



PIGEON WING

Summer 2024



Greetings from Hilltop

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, we'll be in high summer. As I write it, we're in staff week. The staff are working hard to prepare for the First Session campers' arrival in just a few days. What a staff they are. They are here for the best of reasons - to make this wonderful thing called Four Winds happen for the campers who are about to arrive.

Our primary ask of counselors is that they put the campers' needs ahead of their own. The campers are certainly the beneficiaries of that, with these dedicated and talented young adults spending their summers watching out for the homesick or left out camper, teaching them about sports, art, sailing, horse riding, gardening, or adventuring in the San Juans, planning cabin adventures, playing music at bedtime, or just being ready to be a friendly ear for a camper who needs one. There is something special about the mentorship counselors can provide - they're not the campers' peers, but they're not quite old enough to be teachers and parents. That in-between-ness is one of the elements that makes for camp magic.

One of the beautiful things about camp is that while these staff will spend the next weeks putting campers' needs ahead of their own, the staff too will benefit. They will discover (and many already have) the joy and purpose that comes from serving others, especially when those others really need it, as all children do. The staff will be tired when

the summer comes to a close, no doubt about it, but they will be the kind of tired that's soaked in a deep satisfaction of knowing that one's work made a real difference. In these early days of summer, with so much to do before the campers arrive, it's a joy to step back and appreciate what will happen here over the next two months.

I am grateful, as I know all of you are, to be part of this special community. As you turn through these pages, I encourage you to appreciate the many generations of people who love Four Winds. I'm humbled that when people pass on, their loved ones call us to ensure that they're remembered in this newsletter. And, amidst all that, people are hard at work, both paid and volunteer, to ensure that this place remains strong for future generations. It's what Ruth Brown hoped for when she retired and gave this place to children of Four Winds and Westward Ho, and in a world that sometimes feels unstable, it's reassuring to know that that promise being kept.



Paul, Emma, Linda and Elizabeth Sheridan

Summer 2024 will be one for the ages. If you're on Orcas, be sure to stop by.

All the best,

Paul

Introducing Camp's New Associate Director



We're thrilled to announce that Diana Huff will be joining the Four Winds team as our next Associate Director. Diana is a long-time camp professional and is currently in her sixth year as Summer Camp Director for AstroCamp in Southern California.

"Paul (Sheridan) reached out to me last year and asked if I would be interested in talking about the position," says Diana, who has known Paul for several years through the Western Association of Independent Camps (WAIC). "I was shocked and excited. I've heard such amazing things about Four Winds over the years."

Diana visited last summer when camp was still in session and said she was "blown away".

"Everyone was so warm and welcoming," she says. "Everyone said 'hi' and it was clear that there is a lot of love in the camp community."

Diana knows that Four Winds is steeped in tradition and understands that learning "the Four Winds way"—while also integrating some of her leadership experiences from a non-FWWH background—will require a delicate balance.

"It's important for somebody coming from the outside to bring fresh ideas and adapt them to what's already there. It's more of a collaboration," she says. "Sometimes when you've been doing something the same way for a long time, you can start to look at it from an 'efficiency' perspective. I think it's also good to look at those things and ask if there's a way to make it more impactful. To ask, 'How can we make this better?' It's essential to take time to understand what the traditions are built on, to observe and then consider what you might suggest as a change."

It was thoughts like those that made Diana such a compelling candidate.

"Diana understands what summer camp can do for young people, what it takes to make it happen, and is an extraordinary educator and leader," says Paul. "We're lucky to have her."

Once she was offered the job, Diana says she thought about two longtime friends who have strong ties to Four Winds—and that helped seal her decision.

"I've known Danielle Bone and Charlotte Horsey for years through WAIC," she said, talking about the former FWWH Assistant Director and Associate Director. "The amount of love they have for this place is such a good sign. When I was sitting in my car waiting for the ferry to leave, it hit me that this is an opportunity that doesn't come around very often." ✨

Meet the 2024 Summer Staff Leaders

Amelia Fogarty, 2024 Head of Four Winds

I'm a junior studying Political Science with a minor in Fine Art at the University of San Diego. I was born and raised in Missoula, Montana and am the oldest of three kids.

I started camp in 2015, and it has been the highlight of my summers ever since. At first camp was just a get away from my siblings, but it soon became something special that we all shared. There is nothing better than playing capture the chicken with your siblings or simply sitting together and catching up.

Camp has been with me as I grew into who I am today. The memories I've made and the people I've met made me a stronger, more empathetic, and well-rounded person. I have wanted to be the Head of Four Winds since my first year, and now that it's happening I am so excited to create an incredible summer filled with laughter, growth and love. Having looked up to and worked with so many incredible past Heads of Four Winds, I have gained so much inspiration and can't wait to hit the ground running.



Liam Baker, 2024 Head of Westward Ho

It has always been a dream of mine to be the Head of Westward Ho. Camp has had a massive impact on my life as both a camper and a staff member, and I am excited about having another opportunity to give back to a place that has given me so much. This will be my 12th summer at FWWH and fourth on staff. I spent two years as a counselor before working as the Head of Landsports last summer.

I wanted to be the Head of Westward Ho this summer so I could have the opportunity to lead the next generation of counselors and help create a positive camp environment where campers can make life-long memories. Before I head off to Orcas Island this summer, I will be graduating from the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism. I have spent the past few years working as a sports broadcaster for the student radio station and will be pursuing a job in the sports media field after the summer. ✨





Meet our New Board Members

As most people know, Four Winds * Westward Ho is a 503-(c) non-profit, and, as such, is overseen by a Board of Trustees (BOT). The Board is tasked with the long-term viability of camp, with particular emphasis on maintaining a healthy financial position, improving our facilities, developing strong relationships within our community and ensuring that FWWH is positioned for the next generation. The Board meets in person at camp twice a year to get updates from the Executive Director, year-round time staff members and the Committee Chairs, as well as discuss special projects and issues that warrant full board attention.

The Board is currently made up of 17 members, and we are thrilled to introduce the two newest members.

Becca (Sher) Wellington was a camper from 1982-1992, Fir to Flying Cloud, and then a CT in 1993. Between her Freshman and Sophomore year at Whitman College she was a sailing instructor and the counselor of North Star. After graduating college and then spending two years sailing around the world, Becca came back to camp for one final summer in 1999 to work as head of the dock.

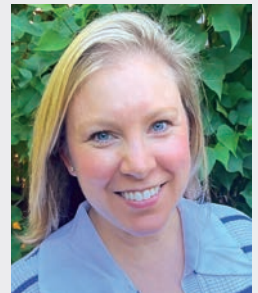


Becca's favorite memories as a camper and staff are sailing on West Sound. Moonraker point also holds a special spot in her heart. But Becca's most dear and amazing memories are watching her daughters, Ri and Victoria Wellington, flourish as campers between 2017 and 2023.

Becca is beyond honored to serve on the board of this incredible place that has been so monumental in her and her family's lives. She looks forward to supporting the FWWH

community on a diverse, equitable and sustainable path for years to come. Becca holds a doctorate in education history from the University of Washington and currently teaches in the School of Education at the University of Puget Sound. Becca, her husband Bill, daughters Ri and Victoria and dog Ursa and cat Nedferd live in Seattle.

Madison Kaplan was a camper from 1995 through 2001, a CT in 2002 and on the staff from 2002 through 2004. She had this to say about joining the Board:



"Walking up to the lodge for my first board meeting this fall felt like a homecoming - I know I share this feeling with so many current and former Four Winds campers. My favorite childhood memories were spent sailing around the sound and hanging out on Greenie. My summers as a camper and staff member taught me to appreciate nature, art, music and technology-free connection. The friendships I made at camp are some of my most special and resilient relationships. I deeply believe in Four Winds' values and joining the board is a special opportunity to give back to a place that has given me so much.

