms. Additionally, more than two hundred feet of our retaining walls will be replaced to both beautify our beach and ensure that Lake Wentworth remains a Class A lake for generations to come!

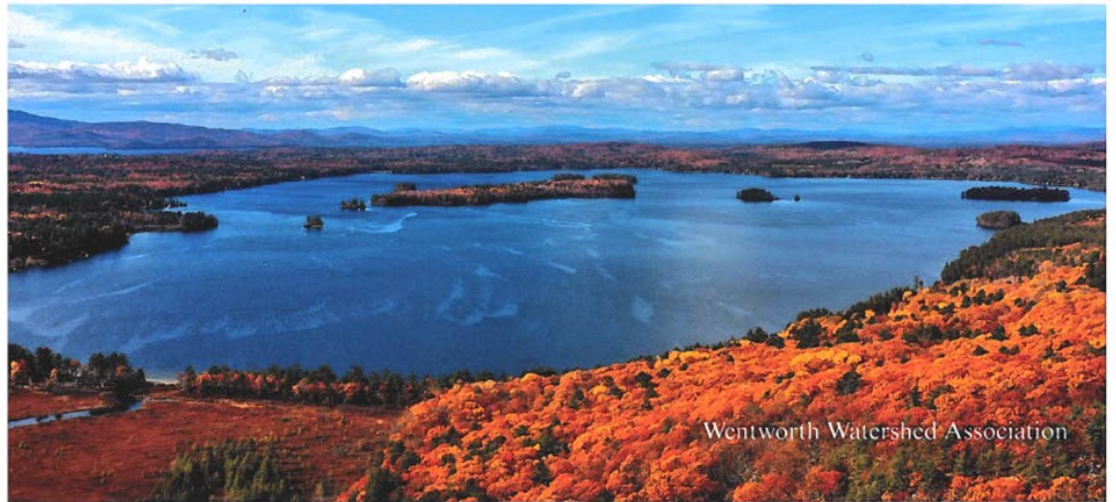
We're currently accepting bids to do a complete renovation of our Lower Tennis courts making all of Birchmont's courts second to none!

Camp enrollments are well underway and running significantly ahead of 2021. If you have not yet enrolled, we hope that you'll take the opportunity to do so soon. If we can assist you in any way, do not hesitate to contact us!

We are busy planning for 2022 and based on the availability of vaccinations for all camp aged kids we are optimistic that this summer camp will run like "before COVID" bringing back our ever-popular trip program and inter-camp competitions!

All the best,

Greg & Laura



Wentworth Watershed Association



BIRCHMONT - A PIERCE CAMP

Birch Peelings ~ Fall 2021

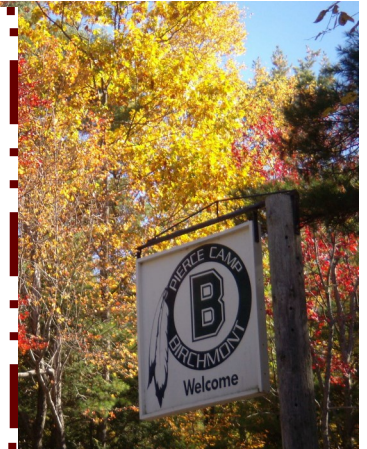
The Annual Quail Release!



This Fall's quail release went off without a hitch! On Columbus Day we had a beautiful day for our annual quail release from the "Johnny Hut" located down by our orchards. More than 70 (banded) quail were released into the wild to assimilate into the woods around camp. As always, we'll make sure to make feed and water available to them until the winter snow. Later that week I quietly walked around the orchard and took this photo of quail in the bush almost perfectly camouflaged. How many quail can you see in the photo below. Hint; there's more than 2 but less than 4; can you spot them?



2022 IMPORTANT DATES
Full & 1st Session Arrival
Sunday June 26th, 2022
1st Session Departure
Friday July 22nd, 2022
Parents Visiting Day
Saturday July 23rd, 2022
2nd Session & Rookie Arrival
Sunday July 24th, 2022
Rookie Camper Pick up
at Camp in New Hampshire
Saturday August 6th, 2022
Closing Day
Sunday August 13th, 2022



Camp T-Shirt Day 2021



I want to give a shout out for all the campers & staff that sent us a picture of themselves on Camp T-Shirt Day. Although we can't show everyone who posted yourselves on Camp T-Shirt Day, thanks to all who showed their Birchmont Spirit!

