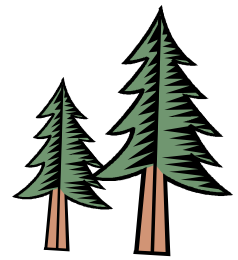


Camp Sargent



Lookout

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Many different events occurred in the year 1924. Calvin Coolidge became the first President of the United States to deliver a radio broadcast from the White House, J. Edgar Hoover was appointed head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in New York City the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held and during the summer, Camp Sargent

Happy 85th birthday!



many wonderful staff this camp has employed, and especially the campers that have grown up to become incredible role models and leaders who are now scattered throughout the world. For old videos and pictures log onto www.campsargent.org and click on "camp history".



W.R. Gumb (center)
Camp Director from
1924 - 1939.

was introduced to the Greater Nashua community. Little did the staff and campers of that inaugural summer camp season know, however, what type of tradition they would be setting. Over 100,000 campers and staff have called Camp Sargent their home for the summer. "Pride is the first word that comes to mind when thinking about being director of Camp Sargent during its 85th year," said camp director Randy Menken. "I am honored to be following in the footsteps of so

The earliest staff picture in our alumni archive from 1924

OPEN HOUSE
 Saturday, May 16th 1-3pm
 Saturday, June 13th 1-3pm



Whether your child is already registered or you are considering Camp Sargent for your child this summer, this will prove to be a valuable experience for both you and your child! If the open house dates/times don't fit your schedule contact Randy Menken at rmenken@nmyymca.org or 881-7778 to schedule a tour.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ready for Summer? We are!

June 22nd will kick off our 85th years of teaching and working with children at Camp Sargent, providing a great addition to the already dynamic Assistant Director team. "Miss" Tiffany Joslin, as she is known around both the Nashua and Merrimack Y, is a Keene State College graduate and will be our new Performing Arts Director. She comes from a background of dancing and performing and is the Director of Enrichment & Family Services in the Nashua YMCA. Ben Rodon is returning to the staff, but as the Sports Director. He is currently in school studying Criminal Justice. He enjoys any opportunity to work with and teach children and loves to play sports. His passion for both of these things will undoubtedly shine through to all of the campers. Ben is also a youth advocate in a transition home. In addition to being a

student and a youth advocate, Ben even finds time to be a substitute teacher. Kelly Jo, the new Arts & Crafts Director, is currently a preschool teacher in the Merrimack YMCA and holds an art education degree from the University of West Florida. She will add a great deal of expertise to the program as her knowledge of arts and joy of working with school age children will be met each day. Lastly, our Archery Director Tiffany Sheibler, who is level I archery certified, will be our head archer and can't wait to join the Camp Sargent staff! Welcome, new program directors, welcome back Scott (boating) and "Nature" Dawn, and of course our terrific counselors who help make Camp Sargent a great environment for their campers.



YMCA of Greater Nashua

Thanks to properties director Mike Powers and his talented staff, we now have a covered pavilion at the front of camp. It is located in between the basketball court and volleyball court. It is similar in design to the Shaw Pavilion. With a raised concrete floor, this pavilion has many different uses. For example it will provide cover in the event of rain, as well as a shady spot on bright sunny days. Also, the picnic tables

New Pavilion is up and ready for use

will be a designated lunch spot for a few groups each day, and at the front of camp it will act as the new drop-off pick-up spot for parents. Also, there will be about 100 hooks along the side of the structure so that campers will now be able to hang their belongings on hooks rather than

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laying on the ground. The project began after camp ended last summer and Mike was expecting to complete it by the first snowfall. However, as we know, we had snow earlier than expected this year and the construction was put on hold until now. Thanks again to Mike and his crew for building an incredible structure that will be a part of Camp Sargent for many years to come.



**Camps are filling up. Don't wait.
Register now!**

There are limited spots available for Specialty camps. **Performing Arts, Archery** and **Nature & Exploration** Camps are almost full. Register now to secure your child's spot this summer.

ALL SUMMER

Mighty Mini Camp, offered for the five to six year olds, **Summer Fun Camp** for children entering first to sixth grade and **Teen Camp** for children entering seventh to tenth grade are wonderful alternatives if your child is not able to attend a specialty camp, which are only offered during certain weeks of the summer.

Carnival 2009

Mark your calendars, **Friday July 17th at 6pm is the seventh annual family carnival.** Dinner, concession food and carnival games/activities will take place for a minimal fee. ALL proceeds to benefit the YMCA of Greater Nashua's Strong Kids Campaign which provides financial assistance to those in our community who need it most. Last year, Carnival was a little soggy but all the families who came out enjoyed great food, terrific entertainment (right) and even free ice cream samples from Brusters ice cream, thanks Brusters! Join us for a great time and help support a wonderful cause.
We'll see ya there!



