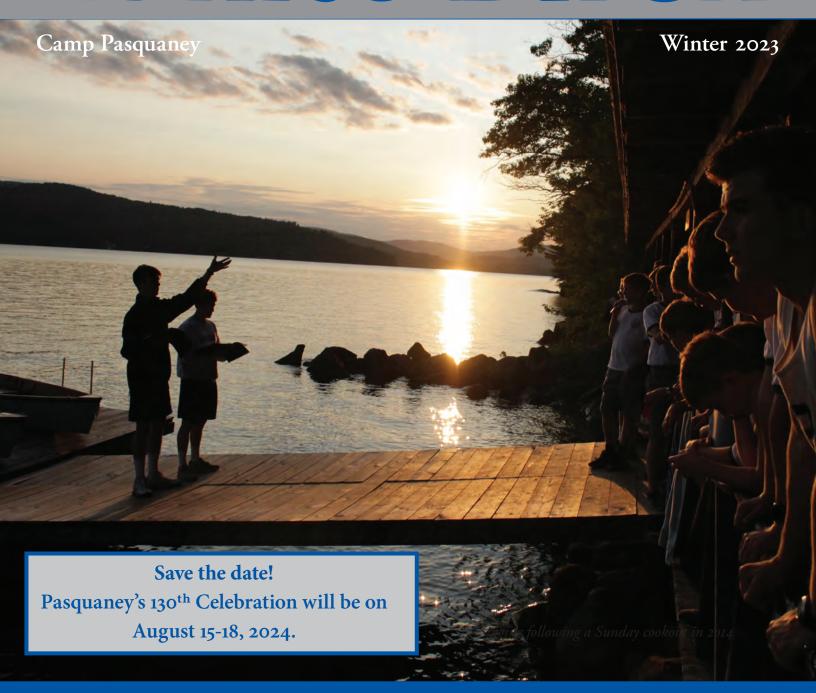
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## The Value of a Tech Free Summer

by Jack Reigeluth



Will Harvey and Evan and Kyle McClure in 2012

"I hope you find yourself the hero of your story," said Evan McClure (Camper 2012-2016, Counsellor 2019-2021), when concluding his 2021 Tree Talk. "The hero who believes in and roots for himself, even in his lowest moments. The hero who loves himself, even if he doesn't fully believe it all the time. The hero who seizes opportunities for small moments of bravery. You decide your story. All you have to do is pick up the pen and write it."

To a teary group of campers and counsellors, Evan related how as a middle and highschooler he used entertainment technology as an escape from having to live his life. "I took few risks and seized fewer opportunities," said Evan. "I rejected invitations of friendship to play video games. I spent most of my time deep within my comfort zone, unbothered to seek out opportunities of risk and reward."

Evan said he wrote his Tree Talk with one audience in mind, campers and counsellors who have become increasingly detached from the real world with the rise of smartphones, video games, and social media. According to

Right: Campers performing in a 2023 skit

Common Sense Media, in 2021 US teens spent on average eight hours and thirty-nine minutes each day engaged in some form of entertainment technology (ie. social media, video games, television, etc.). That number does not include technology used for schoolwork. How much time does that leave for making friends, taking healthy risks, or pursuing something that one cares about? Listening to Evan's Tree Talk and talking with other young alumni, it does not sound like much.

Almost all the alumni I interviewed for this article described spending more time on their phones than they would like both as teens and as young adults. "You go on to check something," said James Scullin (Camper 2016-2019, Counsellor 2022-present), "but it is easy to nosedive right in. The big social media apps pretty much know exactly what you want to see because they track the way you interact with certain posts and change what they show you based on that."

Alumni also described their phones being a constant distraction, saying they checked their phones at a high frequency because of "FOMO," a fear of missing out, and because of the instant gratification of accumulating digital tokens such as Facebook and Instagram's system of likes and Snapchat's Snapstreak and Snapscore. The concern for missing out was so intense that one alumnus, who wishes to remain anonymous, described how both he and some of his peers keep their phones on at night so that





they will be woken for a social media post or a message.