I live in Portland, Oregon with my husband and two boys, next door to my sister (Taylor- also a former camper). Professionally, I am a corporate attorney focusing on real estate development.

The feelings of community and connection that we build at camp are so special and I am always striving to weave them in my life. I am thrilled to re-connect with the Four Winds community in this new role on the board." ❖

Off-Season Maintenance Projects



Top and next page: Weaved borders around the garden planters and trellises designed by groundskeeper and gardener Alli Cobb bring a special touch to the gardens. Left: New team member Eli Falen, groundskeeper and gardener Alli Cobb, Maggie the dog, Director of Facilities Caleb Weichert, and boatwright Joe Goldsmith help keep camp running smoothly.

“Early in the off-season, the maintenance team serviced all of camp’s equipment—mowers, chippers, vehicles, and tractors, changing the oil and doing annual tune ups,” says Caleb Weichert, Director of Facilities. “Then we winterized everything, draining the buildings, the water lines from Lake Ann, and improving drainage in some soggy areas—including a significant water leak in Mountain Thyme!”

“Our groundskeeper and gardener, Alli Cobb, had plenty on her plate getting all the fruit trees pruned and clearing debris from the garden, the roads, and overall grounds at camp,” says Weichert. “She also designed and created beautiful, weaved borders around the garden planters and trellises for the roses. She’s such a talented artist besides being an amazing gardener that she brought a special touch to the garden.”



“Joe spent a good chunk of his winter season inspecting all of our boats and itemizing all the parts we need to keep them in tip-top shape for the campers,” says Weichert. “He’s also taken on the enormous task of cleaning and re-organizing the entire boat barn to make it as efficient as possible.”

“Our newest team member, Eli Falen, joined us this spring and jumped in by installing dishwashers and toilets in multiple places,” says Weichert. “Then he was focused on blowing debris off buildings and roofs, pressure washing the decks and tennis/basketball courts. Those jobs are never-ending after a winter on Orcas, but so important to preventing damage.”

“And then there is the annual task of tree inspection,” adds Weichert, noting that the excessive rain in a San Juan winter can make the soil incredibly soft. “The company we use removed several dead and hazardous trees, as well as major debris that had fallen. We will continue to maintain and keep all the trees at camp that we can—while simultaneously removing and taming any unsafe growths to protect our buildings and ultimately the campers.” ✨

Meet Our New Maintenance Crew Members

Elijah Falen hails from Moscow, Idaho, where he was working in construction before finding the Maintenance Assistant job opening on-line. The chance to work in such an amazing natural setting fits perfectly with his personality.

“I have spent much of my life outdoors camping, hiking, canoeing, honing my skills, and enjoying life amongst the natural world,” says Eli. “I found the college of Prince William sound in Alaska where I then continued to increase and improve my outdoor recreation skills by learning how to introduce others into the outdoor fun safely through proper instruction and example.”

The list of Eli’s certifications certainly vouches for his passion for the outdoors: Map Reading Abilities, Emergency Response Training, Terrain Navigation, Leave No Trace (LNT) Certified, Outdoor Leadership training course, Adult and Child First Aid and CPR, Wilderness First Responder and American Canoe Association Sea Kayaking levels 1 & 2.

“Connecting with people through the outdoors is my passion and I look forward to continuing my work in outdoor stewardship going forwards,” he says.

When **Joe Goldsmith**, camp’s Boatwright, came to FWWH in the summer of 2023, he thought it would be a temporary situation.

“I came to Four Winds as the interim boatwright to close out last season,” he says. “I proved myself valuable enough to be invited to work for Four Winds permanently.”

The Enumclaw, Washington native has plenty of diverse work experience that he says helps in with the various tasks that come with being camp’s Boatwright.

“I’ve worked in construction, warehouse managing, building and fleet maintenance,” he says. “All those positions have come in handy with the boat and dock maintenance, as well as the cleaning up and ongoing organization of the boat barn.”

Now a permanent member of the Four Winds * Westward Ho year-round-staff, Joe is settling in nicely to life on Orcas Island and at Four Winds.

“I enjoy being on the water whether it be paddling, boating, or just floating around,” he says. “Four Winds is a great place to work, and I am thankful to be a part of the team.” ✨





Pat Chapman of McFarland Lake Canoe Company helps restore one of Camp's 25-foot long War Canoes.

Special Care for the War Canoes

Camp's cherished War Canoes are undergoing an overhaul to be restored and repaired. Four Winds enlisted Pat Chapman of McFarland Lake Canoe Company in Olympia, Washington to team with Joe Goldsmith, camp's Boatwright, to handle this time-consuming and highly specific work on the canvas covered, plank-on-frame canoes.

"On my first trip to the camp, I inspected each canoe to assess its condition and get an idea of what repairs would be needed," says Chapman, who has restored dozens of canoes over the years. "Some of this is guess work because the canvas covering the outside of the hull hides tacks, screws, and wood components that might be damaged. Following inspection, Joe and I decided to start with the green canoe."

Pat and Joe are working on one canoe at a time, and since the 25-foot-long canoes are too large to fit in Pat's

shop, he makes periodic trips to Orcas Island where the duo works in a room attached to the Boat Barn.

"Each of the canoes has undergone at least one previous restoration, but even with the best care of the campers and boatwrights, they eventually suffer from enough normal wear and tear that repairs can't be put off any longer," says Chapman. "The camp's canoes are used in saltwater, which is very damaging to the metal fasteners used in their construction, and that damage has to be dealt with. Nearly every metal fastener in the canoe we are working on now is so corroded that they literally crumble or break when trying to remove them,"

Two of the canoes were built in 1929, two in 1930, and two in 1944, by a company in Old Town, Maine. Pat and Joe's goal is to restore all six of camp's War Canoes so they can last for even more generations.



Pat Chapman and boatwright Joe Goldsmith team up to refinish the nearly 100 year old War Canoes. The camp's canoes date back to the earliest days of the camp and are still in use.

“So far, on the 1929 green canoe we have removed the old canvas, stripped most of the old varnish from the interior, replaced five ribs and a bit of planking, and reattached about 1/3 of the old planking to the ribs,” says Chapman. “Remaining work includes tacking the remaining planking to the ribs, rebuilding and installing the supporting framework for the decks, revarnishing the interior, rebuilding the floor rack, and putting on new canvas which will then be painted the original green color.”

Chapman said camp’s fleet is in “remarkably good condition”.

“What’s unique about the camp’s canoes is the fact that they date back to the earliest days of the camp and are still in use! Two of them are approaching 100 years old and they are the pride of not only the camp, but of Orcas Island as well,” says Chapman. “Most large camps had at least one war canoe in their fleets, but I’d hazard a guess that most don’t any longer. If they do, they likely don’t have six that they actively use!”

Chapman said he’s been surprised by a few things while tearing apart and rebuilding the green canoe, including the use of oak rather than the traditional cedar for the

previously replaced ribs, and the fact that the varnish was so hard to remove.

“Most builders used marine spar varnish, which is pretty easy to remove with chemical strippers, but the varnish on this canoe was the most tenacious of any I’ve worked on,” he says. “Unfortunately for Joe, he was tasked with the majority of stripping, and he finally succeeded using a combination of a heat gun, chemicals, and a scraper to remove the old varnish. We’ll revarnish with traditional spar varnish, and future restorers will appreciate that!”

