

**YMCA of Greater Nashua**

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The last time I had contact with him was several years ago. Another family we've kept in touch with all these years are the Gallants, Ernie their son was a camper at Camp Sargent and held the YMCA Camp Sargent sign in the big Nashua parade celebration that first summer I was counselor. I wrote the eulogy for Rose Gallant, Ernie's mom, for her funeral. I went to see her and often wrote to the Gallants each year. I resided in Wilton, N.H. then and every time I go back to Wilton I ride by the South Merrimack exit to Camp Sargent. Special memories linger in my heart and the people who helped me with my first summer job my high school years. I particularly have fond memories of Alice Johnson, the camp nurse and Jim Hogan a good friend at that time from Nashua and Donald Mc Crocker, the counselor from Kentucky. They will always remain in my heart. The Camp Sargent songs were special, hope you can find some of them!

Go to [www.campsargent.org](http://www.campsargent.org) to see Bill's camp pictures and "Camp Talk" newsletters from the 50's

**Sargent's Word Scramble**

c	o	s	u	b	w	h	i	s	t	l	e
i	a	e	y	r	e	p	m	a	c	b	i
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p	k	e	a	i	a	k	o	s	f	r	e
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**Camp Sargent Lookout**

Find these words

*In Any Direction*

YMCA	Camp	Sergeant
media	technology	bus
snakes	worms	kayak
trails	paddle	lake
whistle	life vest	snack time
bubbles	carnival	golf ball drop
cotton candy	camper	computers
adventure	bears	fish



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**Mark you calendars...CARNIVAL 2008!**

**Wednesday July 23rd, 6:30-8pm** will be the 6th annual Family Carnival and golf ball drop fundraiser at Camp Sargent. Last year over \$7,000 was raised in golf ball sales. Proceeds were split between Camp Sargent capital improvements and the Strong Kids Campaign (page 3). Good food, friends, family and beautiful weather made for a great event last July. "Seeing hundreds of people come together to support the YMCA of Greater Nashua and Camp Sargent to enable us to continue to offer safe, affordable and quality camp programs is really special"-Randy Menken, camp Director.

Babies "R" Us, D.A.R.E., Merrimack F.D., NH National Guard, Uncle Benz ice cream truck were all on hand as fun, interactive vendors for children and adults. Thank you to all who donated and helped make this another wonderful family event for a great cause. This year's event is already gearing up to be even bigger and better than last year! With the creation of the golf ball drop committee and it's dedicated volunteers to help ensure we sell ALL 1,000 golf balls at \$10 each. Last year we also made it a little more exciting by making the grand prize a chance to win \$25,000

which we will be doing again! Unfortunately, nobody won that but we did have a \$500, \$100 and a few \$75 winners from the golf ball drop. For event details log onto [www.campsargent.org](http://www.campsargent.org) and to buy your golf ball tickets today contact Randy at [rmenken@nmymca.org](mailto:rmenken@nmymca.org) or (603) 881-7778

Want to help us reach our goal of selling ALL 1,000 golf balls to raise \$10,000 for camper scholarships & camp improvements? Then join the golf ball drop committee, it's fun, meet people and most of all you're helping us help OUR community!

**Camp Sargent Trivia**

Did you know ...

The History of Camp Sargent's name?

In 1924 the land for Camp Sargent on Naticook Lake was purchased by the Nashua YMCA as an overnight camp for boys in honor of Eaton B. Sargent who was mayor of Nashua and then YMCA board president.

And now you know ...

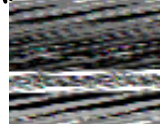
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**Calling All Alumni**



Shortly after the close of last year's summer camp, the Camp Sargent Preservation Council was developed to research Sargent's past. The largest part of its celebrated past are the people that filled it, beginning in 1924. Between counselors, campers, and administrators, thousands of people have called Camp Sargent home for the summer. We need YOUR help to re-connect with these people! An August 2008 alumni event is planned, and we'd love for you to attend. To register for the event now or to volunteer to help with the event's activities, please email Randy Menken at [rmenken@nmymca.org](mailto:rmenken@nmymca.org) or call (603) 881-7778. It is FREE to register; and there is no commitment except to keep informed of what's going on at Camp Sargent. Thank you for helping us continue to give children in Greater Nashua the very special gift of Camp Sargent.



