

Camp Beech Cliff

NEWS BRIEFS

Camp Registrations Coming in Fast

Our 2009 Camp Brochure went in the mail on March 2 and summer camp registrations and campership applications are coming in at record rates. If you know children who want to come to camp this year, help them get their registrations in soon! Forms are at www.campbeechcliff.org or you can call us at 207-244-0365.

Favorite Staff Returning

We hire 30-35 full-time seasonal staff for summer camp. The best 70% of last year's staff are returning - from U. of Maine at Orono, Bowdoin College, MDI towns, Skowhegan, Hamden, and several points out-of-state.

2009 Camp Director

Some of you will already have heard the good news that Kevin Downey, our Director of Outdoor Education, has been promoted to Camp Director as well. His remarkable background includes not only wide-ranging outdoors experience, but also teaching on the Zuni Reservation in New Mexico and working for the Peace Corps in eastern Russia.

Kevin has been busy this winter collaborating with the senior counselors who will coordinate Camp Beech Cliff's three grade-based camps and the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program. They have been developing plans that will make the Thunder Camp, Lightning Camp and Quasar Camp programs more distinct this summer. For instance, Quasar days will be divided into half-day blocks that allow time for field trips and in-depth projects at camp.

New for Summer 2009!

Camper photographers and writers will help produce the weekly camp newsletter this summer. If you would like a copy emailed to you each week, please send your email address to brenda@campbeechcliff.org.

Our Nature Program will be exploring more of our 50 acres of woods and water and is also expanding out into the MDI Community and Acadia National Park.

Climbing the Walls

From January to mid-April, the indoor climbing wall in our Eagle's Nest building provided hours of fun and cabin-fever-cure for community members young and older.

- ★ **Wall Nuts**, for kids and their families
- ★ **Women Rock**, for women age 30 and up
- ★ **Open Community Climbing**, a new program by popular demand, for everyone 16 years or older

Challenge Course Opens for the Season

Students from Ellsworth's ASPIRE program and from George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill are opening the 2009 season on our outdoor low and high Challenge Course. Throughout the spring, we'll be offering customized programs and field trips for schools and other community groups.

SPRING PROGRAMS

For school classes, sports teams, clubs, music ensembles, outdoor orientation programs, & extracurricular organizations

- ★ **Challenge Course** - group challenge activities at ground level and on our low and high "ropes" courses; customized to your program goals
- ★ **Character Education** - at your location or at our site, we can integrate best-practice programs into your curriculum and address specific Maine Learning Results PEIs
- ★ **Service Learning** - opportunities for projects that teach life skills while benefiting the community
- ★ **Adventure Education** - hiking, canoeing, kayaking, backpacking and rock climbing
- ★ **Alternative Orientation Programs** - can include challenge course, adventure education and/or other experiential education activities
- ★ **Rustic Retreats** - run your own program on our beautiful site; camp out or stay in our Eagle's Nest building
- ★ **Custom Programs** - integrate any of the above

Training for teachers & other group leaders

Learn to facilitate team-building activities in the classroom or on our low ropes course. Side benefit: You will receive a discount when you help lead your class or nonprofit group on a low ropes program at Camp Beech Cliff.

Interested? Have questions? Want to register?
Contact Kevin at kevin@campbeechcliff.org or 244-0365.

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"He came back from Camp Beech Cliff a different kid! - stronger, better able to interact with other kids, able to work with a group, willing to take a chance."
- school counselor



"We thank you so much for the camperships that made it possible for our boys to go to camp. They were able to experience a lot of new things and make new friends. We would not have been able to send them without your generosity. Camperships are a wonderful way for kids to go to camp that might not be able to without your help." - parent



"EW has discovered an appreciation for the outdoors that he shares with others. A parent friend of mine tells me "I always love getting EW over here - he is the one who gets his friends outside!" They've been busy making forts. Getting kids outside, as they are at camp, is what gets them wanting to go outside at other times."
- parent



"My daughter flourished in the trusting, friendly & option-filled environment. The experiences she had will definitely affect the choices she makes for her future. Thank you." - parent



"I am really happy when people donate to camp because that means when I come back again it will be even better than before. So I hope that everybody who wants to does donate!" - camper