

# Alumni Smoke Signals!

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**2013 is COMING!**

2013 will be Camp Mi-Te-Na's 100<sup>th</sup> year in operation! How-How for Camp Mi-Te-Na!

Plans for the big milestone are in the works. Keep on the lookout for future notices for additional information.



Old cabin 11 being demolished

## Save The Dates For Two Upcoming Alumni Events

The Mi-Te-Na and Foss Alumni Associations are planning a fall reunion to be held the evening of Saturday, November 19th at Jillian's in Manchester. Final details are still being worked out, but if you are interested in learning more about this event or being added to our alumni e-mail list, please send us an e-mail with your information to Ben Howe, Camp Mi-Te-Na alumni coordinator, at [mitenaalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:mitenaalumni@yahoo.com).

The Summer Reunion at Camp Mi-Te-Na will be in June 2012. Last summer's event was great, and this summer's event will be even better! If you have not been to camp in a few years, here is your chance to visit and take a tour. Please keep an eye out for the next newsletter for more details!



Alumni at our June 2011 Reunion

### Everyone Had A Great Time at Camp This Summer!

The summer of 2011 at Camp Mi-Te-Na was fantastic! Everyone at camp enjoyed the great weather. Everyone enjoyed the good times on Halfmoon Lake and loved paintball. Older campers were offered guitar lessons this summer. Rick also reported that there was a program in media arts. Campers enrolled in this program to help put together the camp yearbook!

## Come Visit Camp Mi-Te-Na While You Drop Off Your Child Next Summer!

The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association would like to remind everyone about the upcoming 2012 camping season. The YMCA of Greater Manchester's two overnight camps, Camp Mi-Te-Na for Boys and Camp Foss for Girls, offer boys and girls ages 8-15 a diverse mix of exciting and challenging programs and activities for the summer. These overnight camping programs allow young people the opportunity to explore personal interests, participate in exciting outdoor sports and activities and develop a variety of lifetime skills. For more information, please contact the YMCA Camping Services Branch at (603) 232-8642.

**Message from the Director:**

Greetings Alumni,  
I hope you all had a great summer and Fall. The Ranger Cabins are under way and should be completed in a month or two. Camp has come a long way in the last 20 years and if you have not had a chance to come up and look don't wait any longer come on up next spring or summer and see where we have gone.

This past summer was a great one with fantastic weather and a great Staff. Many of the same great activities were still held just like when you were at camp. Camper Hunt, Staff Hunt, Dances with Camp Foss, Polar Bear Swims, Trips to Beebe River, Cliff Island, Sculptured Rock. New programs were a success like Media Arts, Paintball and Guitar Lessons.

I hope everyone has a great winter and Holiday Season.

Rick



**Alumni Enjoy Good Times at Camp Mi-Te-Na during the Summer Alumni Reunion!**

A gathering of good friends provided an ideal backdrop for our annual alumni event at Camp Mi-Te-Na on June 11 and 12. After lunch was served, Mi-Te-Na alumni Jeffrey Dubuc received the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Service Award for his important contributions to the Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association and Camp Mi-Te-Na, including his valuable work on various facilities at camp during the last few June reunions. A big How-How to Jeffrey!



Alumni working on the new staff lounge

A group of over 33 Mi-Te-Na alumni, staff, and family gathered on Saturday to tackle several projects. Most of the alumni helped to cleanout and upgrade Tom Archer's old director's cabin into a staff lounge. In particular, Tony and Peter Terragni, Darryl and Devin Kane, and Brian McCarthy was particular helpful tearing down and rebuilding Tom's old cabin. Jeffrey Dubuc was also instrumental in upgrading the cabin.

The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association would especially like to thank all of our corporate partners for their continued support. We would especially like to thank Tony of Tim and Tony Terragni Carpentry (to contact them, please call 603-774-5178) for designing the project and leading the construction effort. We would also like to thank Jeffrey Dubuc from Brookside Plumbing and Heating (to contact them, please call 603-569-3529) and Darryl and Devin from Kane Carpentry (to contact them, please call 603-520-9259 or 603-254-5362) for their support. Thank you all for your efforts!

