

# The Huckonian



A publication for alumni and friends

Spring 2020

## Welcome Heather Kiley – Huckins' New Executive Director

by Colleen (Monahan) Arons (93)

On February 3rd we shared the news that Heather Kiley would serve as Huckins' next Executive Director, succeeding Jody Skelton, who will be retiring later this year after an incredible 51 summers at Camp.

Since that announcement so much has changed in our daily lives. As we navigate a new normal of social distancing, remote school, stay at home and support of those continuing their work to keep us safe and healthy, our plans for Jody's and Heather's transition have adapted as well. The normal summer preparations continue but we also are waiting to learn more. Heather, Jody and the Huckins staff currently are focused on how we can best support and serve our greater Huckins family and local community in these changing times. As we consider what this summer might look like, the priority is the safety of our campers, staff and families while ensuring the heart of the Huckins spirit remains strong in all we do.

Heather and Jody are collaborating to create opportunities for Heather to meet staff, families and alumni in the weeks ahead. Heather has met most of the summer staff in Zoom meetings hosted by Jody, with camp family and alumni virtual meet and greets coming soon. Heather and Jody want to provide as many opportunities as possible for our Huckins family to feel connected to one another—to draw strength and support from our community. Look for new opportunities through Instagram, Facebook and our website.

In this unprecedented time, we are grateful to have two experienced directors guiding Huckins. Heather is an established leader in residential camping and youth development, and a longtime resident of Carroll County. She spent over two decades at American Youth Foundation (AYF), including leading AYF Camp Merrowvista, a co-ed summer camp for children in 3rd-12th grades and a year-round program center located in Tuftonboro, NH. Recently, Heather has held an executive role with City Year New Hampshire, where she oversaw program impact and partnerships with school leadership and local stakeholders. Throughout her career, Heather has been active with key camping industry associations, including the American Camp Association (ACA), ACA New England, and New Hampshire Camp Directors Association, serving as board president from 2017-19.

The search for our next leader began ten months ago. As Board Chair Eleni Eliades noted at the outset, the goal



Heather Kiley and her family

was not to find a "replacement" for Jody because we all know Jody is irreplaceable.

The search was the ultimate team effort. The board tapped Kristen Parthe Brown to lead the Search Committee, comprised of Huckins alumnae Colleen (Monahan) Arons, Sarah Bird, Anne Depew, Eleni Eliades and Emily (Thomas) Parker. The Committee ran a rigorous and inclusive national search with the Conley Search Group that involved external and internal candidates and input from a diverse group including alumni, staff, campers, parents and local community members.

The feedback was clear: Huckins' next leader needed to be strategic, empathetic, business-minded, development-focused and committed to Huckins' mission. Heather delivers on all counts. She will build on Huckins' strength and lead it forward. She will make the position her own, and she will continue to evolve the organization to ensure the team is best positioned to serve and support our campers, their families and the community.

Heather, we welcome you to Huckins, we're all so glad you're here!

# Happy Spring, Huckins Friends and Alumni!

**T**he snow has finally melted and the ice is off the lake. Last night we heard our first loons making their majestic call, so we can officially welcome Spring in New Hampshire.

Heather Kiley, our new Executive Director, joined us in mid-March and it has been a joy working together teaching her all about our operations. I look forward to the days ahead when she will be able to see Huckins in action.

COVID-19 has its challenges and we are listening and waiting to make the best decisions about our summer plans. Please check our camp website [www.camphuckins.org](http://www.camphuckins.org) for updates on our summer activities. We have been working virtually with our summer and year-round staff as we continue to navigate the spring from each of our home offices.

Our Maintenance Director, Mike, and his crew continue to make repairs around camp. They have finished making new fire exit doors on all of our Middler Division Cabins. All of the screens in every camper cabin have been replaced with a new screen design that is stronger, with a higher quality screen that lets more light into our cabins and at the same time keeps the bugs out!

We hope everyone is staying safe and taking care of each other. We are thankful for our strong Huckins family, our amazing staff who are still working every day, our Camp Huckins Board members who are helping us navigate new challenges and keep Camp safe. We are fortunate to have the love and dedication of our alumni and friends. We will make it through this difficult time and I can't wait to see you in the future on the shores of Lake Ossipee, Home of the Laughing Loon.

Be well.

