



# CAMP THORPE ANNUAL REPORT 2020







## Camp Thorpe Board Members

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Katherine Bailey

We are excited to welcome new board member, Katherine Bailey, who has been involved in summer camps since she was a child.



## A different kind of year...

We are living in the history books. What a strange new world that we have inherited. Due to COVID-19 Camp Thorpe was unable to run our summer sessions. However, we made lemonade out of these lemons and finished many facilities projects. In addition we held and continue to hold a wide variety of zoom sessions that pair with camper mailings.

Over the course of this year we have had many wins and successes and feel very grateful for all of our supporters who came through in spades.

# Making Lemonade





# Online Programming

All of our interactions with our campers had to take place online. Since we were unable to run our in person summer programming we have had the following mailings and zoom meet-ups

## MASQUERADE BALL

Our first project, mailed in July, was a paper mask making kit with follow-up masquerade parties.

## WILD FLOWER GARDENING

Gardening with Wildflower Mailing: We mailed wildflower seeds and then planted them and watched them grow

## DANCE PARTY

Friday night Dance Party! EVERY Friday, until we meet in person again, we have a dance party from 5-6pm.

## FALL FUN KIT

We are currently working on a fun mailing for all of our campers that will include several projects, recipes and a fall calendar of fun zoom meet-ups.











# Facilities





While we all zoom-ed, Miner Construction was hard at work transforming Camp Thorpe's property. We received a grant from the State of Vermont which was matched by funds from the Donchian Foundation and a series of donors in order to renovate our cabins with new siding, doors and windows.

The new doors and windows allow for easy access. Anyone who remembers the old doors and windows recalls them sticking or not shutting properly. No longer, these glide open and shut. The old siding was rotten in places and had a shabby appearance--now our gleaming cabins stand in a row, awaiting your arrival in 2021.

In addition, we were able to create extra poolhouse storage and a firewood lean-to!

Finally, we re-graded mountain reach in order to have a dryer lawn--no more muddy mountain reach!



Ernie and Derric Miner in front of the cabins that they have beautified.

A beautiful  
campus  
waiting for  
you...





Lyllie Harvey and Dwight Lomax joined the Camp Thorpe team in mid-December and have proven invaluable to the organization ever since.

Dwight and Lyllie assisted in hiring and enrolling an entire summer staff and camping population, then helped to change course when COVID-19 forced us to not run in person. We are very grateful for their time , energy and good ideas.



# Americorps Vistas



# Ralph Hathaway Memory



Ralph Hathaway passed away on May 18, 2020. Ralph served on the Board of Trustees of Camp Thorpe for 40 years and his good work and generosity are in every corner of our facility. His love for and dedication to Camp Thorpe began when he was a teenager who volunteered at camp and lasted past his death.

Lyle Jepson, co-President of the Camp Thorpe Board of Trustees stated, “Ralph could easily be considered one of Camp Thorpe’s most influential patriarchs. His wisdom and integrity will be sorely missed. It is impossible to accurately calculate the number of lives touched by Ralph’s and Norma’s support.”

We are grateful for the extremely generous donation that Ralph left camp. His memory and legacy live on.



## "Bud" Wolcott Scholarship Fund

This year, with the help of many Camp Thorpe supporters, we raised significant funds to create a scholarship fund in honor of "Bud" Wolcott, who was the Boy's Camp leader (now Mt Reach) from 1947 to 1952. The idea originated with Barry Wolcott (son) and Geoffrey Garth (stepson) who wanted to honor Bud in a way that they knew he would appreciate. They did so by encouraging others with a generous match gift, a goal that was reached at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, demonstrating the love of a little Camp in the face of scary times. Thanks to all of those who donated--giving rays of hope. We are working and getting closer and closer to our goal of providing a camp experience to anyone who wants it, regardless of ability to pay.



This is an image of Bud Wolcott at a pine table that we still use at Camp Thorpe. Bud built these tables in 1947, Barry is at the head of table with Bud to his right.

Preserving  
the Joy of  
Camp for  
Years to  
Come.







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