

The CRAO Log Fall 2024 Volume XXXVII Issue II



Letter from the CRAO President - Happy Fall, Camp Runoia Sisters!

I feel so privileged to serve alongside an incredible group of individuals on the CRAO Board similarly affected by their positive experience at Runoia. Leading this organization, whose mission is to provide financial support through “camperships” for campers whose families would not otherwise be able to afford tuition, has proved to be a tremendously gratifying experience. Through ongoing fundraising and prudent investment of The Betty Cobb Memorial Campership Fund (honoring longtime owner and director Betty Cobb), we were able to provide support for more than two dozen campers!



This newsletter is a perfect platform to express my sincere gratitude to **Marie-Claude Francoeur**, who co-chaired our last reunion with me and has served as my CRAO co-president until recently when she needed to step down. Her commitment to this cause has been unwavering and the CRAO Board has benefitted from her wisdom, energy and creativity for over 10 years. On behalf of us all, thank you Marie-Claude for the impact you have had on our important work.

At our July annual meeting, we were also able to honor **MJ Auns** for her long time service to the CRAO board. She was (and will forever be) my “summer mom” back in the 1980s when she served as Betty’s Assistant Director and will continue to be embedded in Runoia’s very fabric. We are so grateful that she has offered to take up the Runoia museum project with Boop (**Roberta Tabell**



Jordan) going forward and contribute her memories to that important cause with her historic preservation skills.

The CRAO has been busy advancing important initiatives as well as gearing up for our next reunion (#120!!)! More important than ever is the steadfast diversity, equity and inclusion work led by **Pam Cobb Heuberger** and **Claire Williamson** to discuss and activate ways to keep Runoia inclusive in this shifting world, including training for counselors and more diverse library resources for campers. **Jenny Sachs Dahmert** and **Meri Wicks**, our endowment chair and treasurer respectively, continue to keep our finances in order, soliciting support for our camperships and making wise decisions on our portfolio with favorable markets to strive to meet the camper demand for assistance. Others will be raising their hands to host regional gatherings across the country this coming



year as we connect with each other in anticipation of our 120th reunion in August 2026. Stay tuned for more details!

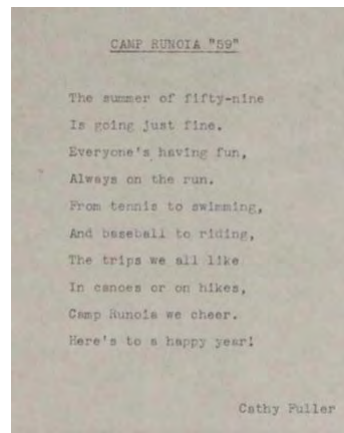
As we approach the holiday season and embrace the spirit of giving, I am writing to ask you to join me in giving the gift of camp to a deserving camper through a contribution to the Betty Cobb Memorial Campership Fund, 100% of which is dedicated to the cause with no overhead. The following link will take you to a site to make a gift to the CRAO Campership Fund (<https://runoia.com/alumnae/donate-to-help-campers-go-to-camp/>) or you can send a check to CRAO Treasurer Meredith Wicks at 215 Broad Street, Auburn, ME 04210. I want to leave you with a note we received from a grateful parent and recipient of a campership for her daughter this past summer:

“I thought I was sending my daughter for a reprieve from a difficult environment and a summer full of activities with female friends. I did not understand the magnitude of how much Camp Runoia could affect a young lady. At Runoia, she entered an environment of support, diversity, leadership, and experienced guidance from authority figures that she could trust... I cannot thank you enough for all that you do for these young ladies.”

As we think back to our Runoia skills and friendships and how those memories have shaped who we have become, let’s make sure this generation of campers have the same access to joy through our gifts.

Stay warm and well this holiday season. With much gratitude,

Betsy Nicholson,
CRAO President



Betsy pictured with her mom and daughter three generations of Runoia campers.
And a poem written by Cathy Fuller Nicholson as a camper!

Camp News from Summer 2024 Trips, Plays, Tradition and Competition!



Read to the End of this Section for the Famous Congo Bar Recipe!

The Bees and Elephants 2024



The Elephants “Eees” were victorious in 2024 Competing in softball, kickball, swimming, anew 5K race, horse shows, outdoor skills, art, boating, and more!



Pictured Clockwise from Top Left:

Oak Island Swim 1st session, The “Eees” Win a Soccer Match, Friends - No Matter Which Team, New 5K Race, Picking “out of the hat” with Director Alex, Oak Island Swim 2nd Session



Trips! The Return of Trips to Runoia: It's hard to begin to describe the time, energy and effort **Ginny Geyer** has dedicated to Runoia's trip department. After two years of the pandemic and no tent camping at Runoia until 2023, momentum for trips and aptitude for the trip experience waned. Most youth were adjusting to face to face socializing as well as being away from the cocoon they had been existing in for 18-24



months. Going away to camp was a big step in general... and choosing to leave camp to go on a camping trip (which hey! Is adventurous and amazing and all but also adds a level of work and discomfort) seemed too high a reach for most children. With

determination and the help of **Meg Tabell Kasprak**, Ginny created a new trip space in the "Katahdin Trip Shack" located adjacent to the Farmhouse in the garage/workspace. Tim built shelves, Alex authorized purchasing of new equipment, Ginny and Meg donated equipment and extra time to amend the existing trip equipment.