In the Huckins Spirit,

  
Jody



**Jody and Anderson Cobb catch a big one ice fishing during the annual Huckins Snow Day.**



## Let's Celebrate Jody!

We are planning a celebration of Jody for Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 1:30. We are hopeful that it will be safe for us to gather at camp for an afternoon of food, friends and a dip in the lake! Updates and details will be available at [camphuckins.org](http://camphuckins.org) later this spring.

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## CAMP HUCKINS YEAR- ROUND EMPLOYEES

**Jody (Hutchinson) Skelton**  
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**It is the mission of the Carroll County YMCA through its many programs, to strengthen the Spirit, Mind, and Body of youth, families, and communities.**

# Stronger Together

## With a Little Help From My Friends

Gathering as a community for Vespers ceremonies stirs special memories for all—whether you were a camper in the 60's or in 2019. Joining our voices, we created something unique and beautiful. Regardless of your singing ability, or how loud you sang, you were an essential part of the lovely chorus.

A Vespers favorite is the Beatles "With a Little Help from My Friends," and it seems that now more than ever we are turning to our friends in this uncertain time. Whether we are together in person or virtually, we hope that your Huckins connections continue to provide you with strength and friendship.

If you are in a position to help Camp, here are some options:

### GIVE

The Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins is committed to providing ongoing programming and support to our Huckins family throughout these uncertain times. If you are able, please consider donating to our Huckins Fund to support operating expenses and insure we are in a position of strength to meet the changing needs of our larger community. Donations may be made on our website [camphuckins.org/donate/](http://camphuckins.org/donate/) or by sending a check to the Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins, 17 Camp Huckins Road, Freedom, NH 03836.

Does your employer offer to match your charitable donations? If you are unsure, please reach out to your Human Resources Department and ask. Recently, several corporations have increased their matching gifts: [doublethedonation.com/tips/blog/2020/04/matching-gifts-covid-19/](http://doublethedonation.com/tips/blog/2020/04/matching-gifts-covid-19/).

### CELEBRATE JODY

This year Jody Hutchinson Skelton will be retiring after 51 years of service. To honor this milestone, we will be raising money to renovate the Lodge, the beloved centerpiece of Camp Huckins. Jody has long imagined a space to showcase the rich history of Huckins, and it seems a fitting tribute to recognize her service with a new library and history center. As we plan for these long-anticipated improvements to one of our most cherished places at Camp, we hope that you will consider a gift to support the Lodge Project. If you are interested in making a gift in honor

of Jody and her legacy project, please donate online at [camphuckins.org/donate/](http://camphuckins.org/donate/) or contact Stephanie Paine ([stephanie@camphuckins.org](mailto:stephanie@camphuckins.org)).

### BECOME A LEADERSHIP CIRCLE MEMBER

The Leadership Circle is for donors who make an annual donation of \$1000 or more to Camp Huckins. Each leadership gift makes a difference to campers, their families, and to the broader community who participate in the many programs offered by Camp Huckins and the Carroll County YMCA. Developing leaders is an important part of what we do at Camp Huckins. If you would like to be a leader, please join the Huckins Leadership Circle. Donors who commit to increasing their gift to \$1000 in three years will enjoy the benefits of the Leadership Circle immediately. [camphuckins.org/donate/](http://camphuckins.org/donate/)

*See page 15 for information on the Huckins Legacy Society*

### YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT CAMP HUCKINS VIA AMAZON SMILE!

It couldn't be easier.

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**Carroll County YMCA -  
Camp Huckins**

as your charity.

Amazon will make a donation to Huckins every time you make a qualifying purchase!



# Get to Know...

## **COVID-19 presents unique challenges to starting a new position. What has this unique time allowed you to observe about Huckins in your first weeks?**

Throughout my career in NH camps and in Carroll County I have always known Huckins to be a special place. It has been made clear to me in my first weeks that the strength of this organization, what makes it so special, stems from the commitment and kindness of the people that make up the Huckins community. Since the announcement of my hiring was shared, I received so many warm welcome messages and offers of support from alumni, families, staff, friends and community members. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to meeting you soon.

As the world turned upside in recent months, I have also observed that the Huckins community is a community of action. When a need is identified and a call put out for help, this community is quick to step up. That willingness and capacity to make things happen, combined with the commitment to the Huckins community, will ensure that we navigate this unprecedented chapter successfully. Each day I gain greater understanding of the Huckins spirit, and how it lifts individuals through challenging events.



