



Birch Pond Beacon

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Soaring to new heights!

On a picturesque evening in July, the sky and atmosphere offered exceptional conditions to experience Netop from the air. Seizing the moment, three of us dashed to nearby Sebago Lake and hired a seaplane to take us back to Netop for a series of flyovers. Within minutes we had the most amazing sequence of aerial views.



Aerial photos by Gracie Griffin

Back at camp, everyone was gathering for dinner. With the seaplane fast approaching, staff on the ground quickly organized a large human "N" on the baseball field.



2014 Four Spokes Awards

Congratulations to the campers who most exemplified the "four spokes" in 2014:

- Mental* – leadership, responsibility, judgment
- Social* – friendship, empathy, teamwork
- Physical* – sportsmanship, skills, fitness
- Spiritual* – values, character, community impact

	<u>Session I</u>	<u>Session II</u>
Mental	Mason Jones	Dan Tomkovicz
Social	Matt Walker	Jack Reed
Physical	Dan Tomkovicz	Matt Walker
Spiritual	Leo Farrell	Joey Calabresi

New wood shop opens

Campers eagerly signed up for our new wood shop activity. A wide variety of projects were skillfully created, such as ping pong paddles, foot stools, bird houses and baseball bats. The new space was created from the old rifle range by a team of talented alumni and staff just days before the opening of the camp season.



Awesome staff!

The 2014 Netop staff was collectively our most experienced group ever, with 80% of the team having spent 5 or more years at Netop. Their experience, care and enthusiasm showed throughout the summer. In our post-camp survey, campers overwhelmingly rated their counselors as “awesome”.



2015 camp season dates

Session I:	6/25 – 7/18	3.5 weeks
Session II:	7/19 – 8/5	2.5 weeks
Full Season:	6/25 – 8/5	6 weeks
Starter A:	6/25 – 7/6	12 days
Starter B:	7/7 – 7/18	12 days

“Starter” sessions for new campers 8-11 yrs only



23 total tents were in use this past summer

Special days & events

Tribal games....Klondike Day...Carnival Night...Casco Days...Arcadia Social...Pizza League basketball.... Italian Night...Old Orchard Beach Trip...July 4th fireworks... Beach Luau...Papa Jon Night...these are just some of the many special traditions from the summer that will create lasting memories for campers and staff.

Exploring Birch Pond



Stand up paddle boards provide campers with a unique way to explore the wonders of Birch Pond

Netop’s Got Talent



Guitar instruction and rock band continue to be popular favorites among many campers

Alumni bonds

We had another outstanding alumni work weekend in June. Many valuable projects were completed, including new wood shop, kitchen deck and ramp, office shelves, basketball rack, staff PC cabinet, tent and dock set up and many others. Most of all, we all enjoyed the Netop spirit, friendship and stories from the past. Thank you alums!



1st row (l to r) – Leif Liberg, Doug Chubb, Karl Block, Jay Gallo; 2nd row – Russ Haden, Bob Brown, Scott Doyle, David Daddio; 3rd row – Steve Hallowell, Jim Baldrige, Mike Griffin