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NEWSLETTER #7



Come Home!

We are celebrating “90 years on Harmon Pond” on July 28th, 2018 by having a Camp WA WA Segowea Reunion! Please join us for a day at camp and rejuvenate your spirit! 1:00 PM-7:00 PM Let us know you’re coming!

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WA WA Day Camp!

This summer, we are introducing WA WA Day Camp! This is for those campers ages 7-9 that are looking at dipping their toes into Camp WA WA Segowea. Day campers will join our residential program for a day filled with cabin time, group games, structured free swim, waterfront activities and skill

building choices. All activities are led by trained and experienced staff and our waterfront staff is supervised by lifeguards certified by the American Red Cross. A healthy lunch is included.

✧ Make It Ourselves ✧

We are so excited to be able to continue the WA WA Segowea Camp experience for the 90th year here at Smith Park! Last year, we began the journey of not only managing the facilities but also doing the hiring, running the program, and having total responsibility in all camp matters! It was such a smashing success of “doing it ourselves”, this summer we are continuing the journey and seeing how much more we can create together! More details found on www.smithpark.org!

It’s Time to Waddle!

Can you believe we’re in our 9th year already? The 9th Annual WA WA Wally Waddle is taking place on Mother’s Day May 13th. There’ll be a **100 yard dash** for kids 6 and under, a **1 mile race** for kids 13 and under, and the main event, the **5K Race** for all ages! It will all take place at Vassar Farms in Poughkeepsie, NY with registration starting at 7:30 am. Like the 8 previous years, Fresh-Baked Pies will go to the winners!



This year, we’ve upped our game and slices of pie will be given out to all 5K race participants!

WA WA Day Camp Dates:

- Week 1: July 16 – July 20
- Week 2: July 23 – July 27
- Week 3: July 30 – August 3
- Week 4: August 6 – August 10

For more info and registration visit www.smithpark.org



Smith Park Annual Meeting

The Smith Park Annual meeting took place on March 3rd in Poughkeepsie at the Page Lumber boardroom. The Page Family has supported Camp for many years and lets us use their Boardroom not only for our Annual Meeting, but also for our monthly meetings when we can't meet at Camp. Thank you Page's! We said goodbye to a few board members this year and hello to five new ones during the meeting. Leaving the board due to term limits were John Dunn, Beth Hodos and Mark McCandlish. Thank you John, Beth and Mark! We can welcome them back after one year according to our bylaws. Joining the board are Adam Hammond, Ed Harvey, Josh Perks, Lisa Perks and Nella Stoltz. Welcome Adam, Ed, Josh, Lisa and Nella!



Bits of Camp History



As we celebrate our 90th year on Harmon Pond, we remember the past bits of history that helped make Camp what it is today. Three Camp officials, Leland H. Shaw, Herbert F Hart and George A Colvin were heavily involved in finding the location and building the structures we still use today. Mr. Shaw and Mr Hart (YMCA Officials) discovered the property and Mr. Colvin was a general contractor and a Y volunteer worker. As soon as they purchased the property, Mr. Colvin began working. When the ice on the lake was thick enough, he began cutting trees on the east side of the lake and carting it over by truck to the west side. Then after purchasing and installing a saw mill and a planer, he began building the buildings. During that winter (sometimes when it was 20 degrees below zero!). Mr. Colvin and his crew sawed the lumber, making oak into the flooring, making pine into slabs for the cabins and American chestnut for the lodge and other buildings at that time. In other words, they "Made it Themselves". In the summer of 2018, we are proud to honor this and explore with campers what we too can "Make Ourselves".

MAY 19-20
SPRING
WORK
WEEKEND

JUNE 2
Camp Open
House
12:30-3:00PM

JULY 28
90th
Anniversary
Reunion!
1:00-7:00 PM

SEPT 29-30
FALL
WORK
WEEKEND

OCT 6
Fall Family
Day
11:00-3:00PM



Planned Giving

Planned gifts have an enormous and lasting impact on Smith Park of New York and Camp WA WA Segowea by creating a legacy that will impact all of the campers for generations. A common misconception is that planned giving is only for the wealthy. However, strategic planned giving from individuals from all levels of wealth are critical for the long term success of the Camp.

So what is planned giving? A planned gift is exactly as it sounds. Planned giving may be defined as a method of supporting non-profits and charities that enables philanthropic individuals to make larger gifts than they could make from their income. Planned gifts are made as a part of an individual's financial and estate plan.

So what methods are available for planned giving? Planned gifts can either be made during an individual's lifetime or at their death. While lifetime gifts and bequests at death both have a positive impact on the Camp, many of these planned giving strategies can have positive tax and other benefits to the donor or the donor's estate.

Lifetime planned gifts can result in immediate income to the charity or income to a charity over time. There are also benefits to the donor. Typical lifetime planned giving strategies (although there are many types) include outright gifts, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts. Lifetime planned giving can be an excellent charitable and tax savings tool for a donor, but professional guidance is strongly recommended before a donor embarks on this type of planning.

Planned gifts after one's death include bequests in a donor's last will and testament or naming the charity as the beneficiary of a trust, life insurance policy, or retirement account. Planned giving through a donor's estate plan or beneficiary designations can allow a donor with limited means during their lifetime to provide significant charitable contributions at death while still providing for one's loved ones. Additionally, there can be incredibly beneficial tax breaks for donor's who name charities as the beneficiaries of their tax deferred retirement accounts. Other benefits of planned gifts can include a lasting legacy for the donor.

We encourage all of those interested in planned giving to contact their attorney, accountant or financial advisor. Often it takes a team to put together an effective planned gift. If you are a professional advisor, we recommend that you speak with your clients and give them the options of planned giving. Often, people are not aware of the options or the power of planned giving. By engaging in planned giving we can help the Camp grow for generations to come.

Should you or a loved one be interested in learning more about planned giving options at Smith Park of New York and Camp WA WA Segowea, please contact us! smithparkofny@gmail.com



SMITH PARK OF NY MISSION

The mission of Smith Park of New York is to ensure the continued existence of Camp Wa Wa Segowea. We will do this by maintaining financial and administrative support; as well as upholding the vision and goals of Camp Wa Wa Segowea.

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