While young alumni described their phones and other forms of entertainment technology as valuable tools for keeping in touch with friends, learning new things, and relaxing at the end of the day, they also recognized that there was a steep cost. For most young alumni, the constant presence of a phone and instant access to social media led to an increase in approval-seeking behavior. This was epitomized by Buckley Huffstetler (Camper 2014-2018, Counsellor 2020-2022) describing how at the end of middle or high school dances, instead of hoping to get a good night kiss from a crush, he and his male peers would try to take a selfie with a girl to later post on Instagram. Buckley said that a post like that would get a ton of likes. While Buckley's example may seem extreme, many alumni described similar moments in their day-today life where the desire to be seen as cool on social media became the driver behind their choices.

Another cost of entertainment technology, social media included, was social isolation. Young alumni all described how technology created a barrier to forming new relationships. Typical moments were before class when both they and fellow classmates used their phones to avoid taking small social risks, to avoid not knowing what to say, to avoid awkward moments in conversation. Video games and television similarly became a means of passing the time and avoiding the stress of new places,

new people, and new activities.

Imagine your life with fewer face-to-face conversations, fewer friends, fewer obstacles overcome, and fewer moments of courage and pride. Because of the pervasiveness of the entertainment technology, this is the reality of many of today's teens.

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As Pasquaney has remained technology free since 1895, the rise of smartphones and other forms of entertainment technology make it more important than ever. Almost unknowingly, Pasquaney has become a space for campers to unplug from their phones and immerse themselves in a community built on face-to-face communication, shared experiences, and challenges overcome. All of this takes place far from the digital world, deep in the New Hampshire wilderness.

"Imagine you are on Mem Hall porch," said Evan McClure, "waiting for the bugler to blow the second call for lunch. What are you going to do? Are you going to just stand there, or are you going to engage with someone? When you have a phone, it is easy to isolate yourself. At Pasquaney that is rarely an option. Someone will come up and start a conversation or invite you to play a game. At Pasquaney you are much more likely to have meaningful interactions with people."

Part of what makes those interactions meaningful are Camp's focus on getting to know people for who they truly are. The simple Camp life and the uniform helps to remove indicators of social status, giving boys the space to explore their identity. Older boys and counsellors also actively foster a culture of kindness through how they welcome new boys on Opening Day, and they seek to build on those relationships throughout the summer. As a result of these ingredients, new and returning campers

are likely to feel accepted for who they are and to find less use for the security blanket that a smartphone would provide.

"Camp helped me figure out who I want to be," said DJ Mills. "The focus on my phone is on what other people think of me."

At Pasquaney boys face —DJ Mills (Camper 201) moments of adversity almost everyday. They push the limits of their comfort zone, they develop resilience, and they learn how to support and rely on one another. Unplugged from technology, campers don't have to choose between the instant gratification provided by a video game or social media and the delayed gratification of fulfilling a long-term goal. Camp's activities involve a certain amount of personal investment and risk. When boys set out on their half-mile swim test, there is no guarantee that they will complete it, even when they have invested hours into swimming instruction. The same goes for completing a hike or a shop project. Because the challenges our campers face are real, so is their sense of

accomplishment in overcoming them and the lessons they learn in striving towards their goals.

Another contrast between Pasquaney and a life away from Camp, one often spent in digital spaces, is our campers' connection to the natural world. Living in New Hampshire wilderness without technology and other modern comforts, boys learn to pause and appreciate

"The main reason that I wanted to come to Pasquaney was to have an escape from my phone and playing the videogame *Fortnight*. My first summer I looked forward to making new friends, to new opportunities, and to learning new skills. I was excited to build up my self-confidence, and I loved the support that I got from counsellors and older boys. Phones just cannot give you that." –DJ Mills (Camper 2018-2021)

the beauty of their surroundings. Before their first summer, few Pasquaney campers have picked and eaten wild blueberries or sat on the summit of a mountain, just taking in the view. During each Sunday campfire, when we sing together at the waterfront, we pause to take in a

Newfound Lake sunset. Along with providing moments of exultation, the natural world we experience at Camp can be harsh and unforgiving. How many campers have learned about the importance of preparedness and of supporting one another through a cold, rainy day on a hike or expedition? How many campers have found joy in the warmth of sunshine breaking through the clouds and found beauty in the view revealed by dissipating fog?