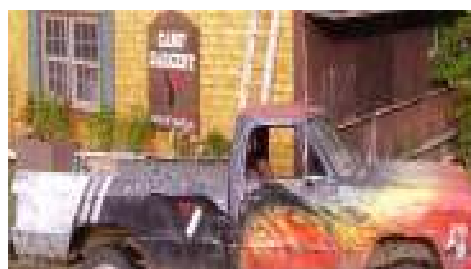
YMCA of Greater Nashua  
We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

## Dedicated member of Camp Sargent retires

Hardworking, loyal and never missed a day of work in its many years of employment. The Camp Sargent truck has been officially retired as of January 14th, 2008 from active use and has been delivered to the local camp truck cemetery. Campers, counselors and Directors have come and gone, however, the one staff member to stay through it all has been the very dedicated and hardworking camp truck. "There were just too many problems with it, especially this past summer" said Properties Director Mike Powers. It was used to transport extremely heavy and large items throughout the camp's 22 acres day in and day out for years but "it seemed like if the transmission wasn't broken then there was a problem with the engine not starting, everyday

seemed to be something new that was broken with the truck. We had to do this as a long term cost saving measure" says Sargent Director Randy Menken. Now, the search for a new (or at least new to Camp Sargent) camp truck begins. "The truck has been a long standing part of the Camp Sargent family but it just couldn't keep up with the rigorous duties on a daily basis this past summer"- Powers. For many years campers have enjoyed being creative in designing the truck's façade as a part of their arts and crafts program. "Now the time has come to retire the old one and get a newer, better working camp truck which arts and crafts will have fun designing for Sargent's next generation of campers"-Menken.

Do you own or know someone that owns a fully functional automatic pickup truck that would like to donate it to Camp Sargent? If so please contact Mike Powers at mpowers@nmyymca.org or (603) 881-7778 with all information you have on the truck! The truck would need to be able to climb steep hills. Remember... this donation is a tax deductible gift!



R.I.P Camp truck, we'll miss you

## Weekend Family Camp

New for 2008, Camp Sargent will be hosting Saturday Family Camps! Members and Non-members will have the opportunity to partake in all of the same activities that campers have been enjoying for 84 years. Counselors will be on hand to guide you through the day with your children to participate in archery, boating, swimming, arts and crafts and many other activities that are a daily part of your child's day at Camp Sargent! No need to pack a picnic lunch, we will be serv-

ing you lunch to ensure that this a 100% hassle free Saturday for you and your family. The dates are July 26th and August 16th from 10am-4pm. The prices are \$25/member family and \$50/non-member family for each date. Pre-registration is required. These are



replacing the bi-weekly family camps that Sargent used to offer. Bring your family to this fun filled weekend camp and you'll see what other Greater Nashua families have been enjoying for over 80 years! We'll see you there...

*For more information on the two Family Camps and all of Camp Sargent's exciting programs, go to [www.campsargent.org](http://www.campsargent.org) or check out future issues of Camp Sargent Lookout!*

## A note from the Director...



I hope that your new year has been treating you well. Programming, specialty camp lesson planning, hiring and planning field trips has already begun! With Spring around the corner this is a very exciting time for not only myself but for the many returning and new campers as well as our staff. This time of year we all have "camp" more and more on our

minds. Whether it be the activities, the friends, the memories or all of the above, this time of year has us thinking camp. Registration began on March 1st (about a week earlier than last year) and the turnout was great! As expected, the specialty camps were the first to begin filling up and I was thrilled to see the enthusiasm among not only the campers but even their parents! This summer is already

gearing up to be a great one! With such additions as the woodworking demonstrations (page 3) and the Saturday Family Camps (above) this year will offer a little more than last years programs. As we move forward, the common theme will continue to be, growth. Without you, we cannot do this so thank you and I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Questions, comments, or concerns for me? [rmenken@nmyymca.org](mailto:rmenken@nmyymca.org)

