

NEWFOUND · OWATONNA

Call of the loon



SPRING 2010

SUMMER is coming!

by **BONNIE BOWER**, *Executive Director*

Living at camp, my husband, John, and I have the privilege of seeing Newfound-Owatonna in all of its seasonal “coats.” Fall’s vibrant colors reflect on the slate gray of Long Lake in October. Winter’s white paints the trees with fairyland strokes and leaves interesting shadows on the ice. Spring’s new green shoots appear everywhere – tiny flowers cover the rock at Owatonna, scatter across the soccer fields, peek through hidden spots on the Newfound hill, and greet cars as they come into camp.

But the BEST season is coming! Campers and staff arrive in late June, and then it is really CAMP.

Summer 2010 is well underway! Underway in fall, winter, and spring? You bet! The prayer and planning that go into making an exceptional summer have been ongoing since we left camp last August. The directors have been traveling, making phone calls, and planning the summer almost every day since then. They both have lined up wonderful staffs, and are SO excited to be headed back to Maine.

Our extended programs of Family Camp and Creativity Camp are also going to be the best. I know we say that every year, but it’s true. Family Camp has been extended to three weeks, with the last week designed for those who don’t need to get home in time for school in the fall. Week Three of Family Camp, for people 18 and over, offers all the fun of Family Camp, but with a focus on more grown-up evenings. Picture evenings of lingering over dinner to talk with other guests, gathering for a seminar on a current topic, or working on a 1,000-piece puzzle in the dining room.



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Great expectations

by **MARY VILLOCH**, *Newfound Director*

With our shoelaces tied, water bottles in hand, and the snow freshly melted, my husband and I headed out the door to welcome in spring. Our hike through the Michigan State Forest has become an annual tradition for us after each year's initial thaw.



Immediately, I recognized the familiar signs that say spring is here. The sound of the ice cracking on the lake and the fresh smell of leeks sprouting up through the cold earth are just a few of spring's early traits. As I walked along the forest floor, I began to think about how effortlessly nature performs. The grass always begins to grow. Leaves always return to the trees, and flowers blossom without effort. The expectation that spring will arrive is always fulfilled.

I don't recall ever doubting that spring will come and will come effortlessly and gracefully! Why? Because that is how divine Mind created it to be. Of course, this reminded me of God's love and care for all of Her ideas, including camp.

Newfound and Owatonna are complete spiritual ideas. Therefore, each summer, the purpose of camp is brought to full fruition through the effortless expression of God, just as divine Mind intended. Our role is to trust, and to witness the good unfolding with great expectations!

Needless to say, I am expecting a fabulous summer with lots of sunshine, spiritual growth, and loads of fun! More specifically, my aim is for Newfound to provide an environment where the divine character is cherished and uprightness is valued. With the divine character as the cornerstone of our metaphysical focus, young women will continue to expand their understanding of themselves, others, and the world. This is especially important when learning to admire the true attributes of womanhood.

The divine qualities expressed at camp leave no room for the false labels stuck upon women of today through media and culture. Newfound gives young women the confidence to go forward knowing that their womanhood is built on qualities such as poise, grace, selflessness, courage, patience, and spiritual beauty. The expression of these qualities is amplified as we learn to trust and lean on God, for it is God who maintains each and every one of us.

A huge part of demonstrating trust is to know without a doubt that the outcome will be good. In this regard, we actually have much to learn from children. Mary Baker Eddy spoke of the natural trust and spiritual goodness of children, noting their "freedom from wrong and their receptiveness of right" (*Science and Health*, p. 236). During my years as a Montessori teacher, I experienced first-hand the innate joy, love, and eagerness that all children have, not only for life, but also for learning. Children naturally have a deep desire to learn and grow. With this in mind, I feel sure that Newfound will thrive this summer with joy and the expectation of good.

I can picture it now: Dozens of smiling faces pulling into camp on opening day expecting nothing less than a spectacular summer filled with first-rate fun! As campers and counselors return, they will bring with them the radiance that will allow their light to shine and magnify the love that is ever-present at Newfound and Owatonna. Together, with the greatest of expectations, let's magnify the good that we trust and know to be a part of camp and of the world.