While all the alumni I spoke to acknowledge the benefit in having a break from technology, they also said that giving up their phones to come to Pasquaney was not easy. Because of the anxiety of being disconnected





from their phones, some campers have looked for ways of maintaining their social media accounts when at Camp. "One summer I asked my best friend to manage my Snapchat account to keep my Snapstreaks alive and increase my Snapscore," said Lorenzo Parker-Pillow (Camper 2016-2019, Counsellor 2022-present). "Going to Camp, I was nervous to lose those streaks and not be able to increase my Snapscore. Snapchat gives you eight best friends, based on who you Snap the most. At school the makeup of your Snapchat friend group and your Snapscore played into your social standing. This felt like it mattered a lot when I was fourteen and fifteen."

Other phenomenon that speaks to the anxiety of missing out on the digital word are the phantom rings (a false sensation of a cellphone ringing or vibrating) that many young alumni and current campers describe experiencing. Lorenzo said that his friend group generally stop feeling phantom rings around the third week, when boys come back from expeditions. "It was not until then," reflected Lorenzo, "that we really felt free from our phones."

Because counsellors recognize the impact of technology in their own lives and those of our campers, Tree Talks, Chapel Talks, and Circles (small group discussions) have increasingly focused on issues stemming from the pervasiveness of entertainment technology.

"There might be short-term pleasure on social media and YouTube, but they don't make me happy," said Jack Anderson (Camper 2013-2016, Counsellor 2018-2022) in his 2022 Tree Talk. "So, when I'm sitting at home,

deciding what to do with my day, I try to think about this: What will I remember? What will I feel proud of? When I go back and read the book of my life, will it be a story I love to read?

If I don't ask myself these questions, I'll fill the time doing something easy and effortless, like looking at my phone. I don't have to put my shoes on or even walk out the door, because the world is at my fingertips—but that isn't the real world. My phone doesn't make me feel fulfilled—social media doesn't make me feel alive.

Find real happiness, even though it can be harder to put into action. Am I consuming content or living it? Every day is a page in the story of your life, every moment a sentence. What will your next sentence be?"

As always, the power of a talk at Pasquaney lies not only in the telling but also the opportunity Camp provides for boys to put those lessons into action.

As the boys head home following the final Chapel Talk during the last week of Camp, our boys leave Pasquaney with stronger friendships, new talents, and an understanding of what can be accomplished when you unplug from technology. "After the summer, using your phone felt different," said James Scullin. "You have a little more perspective on whether or not you should open your phone. You can see all that you missed in Instagram and Snapchat, and it did not seem like much. At Pasquaney, I realized that I could do so much more without the distraction of a phone."

## Jafar Sharipov Joins the Board

Jafar Sharipov (Camper 2011-2014, Counsellor 2016-2019) joined the Board of Trustees during the October 2022 meeting and will serve as the young alumni representative.

"Pasquaney played an integral role in my desire to study in the U.S. and, eventually, getting into Hamilton College," wrote Jafar, "Professionally, it helped me in my career by providing a strong network of mentors whose advice I have relied on. Living in New York City, I am surrounded by a group of supportive Pasquaney friends whom I have known since I was 13. This is the group I look up to and can count on during tough times.

In joining the Pasquaney Board of Trustees, I hope to bring a fresh

perspective, stemming from my recent work on the Council and my experience as an international camper and counsellor. Coming from Uzbekistan, I was incredibly nervous on my first day as a camper. Not only was I experiencing the typical first-day anxieties that all boys face, but I also barely spoke English, which caused fears over my ability to make friends and enjoy Camp to the fullest. Momentarily after stepping foot in my dorm Jackson, I felt the warmth and willingness of people to help. In 2019 I spent my last full summer on the





Jafar Sharipov (center) & the Kilkenny Ridge Expedition at the 2019 post-expeditions bonfire.

hillside, giving me a unique position to provide a recent view of Camp's life from the inside. I hope to leverage this experience along with my love for Camp to help the Board frame and execute its vision for Pasquaney's longterm success."