**Family Christmas**

## **What experiences do you think will be most helpful in your role as we look ahead to the 2020 program season?**

The changing landscape around COVID-19 and what we need to do to keep our campers, staff, families and communities safe makes it difficult to plan too far ahead. At the same time, we know that the need for our community to connect to the joy and friendships and strength of camp is more important than ever. Figuring out how to do that will require us to innovate AND draw on what is most important to the heart of a Huckins' experience. We will need to adapt quickly and make some difficult choices. That's why I'm so grateful that Jody and I can bring our combined years of camping and youth development experience to this challenge. We will also lean on the vast experiences of the year round and summer staff as we look ahead to the possibilities for the 2020 season.

I think the outside perspective I bring will be a strength as we explore new ideas. I value curiosity and am willing to ask questions, and Jody is very present and patient in her willingness to consider them and provide answers. I value kindness and honesty, characteristics I think will help in listening to diverse perspectives and collaborating with Jody to communicate clearly to all stakeholders.

On a practical front, I have a great deal of respect for the resources of CCMCA and Camp Huckins—the human, financial and beautiful physical place. I hope



**Heather, Sam and Doug at Sam's Senior game at Brewster Academy**

# Heather Kiley



Heather and staff members at Camp Merrowvista

my experiences in building communities, caring for communities and in financial management will help ensure the resources we value most continue to thrive in 2020 and beyond.

## How did you know camping and youth development was the right career path for you?

I taught middle school and loved it. Teaching remains a passion of mine. However, I wanted to figure out how to integrate the social emotional development I'd seen at camp into my classroom. I needed more training in experiential education and youth development. My plan was to do an internship in experiential education at a year-round camp, get my Master's in Education, and then return to the classroom.

Instead, I found camping to be the perfect place for the education and leadership development I wanted to pursue. At camp, young people can live a bit more simply. They step into a community that they help to create - a community based on respect, responsibility, kindness and collaboration - where they get to explore who they are and who they want to be, discover their unique capacities, and practice putting them to work as they live and play and learn together. The lessons learned at camp allow young people to develop essential life skills that they can lean on back at school and home. Those few weeks at camp allow us to connect with the best version of ourselves. And once we have that connection, we can draw strength from it to

manage difficult challenges. It centers us in our leadership and in how we live in community.

That's when I knew camping and youth development was the career I wanted to commit to, and I've spent the last 25 years immersed in it.

## Tell us a bit about your family.

My husband Doug and I met and married at camp, and our 2 boys, Sam and Spencer, grew up at camp. We spent our summers at camp and during the year lived on campus at Brewster Academy, an independent boarding school in Wolfeboro, NH. We spent a great deal of time on our community baseball and soccer fields, as well as on the bleachers at basketball games. Sam and Spencer are both preparing for graduations now. Sam will be graduating from Bard College and Spencer from Brewster in May. As is true for many of you, our family is dealing with lots of emotions surrounding what we won't be able to do to mark these transitions this year. But at the same time we remain so grateful for our health, the unexpected time we have together and creating new ways of celebrating these milestones.

## What should every camper have in her trunk?

Here are a few items I think every camper should have in her trunk:

1. **A deck of cards.** Playing a game is a great way to get to know new people. Some of my favorites: Uno, Rat-a-Tat-Tat, Apples to Apples, or a traditional deck.
2. **A couple good books.** Quiet times can be tricky sometimes, especially when you are used to being on the go. A good book can also provide a comforting escape—especially if a camper finds herself feeling a little sad or “familiar sick” for home.
3. **Reusable water bottles.** Campers are on the go and drinking plenty of water throughout the day is essential to keeping everyone healthy and happy.
4. **An Open Mind.** Although you can't really pack it in the trunk (and that's good because we wouldn't want it to stay there) it's an important thing to intentionally prepare for. At camp you will get the chance to meet people from different places, with different perspectives and backgrounds. You will have the chance to try things you may not have done before and perhaps you don't know if you can do them. Keeping an open mind will allow you to make the most of these opportunities, learning more about yourself and others!