"the divine

join us in supporting Newfound and Owatonna

Amazing summer ahead

by **BRANDON FRANK**, *Owatonna Director*

Summer 2010 is almost here! Camp Owatonna, our “city that is set on a hill,” is nearly ready to welcome boys and young men from around the country for another incredible summer. We love Owatonna for the great friendships made, the fun-filled activities enjoyed, and the lessons learned. But what we treasure most is witnessing the healing power of divine Love and seeing Christian Science lived and loved. I can't wait for the summer to begin!

The theme for this summer is “the divine character,” taken from a passage in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy:

“Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness” (p. 4).

At Camp Owatonna, we stress the importance of striving for excellence in all endeavors, but most importantly, in our capacity to love God and man. By putting “first things first,” the divine character is gained a little each day as we express the qualities of kindness, honesty, forgiveness, courage, patience, humility, and strength. “Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). This summer, please support camp in our focus on this theme, and feel free to share ideas with your children, their counselors, and the directors.

Camp Owatonna is blessed with another fantastic group of gentlemen serving as staff members this year. I am especially



grateful for the continuity of Owatonna's staff. Forrest Bless and Tyler Maltbie are again on Senior Staff, and about 90 percent of our cabin counselors will be returning to Camp Owatonna. With this high degree of commitment and dedication from the staff, summer 2010 will offer an unparalleled experience for the campers as they make great friends, learn from the best role models, and create the fondest memories. It will be an unforgettable summer!

Please help us give the gift of camp by spreading the word about camp and the amazing opportunities it offers, and by donating to our Campership Fund. As Director, I see first-hand the life-changing impact that camp has on the lives of campers, especially the ones who have never before been to camp. As always, I ask for your prayerful support and invite you to share your inspiration with me so I can send it along to camp. It has been an honor serving Camp Owatonna, and I look forward to another wonderful summer!

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Owatonna's metaphysical theme for this summer

We do all the work, you have all the fun

by **STEVE AND LESLEY VERNON**, *Family Camp Directors*

It's that time of year again. The sun is shining higher in the sky, the birds are building their nests, and it's time to start thinking about Family Camp 2010! We're excitedly preparing for another fantastic two weeks on the shores of Long Lake this August, and we hope new and old families alike will join us. If you're new to the idea of Family Camp, let us paint a picture of what goes on during the best family vacation you'll ever have.

Families from around the nation and beyond come together for a week full of fun activities, excursions, delicious meals, and life-long friendships. Imagine waking up with your family in a cabin along the lake shore or nestled in the woods. Perhaps you get up early to take a swim to Cherry Island, spotting several loons along the way. Or maybe you rise before breakfast to take in the sunrise over Long Lake while enjoying a book out on the dining hall porch.

When the breakfast bell rings, families emerge from their cabins and enjoy a hearty meal before readying themselves for a day of fun. And speaking of meals, you'll love the variety and ease of mealtime at camp! There's something for everyone, and all meals are prepared for you. So all you need to bring to the

dining room is yourself.

During the day, families can choose whatever activities appeal to them. One day, you may find yourself flying off the rope swing in the morning and exploring Hairbrush Island by canoe in the afternoon. Another day, you'll get up on waterskis or play in a tennis match. You can choose to do as much or as little as you like, but we promise you will never be bored!

Kids can play and meet other children their ages in our daily children's group activities. They'll have a blast building sandcastles, going on scavenger hunts, and creating projects in our arts and crafts studio. However you spend your day, you'll love enjoying time as a family and supporting each other as you revel in your brand new accomplishments.

The fun continues into the evening with an activity or campfire sing-along. All this happens under an incredibly star-studded sky. You'll retire to your cabin ready for a good night's sleep, serenaded by loons.

If this sounds like a great way to spend your family vacation – you're right! We hope you'll join us this August for what will be an unforgettable time.



A new way to family camp

by **Alice Alusic**

When I learned last year that there would be an additional week of Family Camp for adults, intuition told me – a Family Camper for more than 30 years who now attends with grandchildren – that I needed to go. Thankfully, I listened!