Both as a camper and counsellor, Jafar's tenacity, kindness, and humility made him a respected and beloved member of the Camp community. His final camper summer, Jafar was asked by his fellow campers to address Pasquaney about the importance of honesty during a season that had several unresolved instances of deceit. Despite his not being a COI or Camp Officer, the boys selected Jafar because he was relentlessly kind and always did what he thought was right. Returning to the hillside as a tennis counsellor, Jafar continued to inspire the respect and love of the boys. Jafar led the tennis program to be voted favorite activity three out of four summers, he was an important mentor to many, and a leader among his fellow counsellors. Jafar's deep understanding of Pasquaney, his connection to his Camp cohort, and his perspective as a recent camper and counsellor will be an asset to the Board. Jafar graduated from Hamilton College in 2021. He currently lives in New York City, where he works as an analyst for Deutsche Bank.

Left: Will Harvey and Jafar at the 2011 post-expeditions bonfire.

## Alumni Moove Together

A group of Pasquaney alumni ran a trial competition of MooveTogether in the fall of 2022 to see if it would be a fun way for the larger alumni community to connect.

MooveTogether is a web-based fitness competition where teams receive points based on their members' daily exercise routines. Each week two teams go head-to-head, and the team that scores the most points at the end of the week wins the matchup.

"The first MooveTogether Competition reaffirmed what my teammates and I already learned from expeditions and duties, and the PGRC and PYC: that hard work forms the strongest bonds. And in this particular case, it helped six friends reconnect, have fun, and get in shape. I cannot wait to engage the wider Pasquaney community in the next competition where the 1990 A Team hopes to defend our title!" – Murray Fisher (Camper 1988-1990, Counsellor 1996-1998)

"At Pasquaney it is easy to build relationships through shared experiences, whether it's a steep hike, close game on Hobbs, or a quiet conversation. Even though we weren't physically together on the hillside, the MooveTogether competition gave me and my teammates one of those shared experiences that helped us reconnect and strengthen old bonds." – Willis Bocock (Camper 2008-2011. Counsellor 2013-2014)

#### Sample Dailey Scores from a few "Sudden Sudden No Junk" Teammates

| MEMBER NAME                   | POINTS |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Matt Woolverton               | 15.00  |
| No Alcohol Bonus              | - 1    |
| Walk: 4.00 miles              | 12.00  |
| Meditation: 20.00 mins        | 2.00   |
| Jake Matthai                  | 49.68  |
| No Alcohol Bonus              | (1     |
| Stationary Bike: 40.00 mile   | 40.00  |
| Walk: 2.00 miles              | 6.00   |
| Crunches: 60.00 crunches      | 0.60   |
| Pullups: 20.00 pullups        | 1.33   |
| Planks: 90.00 sec             | 0.75   |
| John Reigeluth                | 40.95  |
| No Alcohol Bonus              | 1      |
| Walk with Stroller: 1.06 mile | 3.29   |
| Elevation (On Foot): 172.00   | 1.72   |
| Stretching: 29.00 mins        | 3.38   |
| Run with Stroller: 7.99 miles | 30,36  |
| Walk: 0.40 miles              | 1.20   |





### Results of the 2022 Trial Competition

#1 1990 A Team

Murray Fisher Dwight Keysor Forrest Perrin

Jamie Stover Edward Swenson

John Ward

#4 Sudden Sudden No Junk

Will Davies Mike Filbey Jules Finney Jake Matthai Jack Reigeluth

Matt Woolverton

#2 Cardinal Sinners

Al Bocock Jack Bocock Jimmy Bocock

Willis Bocock

Scottie Bocock

Bill Talley

**#5** Skimmers No Dinks

Eric Crevoiserat Scott Crevoiserat David Cromwell Timmy Jenkins Martin Millspaugh Connor Murray #3 Table 11

Nate Carmody Brandon Neblett

Peter O'Reilly Chad Poist

Alec Southall

Jay West

#6 Broncos Country...

