

The
Weekend
Of

Aug 28,
2021

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Birch Lake girls having fun, left to right, Eva and Zoe Grove, Elyse Grundy, Abby and Vivian Anderson, and Avery Meneghin.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

And so, we begin...
I am happy to be your new Commodore for the next year. Assisting me will be Deb Hall, who along with her husband Bud, have lived permanently on Birch Lake since 2016; her parents bought on the south side in 1966. Deb joined our BLYC board in 2020 and enjoys serving because "the board's #1 priority is the lake and its community." Please welcome Deb to her new role when you next see her. She and I, alongside our great BLYC board, look forward to serving all of you.

A huge thank you to Dan Waxman for successfully completing his term as our Commodore. Dan smoothly continued the work of our past commodores in leading the board with the goal of mak-

ing Birch Lake a safe, clean, beautiful, and just a wonderful place for so many of us who call it home. I would say that Dan certainly accomplished this task.

Last Saturday evening, about 75 of our Birch Lakers and their guests attended our Fall Cocktail Party at Camp Tannadoonah. Chic Eats Catering (owner Carrie Rogers lives up on the Hill), provided efficient staff who served up delicious appetizers; Tom Cassady stepped in to look after the bar. Amber and Chas Grundy did so much to provide a great venue and made it all come together so nicely, including Chas preparing an upbeat, fun playlist. Bob Waddle, like so many times in the past, agreed to be the event photographer.

Other volunteers who helped in the effort were: Craig Fredlake, Tom Kuhn, Patty & Bill Luecht, Angela Bergan, Sue Williams, Sarah Petty, Vickie Rogers, Maggie Cassady, Mike Sheffieck, and Dan Waxman. Many stayed after the

2021 Birch Lake Calendar*

- Aug. 27** - Ladies Lunch & Style Show, 11 am, Woodfire, Dowagiac, (PAGE 2)
- September 5** - Labor Day flotilla, (PAGE 2)
- September 8 - Sailing awards, 1 pm, Russwurms' (north side)
- Oct. 16** - Crockpot Challenge (tentative)

BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

Sept. 11, 9 am @ BLYC

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party to help clean up and that was greatly appreciated. (I apologize if I missed any volunteers).

As per our Birch Lake Yacht Club bylaws, we conducted a little business

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— Birch Lake Notes —

and voted in the following board members who very nicely agreed to stay on for another term: Ed Chester, Patty Luecht, Pat McGann, Claudia Phipps, Vickie Rogers, and Phil Vitale. Thank you to our entire board for their many years of service (see the entire board list at the back of the Barker).

We have a few more events yet to come before we close out our 2021 summer/fall season:

Friday, August 27 is the Ladies Lunch & Style Show. Sunday, September 5 we will host a flotilla party in the middle of Birch Lake. This is always casual, fun and a great way to meet new Birch Lake friends. And finally, our Crockpot Challenge will be on Saturday, October 16. More details to follow in the Barker on upcoming events.

As you can see, Birch Lake is home to many volunteers – please thank your neighbors who work so hard to keep the events going every season and add so much to making our lake the special place it is. Have a great weekend and week ahead and stay safe.

Kindly,

~Commodore Barb Cassady

Labor Day Weekend Flotilla

Sunday, Sept. 5, 6 pm. Due to the past successful flotillas, let's do it again!

Meet in the middle of the lake with your boat. Bring an Appetizer. Boats will be tied together and we will walk from boat to boat sharing food and camaraderie. Look for the boats in middle!

Commodore's Award

This year's award went to Staci and Ron Whiteman. The Whitemans are the next-door neighbors to the Yacht Club and provide a watchful eye on the building through each season so we can all enjoy festive times during the summer. Staci and Ron are always willing to lend a helping hand to others in good times and in bad. They exemplify the saying of "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Staci and Ron, you are deserving of this award, and I was happy to announce this at the Fall Gathering.

