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2026 CAMP THEME

BE SOMEBODY

At Lanakila's Visiting Weekend chapel, three campers carrying baseball gloves crossed a field and stopped beside a large pile of clothes.

"That pile has been there all week," one observed.

"Somebody should pick that up," said another.

The three nodded in agreement and walked off stage.

Next came a counselor room strewn with plates, old food, and the remains of an apparent Cheetos and Doritos party. Three counselors surveyed the damage, agreed that somebody should clean it, and left that problem behind, too.

Nearby, a camper sat alone beneath a tree. Two people noticed. They wondered whether he was upset. They agreed that somebody should go sit with him, yet they kept walking.

By then, Lanakila Director Bryan Partridge had seen enough. What the camp needed, he announced, was for *somebody* to show up.

Hero music began. A figure in a cape entered.

"Did someone call for…Somebody?"

The cape bore a giant letter S. Its wearer claimed to be legendary, mentioned an action figure and a TikTok account, and seemed surprised that Ridge did not recognize him.

"Who are you?" Ridge asked.

"I am…*Somebody*."

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"But what if you fall in love?"

From the Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends,

At *Gulicking Up*, our final gathering of all summer staff before campers arrive, a young counselor asked me what it meant to be an interim Executive Director. I dutifully described the role in broad strokes. She considered my answer for a moment and then asked something to the effect, "But what if you fall in love with it and want to stay?"

I gave her a truthful answer: at this point in my life, I was not looking for another permanent Executive Director position. But looking back, I realize that even as a first-year staff member, she had some insights I had yet to discover.

Falling in love with the Aloha Foundation just happens. For me, it happened while preparing for and leading the summer alongside colleagues whose knowledge of these programs is matched only by their care for the people in them. They welcomed my experience, generously shared their own, and brought good judgment and good humor to the hundreds of decisions that shape a summer. Through them, I came to know the campers and families, visiting schools, volunteers, and staff who give Aloha its life. Even after one spring and summer, this community had become part of me.

Each campus has its own character, traditions, and community, allowing Aloha to serve children and families at many different ages and stages of life. I saw how readily people reached across program lines to share their expertise and support one another. Staff train together before opening day, and that cooperation continues all summer as people step beyond their own roles and campuses whenever they can help. Each program is distinctly itself, and each is stronger for belonging to the same Foundation.



In the coming months, I will continue partnering with our staff and Board as planning for 2027 moves ahead and we prepare for Aloha's next Executive Director. After that leader arrives, I will work alongside them through the transition, sharing what I have learned and helping them come to know the people, programs, and work already underway. This community welcomed me by bringing me into the work, and I will be glad to do the same for our next leader.

And as for that counselor, she was right about the falling in love.

Warmly,

Eric Arnold
Interim Executive Director
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THE CURRENT CURRENT

Updates & Announcements To Keep You in the Know

CHALLENGE BY DESIGN



Across the Aloha Foundation, challenge is offered with purpose. We view it as a chance to build confidence, practice trust, and grow by taking an appropriate risk. Few places represent that approach more clearly than our ropes courses!

Last fall, we challenged ourselves to a comprehensive review of ropes course programming across the Foundation, including the physical courses at Hive and Hulbert. We partnered with High 5 Adventure Learning Center, a fellow Vermont nonprofit that combines technical expertise in challenge-course design and training with a focus on how people learn and grow through adventure. We went beyond our annual inspection to consider how the physical courses, staff training, and operating practices worked as a whole, while identifying areas to strengthen.

Then, with grant support from the George W. Mergens Foundation, we put plans into action! Across both sites, we improved staff access and belay locations, updated the zip lines, removed trees, and gave the Hive course a full refresh.

Ropes courses are used throughout the year at Hulbert and by campers and families from every Foundation program each summer. These updates allow participants to rise to even greater challenges and, importantly, put staff in a better position to support them in reaching their goals.

THE BEST SUMMER EVER!



Ask a Lanakilan to name the best summer in camp history, and the answer will likely depend on when they were there. The same goes for the greatest Ameden League game, the most memorable trip story told at Council Fire, and, of course, which Bridger class built the best bonfire.

Next August, we'll put 105 summers' worth of answers in the same place. Following this summer's Aloha and Hive reunions, Lanakila alumni will gather in Fairlee from August 13–15, 2027, to celebrate 105 summers of Lanakila.

Some will return remembering Banquet songs and Viking Honors; others will bring stories of Richardson Lakes, Birthday Night, or the people who made their own best summer the one they still talk about. The details will vary, and a few claims may be disputed, but Lanakilans across generations will have plenty to talk about.