# "We're All Ears..."

## Huckins Community Provides Feedback on Operation and Facilities

**D**uring the 2019 season, a series of surveys were conducted with a broad range of people from the Huckins community. The surveys were designed to gather data across the entire organization, but specifically to understand how the facilities support various aspects of camp and its programming. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with 97% of individuals reporting that they were satisfied or highly satisfied with the Camp experience overall. Huckins continues to provide an environment which deepens relationships through self-confidence, community living and outdoor exploration.

As a result of this valuable feedback, a designated committee comprised of board and staff members was tasked with reviewing the data. The data highlighted key areas that are highly valued by the entire camp community and helped to create a plan for improvement. We are excited to provide a preview of suggestions that trended in the survey results and share changes which will be implemented as a result of this feedback.

### SURVEY DETAILS

- 1,183 Surveys Received
- Over 2,000 Write-in Comments Provided
- Feedback Received From:
  - Mother/Son Campers
  - 7th, 8th, 9th Grade Campers
  - CITs
  - Camper Parents
  - Summer Staff
  - Family Campers
  - Mother/Daughter Campers

### YOUR FEEDBACK IN ACTION

- Bathroom Improvements
- New Cleaning Plan
- Drop Off and Pick Up Changes
- Cabin Enhancements
- New Staff Housing

## Areas of Focus

### Bathrooms

We received lots of feedback regarding our bathrooms. The data highlighted times during the program when more attention is needed to bathroom standards. The comments suggested that showers were lacking sustained hot water. Comments also raised concerns related to the toilet stalls and locking system. The need to update bathhouses was a trend across the data. As a result, we are implementing a series of steps to ensure that bathrooms meet the needs of our campers and participants. Last fall, new on-demand water heating systems were installed in both the Junior and Senior Bathhouses. We anticipate that this will help in

supporting the hot water demand, especially during prime times when all showers are in operation. Our in-house maintenance team will be looking at several items including stall wall heights, locks and the replacement of toilet paper dispensers. In addition, we have added bathrooms to our long-range planning discussions. The Master Planning Committee is working with an architect to explore bathhouse layout and functionality.

### Cleanliness and Sanitation

We plan to hire two additional seasonal staff members who will function as our Housekeeping team. This team will work closely with the Camp Directors and Maintenance team to increase cleanliness, sanitation and standards across Camp, with a major focus on bathhouses.

**The new Junior pavilion is among the first of many planned upgrades.**

The team will follow a schedule and perform deep cleans on all bathhouses daily, as well as other key areas of camp including the Lodge, Program Office, Sports Complex and Main Office. In addition, Housekeeping will support the Food Service team with additional deep cleaning in the Dining Hall.

### Improved Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

We are exploring a modified drop off and pick up procedure. This will result in Junior Division campers entering Camp through our service road. This will reduce the volume of



traffic coming in our main road and speed up the entrance to camp for all families. Our friendly staff will remain throughout the grounds to direct you to your division and answer questions. This item remains on our long-term plan as we continue to explore options of reducing vehicular traffic throughout camp to address erosion concerns. Stay tuned as this plan evolves over the next few years.

### Improvements to Camper Cabins and Divisions

We continue to replace camper mattresses by division each season. Our Maintenance team has been building new picnic tables for additional outdoor seating across camp. We will have an additional 20 picnic tables for this season, and we continue to work towards our goal of having one picnic table for every cabin group. Every cabin will be provided with a pole fan to help with air circulation during hot days.

### Staff Housing

We are currently in the design phase of a new staff housing building which will replace the current staff bungalows. This building will go on the opposite side of the road from where the current bungalows are now and will result in increased staff housing capacity. This will help to create a staff community as this structure will face towards the existing Staff Row buildings. In addition, these buildings will provide accommodations for our pre/post season groups and facilities.

### Looking to the Future

Other items highlighted in the survey include improvements to the Sports Complex, Counselors Lounge and Program Lodge. These projects are being explored by the Master Planning Committee. We are thankful for all the feedback we received and look forward to sharing more plans as they evolve. With such constructive feedback from our entire community, the future looks brighter and greener than ever!

## News from the Kitchen

*"The beautiful spring came, and when nature resumes her loveliness the human soul is apt to revive as well." - Harriet Ann Jacobs*



I'm not sure I can claim to have a favorite season at Camp Huckins. Each one under these pines is unique and beautiful. Summer is incredible, of course. Autumn's changes are refreshing and winter is long and restful but spring may be the best.

