

The CRAO Log
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Greetings from the Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization!

The purpose of CRAO is to generate donations from our strong and inspired alumnae and parent network to provide needed financial assistance to campers through The Betty Cobb Memorial Fund camperships and "riderships" from the Pam Cobb Heuberger Equestrian Campership. We are proud to report that our \$80K donation this year will enable 15 campers to establish the lifelong skills we all hold so dear from our days at Runoia. Thank you! We look forward to bringing on a few new board members in the coming months and all are invited to the annual CRAO meeting at camp on Saturday July 27th at 10am. Camp Runoia is inviting all CRAO members 18+ to lunch after the board meeting on July 27. RSVP office@runoia.com. We will also be starting to mobilize for our 120th reunion for the summer of 2026, so stay tuned!

Chadiya,

Betsy Nicholson and Marie-Claude Francoeur
 CRAO Co-Presidents

Did you know... you can find the 1910-1997 Logs on the CR website thanks to a grant from the Tabell Family Foundation? Also, there is a random 2009 Log added to the Runoia website. Here are the statistics from 3rd shack in 2009. These "campers" are all over 25 years old this year!!

Third Shack, First Session 2009						
Full Name	Labeled	Looks	Lives	Likes	Loathes	Lines
Valentina Fernandez	Vale	Like her sisters	For JB	Sunny Miami weather	Cold water	"My feet are super dirty."
Molly Flagg	Molly	Excited everyday	For Sleepy Breakfast	Taking pictures	Alarm clocks	"I am turning it off guys."
Isabelle Gilman	Izzy	Good in her green glasses	For CR	Laughing	Bananas	"What happened?"
Isabelle Harris	Belle	Good with blue highlights	In a state without cowboys	To sing	Waking up early	"This book is so good!"
Kate Martenis	Kate	At her yearbook	For corndogs	Wearing green shirts	Having a little something under her nose	"I am very ashamed!"
Lauren Moriarty	Skip	For an open tetherball court	For swim caps	To swim	The cold	"More flashlight time!"
Madison Olds	Madison	Good in her green hat	In California	Harry Potter	Getting out of bed	"Oh goodie!"
Emma Owings	Emma	Good in her turtle necklace	In Newton	Rec. swim	Losing her hairbrush	"I have a brother named CJ."
Jordana Solomon	Jordi	To see if there is a snack	Near the city	"Boon Boon Pow" because it is always stuck in her head	Spiders and people calling her short	"Darling"
Frankie Vizoso	Frankie	For her perfume	For singing JB	Putting ketchup on everything	Ants	"Oh my Lord!"
Emily Wright	Emily	For her sister	In Connecticut	To hang things on her bed	Avocado	"Mara?"
Martha Wright	Mara	Forward to soccer	Above Frankie	To play James Bond	Her brother	"Can I borrow your crazy creek?"



Hello from Great Pond!

It's hard to believe that we're so close to our favorite months of the year and under 50 days away from opening day! It seems like we were just waving our goodbyes to our 2023 campers through a veil of rain. Our first two seasonal staff members have made their way to Runoia from their homes in Mexico and France; they're working hard under the guidance of our Facilities Manager, Tim Pearson, to ensure that camp is beautiful and ready for our staff and campers to arrive in June. We're eager for another summer!

What's in Store for 2024?

Staff

This season, we brought on April Marini - who celebrated ten summers in '23 - as our year-round Office Administrator. Mindy Martone also joined the year-round team part-time as an Assistant Director; Mindy celebrated five summers in 2023. We're ecstatic to have these two supporting Runoia and our families. Assistant Director, Jen Dresdow, has hired a full, skilled seasonal team representing fourteen countries from around the world.

New Programs

We're celebrating the continued expansion of our programming this summer! HLC, our "starter camp" for our youngest, first-time campers, has grown over the years and we're now offering a full summer of HLC sessions. We've added a 3-week HLC session this year as an additional steppingstone in the camper journey.

With the success of our 1-week Equestrian Camp in '23, we added a concurrent Sailing Camp for 2024! We have a few spots in HLC, Equestrian Camp, and Sailing Camp this summer for your friends or family.

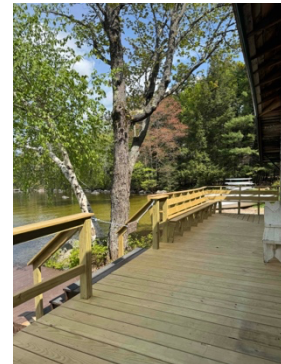


Facilities



Tim and Alex's creativity and drive to continually improve camp's facilities have resulted in:

- A brand-new riding arena for our Runoia riders to grow and show off their skills
- A newly rebuilt boathouse deck, complete with benches
- An added fenced-in garden space around the greenhouse for Farm & Garden classes to learn in



The Reach of CRAO Support this Summer

The generosity of the CRAO is set to impact 15 campers by providing camperships, and 11 campers by providing riding lessons. Runoia has formed new partnerships to expand the reach of donations, including Maine's Level Ground, which serves to provide tuition to Maine's immigrant and refugee families who otherwise would not be able to attend camp. Camp is positively impacted by its socioeconomic diversity in made possible by the CRAO - we are stronger and more vibrant with these campers in our family.