Details will follow, but for now, mark your calendars and dust off your trunks. 2027 is bound to be the best reunion yet!

BE SOMEBODY

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Somebody had arrived, but he hadn't come to pick up the clothes, clean the room, or check on the camper beneath the tree. Instead, he called back the campers who had noticed each problem and asked them to replay the scene.

"Somebody should pick that up," one camper said again. Then he stopped.

"Wait a second. *I'm* somebody!"

That was just one way Lanakilans approached the Aloha Foundation's shared summer theme: *Be Somebody*. But the idea itself began decades earlier, born out of a legendary encounter with a candy wrapper, not a cape.

Aloha campers and counselors will know Shel Ball, who first came to Hive as an eight-year-old and has spent 35 summers at Aloha, most of them running the Trip Kitchen. They likely also know the story she tells each summer. Sometime in the early 2000s, Shel was crossing Aloha Field when she noticed a Dum-Dum wrapper in the grass. "Somebody ought to pick that up," she thought. Then came a second thought: "Wait a minute. *I'm* somebody." She picked it up, and the legend was born.

The exchange Shel had with herself that day became a habit, and even today, whenever she catches herself thinking that somebody ought to do something, she still answers herself the same way. To her, the phrase is bigger than an instruction to help because what calls for action doesn't look the same to everyone. "What you think that someone should do is colored by who you are and what you think is possible," she explains.







When the Aloha Foundation carried *Be Somebody* into every camp and program this summer, it was a universal call to step up, but each community explored it in their own way.

At Aloha, Director Char Messervy wove the theme throughout the summer, from clever details like a candy wrapper printed on the staff T-shirts, to larger questions like "Who are you becoming?"

For Aloha's older campers, this question gave the theme a longer timeline. A choice to participate, persist, or work through a disagreement might feel inconsequential at the time, but years later it might become a vital part of the answer to something bigger.

At Hive, the theme found an extra letter. "Bee Somebody" was irresistible for equally obvious and adorable reasons. Lanakilans had modeled that to be somebody, campers didn't need special powers, while at Hive, Director Ellie Pennell embraced the idea that a secret identity isn't required either.

"What I really love about this theme is that it doesn't ask you to become someone else," she told families at a Sunday Assembly. Being somebody could mean trusting what *you* noticed even when someone else might have missed it.



WHO LOOKS AFTER THE WHOLE?

At camp, leadership is easy to see. Counselors guide tent families and activities. Directors shape the life of each camp. Meanwhile, the Executive Director keeps sight of how those individual efforts fit together and of the year-round work that supports each of them.

Working with senior leaders and the Trustees, the Executive Director helps turn the Foundation's mission into priorities and decisions across its programs, people, finances, and facilities. Much of that work happens beyond a camper's view: Where should we invest? How can our programs grow stronger? What should change as needs evolve, and what is essential to preserve?

The answers shape the people we hire and support, the programs we strengthen, the places we care for, and the experience of every camper and family.

As the search for Aloha's next Executive Director nears completion, we are grateful for this community's participation in the process and shared commitment to Aloha's future.

Pictured left to right: *Current Interim Executive Director, Eric Arnold and former Executive Directors Posie Taylor and Vanessa Riegler together at Visiting Weekend.*

It could mean offering a hug on a difficult day, sharing something funny said while sleep-talking, or a counselor teaching themselves to weave so campers could go home with baskets they had made.

On the first night of camp, Ellie walked the hillside to the sound of banging trunk lids while, in the tents and shacks, campers talked through the kind of tent family they wanted to become and how they hoped to support each other throughout the summer. Before anyone had to explain what "Bee Somebody" meant, Hivers were already making choices that would help shape life for the people beside them.

Near the end of the Lanakila skit, the clothes had been gathered by campers, the counselors had divided up the work in the counselor room, and two campers had gone to join a new friend beneath a tree.

The caped super Somebody looked around.

"I'm starting to feel like my job here might not be that important after all." He sighed.

Indeed, the summer had revealed that truly *anybody* could be somebody. And to campers at Aloha, Hive, Lanakila, and across the Aloha Foundation, one thing was perfectly clear: everybody already was.





EVERYBODY'S IN



> ***"People around you make room, and new friends guide you back when you lose your place."***

On Contra Night at Ohana, the barn is loud before the dancing even starts. Fiddles and guitars are warming up while children laugh and careen through the legs of chattering adults who are still trying to work out exactly what they've signed up for. The caller gathers everyone into long lines and teaches them the steps. When the music finally starts, partners turn, neighbors are exchanged, and someone inevitably heads the wrong way. People laugh, adjust, and keep going until, gradually, a barn full of beginners starts to look surprisingly coordinated!

