

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

REKINDLING THE 'LAGA SPIRIT

MOE KAPLAN

Alumni Committee Head

Were you at our 100th birthday in 2019? And if so, didn't you have the greatest time? So many alums and friends, so much momentum. And then it was 2020 and Covid stopped everything in its tracks—including that alumni forward motion. **The weekend of June 10** will be our first attempt to get that mojo back again and we are so hoping that you will be there. The schedule can be found here—come for the afternoon, spend the night, come back for Lazy Girls' Breakfast—whatever your pleasure. We are working on some vintage merch/swag, you can take a swim or canoe or paddleboard—even get a game of pickleball going. Axe throwing, anyone? **Most importantly we will get the chance to reconnect, reminisce, sing songs, see how camp is doing first hand, and offer suggestions for future gatherings.** We will be **announcing names of everyone who registers** to inspire you—if you aren't already inspired enough about the chance to be at 'Laga on Champlain once again. See you there!!

Can't attend the reunion this year?

Consider donating \$20.23 so that you can continue to support camp from afar

More donor info inside, and we'll catch you at the next one!

TICKETS HERE

REUNION SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SAT JUNE 10

1:00pm Arrival Begins

Afternoon Activities:

waterfront (swimming & some boating); axe throwing; exploring LOGs; camp tours; socializing

5:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Campfire and Songs

(anyone not staying the night dismissed at 8:00pm)

SUN JUNE 11

9:30am Lazy Breakfast

Camp Lounging and Socializing

11:00am Dismissal

All Alumni Welcome, and Welcome to Invite Family and Friends

YOU'RE INVITED

**CAMP HOCHELAGA 2023
ALUMNI REUNION**

JUNE 10 & 11

(suggested ticket prices)

Single Day (Sat PM or Sun AM) \$35

Weekend Daytimes (no overnight) \$65

Full Weekend (overnight included) \$100

WHAT HOCHELAGA MEANS TO YOU

MARY LOU LORD
Alumni Committee Member

Oh those heartfelt essays we were so excited to be asked to write for **Candlelight**. It was an honor to speak and a daunting one at that. It was always a thrill to see who would stand up with their handwritten paper when the time came.

As I look out at the snow, I still remember the excitement of receiving **my Candlelight letter in December**, and then again in January when the iconic **Hochelaga brochure** arrived. I'm currently reading a novel where a male, teen-aged boy cries all the way home from summer camp. I can relate to that.

We all have special memories and feelings reserved just for Hochelaga. How lucky are we to have those! **Please join us in June for the Alumni Reunion.**

Connection is so important in these days of screens, Zooms and Instagram. **If making the journey to VT is not in the cards this year, please join the Camp Hochelaga Alumni Connection (CHAC)**

Facebook page. We would love to hear what you remember about this special place.

Happy New Year to all!



GROWING CAMP COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BARB POULIN LAVOIE
Active Alumni and Donor (Donor of
Poulin-Lavoie Health House)

We all know Camp Hochelaga is a very special place to reconnect and reminisce about sunny days on the shores of Lake Champlain. **How do we give back such that many other campers enjoy the same wonderful days and nights we had?** I had the opportunity to invite my husband to the Centennial Celebration of Hochelaga back in 2019, where **he witnessed the happiness and joy that camp brought me and my fellow campmates.** He immediately wanted to know how we could help continue this great legacy. We all know money is tight and to donate is a big decision, but **please bring your spouse/partner/friend to the upcoming 2023 Hochelaga Alumni Reunion on Saturday, June 10-11th, and consider giving back to Hochelaga.**



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HELP US CHIP AWAY AT OUR WISHLIST!



HELP MAKE HOCHELAGA ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

CHRISTINE PERRY

Camp Director, Former Camper and Counselor

Nearly everyone who's attended Hochelaga understands the shared experience of how this space can nurture growth and self development. **We believe that all children should be able to access the transformative experience that camp can be, and strive to one day be able to offer our camp to all who wish to join - without the barrier of cost.** While we are working to build to this point, we recognize that our current systems are not enough to support our community - as of early February, we've had to close scholarship applications for our 2023 summer due to reaching the funding capacity we currently have to offer. If you're able to, we ask you to consider helping support our 2024 **Circle of Girls+ fund**. We thank everyone who has donated in the past, and anyone who is able to help support our campers this upcoming summer!

CURRENT COST OF CAMP

(lowest tuition tier shown)

Day Camp 1 wk: \$415

1 wk Res Camp: \$1,015

2 wk Res Camp: \$1,800

3 wk Res Camp: \$2,730

Mini Camp: \$600

CIT Program: \$2,300

(to see tuition comparisons, please see also our Annual Report)

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR ALUMNI COMMITTEE

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Alumni Committee Head

Help to **plan future reunions**, work on **alumni communication**, help find alums who are still unlocated. Hochelaga's alumni are why Hochelaga still exists—so **be a part of the alumni forward momentum!** Meetings are the **4th Tuesday of the month from 6.15-7pm via Zoom**. We would love to have you!