Interestingly, Chapman says the name “War Canoe” is a misnomer because they don’t actually replicate anything ever used in conflicts. Rather, they were made specifically for summer camps and scouting groups—for the very reasons Four Winds uses them.

“I am honored to be able to work with the camp to restore and preserve the war canoe Fleet,” says Chapman, who is quick to add that he wants to make sure Joe gets enough credit in working on this project. “Those canoes are such an integral part of the camp’s history and legacy, and it is rewarding to be a part of that. I commend everyone at the camp for recognizing the need and providing the resources to see this project through.”

Four Winds Moves to Honor Native People of the Salish Sea



There is a new addition to the Four Winds * Westward Ho protocol, as camp's Board of Trustees recently voted to make a "Land Acknowledgment" a formal part of its practices.

"Our Land Acknowledgment is a first step in forging relationships with Lummi Nation and other Coast Salish tribal communities so that we can work collaboratively and intentionally towards the future sustainability of the San Juan Islands," says Becca Wellington, a member of the Board who has been leading this effort. "The land and water that makes FWWH so deeply impactful, memorable, transformative in our lives is also meaningful and significant to the Coast Salish people and their ancestors who too walked the dirt paths, planted seeds in garden spaces and swam in the waters of West Sound."

A land acknowledgment (or territorial acknowledgment) is a formal statement that recognizes the original Indigenous Peoples of the land and their recognized tribal sovereignty. It is spoken at the beginning of public events and Board meetings. The custom of land acknowledgment dates back centuries in many Indigenous cultures.

"For several years now, Lummi Nation and other Tribal Communities have been asking San Juan County institutions, organizations and businesses to include a Land Acknowledgments in their meetings and on their websites," says Wellington. "In my professional work in higher education at University of Washington and University of Puget Sound, I work with a number of incredible Native Scholars and Native Educators. Through them I have learned about the importance of Native knowledge and

the impact of historical awareness of Treaty Rights and Native land stewardship."

With the Land Acknowledgment now part of the Four Winds Board's protocol, as well as being posted on camp's website, Wellington hopes this is the first step towards creating connections with the Tribal communities in the San Juan Islands.

"As collective stewards of this incredible space, it is important that we as the FWWH community honor and recognize the people of Lummi Nation and other Coast Salish tribal communities of the San Juan Islands, people who have lived in and cherished this space since time immemorial," says Wellington.

Here is the newly adopted Land Acknowledgment:

*Four Winds * Westward Ho acknowledges that the place where we have camp every summer is on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish people, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin and in the San Juan Islands from time immemorial. We want to express gratitude for the peoples who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. The Central Coast Salish nations include the Sooke, Saanich, Songhee, Swinomish, Lummi, Samish, and Semiahmoo. These Indigenous people moved seasonally between the islands. We recognize that we are here because of the sacrifice forced upon them. In recognizing these tribal communities, we honor and seek to raise up and center their legacy, their lives, their descendants, and their living culture. ✨*

For additional information please see these sites:
lummi-nsn.gov
goia.wa.gov/tribal-government/treaty-point-elliott-1855



Top: The Southard, an environmentally sustainable neighborhood developed by Homestead Community Land Trust, honors alum Patti Southard (right).



Honoring the Community Impact Made by a Cherished Alum

Patti Southard (staff '86-'88) had an amazing impact on many lives in the state of Washington. Now, five years after she passed away, she is being recognized by the state for all the good she created. June 28th, her birthday, is now “Patti Southard Day.”

“We shared a career in sustainability and green building, committed to community engagement and empowerment,” says Patti’s identical twin sister, Ellen. “Patti was gregarious, fun-loving, a fighter, social activist and strong environmentalist.”



Washington Governor Jay Inslee joined Homestead Land Trust officials to break ground on the project.

To honor Patti, a new affordable housing project is being built in Tukwila, Washington, just south of Seattle. “The Southard” is “an environmentally sustainable neighborhood developed by Homestead Community Land Trust, which makes homeownership possible for modest-income households.” In May, Washington Governor Jay Inslee

joined Homestead Land Trust officials to break ground on the project.

“People need housing in Washington state,” said Governor Inslee. “Our state needs hope right now. This homelessness crisis has struck deep in our hearts. We are taking action today in Tukwila against homelessness. The reason we’re taking action is Patti Southard.”

Patti became a certified Sustainability Management Advisor at Harvard University. She led the King County “Green Tools Program” for 13 years, winning numerous awards throughout her career for pushing the message of sustainable, green building.

“She was very determined,” says Ellen. “She had all this charisma and used it to benefit the social good. She was really committed to making sure that mainstream American could live in healthy homes.”

Ellen Southard also works in the green building industry, and says she gets joy from carrying on the work of her sister.

“I get to do it for both of us, which keeps her alive in some ways,” says Ellen. “There was no bigger kid than my sister, so I think when there are little children laughing at The Southard, is when her spirit will be there.” ☸



THIS CAMP WAS BUILT TO MUSIC, THEREFORE BUILT FOREVER

These Careers Are Built On Music

It's one of the most beloved phrases at Four Winds: "This camp is built to music, therefore built for ever." For several camp alums, that motto has stayed with them as they work to establish a professional career in the music industry.



Lily Wilson Browne (camper '84-'87 & '89; staff '95 & '96) got hooked on playing music while living in Spain during her junior year of college.

"I started writing songs and playing guitar, and then one thing led to another, and I started to perform in cafés and bars," says the Los Angeles resident. "I started getting paid to play shows and I couldn't believe how fun it was to make music and make money doing it."

The 51-year-old grew up on a farm in Northern California,

and describes her music as acoustically driven "California Country". And while she says writing is the most satisfying part of her work, and performing is "so much fun" (including singing with Patty Griffin on TV and with Melissa Etheridge at Giants Stadium), she says the entire process of making music brings her happiness.

"I've learned that making music is something that I do for the joy of it, for the joy it brings me, and it brings to other people," she says. "I'm more interested in writing and releasing authentic and meaningful songs than ever before."

She credits her time at Four Winds for nurturing that part of her at an early age.

"The music at camp formed me as a person and as an artist for sure," she says. "My mom was a camper also, and she used to sing us camp songs before I was a camper. The FWWH songbook is so important. The feeling of singing with a group of people is unbeatable, and it's so beautiful that we do that regularly at camp. There aren't many places in our culture where we sing together. It's so healing."

Adam Lion (camper '04-'07; Carlyn '08; HH '10; staff '13 & '14) is a percussionist who specializes in experimental music performance. The resident of Asheville, North Carolina, has collaborated with a wide range of contemporary artists, including Brian Weitz of Animal Collective, Bang on a Can, and Harold Budd. He has received grant funding from the Foundation for Contemporary Arts, The North Carolina Arts Council, and New Music USA.

"I began playing music in middle school band class," he says. "I also grew up playing in Youth Orchestra and in rock bands with friends, then decided to pursue music professionally when I was in college at Southern Oregon University and the University of Tennessee- Knoxville."

His time at FWWH played a huge role in his career path.





“The singing at camp is one of his earliest memories of making music,” he says, adding that the first time he ever performed was at evening fire. “Those experiences helped inspire me to lead a musical life, and without them, I would not be the musician I am today.”



Lottie Johnston
(camper '05, '08-'12;
Carlyn '11; CT '13;
Staff '16, '21-'23)

learned to play guitar at the age of 14 and says her first “performance” was playing at Evening Fire at camp.