If contra dancing is new to you, you probably know more than you think! It's like square dancing, only stretched out from neat boxes to form long lines of partners. For the youngest campers, nearly everything is new, and plenty of adults are learning as they go too—which is part of why it feels so at home at camp! Like so much at camp, experience isn't a prerequisite for joining in; you learn by doing, alongside everyone else.

Contra has long been part of New England community life, and it's become a fixture at the Alohas. It happens every session at Ohana, it turns up when Aloha, Hive, and Lanakila come together for tri-camp events, and is part of Hulbert family camp as well. It even makes its way to camp each summer before the first camper does! Prior to opening day, counselors from across the Foundation gather at Hive for Gulicking Up, the all-staff celebration that kicks off the season with songs, games, food, speeches, and, year after year, contra dancing. Soon those counselors will be helping campers find their footing, and contra dancing allows them to practice on each other first!









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Contra dancing asks people to pay attention. It requires you to notice the person coming toward you, leave room for somebody else, and keep the pattern moving. When things go awry (as they tend to), someone points the right way, another person waits a beat, and the line finds itself again.

Camp begins the same way. You arrive somewhere new, among people you may not know and without being entirely sure where you fit in the pattern. Before long, someone gives you enough direction to begin, people around you make room, and new friends guide you back when you lose your place.

What felt unfamiliar starts to have a rhythm—a beat you might even be able to dance to—and soon enough, everybody is in!



SOUP'S ON!

Whether it's a hot July afternoon or the middle of winter family camp—bowls of tomato soup and grilled cheese on any table are usually a cause for celebration!

Tomato soup is a staple in any Foundation dining hall throughout the year, and this September it was even served by special request to the closest friends and family of a camp alum during her wedding weekend at Ohana.

While some camp memories are tied to a tent or a trail, this one is easier to recreate at home, and pairs just great with your favorite grilled cheese. Here's the six-camp (and at-least-one-wedding) favorite, scaled down for your kitchen.

ALOHA FOUNDATION CLASSIC TOMATO SOUP

Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon olive oil
½ cup diced onion
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes
1½ cups vegetable stock
1½–2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon ground black pepper

As written, this recipe is dairy and gluten-free. Feel free to add ½ cup heavy cream!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large pot over medium heat, sauté the onion, celery, carrot, and garlic in the olive oil until softened, about 10 minutes.
2. Add the tomatoes, vegetable stock, salt, sugar, and pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes.
3. Purée the soup until smooth with an immersion blender. If using a regular blender or food processor, work in small batches, since too much hot liquid can build pressure and force the lid off!
4. Stir in the cream, if using, and heat through.

Serve with grilled cheese sticks, and to make it authentically Vermont-y, be sure to use Cabot Sharp Cheddar Cheese!

Generations Together

Reunion 2026: *Celebrating 120 summers of Aloha & 110 of Hive*

In August, alums from nearly every decade came back to Lake Morey and Lake Fairlee for a weekend celebration that felt a lot like camp! Folks crossed oceans, drove down the road, and everything in between. Many hadn't been back since they were campers, and we were fortunate to welcome everyone from current campers to alumni and friends who first arrived well over half a century ago. Fittingly, the weekend's theme was *Generations Together*, and that's exactly what we were as we celebrated 120 years of Aloha and 110 years of Hive.

It all kicked off on Friday as longtime friends reunited while finding their assigned tents and shacks, just like the good ol' days! Later, they gathered around the campfires at Rainbow's End and Wedding Ring for the reading of letters from those who were physically distant but all there in spirit. Saturday was full of canoeing, archery, crafts like basket making on the docks at Hive, and even writing a new camp song! In the evening, everyone gathered on the Dancing Green at Hive around the canoe cooler for drinks, snacks, and a group photo, followed by dinner and an evening of contra dancing.

On Sunday, each camp held Sunday Assembly with speakers from across the years. At Aloha, we heard from Jani Downing (Judy Downing's daughter) and former directors Nancy Pennell and MJ Parry, and shared favorite poems and songs in honor of the directors who couldn't attend. At Hive, we heard remarks from former director Posie Taylor, former director Helen Rankin Butler read a poem, and Betsy Maholchic brought writing from her mother, former director Ginny Stevens. We sang "Fragrance of Pine Trees" in her honor. Back at Aloha, the Admirals took to the water for their silent regatta after Assembly, gliding across Lake Morey in a display of canoeing skill that was as impressive as it was beautiful.

