

Camp Beech Cliff

Q&A
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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



WILL CAMP BEECH CLIFF BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ALL YEAR?

Yes! The renovation of camp – including new program buildings, improved road access, and a waterfront boardwalk – will continue until spring of 2012. The entire community will be invited to a grand re-opening to visit your new camp and learn more about camp and community opportunities!

WILL THE NEW CAMP BEECH CLIFF STILL BENEFIT LOCAL KIDS?

Yes! While we welcome kids from across Maine and beyond, our first priority is to serve local families, and for that reason, we will continue to keep camp fees for year-round residents as low as possible. The new camp is intended to serve the same number of kids (150 per week) at the same fee structure. We will not raise our prices just because we were given a new camp! Community support allows us to stay true to our mission and provide camperships for Hancock County kids who would otherwise be unable to experience the excitement of summer camp.

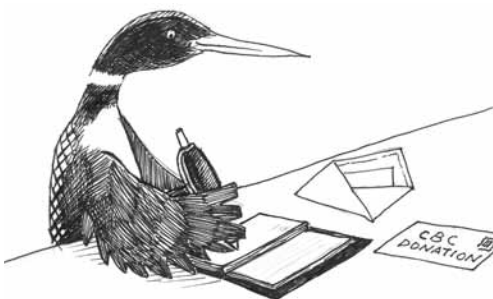


SO, CAMP BEECH CLIFF NEEDS "S'MORE" MONEY?

Yes. A group of leadership donors is giving an incredible gift to the kids and families of MDI – new camp buildings and funding to help ensure we can take care of those buildings well into the future. The gift is the buildings; a construction team that includes representatives of the donors and CBC are managing the renovation project, which is expected to be completed in 2012. We're extremely blessed to receive such a generous expression of caring for the MDI community and our kids. A campaign is underway to raise the community's share of the project:

1. campership and programs endowment
2. the new climbing wall
3. the Mike Duffy Art Program Cabin naming opportunity
4. the new challenge course (high ropes course)

Your contributions will enable Camp Beech Cliff to continue offering great camp programs and "free" transportation to and from camp, and most importantly, to provide camperships to local families who could not otherwise send their kids to camp.



IS THERE MORE THAN BUILDINGS INVOLVED IN THIS RENOVATION PROJECT?

Yes! A major component of the project will be improving access to the waterfront. A new road and boardwalk will provide direct emergency access as well as accessibility for children and adults with disabilities. Also included will be a campfire circle, a new basketball court, and an outdoor amphitheater.

ARE THERE ANY "GREEN" ELEMENTS TO THE BUILDING PROJECT?

Yes! Every possible "green" element was considered as part of the design phase. While the high tree canopy and steep building site made many green options impractical, including solar panels and wind power, we are able to use new materials and updated systems that incorporate today's best practices to reduce maintenance costs over time and limit environmental impacts. For example: all water fixtures will minimize water use; radiant heat will provide cost-savings in the new Eagles' Nest building.

Our first priority is to create a facility that is both affordable and sustainable on the island, including extensive use of local materials (wood, stone, plants). We've already set aside much of the soil and rock dug up during site preparation to re-use in the building process. The plans are also aimed at treading lightly on our natural site, limiting the area of disturbance as much as possible. We'll be adding many new trees around the buildings once they are finished.



ARE WE INVITED TO SEE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS?

Yes! We post regular updates and construction photos on our website and Facebook. The entire community will be invited to a number of events throughout the construction timeline, including s'mores around campfires. Stay tuned by "liking" Camp Beech Cliff on Facebook today!



Camp Beech Cliff's magnificent setting provides people of all ages with opportunities for lifelong learning, challenge, and fun through outdoor experiences. Camp Beech Cliff was incorporated as a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 1997 and earned ACA accreditation in 2002. Kids will always be the heart of this organization, but we look forward to serving the larger Mount Desert Island area community – full and part-time residents, and visitors as well – through the development of Camp Beech Cliff as a year-round resource for outdoor learning and fun.

For more information about Camp Beech Cliff, please visit www.campbeechcliff.org. Join our mailing list (call us or email your mailing and email addresses) and get periodic e-news about our project, campaign and plans for summer camp!

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