Spring at Camp is full of plans and projects, new ideas and the excitement of Camp coming alive once again. The kitchen is no exception. As the weather warms and the snow piles around the Dining Hall melt away, we are busy with planning menus and making improvements.

Construction of a new building with laundry facilities for staff has just been completed behind the Dining Hall. This building also includes a much-needed storage space for the kitchen, as well as a washer and dryer for kitchen

laundry. In April, work will begin to install new exhaust fans in the dining hall to improve air flow on those hot days. We have installed a new state of the art coffee brewing system which we hope will streamline the breakfast flow when we have large groups or any groggy morning that the staff needs an extra boost.

Spring at Camp also fills me with excitement to have the chance to cook for you all again. The kitchen crew is passionate about crafting enticing meals. We do a lot of thinking about food in the winter but once the kitchen is open, we get to put thoughts into action. Each new upgrade to the kitchen and dining hall make it even easier and more fun to create the best food we can. I would argue that we are fortunate enough to have one of the nicest kitchens of any camp and it is constantly improving. Our kitchen team has also spent some time this winter renewing our food safety certifications and making sure we are educated with the most up to date food safety knowledge and regulations. I am proud of our team's vigilance and professionalism when it comes to preparing food but there is always something new to learn or something old to be remembered.

As I write this, our world feels uncertain. It is frustrating to not know what the future holds but you can be sure that when you all return, the kitchen will be ready to nourish you and fuel all the fun that Camp has to offer. In the meantime, I hope you can allow the beauty of springtime to revive your souls.

Eat Well and Be Well,  
Chef Joel



# Carroll County YMCA Community Impact



1. Squeaky Sneakers, caregiver/child class for 2 and 3-year olds always includes a snack and craft!
2. The Eastern Slope Ski Club (ESSC) provides skiing and riding for all school children in grades 1-6 and equipment if needed. Jody, Kara, Mark, Mike and Joel volunteer at local area schools.
3. Short Sports is a class for 4 and 5-year old children and introduces a new sport each week. The last class in the fall was at the North Conway Country Club with an introduction to golf.
4. The Carroll County YMCA sponsors the soccer program at Freedom Elementary. Joel and Sarah Weeman were the coaches last fall.
5. Part of the Girls on the Run curriculum focuses on empowering girls to share their strengths and use their unique gifts to positively impact those around them through planning and implementing a Community Impact Project. The Pine Tree team assembled goody bags, created cards and put out a breakfast buffet for the staff at the school.





# Welcome to the Huckins family!

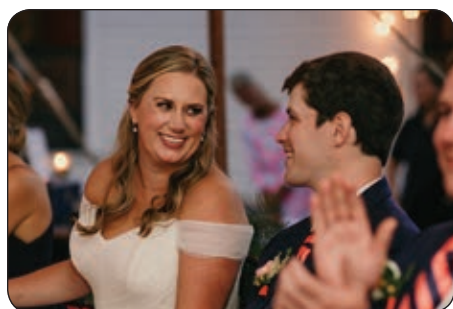
## Weddings and Babies



**Maddie Benoit (07)** at her wedding on September 28, 2019, with her sister, **Gillian Benoit (08)** and cousin, **Caitlin Mulligan (07)**.



Eleanor Boulton was born on March 4, 2020, to **Emily Barlow (07)** and Brian Darrow.



**Whitney Duprey (02)** married JD Hathcock on September 2, 2019.



Henrik was born on February 7, 2020, to **Lilja Bjork (11)** and **Chad LeMay (11)**. He joins brother, Oliver (2), at home.



**Lisa Stebbins (08)** married Joseph Geoghegan on August 24, 2019, in Bailey Island, Maine.



Heidi Grace was born on March 17, 2020, to **Emily McCarthy (08)** and Nate Stevens. She joins sister, Charlotte (3), at home.



Spencer Miles Andrew was born to **Hannah Jacobs (12)** and James Village. They reside in the United Kingdom.



Alden Wilder was born on March 5, 2020, to **Emma Loosigian (11)** and Michael Laham. Alden joins brother, Woods (3), at home.



Murphy Scott was born on September 16, 2019, to **Lindsey McCarthy (07)** and Caleb Bumgarmer.