To those who couldn't make it: you were dearly missed! With nearly every decade represented, your summers were there too, in the stories, the songs, and the "remember whens." We hope to see you at the next one!



ALOHA & HIVE
120 YEARS
110 YEARS
2026
GENERATIONS TOGETHER

What an incredible celebration of our Aloha and Hive communities!

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of so many, we raised more than $300,000 for new and upgraded staff housing at both Aloha and Hive. Thank you for celebrating with us and helping us strengthen the Aloha and Hive communities for years to come.



Nancy Linkroum Pennell shares a poem at Aloha's Wedding Ring (and below)



Inky Ahlberg & Jani Downing chatting on the porch of the Comb



Woody Needell addresses guests in Aloha's Hale



The Admirals' canoe regatta on Lake Morey during Sunday Assembly



Jenny Searles Margulies, Anne Downey, and Kathy Christie lead a song at Aloha Assembly



Nancy Linkroum Pennell, Patty Michaelson, and Beth Randall catch up in Aloha's garden

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Arms
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Joan Meyer Capriotti
Thomas & Laura Clydesdale
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Danielle S. Epstein
Carolyn Busch Foster
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Catherine Herrick Levy & Robert Levy
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Katharine Denny Joyce
Gretchen C. Liechty Lynch
Elyse Johnson Lyons & Lloyd Lyons
Alexa Raether Maddock
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Patricia Michaelson & Walter Klisiwecz
The Owens Family
The Pennell-Linkroum-Tulp Families:
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Pete Linkroum, IV
Evie Tulp Norton
Hugh & Nancy Pennell
Andrew Pennell & Ellie Thompson Pennell
Marin L. Pennell
Megan Pennell Seidner
Lara & Kristin Ramsey
Peggy McGrath Sherman
Stephanie Luttrell Stanko
Matt & Erika Warren
Bob White
Mary & Brad Wilkinson
Anonymous

Anna & Jonathan Hunnicutt, In Memory of Paul Green
John Klopf & Kate Voshell, In Memory of Lynne Batzer Klopf & Peggy Klopf White
Lori & Steve Wyckoff, In Memory of Cheryl Olson

Sunday Assembly Remarks

from Posie Taylor
Former Foundation Executive Director and Hive Camp Director

I never knew Mother Gulick, but she was often quoted to us young campers in my early years at Hive and Aloha. My favorite quote now, as it was then, is one I want to share with you today as I contemplate the NEXT 120 years here at Hive and all of us, generations together! The quote: ***"The sign of an educated woman is the ability to make change gracefully."*** Her message feels just as relevant today as it was back then. Change is a constant: how we handle it makes all the difference. Do we see it as a chance for renewal and improvement or a threat? Do we welcome the opportunity to make even great things better, or do we insist that the past (or our MEMORY of the past) was the best it could be?

With the advantage of seniority here across the generations to look out into the future of Hive—and, indeed, to the future of camping across the country, I can see that the years ahead will be filled with change. Not that camping hasn't always adapted to circumstances over all its long path to today. Hive is so different now than it was in the '50s—and luckily so! But if we want camps to continue for children in the decades ahead, thoughtful and courageous change will be all around us. Imagine only one area of challenge ahead—the area of climate change. What will wise new leaders at Hive and other camps need to adjust and change to help keep camps a viable and happy option for tomorrow's families? Just as it has over all these years, it will take extraordinary vision, imagination, leadership, and courage to bring children adventures close to nature and to each other as the world moves forward into difficulties beyond what we have faced before. Now, I have no crystal ball to look ahead to the future, but I DO know that adaptation and change will be part of any future we will have together.

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So, can Hive be Hive if elements of camp days we love must change? From my elderly perspective, I am sure the answer just has to be yes! The work is

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Posie Taylor in the Comb at Hive



Feet and basket-making materials in the water at Hive





(Left) Taylor Brown, Carrie Kissick, Maia Hirschler, Charlotte Beal, Kat DeRuff, Sarah Holmes, Liza Cohen, and Lizza Sandoe on the shore of Lake Fairlee. (Right) Kathryn Friedman, Katy Weinberg, Margaret Pennoyer, and Anna Hartmann (Chavez) get together during contra dancing at Hive



Sunday Assembly at Hive with Ellie Thompson Pennell, Posie Merritt Taylor, Helen Rankin Butler, Tegan Cathles, and Perry Allison, accompanied by Matt McGrath



Rachel Warehime Trabert with her mother, Brenda Warehime, and one of her daughters



Helen Rankin Butler, Christine Ye, and Sarah Rutledge Hundgen



Composing a new camp song in the garden at Aloha



Char Messervy at Aloha's Wedding Ring



The entire reunion group photo on the Dancing Green at Hive



Future campers! The Trabert sisters and Lily Conway Dickison take over the playfield at Hive



Sailing and paddleboarding on Lake Fairlee



Morning coffee with Holly Fisher, Marieke Sperry (Erdelmann), Helen Dorion, and Stéphanie Esambert Cherdel

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Tim Lively speaks at Wishing Fire at Aloha



LANAKILA'S 105TH REUNION

Calling All Lanakila Alums!

