



## A few words from Greg & Laura

Hello Everybody,

We know that most people consider January the start of a new year but for camp people, well, we have a different calendar. Those of us who live the 10 for 2, 10 months till we can go back to camp, the Fall season is a time to re-charge, start a new, and reflect on summer days as we start a bright new school year.

Birchmont is gorgeous this time of year. As we watch the colors of the changing trees, the words of John Steinbeck come to mind. He wrote in his best-selling travelogue "Travels With Charley", there was a "quality of fire" in the New Hampshire Autumn.

As we look out over our own Cliff Trail by Notches, we feel privileged to enjoy the reds, oranges and golds of the leaves, if only briefly, for it's true what another NH poet Robert Frost has said, "nothing gold can stay"...

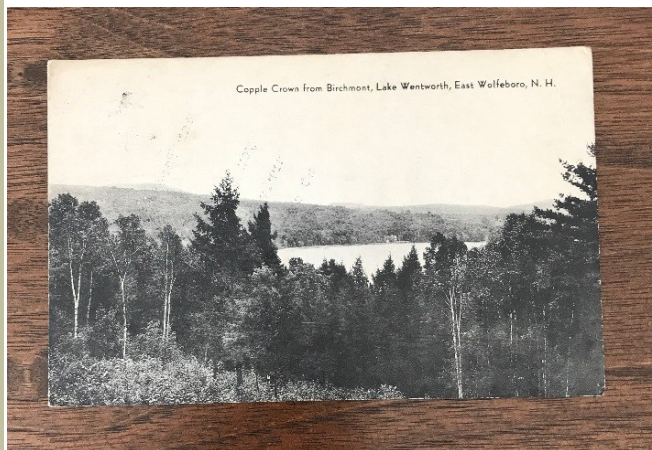
All the best

Laura and Greg

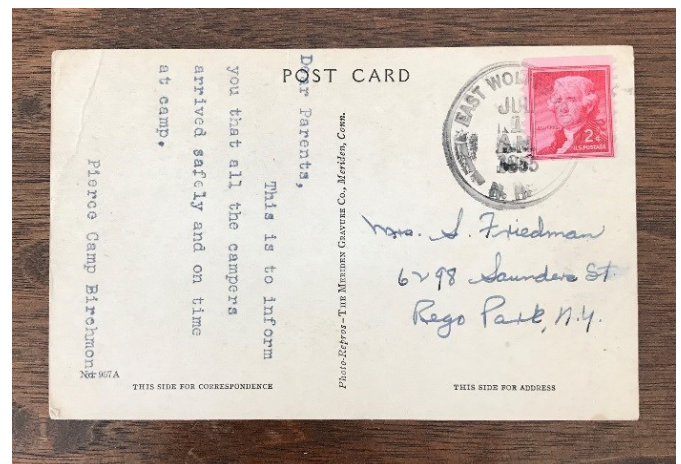


BIRCHMONT - A PIERCE CAMP

# Birch Peelings—Fall 2017



*This is how the camp notified parents that the buses arrived safely on opening day in 1955. Can you imagine waiting five days?*



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### And after Fall... Winter Is Coming...

We hope to see everybody at our annual Winter Reunion Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Roslyn NY. We encourage all campers to reach out to their local and out of town friends to make this reunion the biggest and best ever.

### News from town

For those of you concerned that the gingerbread cookies from the **Yum Yum Shop** would become a treat of the past, with its closing, you needn't worry...the Marriott family (long time Wolfeboro residents) have stepped in and bought the iconic town landmark bakery which will continue operating as the Yum Yum Shop for years to come. **La Bocca bakery** has officially expanded to include a wonderful bistro eatery on Main Street. Perfect place for a bite with a great menu and some outdoor seating.

### Camp News

Fall is always a busy time at camp, planning our camp improvement projects for the entire winter and of course preparing the entire campus, lawns, courts, vehicles and buildings. Several of our camper cabins have been chosen for bathroom upgrades, floor sanding and painting. We have sent surveys out to all of our families and staff and now prepare to make refinements to our programs based on that input.