~Past Commodore Dan

Crockpot Challenge

Let's talk about the BLYC Crockpot Challenge! We have a tentative date set for the event on October 16.

NOW FOR THE RULES!

You may submit entries of either savory or sweet, or both. Not sure about sweet? Check Pinterest for ideas!

Participants Only: Arrival time at 5:30 pm. Please be on time! Bring extension cords, and utensils.

DO NOT I.D. YOUR CROCKPOT!!

Arrival time for the following will be 5:45 pm to allow setup time for the crockpots: Hors d'oeuvres and toppings (crackers, cheese, diced onion, breads, butter, etc.)

Non crockpot challenge desserts (i.e. Julie's Cookies ... HAAAA!) set on table provided. Good idea to I.D. your dishes.

BYOB: we will be using any leftover beer and wine, but it will be unknown how much will be available after the previous events. If it is available, we will offer it.

Guests arrival time 6 pm! NO EARLY ENTRIES to eat. Get your voting ballots at the door as you come in.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category.

6:15 pm EATING BEGINS!

Scoring and prizes at approximately 7:15 pm.

There will be a Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawings.

Watch the Barker for any updates. Any questions call Bad Patty at 317-605-6421.

Again all of this depends on the COVID 19 virus and whether or not we would feel comfortable enough to host this event.

~BP.



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NO WIND, NO SAILING



Awards luncheon Sept. 8, 1 pm, Russwurms' deck!

Sunday produced no wind so we did not have sailing. Of course there was wind the day before and the day after, but not the day of!

The season is winding down and we need to talk about our awards luncheon. This year our hosts will be Good Patti and Bad Patty. Good Patti has been gracious enough to offer and let us hold the event at her house on the North side. It's got a lot more shade and bigger space so we won't be so cramped up. We're


going to schedule the lunch at 1 pm on Sunday September 8. All sailors and committee boat volunteers are welcome and we welcome them and their spouses. Beer and wine will be provided. If you would like to bring a small appetizer or desert, we would be glad to accept that, but it is not necessary. It will be very casual and (hopefully) we will learn the name of the next fleet captain.

As always, we will try again Sunday to get back out on the lake and get in our races. The the follow-

ing Sunday will be the Labor Day regatta with races on Saturday and Sunday. We have just a few race days left. This season has gone by quickly. Hopefully, it was a lot of fun and very enjoyable for all that participated. So we hope to see you all at lunch on September 8 at 1 pm at Rick and Patti Russwurms'.

Sail on!

~Fleet Captain (for just a few weeks more) Bill
(and ghostwriter, BP)







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BLYC Season Standings to date