“It went horribly,” she says with a laugh. “But I continued to learn and started writing my own songs, and at the beginning of the

pandemic I got really into writing. That’s when I decided to pursue music and make it a major part of my life.”

Lottie specializes in acoustic finger-picking guitar and says the setting at Four Winds was a perfect place for the two-time camp music director to hone her “folky” style.

“I like to write by myself, and I try to write in nature as much as I can,” she says. “Something about sitting under a big tree with nobody else around seems to make my songs more truthful. I got to teach songwriting and guitar at camp and witnessed some kids write songs that were so heartfelt and true.”

Besides performing throughout her current home city of L.A., the 27-year-old also recorded an album last year, and formed a band with two Four Winds friends, **P.J. Dougherty (staff '23)** and **Jasper Page (camper '17-'22)** that is recording an album for release this year.

“I feel like my writing is best when I’m feeling most in tune with my emotions, so my songs tend to be about life moments that were the most exciting, heartbreaking, joyful or intense,” Lottie says. “It’s one of the most euphoric feelings in the world to finish a song that you really like. You just want to play it over and over and over again . . . “

Duncan MacEachern (camper '08 & '09; staff '15) is a Portland, OR native who moved to L.A. three years ago, shortly after graduating from the University of Oregon.

“In my senior year of college, I realized I wanted to be an artist and pursue that as a career,” he says. “I played guitar and sang in a band; we played a few house parties and that convinced me that I wanted to do it for a living.”

His band, Penny Beverly, consists of Duncan and Michael Mazzocco.

“Our music is playful, upbeat, chill, and light-hearted,” says the 28-year-old. “The music making process varies each time you sit down in the studio and attempt to make something you feel good about. It usually starts with a drum beat, then some bass, maybe a guitar and some piano/synths, then write lyrics and come up with a melody that goes along with the demo you just made.”

Penny Beverly signed with the record label, Th3rd Brain, a couple years ago and recently had their song, What’s Your Name, placed in a national Honda commercial campaign.

“I’ve grown more as an artist in the last three years than the prior ten, but those prior ten years laid the foundations. Now it’s a matter of fine tuning, finding my sound and who I want to be as an artist. It’s important to remind myself of my values and not stray away from who I am. Remaining true to yourself is the best thing anyone can do, and I want that represented through my music.”

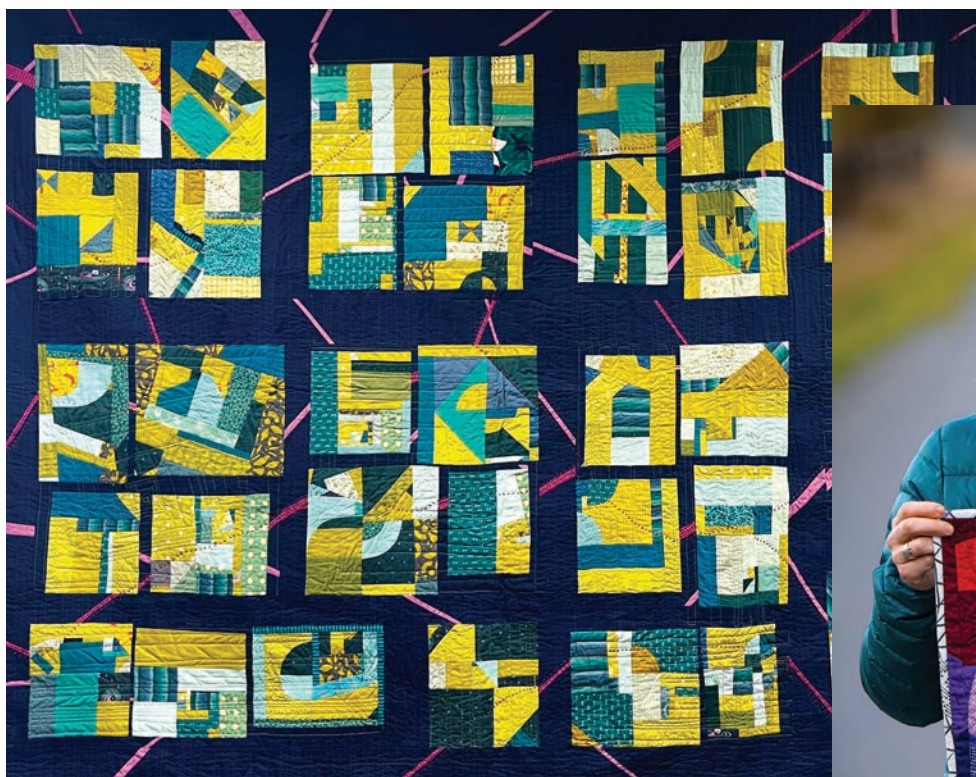
The music of Lily Wilson Browne, Lottie Johnston and Duncan MacEachern can be found on most major musical social media platforms like Spotify and Apple music. There are many other FWWH alums involved with music professionally, including **Emmitt Fenn, Katie Stump, Doug Fleming, Sarah Shelby, Will & Kate Zesiger, Brian Oaks** and **Ryan Glant**. 🌿



PENNY BEVERLY



Something Else



CRAFTIE FOR LIFE!

Ali Walker (camper '97-'04; CT/HH '05; staff '08-'16; year-round staff '21 & '22) spent much of her life being involved with Four Winds * Westward Ho, and now she's pursuing something she learned in earnest while at camp: Quilting.

"I've been quilting since I was a kid, but I really got back into quilting in 2010 after Elaine (Hruby) MacDonald, camp's Music Director at the time, thought I would like it," says Ali. "I had spent the previous summer as the Head of the Craft Courts, and Elaine had not only been music director but had taught a lot of guitar classes, so we were pretty close and in sync. I believed her when she told me I would like it, and I had NO idea how far it would take me."

Ali calls herself a "modern quilter that veers towards improv quilting", and says there are certain motifs that she likes when it comes to quilting—stars being a major one.

"When I started leaning towards more improv quilting, I was working at Four Winds as the Family Experience Manager," she says. "I was using the process of putting fabric together without intended outcomes as a form of meditation practice before I went into work on most days. I just wanted to be joyfully uninhibited before going into the office and having to be the 'face of camp'."

Now, Ali does commission pieces, sells her original work

and was recently the "featured artist" at the Orcas Island Library – a fitting location for this life-long "Craft Courts Craftie."

"Four Winds definitely taught me that I could make money being an artist (even if it was just being the Head of the Craft Courts or the camp photographer), and with that, I've made it part of my everyday life," says Ali. "Four Winds has really influenced what I believe is possible with my art and what I believe about being an artist."

Ali, who lives on Orcas Island with her husband, George, and their dog, Paige, says quilting is more than just a hobby or a way to earn money, though.

"Everywhere in life there are certain mores and norms that we have to abide by, and when I'm in my studio, I don't have to follow anyone's rules," she says. "I can be free and focus on what brings me joy, what sparks curiosity, what makes me feel at peace or silly or excited. It's freeing to have a place to explore without rules, and with minimal set up and mess."

You can see Ali's work on Instagram under the name of her business, Diamond Hill Quilts, and reach her by email at diamondhillquilts@gmail.com. ✨



Danny Sinclair, center in green shirt, is the author of *Tyrant*.

From Counselor to Published Author A Lifelong Dream Comes True

Danny Sinclair was a happy-go-lucky counselor at FWWH from **2016 through 2018**. Now, he is a published author. Sinclair's book, *Tyrant*, was released by Fall Crown Publishing in 2023, putting an exclamation point on a lifetime of storytelling.

