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**CARROLL COUNTY YMCA | CAMP HUCKINS**

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## **Carroll County YMCA Camp Huckins Announces Heather Kiley as New Executive Director**

***Veteran residential camp executive, Carroll County resident  
will succeed Jody Skelton***



Heather Kiley of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire

**FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE – February 3, 2020** – The Board of Directors of Carroll County YMCA Camp Huckins has named veteran camp executive and Carroll County resident Heather Kiley as its next Executive Director, effective March 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will provide executive leadership for Camp Huckins, a nationally recognized girls' residential summer camp on Lake Ossipee, as well as programming targeted to family and youth in Carroll County. Kiley will succeed current Executive Director Jody Hutchinson Skelton, who will be retiring later this year.

Kiley brings over 25 years' experience in residential camping and youth development, including serving as the Camp Director of American Youth Foundation Merrowvista in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire, for 9 years. She is currently the Managing Director at City Year New Hampshire, where she oversees program impact and partnerships with school leadership and local stakeholders.

Kiley has served on key industry boards, including the New Hampshire Camp Directors Association, serving as president from 2017-19; the American Camp Association (ACA) New England; and the national ACA, serving as an accreditation lead visitor for twenty years. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Missouri and master's in education from Antioch University New England. Kiley and her family live in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

"As we set out on this journey to find a new leader for Carroll County YMCA Camp Huckins, we knew we needed an incredibly accomplished and inspiring individual to build on our successful history, and to courageously lead the organization into its next chapter," **said Board President Eleni Eliades.** "As a candidate, Heather Kiley stood out for her extensive experience in youth development, and so many critical aspects of residential camping, including leadership and staff development, financial management, strategy, and advancement. And, as a Carroll County resident, she demonstrated important insight and context, a great respect for our heritage and traditions, and a deep commitment to empowering girls and young women in their leadership development, and the well-being of families and youth."

"I am thrilled to welcome Heather Kiley to Huckins and, together with our dedicated and talented staff, we look forward to making a seamless transition as we prepare to welcome campers for another memorable summer," **said Jody Skelton.** "Heather is well regarded in camping and understands the importance of keeping the camper at the heart of everything, a value that is shared here. As I look ahead to retirement, I am so pleased to be passing the baton to a leader like Heather, and I wish her many years of joy on the shores of Ossipee."

"I am honored to have been selected to serve as the next Executive Director of the Carroll County YMCA and Camp Huckins," **said Heather Kiley.** "I view this role as a once in a lifetime opportunity to both support youth and families in my local community and develop girls and young women through the distinctive Huckins' experience. I am excited to begin working with the great staff and community partners, and I look forward to a terrific first summer with our campers."

Today's announcement culminates a 6-month [national search](#), led by a search committee chaired by camp alumna and parent Kristen Parthe Brown, a senior talent acquisition executive at technology company Kronos, and with support from the Conley Search Group. The [process involved extensive engagement](#) with the community, including current and former campers, families, and staff, resulting in dozens of candidate nominations.

To learn more about Heather Kiley visit [camphuckins.org/executive-director-search](https://camphuckins.org/executive-director-search).

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### **About Carroll County YMCA | Camp Huckins**

Carroll County YMCA (CCYMCA) operates [Camp Huckins](#), a nationally recognized girls' residential camp dedicated to empowering girls and young women. Huckins is located on 200 wooded acres on Lake Ossipee in Freedom, New Hampshire. Each summer Huckins welcomes 1,400 girls, ages 8-16, for one of four two-week camping sessions. Huckins also offers two Family Camp sessions and other programs with over 870 participants annually. During the peak summer season, the staff grows to 130 domestic and international employees. Throughout the year, CCYMCA works in the local community, engaging with schools and local nonprofit organizations to deliver [programming](#) in support of the YMCA's core mission of promoting wellness.

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