Once the work was finished, we had a delicious camp dinner of barbeque hot dogs and hamburgers, and afterward we settled in for a challenging Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, from which half the winnings--\$180--went towards camp scholarships. Matt and Megan Hanson finished tied for first. Congrats to all the winners!



Completed Staff Lounge

We concluded the evening the same way we did at camp so many years ago, by retiring to our cabins for a peaceful night's sleep, surrounded by the sounds of the great outdoors. A big How-How goes out to Tom, Rick, and the other camp staff who attended the event for hosting us and to everyone for coming out and helping camp out.

**The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association would like to thank the following alumni, staff, and their guests for their participation:**

Tom Archer  
Rick Ross  
Jeff Laferriere  
Jeffrey Dubuc  
Brian McCarthy  
Andy Soucy  
Jason Paul  
Davis Richmond  
Ina Plante

Katie Archer  
Willem Geldenhuys  
Tom Tomai  
Tommy Wickham  
Gretchen Klene  
Eric Werner  
Matt Hanson  
Jamie Kimball

Ben and Tim Howe  
Devin Kane  
Darryl Kane and Dawn Adolffson  
Fred and Matt Emerson  
Sarah Duncan and her husband Jon  
Jo, Geoff, Tony, and Peter Terragni  
Jimmy Wickham and his fiancée Christa  
Emmanuel Desbiens

## Updates From Our Alumni

**Paul Burns:** recently moved to Massachusetts. When we heard from him, he was doing temporary work in North Andover, MA and landscaping part-time on Cape Cod. Things were going well for him.

**Rob Gauthier:** is at the Errol (NH) Metro Regional International Post Office. Errol is a town of 300. He had a line of 3 people waiting on Tuesday, which is very rare. He has been there 4 years. He and his family were thinking of getting goats, just like Rick.

**Collin Crossland:** reported that he had gotten a new job and was starting it soon. He was very excited about the new executive chef position with First and Fresh Catering. He will be based in Boston.

**Todd Cormier:** is doing well, working, and playing softball.

**Karl Smethem:** is one of our international alumni. He went to camp in 1982. He reported that if you have a copy of the yearbook from that year, he is one of the guys wearing his jacket back to front and is singing into mops. Best wishes!

**Paul Rutledge:** was sorting through some boxes after a house move and found an old Mi-Te-Na baseball cap. He said that it brought some memories flooding back. Someday, he will get back over to visit the place. He still has his old staff shirt!

**Maura Quintero:** from Venezuela, former camper who attended camp around 1975-1976 reported in again after several years since his last contact. He hopes to visit camp again after so many, many years.

**Santiago Alvarez:** Informed us that his nephews are registered to attend Camp Mi-Te-Na for first or second period. Their names are Juan Esteban and Andres Valles Alvarez; they are sons of his sister Carolina. They will try to send more crazy Venezuelans our way!

**Eric Rogers:** also sent his son, Kyle, to camp for his first summer at Camp Mi-Te-Na. He could not wait to start swapping camp stories with him.



Santiago and his Brother Oswald Visit with Rick and Tom at Camp on May 16

## Your Generous Support Keeps Camp Alive!

When you make a donation to Camp Mi-Te-Na, you make a valuable investment in the future. Your generosity helps us make much-needed renovations, build new facilities, and acquire new equipment, but in the big picture, your dollars do so much more than that. They are an investment that helps us build stronger, healthier kids who learn to become caring, responsible adults. Please see the below for the many ways you can donate to camp:

### Endowment Fund

Your personal gift to the endowment fund, either by an immediate gift or a gift in your estate plan, will help us continue to offer generations of future campers a fun, safe, and supportive environment to learn and explore, while embracing the YMCA's core values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. Camp Mi-Te-Na is deeply honored to be remembered by our alumni and friends in such a personal and significant way.