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

Want to be a vendor? Contact Randy Menken at rmenken@nymymca.org or (603) 881-7778

The lodge has something NEW to shine about

Whether you are a camper, parent, staff member or alumni, you will stop in your tracks when you see the new floor in the main lodge. Last fall, while constructing the pavilion (page 1), Mike Powers (Properties Director) along with his staff, replaced the very old and dilapidated floor with a beautiful pine floor, as the "after" picture demonstrates.

"I couldn't believe my eyes when I stepped into the lodge and saw the new floor during the October Halloween Spooktacular event!"-parent

Below, the natural sunlight shines brightly into the lodge, making it a great office, visitor center and workspace for so many during the summer months. Along with the floor being replaced, areas along the roof were patched and sealed to protect the floor from water coming in.

A few new windows were also installed in the lodge to help keep flying insects out as well as a means of better ventilation all summer long. The previous lodge floor had holes in some areas that had been there for many, many years. This new floor means that campers 20 years from

now will be able to come into the lodge and not have to worry about where to step or any loose planks of wood. This was a much needed addition and we can't wait for you to see it!



BEFORE AFTER

Calling All Alumni

The biggest part of Camp Sargent's celebrated history, dating back to 1924, is the people. From the campers to the counselors 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 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 hearing your camp memories and stories, 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

Sargent's Scramble

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Find these words
In every direction

- car
- toothpick
- kayak
- vest
- oar
- weather
- pelican
- shoes
- pen
- phone
- water
- fountain
- website
- rain
- dirt
- leader
- pedal
- baseball

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.



Camp Sargent Trivia

Did you know...

Tiffany, this year's archery director is a third generation YMCA Camp Sargent attendee? Her father, mother and grandmother attended Camp Sargent as campers.

And now you know!

In October, family and friends of Camp Sargent and other members of the community came out for a spooky good time. Face painting, hay rides and pumpkin carving were just some of the activities for families to participate in. The main attraction was the haunted house. Located in the arts & crafts cabin and extending outside under tents, the haunted house consisted of a couple of themed rooms that gave chills to all who

Halloween Spooktacular



entered. A very special thank you to Jenny and Tiffany from the Nashua Y and Randy from Camp Sargent for organizing the event. Thank you to Jake at the Merrimack Y for rounding up volunteers from Merrimack High, Bishop Guertin and UNH. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the Spooktacular a lot of fun! Check out www.campsargent.org for updates on the date and time of the 2009 Spooktacular.

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Don't Be Ticked Off By This Season's Pests:

What You Should Know About Mosquito & Tick Prevention

To Protect Yourself against **TICKS:**



- Wear light colored clothing to make spotting a tick easier.
- Wear a long sleeve shirt and pants, tuck pants into socks, and tuck shirts into waistband of pants.
- Be sure to wear closed toed shoes and a hat.
- Use an approved insect repellent when outdoors according to label instructions.
- When walking outside, stay in the middle of trails to avoid contact with vegetation.
- Avoid areas known to have a high tick population.
- Perform tick checks routinely, inspecting all areas of the body: armpits, nape of neck, behind the knees, private areas, and all hair prone regions of the body.

To Safely Remove a Tick:

- Use tweezers or a tick spoon to properly remove the pest. It is important not to crush the tick.
- When removing, it is important to grasp the base of the tick and stay close to the surface.
- Pull the tick upwards using slow, steady, and evenly applied pressure. Once removed, disinfect the wound site.
- Do not flush, crush, or burn the tick. We recommend placing the tick in a vial of isopropyl alcohol.
- Lastly, it is important to mark on your calendar the date that the tick was removed. Symptoms such as rash, headache, joint pain and fatigue can typically occur within a few weeks. If this does occur, contact a health care professional immediately.

To Protect Yourself against **MOSQUITOES:**



- Avoid outdoor activities during peak mosquito times (dusk to dawn)
- Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing as well as long sleeve shirts, pants, and socks.
- Use an approved insect repellent when outdoors according to label directions.

To obtain additional information or a FREE tick removal spoon and a tick wallet identification card, please call Atlantic Pest Solutions Companies, at (800) 439-7716 or visit us on the web at www.atlanticmosquitocontrol.com.



****PARENTS****

During our staff training, Atlantic Mosquito & Tick Company will be hosting a seminar on tick & mosquito protection, detection and safe removal for campers.