"The draft that ended up being the final version took about a year to write and a year to revise," says the 28-year-old. "However, the concepts for the book and the following series have spanned back decades. I had outlines and ideas of where I wanted the story to go, but as I developed those plotlines, they essentially wrote themselves. Sometimes things would just fall into place like solving a puzzle. I had all the pieces, I just had to put it all together."

Tyrant's plot has been described as a fantasy that includes magical and

mythical creatures living in a world filled with conflicts and rebellions—threatening the entire planet.

"All art is derivative, but much of the book is based on various pieces of media," says the Boise, Idaho native. "Classics like Dante's *Inferno*, *Labours of Hercules*, and Homer's *Odyssey* are a few, as well as Herbert's *Dune*, *Lord of the Rings*, and various movies and video games."

Tyrant is the first of seven books Sinclair has planned for the *I, Sovereign* series. He says writing is a labor of love—oftentimes more labor than love.

"Writer's block and lack of motivation were commonplace," says Sinclair, who graduated college with an undergraduate degree in English with an emphasis on creative writing. "It was not an easy process

putting it all together and trying to find the time, and even when it was done, there's always that feeling of worry. Would anyone like it? In the end, I convinced myself that no matter what I produced, there would be an audience somewhere for it."

Sinclair has been doing a series of book signings, which he says are great fun.

"Weirdly enough, when potential customers ask the simple question of 'What is the book about?' I have trouble answering sometimes," he says. "What isn't it about? How much time do you have? I do my best and have a good blurb to give an idea of what you're signing up for, but it is an odd conundrum."

Accomplishing his dream of being a published author has also provided Sinclair with some valuable life-lessons.

"If you're on the fence or chasing 'that thing' you've always wanted to do, just be prepared for it to be different," he says. "Not necessarily *not* what you wanted or past your expectations, but different. Find beauty in that difference, and it will all be so worth it." ✠





Fundraising – A Crucial Part of Four Winds

As a 501(c)3 Non-Profit, Four Winds relies on the generosity of donors to help cover many expenses – most notably, our Financial Aid Program. Each summer, we are able to provide tuition assistance to approximately 20-percent of the camper population through donations. Our Financial Aid Program is unique among summer camps, and it is something we are tremendously proud of. Without your kindness, the children who receive Financial Aid could not attend Camp. Thank you for supporting our cause.

Here are some of the ways you can contribute to Four Winds * Westward Ho:

Our annual **May Match** is a one-day event where every donation is matched at a 20-percent level. During this year’s event, we received 156 different donations for \$67,500, earning \$13,500 in matching funds. We also earned a bonus match of \$5,000 for surpassing our 2023 total, making our grand total for the day **\$86,000** – enough to pay for approximately eleven full scholarships!

Our **Annual Appeal letter** and **Wish List** are mailed out each November to fall within the traditional “Giving Season.” The 2023 campaign resulted in 158 donations for more than \$181,500, while the Wish List included

inflatable paddleboards, craft court items, lifeguard hats, pop-up changing tents and War Canoe Refurbishment among other things

The **Moonraker Monthly Giving Club**

sets up a recurring donation that is automatically sent to Camp on a scheduled basis. Automatic deductions make for an easier financial commitment by breaking up a donation into smaller amounts – such as donating \$50-dollars per month rather than making one \$600-dollar donation. It’s great for budgeting purposes!



Joining the Moonraker club is easy. Scan the QR code and it will take you to the website.

Besides these giving events, you can always make a simple credit card or ACH donation anytime by going to our website and clicking on the “Giving” tab. You can mail a paper check to the camp office, and even make stock donations. For information about that, email our Development Director, Mike Smith, at mike@fourwindscamp.org. Thank you all for your continuing generosity and loyalty to Four Winds. Your support helps keep Camp such a magical place. ✨



The Moonraker Monthly Giving Club

We would like to acknowledge the people who are members of our **“Moonraker Monthly Giving Club,”** which recognizes the generous donors who have established a recurring donation program. These contributions are automatically sent to Camp on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. It’s a convenient way to give and allows you to break up your gift over time, which can be easier for budgeting purposes.

“We love being a part of the monthly giving to Four Winds through the Moonraker Club,” says **Miranda Middleton Hedlund (camper ‘94-‘01; CT ‘02; staff ‘10)** “It makes it very easy for us to set a target amount to give for the year by breaking it down into monthly amounts. And it’s set up to happen automatically, so we don’t need to actively do anything each month! We also feel good knowing that we are helping provide continuous support throughout the year for expenses as they arise.”

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 Mia, Noah and Mike Smith
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 Morgan Howson Crosby

A Milestone in Giving

We would like to give special recognition to each of the following donors who have exceeded \$100,000 in lifetime giving to Four Winds * Westward Ho.

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Alumni News Updates

Norman Angus Camper '59; Staff '67

I was eleven years old when I was a camper. That summer, with the help of Mr. Norling, I carved the stool you see in the picture. Years later I skippered "Courageous" for the last year she was at Camp.



I was in the financial services industry throughout my career. My wife and I lived in Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto, New York and Connecticut. I continued sailing throughout, competing in the Olympic trials, Bermuda Race, Transatlantic race and many offshore events. Also cruising north to Greenland, Scotland the Mediterranean and the Caribbean seas. I am retired and now live in Deep River, CT.

Alison Yerxa Camper '62 & '63

There were so many magical things about camp, from the green landscapes, the rain, the tree house for reading and memorizing poetry, the lodge with the flowers painted (and only two alike), the boons, the hidden golden fairy in the woods, the songs and poem recitation, Christmas with Yule logs and wassail, Saturday beach breakfast with brown sugar and butter on toast, the clams, the sail boats you could take to nearby islands.



At that time, folk singing was the popular songs on the radio, and camp was the perfect place to learn guitar, and all the words to the favorite songs. Talented counselors would sing and play, and it was infectious to want to revel in music. I wrote poetry, learned the "Laws of the Navy" and walked up to Hilltop and recited it to Miss Ruth. She gave me a copy of The Magic Ring full of poetry gathered from camp favorites, written and recited by campers. There was a three-day camping trip to Waldron Island, which I thought was so adventurous. We picked a mound of blackberries and made a pie over the outdoor fire.

My story continued with going to UC Santa Cruz, (more woods to enjoy), New York City where I did theater design, and then back to Los Angeles in 1979, where I got to work in the beginning groundswell of visual effects for the next 35 years. It was truly all been the pursuit of Magic—

and begun at Four Winds. Thank you for this moment to reminisce.

Nicole Heath Camper '66-'68

Our daughter **Sydney (camper '07-'14)** is 25 and just completed her first year of a two-year graduate program in social work at Columbia University in New York. She'll spend her summer in Argentina volunteering for a human rights organization. Our son **Charles (camper '10-'16)** is 22 and is a psychology major at the University of Colorado, Boulder and looking toward law school after graduation in 2025. He is spending his summer with a non-profit in Denver that advocates for victims of domestic violence.

After almost a decade on the Board of my state's gun violence prevention advocacy organization, I've moved to the Chairmanship of our Advisory Board. I am still on the Board of the Emily Dickinson Museum at Amherst College, and the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights at Sydney's alma mater, Claremont McKenna College. My husband Larry and I are spending some of every winter in Santa Barbara and each summer in the Netherlands.

Calvin Mew Staff '67

I was elected President of the Harvard Business School Club of New York. Will start July first. I continue to serve as a Trustee of Union Theological Seminary, Council member of the Yale Club of New York and a director of James Lenox House Association (senior residences in Manhattan)

Lucy Kent Maushardt Camper '70-'72; CT '73; staff '74

I visited Camp for the first time in 50 years in April with my dear friend I met at camp, Sue Clauson. It looked and felt the same! Though, there have been several remodels and additions since I'd been there.