## Strong Kids Campaign needs YOUR help

We are well underway with our annual Strong Kids Campaign (SKC) and hope you are able to lend a hand to a great cause. SKC enables the YMCA of Greater Nashua to provide local families facing financial hardship Y Cares Scholarships to attend the Y for little or no cost. Thanks to SKC, the Y can offer the Camp Sargent experience to any child who wishes to attend! This year's SKC campaign goal for our entire association is \$200,000 which will benefit families in our community who otherwise could not afford such programs as swimming, karate, youth sports, after school, child care, dance, summer camp etc. During staff orientation prior to the start of the 2007 camp season, our



own Camp Sargent staff collectively donated \$687 out of their pockets to SKC. That is the equivalent to seven

weeks of camp! Most of us take for granted what we have until it's gone. Let's team up and help those who don't get the same chances we are fortunate enough to have. The holiday season doesn't have to be the only "giving" time of year, let's do just that — give to those who truly need our help. Of the association-wide goal of \$200,000 please help us raise our camp goal of \$5,000.

To give an example of the impact your donation will have, in 2007, \$37,574 in Camp Sargent tuition was awarded to children through Y Cares scholarships thanks to the Strong Kids Campaign! With your donation we can offer the Camp Sargent experience that so many children have been fortunate enough to have for 80+ years. Thank You!

"My son learned how to swim at Camp Sargent. without the SKC I wouldn't have been able to send my child to camp and he never would have learned how to swim". -Mother of a 2007 Y Cares camper

For more information on SKC and how you can help us hit our goal, email Randy Menken at [rmenken@nmyymca.org](mailto:rmenken@nmyymca.org) or call (603) 881-7778 or just ask for me next time you're at the Merrimack YMCA.

### Y FACTS

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\* In 2006, over 1,300 \*  
\* individuals received \*  
\* Y Cares Scholarships \*  
\* values at \$392,000. \*  
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The YMCA of Greater Nashua serves more local children than any other organization except the Nashua School District

Over 26,000 individuals used Y programs and services in 2006— 44% of these were children under 18.

It is our policy at the YMCA of Greater Nashua that no person be denied participation because of inability to pay

## Nature & Exploration camp is sure to have a "bowl" this year

Camp Sargent and Arnold & Sons Woodworking of Raymond, NH has collaborated to have campers participate in hands-on demonstrations conducted by Rick Arnold at Camp Sargent this summer. Arnold, who first reached out to Camp Sargent in the fall about volunteering his time to teach woodworking skills to campers says they are a small family owned and operated business that specializes in unique wood made products from writ-

ing utensils to wood signs. We are thrilled about this wonderful addition to Camp Sargent says Randy Menken-camp Director. Campers in Nature and Exploration during the week of June 30th will actively participate in the hands-on making of wood bowls, a specialty of Arnold & Sons Woodworking. More demonstration dates to be scheduled for Teen Camp and look for Rick as he will be set up at Carnival (page 1) doing live woodworking and

wood bowl crafting demonstrations! "We are fortunate to have Rick lending his expertise to woodworking and wood bowl making to our campers. The bowls made by the campers will be sold at Carnival to raise money for Camp Sargent and best of all, the wood used will all come from our own property"- Menken.

For more information on Arnold & Sons woodworking log onto: [www.arnoldandsonswoodworking.com](http://www.arnoldandsonswoodworking.com)

## "Camp Sargent Memories"

Written by Bill Webb (counselor 1953-1955) for this issue's Lookout

What a Delight to read of 84 years of Camp Sargent YMCA memories. In the years 1953-1955 I had the joy of being a senior counselor there and helped out with many of the camp activities in the summer. The staff and campers filled their summer weeks with wonderful meals and singing at the dining hall, campfires and stories in the evenings, great times with swimming and fun at the lake and sport-

ing events and special programs at the camp in the Nashua area. We all loved the hikes and cabin clean up competitions each week. I organized a "camp talk" newsletter and enclosed two of them to the alumni group for the 84 year memories. At the camp, one of my campers parents became long time friends over the years and on my first teaching job in their town the Shavers housed me in Hudson N.H. I've kept in

touch with Bob Carboneau and Pat all these years in Connecticut also. Bob was the activity director at the camp the first year I attended and his son Robby was an infant. Years later Robby was an ordained priest in Long Island, N.Y. and I attended the ceremony and gave him the Camp Sargent shots of his infancy days. Orville Tousley was director all three years I was a counselor and his support and encouragement helped us all. He retired in Hartford, CT.

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