



Nichols Day Camps

Since 1963

Dear Friends of Nichols Day Camps,

Another summer has come and gone for Nichols Day Camps, and we are proud to say our 56th was a successful one! We had over 300 individual campers ranging ages 6 to 14. They enjoyed the lovely waters of Walker Pond with activities such as swimming, kayaking, canoeing and sailing. They played countless field games like capture the flag, everybody's it and dodgeball, along with many other traditional favorites. We also added a brand-new game that quickly took the entire camp by storm, gagaball! This was made possible by the generosity of Hammond Lumber and the hard work of community volunteers.

There were bullseye's galore, the most talented of talent shows, drama games, and lots of singing! Programs like Birdsacre and Chewonki brought live animals, teaching us about owls, snakes, and other cool creatures. This was thanks to Explore Outdoors, who made these programs possible. For the first time in our camps' history, they also sent us one of their wonderful educators who worked with Scamp Camp doing a variety of crafts and activities about various nature and environmental subjects. We made friendship bracelets, painted faces and even got lessons about working with clay from Radcliffe pottery!

The Adventure Camp got to take hikes all over the beautiful peninsula, tackling Blue Hill Mountain, Great Pond Mountain, and had beach days in East Blue Hill and Stonington. Again, thanks to Explore Outdoors, a 4H instructor from the University of Southern Maine came and organized a multisession workshop with Adventure camp about aquaculture. Next year we hope to grow and expand our Adventure program and continue to take advantage of our beautiful coastal environment.

This year also marked the start of a daily snack program, funded by Maine farmland Trust. We were able to provide healthy snacks like cheese, fruit, and granola bars so all the campers could stay properly fueled throughout the day! This was made possible through the assistance of El El Frijoles, located in Sargentville. We also partnered with the Brooklin Garden club to start composting on camp grounds and we had weekly visits from the Magic Food bus, who read us stories and brought more healthy snacks for the campers to enjoy!

Without the amazing people that make up the Nichols community, from both close and far, none of this would be possible. Your donations and support allow us to continue to provide area youth with a wholesome, welcoming environment in the beautiful Maine outdoors.

On behalf of the campers, staff, trustees and parents please give generously to this local non-profit that has been dedicated to serving the community for over half a century now; a gift to camp lasts a lifetime!