Kyle Donovan

Ed Hill Matt Hill

Alex Kent

Jim MacDougall

Matt Riley

## Join the Next Alumni MooveTogether Competition

The next Alumni MooveTogether competition is starting on Monday, May 1. The competition will go for four weeks and end with a playoffs. The champions will have their team's name engraved on a trophy that will reside in the Alumni House.

The goal of the competition is to get alumni to connect with old friends and encourage each other to be more active. All different levels of fitness and almost all types of exercise are welcome (Go to moovetogether.com for more details.).

You can join by either rounding up a group of six Camp friends to create a team or by being placed on a preexisting team. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, email moove@pasquaney.org.

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The 2004 Nancy Brook Expedition: (back row) Jaime Hickey-Mendoza, (middle row) Doug Camp, Sam Carley, Luke Stone, Ben Freedman, Dan Smith, Aaron Holland, Alex Castro, Wills Dahl, Tyler Tarun, Brandon Swanberg, George Grogan, (front row) Elike Kumahia, Chase Barada, and Toby Murphy

## Alumni News

Alumni notes are listed under the decade in which the majority of their camper years fall. If camper years are evenly split in two decades, they are listed in the decade in which the alumnus was a younger camper.

#### THE 1960S

Mr. Vinnie and Parker Griffin visited Rick and Marianne Wood, at the Hill School, in Pottstown, PA, where Rick is the Business Manager. "Jonathan Wood made the trip down from his home in Lancaster, where he is a physician, with his 3 1/2-year-old twins, Ellie and Gabe, who delighted in a visit with their grandmother while the rest of us caught up," wrote Mr. Vinnie.

Below: Parker Griffin, Rick Wood, and Mr. Vinnie





Don Ryder (left) and Don's friend having completed the Northville to Lake Placid Trail

#### THE 1970S

Bing Broderick has teamed up with Boston's Poet Laureate, Porsha Olayiwola, to found a book shop that is set to open in the fall of 2023 in Dorchester, MA. (some information from the *Boston Globe*)

On September 18, 2022, Don Ryder completed the Northville to Lake Placid Trail in the Adirondacks, which is over 135 miles of hiking. Don completed the hike in eleven days.

#### THE 1980S

Al Bocock and Amy Sullivan and their daughter, Mary, and Mary's friend Casey Malloy saw alumnus Ian Munsick when Ian performed in Salt Lake City, UT, opening for Morgan Wallen.

Cameron Dewey competed in the Tour du Lac Léman à l'Aviron, a 160 km (99.4 mile) rowing regatta around Lake Geneva on September 26, 2022. He and his crew finished in a time of sixteen hours and thirty-one minutes. The Tour du lac is the longest non-stop rowing regatta in the world.



Cameron Dewey racing in the Tour du Lac à l'Aviron

#### THE 1990S

**Scott Fulford** recently became a Senior Economist at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, DC.

Below: Jesse Allen's sons Otto and Klaus. Middle Right: Chris Reigeluth and his new book. Bottom Right: Mallory, Lucy, and Matt Legg.





Casey Malloy, Al Bocock, Ian Munsick, Mary Bocock, and Amy Sullivan

Chris Reigeluth's book, *The Masculinity Workbook for Teens:* Discover What Being a Guy Means to You, was published on November 1, 2022.

**Jesse Allen** and Manja Paschek's second son, Klaus Paschek Allen, was born on July 20, 2022.

Matt and Mallory Legg have a daughter, Lucy Prechtl Legg, who was born in December 22, 2022.





Mike Filbey and Molly Shanley

#### THE 2000S

**Tyler Tarun** is a student at Indian University in their MBA program.

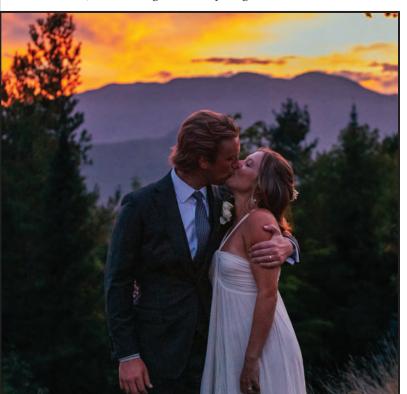
Mike Filbey married Molly Shanley on August 20, 2022, in Burlington, VT. Alumni in attendance were Kyle and Tucker DeSisto and Jack Reigeluth.

