

## Memories last a lifetime...

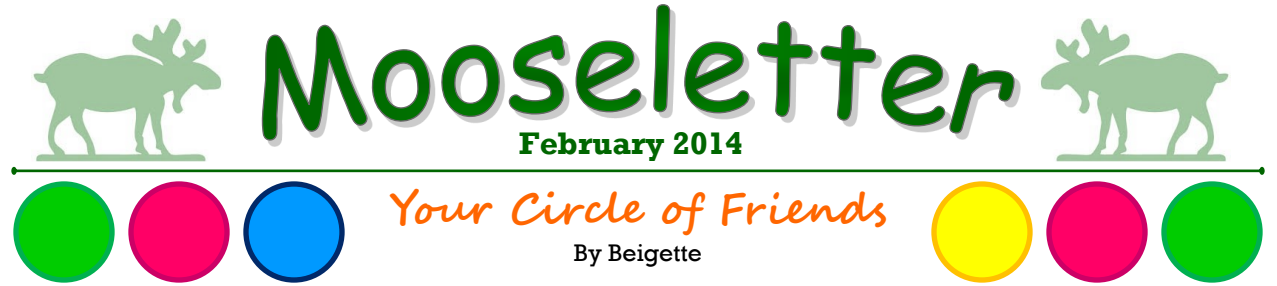


Many congrats to Session 2 Senior, Jasper Shapiro, for placing 3rd in her age category during race day at Shawnee Peak! Find out more about the amazing Senior Ski Weekends inside!

### Fernwood Cove Questions

Below are some random questions about camp. Send your responses to Alicia (Alicia@fernwoodcove.com) and they'll be used in an upcoming edition of the Mooseletter.

- ⚙ Returning campers, what is your favorite meal at camp?
- ⚙ New campers, what are you most excited for?
- ⚙ Returning campers, what's one thing you would recommend to pack?
- ⚙ New campers, what is your biggest question about the summer?
- ⚙ What is your favorite activity? Or what activity are you most looking forward to?
- ⚙ What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
- ⚙ Returning campers: Shower/Dip or Open Gym?



I am sure most of you have heard the term "Circle of Friends". The diagram below was taught to me as a guide on how to think of your friends and connections. I feel it has a lot to offer when considering your friendship. It may help you identify where your current friends are, where you would like them to be or where you would like to see more friends at.

The inner most circle is your closets friends (usually only one, two or three in your life). They are the ones you want to spend the most time with or they are the ones who would be the first there to help in any crisis, the first people you would call; they are the ones you treasure the most. These are the people that can spend a long time apart however when you see each other it feels like you have spoken every day. You may not have any of these yet which is fine, these friendships develop over a long time and are truly time tested. They would be your maid of honor at your wedding.

The next circle are close friends you spend time with regularly, there is usually more of these friends (maybe around five to ten) you may see them often and hang out with them weekly or monthly, have dinner, play sports. These people would attend your wedding and may be in the bridal party.

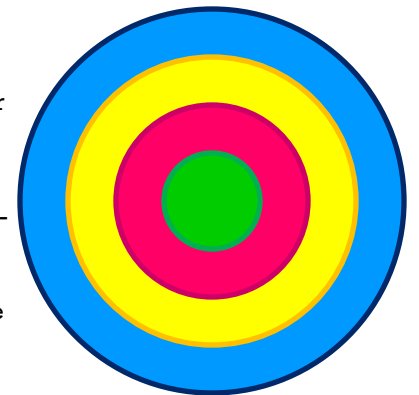
The next are friends that you don't see very often or speak with often, still consider them more than acquaintances. When you see them you know enough to catch up about family, school, and hobbies. May or may not invite to wedding.

The next are acquaintances, friends of friends, they would not be invited to your wedding as they are too distant. You would recognize them in a crowd and greet them happily with a friendly smile.

Friendships and the connections you make at camp are a very important aspect to your overall camp experience. In fact, when asked why they return to camp, most campers (in all camps, not just Fernwood Cove) reply that it's because of their friends. For this reason, we have decided that this summer's focus is on friendship.

This focus is extends into a variety of aspects of the coming summer- Pre-Camp Staff training, Activities, Facilities, etc. Our goal is to help you foster meaningful, lasting relationships with your bunkmates and other campers, CITs, counselors, and directors.

Whether it's your first summer or your 7th, we want you to leave camp having formed lasting bonds with others in the camp community. You never know where those bonds will take you- you may one day find fellow Fernwood Cove girls in your inner circle of friends. There are certainly people I've met at camp in mine!





