

Alumni Smoke Signals!

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2013 is COMING!

Camp Mi-Te-Na will be celebrating its 100th year anniversary in 2013! 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.



Mi-Te-Na Waterfront

Save The Dates For Two Upcoming Alumni Events!

We really need your help! We are holding our annual alumni **Clean Up the Camp!** event at both Camps Mi-Te-Na and Foss on **June 11-12, 2011**. Alumni will complete small work projects around camp, such as picking up brush, and helping the staff get the camp ready for the arrival of campers later in June. Tours of Camp Mi-Te-Na will also be offered. After the work is done, we will play softball, have a poker tournament benefiting the Camp Mi-Te-Na scholarship fund, and enjoy a campfire later in the evening (weather permitting). It will be a great day to visit camp, make new friends, and catch up with old ones. Your help during this event would be much appreciated!

The Mi-Te-Na and Foss Alumni Associations are also planning a fall reunion to be held in November in Manchester, NH. Final details are still being worked out, but if you are interested in learning more about this event or being added to our alumni email list, please send us an email with your information to Ben Howe, Camp Mi-Te-Na alumni coordinator, at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.



Matt Hanson Cooking at Last Year's June Reunion

Come Visit Camp Mi-Te-Na While You Drop Off Your Child

The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association would like to remind everyone about the upcoming 2011 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 7-15 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 Service Branch at (603) 232-8642.

Message from the Director:

Greetings Alumni,
The spring groups at camp are underway and we are already planning for this summer. The ball field looks great and the lake is ready for a swim. I hope you all had a great winter and are ready for a great summer. Just remember if you are available, we would like to see you at camp on alumni weekend. We do a little work, play a few games and have some fun.

Come and reminisce about the good old days on the shores of Halfmoon Lake, the times you had going on trips to Cliff Island, Bell Island, Beebe River or Mt. Major. Remember the early morning polar bear swims in the lake or running to the store after dinner to be first in line.

I hope you can find the time to join us,
-Rick

PS. Remember to put the Summer of 2013 on your calendar when YMCA Camp Mi-Te-Na celebrates 100 Years of serving the Youth of the World.



Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss Alumni and Staff Dodgeball Event was a Huge Success

Everyone attending the fourth annual Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss Alumni and Staff Dodgeball event at the Manchester YMCA on April 15th had a great time! Mi-Te-Na alumni **Tony, Geoff, and Jo Terragni, Ben Howe,** and **Darryl** and **Devin Kane** showed up ready to play. Mi-Te-Na staff member **Willem Geldenhuys** also played in the tourney. Mi-Te-Na alum **Chris Cooney** and Camp Mi-Te-Na Director **Rick Ross** stopped by to visit.



Geoff, Jo, and Tony Terragni and Willem Geldenhuys



Tim and Jillian Howe and Jo and Tony Terragni

Mi-Te-Na alumni **Tim Howe,** and his daughter **Jillian,** kept score. Camp Foss staff **Aubree Cecil, Laura Houpt, Emily Goupil, and Maggie Hendrickson** represented Camp Foss very well during the tourney. The game was fast paced and fun and everyone enjoyed the high level of competition and good sportsmanship during the tournament. The group also enjoyed several cut throat games of knockout. There were some epic dodgeball games between the teams, but at the end of the day the teams finished tied—in true camp spirit!

Thanks to everyone who attended and we hope to see you there next year!



Camp Alumni Have a Blast at Jillian's in Manchester!

The November 2010 Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss alumni reunion at Jillian's restaurant in downtown Manchester, NH was a terrific success! We want to thank everyone for turning out. Fifteen Mi-Te-Na and Foss alumni, staff, family, and friends attended the event. Everyone really enjoyed learning more about what's new at each camp, catching up with each other, and otherwise hanging out at the event. We hope to be there again next year!



Alumni Contacted Former Campers Before Reunion



Willem Geldenhuys and Matt Henry at the November Reunion

Updates From Our Alumni

Matt McLaughlin will be contracting with the Peace Corps to manage a malaria prevention program in Africa for one year with options. He was already working on it in March 2011. Most of his work will be coordination work done from Vermont via telecommunication.

Nick Isaak attended camp in the 1970's. His son's (Ben and Ted) now attend camp for a week or two each summer. His grandfather (John Coyne) and uncle (John Coyne Jr.) both attended camp as well. He now works as an architect.

Michael O'Shaughnessy is living in Illinois. He just took over the kitchen at a new steakhouse. He is busy, but happy.

Dylan Landry hopes everyone has a great time at the fall alumni reunion. Unfortunately, he could not make it as he is currently stationed in Germany.

Leon Belesca is a CDL driver. He delivers product and his route is in and around Boston, MA.

Ben Guthro is married and works in Westford, MA. He recently wrote and said that he loved low ropes and four square tournaments at camp.

Mark Laferriere is married, has two children, and lives in NH.

Ryan Carlaw emailed and reported that things are going well. He got a job at Elliot Hospital and loves it.

Jeff Welch lives in Georgia. He went to camp for two to three summers and has some great memories of the place.

Koyla Rice, who went to Mi-Te-Na during the summer of 1985, now lives near Seattle, WA and works for Microsoft. He went to camp with his friend Darryl Kane and still has lots of good memories.

Santiago Alvarez is living in Caracas, Venezuela. He is married with 2 daughters, one is 10 and the other is 8. After he graduated from high school in Venezuela, he spent a year in New Hampshire and graduated from Pembroke Academy in 1989. He visited camp in May with his brother Oswald who lives in Miami with his wife and 2 children.



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.

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Camp is an
Experience that
Lasts a Lifetime!



Moved
Recently?

If you have moved recently or would like to be added to the alumni email 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.

Bringing Back Some Old Favorites!

Camp program staff are 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 email Ben Howe (at 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!

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 if you have any questions.

Keep In Touch

Want to know what's going on at Camp Mi-Te-Na? You can also visit www.bunk1.com and sign up to receive the latest updates! Bunk1 gives alumni access to camp news. Sign up today and keep in touch!

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.



Camp Chapel

Planning a Trip to New England This Summer?

We would love to see you! 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 for a delicious camp meal and some camp songs. Please email Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com for more information!



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.