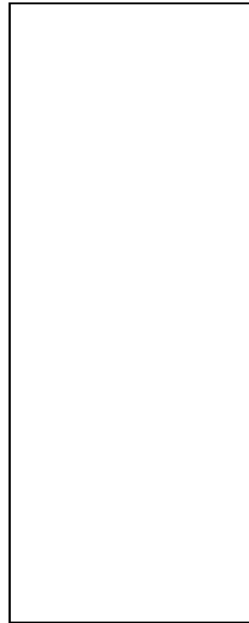


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STATUS OF OUR PORCH

Thanks to lots of prayer, donations, a very capable contractor and personal volunteers, we have a re-built porch that is much safer and will be able to function for many years to come. We have new supporting timbers installed vertically alongside the original cedar posts. The floor structure was reinforced and new supporting pads placed under the timbers. All of the temporary cables that were installed to prevent snow induced collapse have been removed and replaced with very strong support beams with the result of a raised porch ceiling. Our contractor, Great Northern Carpentry, worked closely with us and understood our desire to maintain the rustic Gander Brook look while making the porch structurally safe for people and snow load. Our thanks go out to the many folks that contributed to this expensive project. We still have some work that needs completion around the porch extension where the stairs descend. In our November 2008

Newsletter it was reported that an estimate of \$90,000 had been made on the removal and replacement of the porch. After many evaluations and discussions with different professionals, it was determined that needed repairs could be made without the total demolition of the existing porch. Great Northern Carpentry was asked to assess the situation and provide a new estimate. This company has a successful history of working with camps here in Maine and was well recommended. While we are over 95% completed on the project, our costs are less than \$20,000 !! Our fund raising



was able to cover this expense and we have enough money left to complete the remaining work. This picture was taken on the last day of work with the new roof completed. **Our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to this major effort !!!**



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS

CAMP SEASON: Work and Worship Week will be held from June 27 through July 2, 2010; The first week of camp will begin on July 3 with the last week of camp ending on Saturday August 14.

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR STAFF: Our policy of conducting background reviews on all of our staff will continue with each volunteer being asked to participate in the program.

REGISTRATIONS: It was reported that our camp attendance was down slightly from the prior year. (it was suggested that the economic environment was a contributing factor). Our cost per camper week was \$320, based on this years expenses. The weekly tuition for camp was \$265, so the per camper shortfall was \$55.

FINANCIAL: At the time of the Winter meeting all of our bills had been paid and we had a balance in the bank that will get us through the winter season. It was noted that the positive balance was due to the harvesting and sale of timber from our property in the recent past.

. Note: we have a director that is responsible to keep watch over our timberlands, having state registered foresters survey periodically and to arrange for selected harvesting.

ELECTIONS: All current Board members who had terms that expired in 2009 were re-elected to the Board. The Executive Committee was also re-elected with the exception that Leo Woodman replaces Scott Delbaugh as secretary. Scott, still remaining on the Board, had to resign the secretary position due to an increase in work schedule. Thanks for a great job, Scott.

FACILITIES REVIEW TEAM: The suggestion was made and agreed upon, that a team of 3 men will compose a committee to oversee the various projects that become necessary to maintain our physical property. This team has the authority to appoint sub-committees for job completion, being responsible that projects are completed on time and within budgets. The team members are: Glenn Campbell, Bob Prestridge and Brad Shaw.

SOME OBSERVATIONS FROM OUR SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR

My firm conviction remains that more spiritual good is done for the young people of New England during the six weeks of Gander Brook (camp) than at any other time or place. My wife, family and I are exceedingly grateful for the opportunity to serve at Gander Brook as directors.

We began in the rain, but finished in the sunshine!! This season was successful in our goal of providing spiritually focused fun in a well supervised environment. There were 11 baptisms during our six weeks and an incalculable number of changed lives. (see *Notes from our Friends*, pg 8).

Paintball, Ropes and Archery continued to be among the favorite activities. During the last week of camp, a 14 foot sailboat that seats four people was donated. This will be a wonderful addition to our merit badge program.

We are thankful that we were able to make it through the entire season without any serious accidents or cases of swine flu. The self-health screening (no fever in the last seven days prior to coming to camp) for both campers and staff should continue to be used.

Gratefully, Shawn Daggett

Our 2010 Director Staff

We are blessed this year with the return of our Director Shawn Daggett and his wife Donna for our 2010 camping season. We also are grateful for the return of James Clark and his wife Becky as Assistant Directors. The 2009 camping season was a great year and we look forward to a continuation of the same enthusiasm and spiritual content this year. The selection of a very competent counselor staff is underway with the completion of the annual recruiting trip to our Christian colleges by Board President Park Linscomb.