We were dishwashers, unofficially named the FWDC: 'Four Winds Dishwashing Corporation' with Katie Slichter. I had been a camper for two years and then an Apprentice before assuming the venerated position of Dishwasher for the summer. It was an awesome experience! We lived in Lorien and had the time of our lives.

It was lovely to be back at camp and brought back many happy memories: Building a raft named 'Y'all' in honor of Pam Parker who hailed from Louisiana, then 'sailing' to



Little Double Island. Becoming a Junior Lifeguard while working on the dock. A 24-hour sail on Martha in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. A four-day Flipper trip around Shaw Island. Going to Victoria, BC for tea at the Empress Hotel and then purchasing Purdey's chocolates, and McIntosh Toffee. We were dressed in our midis and bloomers.

Making a 'fork bracelet' with a damaged fork for someone on Christmas. All of a sudden there was a run on mangled forks as others wanted to try their hand and making one! It was the time when Spoon Rings were popular, and I think the one I made may have been a first with camp flatware. These are just a sprinkling of memories.

I had been incredibly shy and when the Camp Director, Carlyn Whele, told us we could be anyone we wanted to be, we had the ability to change things we didn't like about ourselves, I was so appreciative. It was a true gift for me. I feel so blessed to have had the experiences, the freedom of being on the water, the friendships, and Magic Ring, Magic Loot and the songs (I still sing the Bedtime songs to my grandchildren as I did my children). I hope Four Winds continues for another 100 years!

Mike "Mr. D" Douglas
Director '78-'98 & '04; Board '98-'09

We're still on Orcas living in Deer Harbor. Sharon and I work on our pottery most days, which we sell around the island and on the Deer Harbor Marina dock Saturdays and catch up with camp folks who wonder by. Out in the bay our sailboat, Nutmeg, bobs along on her buoy waiting for a sail, never often enough. At 87 years old she does need work from time to time so she comes home to my shop

for repairs. Built a cloth on frame skiff in the shop not too long ago to replace the heavy and worn-out fiberglass one from Dorade.

Our gang is doing well. Marcus, our oldest, works as a chef in Seattle not far from the Space Needle. Thaddeus, number two son, owns a construction company here on Orcas. Corrina teaches school in the Seattle Public Schools. Two of our three granddaughters are Four Winds campers. Sharon and I are enjoying the longer and warming days of late spring.

John DesCamp
Camper '77-'80; staff
'80, '84-'88; Board '07-
present



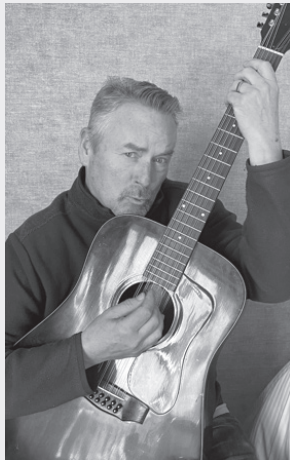
A lot has happened the last couple years in the Des-Camp family. My oldest son, Nick, and his wife Kelsey had a baby girl named Nora who is the first grandchild. She is a ton of fun and sass! Michael graduated from University of Oregon and is now working in San Diego. Tyler has followed in his dad's footsteps and is now in his junior year at University of Washington.

I was married to the wonderful Christine Mills in April last year and we have now made Bend, OR our permanent home. We live on 11 acres in Tumalo, so of course we had to get a dog. Riley is a rescue dog from the Warm Spring reservation and a real sweetheart. I am still on the FWWH board so am fortunate enough to come to camp a couple times a year. I am always grateful for the time I spent there as a kid. It was life changing.



Doug Fleming Staff '80 & '81; '93 & '94

Sadly, Covid killed my 20-year run as a music and movement teacher at five daycare centers in the greater Seattle area. After a two-year stint as a real estate agent, I dove back into music trying to hit the other end of the age spectrum as regular entertainment at local retirement homes. It wasn't enough to make ends meet, so I started up "Driver D Personal Shuttle Service" back in late November. Mind you, it's Driver D, not Mr. D... wouldn't want Mike Douglas to sue me! I am positively loving it! Riders are mostly friends and family... and now friends of friends and children of friends. Some of my more esteemed regulars are **Charlie Macpherson** and **John DesCamp**... maybe you've heard of them?! 95% of what I do are airport runs, but I recently had my first Sea-Tac airport to the ferry landing in Anacortes run. As I see it, just another way to get to camp, with a former counselor as your driver. And hey, we can sing camp songs the whole ride, if you like (I'll keep the songbook in my car!)



Keely Hawkins Camper '84-'87

It was so wonderful to host the Portland slideshow this winter and catch up with campers and staff. I also loved reconnecting with friends like Kelsey Murphy and talking about the years we were campers together. Hadley can't wait to get up to camp this summer. This will be her third full session as a camper. I am looking forward to dropping her off at camp and being part of the magic for that brief moment.

Eric "Greenjeans" Garretson Staff '85-'91

Eric and his wife, Stephanie, recently bought a house in Albuquerque. It's on half-acre with water rights, two large pecan trees, a fruiting mulberry, and room for a nice size garden. The house is on solar with radiant floor heating, and three-foot adobe walls. Eric is still running his edible landscaping company and teaching gardening at a local Montessori school.



Kelsey Murphy Camper '86 & '89

Living the dream in Portland, Oregon. My two children, Fay and Stanley Joyner, are current campers and loving every adventure they have had at camp. I am working as a volunteer for Hospice style care and generally just hanging out with people who need someone at appointments and life transitions. My children and I are working very hard at our pickle ball game, going back and forth between playing "camp rules" and the real deal rules. Some of my best memories are on the pickle ball courts at camp! We have been enjoying time fly fishing on the McKenzie River and running free on the Oregon coast. Just celebrated my 50th birthday on Kauai with family and lots of sea life. I love living vicariously through my camper children, spontaneously bursting into camp songs when the need arises. Wishing everyone happy adventures!



Nicole Lenzi Amideo

Camper '86-'89; CT '90; HH '91; AC '91; staff '97, '00 & '01; Head of Four Winds '98 & '99

I am continuing my love of Four Winds through my daughter (Anne) who will be off for her third full session this summer. It has been fun to sing songs together and to hear how things have evolved while other things have remained the same. On a professional note, I have been a PA for 21 years with the last nine at a VA medical center. It is an honor and a privilege to take care of the medical needs of our nation's veterans. I hope to reconnect with many old camp friends at the 100-year anniversary. Love to all.

**Katherine Stuart
and David Overton**
Camper '87-'91,
CT '94; counselor
'95-'96, Head of trips
'97 & '99; CT mom
'00; Year-round staff
'99-'04



and camper '84, '85 & '88; CT '90; AC '91,
counselor '89-'93

Four Winds was a huge part of our lives, and we are delighted to see our children participate in the same experiences that we did growing up. **Elizabeth Overton (junior session '21, 2nd session '22-'23)** had a great year in 5th grade and looks forward to another summer hanging out in the garden, on the craft courts, and on the dock. **Henry Overton (junior session '18, '19, 2nd session '21-'23)** just finished his 7th grade year and looks forward to filling his

camp schedule with as many sailing classes as possible, and to being an upper intermediate. **Caroline Overton** (junior session '15, '16, 2nd session '17-'19, '21-'23) had a great sophomore year in school highlighted by travel to Iceland, Hawaii, and Argentina. She looks forward to taking on more responsibility at camp as a CT. Over the years our camp friendships have been some of our most enduring. If you are ever in Tacoma, please reach out. We are always up for a campfire, some s'mores, and a sing along!