Ginny revamped Standard Operating Procedures cross checking American Camp Association standards as well as Maine DHHS licensing rules. She scouted out trip options, recorded driving directions, laminated maps, provided up to date Maine gazetteers, re-furbished trip boxes, put new handles on sharpened axes, bought new buck knives, built a mouse proof pantry for the Annex area of the trip department and more. In June she led Maine Trip Leader Training and certified 4 of 6 participants after she and Pam Cobb led a jam-packed overnight canoe and hiking trip on Flagstaff Lake and Little Bigelow Mountain (and good food, a campfire reading, Evening Program, morning breakfast, lunch making and pack-out). Over the course of the summer, although Ginny knew she had to let the birds fly from the nest, she stopped in at camp to help pack-in, reorganized, check in with trip leaders and more. She



spent hours with first session canoe trip campers going over paddling skills and set them into a whirlpool of waves on Great Pond to practice. They were ready for their Flagstaff three-day trip by the time they departed. The effort does not go unnoticed. The outcome of Ginny’s hard work is evident and her multi-year project of resurrecting the Runoia trip program is appreciated with gratitude and **Bobos to Ginny!**

Mark Heuberger with **Ginny Geyer** went to Flagstaff in the Heuberger’s Whaler with Ashley Smith and Pam Cobb in June to scout out the southwestern put in on Rt. 27 and the campsites and contingency plans for a Senior canoe trip in July. Pam and Ashley led the trip for three days with 9 campers and another camp staff, Karen Perez.



Camp Runoia’s site and facility manager, **Tim Pearson**, is an avid outdoorsperson and led multiple Katahdin trips with other trip leader staff this past summer. Tim is excited to take on the role as Director of Trips and is planning a variety of canoe and hiking trips for 2025. Tim and his partner, Ashley Smith, hiked Gulf Hagas in September and have made reservations for at least one trip to the “Grand Canyon of Maine” with campers and staff next summer. Flagstaff, Katahdin, Acadia, trips to the Maine coast beaches, hiking in the Kennebec Highlands and overnights at Fairy Ring were among the trips taken in 2024. Tim is recruiting trip leaders for 2025 – so spread the word for an amazing trip leading opportunity at Runoia.



Scenes from Runoia trips in 2024 pictured below

Acadia Trip, an osprey on Flagstaff, Round Barn launch, the tippy top of Katahdin “together”, Flagstaff from a Tent



2024 Runoia Players Produced Two Plays – one each session



Lord of the Pies by Clint Snyder

A parody of *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

A pie shop erupts into panic after Franny, a brash cat-lady, announces the arrival of the apocalypse. Franny starts to reconstruct society (called Frannyland) in the tiny pie shop and takes out anyone who stands in her way with baby food and scotch tape. Is the apocalypse real? Will the bathroom serve as an adequate prison? Why is there a muffin tin in a pie shop? *Lord of the Pies* answers these questions and more.



Annie with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and a book by Thomas Meehan. It is based on the 1924 comic strip *Little Orphan Annie* by Harold Gray (which in turn was inspired from the poem *Little Orphant Annie* by James Whitcomb Riley)



Annie is an orphan who dreams of being reunited with her parents. She lives in an orphanage run by the cruel Ms. Hannigan. Annie tries to run away again but is caught by Ms. Hannigan. Grace Farrell, the personal secretary of wealthy businessman Oliver Warbucks, comes to the orphanage to invite an orphan to spend Christmas with Warbucks. Despite Ms. Hannigan's objections, Grace chooses Annie. Annie is thrilled to leave the orphanage and go with Grace to Warbucks' luxurious mansion. There, she is given new clothes and meets Warbucks' staff. (Spoiler Alert!!) Though Warbucks is initially dismissive of Annie, Grace convinces him to let Annie stay.



Graduation Traditions - including graduation dinner and photo shoot, graduating seniors 3+ years plaques for the Boat House, Senior Village Prank Night and Last Wills and Testaments to name a few



Ten years at camp earns you bragging privilege as well as the Runoia keepsake silver bracelet, a celebration of your decade at camp, plus a photo for The Log. Congrats to **Em Friedman** and **Molly Kells** for ten summers at Camp Runoia!



The Oak Island Swim for the most advanced swimmers is a capstone event each session. The tradition continues!