For 105 summers, Lanakilans have paddled the waters of Lake Morey, hiked up to Eagle's Bluff, and gathered around the fire for s'mores and stories. Next August, we're inviting you home for a reunion weekend full of old friends, new memories, and the traditions you remember from your time here.

We're going to try to pack an entire summer into one weekend. Canoe around the lake, toss a frisbee on the athletics field, zip line on the ropes course, settle into the barn for a goodnight medley after the talent show—there's time for it all!

Whether you were here last summer or fifty summers ago, there's a place for you at Lanakila. See you in August!

Ridge

Bryan Partridge
Lanakila Camp Director

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too vital to fail. And we have partners across the camping movement to share the challenges and the solutions. Mother Gulick herself, a radical voice in the world of women's education and one of the earliest presidents of the ACA, would urge us to be brave and visionary leaders as we move forward together. We can and must preserve the core values of camp — simple living near nature, community, courage and kindness, resilience and love — even if the outward appearances of our lives together must of necessity change. We must not be fooled if Hive LOOKS different in the years ahead. Appearances are not the core of who we are.

Each of us — you and me and all of us — ***GENERATIONS TOGETHER*** — will play an important part in the work ahead, even from afar. Our role as loyal and caring alumni is to cheer on new leaders as they make vital changes, trusting them to remember what really matters. If our voices are voices only of resistance: "We NEVER needed fans in my day," "bugs were just a part of camp back then," "but I love the sound of rain on the tent flap," we will not protect what we love but make critical adaptation more difficult. And our history shows us clearly that change can make us stronger and more able to meet the needs of tomorrow's families in the wonderful Hive way. The leaders of tomorrow will need our encouragement and support across all the generations, not our resistance. If we really want to help keep Hive — and the whole camping movement — alive and thriving for children of the future, we must follow Mother Gulick's clear voice in our heads and hearts. Remember: *The sign of an educated woman is the ability to make change gracefully!*







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TO ALL YOUR FAVORITE ALOHA PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS ALL YEAR LONG









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Tents do not magically unfold. Canoes and sailboats do not emerge from their winter dens and make their way to the waterfront without assistance. Stored mattresses just... lie there. And come August, none of it packs itself away again.

Somebody has to put up the tents.

THEIR MISSION: Open camp. Close camp.

OPERATIONAL WINDOW: The weeks immediately before and after the summer season.

OBJECTIVE: Whatever it takes. Strategize, equip, test, and execute the thousand little things nobody ever really thinks about. Complete the mission knowing they never will. A few months later, do pretty much the same thing in reverse.

PERSONNEL: A crack squad of doers, problem-solvers, and people who know which end of a tent pole is up. They thrive in small teams, sweat the details and eat, sleep, and breathe camp. Their responsibility is great. Their dips in the lake, correspondingly glorious.

CURRENT DESIGNATION: "Campus Opening Team" and "Campus Closing Team"

YOUR MISSION: GIVE THIS CREW A NEW NAME!

Generations of alumni knew these teams by another name. Today, they're known as the "COT" and "CCT."

Accurate? ***You betcha.***
Memorable? ***Not even a little bit.***

Send your best idea—and the story behind it—to HeyReveille@alohafoundation.org



BOTH ON BETTER FOOTING

The clearest sign that the Horizons waterfront had changed this summer was also one of the *least* dramatic. Stuart Fairbairn, the Horizons Camp Director, could walk along the shore without looking down. The new, flatter ground, he said, works great for a Frisbee game, a lively gathering, or "confidently walking around with your arms full of paddles."



> ***"What's good for the health of the lake is also great for camp!"***

Behind Stuart's appreciation for his newfound footing is a project that's substantially larger in scope. A 200-foot, century-old deteriorating concrete seawall had been contributing to erosion and runoff into Lake Fairlee, and our historic boathouse sat, ecologically speaking, too close to the water's edge. Working with partners in the conservation space, the Aloha Foundation (with help from a giant crane) moved the entire boathouse 30 feet inland late last year. By spring, the rest of the space had started to come together with a shoreline of stone, regraded earth, native plants, and new trees.