In a relaxed atmosphere, staff and campers jointly planned daily activities. The staff members spoiled us by granting every feasible request and by offering extras, ranging from boating to handicraft circles. A jigsaw puzzle at the back of the dining hall invited participation. We were able to get to know younger staff in a way that you can't at regular Family Camp, where they are very involved with children.

Also satisfying was re-meeting “kids” from past years of Family Camp who are now fellow adults. The bonds of camp are ageless! So are some camp traditions. Grown-ups still like campfires with s'mores, singing, stories, and good hearty laughing. Nature wowed us: loons, ducks, a bald eagle, the view of camp and Long Lake from Hawk Mountain.

My journal reveals that on the very first night, I jotted down the first of several openings of thought that came to me during this special week. I returned home refreshed, renewed, and hoping for an adult week in 2010.

Relaxed days, enriching nights

by **John Bower**, *Family Camp Week Three Director*

The third week of Family Camp, which was introduced last summer, is a special time for adults (18 years old and up) to enjoy the ambiance and activities of camp in a relaxed, virtually program-free environment.

Most of the activities of camp are available, and each day the campers decide what they would like to do. That could be everything or nothing at all, depending on the mood.

In the evening, we usually provide an enrichment program on an area of interest, such as the economy, lifestyle, the arts, religion, etc. The program can include contributions from some of the campers themselves, sharing ideas from their own backgrounds and experiences.

Wonderful food, the opportunity for unlimited prayer and study, making new friends or re-connecting with old ones, and fun-filled activity on the shores of beautiful Long Lake characterize this special week in this very special place. We look forward to welcoming you all.

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The first two weeks of Family Camp remain a family's fantastic option for the best vacation you've ever had. We do all the work, and you have all the fun.

Then there's Creativity Camp. Think you aren't creative? Well, we think everyone can be creative, and people who come to one or both of these weeks attest to that fact. It's a stimulating, relaxing time to recharge your batteries in a way that introduces you to new ideas and new people, all while enjoying time on the shores of Long Lake.

Camp truly offers something for everyone. If you are thinking of camp for a child or for yourself, do join us in Maine. We love the fact that we are well into our ninth decade of camping for Christian Science children! And we would love to see you here, too!



The perfect vacation

by **MICHELE PARSONS**, *Creativity Camp Director*

If someone asked me today what a perfect vacation would be, this is what I would say:

“I would love to work on an art project in an inspiring atmosphere, with highly qualified teachers, surrounded by a beautiful lake and pine trees. I would definitely want someone else to do the cooking (of course, the food has to be yummy!), and I would want to be with people who also love to explore their creativity in a supportive atmosphere.

“Home-made cookies on a sunny deck after lunch would also be nice. And, oh yes, I would really love some time after lunch to catch rays on the beach, go for a swim, or paddle around in a kayak.

“At night, I would like to have a choice of things to do – like listen to a wonderful concert, go for an exhilarating night-time hike, or play Bananagrams with friends and end up laughing

hysterically. But then again, I might also want to listen to a talk by an artist, or just quietly sketch while listening to music. And of course, I do love sharing stories and singing by a camp fire.”

Okay, I am pretty hard to please. But guess what? My dream vacation can be a reality! And even better, you too can do all of these things at Camp Newfound-Owatonna this September!

I will be at camp this fall, not as a camper, but as Director of our two-week Creativity Camp program. And it will give me great joy to make sure that you will have the vacation of your life. If you would like a unique, inspiring art experience, take a look at the classes we have to offer you. I can't speak highly enough about the quality of talented artists who will be teaching this fall.

I hope to see you all in September at our “perfect vacation” on Long Lake!

WEEK ONE: SEPTEMBER 6 – 12

BASKET WEAVING with Linda Strickler. This workshop will introduce you to the basic weaving techniques and materials that will provide a foundation for your own creative exploration of basketry.

RUSTIC FURNITURE with James Stricker. Learn the basics of rustic furniture building. Make a chair frame out of tree saplings and branches with hand tools, using mortise and tenon joinery.