Runoia is so ready for its next CITs! Graduated campers can now submit a camper application for our Counselor-in-Training program AND for the first time in many years, in 2025 there is a single-session CIT program as well as a shorter option: Harmony Quest.



Come join Runoia for first session, second session, or develop your leadership skills all summer long. **Check www.runoia.com to find out more.**



New Traditions: For our first campfire of the summer, returners welcomed our first-year campers in a new and very special way: cheering them on as they ran through their tunnel all the way down the path to the waterfront.

Runoia staff working on Lifeguarding skills as well as in-service training





Collen O'Malley created a pop-up shop raising \$1400 for Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization campership fund. Thanks to Colleen and everyone who bought sweatshirts!

Shout out to all the Runoia staff who make the fun, learning and magic happen at camp. Showcasing: **Jennie Bakewell** a graduate in Food and Beverage Entrepreneurship from Johnson & Wales University attended Runoia as a camper for six summers before returning as a staff member for the past three summers. Jennie teaches swimming at camp as well as gymnastics. She has a great time participating with campers in Evening Program, hair braiding and all-around fun. She is pictured striking a pose while lifeguarding, "Dress Your Counselor" and with her camp besties



Tim Pearson is rebuilding the Mahadin deck on the Farmhouse office this fall. The weather has been cooperating and he is on target to finish it before the snow flies. Tim's carpentry skills are an asset to Runoia. He has rebuilt the waterfront wharf, the Boat House decking with seating, made informative attractive signs, built beds and shelving, fencing, manages overall camp maintenance, site and facility as well as opening and closing camp with a small crew of staff. As mentioned in the Trip coverage, he is taking on the role of Director of Trips. He is an important part of the Runoia administrative team and a thoughtful leader in the Canyonlands extended family.



Olive made the photo!

Is there anything Tim cannot do?

There is Camp and then there is PONY camp!



Runoia's Equestrian Camp will run for its third summer in 2025. Pony Camp week of focused riding camp as well as fun on the water, Evening Programs and local trips. The week culminates in a horse show the campers' families are invited to attend.



2025 Dates and New Programs at Runoia

Camp Opens on June 22, 2025

Full and 3 weeks options as well as CIT and

Harmony Land Camp – first time campers aged 6-9

Harmony Heights – for first time campers Aged 10-12

August Camps find more at www.runoia.com

Harmony Quest

for 14–16-year-old – a seven-day program

Equestrian "Pony" Camp for campers rising grades 5th – 12

MEGA Fun Weekend: For children under 18 to experience

Runoia with women in their family



Jen Sachs Dahnert sends us the **Congo Bar** recipe!

This is from "The Art of Outdoor Living" (aka The JMG Book!!):

Two-thirds cup fat melted
1 lb. package brown sugar
3 eggs
2 3/4 c. flour

2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 t. salt
1 t. vanilla
1 small pkg. chocolate bits

Beat eggs, add melted shortening and sugar. Mix well. Add vanilla and dry ingredients which have been sifted together. Add chocolate bits. This is a stiff mixture. Spread in large baking pan, about 10 x 14 inches or use 2 small pans. Bake in moderate oven 25 to 35 minutes. When baked, cut in squares and serve or store for future use. Good to cook the night before a canoe trip. Bacon fat can be strained and used in place of butter/shortening. (now that's old school).

Best made and tasted cooked in a reflector oven by campfire in the middle of nowhere!

Update from Camp November 2024 – from Camp Director Alex Jackson

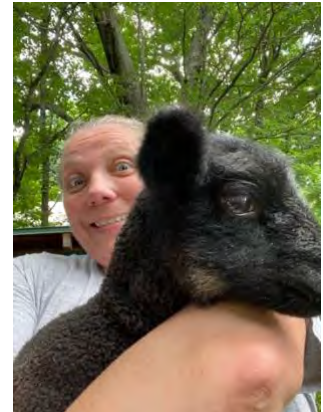


How incredible that in 2024 it was Runoia’s 118th consecutive season on Great Pond and that in 2025 I will have been there for 30 of those summers. Each summer is a moment in time, within a unique community of people that will never be repeated or recreated. The traditions at Runoia continue in a timeless way providing a special time to connect, make new friends, try new activities and acquire and improve on a range of hard and soft life skills.

This past summer was amazing with more Fine Maine Days than we could count. Due to your generosity, we were able to support over 20 camperships and 10 riding scholarships. Your legacy also provided the opportunity for almost 30 “alumnae daughters” to be at camp. What a joy it is for me to see my campers’ children now coming “home” to Runoia.

Word of mouth is the best recruitment for Runoia campers and staff, and our alumnae ambassadors are the best resource for us. We appreciate you wearing Runoia gear, talking about your camp experience and spreading the love, the message of camp and how camp makes a difference in the lives of youth.

