



Eagle Island News

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Updates at Eagle Island!

Contractors and Volunteers completed a lot of work in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. They'll be finishing projects right up to when the campers arrive.

Historic

Service Dock/Boathouse 2 - new roof and removal of the generator, and heaved floor in the storage room
Family Cabin & Annex - new 2nd floor stairs, roof, and decking
Covered Walkway - new support piers, new walkway, post and beam work
Woodshed - new support piers, all straightened up, reconditioned historic tin roof



Non-Historic

Adirondack Washhouse - electric and water connected
Adirondack Washhouse - all-new interior
Kitchen Back Closet - upgraded to meet food pantry storage standards

THANK YOU to Tricia Hawley and Chris Wubbolding for supporting these projects!



Bill Horne and Laura Jablow Work Weekend Volunteers

Anna Nelson

Until Memorial Day Weekend, all that father and daughter Bill Horne and Laura Jablow knew of Eagle Island was what they heard from family friend Karin Rutledge, Eagle Island Board Co-President. For years, Karin had kept them apprised of the purchase of the camp and the efforts to restore it. They finally had a chance to experience the camp firsthand when they volunteered for Memorial Day Work Weekend this summer.

On first experiencing the island, Laura, a rising high school senior, was impressed by the Adirondack architecture and Bill made note of the Island's remote location.

Over the weekend, they were part of the team effort preparing the camp's Mercury sailboats as well as setting up the docks.

Laura was able to put to use her kayaking skills, learned at summer camp, to help with transporting the new touring kayaks from the mainland to the Island. She also had a chance to hike around the island, helping with hanging up new "No Trespassing" signs.



Now that they have seen Eagle Island, after only hearing about it for so long, they are definitely planning a return trip.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please visit [eagleisland.org/volunteer!](https://eagleisland.org/volunteer)



Almost Ready for Camp – Behind the Scenes

It takes SO much effort to make camp happen!

We have staff and volunteers working with the contractors, hiring camp staff, marketing to prospective campers, awakening water and electrical systems from their winter slumber, and of course, preparing the 31 acres for camp! We've had a steady stream of skilled volunteers on the Island since ice out — some took on many specific projects to enhance the camper experience. We are so grateful to our staff, contractors, and everyone who pitched in to get us ready for the best summer yet!

Kaela Homburger—New Eagle Island Kitchen Director

by Anna Nelson

Kaela Homburger, the new Kitchen Director at Eagle Island, has a vision for the meals she plans to prepare this summer. Not only will she provide traditional camp food, she also plans to include foods inspired by the cultural backgrounds of our campers. This is designed to help campers feel connected via a familiar cuisine and will also introduce campers to new foods.



She also will give special attention to dietary needs, such as gluten-free, non-dairy, and vegetarian, providing comparable meals to follow these restrictions. On occasion, Kaela will prepare a main entrée that follows these restrictions for the entire camp rather than providing separate meals. She will ensure fresh fruits and vegetables are served, with a fresh fruit bar at breakfast and a salad bar at lunch and dinner. She also hopes to prepare special themed meals tied to particular camp theme days. Overall Kaela wants to meet the dietary needs of all the individuals she is serving each week, as well as preparing nourishing meals that provide the energy to fully engage in camp activities. All who dine at camp this summer are in for a treat—not only will the meals be delicious, they will be nutritious as well.



Join Kaela at Camp!

Eagle Island is still hiring camp staff ages 18 and up! Live and work on the Island or commute to/from the Island! We have kitchen staff and counselor positions available.

Visit eagleisland.org/jobs to learn more.



Relive Memories at Women's Weekend

Alumni & Friends : August 12-15

Women's Wellness : August 19-21

Bring your friends and come meet new ones!



Visit eagleisland.org/womens-weekends to learn more.



July 5-8
August 7-12

Join us with your family or a group of friends for
Family Camp!

