Greetings Horizons Friends!
What a wonderful winter this has been! I’ve enjoyed lots of skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, and skating. But as winter winds down, my thoughts turn towards summer and I dream about sunny days on Lake Fairlee. I look forward to paddling on the lake, hiking in the mountains, and playing in the great meadow. But what I’m most looking forward to is seeing all of my Horizons friends again because there is something really wonderful about camp friendships! What is it that makes camp friendships so special?

At camp we spend all day, every day building friendships that are formed in an environment free from the many distractions of school, electronic media, and all the other stuff that clutters our lives. We may be busy sailing, hiking, singing, exploring, and swimming, but through it all we are creating friendships based on the shared experiences of playing together, learning together, facing challenges together, and laughing together. The amount of playfulness present in camp friendships also make them unique. It doesn’t matter if your personality is more quiet, reserved, boisterous, silly, or serious; there is an element of playfulness present because everyone’s goal is to have fun. A good dose of fun silliness supports the connections that quickly build friendships.

Camp friendships can be surprising. Campers who have extremely different interests and backgrounds at home can easily form close bonds because they share a love of the special traditions and magical experiences found at camp. Camp friendships also cross age lines. Young campers, older campers, teenage counselors, and counselors who have returned to camp later in life all come together as friends to make up the Horizons family.

Camp friendships are especially long-lasting. Friends who have not seen each other in a year (or many years) are able to easily restart their friendships right where they left off as if they had never been away from camp. It is a pleasure to watch friendships at Horizons grow and strengthen over the years when campers return as apprentices, assistant counselors, lead counselors, and even department heads. At the same time, it is also wonderful to see how inclusive returning Horizons campers are with their friendships as they readily welcome new campers into the camp community.

Horizons counselors strive to be good role models for respectful, fun-loving, and supportive friendships. We aim to help campers learn the skills needed to forge new friendships and to be a good friend because we know a strong friendship is a powerful gift. I can’t wait to see all of my old Horizons friends again and to meet new friends for another magical Horizons Summer!

Aloha,

Tracey McFadden
Director, Horizons Day Camp
Inside this issue of the HORIZONS newsletter

Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>News from Horizons Campers</th>
<th>Pages</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Greetings from Horizons Staff</td>
<td>7- 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aloha Foundation Calendar</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Check out our website!
www.alohafoundation.org

If you’re on Facebook, follow Horizons at www.facebook.com/HorizonsDayCamp

What’s the news? Tell us what’s happening!
To submit YOUR NEWS, for either our annual newsletter or just to say, “ALOHA,” drop a line to:
Horizons Day Camp
2968 Lake Morey Road
Fairlee, Vermont 05045
email: tracey_mcfadden@alohafoundation.org
Hello! I just started piano and I’m loving it. I want to come back to Horizons next summer!! See you then. Charlie Bell

Dear Horizon’s friends,
I hope you are having fun. It was my first year playing for Lightning Soccer. I scored 10 goals and made lots of new friends. This year in school I am learning to play the flute. Our class took a trip to the Hulbert Center this fall. We did some hard challenges, jobs, and much more. I look forward to seeing you all next summer.
Sincerely, Peter Burnham

After Horizons Camp, I started taking piano lessons. I like playing the piano and singing. My favorite song now is “Jolly Old St. Nicholas”. When it started to get cold, we moved eight baby catfish from our outside pond into an aquarium so they would survive the winter. Jack Lloyd

Dear Horizons, I’ve been missing you! You know, I’ve been doing many “camp-like” things. I collected kindling, scraped bark off trees, and slept in platform tents! Miss you, Eleanor Konings

Guess What’s New for 2013?
A new slide on the floating dock!
Hi Horizons!
Since Horizons ended, I’ve missed it everyday! I’ll be sitting in class and I just think back to the Horizon memories I have. Whether it’s the time when we played the prank on Ari, or when we went on our overnight trip. Since Horizons ended I’ve been busy with school, I was the captain of my soccer team, I’ve read a lot, gone hunting, gone to Boston to see my family, and hung out with my friends. I’ve kept in touch with Alexandria and I’ve seen Grace when we play soccer. I want to come back next summer to be an apprentice. Amanda Otis