NEEDLEPOINT OR CROSS-STITCH YOUR HOUSE with Susan Kilborn. Work from a photograph to turn your favorite building into an heirloom in counted cross-stitch or needlepoint.

FOUND OBJECT SCULPTURE with Alex Cook. Get ready to get your hands dirty! We will gather supplies from our daily lives and build beautiful creations with them.

CERAMICS with Roger Honey. This is your opportunity to try your hand at the pottery wheel and make simple joys of wonder, or pursue the satisfaction of making a creative, hand-built form from scratch, using craft techniques of pinching, coiling, and slabbing.

WEEK TWO: SEPTEMBER 13 – 19

LIVING PAINTINGS – OBSERVATION AND INVENTION IN PAINTING with Duncan Martin. Expect to live and breathe painting! The workshop will take place in the landscape and in the studio. All levels of painting ability are welcome.

MIXED MEDIA – THE ILLUMINATED JOURNAL with Susan Newbold. We are going to create unique journals, which will be something you and generations that follow you will treasure.

CREATIVE DANCE with Chris Dunbar. This workshop will teach you how to give yourself a complete, creative dance class at home, providing you with a lifetime of free dance opportunities.

PHOTOGRAPHY with Kat Andrews. Learning to utilize the digital camera system will help you turn your everyday photographs into lasting pieces of art.

COLLAGE with Alex Cook. Like quilting, only easier; like painting, only far less gooey; collage allows one to deeply explore the power of color relationships and pattern, as well as the illusion of three-dimensional space.

For more details about each class and for the impressive biographies of each teacher or to enroll in a workshop, visit us online at:

www.newfound-owatonna.com or email us at: info@newfound-owatonna.com

Dear Camp Family,

The sparkling waters of Long Lake await you for another memorable summer. A lot of planning, prayer, and hard work goes into the opening of camp every year, along with gratitude for the constant unfoldment of good in all of our programs.

Special thanks are in order for Susan Newbold, outgoing Director of our Creative Arts program. Susan has been involved with camp for 23 years in many meaningful ways – Newfound Director, Board member, and founder and Director of the Creative Arts program...not to mention hosting CITs at her home year after year and helping them to create their own journals. This fall, Susan will be back at camp to teach her mixed media class, The Illuminated Journal.

We also want to thank Susan Mack, who finished her six-year term as a Board member last September, serving as Chair during the last two years. Susan's love of camp, strong leadership, and dedication to healing were invaluable to the Board.

Among Susan's many contributions to camp: spearheading a Friends of Camp weekend, planning an Alumni weekend, and helping to create our new Sustaining Friends of Camp fundraising program. We have also been blessed by her many years as camp practitioner and by her singing and songwriting talents.

Please join us in welcoming Lisa Hunter Sydness of Wellesley, Massachusetts, and Tessa Anable Bollinger of St. Louis, Missouri, to the Board of Trustees. Both women have long associations with camp. Lisa and her husband, Steve, have two children – Lindsay and Kenny – both fourth generation campers who are now on staff. Tessa and her husband, Jamie, have three boys – Conrad, Timmy, and Cullen – who have been at camp since they were babies. In the past, Tessa served as Director of Newfound, helped Jamie when he worked as Director of Owatonna, and ran Family Camp with Jamie (though not all at once!). Most recently, Tessa served as Camp Mom at Owatonna.

Our thanks go out to all who have contributed to make camp what it is today – a strong, vibrant organization doing tremendous good each year. As George Bernard Shaw said, "This is the one true joy in life: The being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."

With much love and gratitude for you all,

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1st Session	June 26 – July 17
2-week Session	June 26 – July 10
2nd Session	July 18 – August 14
Full Season	June 26 – August 14
CIT	June 26 – August 14

FAMILY & ADULT PROGRAMS

Memorial Day Weekend	May 28 – 31
Family Camp Week One	August 16 – 22
Family Camp Week Two	August 23 – 29
Family Camp Week Three	August 30 – Sept. 5
Creativity Camp Week One	September 6 – 12
Creativity Camp Week Two	September 13 – 19



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Become a Sustaining Friend of Camp, and know that you're helping to bring all the things you love about Newfound-Owatonna to a new generation of campers.

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