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A NEW TAGLINE!

You might have noticed the change to our tagline on a letter or email. Formerly "Where History Meets the Future," in discussions about our vision for Eagle Island going forward, we realized our tagline needed to better communicate, in just a few words, what makes us so special. "An Unplugged Island Experience" captures just that: Our unique combination of a beautiful, private island setting along with the peace and tranquility of no screens makes us a "camp that really can't be beat"!

An unplugged island experience

VIRTUAL REUNIONS

Much like everything else in 2020, another thing we needed to change was how we staged our reunions. In October 2020, we began our Virtual Reunion series with a "brunch" for our young alumni of the 1990s and 2000s, followed by events for staff and campers from the 1980s and 1970s. Most recently we hosted a combined event for alumni of the 1950s and 1960s--a whopping success with more than 70 attendees! Participants were invited to answer trivia questions, reminisce over photos and memorabilia, reconnect with old friends, and hear about what's happening on the island now. Did you miss your reunion? Fear not; we will continue to host these popular programs, and will announce them on social media and e-mail.

CALENDAR

Bite-Size Auction – Spring Edition
April 17 – 29

1990s – 2020s Alum Virtual Reunion
April 25, 8pm (ET)

Open Island Days
August 21 & 22

EagleIsland.org/events

I CAN'T WAIT TO GO TO CAMP!

A mini interview with campers Molly (13) and Ruby (10). Their mother and two aunts were campers in the 1980s. This is their first time going to sleepaway camp.

How did you hear about Eagle Island?

M: Our mom and her sisters were campers there when they were kids. They always talk about it!

R: We got to visit and walk around the island. I really wanted to come back.

What makes you want to go to Eagle Island?

R: I want to go canoeing and find new things on the island.

M: I love hiking and nature, and I won't have to be scared of big animals because we are on an island!

What are you looking forward to the most?

M: I'm looking forward to making new friends and just having fun.

R: I'm looking forward to seeing new people.

What's great about all-girls' camp?

R: There aren't any boys to annoy us!

M: (The teenager has no comment. Ha! Ha! --editor)



ACA NORTHEAST CONFERENCE 2021

Mary-Anna Donovan, Asst Camp Director

The Tri-State (this year called Northeast) American Camp Association Conference, like most gatherings of groups of more than 10 in Covid times, looked “a little different” this year. What was a meeting of thousands of camp professionals from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and beyond was now completely virtual with Zoom presentations instead of in-person sessions and a platform called “Hallway Chat” as a way to connect and network with other camp professionals over webcam instead of, well, chatting in actual hallways at the conference center in Atlantic City. As someone who has been to multiple in-person ACA conferences, I was definitely disappointed at the missed opportunity to connect with my friends and colleagues from other camps.

While the in-person conference was very much missed, there were definitely still stand-out sessions led by professionals from various fields, such as mental health, social justice, and, of course, camp! Most of my worries about this pivotal summer for Eagle Island, especially in terms of Covid, were addressed in the sessions. I attended a particularly awesome session about building resilience in staff members led by Dr. Deborah Gilboa (better known as “Dr. G”). There we learned about how best to help staff cope with what will be a uniquely challenging camp season, especially for our young adult counselors who are struggling as much, if not more, than our campers will be with the transition from only seeing members in their immediate household to living and working with unfamiliar people. I learned how to best work with staff in building coping strategies that they can in turn teach to campers. While the social element of the conference had to be taken away, I feel that the learning component was just as good (or even better) than previous years.

EIC'S NEW BLOG “AROUND THE CAMPFIRE”

eagleisland.org/blog

Please check out Eagle Island's new blog. This will feature select articles from the Newsletter, as well as others published only on the blog. The purpose of the blog is to help promote Eagle Island Camp. The posts can be linked and shared on social media. Read and share!



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Anna Nelson

My Eagle Island story as a camper is a brief one. I attended only one two-week session in 1982, the summer before my junior year of high school. But I was first introduced to the camp at Memorial Day Work Weekends a few years before. I remember learning how to put up the platform tents and enjoying the beauty of the island in late May. As a camper, I remember the steep climb up Mt. Ampersand and loving the Song Contest. I have not been on the Island since. At the time, I thought Eagle Island would go on forever as a Girl Scout camp.