Hi everyone! I had so much fun at Camp Horizons last year! I can’t wait until next summer! Archery was my favorite sport and I can’t wait to see Preston again. I’ve been skiing this winter and I joined the Robitics club at my school. I’ve been ski jumping at the ski jumps with my dad too. I love studying plants and playing chess. If you see Preston, tell him I said Bonjour! And Ryan, I agree, Give Purple a Chance! See you this summer! Jack Hastings

More News
from HORIZONS Campers

What’s the news? Tell us what’s happening!

My dear Horizons Friends and Counselors,
Now that the weather has gotten cold and windy in the Upper Valley, I cannot wait for the Aloha summer to begin. I am looking forward to seeing all my old Horizons friends and making new ones. I am also looking forward to practicing my new gymnastics routines at the Horizons’ gym. Since August, 2012, I have become a member of the Xcel Team at the Northern Lights Gymnastics (Norwich, VT). In 2012-13 season, our team is expected to compete in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Have a happy winter season! Sophia May
Hi Horizons, I would like to share what I have been doing this fall. At school I did my NECAP testes. I haven’t gotten the results but I think I did pretty good. These are some camp memories I would like to share: I remember when I was kayaking down a little stream and I kept banging my kayak into the sides of the stream. Then Katherine would have to paddle over and pull me out of the sticks. When we finally got to the end of the stream Mia, Katherine, and I pulled out our kayaks to a little island and the jumped in the stream. Katherine and I swam to an old beaver dam and stood on it. When Devin told us it was time to go Katherine and I started swimming back, but then I saw something floating in the water. I showed Katherine and she picked it up. When she held it, it was a slimy half of a mudpuppy! Katherine screamed, dropped it and started swimming away, and I was right behind her. It was really funny!
Thanks, Jocelyn Hazen

Hello from the Brennans,
We have done very well for ourselves since the end of camp. Both Jonathan and Kathryn have advanced in karate. Jonathan is now a purple belt and Kathryn is a yellow. They are working very hard. Kathryn continues to dance both ballet and Irish Step. Marge continues to study belly dance and was in her 4th show with Gina Capossela and the Raqs Salam dance troupe, where she danced with a cane and sword. We all miss our camp friends and are wishing you a happy Spring! Marge, Jonathan, and Kathryn Brennan
Hi guys! John here. Guess what? I got to go to FAO Schwarz on my birthday in January and go on a mini-shopping spree! I even played the giant piano (you know, the one that Tom Hanks played in the movie *Big*) with my dad. We rocked it, and it reminded me of being onstage in the Lodge at Horizons! I’m playing the trumpet three days and hoping to blow Taps one night at camp this year. Watch out, Satchmo, here I come! John Latham

Dear Horizons Friends,
Recently I’ve been taking lessons on the violin. I’ve been seeing a lot of my local Horizons friends. I played my violin at the Thetford Elementary School in the talent show. Yours truly, Lily Welch.
Greetings

from HORIZONS Staff

What’s the news? Tell us what’s happening!

I have been in school having fun with all my friends. My best memory at camp was when the staff would help us cook the food for the kids. I really miss the days at camp and I can’t wait to come back this year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again at camp. Jessie

I have been in the process of applying to colleges. I also played volleyball this fall, and am in the middle of my winter track season. In February I will be heading to Haiti on a service trip. My favorite camp memory was playing games out at the floating dock. Sophie

I won my first archery tournament in December! I need to mention, however, that I was the only one shooting in my class. Once I practice with my new fancy sight, I will have much more company because most people who shoot in tournaments use sights. I am learning how to teach shooting with sights as well as barebow so that I can be ready for all of you this summer. I am looking forward to practicing again at Horizons, home of the most beautiful archery range in New England. I hope everyone is having a good winter. Elizabeth

Hi Horizons!
I’m halfway through my sophomore year at Middlebury and I’ve just declared my English major. There’s been some great snow for cross country skiing this year, and I’m writing for the college newspaper and playing in the orchestra. Winter is fun but I miss the waterfront and of course all of the awesome Sparrows! Cheers, Isabelle
Greetings
from HORIZONS Staff

What’s the news? Tell us what’s happening!