Andrew Robin
Staff '93-'94, Music
Director '95-'01, Assistant
Director '97-'99, Visiting
Artist '06

Well, so far 2024 for Andrew has been all about healing from throat cancer! Yikes. I had surgery in January, then proton radiation through April, and now I'm feeling stronger and am (fingers crossed) cancer free! Wow, I can even still sing. I feel fortunate and so grateful for all my camp friends who supported me with love and humor and came to see me in Seattle throughout my healing. I'm back on Lopez Island with Sarah and truly thankful for all the love. Thank you once again Four Winds! See you all at the 100th Reunion!



Miranda Middleton Hedlund
Camper '94-'01; CT '02;
staff '10

Miranda and her husband, David, welcomed baby Colin into their family on March 19, 2024. Colin's looking forward to being a camper in a few years!



L-R: Caroline Wolf, Nancy Wolf, Lucinda Moorhead, Mary Russell, Tommy Newman, Sarah Russell, Ann Felton, Liz Goldie, Emily Dachs Taylor, Mimi Newman, Harper Dill, Alec Egan.

Mary Russell Newman and Tommy Newman
'95-'07 and '96-'07

We live in Los Angeles where we are raising our two daughters and hopeful future campers, Josephine (8) and Isabel (5). We are lucky enough to live near and get to see

many fellow Four Winds alums around town. Last October, a group came together to see Brandi Carlile at the Hollywood Bowl. We had a great night and felt especially lucky to see Joni Mitchell join her and perform "Both Sides Now." It felt like the most special Evening Fire!

Chris Iroz
Camper '98, '00 & '01

Chris participated in the Race to Alaska as part of the Santa Cruz 27 "Roscoe Pickle Train". Christopher's love of sailing was created and cemented at camp. He credits the camp for teaching him at an early age the meaning of sportsmanship and what it is to be a sailor.



Mattie (Farrar) McLean
Camper '99-'02; CT '03; AC '04; staff '05

I was just recently promoted to Associate Director of Quality at Raytheon. When I am not at work, I am enjoying time with my husband, three rescue bully breed dogs, and run/staying fit. This spring I broke a personal record for my half marathon time.

Katherine Gifford Kline
Camper '00-'07; HH '09;
staff '11-'14

Charles Smiley Kline joined our family in April! We are still living in Petaluma, CA and happily settling into life as a family of four.



Tex and Reyna Edmonds
Kitchen '01 & '02; Staff '06
& '07 and Camper 96-03;
staff '06 & '07

Tex and I first crossed paths at camp in 2007, where we were both working as counselors. Fast forward to today, we are approaching our 14th wedding anniversary! Our home is in Bonney Lake, WA, where we reside with our three daughters: Kynley (11), Kyler (9), and Leiya (6), along with our puppy. Kynley and Kyler are gearing up for second session again this year and can't wait to reunite with all their friends!



We had a busy year full of adventures, the kids favorite being Disneyland. Tex and I preferred our Christmas spent in Snowbird, UT with my cousins and siblings, all of whom are also camp alumni. I recently secured a book deal for a

cocktail book set to release next year, while Tex is thriving in the medical field. We're looking forward to a potential trip to Australia this year to visit Tex's family.

It's truly heartwarming to see camp play such a significant role in our lives once again, but this time through our children's eyes. Camp is a constant topic of conversation in our house. It's the comforting thought we share with our kids at bedtime, it is dancing to the "Pata Pata" in our living room and singing camp songs together on long road trips while trying to remember all the words. The countdown to camp has begun for us, and we can't wait to send our girls north and west again for another unforgettable summer at Four Winds.

Laura Lilly
Camper '03-'05, AC '08,
staff '09

After a lifetime as a proud Californian, a Ph.D. in Oceanography, and two years of globe-trotting post-docs, Laura Lilly finally decided to head north and west again! She started a job last summer as a scientific consultant in Bellevue, WA, and is thoroughly enjoying getting to know the Pacific Northwest throughout all its seasons! Turns out there are great surfing waves in Washington AND the beaches are much less crowded than in Southern California! Still pursuing many sports (rock climbing, beach volleyball and kiteboarding at the moment) and hoping to get up to Orcas sometime soon to visit old friends.



Joe & Susan Babcock
Year-round-staff '05-'14

We have landed in Pocatello, Idaho and love our new "Idahome". Found a remodeled 100-year-old house at the foothills of the Pokie mountains—gardens galore, as was the snow!! We found ourselves (well Joe anyway) shoveling lots of snow and snowshoeing!

Joe is finishing his certification to become a legal mediator. I have an in-home Pilates studio with all the equipment and have been graced with just enough clients to keep my teaching heart happy! We're having fun exploring the NW!

Robyn Goldsmith
Staff '05-'08

A fun little update! Here's a photo of myself and my CT Husband, Jeremy (J) Jewett meeting in Ljubljana, where Jeremy is working for



the US Foreign Service. I think we were CT Mom and Dad together in 2006. We hope all our CT Kids are thriving.

Sidsel Gadeberg
Staff '05-'09

I have been fortunate to travel and meet up with camp friends. Last summer I biked from Denmark to Paris (again) while raising money for children with critical illnesses, then got off my bike and flew to Australia to hang out with **Danielle and JP Bone** for a few weeks. I had such an amazing time with true friend—they truly prove that time zones and borders don't matter for camp people!



In December I went to France to see **Celeste Boureille** in action (she plays pro soccer in France) and took a walk down memory lane from our days at LSP. In February I went to London and met up with **Jorunn Gluyas** and **Harriet Richard**—all people I met because of camp since my first summer in 2005. Camp friends are the perfect reason to travel the world! So, I hope more traveling is waiting around the corner—so many places to go, so many people to visit! Love to you all!

Noelle Scheer
Camper '11-'17; staff '18 & '19; '21-'23

The past couple years I have been lucky to pursue both my passion and travel! After being Head of Dock in 2022, I moved to Sydney, Australia. In Sydney, I instructed sailing at various clubs and started working for the Sail GP USA Team. I eventually returned to the States to work with GP for their finale.



Last summer, I ended up working as the Deck Hand on the Carlyn at the last minute. It had been 10 summers since I was on the Carlyn as a camper, and it felt serendipitous and magical to revisit the places where I first fell in love with sailing. Recently, I completed a job on Long Island, where I was building, rigging, and preparing boats for the season. Now, I am looking forward to more sailing gigs, with GP again or the Cup in Barcelona! Woohoo! I try to carry the spirit of camp with me wherever I go. I will forever be grateful for who I became because of Four Winds and having camp as the place where I fell in love with sailing.

Tiago Schwartz

Camper '11, '12, '15 & '16;
staff '17-'19

Last year I moved from San Francisco to Lisbon to earn my master's degree and have been loving it. I'm mostly done with the degree and all that's left is the thesis, so while I write my thesis, I got a job in Paris. I'm a Junior Product Analyst at Kayrros working in the environmental intelligence field. The company I work for collects real-time environmental data on everything from carbon emissions in jungles and farms, to mineral extraction in mines and verifying companies published emissions statistics by using satellites. We sell this information to governments and financial institutions since we are independent and therefore don't have any biases. I trust that camp is as great as ever and everyone there this summer will have an unforgettable time.

