



A Tree Talk by Dick Beyer in 1990

I recently came across a copy of the original 1895 camp catalogue. Under the heading “Design of the Camp” it said: “The chief aim of the camp is to provide for a limited number of boys the facilities whereby they may enjoy a healthful and natural life in the woods; a life which will make them strong, manly, self-reliant and efficient, and able to do and think for others as well as for themselves.” That sentence has been the core of the camp’s statement of purpose in every catalogue for 96 years. The emphasis of this statement has been on the final part: “Able to do and think for others as well as themselves.” This is the essence of what we hope to develop in the Pasquaney community each summer. The ideal is to create a community where each individual has the self-confidence to look beyond himself and to think about what he can do to serve others in the community.