Hey Horizons!
Sad I won’t be able to be at horizons again this summer, as I’m currently studying abroad in Germany and will be there until August! I’ll be studying as well as doing lots of travel all around Europe (Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France, Spain, Denmark, Netherlands, and of course, Germany). I’m very much looking forward to visiting camp once I’m back in the states, can’t wait to see y’all! I very much miss camp and my beautiful days on the lake! Good luck this year! Dan

Hi! I wanted to start by saying “thank you” for another wonderful summer full of exciting new adventures! Some of my favorite memories included: Camp sing-alongs, swimming/kayaking/canoeing on the Waterfront and of course, Horizons’ famous BLT sandwiches! Since camp has ended I have spent my time enjoying my new teaching job in St. Johnsbury, sharpening my skills at billiards, and again, chasing my 2 year old son around the house. He has a new catch phrase “Oh No!” (he usually says this after he intentionally drops something to the floor). I may not make it for camp this summer, so I would like to take a moment to say that camp Horizons is a wonderful place for children of ALL ages. We are lucky to have a place like Horizons where children can explore and learn and create, and to just be kids having fun and developing lasting relationships. Thank you to Maureen and Tracey for putting together such a wonderful program summer after summer! I am sure that this summer will be no exception. Brendan

Hey Horizons! It’s Izzy. I have been busily enjoying my ninth grade year and working hard. I have really enjoyed taking French, playing soccer, and singing in our school chorus. My school will be doing the musical Les Miserables in the spring, and I am auditioning for a part. I am also learning how to ski race on my school team! (It’s way too cold for me!) I really miss camp and think about it constantly, especially the waterfront and all my friends. I can’t wait to see everybody this summer! Thanks, Izzy

Page 8
Greetings from HORIZONS Staff

What’s the news? Tell us what’s happening!

I hope everyone is anxiously awaiting camp this summer! I have been busy studying away in my second year at Castleton State College. It has been crazy working as a Community Advisor in my dorm, but it has been a great year so far! I hope you all are doing well and hope to see you all soon, along with some warmer weather! Abbey

Hello to my fellow Horizoners! It has been very cold here in Michigan, so we have been doing obstacle courses for our adventures. (think trampoline, tunnels, balance beam...) I cannot wait to be back in Vermont and have adventures on the trails with all of you. This summer I hope to see something I’ve never seen before, I wonder what it will be. I hope you all are enjoying your winter adventures and will come hiking this summer at Horizons. Cheers, Beth

I played soccer in the fall, was head of the costumes committee for the Sharon Academy play and am now busy with skiing and managing the basketball team. At this time of year, I miss being by the lake and playing in the water. Greta

I had the chance to canoe on Lake Fairlee this fall, and camp is a weirdly quiet place without you all! I hope to get back there this winter to see it all covered in ice and snow :-). I am loving teaching First Grade as always, but I of course miss my chipmunks. Emily
Greetings from HORIZONS Staff

What's the news? Tell us what's happening!