The goal was not only a more resilient shoreline, and richer habitat for wildlife, but a waterfront designed to make camp better. And once camp opened, Horizons campers and staff experienced just how well it worked. There are clearer sightlines to swimmers and boaters; the space between the boathouse and the shore gained more privacy and works better for various types of programming. Campers and counselors gather there during the day, linger into the evening, and some have even slept there overnight. "We enjoyed the space more than ever!" reported an enthusiastic Stuart Fairbairn.

The construction is finished, but the waterfront isn't. Horizons still has to "grow into the space." Some of what the new waterfront will become can only be discovered by using it. The new trees have some growing to do. Native plants will settle in among the rocks. A fire pit and other small additions will come as camp learns what belongs there.

There's a fantastic lesson in all of this: what's good for the health of the lake is great for camp, too! But Stuart insists on going further. With six waterfronts on two lakes, it's a bold claim to make: "I dare say... Horizons has the best waterfront at the Foundation!"



LOCHED IN

On October 1, 2026, Camp Lochearn became a part of the Aloha Foundation and its long history of camping in this special part of Vermont!

Formally, Camp Lochearn, LLC is now a wholly owned subsidiary of the Aloha Foundation. Very informally, the staff of Lochearn and Aloha gathered for coffee and a tour, courtesy of directors Erin and Tuffer Dow, taking in the view of Lake Fairlee from a new perspective. "The Point" at Lochearn provides a clear view of the new Horizons waterfront, Ohana Family Camp, and almost, but not quite, Hive Camp just beyond.

We know Lochearn will continue to thrive as the beloved camp it has always been, while we all continue to learn, explore, and grow together—with a slightly broader view of what might come next.







The growing medium used to establish new grass at Horizons included compost made from the Foundation's own food waste—processed, decomposed, and put right back to work at camp!



From the Fall Aloha Foundation all staff gathering
Back row: *Tuffer Dow, Bryan Partridge, Eric Arnold, Steve Wyckoff, Jen Adams.* ***Front row:*** *Char Messervy, Erin Dow, Ellie Pennell, Penny Johnson, Kat Hehir, Stuart Fairbairn.*

Not pictured are our generous partners in this venture, former Lochearn owners Ron and Ann Scott, whose tireless work and careful planning made everything possible.

For more about Camp Lochearn and the Aloha Foundation, visit our website: alohafoundation.org/aloha-lochearn

NEWS & UPDATES

Births



Kaelia Cockington (former Lanakila counselor) and Jarrod Skeates welcomed twin daughters Daisy Fiona Skeates and Florence June Skeates on June 29, 2026.



Colette "Lettie" Lucy Roque was born on March 25, 2026, to **Jenni Harle** (former Hive counselor) and her husband Chip Roque.



Meredith Hoffman (Club '09 and Hive counselor) and Jack Kisseberth are thrilled to introduce Bruce Edward Kisseberth, born July 7, 2025. Bruce is already looking forward to future birthdays at camp!



Jonah David Lipoff joined the family of **Alex Lipoff** (former Lanakila camper and counselor) and his wife Savannah Alvarado on May 25, 2026.



Ginna Oates (former Hive camper and counselor and Aloha camper) and her husband Tyler Allen celebrated the arrival of Henrietta "Etta" James Allen on September 25, 2025. Etta joins big sister Bea, and the two sing Taps every night!



On November 11, 2025, Katherine and **Derek Prill** (former Lanakila camper and counselor) welcomed baby girl Taylor Abbey Prill into the world. Charlie and George are eager and curious big brothers!



Twin boys Grayson Maloney Reynolds (6 lbs., 12 oz.) and Enzo Donn Reynolds (3 lbs., 5 oz.) were born to **Tommy Reynolds** (former Lanakila camper and counselor) and his wife Ally on June 23, 2026. After a month-long "luxury stay" at the Duke NICU Hotel, both boys are now home, happy and healthy!



Megan Streeter (Hive camper/counselor, Aloha camper, Hulbert camper/counselor) and her husband Jake welcomed their daughter Willa Jane on October 15, 2025. Willa is pictured sporting the sweatshirt Posie Taylor gave to grandmother Deborah Streeter when Megan was born!



Carrie Walker (née Draude) (former Hive counselor) and her husband Toby welcomed Leo Robin Walker to the family on April 13, 2026. Leo loves to sing and "play" piano, and enjoys being carried on long walks through the forest while gazing up at the trees.