### Tribute Gifts

Honor a friend or family member with a gift to camp. Your thoughtfulness will be very much appreciated and the gift will have a lasting impact.

### Crescent Club

The Crescent Club is a group of individuals who feel they would like to do a little bit more for camp. Each member agrees to donate a set amount of financial support each year to camp. We ask that all Crescent Club donors agree to donate a minimum of \$500 annually.

### Personalized Brick Program

Were you someone who liked to write your name on your cabin's walls? If so, Camp Mi-Te-Na now has a very special way for you to leave a lasting mark—a personalized brick! For a minimum of \$150, a donor will receive a personalized brick that will be placed around the Seymore Ross Pavilion by the Mi-Te-Na Green House.

### Corporate Matching Gift Program

Does the opportunity to double your donation to camp without additional writing another check sound too good to you? Camp Mi-Te-Na's Corporate Matching Gift program is a great way to do just that! Many companies are pleased to support their employees' donations by matching your gift to a non-profit organization. In order to have your donation matched, please contact your Human Resources Department to request a Matching Gift form and instructions regarding your employer's matching gifts process.

### Camp Wish List

Camp Mi-Te-Na is always looking for quality camping and outdoor equipment. If you have an item you would like to donate please make sure it is in good working condition. Not sure if what you have would make a good donation? Please contact us and let us know what you have to donate. If you are local, we can pick up the item. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

If you are interested in taking advantage of any of these donation options or have any questions, please contact Tom Archer, VP of the Camping Services Branch, at [tarcher@yogm.org](mailto:tarcher@yogm.org).

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Experience that  
Lasts a Lifetime!



**Moved  
Recently?**

If you have moved recently or would like to be added to the alumni e-mail list, please send Ben Howe an email with your contact information so we can stay in touch.

## YMCA Mission Statement

The YMCA of Greater Manchester is committed to creating a place where all are welcome. The YMCA builds a healthy spirit, mind and body in individuals and families while instilling the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility through our practices and programs.

## We Need Your Help to Expand Recruitment Efforts

We need your help! We are trying to spread the word about camp in-state, out-of-state, and abroad, and are looking for alumni volunteers to hang a flyer in your employer's cafeteria, to host a camp party at your home or church, or to communicate with some of the schools in your area. It would be a big help. For more information about volunteering or if you have any questions about this effort, please contact Ben Howe at [mitenaalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:mitenaalumni@yahoo.com).

### Check Us Out on Facebook & Twitter!

Did you know that the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association is on Facebook? The Alumni Association has a group page on Facebook where you can reconnect with old friends and learn about fantastic upcoming events. Camp Mi-Te-Na is also on Twitter, visit <http://twitter.com/CampMitena>. Please contact Ben Howe at [mitenaalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:mitenaalumni@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



## Planning a Trip to New England?

We would love to see you next summer! Thanks to our generous supporters, a lot of great changes have been made at Camp Mi-Te-Na over the years, but one thing remains the same ~ our spirit! Join us next summer for a delicious camp meal and some camp songs. Please e-mail Ben Howe at [mitenaalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:mitenaalumni@yahoo.com) for more information!

## Check out Camp's Website

Camp Mi-Te-Na has a wonderful website! We have posted past copies of the alumni newsletter and pictures from previous events on this site. Log on to [www.campmitena.org](http://www.campmitena.org).

## Bringing Back Old Favorites

Camp program staff is interested in learning about your favorite activities from when you attended camp, as they are interested in reintroducing activities from other eras that may not be offered today. Please e-mail Ben Howe (at [mitenaalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:mitenaalumni@yahoo.com)) a brief description of your favorite activity and any pictures and we may decide to incorporate it into next summer's program schedule. If your activity is incorporated, we will publish your name and the activity in a future newsletter. Thanks in advance for your help!



*The blazing fire spreads strength and joy about the ring of youthful faces. The faces leave and in time the fire settles to embers which lie in waiting for the breath of youth to give them life anew.*

David Crowell