While each of us is just a tiny blip in Runoia’s timeline and long history, each one of you has left their mark on the fabric of our camp. Long after summers are over your photos will be in the Runoia Log, your names will be in the boathouse and on your “shack plaques”, and most importantly in the hearts and minds of your friends, counselors and staff.



Thank you for your continued support that allows all campers access to the magic Camp Runoia has to offer. Come back to camp for our MEGA (Moms, Extended family, Grandmas and Aunts) weekend at the end of camp next summer. Hopefully you are all planning for summer 2026 and our big 120th CRAO reunion. We can't wait to see you all, the Runoia gate is always open, so, give us a call and stop in when you are in the area – or make a special trip (especially for the reunion in 2026!).



Alex for the Runoia Team

Alex Jackson
Camp Runoia Director

The News

A glimpse of some of Runoia's alumnae children and grandchildren "Off to camp!"



Audrey Lauer Schick
with step-granddaughter,
Ella Smith – first year camper!



Jai Cobb Kells sends
Molly to camp for Molly's
graduating summer and
Sawyer off to Sr. End!



Jane "Janie-O" Orbeton
and Jim McKenna, bumped into
in Hallowell this fall,
reminisced about granddaughter
Cecily's first summer at Runoia



Heather Duckworth Smith
sends Ellie for her 4th summer
full session!

The **Gradman McDonnell** family visited Runoia while vacationing in Belgrade. Alumnae **Ann, Zoe, Sidney and Sammy** all enjoyed being back in Maine for vacation and a visit to camp. This family's Camp Runoia summer tally over 20 years!



Claire Williamson and **Derrick Griffin** on Portugal Excursions!



Laura Kind McKenna shares a photo of she and Marc with their troop of grandchildren – pure joy!



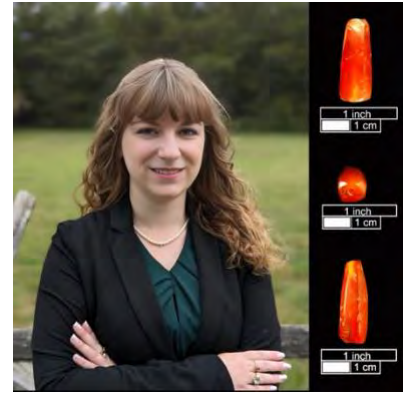
Olivia Southall is working in TV production in Bristol England. **Eliza Southall** is studying and traveling in South America.

Hannah Wythe and husband Warren live in Surrey, UK where Pam and Mark had a chance to visit with them and tour King Henry the 8th's Hampton Court Palace. Hannah and Warren celebrated his 50th birthday in Hungary this summer.





Alex Intriago is now officially a Solidcore coach – among many other things - including finance and running the San Francisco marathon.



Emma Schlauder writes from Virginia, “I continue to work as the Research Archaeologist for George Washington’s childhood home where I focus on reconstructing the lives of the enslaved community. This October, I will present a paper on enslaved material culture (carnelian beads) to the Council of Northeast Historical Archaeology. I am additionally in the process of getting this research published. In other news, I now serve on the

National Capital Area’s Fulbright Board. Anyone interested in learning more about my work can reach me at schlauder@gwffoundation.org.” As a random throwback, Emma’s dad sent a Runoia banner in a time capsule to Mars – that was a few decades ago so maybe it’s there by now!



Jody Sataloff writes “I was grateful to have had 4 full months at Belgrade to enjoy the lake and the wildlife and lots of kayaking and got to see a bit of Meg Tabell Kasprak and Ginny Geyer and MJ Mott Auns, as well as Pam and Mark Heuberger. Heading back to Palm Desert for 5 weeks starting in January. The joys of retirement! Here is a photo of my grandchildren at my nephews wedding last spring.”

Camp friends for long days AND always – **Nancy Roth, Elizabeth “Wally” Wallman, Keira Hamilton Martone, Emily Hoffhine Wilson** gather at Nancy’s Belgrade “camp” during the summer.



Taylor Surrette on a vacation from her PT career takes a tour of TEN National Parks.

Tenley Elvekrog
Sophomore at Dartmouth
pictured with the family dog “Red”