# 2014 Senior Ski Weekends

We welcomed 17 Session 1 Seniors and 19 Session 2 Seniors for their respective Senior Ski Weekends. We had an amazing time with all of these girls—skiing at Shawnee Peak, hanging out at the lodge, sledding at camp...and a walk to the island! We are super excited for these girls to be back at camp, living in Flamingo and creating more extraordinary memories! Check out pictures on the next page!



## Make a Playdate!

By Marran

When I was growing up (yes like a hundred years ago), I came home from school and played outside with all the kids on my street. I was lucky enough to live on a small side street with lots of kids who were all about my age. In fact our parents all still live on that same street.

We would ride bikes while playing cops and robbers all over the neighborhood. We would play basketball with the hoop that was set up in the middle of the block, so that any kid could use it. We would also play street hockey and kickball. In the winter we would build forts after a big snowstorm and have snowball fights.

The only rule back then was, come in before it gets dark and the street lights go on. I am sure there was a rule about moving out of the way when a car was coming, but I don't really remember getting in trouble for that one. Mostly we got in trouble when we were having so much fun, we didn't go inside on time. The kids on my street were like my brothers and sisters and while we are all adults now, every time I see them, I am brought back to those carefree days playing outside.

I don't get the sense that kids play today the way we played back then. I am not sure if parents are more afraid to let kids bike through the neighborhood and play in the street or if technology has had an impact on how we play. Maybe it's a bit of both.

I was recently with a group of kids, all sitting together in the same room, all Facebook messaging, Snapchatting and Instagramming each other on their cell phones...yes, I said it...with each other. It wasn't as though they were communicating with people outside the room they were in – they were all communicating with each other, in the same room.

Seeing this made me think a little bit about how we interact with each other. Is this the new way of "playing" with your friends? Are we still getting the same things out of this style of hanging out, just in a different way? Are we really getting to know each other if this is how we spend our time? I actually have no idea, although I am sure there is some research on it someplace.

Let's get back to our roots of really getting to know each other and spending quality time together. In the spirit of getting to know each other, interacting and hanging out with each other, I challenge you to put your phone down the next time you hang out with your friends. Go outside (even if it's cold). Go for a walk, a run, a bike ride, play catch...or just sit and have a good old fashioned chat!

Think about it...that's how we do it at camp...that's Extraordinary!

### Fernwood Cove Fast Facts

- ⊗ Fernwood Cove's first summer was in 1999, with one 3 1/2 week session of approximately 65 campers in grades 3-7.
- ⊗ The CIT Program began in 2007. This summer is the largest group of CITs in the history of the CIT Program.
- ⊗ The Water Ski/Wakeboard Program offers over 100 campers the opportunity to water ski or wakeboard each week.
- ⊗ Island Pond is a water source for the City of Portland Water Supply, but not Fernwood Cove's.
- ⊗ There is a minimum of 60 activity options in any given week of camp.
- ⊗ Fernwood Cove's solar panel array offsets 100% of Fernwood Cove's energy consumption.

## Fernwood Cove Winter Tour

### Los Angeles

February 20—23, 2014 with Jim & Beigette

### Philadelphia

February 26, 2014 with Marran

### New York (Manhattan)

February 27—March 3 with Jim & Alicia

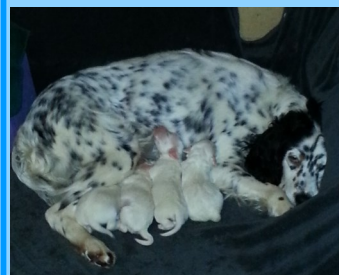
### Boston

March 6-9, 2014 with Marran

Contact Marran ([Marran@fernwoodcove.com](mailto:Marran@fernwoodcove.com)) to schedule a visit when we are in your area!

### Bella's Puppies

Jim & Beigette are very excited to announce that their dog, Bella, recently had puppies. Bella is a wonderful first-time mom, taking great care of Tink, Ezmia, Shimmer, Elsa & Tardy. The puppies have already been promised to different owners, so we won't see them at camp this summer. Here's a picture from just days after the puppies were born.



## Camp is a Winter Wonderland



Lots of fun sledding!



Everything is blanketed in snow!



Thank you to Gez Evans for this photo of the evening sky.

A warm, toasty fire in the new fireplace in the Chick!

