



Birch Pond Beacon

May 2010

Casco, Maine

Ready to launch

The countdown is on! With just 43 days until opening day, the excitement is building for Netop campers everywhere. As campers finish up the school year, thoughts turn to the friendships, memories, new experiences and summer adventures that lie ahead. Our geographic diversity continues to expand as campers will venture to Netop from:

- 4 countries: US, Spain, France, Italy
- 15 states, including ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, PA, NY, NJ, DE, VA, MD, TN, FL, AZ, IA, plus Washington, D.C.



Birch Pond is a natural, unspoiled gem

Rocketry comes to Netop

Building on the popular woodcraft and leathercraft activities, Netop will introduce a "rocketry" program this year. Campers will have the opportunity to assemble and design model rockets. Working with Estes rockets, campers will then perform an impressive launch, with heights reaching 1000 feet!

Meet the 2010 Staff

The Counselors

- **Andrew Hallowell** – PA; U. of Md. graduate; next year in China; soccer, guitar, basketball
- **Marcus Keely** – NC; son of alum, Paul Keely; Wake Forest grad; web design; film, photography, drama
- **Nick Ray** – MD; U. Md.; Waterfront Director; swimming, basketball, woodsman, trip leader
- **Colby Morgan** – MA; U. of Vermont; drama, baseball, rock band, CIT program director
- **Matt Noe** – PA; U. of Maryland; soccer, lacrosse, swimming, golf, woodsman
- **Kaleem Jones** – NY; Amherst College; volleyball, basketball, conditioning
- **Matt Taylor** – PA; U. of Maryland; basketball, swim instructor, tennis, trip program
- **Kevin Scott** – PA; West Chester Univ.; woodsman, archery, baseball, crafts
- **Matt McNabb** – Glastonbury, CT; tennis, conditioning, cross country, basketball
- **Porter Grieve** – Topsfield, MA; soccer, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, baseball
- **Andrew Carslon** – Casco, ME; sailing, conditioning, soccer
- **Peter Brown** – Wyncote, PA; swimming, golf, rocketry, woodsman
- **Jon Bolduc** – Windham, ME; fishing, archery, crafts
- **Kevin Slider** – Fort Washington, PA; lacrosse, conditioning, boating

The CIT Work Staff

- Deion Desir – Brooklyn, NY
- Craig Michelbacher – Oreland, PA
- Converse Peirce – Chester, NY
- Charlie Tabachnick – Plymouth Meeting, PA
- Ben Walker – Plymouth Meeting, PA

Our Core Values: Relationships, Empathy, Balance, Respect, Personal Growth

The Rest of the Team

- *Directors:* Steve Hallowell, Mike Griffin, David Daddio, Geoff Hester
- *Nurses:* Mary Tobin, Beth Hallowell, Mimi Gallo
- *Work staff supervisor:* Sarah Hallowell
- *Facilities:* Ron Coleman
- *Food Service:* Jon Carlson, Gale Sampson

Alumni Reunion: Save the Date!

June 24-26, 2011

Mark your calendar and watch this space for more details about an exciting reunion in 2011.



We are looking forward to a warm and sunny Maine summer!

Facilities update

It's been a busy off-season at Netop with lots of improvements in the works. These include:

- Major Lodge entrance renovations
- 4 new tents, bringing the total to 18
- New office space in Lodge
- Resurfaced basketball court
- New portable outdoor benches
- Decks & stairs for second entrance on tent side of Head
- Covered conditioning center at former rifle range area



The baseball field is ready for exciting inter-camp action this summer!

Netop Nuggets – News & More



Matt Dunne for Governor of VT – Matt Dunne, former VT State Senator and Netop alum ('81-84), is running for the Governor of VT. Best of luck, Matt!



Camper 100 – Our 100th camper to enroll at Netop this year is Matthew Davis, 10 year old son of alumnus, **Lee Davis** ('79-'83) and wife Heather. The Davis family resides in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



Volunteer Weekend (June 17-20) – Some of the alumni planning to join us this year include: Russ Haden, Jim Baldrige, Scott Doyle, Karl Block, Andy Hester, Matt Caras, Paul Keely, Pete Keely, Bob Brown, David Kirchthurn and Pete Lavers.



Cottages for rent – Two cottages on Birch Pond are available (as a package) for off-season rental. Aug 10-20. Call Doug Webster at 207-233-4496 for details.



Prospective camper? – If you are considering Netop and would like a tour or opportunity to visit for a day or overnight this summer, contact us to reserve a spot.

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