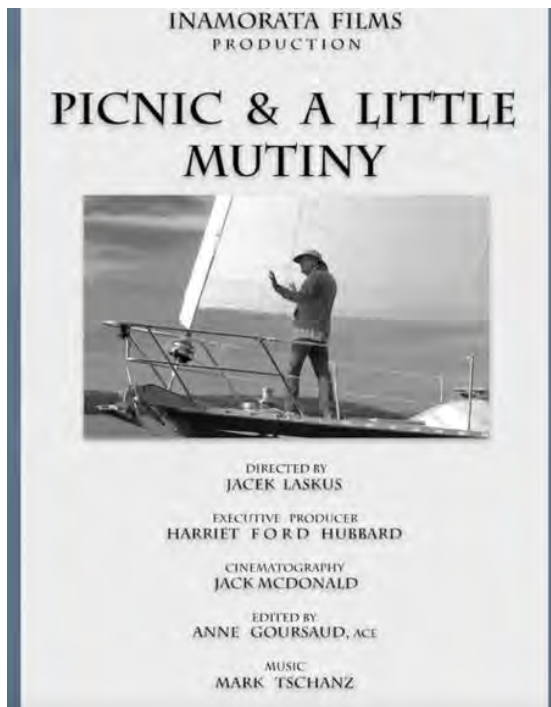
Julia Shenkar and Eric Griffin get married 20 years to the day they met at Band Camp(!) Eric accepted a teaching position in Detroit and Eric and Julia move from DC to Detroit with their pup, Bounce”.



Zipporah Hommel at the DNC in August with former President Obama on stage! She attended the DNC in her official capacity at Bolton St. Johns in Albany, NY. Zipporah Hommel interned for Bolton St. Johns in the

summer of 2020, and officially joined as a team member in January 2023. She works with a range of clients on legislative, policy and budgetary matters in Albany, NY. Zipporah earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Vermont, with a double minor in Economics and Public Communications.

Vanessa Pasquarelli
(second from left)
with friends
and family at the Eras Tour
Toronto in November



Harriet Hubbard, executive producer of a short film “Picnic and A Little Mutiny” – Harriet posts “We Win! After 2 years and countless submissions and screenings, our film, Picnic and a Little Mutiny has won Best Short Film at Toronto Documentary Festival!”

Harriet’s niece, Ava, is enrolled for camp’s 119th season in 2025 – her “blanket year” at summer #5!

Abby Blauvelt Sheridan shares: Bode is now a Senior and Chance is a sophomore in high school. We moved to Louisville, KY a few years ago. I am a computer science teacher in Louisville.

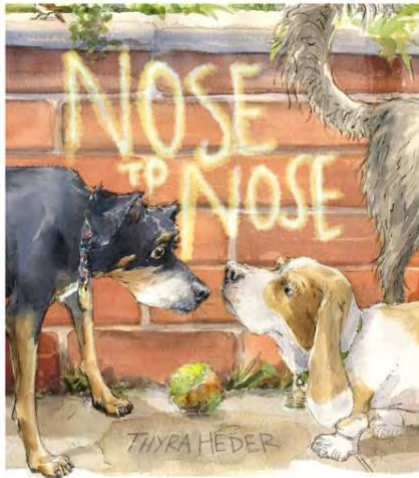
Lindsay Holmwood Hedenskog reconnected with Runoia while visiting family in Belgrade. She and her daughter, Franny, toured camp interested in Harmony Land Camp for 2025. Lindsay and her sister, Tory, both live in Sweden and together they ran a cooperative workspace company in Stockholm.



Meri Wicks passed her fourth and final CPA exam (congrats!) and is an accountant at Baker Neman and Noyes.

This accounting and consulting firm’s founding partner, Runoia alumnae **Ellie Baker**, also nurtured this initiative: From our founding, women have been at the core of BNN’s growth and culture. “Today, the BNN Women’s Initiative continues our founding partner Ellie Baker’s legacy of women empowerment and leadership through mentoring, relationship-building, and education. “ Ellie’s child, **Hannah “Hayden” Saturley** has been a Runoia camper, staff member and now CRAO board member. Pictured below: Ellie Baker then and now - Eleonor’s first summer as a camper in 1965, Ellie as a young professional, Ellie, keeping the torch burning at BNN.





Thyra Heder released her newest book, *Nose to Nose*, just in time for the holidays. This book is a delight for big and little humans. Thyra recently writes “I’m just an artist living with a boy and a dog in Brooklyn”. In fact, Thyra is much more than just that. Thyra Heder grew up in a family of artists in Cambridge, MA, (attended

Camp Runoia!), and graduated from Brown University with a degree in art semiotics. She is the author and illustrator of the critically acclaimed *Fraidyzoo*, *The Bear Report*, *Alfie*, *How Do You Dance*, *Sal Boat* and illustrator of books for others. You can find all her books and check out more about illustrator and writer, Thyra at www.thyraheder.com or go directly to her six books here: <https://www.thyraheder.com/picture-books>



Runoia alumnae and singer-songwriter, **Cate Tomlinson**, released two singles this year: “Like the Boy” and “The Ring of Fire.” She is recording and touring to promote her compilation of songs. Her last EP “Blueberry Season” (2023) is a collection of 5 songs. All available on Spotify. Check out this link to hear her music and like and support her on social media!

<https://open.spotify.com/album/5Dt0tQrZtxp uw2xWLIAGE4>

Like many other

Runoia families, the Tomlinsons have made Great Pond their second home. It would be fun to find out survey results of how many Runoia alumnae moved to Maine or started second homes in the area because of their Runoia connection. Multiply that by 120 resident camps in Maine, the camp industry has attracted families from far and wide to return to “Maine The Way Life Should Be”



Anna Lis-Roy at work!