Children under 3 are FREE
Children 3-10 are half price

Details at eagleisland.org/family-camp





OPEN ISLAND DAYS

JULY 2

AUGUST 27**

AUGUST 28

AUGUST 31 - Paddle Up

EAGLE ISLAND INVITES YOU TO

Open Island



Join us on the Island **Saturday, August 27th to celebrate Henry D. "Buz" Graves, Jr. during the dedication of the Buz Graves Nature Trail on Eagle Island. Buz joined Eagle Island, Inc. in working to preserve the legacy of his great-grandparents, Florence and Henry Graves, Jr., who gifted Eagle Island so that it "would forever be a place for children to play and to flourish," in memory of two of their sons.



Visit eagleisland.org/events to schedule a boat time



CAMPFIRE CIRCLE

Join the Campfire Circle with a monthly donation of \$100 or more. Learn more at eagleisland.org/donate.

Let your love of Eagle Island Camp be part of your long-term plans.



LEGACY CIRCLE

eagleisland.org/donate

Financial Assistance

Available at Eagle Island

Thanks to our generous donors and foundation support, Eagle Island has made \$50,000 available for financial assistance this summer. We believe that camp is a life-changing experience that should be accessible to all regardless of ability to pay, and have worked hard this year to develop partnerships and to reach out to families that otherwise might not have considered camp as an option. As of late June, we still have funds available to support youth campers!

Help us spread the word!

Share our 2022 youth programs with your camper-age daughters, friends, and relatives. EIC is offering one-week and two-week sessions — a great option for a first sleep-away camp experience!

Visit eagleisland.org/overnightcamp to learn more!

Learning the Island Business by Executive Director Danielle LaCavalla

I am so lucky to have the opportunity to go to the Island a few days a week. This spring, I have made some observations that seem obvious to most seasoned visitors, and now, obvious to me:

Not a bad work commute! →



- Eagle Island is Fiji time. When on the Island, time disappears so stay focused on who you should connect with, and when to do computer work and other projects to make the most of your time.
- A package that is shipped to the mainland garage will be touched a number of times (1. garage to boat, 2. boat to target location on island, 3. from target location on island to recycling, 4. from recycling to boat, 5. boat to mainland, 6. mainland to recycling).
- Septic testing is not as bad as it sounds.
- If the sink is running, we are water testing. The sink will otherwise not be left running.
- Always know the boat times so you can coordinate your travel to and from the Island.
- Volunteers do not need a peppermint on their pillow when they arrive. They step foot on the Island and get to work on a number of projects.
- Trash removal, weather damage, fuel prices, ongoing repairs: the Island business is expensive, however so rewarding and I am incredibly THANKFUL for the donors who invest their treasure, time, and talent to support Eagle Island!

New Happenings at Camp This Summer

Eagle Island, Inc. has invested in a number of new programs and program equipment to support the camper experience, thanks to the generosity of our broad spectrum of donors:

- Kestrel touring kayaks and paddles
- Special workshops from members of the Akwesasne community, such as medicine walks and basket weaving — these will allow our campers to leave Eagle Island with an understanding of traditional, land-based, and cultural practices.
- A new position, the Director of Belonging, who will support the mental and behavioral health of campers and staff.
- A partnership with ADK ArtRise, a local art organization, who will provide a creative outlet for some of our youth programs.
- New overnight camping tents for adventuring in the Adirondacks.

Interested in supporting special programming at Eagle Island this summer?

If you would like to make a financial gift before the 2022 camp season begins, please make your donation at eagleisland.org/donate. Thank you for your support!





It takes A LOT for camp to run . . .

AND you can help Eagle Island provide premier programming.

To provide an environmentally responsible island camp experience for youth, we must invest in essential, high-quality resources for current and prospective campers.

A gift of any size will support these additional investments this summer.



\$1,200/each
touring kayak, paddle, life jacket



\$2,500/month
More healthy food and drink options
to satisfy dietary restrictions



\$250/month
Mainland Internet to communicate
with guardians on boat departures



\$250/month
Unique arts and crafts programming



\$1,800/ week
Special workshops to include medicine walks and salve-making
allowing our campers to leave Eagle Island with an
understanding of traditional, land-based,
and cultural practices.



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