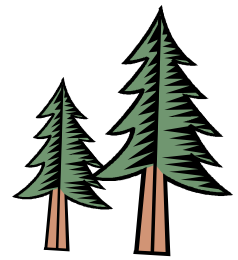


Camp Sargent

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Thank YOU for another GREAT summer!

August 22nd, 2008, marked the final day of the 2008 Camp Sargent season. Parents were invited to take part in a parent-camper picnic and were treated to watermelon and ice cream by their counselors. Staff going back to High School and College said goodbye to one another and shared memories of their summer with each other, campers, and parents. Pictures were taken with camper's groups and everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather. Some said goodbye until next summer and some campers will have the opportunity to continue their friendships made at Camp Sargent, while attending school together in the Fall. "This summer was a success all around" says Randy Menken, camp Director. "We had a great staff and great group of campers, everyone had fun and nobody was seriously hurt, that's the most I can really ask for"-Menken. The weather wasn't always on our side but the staff and campers were great through it all!



Campers and parents, thanks for a great summer!
From the staff.



Celebrating 85 years of memories!



First ever alumni event a success

Over 70 people came out to enjoy the first ever alumni event on Saturday, August 30th. It was a great day of remembrance, celebration, recognition, and fun! Camp Sargent's first Hall of Fame induction took place to recognize Eaton D. Sargent, Frederic E. & Muriel E. Shaw, and George R. LaRocque. Friends were reunited after years apart. Campers who are now parents, and even grandparents, brought their families to this event, to showcase the place that was so instrumental to their childhood and shared their memories with them as well as the staff. In attendance was YMCA of Greater Nashua CEO, Michael LaChance, who said "this was a wonderful opportunity to bring people together that have been impacted by the YMCA and Camp Sargent at some point in their life. Many of these individuals had not been to the camp in more than 25 years,



Former campers Bill Webb (front right) and Jack Marshall (left) enjoy lunch with other former campers



**YMCA of
Greater Nashua**

**We build
strong kids,
strong families,**

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Not just golf balls fell from the sky at the annual Carnival & golf ball drop

July 25th was the 6th annual Family Carnival & golf ball drop. Wet weather leading up to the event had many worried that it would not take place. As it neared the start time of 6:30pm the skies cleared up and were rain free! Many passerby's who drove down Camp Sargent Road stopped to see what was going on. Those who did attend the event were treated to delicious free samples of ice cream courtesy of Bruster's Ice Cream. Some other vendors at the event who volunteered their time for the evening were the Granite State Clowns (www.granitestateclowns.com), Merrimack Fire Department and The Dowg Shack of Merrimack for supplying dinner! Normally the Carnival and fundraiser golf ball drop take place the same night. Due to the incimate weather and chance of severe weather, the golf ball drop was postponed to the following week during the camp day. There were some big money winners, but nobody went home with the big \$25,000 prize. Thanks to all who attended the event, the staff who worked it, and the vendors who participated and helped make the evening special despite the weather.



One of the clowns from Granite State Clowns entertains a young carnival goer

Specialty camps continue to grow



Rick Arnold of Arnold & sons woodworking does a woodworking demonstration with a camper in the Nature & Exploration Camp

This summer was the second consecutive summer that camp's other than the traditional school age, mighty mini and teen camp programs were offered. And for the second straight summer they were a hit! Some sold out and some came close, but all of them were filled with enthusiastic campers and staff. A few of them were Archery Camp, Nature & Exploration Camp and Performing Arts camp which was held in the new amphitheatre. "The fact that my child can go to a specialty in the morning hours and then participate in the traditional camp activities in the afternoon really is the best of both worlds" said a mother of an archery camper. Thank you to all the special guests who visited us and helped put the "special" into our specialty camps!



