



You Otter Know

Fall 2018



Notes from the Camp Director...

Summer 2018 came and went faster than I could have ever imagined. I feel like yesterday we were getting camp ready for the season, putting out the docks, stringing up the archery net, setting up the ropes course, and preparing for the campers!

We had an amazing group of campers this summer. There was no lack of energy or enthusiasm. All of Captains Pond could hear us during Olympics week. It was a joy to see new friendships formed and old friends re-connect throughout the summer. We had two campers who stood above the rest of camp in the way they embodied the core values of the YMCA and cared for others. **Kaleel Javier** and **Alicia Whipple** were honored as the Campers of the Year. **Brittney Torres** was honored this summer as the Staff of the Year for her work with the STEAM program at camp. These are just a few of the amazing campers and staff that make up the Otter family!

Recently, **3M** came to help us out with some of the clean-up and repair. Twelve of their staff members came to volunteer for a day of work. They made repairs to one of the bridges, expanded the archery range, built archery stands, took the docks in and built us a new canoe rack! 3M was inducted into our Hall of Fame last year for all the support they have given us over the years. They truly care about Otter, dedicating time year after year to help make improvements to our beautiful camp.



Not only do I have the opportunity to be the Director for Camp Otter, but I am also the Sports and Teen Director at the Lawrence YMCA. We have some great sports programs that run throughout the School year. Our largest program is our Youth Basketball League. This league runs from December to March, and caters to boys and girls at all different skill levels. So if you're sick of being inside all winter, come down to the Lawrence YMCA and reconnect with your camp friends while playing basketball. You might recognize some of the referees and coaches, as a few of them worked up at Otter this summer. We also have swim lessons, child care and many more amazing programs!

Best wishes,
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Priority registration for the 2019 season will start on November 1st for returning campers. Weeks will fill up fast! We had lengthy waitlists this past summer. Open registration for all will open on December 3rd.

Please share your camp photographs and your personal updates with us. Email Cody at cross@mvyymca.org with any information or pictures you would like to share with your camp friends.

Interested in overnight camp? We have two resident camps located on Bear Island, Lake Winnepesaukee. Camp Lawrence for boys and Camp Nokomis for girls serve campers ages 8 to 16. Sessions are two weeks in length and registration has already begun. If you would like to learn more about our overnight camp, please visit camp.mvyymca.org or email campinfo@mvyymca.org.

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