Our Early Bird enrollment was brisk to say the least and new business is coming in daily. As you know our best source of future Birchmonters is "word of mouth" which comes from you. We appreciate all of your support!

Two more forty foot articulating docks have been fully installed with the final two being added this spring. Just when you think our waterfront can't get any more beautiful, these improvements will provide superior stability and safety and enjoyment for all of our campers and staff.



"Docks Up" at the Birchmont waterfront.  
On a beautiful autumn day

We released our (now fully mature) Northern Bob White Quail into the Orchard area of camp. Many didn't seem eager to leave their "Johnny Hut" at first but by the end of the day, most had moved out and into the nearby woods. Of course we'll keep food and water for them for next few months as they naturalize and join the local population.



As we move out of fall and into winter it's staffing time. All of our staff evaluations have been read and discussed and we're in the process of rehiring all of our "tried and true" staff members from 2017 and accepting applications for new staff.

We look forward to hear from you! Tell us what you you've been up to and share your accomplishments, travel and fun!

Wishing all our Birchmont Families a warm, and wonderful Thanksgiving. In the spirit of the season, we are thankful for all the campers, camp families, staff and alumni that continue to touch our lives. Keep Birchmont in your hearts until we meet again.

# What's up with you this fall?

## Camper News

**Daniel Galan USRB Tamworth**  
His football team went undefeated this season.



**Isabel Galan LSRG Androscoggin**  
What do you do after camp ends? Izzy goes back to camp, she attended the Directions to Broadway Summer Intensive. She is also excited to perform with the All County Chorus...All county Div 3

**Gemma Diego PIOG RedHill**



Celebrating... Dia De Los Muertos

**Owen Right PIOB Washington**

Owen Right is enjoying 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and is playing both tackle and flag football. He's also learning the saxophone this year. He sent in an interesting photo from a recent field trip where he found a live seahorse. We don't have those in the lake!!



**Gabby Kepnes SSRG Hurricane** is making her mark at school this year! She has been a part of the yearbook club at her school, and writing for the famous school newspaper, the Record. Earlier in the fall she was a member of the field hockey team and did indeed score 3 goals throughout the season.

**James (Devils Den), Mark (Umbagog) and Sean Napoli (Umbagog) LSRB**



The Napoli boys went undefeated for 2 years on their Salk football team. They are looking forward to spring lacrosse with Express.

Thanks to **Jake Collar PIOB Chocurra** and **Rose Kobetz EXPG Ellacoya** for sending in photos from Wear Your Camp Tee-Shirt Day. These really made us smile...



Camper **Ryan Mockler SSRB Saco** supported his cousin Junior Counselor **Courtney Altoonian** at the Epilepsy Walk and Fundraiser. Courtney raised \$2000.00 for EPIC LI, Epilepsy. They were joined by Junior Counselor **Raquel Galan** and many friends and family.





**2018 IMPORTANT DATES**  
**Camper Winter Reunion**  
 Saturday January 6th, 2018  
**Florida Camper Winter Reunion**  
 Sunday March 4th, 2018

**Camp Dates**  
**Opening Day**  
 Sunday June 24th, 2018  
**1st Session Departure**  
 Friday July 20th, 2018  
**Parents Visiting Day**  
 Saturday July 21st, 2018  
**2nd Session & Rookie Arrival**  
 Sunday July 22nd, 2018  
**Rookie Camper Pick up**  
 at Camp in New Hampshire  
 Saturday August 4th, 2018  
**Closing Day**  
 Sunday August 12th, 2018

## *NEWS FROM THE STAFF...*

**Sophia Palangas, Lacrosse Instructor** says "Hello" to her girls from last summer. She's an Honor Student at University of Maine and has been chosen as a Site Leader for an organization at her school, The Renovation Alliance, which builds homes in low income areas in need. Sophia and her team will travel to Roanoke Va. during her school breaks to complete her work. She hopes the home she builds comes out as nice as her cabin Black Cap this summer.