Weddings



Oliver Paul (former Lanakila camper and counselor and Hulbert counselor) and **Catherine Bleakley** (former Hive counselor) were married on September 6, 2025, in Water Mill, New York, with plenty of camp friends in attendance.



Alexis Hudes (former Aloha camper and Hive counselor) and **Amelia Huang** (former Aloha camper and counselor and Hive counselor) were married on September 6, 2026, on Hive's Dancing Green.



Sophie Hatch (former Hive and Aloha camper) and Andrew Lounsbury were married at Ohana Family Camp on September 19, 2026.



Arielle Drisko (former Hive, Aloha & HOC alum and current Horizons staff member) and Tony Moreno were married at Ohana Family Camp on September 26, 2026, pictured here with their camp friends in attendance. The couple will share the surname Moonrise.



Sarah Holmes (former Aloha camper and counselor) and Christopher Hansell were married at Hulbert on September 19, 2026. Despite the chilly weather, plenty of camp friends gathered to celebrate!

NEWS TO SHARE?

Let us know what you and your family have been up to, especially if it includes your camp family!
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LATER ON, WE'LL CONSPIRE



At Hulbert, winter is a camp season all its own. In July, sunlit cabins dot the grassy hillside, and the campus buzzes with Lanakilans paddling canoes, practicing archery, and singing beloved camp songs. In the last days of December, it is frozen, white, and utterly quiet.

Then the families arrive...

They spill out of packed cars in the days before New Year's Eve, and parents and grandparents lead children to the toasty main house as boots pile up just inside the doors. It's a brief stop by the crackling fire before heading back outside to see what winter has made possible.

By midmorning families have scattered, some on skis or skates, some building forts, some tending the outdoor fire. Kids and adults all choose their own activities—as one would at any good camp—sometimes together and sometimes apart, and by dinner they're all back around the same table sharing vastly different stories from the same day.

That's the magic of family camp. At any other kind of camp, parents and grandparents meet the experience secondhand. They hear stories told on the ride home, tales only partly







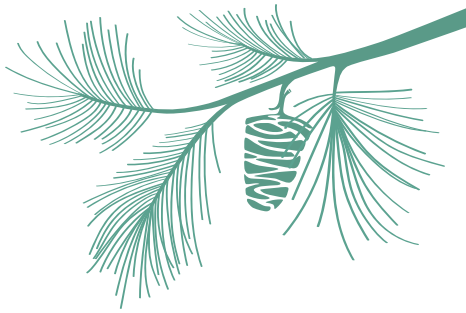


explained, and inside jokes where, honestly, you really had to be there. Camp belongs, rightly, to the camper. But at family camp, everyone gets a piece of it. A parent experiences why that game is so funny. A grandparent joins the chorus of a song. A child watches an adult get ferociously competitive over trivia, or lose a physical challenge in downright spectacular fashion.

Some families come to Hulbert or Ohana with a long history as campers or counselors, or with children who now have Aloha stories of their own. For many others, a program like New Year's Family Camp is a first, and the start of a new tradition rather than a continuation of one. Either way, it's a rare opportunity in a world where camp so often means children leaving home—families making camp memories side by side.

This New Year's Eve, a celebratory dinner will lead into trivia and Minute-to-Win-It-style challenges. The youngest campers will bundle up for sparklers before bed while others will be determined to make it to midnight. By then, the families who arrived with very different histories will have a few new camp stories in common.

And for the Alohas, specifically Hulbert Outdoor Center, the new year will begin right where the old one left off: at camp.



> ***"Camp belongs, rightly, to the camper. But at family camp, everyone gets a piece of it."***







In Memoriam



Cheryl Olson
1966–2026

For eight years, Cheryl Olson helped the Aloha Foundation stay connected with the people who make up our community. As our database manager, she maintained records of generations of campers, counselors, families, and friends. Year after year, she provided the information for this very page, helping us recognize those we had lost and the family connections that remain.

Cheryl passed away on June 12, 2026. She worked remotely from Rhode Island but often made the trip to Fairlee for staff gatherings and celebrations. She loved birdwatching, photographing nature, reading, and spending time outdoors.

Cheryl was predeceased by her husband, Robert, who passed away earlier this year. She is survived by her brother, Steven Gronski, and nephews Jamie, Michael, and David. She asked that those who wish to remember her consider a gift to the Aloha Foundation, a touching demonstration of her love for her work and her colleagues. She will be greatly missed.