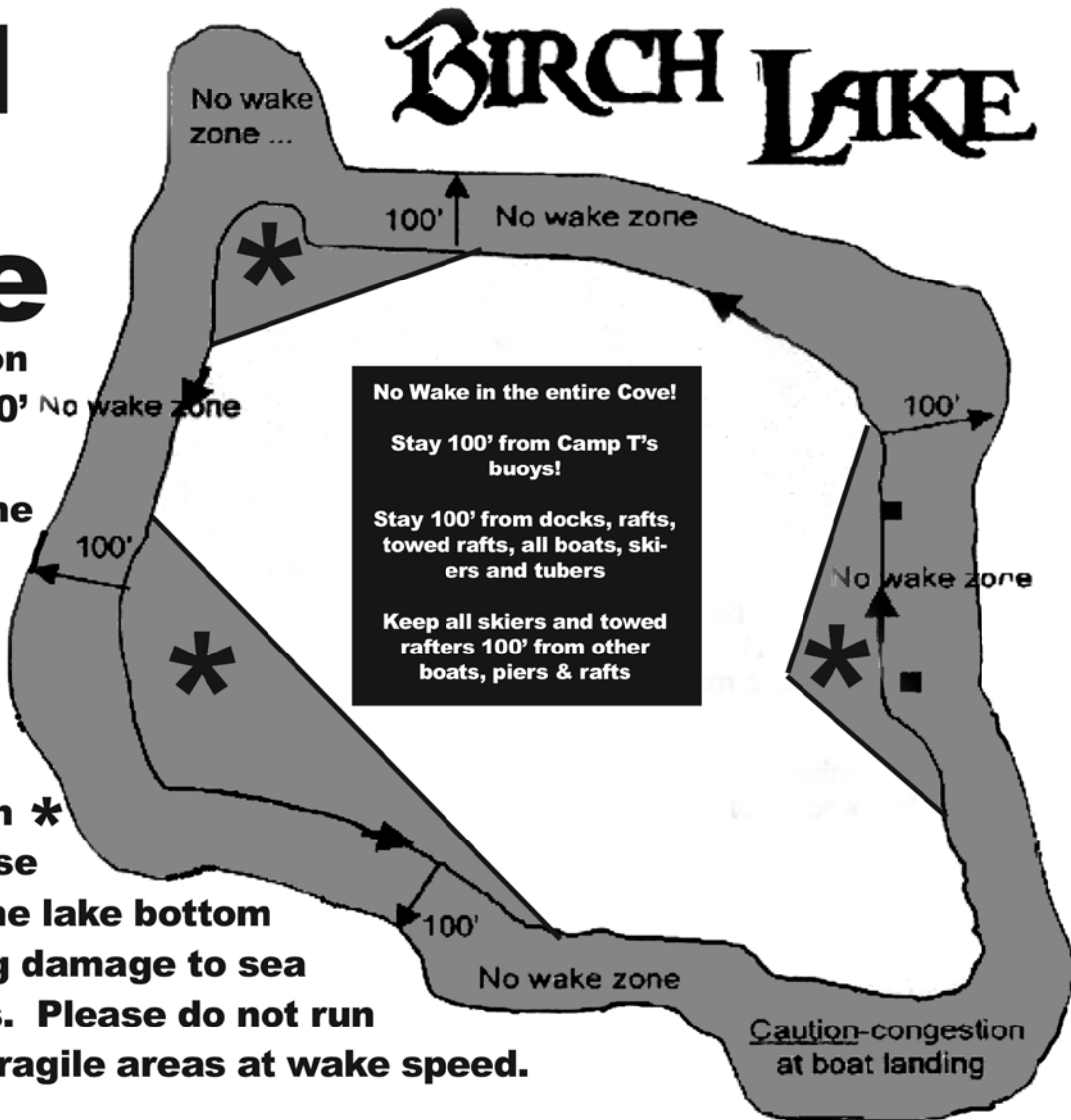
Date	15-Aug	15-Aug	Total	Point	Races	%
Race	20	21	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow/Sailor			Total MC Races=>	19		
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	24990	1562	15	71%
Barb Cassady #2506	4	2	27702	1539	18	86%
Bill Luecht #1579	6	7	30289	1442	21	100%
Phil Vitale #500	2	5	2817	1409	2	10%
Pat Welch #1979	7	4	20573	1372	14	67%
Pat McGann #1735	DNS	3	20547	1370	13	62%
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	1369	1369	1	5%
Amber Grundy	3	8	21048	1316	16	76%
Sandy Vitale #500/2	5	6	22484	1249	18	86%
Sunfish/Sailor			Total Sunfish Races=>	19		
Peter Soldato	DNS	DNS	4644	1548	14	14%
Rick Russwurm	DNS	DNS	29229	1538	19	90%
Scott Temple	DNS	DNS	23225	1452	16	76%
Steve Frew	3	2	25770	1432	17	81%
Stewart Spratt	5	5	25183	1399	18	86%
Bob Niezgodski	2	1	25268	1330	19	90%
Herb Cleveland	1	3	26497	1325	19	90%
Tammy Walls	4	4	3699	1233	3	14%
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	3681	1227	3	14%
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	4701	1175	4	19%
Jeff Walls	6	6	17496	1166	14	67%
Camille Butler	7	7	19540	1149	17	81%

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season; **DNF** (Did Not Finish) **DSQ** (Disqualified) scores as last place (if 5 boats started the race, will be scored as 5th place); **DNF, DSQ** not counted toward minimum number of races needed; **CB** - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total; **Season Points** are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.); **Season Place** = total season points/number of races attempted; **Crew** - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.