**Camila Ramos-Ascarrunz, Tennis** is having a great Fall semester at her college in Kansas. She's been playing in lots of tennis tournaments but misses teaching tennis at camp. She hopes her girls like her Halloween Costume.

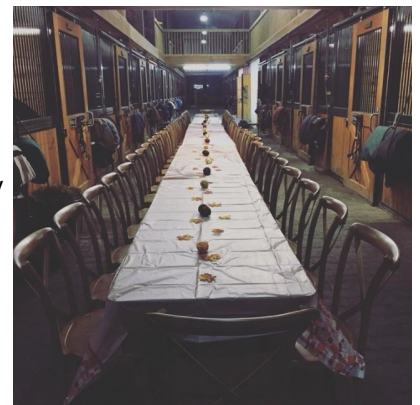


### **Judy Gessner, Pottery**

"I have a wonderful new knee can't get better than that and look forward to next summer. I am happily retired, enjoying my dogs, walking and soon swimming."

### **Martine Howes, Horseback Riding**

Martine and Greg Howes enjoyed their annual Barnsgiving / Thanksgiving celebration. More than 60 people attended this celebration along with their equine friends including Frost. Martine, Greg and the horses wish all of the Birchmont riders a Happy Thanksgiving!



*The Winter Peelings... coming in March 2018*  
 Tell us what **YOU'VE** been up to!  
 We **REALLY** want to hear...  
 mail@campbirchmont.com

# Alumni News

## Birchmont Brave turns Pro



Jackson Tetreault who like his big brother started camp activities at Birchmont since age 5 was selected this year in the 7th round by the Washington Nationals in the Major League Baseball draft. After his rookie season in pro ball, he led his team in Strikeouts and ERA at 2.58! range. According to the Nationals, his projected arrival to the major leagues is the 2020 season.

### Alums around the world...

Many of our alums have gone on to do noteworthy things in industries such as entertainment, publishing, advertising, education, medicine, law, real estate, non-profit good works and government, but rarely has anyone looked so stylish and up to the minute fabulous while attending the Glamour Women of the Year Awards in NYC this November. Shout out to fashionista, Danielle Bernstein whose site *WeWoreWhat* has over a million followers and counting, congrats to Danielle who teamed up with Bloomindale's for fashion trending this season.



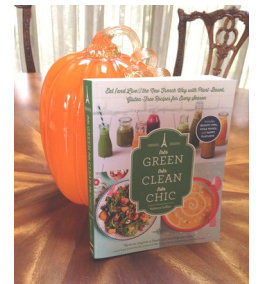
Tyler Tetreault has been in Afghanistan for a little over 2 years as a private military contractor working as an Airfield Operations Specialist at Camp Dwyer, of the United States Army, Afghanistan.

Tyler and Jackson Tetreault are the sons of Tennis Directors Curt and Janet Tetreault. Way to go! We look forward to keeping up with you in the years to come!

We also bring news of Michael Benvenuto a Birchmont Alum and Melissa's brother, who completed the NYC Marathon November 5<sup>th</sup> in great time. Michael raised \$4000 for One on One Cancer Support, Congratulations Mike, "Keep on Truckin"!

Rebecca Leffler and Melissa Rosenfield together in Paris! Friends friends friends, we will always be, whether in fair or in dark stormy weather (or rain in Paris) at Birchmont we'll always be together!

Rebecca is living in Paris and Melissa (and Jessica her sister!) Rosenfield were in town in November for a visit.



For you chefs out there Rebecca is the author of a gorgeous, witty, healthy cookbook *Tres Green, Tres Clean, Tres Chic*, published in both English and French!

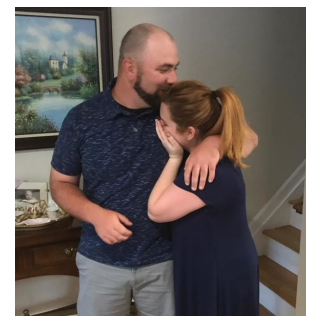
### And congratulations to...



Our daughter Victoria Pierce who got engaged while apple picking this Fall! Tori is apparently the apple of Zach's eye. We are so thrilled for this happy couple who will be wed October 2018.