**Tim Davies** married Marie Riti in June 2022 in St. Louis, MO.

Jim MacDougall married Kelly Large on September 10, 2022, in Keene Valley, NY. Alumni in attendance were Mr. Vinnie, Ed Hill, Jordy Gowen, and Jack Reigeluth.

Mayank Bhattarai graduated from the UCLA Anderson School of Management in 2022.

Below: Jim MacDougall and Kelly Large



#### THE 2010S

Sarah Chisholm married Anthony Ungarelli at Pasquaney's campsite in Crawford Notch on March 29, 2022, in a private ceremony with just the officiant and a photographer. "We've built our life around playing outside," wrote Sarah. "Notchpost has been our most beloved destination for the past five years. There's no better place to crash after a long traverse and scamper up the brook in search of the best legsoaking pool."

John Chiosi enlisted with the US Marines Corps and completed basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.



Anthony Ungarelli and Sarah Chisholm

**Josh Chiosi** took a gap year to work as a mentor for Dent Education, a Baltimore non-profit whose mission is to "promote equity by empowering under-resourced youth" (denteducation.org).

This past fall **Anvar Whitlock** was on a study abroad program in Poland at the University of Warsaw.

#### THE 2020S

**Pip and Emily Carr** have a son, Sol Michael Wilfred Carr, who was born on September 5, 2022.

After the 2022 Season, counsellors Taylor West, Aiden Biglow, Mat Scullin, Chase Carmody, Wesley Richardson, Henry Anderson, and Will Davies hiked The 50, a near fifty mile hike through the White Mountains that finishes on Mount Washington.



## Remembering Bobby Gray

by Jack Reigeluth

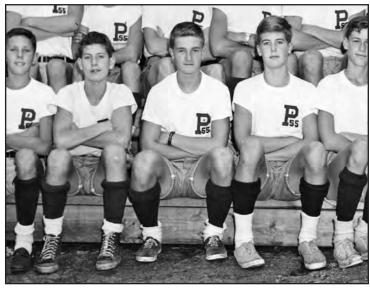
Longtime trustee Robert Daniel Gray passed away on June 5, 2022. "Bobby was the consummate Southern gentleman whose grace, sense of humor and gentle words of wisdom will be forever valued and missed," wrote Bob Thompson. "When Bobby spoke, everybody listened."

"When I picture Bobby, I see that delighted look he had with something humorous, and every part of his face would smile," wrote Mr. Vinnie. "What a great sense of humor... I also picture Bobby's intent concentration when something required very close examination. He had a perceptive mind, and the Pasquaney Board benefited from that sharp thinking on many occasions. Bobby served on our Board for twenty-three years, until 2008 when he was honored with an emeritus seat. We benefited from that good mind in Bobby's oversight of our endowment, and I mean everyone benefited. Growth of the endowment under his stewardship provided boys with more scholarships, counsellors with more pay, and our buildings with better care."

A camper from 1951 to 1955, Bobby spent much of his time at tennis and baseball, eventually becoming the Camp tennis champion his final summer and captaining the Senior League championship baseball team. His last



Above: Hoyt Bleakley, Bobby Gray, John Morrow, Dave Hinchmen by a stove on the 1955 Long Walk. Right: The Chris Craft pulling a rowboat with gear for the camping parties in 1955 (photo by Bobby Gray).



John Morrow, Danny Hines, Bobby Gray, Eric Lassiter, & Dave Morton

two summers Bobby also went on the Long Walk and he rowed. In 1955 his crew won the Senior Boat race with Bobby rowing in the three seat.

