From the Director

The 2013 camping season officially ended on October 16, 2013. Camp opened on April 19, 2013 with a three day nature camp, sponsored by the Trustees of the Cabinaling foundation. Our last event will be the Pine Tree Grand Rally, which takes place on October 19. These are just a few that have been able to attend and the summer camp has played a major role. The leadership of the camp continues to serve a variety of groups and organizations. We have 20 different groups or organizations interested in attending camp at our facility this year. The camp program levels serve more than 100 individual campers including campers from France, Brazil, China, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Mexico, and others, along with a host of families and friends, and many siblings from Maine. Everyone involved is dedicated and we are in the process of a move, so don’t move your plans for your child’s camp by applying on December 5, 2013. It is exciting to see how the YMCA Camp of Maine can be used by so many different groups for so many different functions. We are doing our best to be a community resource for so many individuals and groups.

Kensington Lodge on the girl’s side of camp has been fully renovated. Master suites for 2014 include the 360’s Basketball Shooting facility along with the Halleck and Malloy Lodges. The exterior will be replaced including new wiring, new interior walkways, recycled lighting new canopies, updated stereo system and lawns. The canopy improvements are paid for as part of the camp’s capital improvements by govern.org and YMCACampMaine.org and with the “Steering Committee” thereon.

I would encourage you to donate in this way extra money and cancel your donations especially when your child can benefit from the upgrades. If this is not possible we are sorry or a scat. Please help us to keep the movement going as we move into our next phase of improvements. Isn’t it possible consider a gift to this very important program? Any and all donations are important and we continue with the very important and capital improvement program. The YMCA Camp of Maine has touched so many lives and truly make an impact on the campers who have attended. This means means you your support! so the YMCA and Maine continues to provide an experience that will truly last a lifetime!

Updated Photo Gallery

We had a professional photographer at camp this year and this took magnificent photos. The updated photo gallery can be found here: mainescapeorganization.org/ photos/
Calling All Alumni
Our Alumni family continues to grow with alumni registrations having been excellent. Have you registered as an alumni or on alumni pages yet? What are you waiting for? What a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow campers or staff. Whether you are alumni or still connected with camp, alumni always have an important place in the health and well-being of the whole camp operation. Each summer since the camp opened in 1974 has been an alumni reunion day. This celebration has gained momentum for the past three years. What a great opportunity to reconnect with some and get reacquainted with someone and staff from years past. This year’s Alumni Reunion and a staff member who passed away by the name of Abigail Adams. Abigail was a staff member in the early 70’s who was from England. Abigail was recognized with the naming of a tree in front of the Jeff Smith building.

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