Mind your wake

* In addition to the 100' no wake zones around the lakeshores, all boats should produce no wakes in the shallow areas marked with an *

... wakes in these areas disturb the lake bottom and are causing damage to sea walls and yards. Please do not run through these fragile areas at wake speed. Thank you!



— Water Quality Report —

Stay informed on issues

Last but not least, let us together explore Commandment #6: "Thou Shalt Remain Informed About Other Important Water Quality Issues". We have broken this down into ten precepts:

1) None of the samples tested for e-coli in Birch Lake over the last 11 or more years have shown any dangerous or worrisome amounts of e-coli in Birch Lake.

2) The term "seaweed" has a negative connotation. This is unfortunate. A moderate amount of normal, native "seaweed" is a desirable and integral part of good water quality. At Birch, we are blessed to have numerous aquatic plants growing in the lake. Should you cut or find any cut vegetation, please remove it from the lake.

3) Avoid swimming in, ingesting, or letting your pets drink from, water in or nearby an algae bloom. Algae blooms are a rarity at Birch Lake.

4) The effects of alcohol and certain medications are increased while on the water due to added stress factors such as sun, heat, wind, wave motion, and engine noise.

5) 85 percent of drowning victims in the United States were not wearing a life jacket. They may seem dorky, but do save lives.

6) Should the present method [donations] of financing our common interest of water quality become inadequate, our only option will be to ask our local governments to create, control, and ultimately make all decisions for, a special assessment district (S.A.D.) The costs for the SAD will be added to all our tax bills. Thanks for everyone's past generosity. Let's pray that it continues and even grows (because our expenses do).

7) Although we have some pretty good ideas (Starry Stonewort has already been discovered in the mill pond), we do not know for sure when, exactly where or in what form, the next invasive species will arrive in Birch Lake. But we do know for sure that it will arrive. Probably sooner than later. Let's hope we have the money on hand to react quickly.

8) Except for the people living here, the lake is the most significant feature of our homes. The lake is our home.



Take care of it.

9) The lake is a shared possession and a shared responsibility. Make sure to contribute your time and talent to its maintenance and betterment.

10) majority of the current WQ members have both served and lived for lengthy periods. Fresh blood, if only for smooth future transitions, will soon be needed and will always be welcomed.

**THANKS, and
PLEASE PASS THE WORD**

THE SIX COMMANDMENTS OF BIRCH LAKE WATER QUALITY

I. Thou shalt prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff

III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves

IV. Thou shalt protect and expand Natural Shorelines

V. Thou shalt not allow phosphorus, nutrients, and other undesirable chemical elements to enter our lake

VI. Thou shalt remain informed and active about other Water Quality issues

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Kieran Grundy, age 4 (east side) skiing on the ZUP board.