**Caitlin Cunningham (08)** married Damian Roesler on June 22, 2019. **Missy DiMatteo (08)**, who she met at camp in Cabin L, was her Maid of Honor.



# All About the Alumni ...

**Katherine Welch (08)** passed her CPA exam in December and is currently an Assurance Manager at CohnReznick, LLP in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Elizabeth Welch (07)** is working as a teller and call center associate for Bangor Savings in Colebrook, NH.

**Maxine Wolfe Cadman (19)** recently accepted the Camp Director position at YMCA Camp Foss for girls in Strafford, NH.

**Jaleigh Pier (10)** has been accepted to Cornell University as a Ph.D. candidate in the emerging field of conservation paleobiology and science communication.

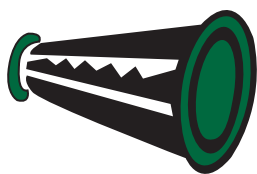
**Jody Skelton** and Huckins campers cheered on Boston University Women's Soccer Team and their coach and Huckster, **Nancy Feldman (89)**.



**Ellie Gordon (70), Linda (Spizberg) Levine (74), and Debbie (Gumner) Jabbari (68)** get together in New York City.



**Barbara Gaiotto, Becky Siegel Mollett (97) and Christian Murray Soltysiak (97)** in New York City.



Please send us news about your accomplishments—or brag about someone else—fellow Huckonians want to know! Email Kara at [kara@camphuckins.org](mailto:kara@camphuckins.org).



**Irek Brewka (20) and Elsie Dad-dow (17)** met in Warsaw, Poland.



**Jody Skelton with Christy (Bridges) (77) and Julia Romano (10)** at the Boston Reunion.



**Dayna Fleming (93) and Sue Powers (86)** bumped into one another at the Squaw Valley kids ski program, which is run by Sue's sister.



**Molly Fortin (18)** did a five-day hike in the Bigelow Mountain Range of the Appalachian Trail as part of her Junior year at Chewonki Maine Semester School.





The Camp Huckins Board of Directors gathered at camp for a Board meeting last fall.

## Get Social!



**Shea McCarthy (12)** graduated with her master's degree from the University of South Carolina in December 2019.



Alumni Reunion in Glencoe, Illinois - **Ann Clock Hisock (84)**, **Kathy Evans Wisner (84)** and **Tammy Steere Sload (82)**.



Nellie girls, **Eliza Campbell (17)** and **Ashley Ames (16)**, met at the University of Maine.



### Update your Alumni Information

**CampMinder**

Huckins strives to keep our database up to date and complete. Please take a minute to check that we have your current contact information, relationships, and alumni history. Campminder allows you to connect with other alumni in the system.

Please go to [www.camphuckins.org/alumni/426-2/](http://www.camphuckins.org/alumni/426-2/)



**Sarah Dodge (14)**, **Molly Mullins Greenwood (13)**, **Kara Smith Couture** and **Marybeth Sullivan (11)** got together in North Conway over the holiday season.



# Reunions



The Leadership Division Reunion was held on November 2, 2019 in Lexington, MA, for girls in our 9th and 10th grade program in 2019.



Vermont alumni reunion, hosted by the McCarthy Family, on October 10, 2019.



The Boston Alumni reunion, hosted by Colleen (Monahan) Arons (93), was held on November 2, 2019 at the Somerville Brewing Company.



# Reunions



San Francisco/Marin County Alumni gathering, hosted by Laura (Sullivan) Ethridge (87) on February 8, 2020.



London Alumni reunion on February 20, 2020.



On February 22, 2020, camp hosted their annual "Snow Day" at camp. It was a gorgeous day filled with lots of sledding, hot chocolate, s'more eating and good conversation.



# Family Day at Fenway

**O**n November 3rd, over 170 Huckins alumni and friends were invited by alumna Amy (Shluger) Waryas, Chief Human Resources Officer for the Boston Red Sox, to spend an afternoon at Fenway Park. Dressed in camp and Red Sox wear, families enjoyed lots of delicious ballpark food while catching up with Huckins friends. Highlights were face painters, balloon animals artists, pictures with mascot Wally and the World Series Trophy, and a Fenway Park Tour. A raffle raised \$1300 and winners took home Red Sox Tickets, a team jersey and a "Jody's Favorite Things" gift basket. Amy Waryas presented Jody with a Red Sox jersey with the number 50 on the back. Thank you to Amy and the Red Sox organization for sharing Fenway with Huckins!