Anna Lis-Roy says, “I’m in Washington, D.C. working as a political video journalist for The Washington Post. I covered the election and am now focused on the new administration and Congress. I spent much of the last year on the campaign trail reporting from around the country. On the Runoia front, my cousin, Lucie, pictured with me (left), was able to attend camp for two summers recently and it is so meaningful to share that with her!” Anna in her official capacity at the DNC in August pictured right



Dr. **Crystal Cobb**, Internal Medicine and Pediatric doctor, completed her two-year fellowship at Emory University teaching hospital and graduated in June. Crystal has presented research on Cystic Fibrosis in Ireland and Arizona this year. She will be taking her Endocrine boards in November. Good luck Crystal – you’ve got this!



Crystal Cobb Graduating Emory Fellowship in Endocrinology

Sofia Castranova stopped by to visit camp with family on their way to Rangeley Lakes this summer. It was great to see you Sofia!



Katie Roberts Dinneen visited camp and signed up her daughter, Vail, for Harmony Land Camp on the spot! Two of her three daughters are already enrolled for 2025 😊

Leigh Duren Henderson, (pictured right) was awarded her one-month bonus leave (10 years at IDEXX) and returned to Belgrade Lakes with her family during her sabbatical. She shared camp with her daughter, Lily. Leigh is Director, Global Planning at IDEXX. Another Runoia alumnae works at IDEXX, **Kira Erikson Pridham**, as a Senior Software Development Manager. Kira’s daughter, Quinn, attended Runoia for her fourth summer in 2024 and canoed like a boss on the Flagstaff trip! She was leader for the day plotting our compass course and was stern of the lead canoe and received the “Most Helpful” accolades at the trip campfire.



Claire Williamson – Is working as a Senior Administrator of Arts Boston. She works on discount ticket sales and access initiatives. Claire and her husband, Derrick, got a break from work and took a fun trip with her husband, Derrick, to Portugal in May.

Katian Hornbostel - is a junior at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is hoping to attend dental school after graduation. Katian has been a member of the Miami University waterski team for two years. While Katian has been water skiing on lakes since she was six, she had never skied a slalom course, done trick skiing, jumped or competed in water skiing until she joined the team last fall. Katian made the varsity team this year, and she skis in all three events, slalom, trick and even does ski jumping. The boat pulls her at 25 miles an



hour and sends her flying off the end of a ramp. She was an avid skier at Camp Runoia and returned as a ski counselor bringing even more enthusiasm to the Runoia ski program. Her confidence built as a ski counselor encouraged her to try out for The Miami U ski team.

Her mom writes, “because of her fabulous experiences at Runoia she is a completely different person than she was when she first boarded the plane to go to camp so many years ago. The shy and quiet little girl

has turned into such a confident young woman. Runoia will always have a very special place in our hearts.”



Meg Tabell Kasprak shoots us a photo of her annual month-long trip to California to visit with her son and family. She shares “I’m enjoying living in Maine - near Boop and Bob, and Chris and Danny. (And Jody, and Ginny and others). Plus visiting often with sister Sarah Tabell Nocka in Massachusetts and Vermont. All our kiddies and spouses will join us out here for Thanksgiving week, which is a relatively new tradition and lots of fun. I've loved reconnecting with camp and think fondly of our Mooselook trip and still chuckle at the memory of Pam and I changing a trailer tire while all those CITs remained fast asleep and utterly unaware! The Tabell sisters are taking a

"sister trip" to Patagonia (Chilean version) in March and will enjoy lots of lovely hikes and views.”



Boob Tabell Jordan with **Sarah Jordan** (right photo)

Natalie Bronfin finishing the NYC Marathon in November. You go!



Speaking of marathons, read about Ali Dahnert:

Jenny Sachs Dahnert sends us the family news. “ I am living in Tucson, AZ and enjoying the very different -- and very active -- lifestyle it affords us. We enjoy beautiful hikes and cycling right at our doorstep, there are pickleball courts in our community, and a health club within walking distance that also offers great activities. Mornings are usually devoted to exercise -- and our very spoiled Corgi, Ellie (Eleanor Roosevelt)! Steve is

fully retired, and I have kept my hand in the fundraising biz as a part-time consultant with The Phoenix Philanthropy Group. My primary clients have been the Tucson Botanical Gardens and the Children's Museum Tucson, but I have also worked on projects with a few academic institutions as well since joining the firm two years ago. It is a full-service fundraising consulting firm, and I'd welcome a conversation with any Runoia alumnae or parents affiliated with a non-profit organization seeking fundraising counsel. If so, please contact me at dahnert@phoenixphilanthropy.com.