I have been up to many things, sleep not being one of them. I am currently a student at Alfred University in the Southern Tier of New York. I am in my first year studying Fine Arts. I am on the Ultimate Frisbee team on campus, and we went to many tournaments around New York, coming in second place in one of the bigger ones (not too bad for a mostly inexperienced team). I am also a walk-on to the Alfred Ski Team having never ski raced in my life. Even in the heart of winter and skiing, I still tell stories to my friends about camp experiences. One of the most told ones is of the miniature boat building/ race on Snake River with the 5th and 6th grade boys. I have only been in Vermont for about two weeks since the end of camp and I miss it so much. Bryce

Have you been ‘Riiizon Up since last summer? I’ve been trying, but some days are harder than others. In the fall, I returned to Temple University in Philadelphia for my eleventh year of teaching. I had a great time with my students, but nothing compares to playing Quidditch with Maf and GaGa with Preston! I turned 40 this year over Christmas, and my wife and kids took me to NYC for a week to celebrate! Lots of fun (I’ll let John tell you about it). A cold snap here in Philly has me thinking of warmer times on Lake Fairlee, but my composing, performing and teaching is keeping me busy here. Aloha! Ted

I’ve been looking at the colors of late. Soft pastels met with slashes of stark black and brown. The vibrant reds, yellows, purples and pinks only reside at dawn and dusk. Have you seen them? Only for a few minutes, but OH, what a sight! They are the promise of intensity; the green of the meadow, the bold archery target, the brilliant July sky. I look forward to summer’s brights shared with Horizon friends! Until then, watch for glimpses of summer colors! fondly, Maf
Greetings from East Bridgewater, MA. These cold and oh so short winter days can be tough, but all I have to do is think of HORIZONS. The memories of last summer (and so many other summers) are so vivid in my mind that it takes just a moment to be back there. I can hear voices in the Lodge singing, laughter in the dining hall and the clanging of dishes. I see the beautiful sailboats out on Lake Fairlee and hear the peels of laughter from campers taking their tippy tests. And most importantly, I can feel the love and friendship of so many wonderful people, campers and fellow counselors alike, just by closing my eyes and taking myself back to the front porch of the main house. Wow! I am counting down the days until the start of Summer 2013 at Horizons. Aloha, Maureen

Hello from Windsor!! Our family has had a very busy year. In October we welcomed Jackson Finley Renninger into our family. He was born October 17 on big brother Ivan’s 5th birthday! I continued coaching high school volleyball and we took second place at the state championship in November. In January we welcomed an exchange student from China into our home. He is attending Mid Vermont Christian School. He will stay with us until the end of the school year and return to China in June. We are all excited about camp and can’t wait for June to get here. See you this summer!! Aloha!! Erin

I just got back from Ireland! I have been staying busy with my junior year at Hollins University. I’m excited to say that I am almost done with my theatre major, but also look forward to being a part of three productions this coming spring. I can’t wait for summer! (I mean, let’s be honest. It’s so cold outside and I’m ready for the sun to shine!) Good luck with the rest of your school year and get ready for a fantastic and memorable summer! Maggie
Greetings from HORIZONS Staff

What’s the news? Tell us what’s happening!

I finished applying to college and am currently working my way through senior year. I have been spending most of my time swimming (I miss Lake Fairlee) or reading (finishing the Mistborn series). I always feel so disappointed when I wake up and realize that I can’t kayak on Lake Fairlee right now, but I’m looking forward to next summer! Jonathan

My tenth grade year has been great! Our soccer team made it to the semi finals loosing to People’s Academy (the top ranked team). So far our basketball team has done great! I’ve been really busy this year with school work and sports! I’m really looking forward to returning to horizons, especially when it’s been below zero every morning here in Thetford! Can’t wait to see everyone again! Lydia

Hello everyone! How is your winter going? It is pretty cold here in little East Bridgewater. With snow and temperatures in the single digits, I often think of the warm afternoons spent on Lake Fairlee and the fun that I had at camp. It does not seem possible that it has already been about 5 months since the end of camp. It feels like it was just yesterday that we were all singing in The Lodge and playing by the Pirate Ship. Although we may seem far away at times, we can always think back to the great memories that we spent at camp. I hope to see all of you at camp for another spectacular summer. See you all then. Ryan

I have enjoyed my sophomore year in high school, but I have found myself wishing more and more to be back at camp. There is something special about the environment at camp. It’s an amazing feeling to be surrounded by so many people who are so happy and full of life. I will always remember cabin time and the group games we played together. The Crafts barn brings back memories of getting to know each of you individually, and watching your faces light up as you finish a project that you’ve worked particularly hard on. I can’t wait for the summer! Hannah
Greetings
from HORIZONS Staff

What’s the news?  Tell us what’s happening!