"THERE ARE NO STRANGERS HERE; ONLY FRIENDS YOU HAVEN'T MET YET"
 ~ William Butler Yeats



What's news with you? Camper, Counselor & Alumni



The Davison Family moved to Greece in 2020. All are hoping to return to camp in 2022!



The Trokel Family enjoying Halloween

Kiki Dummann took 2nd place in a horseshow this Fall.



Michael is running cross country this school year.

Alexandra is continuing her rhythmic gymnastics.



Ellen Winderbaum and her Grafton, MA cheer team came in third in the state competition and are going to the regional competition in CT! If they place in that tournament, they will travel to FL in December. Ellen has worked really hard, practicing with her team for many hours every week! She is looking forward to returning to Birchmont next summer!

Samantha Biton is on the Cooper team in Gymnastics, she recently won an award for being the best on her gymnastics level on the floor demonstration competition and she loves gymnastics



The Sandler Family

Jesse made his middle school tennis team and they had an undefeated season!

Dakota also started aerial lessons and is loving this new activity!



Greetings from Ireland

to all our Birchmont friends!

Dakota started playing flag football and her team was only one game short of making the Super Bowl! She also got to play against Sydney Sharfman twice- each of them winning one game.



Evan and Ronan McVeigh have been busy since camp ended. They continued their sailing adventures when they returned to Ireland. They sail Optimists (single-handed sailing dinghies) on Lough Derg, a beautiful lake near where they live. Evan is an avid fencer with Munster Blades and had his first regional fencing competition coming up soon. He is also a proud new member of the local swim team, the Nenagh Neptune's. Ronan also swims regularly and plays soccer with a local team, he Silvermines. They have both been playing tennis every week too. The photos are of them in their Halloween costumes and in warrior garb at King John's Castle in Limerick.

Dean Parobeck has been on a swim team since the start of Fall and going to competitions on the weekends!

He can't wait to swim at Birchmont this summer and practice his strokes!

What's news with you? Camper, Counselor & Alumni

Alumni News

Diana Bianchi is a lead doctor at NIH with Dr Fauci.

Jessica Goodman (sister Hailey Goodman also came to Birchmont, Tori and Mo's group) Wrote a young adult book, HBO Max picked it up as a series. Airing soon we are so excited for her.



1989 Jr. Girls.... Some of these campers now have campers at Birchmont! Can you find Leah and Owen Burns mom? Ryan, Will and Paul Cataldo's mom?



Jackson Tetreault October 3rd...End of the 2021 season. His last 2 starts for the Nationals Rochester Redwings AAA team. 2 starts, 11 innings 4 runs, 2 BB, 12 Ks, 3.37 ERA. Left after the game to head to the Nationals Training center in West Palm Beach FL to throw in front of the GM of the Washington Nationals

Thanks to our camp community who shared your news and accomplishments! Keep sending them our way so we can add your story to our next Birch Peelings...

Alumni at Family Camp



The Buksbaum and Forman Families



The Bleiman Family



The Gottlieb and Laufer Family

Family Camp 2022

This year's Family Camp will be held on Thursday, 8/18/22 - 8/22/22

Registration will open January 1, 2022

We hope that you'll join us for a few days of camp!



Sean Nolan
Was welcomed into the Kerpen family
on September 9 2021



Alumni Michael "Poppy" Stein and his wife Jen
Are excited to welcome their daughter
Magnolia Stein
January 2021





Ed Greene is officially a Grampa. Wel-
come Angelina Fay.



Carter Ryan Lippman JULY 2021

Theodore Aaron Chasin arrived on
February 26, 2021





Baby Oliver Roy Messer arrived on 2/21/22
Proud parents are Alumni
Jenna Reid & Steven Messer

Dad fought for the middle name to be Kancamagus, but mom was not having it.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR NEWLY ENGAGED ALUMNI

Jamie Sanford and James Purdy August 2021



Sarah Mills and Taylor Brown August 2021



Daniel Altoonian July 2021 to Debra Beauchamp