- 1. Amy (Schluger) Waryas (90) and Caroline, daughter and camper, presenting Jody a special Red Sox Jersey.**
- 2. Counselors Sarah Swanick and Izzy Ward showing off their balloon rings.**
- 3. Sarah (Schwartz) Monahan (98) and her family enjoying Fenway Park favorites.**
- 4. The whole gang at Fenway.**





# What ever happened to... Jeannette Eaton

I started as a lower Junior at Huckins in 1985, and I was at camp for a total of 11 years. I spent two years as an SC, and I also served as both the Craft Shop Director and as the Junior Division Leader. My last summer at camp was in 1997, and so much of what I've been doing since that time is figuring out how to take all that I learned at Huckins as I continue to grow. I am full of all the moments and lessons Huckins gave to me: deep and abiding friendships, how to welcome new campers, how to make and to learn from mistakes as I figured out what it really means to lead, and how to honor the women and people who have lifted me up. I remember fondly bare feet on a pine needle path. I am grateful for the collection of camp songs I have sung to my children at bedtime. I relished in sharing a good music mix or a tissue paper book to let friends know how much I loved them.

After graduate school, I worked for a number of years supporting women and girls in crisis. I moved on from that work when I had my daughter Isabelle, who is now 13 years old and who will be a Huckster this summer! Her brother Simon joined us 8 years later. In these more

recent years, I have been leading writing workshops for adults and teens and working in my local library, and I am halfway through a 2-year



Jeannette and daughter and Huckins camper, Isabelle.

mindfulness meditation teacher training. In addition, I serve on the board of Hardy Girls Healthy Women, an organization that supports self-identifying girls and gender expansive folk. I live in mid-coast Maine with my wonderful partner Peter, who teaches environmental issues and sustainability to high schoolers.

**Our Fall 2020  
Huckonian will  
focus on this  
Huckins alum...  
can you guess  
who it is?**



## Huckins Legacy Society Member Joanie Rogers Leopold

**A**s to why we have remembered Huckins in our wills: Every day, I am thankful for Huckins' lessons in life that have shaped my personal and professional success. I appreciate everything Huckins taught me—from cherishing the natural world, to "daily capers," to songs and sailing and chocolate chip pudding. But, mostly, I am blessed with lifelong friends who share my memories and goals. I can't imagine a more important crucible than the lake and pines on Broad Bay to help form the young women who will lead our world tomorrow.



### Join the Huckins Legacy Society

*Huckins Legacy Society members are those alumni and friends who have decided to include Huckins in their estate planning. Leaving a gift is easy—bequests from a will or trust are the most common way to leave a planned gift. Others have made Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins the beneficiary of 401K/IRA plans or insurance policies or have a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust to the Carroll County YMCA/Camp Huckins.*

*Membership in the Huckins Legacy Society offers a meaningful way to leave an enduring personal legacy to a place that has made a positive and life changing impact on campers for generations. For more information or to let Camp Huckins know of your estate plans, please contact Stephanie Paine at [stephanie@camphuckins.org](mailto:stephanie@camphuckins.org).*



# YMCA Camp Huckins

## UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

### ***Alumni Gatherings by Decades and a Family Camp Reunion***

*hosted by Jody Skelton and Heather Kiley*

**April 28, 7:30 p.m. ET** Alumni from the 40s, 50s and 60s

**May 5, 7:30 p.m. ET** Alumni from the 70s and 80s

**May 14, 7:30 p.m. ET** Alumni from the 90s

**May 19, 7:30 p.m. ET** Alumni from 2000–2010

**May 26, 7:30 p.m. ET** Alumni from 2011–2020

**June 2, 7:30 p.m. ET** Family Campers (past and present)

**Click here to join the Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 969 4501 8305 Password: 905545

***Join Jody every Wednesday at 5 p.m. ET  
for an all Camp Sing-Along.***

Dig out your Candlelight candles for the last Wednesday of  
the month Candlelight Sing-Along.

**Click here to join Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 204 233 945 Password: 776727

## UPCOMING CAMP EVENTS

**August 23** Jody's Retirement Celebration

*This schedule is subject to change. Please visit our website for the  
most current schedule of events.*

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online June 1st-15th.

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