With a full staff, incredible year-round team, improved facilities, expanded programs, and the presence of 15 CRAO-supported campers, we are READY for another incredible summer - hopefully the best yet.

*With love and gratitude from Great Pond,
Colleen O'Malley, Assistant Director - for the Runoia team*

The News:

Alexandra Cavoulacos posts: It is humbling, and I am grateful to make my Broadway co-producing debut on a show as dazzling as Water for Elephants – a NYT Critic’s Pick. This was a lifetime dream of mine and I’m grateful to the many incredible and generous folks to help make it happen. Alex was a Runoia camper and staff from 1999 -2003. She has founded companies such as The Muse, a values-based career platform used by over 75 million people to research companies and careers and Meta Angels and authored the book: [The New Rules of Work: The Modern Playbook for Navigating Your Career.](#)



Emma Waddell is headed to Harvard/Brigham and Women’s residency in Urology – congratulations Emma – so well deserved!

Also at Brigham and Women’s, **Helen Knight** concluded her chief residency and secured a fellowship at Dana Farber as a Physician and Research Fellow in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. **Julia Knight** continues her legal practice as an associate at Cleary Gottlieb.



Matti Bradley and Chris have been based out of Echo Cove next door to camp this winter and have made excursions to ski out west and in Italy.

Matti announced the engagement of **Maggie Bradley** to fiancée, Mike, who have concluded their year long trek across the globe and settled in Boston.





Amy Cohen authored the book, "Black Lives in the Philadelphia Landscape". From the Philadelphia Inquirer "A quick, easy, nonjudgmental read. *Black History in the Philadelphia Landscape* is a quick, easy, and interesting read. Each of its 19 chapters looks at how events, individuals, and institutions are honored in historical markers, monuments, statues, and murals throughout the city." Click here to get your copy of Amy's book: <https://bookshop.org/p/books/black-history-in-the-philadelphia-landscape-deep-roots-continuing-legacy-amy-jane-cohen/20540121?ean=9781439923658>

Lucy Wallace Brewster (alumna mom, **Elise "Lili" Knight Wallace**) ran the 2024 Boston Marathon in April. Great job Lucy and fabulous fund raising for your cause for Bennett.



Last November, **Sadie Fitzgerald**, alumna of University of Colorado, Boulder '22, started a job at Thrive DC and recently has been promoted to Communications



Associate. More on Thrive DC: Located in Columbia Heights, Thrive DC's goal is to prevent and end homelessness. CAFB provides food for Thrive DC's food pantry, which recently reopened after renovations. The weekly food distribution typically serves about 300 people, who can access bags of nutritious food along with a range of support services.

Anna O'Keefe: I'm excited to share that I've been promoted to Associate Director, Americas Campus Relations and Marketing Lead at UBS! As a Campus Recruitment, Marketing, and DE&I professional, I am focused on creating pathways for diverse talent to reach their career goals. Experience in College Access advising, mentorship, and support.



In February, **Hannah Morse-Croce** started a new position as Demand Planning Manager at LEGO. Hannah is also an MBA Candidate at Boston College Carroll School of Management.



Anastasia Leahy writes she is a poly-sci major at Tufts and on the Intern Growth Team of The States Project. TSP connects the importance of state legislatures to every aspect of our lives and brings together communities to help build a healthy, sustainable, and prosperous future for all.

Kristine "Krissy" Oliver (alumna mom, **MJ Auns**) is a Lead Global HR Business Partner for Preclinical and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Vertex Pharmaceuticals. 2024 marks five years—congrats Krissy! Krissy and Justine sent us a holiday card of her three children Jackson, Grace and Maddie.



Thanks to our newest donor, **Charlie MacDonald**, who was a first-time donor to the CRAO. Charlie works as a middle school science teacher in Brookline, MA and remembers his one Runoia staff summer in 2011 fondly. Congrats to Charlie and his spouse Meredith who married on May 3. And, Charlie, thanks again for thinking of camperships at Runoia.