In the late 1980s I graduated from college and began work in the field of book publishing, first as an editorial assistant and then as a production editor, shepherding books through the typesetting process, and this has been my career ever since. Fast forward about twenty years, when I learned the newly consolidated Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey had decided to sell Eagle Island. I was pleased to learn about the efforts of Friends of Eagle Island to raise funds to buy the camp. I attended the reunions held in Maplewood and was excited to hear the news that the camp had been purchased. Over the past few years, I've been heartened to see the camp's transformation, through caring repair and renovation, back to being a viable camp. I was recently asked to help write articles for the newsletter, and I've enjoyed interviewing Eagle Island alums and learning their stories. Their warm memories, commitment, and perseverance have enabled Eagle Island to renew its mission as a camp for young people. More recently I have taken on the challenge of managing EIC's new “Around the Campfire” blog, pulling together engaging content to make it current and relevant to future camper families as well as our expanding base of supporters. What would you like to hear about? Is there a special camp alum we should be highlighting? Let me know! anelson@eagleisland.org



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We hope you will consider Eagle Island in your long-term plans. Information can be found at eagleisland.org/planned-giving.

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2020 FINANCIAL RE-CAP

In light of the uncertainty that began one year ago, and facing a budget deficit due to the loss of camp revenue, we relied on the resilience we learned at summer camp, reduced spending where possible, and received a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) forgivable loan which helped to cover certain expenses and employee salaries over a ten week period. Eagle Island could not, however, have made it through the last year without generous donations and support from YOU, the Eagle Island community! In spite of the pandemic, we finished fiscal 2020 able to meet all of our obligations, while continuing to plan for reopening camp, getting the gears in motion for necessary construction projects, and keeping our team together. Our staff and members of the Board of Directors (numbering 14), and countless committees and volunteers have kept things moving through dozens of Zoom meetings. And this work is beginning to bear fruit as the ice on the lake has melted, campers are registering, staff are being hired, and supplies are being purchased. Everyone is looking forward to safely spending time outdoors and having fun, and there is no better place to do this than on Eagle Island! After so much time spent in front of screens, if you, or someone you know, needs an unplugged island experience, join one of our inaugural overnight summer programs, including Family Camp, Alumni & Friends Women's Retreat and Women's Wellness Weekend. Don't delay—make your plans now!

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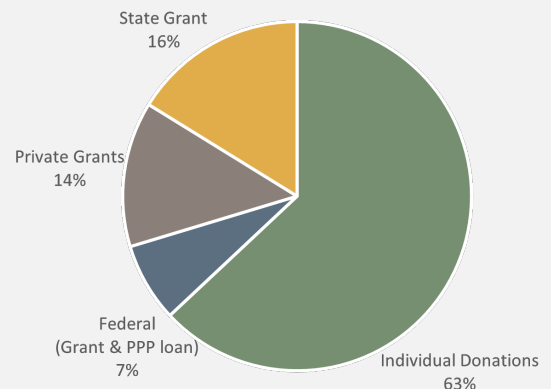
Individual Donations	\$ 374,443
Private Grants	80,000
New York State Grant	96,279
Federal (SAT grant & PPP loan)	<u>43,463</u> ¹
	\$ 594,185

Spending

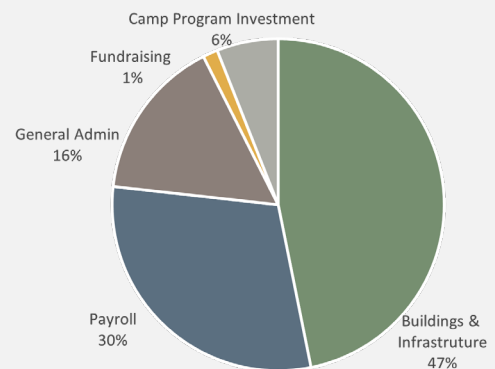
Buildings & Infrastructure	23,2761
Payroll	148,748
General (Insurance, interest, etc.)	78,573
Fundraising	7,193
Camp Readiness Supplies	<u>29,769</u>
	\$ 497,044

Note: ¹PPP loan (\$27,055) is assumed to be forgivable.

Income 2020



Spending 2020



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Upper Saranac Lake, NY



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Grades 3-6

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