Chris Pike of New England Archery does an archery camp demonstration

Camper / parent surveys to be mailed home

This fall we will be mailing home surveys to ALL parents of campers. The purpose of this survey is to directly ask the question to campers and their parents, "What are we doing right, wrong and how can we improve"? I feel this is crucial to the continued successes of camp. Without listening to what our campers and their parents are telling us, camp would not be able to improve and grow into a safe and more enjoyable place to be. The surveys will be evaluated and notes will be made on common remarks whether good or bad. This is something taken very seriously and I always look forward to getting direct feedback after each summer to assist improving the next.



Staff and campers listening to morning announcements at the brand new amphitheatre

Calling All Alumni

The biggest part of Camp Sargent's celebrated history are the people. Dating back to 1924. From counselors, campers, and administrators, thousands of people have called Camp Sargent home for the summer. We need YOUR help to reconnect with these people!

If you were a camper and or a staff member at camp please let us know by emailing Randy Menken at rmenken@nmymca.org or by calling (603) 689-2433.

We look forward to reconnecting with you to hear your camp memories and stories of camp, seeing your pictures of camp and especially giving you a tour of the new and improved Camp Sargent!

CARING HONESTY

Do you have questions about how Camp Sargent can meet the special needs of your child?

Contact Camp Director,
Randy Menken at
603-689-2433 or
rmenken@nmymca.org.

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

GOT PICTURES?

Did you go to Camp Sargent and have pictures of your experience that you would like to share with us for archive purposes? If so, please call Randy Menken at (603) 689-2433 or email at rmenken@nmymca.org. **pictures will be scanned and returned**



Sargent's Word Scramble

Y F I T Y S M E R U T A N H S
 T I L F T R W E S C A R I N G
 E S F N I C E C M N I K I N N
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Find these words
In every direction

- YMCA
- RESPECT
- HONESTY
- CARING
- RESPONSIBILITY
- BOSTING
- RAIN DAYS
- FRIENDSHIPS
- MEMORIES
- SPORTS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- ARCHERY
- CANOING
- SONGS
- AMPHITHEATRE
- SHAW PAVILLION
- PICNICS
- FIELD TRIPS
- GOLD RUSH
- CARNIVAL
- HIKING
- BUGS
- NATURE

Camp Sargent Trivia

Did you know...

And now you know

Continued from page 1... and it was a very emotional experience for them. To hear them share their memories meant so much. Camp Sargent really makes a difference in the lives of children and we heard it first hand by campers that attended the camp over the past 6 decades". The goal of the event was to bring together campers, staff, volunteers, and families that have been involved with the camp at some point over the past 84 years. Attendees as well as alumni who were unable to attend the event were asking if this would be an annual event. At this point, plans are in the works to do so. For 2009 alumni information please log onto www.campsargent.org or call Randy Menken at (603) 689-2433. Thank you for helping us make the first ever alumni event such a wonderful success!



Muriel Shaw accepts the Hall of Fame award on behalf of what she and her late husband Frederic have done and continue to do for camp.

We hope to see you at the 2009 alumni event!
Stay tuned for details...

Robert Sargent Fay grandson of Eaton D. Sargent accepts his grandfathers Hall of Fame award and shared some of his memories of Eaton and Camp Sargent.

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Camp Sargent Lookout

Wild West day strikes **GOLD!**

August 8th was not only a beautiful day or the director's birthday but marked the summer's most popular Friday theme day. This was no ordinary theme day however, it was Wild West day. Entirely organized and run by campers in the teen camp. Staff and campers all participated in this exciting and fun-filled event! The day started off with a camp-wide gold rush collecting gold rocks and coins. Then campers went to the "bank" where they redeemed their gold for tickets. The tickets were then turned into the "store" for different items such as pencils, yo yo's, hand held pinball games, pop corn, ruby studded rings, gold coin shaped notepads and even gold nugget shaped bubblegum! . Can't wait for 2009!



Bankers Kellye Lovett (Asst. Camp Dir.) and Parris Ballentine (Lifeguard) check deposited gold's authenticity to decide how much \$\$\$ it's worth.



A young cowboy shows off his gold while on line at the bank