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Bill and Le King (north shore) in a photo displayed at Cal & Liz's wedding in Minnesota. Note: Bill's nose was broken in this photo from playing football.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Some of you are still in party mode and will continue partying for the next few weeks. You want to play! You want to escape on a vacation! You want hot, sizzling romance! You might also be more involved with sports and fun activities with kids. However, if you are an earlier Aries, you already have been playing. For the next four weeks, everyone will want to get back to work and get organized. You're ready to work hard and you want to work smart.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You're entering a four-week window of fun! Barbecues, good times at the beach, vacations, romantic get-togethers and playful activities with kids are on the menu. You'll be up for this because, who loves their creature comforts more than you? Grab every chance for a stimulating getaway, even if it's just for a weekend. Make fun and pleasure your motto. However, if you were born after May 10th, your focus is on home, family and dealing with increased chaos.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Later Geminis continue to enjoy a fast-paced, busy time full of errands, appointments, increased time with friends, siblings and relatives, plus lots of reading and writing. Fortunately, you like stimulation because you don't do boring. However, for most Geminis, the next four weeks focus on home, family and your private life.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Cancers born after July 4th, still have a strong focus on money, cash flow and earnings. You also might spend more than usual. (Fortunately, you have moneymaking ideas.) This is a good time to reorganize the stuff you own. If you were born before July 4th, you notice the tempo of your daily life accelerating because you're busy with errands, short trips and tasks. You might be you will all be busy. Your communication skills will be tops, which means this is a strong time for those in sales, marketing, and acting.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

For those born after Aug. 10th, this continues to be a powerful time as you attract people and favorable situations to you. Those born before Aug. 10th, will notice an increasing focus on money, cash flow and earnings. You might have excellent moneymaking ideas. You might also make some major purchases. At a deeper level, something will occur that makes you think about your values and what's really important in life.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

For the next four weeks, you will attract people and favorable situations to you; and you will be empowered and energetic. Your confidence will grow. Having said that, this is the one time of year when it's appropriate to put your own needs first. Think about it. If you don't take care of yourself, how can you be a strong resource for others? But right now - It's all about you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a time of limbo. Therefore, the next four weeks are for some serious thinking. What do you want for your new year ahead? Ideally, it's time to set some goals because they give you a clearer focus on what is important to you. Make time to sit down and define what you want for yourself in the future and how you want next year to be different from last year. It's also a good time for research. (

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Most of you will enjoy increased popularity in the next four weeks. You will be eager to communicate to friends. You will be equally eager to communicate to clubs, groups and large organizations. Many will interact more than usual with younger people. Very likely, some of you will be physically involved, perhaps in competitive athletics because there is definitely a competitive energy present between you and a friend, or you and a group, or working with a group. This is also an excellent time to formulate goals.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Those of you who are born after Dec. 10th, might still be traveling or making travel plans or figuring out ways to expand your horizons. Higher education might be a strong focus. This can happen only once a year and when it does, almost as if by magic, you look fabulous in the eyes of bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. People admire you - and you don't even have to do anything special. Good luck!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The next four weeks are a mix. Initially, in the next week, you are still tying up loose details with inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. Take care of this because "loose details" don't suit you. When it comes to money - you like tidy. Basically, your month ahead is full of travel opportunities and chances to broaden your horizons. The next several weeks are an excellent time to study and finish an important paper.