Leigh Duren Henderson, alumna and staff (maintenance, office) of many years in past is celebrating her 10th year at IDEXX with the 10-year sabbatical Personal Growth Leave (PGL). She will take her sabbatical with her family in the Belgrade Lakes and daughter, Lily, will attend Runoia for the first time this summer. Leigh works at IDEXX with Runoia alumna, **Kira Erikson Pridham** and Kira's daughter is fourth year camper at Runoia in 2024.

Hayden Saturley graduated from Northeastern University Law School in May
Congrats Hayden!



CRAO Milestones – Spring Log 2024

Denise Thompson-Banker
with Tim and baby Clark
born January 1, 2024



Rae and Daniel Lysaght
ushered in 2024 with the
arrival of Wren born
January 8

Congrats to Kelly Dishner
and Jeff Weadick,
Zoe Clementine
arrived February 26
Pictured with Kathy Dishner
Kelly and Zoe in May



Bronte was born on
February 27 to
Erica Carthy and Ryan
family photo on
Mother's Day!

Ally Leighton, Tyler Moragne
and big sister Charlotte welcomed
Madeline Leighton Moragne
on March 16, 2024



Charlie MacDonald and
Meredith Turteltaub
married May 3, 2024



Maeve Perrin
is engaged to
Liam Fairfax



Anna Teresea "AT" O'Keefe
got engaged to Matt Lebowitz
August 2023

Announcements and Tidbits Spring 2024

The CRAO Annual Board Meeting is July 27th at 10 am-12 noon at Camp Runoia. The board and any other CRAO members are welcome to convene for the meeting. Afterwards there is an open invitation for adult alumnae 18+ to gather for lunch at camp. RSVP by July 7 to April: office@runoia.com or call #207-495-2228 with attendee count and dietary restrictions.



Thanks to the Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization **Board of Directors** for their ongoing efforts to strengthen the organization and support campers attending camp. <https://runoia.com/alumnae/crao-board-of-directors/> Plus a special shout out to our co-presidents, Betsy and Marie-Claude, to **Meri Wicks**, our treasurer and to **Jen Dahnert** who oversees investments and writes donor thank you notes! We have appreciation for all the members of the Diversity Advisory Committee, to camp volunteers, **Ginny Geyer** and **Meg Tabell Kasprak** for the endless hours of dedication to the Camp Runoia trip program in 2023 & 2034!

Thank you for your Service!

The CRAO board would like to recognize **Mary Jane (MJ) Mott Auns** (right) and **Jane Orbeton** (below) for their exceptional service on the board of directors. MJ has been responsible for organizing reunions, volunteering at CRAO events, having a 100% attendance record at annual



meetings while on the board. Attorney Jane "Janie-O" was responsible for the recording session of the Camp Runoia songs located on the Runoia website and has led thoughtful discussions about board leadership, communication and board accountability. Both have been generous donors, and we appreciate their involvement, participation and loyalty to Runoia!



Thanks to
Matti Williams Bradley,
the CRAO clerk, for her
volunteer efforts!

SWAG (Stuff We Alumnae Give!) – it's not too late to help support a camper this summer with our SWAG program. The Diversity Advisory Committee spearheaded the fundraiser for essential camp items like a Crazy Creek Chair and a leak-proof water bottle. Donate your next couple drive-throughs at Starbucks to the CRAO and ask Meri (our treasurer) to put it toward SWAG. Did you know you can also give a gift and ask it to go toward a new book or two for the camp library? All things are possible at CRAO!



Pam and Claire – are our co-chairs of the 120th reunion in August 2026.

Save the date! And, if you're interested in helping contact:

Pam Cobb pam@runoia.com or Claire Williamson

claire.williamson07@gmail.com

Watch this space for more information! See you then - if not before!!



Calling all adult alumnae 18+

Join us for lunch at camp!

Alex and the Runoia team invite you join in for
lunch at camp on July 27th, 2024

After the CRAO Board Meeting, all adult alumnae
are welcome to enjoy lunch at camp.

RSVP by July 7 to April office@runoia.com

Or call #207-495-2228 with attendee count
and dietary restrictions.



DONATIONS THANK YOU FOR HELPING CAMPERS!

Great Pond \$1000 – 4999

Ryan Barrett, Bob and Susie Morse

Katahdin \$500 – 999

Ryan Barrett

Bigelow \$250-499

Diane Smith, Zareen Mirza, Josephine Detmer, Yuki Laurenti, Clark Goodpaster, Pam Cobb

Mt. Blue \$100-249

Angie McGinnis, Holly Bukacek, Kendall Wilson, Roger Spingarn, Cathy Prodo Hamm, Jody Sataloff, John and Gail Biddiscombe, Charlie McDonald, Annie Roberts, Anonymous, Anonymous

From the 1985 Log:

Phil and I wish that the love and friendship found at Runoia will be forever a part of the lives of those who have chosen to spend time here.

Betty Cobb