Bobby returned to the hillside to serve as a counsellor from 1961 to 1962. His final Camp summer, Bobby led the Short Walk with Dick Beyer and Bob Hurd, and he also gave a Tree Talk on teamwork.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1964, Bobby became a floor broker on The New York Stock Exchange. In 1971 he went on to co-found the brokerage firm Reynders Gray & Company, where he spent the rest of his career, retiring in 2011.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Carol, and their three sons, Bobby, Clifton, and Adrian. "I will greatly miss Bobby," wrote Mr. Vinnie, "and his belief in and encouragement of the best of what we do at Pasquaney. I continue to draw on his wonderful spirit." (some information from the *Greenwich Sentinel*)



## In Memoriam

#### 1930s

W. Thomas Sanders died on December 27, 2021. A camper from 1935 to 1937, Tom spent much of his time as a coxswain. He was in the Senior Boat all three years and won the regatta twice. His final summer he was awarded the Yale Cup, which was given "for proficiency in and for advancing the interests of rowing at Pasquaney" (1937 Annual). His last camper summer, Tom was also elected a COI, won the junior canoe race championship with Shaw Mudge, went on the Long Walk, and took on the role of Jim Hawkins in that year's Glade Play, Treasure Island. Of Tom's performance, Pop Watson wrote, "In the simplest of costumes he was the outstanding picture of the play, acting with a directness and sincerity that made him a delightful realization of Stevenson's dream of boyhood spirit and heroism" (1936 Annual). After graduating from the US Naval Academy in 1946, Tom served in the Pacific during World War II. In 1949 Tom joined the naval reserves, and he was soon called for active duty as part of the Mine Force of the Atlantic Fleet. Tom was married to Carolyn Coleman in 1948, and following his tour with the Mine Force, the couple moved to Wichita Falls, TX. There Tom started a career in the oil business. Both Tom and Carolyn earned their pilot's licenses and loved to fly together. Tom even flew a race from New York to Paris that was part of the 1981 Paris Air Show. His plane won first place in its class. Tom is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his daughter, Carol; and his son, Blair. (some information from Times Record News)

Carroll S. Jackson died on June 13, 2022. Carroll was a camper in 1936, 1938, and 1939. His first summer, Carroll made it to the finals of the sub-junior tennis tournament with partner Malcolm Coates, and he performed in the chorus of the Water Sports play All on a Summer's Day. After taking a summer off, Carroll returned to the hillside, going on the Long Walk, winning the junior obstacle race championship, and winning the junior doubles tennis tournament with partner Bill Ethridge. His final camper summer, Carroll was elected a COI, he rowed in the three seat of the winning Junior Boat, he once again went on the Long Walk, and he took on the role of Goonchow Russell in the Water Sports play Double Crossed. After graduating from Gilman School, Carroll enlisted in the Marines Corps, but he was not initially deployed. World War II ended shortly after he finished basic training at Parris Island, so Carroll was able to enroll at Princeton College, where he graduated

in 1948. While a Marine Corps reserves, Carroll was called into active duty in 1950. He served as a lieutenant in the Korean War and was discharged in 1952. After returning to the US, Carroll moved to Baltimore, MD, and went into banking. He married Patricia Davis in 1939, and the couple raised three children. Carroll is survived by their two sons, Thomas and Clay, and their daughter, Edith. (some information from *The Baltimore Sun*)

Daniel F. Calhoun passed away on May 7, 2022. As a camper in 1939, Dan took on the role of the Spirit of Ariel in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, that year's Glade Play. After graduating from Williams College in 1950, Dan served in the Central Intelligence Agency for five years. He went on to earn his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago, and he had a long career as a history professor at the College of Wooster, retiring in 1994. Dan is survived by his wife, Janet, and his children, Carol, Philo, and Virginia. (some information from Wooster.edu)

### 1940s

William W. Dunnell III died on July 17, 2022. A camper in 1949, Bill was selected as an honorary member of the rear guard for his contributions to the Long Walk, he was voted best camper on his expedition to North Cliffe, and he rowed bow in the Senior Boat. After graduating from Harvard College in 1955, Bill enlisted in the US Navy, where he served for two years. In 1957 and 1958, he returned to the hillside as a waterfront counsellor, and he also went on the Long Walk. Before rejoining with the rest of Camp at Memorial Hall, the Long Walk had an impromptu canoe tilt competition, which Bill won soundly. His second summer on the Council, Bill gave a Tree Talk on perseverance. Bill went on to become an English teacher and rowing coach, spending most of his career at Brooks School, along with his brother Jacob. The two taught at Brooks for a combined 57 years. The school created an award in their honor which is given each year to the senior "who has worked without fanfare to better the school." Another testament to his commitment to his students is his former rower David Churbuck dedicating his book, The Book of Rowing, to Bill because, in David's words, "...he taught me one of life's lessons at an impressionable enough age that it became something of a mantra for the rest of my life and that was not to quit." In 2013 Bill was predeceased by his wife Patty. The two were married for 54 years and together