"Terry" Philip Hosmer Ball III (former Lanakila camper) passed away on April 23, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Katia Forgette Ball; sisters **Carol Ball** (Randie Handleman) and **Shel Ball** (Gary); nephews **Abel Silva III** (Lydia) and **Philip Silva** (Jessica Corwin); and great-nephews and great-niece Abel Silva IV, **Josie Silva**, and Peter Silva. He is also survived by Katia's four children, Nicole, Nadine, Daniel, and Kevin Moody; their six children; and an extended family of relatives and friends.

Phyllis (Beck) Katz (former Aloha counselor) passed away on September 5, 2025. She is survived by her four children, **Paul Katz** (Shufen Liu), Sarah Fostello (James), Amy Schick (Dave Brown), and **Laura Katz** (Dan Berger); and eight grandchildren: **Emily** and **Philip Katz**, James and **Caroline Fostello**, **Annabel** and **Michael Schick**, and **Rose** and **Alex Katz-Berger**.

Robert Coffman "Bob" Kenagy (Trustee Emeritus) passed away on December 25, 2025. Bob served on the Aloha Foundation Board of Trustees for 12 years and cared deeply about the organization. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Karen; their three children, **Neil**, **Lynn**, and **Gretchen** (Chang-ming); and four grandchildren, Evan, Margot, Emily, and Justin. He was predeceased by his sister, **Lee**.

Lynne Batzer Klopf (former Aloha camper) passed away on March 2, 2026. She was predeceased by her daughter, **Peggy Klopf White**. She is survived by her son, **John Charles Klopf** (Kate Voshell); grandsons Charles Randolph White, **Leo Russell Klopf**, and Kevin Hirschy Klopf; great-granddaughter Thea White; son-in-law Adam White and his family; and several nieces, nephews, and their families.

Carol (Sherman) Knapp (former Aloha camper and counselor) passed away on November 19, 2025. She is survived by her daughter, Cathy Knapp Aspinwall (Catherine Gioannetti); grandchildren Andrew and Martin Gioannetti; and nieces and nephews Sandy, Penny, Russ, Becky, Deb, and Mike.

Betsey Blanton McGrath (former Aloha camper and counselor) passed away on September 26, 2025. She is survived by her three children, **Peggy Sherman** (John), **Cathy McGrath**, and **Rob McGrath** (Betsy); sister **Mary Blanton**; and six grandchildren, **Nate Sherman**, Will Sherman, **Carrie Kissick**, **Eliza Kissick**, **Tom McGrath**, and **Sarah McGrath**.

Jane Simerl Rodeheffer (former Hive counselor) passed away on January 15, 2025. She is survived by her husband, **Jonathan (Jon) Rodeheffer**; daughters **Sarah Rodeheffer Iles** (Shawn) and **Emily Rodeheffer Nodine** (Paul); grandchildren Isaac, Elliot, Nathaniel, and Madeleine Iles; and three younger siblings and their families.

Judith Kidd Rudoff (former Hive camper) passed away on May 7, 2025. She is survived by her daughter, Leah Wymore (Gabriel); seven grandchildren, Dalton and Dylan Borders, Mikaela, Zaek, and Deacon "Cameron" Basden, and Maygan and Maxwell Wymore; nine great-grandchildren; brother David Kidd (Sylvia); and several nieces and extended family members.

Ryan McAndrew Taylor (former Horizons camper) of White River Junction, VT, passed away on April 15, 2025. He is survived by his parents, Marie and Tom Taylor; and siblings Mara Taylor and Sean Taylor.

Sydney White (former Aloha counselor) passed away on March 26, 2025. She is survived by her lifelong friend, Betsy Wilson; adopted daughter Marlo Colbeth (Rusty); adopted grandchildren Kayleigh Charland (Robert), Abigail Brewer (Ryan), and Grace Colbeth (Trent LaBounty); great-grandchildren Harper and Ella Charland; and many friends, nieces, and nephews.

Vicki Wight (former Horizons counselor) passed away on October 9, 2025.

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Being part of an organization whose community cares so deeply about its future is truly inspiring. We are grateful for the thoughtful consideration and hard work that make each summer possible.

Whatever your connection to Aloha, thank you for being part of its story, and for helping carry it forward for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Karen

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9 sessions, plus facility rentals and retreats

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June 28 – August 13, 2027

HORIZONS
Summer program for kindergarten to 7th grade graduates

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

June 25 – August 11, 2027

ALOHA
7th-10th grade graduates
Full sessions, half sessions, and 2-week programs

HIVE
3rd-6th grade graduates
Full sessions, half sessions, and 2-week programs

LANAKILA
3rd-8th grade graduates
Full sessions and half sessions

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August 13 – 15, 2027

105 years of Lanakila

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