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Dear Netop alumni, parents and friends,

In 2010 Netop will celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> season since its reopening. Together with Steve Hallowell and his family, we share the commitment and vision of a strong Netop for many future generations. Indeed, the positive life experience from our own years at Netop continues to impact us in a profound way. Today, we are proud to launch a fundraising campaign to restore the centerpiece structure of Netop: the Lodge. As the physical and emotional hub of the camp, the Lodge not only serves a critical facilities role, but its history and tradition connect all generations of Netop campers and their families – past, present and future.

In the few short years since its revival, Netop has once again taken its place among the finest camps in Maine. Major investments in facilities and infrastructure have positioned Netop for a strong future and enrollment continues to climb each year. While there are many ongoing improvements planned, the most significant is the Lodge renovation. Built as a dance pavilion in 1927 and serving as the camp lodge from 1956-1987, the building's history is impressive and rich. But, time has caught up with the Lodge. We are establishing a goal of \$125,000 to make necessary repairs and improvements to its structure, electrical system, roof, kitchen and facilities.

We know there are many competing priorities for your contributions, but we urge you to consider this opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the future of Netop and the young people who will benefit from the experience. Gifts may be made over a three year period (2009-2011) because we expect the Lodge renovations will be ongoing through 2011. Levels of donor recognition have been established which are modeled after Netop's legendary tribal games competition:

- Sachem – \$3,000+
- Chief – \$1,500-\$2,999
- Brave – \$500-\$1,499
- Supporter – \$499 or less

All donors will be recognized permanently on a beautiful wooden plaque to be placed in the Lodge. Please consider corporate-sponsored grants as well. Gifts are payable directly to Netop Summer Camp or, for tax deductible purposes, to "ACA Campership/Netop". (Note: the ACA retains a 7.5% administrative fee.) If you wish to participate in this worthy campaign to support Netop's future, please complete the commitment form and return it by December 1, 2009. Every level of support is welcome and every donation of any size is important to this effort – we have a great body of Netop alumni and if we can draw on a broad range of donations we are confident we can achieve our goals.

Thank you for your participation and support. We hope to see you at a future Netop reunion!

**Matt Caras, Scott Doyle, Larry Gordon, Andy Hester, Tim Hester & Bob Phinney**