had three children: William IV, Caroline, and Jacob II. (Some information from the *Boston Globe*, churbuck.com, and brooksschool.org)

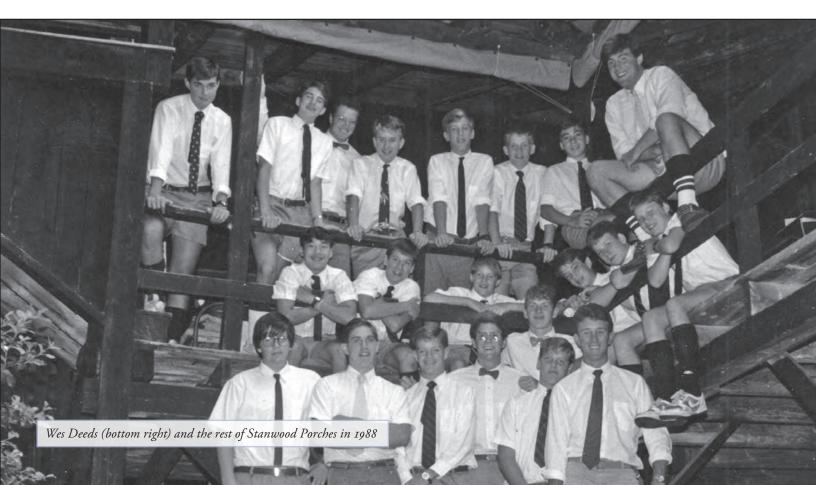
## 1980s

H. Wesley Deeds, Jr., died on June 20, 2022. "Though he was often quiet, Wes spoke powerfully through his competent action, his kindness, and his upbeat spirit," wrote Mr. Vinnie. "It sounds as though that spirit was with him right to the end. [As a camper from 1981-1985,] we all noticed his concern for others, and that earned him the respect of those around him. When he was on hikes or camping expeditions, he was a much bigger fan of staying in camp, sleeping on a mattress, and staying out of the woods. Despite his discomfort, he was always positive and was one of the hardest workers, quietly getting things done around the campsite when others might be doing things that were more fun. I don't remember what it was, but my brother once said that Wes had done 'a repulsive task quite humbly.' These traits were present throughout Wes's camper years. The Council awarded Wes our Mr. Teddy's Cup, the award for a younger boy whose spirit, thoughtfulness, sincerity, and competence earn him the respect of others. Those traits later earned Wes leadership positions of Camp Vice-President and COI. I was the COI advisor and could see the respect that his fellow COIs gave to Wes." In 1987 Wes



Wes and Alicia Deeds at the Gemmer Gala in 1998

returned to the hillside, serving as a baseball counsellor for three summers. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1991, and he went on to a career in the restaurant business, working at J. Alexander's, Blackstone Restaurant and Brewery, and Newk's Eatery. Wes is survived by his wife, Alicia, and their two daughters, Emma and Georgia. (some information from the *Williamson Harald*)





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## Save the Date!

## 2023 Spring Gathering

in Richmond, VA

Thursday, May 11

#### Alumni Work Weekend

at Camp Pasquaney June 9-11, 2023

## Pasquaney's 130th

at Camp Pasquaney

August 15-18, 2024

For more information on these events, contact the Pasquaney office

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- 2023 Camp Schedule -Saturday, June 24 - Opening Day

July 3 - July 7 Camping Expeditions July 15 - 16 Visiting Weekend July 24 - July 29 The Long Walk August 4 - 6 Trustees' Weekend Sunday, August 13 - Camp Closes

