



Birch Pond Beacon

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Casco, Maine

Ready for camp!



With camp starting in just one month, momentum is building for another exciting Netop summer. Campers are beginning to think about the friendships, experiences and new adventures that lie ahead. Once again, our campers are a geographically diverse group, with boys coming from 15 states in the U.S., plus Spain, France, Germany, UK, Taiwan and Qatar.



Members of the Netop leadership team (Steve Hollowell, Mike Griffin, Jon Carlson, Kevin Scott) at winter planning meeting in Gloucester, MA

Meet the 2014 Staff

We are truly excited about the 2014 staff! Staff positions were filled over the fall and winter with a record number of applicants. It is a veteran and well-qualified group. Here are a few facts about our **50** staff members:

- **32** staff members were previous campers who have risen up the ranks
- **40** staff members (80%) have been at Netop for at least 5 years
- **63** years of collective Netop experience exists in the 6-person leadership team
- **90%** of the 50 staff members have prior Netop experience
- Colleges represented by our counselors include: Bowdoin, Bucknell, Butler, Colby, Drew, Kenyon, Lafayette, Middlebury, Montana State, Penn State, Rhodes, St. John's College, St. Lawrence, Temple, U. of Maine Farmington and Vanderbilt University



The Nurse Team includes (left to right) Beth Hollowell, Mimi Gallo, Mary Tobin; and Ann Overton (not pictured)

Program News



A new fishing dock is now being built. This will expand access to the many fish in Birch Pond!

Plans are underway for Netop's traditional favorites, including tribal games, inter-camp games, wilderness trips, campfires, Klondike Day, Carnival Night, clubs, Pizza League basketball, morning activities, Arcadia Social and many others. We look forward to a new woodshop activity, plus more fun with our additions last year of mini golf, stand-up paddleboarding and water trampoline.



The Beach Luau is a favorite event featuring games and contests, plus a huge beach cookout.

Netop Goes to Hollywood



"Netop Goes to Hollywood" features camper rock band performances and creative short films.

Tribal Games



The Mohawks celebrate the find of the Medicine Stick to launch the 2013 tribal games. The "stick", crafted by alumnus Leif Liberg, resembled the Olympic torch.

2014 Scholarship campaign

Once again, over 20 boys will receive financial assistance to attend Netop. The Netop Friends Fund was created to help deserving families afford the positive life experience that Netop offers. Tax-deductible gifts can be made through our non-profit partner, the American Camp Association, a 501(c)(3) organization. Checks payable to: ACA Scholarship/Netop, 1617 Hopegate Drive, Maple Glen, PA 19002. Or, for donations by credit card:

www.acacamps.org/campership. Thank you!

2014 camp season dates

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| Session I: | 6/26 – 7/19 | 3.5 weeks |
| Session II: | 7/20 – 8/6 | 2.5 weeks |
| Full Season: | 6/26 – 8/6 | 6 weeks |
| "Starter" sessions: 6/26 – 7/7 & 7/8 – 7/19 | | |

From the alumni archives....



Peter Keely watches the popular trampoline activity from the '60s and '70s. The old Craft House sits in the background.



Thanks for your support during 2013!



As our scholarship campaign for 2014 gets underway, we want to thank and acknowledge our many supporters during calendar year 2013. Your contributions of time, money and resources helped make 2013 a successful year. We hope you will support Netop again in 2014.



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2014 Scholarships

Our **scholarship** campaign is underway for 2014. Please consider making a *tax-deductible* contribution to help fund scholarships for over 20 campers in 2014. To donate by credit card, click [Donate Now](#), or send a check payable to American Camp Association (put "Netop Scholarship" in the memo line) and mail to: 1617 Hopegate Dr., Maple Glen, PA 19002. Thank you!

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