



# Camp Lawrence Chatter

October 2017



**NOTES from the CAMP DIRECTOR...** I hope everyone is having a wonderful fall! The day after Boy's Camp ended, many families rolled in for an active and beautiful nine days of Family Camp. For those of you unfamiliar with Family Camp, it is very similar to Boy's Camp, except it is a cabin camp experience for families. It was great to have Dan Morton back for Family Camp this year. Some of you may remember him as a counselor and program director.

At the end of August, I had several staff members come to stay with me. Phelele, Matthias, Julia and Klaudia all came for a few nights. In September, Ryan Kell our transportation coordinator and resident "White Walker" also visited for a couple of nights before flying home to resume his role on *Game of Thrones*.

September was a busy month at Camp Lawrence. During the second weekend, we had a small group from the Crimson swim team, followed the next weekend by almost 150 people from the Crimson swim team, and the fourth weekend we had a group of 25 people. The old zip lines were taken down and replaced with a zip platform and two new zip lines. Two people are now able to zip simultaneously. I'm really excited to see the new zip lines and platform in action next summer. Alex Kramer (Alumni, CIT 97') was involved in all phases of the construction donating countless time and effort into making the project possible. Alex is hoping to eventually turn the poles that hold the zip platform up into a climbing tower. I'm looking forward to seeing his vision completed.



October came really quickly. At the beginning of October a group of alumni had a small fundraising event at Camp Lawrence to raise money for a new ski boat for next summer. It was a spectacular weekend and a great chance to catch up with some camp people. We were also lucky to have Dave Hamblet (Owner of Y-Landing Marina) and Jennifer Howe Rosen (parent of Lucas Rosen-Sessions 1 & 2) drop by with a few people. The alumni gave us a good start towards a new ski boat for next summer. I'm hoping we will be able to raise the rest of the funds needed to purchase the boat for this summer, if not, definitely for summer 2019.

The summer of 2017 was yet another fantastic summer of sunshine and many special days, except for the third consecutive year that I've been on the losing team for Orange and Gray. It was definitely a summer of lollipop moments; getting to see old friends and making new ones. I want to thank all the staff and campers for helping to make the Summer of 2017 an outstanding one!

Updates on staff and campers: **Matt Corsetti** has been busy in his spare time announcing football games on the radio in New Hampshire. **Matthias** is doing well. After traveling on the East Coast, including Cape Cod, he is currently back in Denmark happy to be home, but missing camp. **Vandy** and **Fuma** are having a nice fall semester at Colby. **Julia** and **Klaudia** traveled all around the USA after Family Camp, including L.A., where they stayed with a Nokomis alumni. Both of them are now back in Poland and finishing their masters in engineering. **Ryan Kell** is gearing up for *Game of Thrones*. **Cody Ross** relocated to the Lawrence/Andover area to start working full time for the Merrimack Valley YMCA, unfortunately while his new job is for our YMCA, he might not be able to return to camp next summer. **Adam Hamblet** (Session 2) has been having a good soccer season. **Casey Marchese** (3&4) will be starting crew season soon. **Xavier Johnson** (1-4) has been doing great in school with almost all A's. **Cade** (2, 3&4) and **Dylan Mcgraw** (2&3) both had a great start to their school year, although they miss camp and can't wait for next summer. Neither can I.

In the meantime, I hope you all look back on the summer fondly and remember the fun, the friends, the struggles and the triumphs. I hope every now and then you make a conscious effort to go out of your way to help someone, pay a compliment to someone outside your circle, or even just say hi to someone new in your school. A moment of your kindness can make an entire day brighter for someone else. All my best wishes for you and your families!

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Priority Registration for the 2018 summer began on September 6, 2017. Registration for all began on October 2, 2017.

Sessions are filling up fast and waitlists are starting.  
Call the Camp Office at 978-975-1330 before it's too late!

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