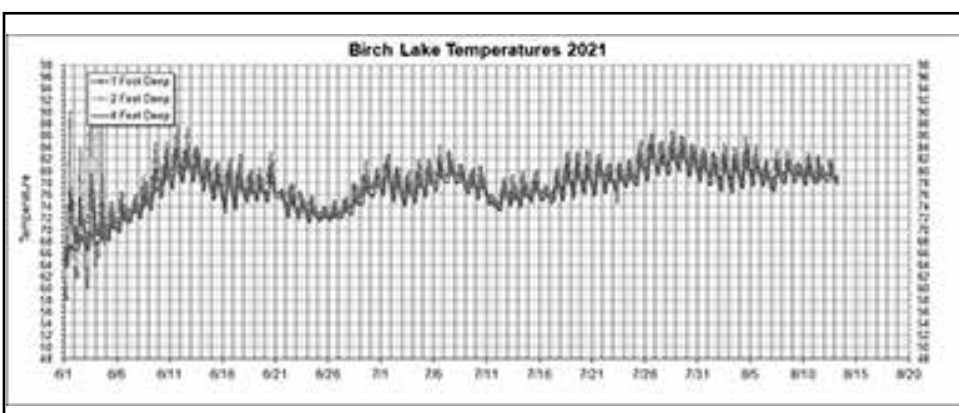
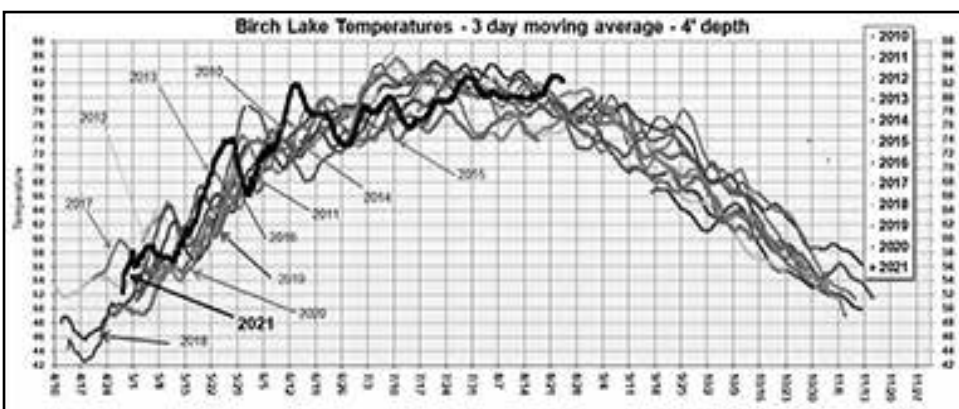
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Some of you will continue to need more sleep, especially Aquarians born after Feb. 10th. Your focus on close partnerships is still intense. Nevertheless, in the broader picture, the next four weeks will introduce passionate issues, and many of these issues will relate to shared property, inheritances and anything to do with the wealth and resources of someone else - probably your partner. There might be disputes. There will certainly be discussions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

For the next four weeks, you will need more sleep. Don't push yourself. Take it easy. Very likely, you will be focused on partnerships. Expect intense discussions, and possibly - disputes. In part, this could be due to the fact that with Mars opposite your sign, you are easily annoyed with others. ("They're annoying!") Well, they can't help it; and you can't change them. Consider this an opportunity to practice patience. Not always fun to do but a valuable trait to cultivate and own.

Birch Lake Environmental Data



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.589
1.0 days before last quarter



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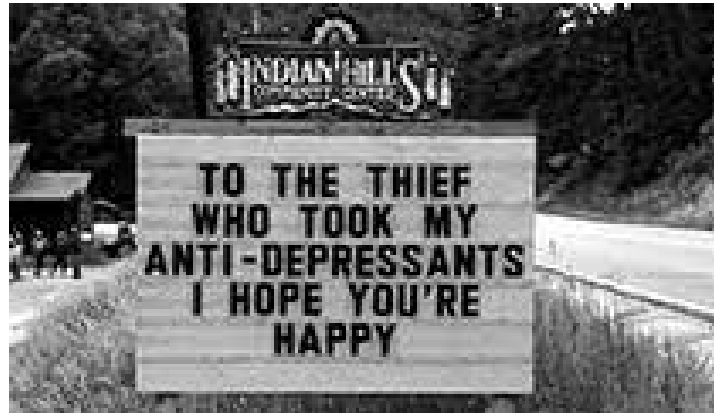
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Moonset: 13:19:35 PM

Daylight: 13 Hr 20 Min 15 Sec

Birch Barker Funnies



Wife;
"I have blisters on my hands
from the broom."

Husband;
"next time take the car, silly."

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Visions for Camp T's future

This morning in the office our staff started talking about our vision for camp for the future, and I thought it would be fun to share some of our dreams / goals for camp improvements over the next few years!

Right now, we are wrapping up the Morris Lodge restoration project, and hope to have it completed before camp begins next summer. The final pieces of this project include completely tearing out and expanding the bathrooms, building a deck and firepit on the south side of the building, sanding and refinishing the original hardwood floors, and buying new bunk beds, shelves and furniture for the main room.