**Mia Smith**

Camper '13-'18; HH '19;
staff '20-'23

I'm living it up in Monterey, CA with my lovely girlfriend and our new kitten, loving the sun and the beach. I graduated from Santa Clara University in March and had my commencement in mid-June. I'm looking forward to traveling over the summer and spending time with friends and in our big garden. I'll miss camp, as I always do, but I carry it with me into this next chapter of life.

**Carolina Proctor**

Camper '16-'23

Carolina is currently participating in a study abroad program in Japan, where she has been since April.

Enrolled in a Japanese high school, she resides with a wonderful host family. At school, she has forged not only local friendships but also lasting bonds with fellow international students. Her proficiency in Japanese is steadily advancing, aided by the immersive environment.

**Luke LeVasseur**

Camper '13-'16; staff '17
& '18

Since graduating from UW in 2022, I've been living in San Francisco and working in tech, specifically building sustainability products. I've been learning as much as I can about climate change solutions holistically as well. In my free time, I've been exploring the US and internationally, going to a bunch of live music events, and climbing really large mountains - here's fellow alum **Rob Zhu (camper '11-'16; staff '17-'21)** and I at the top of Mt. Shasta over Memorial Day Weekend!

**Henry Achak**

Camper '18-'22; CT '23

Henry graduated from Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences and will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall.

Passings

**Mary Frances Tuck
(nee Trumbull)**

Camper '32-'42; Board
'68-'86

Mary died in her sleep in late May at the age of 101. She lived a wonderful life, much of it deeply influenced by her experiences at Four Winds as a young girl in the 1930s.



Mary Frances attended camp with her best friend and next-door-neighbor, Carol Hyatt, and also built a strong friendship with Ann Hauberg (nee Homer). Two of Mary Frances' three children (Jennifer and Liz) had the privilege of attending camp for many years in the late 1960s and 1970s, and all five of her grandchildren also attended camp in more recent decades. Four Winds * Westward Ho fostered Mary Frances' deep love of art, music, poetry, friendship, adventure, and the beauty of the Northwest. We, her family, thank our lucky stars the day Mum's father decided to send her to camp.



Mary Patricia Steuart
Camper '89-'91 & '94-'98;
CT/AC/staff '99-'03.

December 5, 1982 - May 26, 2024



Mary was born and raised in Seattle, WA. She attended St Luke's School in Shoreline, and graduated from University Prep in 2001. She spent her college years at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL where she graduated with a major in Sociology and a minor in Spanish.

After college she lived in New York City, Santa Monica, CA, and Florida. While in New York she started a career in advertising, later pivoting to interior design. Her desire to create beautiful spaces for her clients, paired with her impeccable taste and eye for style made for several successful and fulfilling years at Alex Papachristidis Interiors.

Mary wanted to see and experience the world, and she made it a point to embrace travel throughout her life. She spent a semester abroad in Valencia, Spain becoming fluent in Spanish. In her early 20's she traveled to Thailand and South Africa to volunteer in local orphanages, drawn to these experiences because of her love of working with children, her generous heart, and her desire to help others. Later, that desire to help others led her to complete a yoga teacher training in Mexico, and to become a mentor for those interested in improving their fitness and running goals. Other travels throughout her life took her to the Caribbean, France, England, and Iceland. Although she traveled all over the world, she felt most at home in Jamaica, and Capri, Italy. During her last years, she managed long visits to both places.

Music was a huge part of Mary's life and that love of music and singing was nurtured by her time at Four Winds Westward Ho Camp. She loved singing with her friends at evening fire, moonraker, in the garden, on greenie hill, on a sailboat, and in the cabin to her campers. She was even known to sing her college roommates to sleep with camp songs, and later did the same for her nieces and nephews. Her love of music encouraged her to learn guitar and take voice lessons. There was nothing that made her feel happier than singing, and she shared that joy by singing at the weddings of several camp friends. Her love of music inspired her to record an album, including a favorite original song titled, "One Love, One Light."

Mary's friendships meant the world to her, and many of her closest friends and best times were at Four Winds Westward Ho Camp. The outpouring of love in her final days from the camp community in the form of notes, songs, videos, voice memos, food, and flowers illuminated that not only did she love her camp friends deeply, but they also loved her. After a three-year battle with brain cancer, Mary died peacefully surrounded by family.

Mary is survived by her parents Frank (Jayne) Steuart, and Carol Noell; sister Katherine Steuart (David Overton) (both former campers and staff); step siblings Bryan (Danielle) Boyle, Tiffany Powers (former camper), Hillary Schubert (former camper and staff), Katie Isobe; beloved nieces and nephews Caroline, Henry, Elizabeth (all three current campers), Analisa, Trenton, and Aubrey; plus many cousins, aunts and uncles, and friends who she loved like family. In Mary's memory her family is setting up a FWWH Fund. With this fund we hope that her love and light will continue to shine on the Four Winds Community and its future campers. Any donations made to FWWH in her memory will be directed to this fund.

The Ruth A. Brown Legacy Club - Planning Ahead to Support Four Winds Camp

The "Ruth Brown Legacy Club" includes people who have included Four Winds as a beneficiary in their Estate Planning, so when that person passes away, camp receives a donation. It's a wonderful way to give without impacting your current financial situation, is a crucial piece of our fundraising efforts and is a thoughtful way to continue supporting camp in future years. There are 53 different entries (some of which include two or more people), and we appreciate them all so much. For more information about adding Four Winds to your Estate Plan, please email mike@fourwindscamp.org.

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WELCOME BACK CAPTAIN SCOTT!



Camp's big boat, the 61-foot yawl Carlyn, has a new captain – and it's someone who is very familiar with the boat: Scott Cann, captain from 2011 through 2014, is back at the helm.

"I started my love for sailing at a Southern Puget Sound summer camp as a teenager," he says. "I raced dinghies in college, and after graduating from Western Washington University I ran away to sea, joining the Tall Ship Bounty in Fairhaven, MA. I spent three years knocking around on educational ships, like Adventuress, until I earned my Master's License."

Scott got his first job as a Captain sailing out of New York City – a time that became even more special when he met his future wife, Kristen, who was working on another educational Schooner in the area. The couple would find their way to Seattle, where Scott would take a job aboard Carlyn working as the Relief Captain with Salish Sea Expeditions before becoming the full-time Captain of Carlyn for FWWH shortly thereafter.

"That meant Kristen would be spending the Summer alone while planning our wedding on Vashon Island," he says. "LeRoi joined our family in 2013, followed by Gracie in 2016. With the added additional family members, we had to make the hard decision to leave Four Winds."

Scott took a "landlocked" job in Marine Electronics for the past ten years, designing and installing systems for yachts in the Northwest. When the Carlyn Captain position came open, the family decided to make it work.

"Leroi is now in fourth grade, and Gracie is in second, they are a lot of fun and we are constantly busy with kid activities," says the Captain. "I am hoping that Kristen and the kids can spend a little time on Orcas during first session. During second session they will likely be traveling to see friends and family around the country since I'll be on the Canada trip."



Speaking of the Canada trip, Captain Scott says it is a "highlight of the summer."

"We'll likely hit the usual spots of BC; the Gulf Islands, Nanaimo, Princess Louisa inlet, Powell River, desolation sound and Campbell River," he says. "My goal by the end of the trip is that the campers will be fully integrated into the crew and will be route planning and executing their plans. It takes a lot of hard work and compassionate direction or redirection to get a crew working together. Keeping camp traditions alive is always a fun way to keep the Four Winds connection and spirit enduring. Bringing back the rich experiences that the crew have shared and showing the camp the cohesiveness of a good crew is always a great reward." ☼





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