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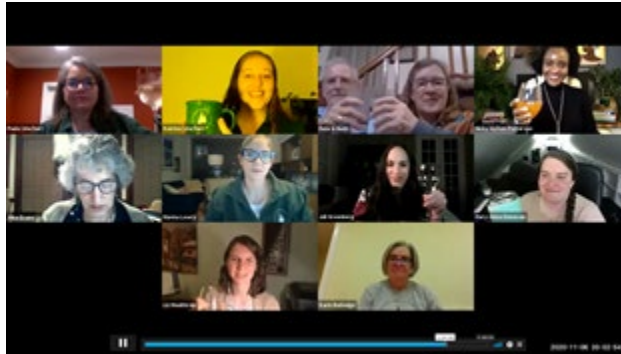
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5TH ANNIVERSARY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION Liz Moulthrop

Last month, I had the pleasure of participating on a panel for the Eagle Island 5th Anniversary Celebration. It's remarkable to see the ongoing strength of the EIC community despite the limitations of the pandemic. The Zoom call was full of alumni, friends, and donors, spanning generations and geography. The flurry of chat messages throughout the evening revealed fond memories and traditions from the island over the years. In my remarks, I recalled what it was like to come of age on the island first as a camper and later as a staff member. I spent many summers learning to live away from home and being taught to sail by older campers and staff. In time I became a young leader, teaching others to sail and assuring campers that

they, too, could make their way away from home, a common experience of many EICers. The Celebration program highlighted the island's bright future, with property

revitalization underway and camping programs in the works, and plans to continue old traditions as well as make new ones. This includes the important work of equity that the staff and board have begun through partnership with the Adirondack Diversity Initiative. Congratulations



to all those who have had a hand in both preserving the island we know and paving the way for a new and exciting future for the camp.

NOTES FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Katrina Dearden

Summer camp is needed now more than ever. An opportunity for kids to develop social skills and make friends off-screen, a place to develop independence and explore nature outside their own backyards. The chance to LOL IRL (laugh out loud in real life!).

Eagle Island is excited to welcome everyone back and become that space. Programming will look a bit different to keep everyone safe, by meeting all COVID19 protocols set by the CDC, American Camp Association, and the NY Department of Health. What will this look like? It could mean keeping campers and participants in small cohorts, and rethinking some activities to maintain safety. We are continuously developing new, fun games and ideas to fill these gaps. This allows us to focus on activity sessions that meet requirements (such as nature education, camper-led play, and open waterfront) and find ways to make them even better.

Registration will be open SOON, so make sure to join us! Still have some holiday shopping to get done? The promise of a summer camp experience is a great option to help the young people in your lives have something to look forward to during a long winter in quarantine. Please visit our website to learn more: eagleisland.org/home/summercamps

WHAT EIC DID FOR ME

Rebecca Bar

Eagle Island taught me to love the wild.

At EIC, I learned to love the outdoors and respect wild places. Little did I know that this love for the natural world would mold future academic and career choices, and even decisions on where to live, to be closer to the great outdoors.

As a young girl, often awkward in normal society, EIC let me unleash my most wild, adventurous, and outgoing self, unafraid to show my fellow campers who I truly am. The confidence I developed at EIC has been invaluable in every aspect of my life, from friendships to career.

At EIC, I learned to harness my wild energy through activities like sailing. I went on to race for the Boston University sailing team, and now love sports like backpacking and backcountry skiing, in which you're forced to reckon with the weather and the elements.

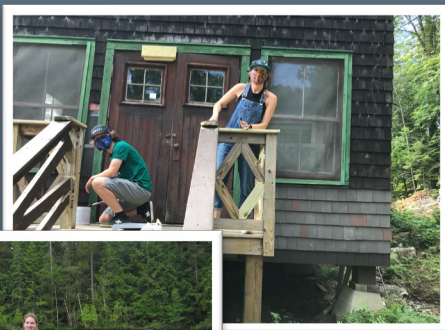
So many of my passions can be traced back to my time at Eagle Island. This is why I'm so happy to see campers returning to the Island, because a connection to this special place can stay with you for the rest of your life.

Camper, 2000–2006

Volunteer, 2020

BA, Boston University, Environmental Analysis & Policy
Membership & Engagement Manager, the Sustainability Accounting
Standards Board
Bend, Oregon

Camper days



2020



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EIC BITE-SIZE AUCTIONS

Mary-Anna Donovan, Asst Camp Director

Starting in July 2020, Eagle Island has hosted three virtual Bite-Size Auctions to great success. Using Charity Auctions Today, EIC has been able to post items donated by generous alums and supporters to be available for bid during set auction dates. Items have ranged from sight-seeing tours by plane on Cape Cod to one-of-a-kind handmade items such as woven baskets and painted paddles directly from the island.