Next we want to turn our attention to renovating the kitchen and dining hall building. There are many components to this project, and it will likely take place in stages over the next few years. We plan to put in new flooring in the kitchen, re-vamp the floor plan somewhat, install stainless steel prep counters, new sinks and faucets, replace most of the appliances (including the dishwasher, refrigerators, and walk in cooler and freezer), and install a new hood / fire suppression / ventilation system.

I'd also love to install HVAC for this building, which would require

insulating the entire building, running ductwork, and installing a furnace and A/C unit. This would allow us to utilize the space year-round for events, conferences, retreats, etc.

Once the kitchen portion is complete, we would plan to replace the siding and windows, similar to what we did with Morris Lodge. I would also like to install large doors on the front of the building that would allow us to open up the dining room into the porch area, for when we have larger events and need the additional space. In order to do this, we would screen in the existing porch.

We would also install a floor coating (epoxy or acrylic) over the concrete floor in the dining room and porch area, to make it easier to keep clean. And we would install gas inserts in the two large fireplaces, to make them more usable for events. We would keep all of the original tables and benches for as long as they are in good condition.

After the Dining Hall, we have dreamed about installing a high ropes challenge course and climbing wall. This would not only add a summer activity for campers, but would allow us to offer additional programs for retreats, team building events, and rental groups throughout the year.

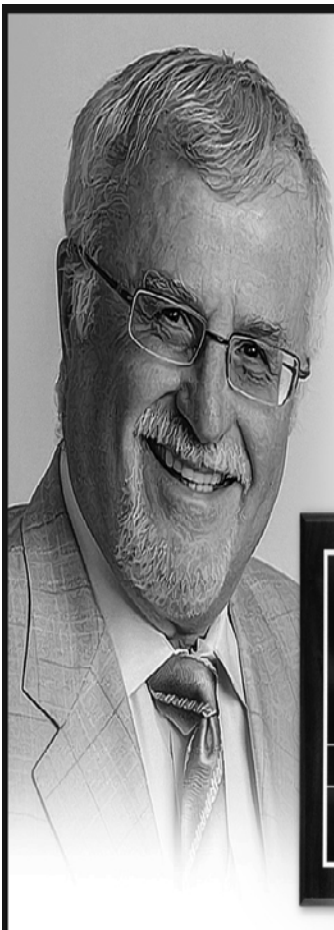


We also eventually want to replace the 4 existing "adventure cabins" which were built in the 1930s with updated cabin spaces for campers. I would love to see Treehouse-style cabins for these new spaces! The existing "adventure cabins" would become staff housing for summer staff.

If we continue to grow and expand our camper numbers, we will eventually need to add more bathrooms / showers, and add more cabins. Someday we'd love to have a year-round, winterized lodge that we could use all year round.

So those are some of the ideas and dreams we have for the future here at Camp T!

~Mrs. Amber



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1



Is patient responsive?

2



Call emergency services!

3



Get AED.

4



Place AED on ground.
Open lid.

5



Remove clothing.
Expose chest.

6



Attach pads.

7



Do not touch the patient.

8



If required, AED will deliver
shock automatically.

9



If present, place CPR device.

10



Follow AED prompts.
Give compressions.

11



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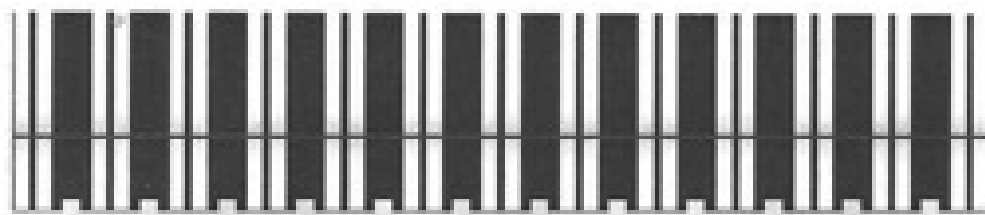


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