OUR FIRST ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEK-END CHRISTIAN ENCAMPMENT

We had a wonderful turnout for our Labor Day Encampment this past Fall. While we had a busy fun-filled time, there was also time for fellowship and spiritual interaction !



Baking going on in the kitchen

Folks enjoying the paint ball Course !



A dedicated volunteer collecting "gander wood" for fund-raising purposes.



We are all looking forward to next Fall's Christian Encampment ! Make plans now to attend with your family .

THE MISSING NEWSLETTER.....

Due to some physical problems that required hospitalization and extensive rehab time, the 2009 Fall Friends of Gander Brook Newsletter did not make it to publication. It is rumored that the cause of this writers knee replacement surgery began a few years ago at Gander Brook when some younger folks encouraged me to join a "friendly" volley ball game in the pavilion. I apologize for the delay hope to do better in the future. I have been counseled to "cool" it on the volley ball activity, but maybe paintball is in my future ??

GANDER BROOK CAMP SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Early Work & Worship Week	June 25—27
Work & Worship Week	June 27—July 2
1st Week of Camp	July 3—10
2nd Week of Camp	July 10—17
3rd Week of Camp	July 17—24
4th Week of Camp	July 24—31
5th Week of Camp (Seniors)	July 31—August 7
6th Week of Camp (Seniors)	August 6—14
Labor Day Weekend Christian Encampment	September 3—6
Ladies Retreat	September 16—18
Mens' Retreat	September 23—25
3rd Annual Fall Picnic	October 9

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GANDER BROOK CONTINUES TO NEED YOUR HELP

As was reported on page 10, our expenses were greater than our camper tuition revenue by \$55 per camper with a total expense of \$138,408. As can be seen, we cannot survive without your generous donations. With the tough economic times we all are encountering, you are to be commended for remembering Gander Brook and our needs. God blesses all of us so much and our camp is a special blessing for all Christians here in New England.

NOTES FROM OUR FRIENDS

My son,, was a camper week 1 of this season. I just wanted to say thank you, because of your teaching that week, he was baptized on September 25, 2009 at, Thank you for all that you do for the kids. He will see you next summer. (signed by parents)

Ex-counselor, ex-camper and mother of ex-counselor Josiah Smelser, **Nancy Bryan Smelser** writes a monthly newsletter from Tanzania, where she (a nurse) and husband, Dr. Danny Smelser have opened a medical clinic. In addition to a day-by-day responsibility in the medical clinic, they find time for bible studies with local residents. She writes "During the month of October two other wonderful people with whom we and others have studied the Bible, Enock and Judith, decided to take Jesus as their Savior and Lord and were baptized into Him. We rejoice with these two precious people. Enock was employed in the past as our house guard when we lived in Arusha, and we always thought that he could be won for the Lord if given enough time and contact with Christians. Judith is a neighbor and clinic patient who had studied the Bible with us last year.... And also more recently. As she became a Christian, she let us know of her dream of leading her husband to become a Christian". She writes of the extreme poverty and need that is evident in this area. They are currently facing a long period of no rain and drought. Please pray for Nancy and Dr. Danny and those that are assisting them, either physically or financially. You can contact them by email at nancysmelser@yahoo.com



A Wonderful Wedding and Some Familiar Faces

Emily Morris and Michael Daniel worked together at Gander Brook in the summer of 2008. After camp a romance blossomed that grew into a serious relationship, resulting in a wedding on February 13, 2010. Shawn Daggett reports that over 30 folks with Gander Brook ties were in attendance at the wedding, including Cecil Perkins.



The Story Continues...

Two additional past counselors at camp, **Amber Richardson and Matthew Kiefer** are engaged and planning to be married on May 23, 2010. This couple worked together for two summers at camp. We understand that both these couples traveled great distances to experience their engagement at Gander Brook; one at the pond and one in the lodge. There is also an additional story that includes two of our past counselors, **Brianna McGrath and Adam Brock**. They plan on being married at Gander Brook this coming June. We wish all of these young couples a wonderful future and God's blessing as they start their lives together.

GANDER BROOK HISTORY

Two of these pictures show camp property during winter in the 1950's. They were provided by Diane Dellamano Brakeley of Cape Elizabeth, ME. It was her family that sold the camp property to us in 1960 and her father who took these pictures during the time that they lived at NoRaCo Inn. We thank Diane for sharing a number of pictures that show our property during that time period. The Dellamano family purchased the property in 1947 and lived in a building that was located across the road from the camp down near our spring house, which no longer is there. In 1947 it cost \$7 a day to stay at Noraco Inn, including meals !! The "doozy" was the inn's general maintenance vehicle.



The "Doozy"

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The lodge in winter



The lounge area in the lodge

The old Spring House