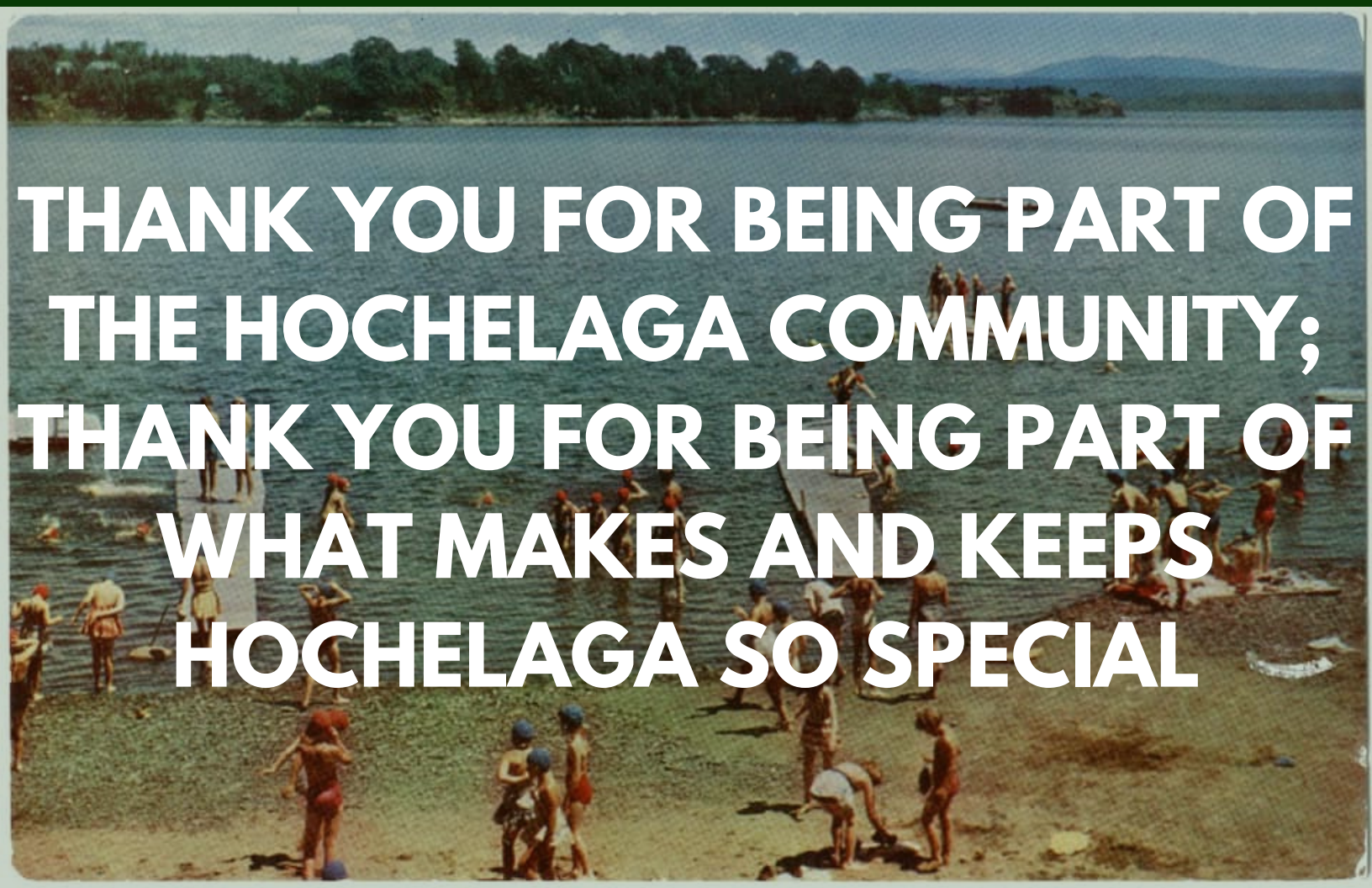
"HEY KITCHEN BOY"

RICK COUTURE

Former Staff Member

I know you might find this hard to believe but that phrase always brings back such fond memories of my time working as a kitchen boy. **It has been over 45 years since my experience at Hochelaga yet in many ways it feels like only months have passed.** I remember, like it was yesterday, my first day working in the kitchen, helping prep the dining hall and meals for the campers to come in and enjoy. After the first meal when a dining room full of campers broke out in song and then started to shout out for the kitchen boys to join in I thought, "OMG what have I signed up for (especially this kitchen boy who could not carry a tune to save his life)". However **I soon learned that the enthusiasm, energy, and joy exhibited by those campers at meal time, were at the heart of what makes Hochelaga such a special place.** It did not take long before I started looking forward to experiencing that energy (though I still did not do much singing) at every meal as it helped me approach my job with a positive outlook. I realize that the workings in the kitchen area are not the most glamorous part of Hochelaga, yet **I feel strongly that what I did as a kitchen boy was in support of the campers and staff at Hochelaga and contributed to their positive experience.**

We are always looking for amazing role models to join our staff community at Hochelaga. If you or someone in your life are looking for a memorable and developmental experience for your summer, please consider [applying to join our staff team](#) or applying to join our [Counselor in Training \(CIT\) Program](#) (entering junior year of high school).



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