Working part-time enables us flexibility to travel. We have enjoyed several long car trips to various places in the U.S., and we'll be venturing to some international destinations in the coming year -- and beyond.

Being in Tucson has afforded us regular visits with Ali and Sam, either where they live (Portland, OR for Ali and Lander, WY for Sam), in Tucson, or other destinations in the west. Our most recent rendezvous was in Portland, OR where **Ali Dahnert** ran her first marathon. She rocked it! Her work with West Coast Sailing and the Willamette Sailing Club (where she teaches youth and adult sailing) keeps her busy, and biking to work, running, and periodic camping/bike packing has her very active. We also connected at Beaver Creek, CO for a family wedding in July, and we're looking forward to being together over Thanksgiving and Christmas/Hanukkah.”



Family photo cheering Ali on through the Portland, OR Marathon. We were joined in this picture by Ali's friend, Paul, who also ran the marathon.

Milestones – Weddings, Engagements, Births, Passings

Alumnae Weddings - *Congratulations!*



**Erin Lasher and Leo Nasi married
November 2, 2024, in Littleton, CO**



**Caroline Tegeler and
Brooke Green
married August 1,
2024, in
New Gloucester, Maine**

**Camille Fontaine married Zach Mathieu
married September 8, 2024, in Winterport, Maine**



Eliza Mae Brown Schechter officially celebrating her marriage with Matthew in North Hero, VT on August 31, 2024, Colleen O'Malley pictured in the wedding party



Julia Shenkar and Eric Griffin tied the knot August 13, 2024, in Washington DC

On May 25, Alex Jackson and Mindy Martone married in Oldham, England with family and alumnae staff, Kara Garrod, in the wedding party Congratulations Alex and Mindy Martone-Jackson!



Engagements



Meri Wicks and Kaleb Halliday got engaged in Bar Harbor June 29...and just to show he is Runoia material - Halloween of 2023 Meri and Kaleb took a play out of the Runoia playbook "tacky tourists".



Ruby Nagel and Kaleb were engaged in Eugene, OR



Births



Oliver Holmes Krantz shouts "hello world" to beaming parents **Caroline "Carrie" Knights** and Jack Krantz, September 21, 2024

Canyonlands Founders, **Caroline Matthews and Connor McCarthy** joyfully announce Cillian's arrival September 3, 2024



Katie Fell Begor and Chase welcome Camden "Cam" June 20, 2024

Amy Garside Bong Tommy has a little brother! Henry born May 23, 2024



Passings

Victoria "Tori" Jayne Bolduc-Jackson, 18, of Maine, passed away on May 5, 2024, in Portland, Maine. Born on September 19, 2005, Tori was a vibrant soul who touched the lives of many.

Tori was a graduate of Waynflete High School, class of 2023, where she played lacrosse and helped organize the 2022 New England Youth Identity Summit. Her love for nature and animals was evident in her every step, including her passion for environmentalism and her love for skiing, hiking, and spending time in the outdoors. She spent many cherished summers with her family at Camp Runoia, where she excelled in various activities and was loved and admired by staff and other campers alike. An accomplished artist, baker, and craftsperson, Tori's creativity knew no bounds. She was an avid reader and loved learning about things through books and then sharing them with others. In addition to these passions, Tori recently became interested in weightlifting, sports science, and fitness.



Tori approached life with resilience, grace, and humility, inspiring those around her. She brought a quiet joy and light to everyone she met, leaving an indelible mark on their hearts.

Tori is survived by her brother, Rian Bolduc-Jackson; sister, Hannah Hines (Sam); nephew, Wesley Hines; niece, Willow Hines; mother, Alexandra Martone-Jackson (Mindy); and mother, Karen "K" Bolduc.

Tori's spirit will forever live on in the memories of those who knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed.

Many Runoia alumnae and Runoia connections attended Tori's celebration of life at Two Lights Park in Cape Elizabeth in September 22, 2024.

Barbara Warren Reed was born on December 12, 1931, in Waterville, Maine, a daughter of Eleanor and Elmer Warren. Barbara lived in Waterville until she was sixteen years old. She graduated from Northfield School for Girls and from Simmons College in 1953. She earned a master's degree from Northeastern University in 1976. *(She attended Camp Runoia in the early 1940s with her sister, Emily Warren Taylor).*