We at Eagle Island give a huge thank you to all the donors and participants in the auctions. None of these auctions would have been possible without your support. We are seeking donations for upcoming auctions. If you are able, please consider donating any special items, talent, or experiences you think others would enjoy.

If you have any items or experiences you would like to donate to an auctions, please visit eagleisland.org/auction and fill out the attached form.

SEEKING DONATIONS

EIC Bite-Size Auctions

unique EIC memorabilia
one-of-a-kind experiences
handmade/rare items

eagleisland.org/auction

WANTED!

Used pickup for the island

wish list:



- 4-wheel drive
- Automatic
- Long-bed, Small cab
- Gasoline
- Roadworthy
- All-weather tires
- ¾ ton preferred (or heavy duty ½ ton)

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Sue Shove & Helen Kittle

Sue Shove and Helen Kittle both share a commitment to outdoor opportunities for young people. So when they learned that Eagle Island had been purchased by Friends of Eagle Island, they were eager to be part of restoring the camp.

Sue has a longtime connection to Eagle Island dating back to the 1970s, first as a CIT and then working as a counselor teaching sailing and serving in the sailing unit. Helen was never a camper or staff at the camp, but often heard about it from Sue.

They have seen the evolution of the reconstruction of the camp—from demolition through the rebuilding phases. Early on Sue helped with tearing out the ceiling of the shower house and Helen helped with scraping window frames. During the summer of 2019 they met the campers at day camp—Sue as waterfront staff and Helen welcoming the campers each morning. This past summer Sue worked with Burnsie and Bill Tallmadge on tree and trail maintenance while Helen sewed new curtains and seat cushions for the wicker furniture.

Sue and Helen are already looking forward to volunteering at camp in 2021, helping to ensure the camp continues to be viable for young people in the long term.

Written by Anna Nelson



Eagle Island Ornaments for Sale!

In collaboration with The Village Mercantile

eagleisland.org/ornament



5th anniversary
commemorative
edition



Upper Saranac
Lake
Edition

El's Partnership with The Village Mercantile is Worth Celebrating

Amy Mulligan Biaggi
Chair, Adirondack Committee

One of the things that I enjoy most about living in Saranac Lake is its small-town community vibe. This powerful sense of belonging and connection I feel as a Saranac Lake resident—it's the same feeling I have from being part of the Eagle Island team.

This past year I have enjoyed getting to know the folks at the Village Mercantile by working with them to offer a variety of Eagle Island merchandise. This well-known landmark isn't just any store: Owned and operated by locals, it is an integral part of the Saranac Lake community, and New York's only community-owned department store!

Best known for offering unique Adirondack products and friendly service, the Village Mercantile is an exceptional partner. Not only do they effectively manage our inventory and shipping, but they also support other local nonprofits as well.

Eagle Island tote bags, knit hats, hoodies, mugs, T-shirts, onesies, and ornaments can be purchased at the store or online at villagemerc.com



Kathy Recchia, E-Commerce Coordinator at The Village Mercantile

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Burnsie Tallmadge

Although Burnsie Tallmadge was not a camper or staff at Eagle Island when it was a Girl Scout Camp, she has been dedicated to helping restore it as a camp for young people. Through her friendship with former Eagle Island staff Sue Shove, she was introduced to the camp when she stayed on-island while traveling with another camp. Among all the Girl Scout camps she has visited, she recognized Eagle Island as a unique treasure and wanted to be part of saving it. She volunteered at camp work weekends for two years and was part of the waterfront staff in 2019. Most recently, she and her husband Bill volunteered this summer to help with cutting down trees and restoring the play field in preparation for camp in 2021. Inspired by the dedication of the Friends of Eagle Island to saving the camp, she was motivated to work with Sue to form a "friends" group to save their local camp from being sold. At a time when many camps are closing, Burnsie is one of the dedicated volunteers who have been instrumental in saving these safe havens for young people.

Written by Anna Nelson



Sue & Burnsie

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This Holiday Season... Give the Gift of Camp!

After registering, email
Katrina Dearden, Camp Director
to request a gift certificate!

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Monumental Women Webinar

featuring EIC alum

Meredith Bergmann

sculptor of the new

Monumental Women Sculpture
in Central Park

Register at EagleIsland.org/events

To be held via Zoom

Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7 pm

Join us as Meredith discusses her work
& answers our questions

monumentalwomen.org

CALENDAR

1970's Virtual Reunion
1980's Virtual Reunion
Dates TBA!

Monumental Women Webinar
Thursday, January 28 7pm

Winter Carnival Dates
February 5-14 (Tentative)