I hope everyone’s having a great year. So far mine’s been pretty stellar. I started college at George Washington University in Washington DC. Living in a city and in a different region is such an exciting experience (although sometimes I do miss being back in good old Vermont). I’ve met lots of cool, new people and done all sorts of interesting new things but I still find myself thinking about the sunny, clear days paddling around on Lake Fairlee! Sending you all my best, Kelsey

I hope that 2013 is treating you well so far. It seems like not too long ago that I was enjoying the sunshine on the shores of Lake Fairlee. It’s been a busy fall for me at Colby College! I hiked Mt Katahdin this fall, which was a crazy adventure. I’ve been working hard with the Environmental Club and in all of my classes. During Christmas break, I drove up to Fairlee to see a very snowy Horizons campus! I also spent some much-needed time with family and friends. During January, I studied abroad in India, which was fantastic! I worked with children in the Himalayas, teaching them how to make various arts and crafts projects. I also rode elephants on safari! However, it’s good to be back in the Upper Valley and I’ll be headed back to Colby for spring semester soon. I hope all of you are doing well! Ari
Greetings
from HORIZONS Staff

What’s the news? Tell us what’s happening!

I am so excited to get back to camp this summer! I had the best summer getting to meet so many of you! I loved seeing all of you in action, whether you were acting in plays, making something incredible in Arts & Crafts, on a nature walk, or getting geared up for a big adventure for the day with Tripping. I have been having fun skiing on the weekends with my family, Jack (Coyote), Olivia (Otter), and my husband, Chris. We are hoping to do some skating on Lake Morey soon. Winter has been fun but I’m hoping for more snow! When camp ended last summer, we spent the rest of our summer vacation enjoying lots of long sunny days here in Vermont. Jack and Liv taught me how to make gimps and friendship bracelets that they learned while they were at camp! We also sang songs from camp again and again. Both “Country Roads” and “Lean On Me” were our favorites during road trips! I am still so impressed with how much we learned during our first summer at Horizons and how much fun we had! We (Jack and Olivia included) can’t wait to get back, there is so much more fun to be had! I hope everyone is having a great winter! Looking forward to seeing you again this summer! Michele

Dear Horizons Gang!
I can hardly tell you how much I am looking forward to being back at Horizons on the sunny shores of Lake Fairlee. I can practically hear the lake whispering to me. It is a very soft, yet, excited voice that whispers to me. And there is a wonderful music that surrounds and floats among the soft words I hear. Sometimes, if I listen very closely, I think I hear splashing in the background. The elusive whispers seem to be saying: Come back, play, explore, learn, have fun, challenge yourself, laugh. I like to hear those whispers, they put nice pictures in my head. Do you ever hear the whispers of the lake? Keep listening! Timmy

Zeke is looking forward to summer!
HORIZONS:
Session 1: July 1 - July 12
Session 2: July 15 - July 26
Session 3: July 29 - August 9

ALOHA, HIVE, and LANAKILA:
Full Season: Wednesday, June 26 to Wednesday, August 14
First Session: Wednesday, June 26 to Sunday, July 21
Second Session: Tuesday, July 23 to Wednesday, August 14

Show Weekend: July 20 & 21
Aloha Hive Elfin Program: Tuesday, July 23 to Saturday, August 3
Lanakila Graduates Expedition: Wednesday, June 26 to Tuesday, July 16
THE ALOHA FOUNDATION, INC.
Tel.: 802-333-3400
Fax: 802-333-3404

www.alohafoundation.org

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope?
A: Stick with me and we will go places!