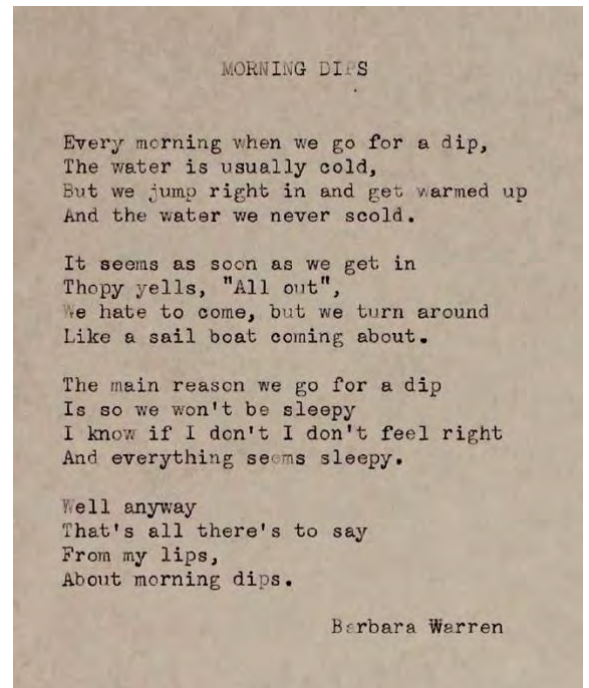
Barbara spent her early summers in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. It was during those summers that she developed an enduring love for the out-of-doors and all its creatures and plants. Later, she was happiest in her garden, in a canoe, hiking, or cross-country skiing. Always a woman of integrity, honesty, and charm, she brought a quick-witted spirit and energy everywhere she went.

Barbara became a physical therapist, a career she truly loved. She was Director of Rehabilitation Services at Winchester Hospital for twenty years before moving to New

Hampshire where she worked for Huggins Hospital and Visiting Nurses. After moving to Oceanview Retirement Community in Falmouth, Maine, in 2003, she was a water aerobics instructor, a retirement career she thoroughly enjoyed, at Oceanview and at the Casco Bay YMCA.

Barbie was on the Runoia Log Staff in 1942 and contributed writing and poems. She was an avid swimmer and enjoyed everything in and on the water.

Please join the celebration of Barabara's life or read more here:
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/yarmouth-me/barbara-reed-11924927>



Donations



The Camp Runoia Alumnae Organization's annual donations to Runoia make a profound difference in the lives of campers who benefit from them — children who dream of summer camp all winter long and whose formative Runoia experiences remain with them for a lifetime. Please consider becoming one of CRAO's regular supporters with a tax-deductible gift and help us provide youth with a life-changing summer at Camp Runoia.

We are grateful to **Jenny Sachs Dahnert** and her husband, Steve, for strategically managing the investment fund, which was later named the Betty Cobb Memorial Campership Fund to honor Betty Cobb, who with her husband Phil, directed Camp Runoia from 1959 to 1985, has been the focus of the CRAO's efforts ever since. The CRAO was founded March 12, 1987. Membership at the time of the formation is open to all former campers and supporters for \$10 annually. All members have equal voting rights. Articles of Incorporation filed by alumnae Attorney Jane Orbeton

Flagstaff \$10,000+

Laura Kind McKenna, Marc McKenna, Marie McKenna, and Anne McKenna Smith

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Leigh and Cheryl Williamson, Crew Neck Fundraiser

Katahdin \$500-\$999

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Bigelow \$250-\$499

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Fournier, Barbara Kimberly, Pam Cobb Heuberger

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Tumbledown \$50-\$99

Emma Owings

Mt. Phillip \$10-\$49

Meri Wicks , Charities Aid Foundation America

Donations as of November 22, 2024. All other End of Year Donations will be listed in the spring newsletter



Thanks to our volunteer **Board Members** (click her for list of board members) <https://runoia.com/alumnae/crao-board-of-directors/> who work to make the mission of Camp Runoia possible. Thanks to **Colleen O'Malley and Mindy Martone-Jackson** who are the campership liaisons to the Board and manages the awards to applicants. Congrats to Colleen who has accepted a job closer to home in Denver, CO. Mindy will carry the torch! A special shout out to Board President **Betsy Nicholson** who leads us with a bright mind and huge heart!

Tidbits

Ready to Tag Up again?! Camp Runoia's 120th Anniversary Reunion is in August of 2026 – Save the Date!

Be on the lookout for regional gatherings over the next 12-18 months. For sure a Portland, Maine and Wellesley, Massachusetts gathering are on the horizon.



Keep up with the News every month! Camp Runoia Blogs, Facebook and Instagram sites are buttons on the home page of www.runoia.com You

can also find them with a search of the official sites. The CRAO newsletter “The Log” is uploaded to the Runoia site in May and November each year.

Camp Runoia's hiring and camper recruitment swells from your advocacy about working and playing at camp. Thanks for any referrals – send to alex@runoia.com or direct friends, family and co-workers to the Runoia website.



Want to reminisce about camp? Take a journey down memory lane by visiting the Logs from 1910 onward. Thanks to the Tabell Family Foundation for a grant to scan and reproduce the



Logs online. We love to see you at camp, but now the Logs are available outside of the Runoia Lodge. However, when you visit camp, be sure to stop in the Lodge and look on the shelves over the piano for the Logs as well as other camp memorabilia.