

*Jon Meredith on **Being a Guardian of Pasquaney (shortened)***

We are all guardians of Pasquaney. This summer, we have lived a life that is good, simple, and right, but that sort of community is awfully hard to find away from camp. We have been blessed to be a part of it, and we are the ones who must protect it. Very soon, we will be away from each other, separated from that mutual support that made this summer so spectacular. This makes the job of us guardians all the more difficult. How can we live up to this task? Guardians are men of action. They know that what they say means next to nothing unless they follow through with action. If friends try to convince you to do something you know is wrong, be strong: take action and do the right thing. The strongest guardians are ones who draw upon deeply held convictions. We need to believe that the values of camp are such an important part of us that we will uphold them in the darkest of times. In our remaining time here, ask yourself how strongly you believe in the Pasquaney way. Your conviction needs to be deep within you, it needs to be settled in your person. The strongest guardians know that they will not compromise what they hold to be true and will prove it time and time again by upholding that truth with their actions. Be honest. Be strong. Remember the lessons you learned here. Prepare yourself for tough times by knowing deep down that you will stand up for what is good. Hold your ground and be a guardian of Pasquaney.