Frank Scarangella proposed to his lovely fiancé Christine Reslmaier this Sept, the couple will be married in October. Campers and staff may remember the dynamic Special Events duo of Poppy and Frank, but now we send best wishes to the romantic duo of Frank and Christine.

Wishing much love and Birchmont Spirit to Alicia Terry on her engagement, August 2017.



Alumnae Chelsea Gold got married at a beautiful wedding in Kennebunkport, Maine this October and there were several Birchmont Alumni in attendance. Both Chelsea and her sister Sophia were campers at Birchmont and their father Richie Gold came to camp in the 70's and 80's and continued on as a staff member.



And... We had yet another Birchmont couple fall head over heels (well sneakers) when their paths crossed as counselors at Birchmont. Long time camper and counselor Steven Messer met Jenna Reid, the summer she began working as a soccer counselor. They dated for a few years, the rest is history, another beautiful Birchmont wedding.

We doubly congratulate Chelsea on both her marriage and on her recently passing the bar in Washington DC where she will begin to practice law.



Celebrating a fellow Birchmonter...Alicia Terry & Taylor Reckhow at PCB Alum Jeremy Kreitman's Wedding

Love was also love in the air this summer as Melissa Benvenuto (Mo from Special Events) married Tommy Hannigan at the end of August at the Hannigan family home overlooking the ocean in Kittery Point, Maine. Melissa is also a second generation camper and staff member, who met Tommy the summer he came to Birchmont as a counselor. There were also many Birchmont Alumni and current staffers who attended this joyful occasion, perhaps the biggest and best Special Event that Melissa has ever planned.



**There are no strangers within, only friends waiting to be met. Welcome!**

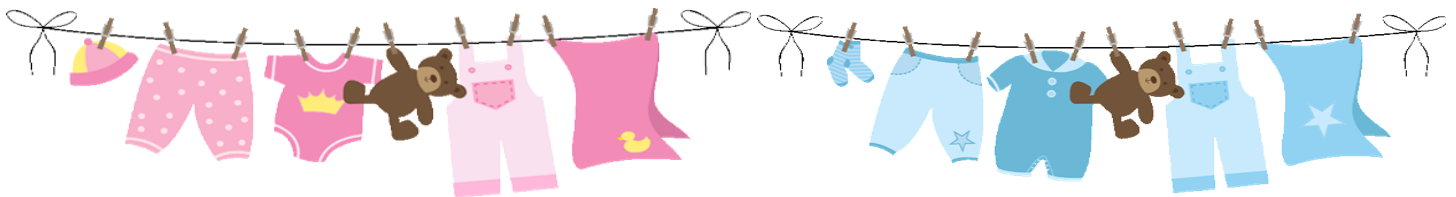
# Congratulations!

*A few beautiful Birchmont babies were born to their proud Birchmont parents...*



Will Pierce, his wife Kristie and big sister Brooke welcomed baby boy Ben Wentworth Pierce.

Courtney Pierce Phillippou, husband Pete and big brother's Johnny and Charlie welcomed their 3<sup>rd</sup> child Thomas.



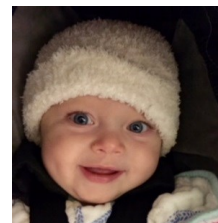
Chris Terry and Heather Duffy (who also met at camp) had a bonny baby boy named Theo . Will he be the littlest Manchester United or Chelsea fan, time will tell :)

Liza Erlich Bower, her husband Thaddeus and big sis Baker welcomed baby girl Anneliese.

Karen Rabinowicz Moskowitz welcomed baby boy Braden!

Eric Caiola and his wife Carly have a new home and welcomed a beautiful baby boy this Fall; we welcome Bennett to the Birchmont family.

Taryn Milillo Tsepelman had a baby boy, Tanner, to add to her totally terrific boys Hudson and Chase; hopefully Chase and Tanner will join big brother, Hudson at Birchmont in a few years.



Matt Forman and his wife Jodie had an adorable baby girl, Olivia to join her lovely sister Ellie.