



## THE SMALL POINT SUMMER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## President's Letter

I HAD A CHANCE TO RUN UP TO SMALL POINT THIS WEEK, and it reminded me once again, as my early season visits always do, why all of us work so hard to keep the Summer School the great place that it is. The grass is turning green and the buildings and grounds are looking surprisingly good after another long (but mercifully mild) winter.

This year, like years past, has been busy with behind the scenes preseason preparations and the SPSS Board and staff work together to ensure that we'll all have another great summer in Small Point. As some of you may already have heard, Nellie Coes will be taking up the reins at the Summer School this summer, assuming the director's position after two great seasons under John Herrigel's and Ben Lewis's leadership. (We're pleased to report that both John and Ben will continue to contribute their energy and talents to SPSS this summer.)

Nellie will be ably supported by the indefatigable Will Eberle, who will serve as assistant director. Will and Nellie have been busy the past few months planning, preparing, cooking up great new ideas, and making sure everything is ready to go in June.

The number of campers attending Summer School has been steadily increasing as the Small Point community has grown. SPSS has always offered an alternative to more formal and rigidly organized camp experiences, and we deeply value this tradition. But we also recognize the value of clear structure and efficient systems, and the safety, comfort, and happiness of our campers are paramount concerns. This summer we are going to be



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## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

# Hello!

My name is Nellie Coes and I'm really excited to be directing the Small Point Summer School this summer. I attended the Summer School myself and worked here as a counselor, and my two children, Gus (10) and Poppy (8) are also SPSS campers.

I met my closest friends in life at the Small Point Summer School, and I know that many others before and after me have had the same experience. I hope to keep this tradition alive, and to make the experiences of our campers this summer as memorable and magical as can be.

To those of you who already know me I say thanks in advance for your encouragement and support. To those whom I haven't yet met, I look forward to getting to know you and welcoming you into the SPSS family.

I am honored and delighted to have this opportunity!

Thank you,  
—Nellie Coes



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focused on making sure that we provide appropriate levels of staffing, and that our counselors are capable, competent, and fully trained.

To do this we're going to need your help. In order for us to make sure we have the necessary staff, we need to plan ahead, and we are asking families who know they'll be participating in Summer School to pre-register. (Registration forms are attached to this newsletter

and are available for download at <[www.smallpointsummerschool.org](http://www.smallpointsummerschool.org)>.) Pre-registration will help guarantee that we are prepared to offer the best possible experience for your kids. We have most of last year's staff already signed up for a return engagement, and we're all anticipating another great summer.

It's only a month or so until our Memorial Day clean up, when we open the doors wide, clean out the cobwebs,

rake the leaves, and get the place spruced up and ready for action again. Warm weather has come early this year, and it won't be long before we can spend a nice day at SPSS catching up with old friends and making new memories. I can't wait, and I look forward to seeing you all this summer.

Thanks so much for your continuing support. We truly, truly couldn't do this without you! —Grey Terry

# 2012 Season Preview

## Program Overview

We've got a great season planned, packed with the usual assortment of activities and events—and probably a few surprises! As the President's Letter noted, we're really trying to get ahead of our staffing this year so that we can ensure that we'll always have the right number of counselors on hand. To help us achieve this goal, we have eliminated the a la carte "one day at a time, picking and choosing" enrollment option. We are offering full week enrollments only, and we are asking that kids who enroll in a program for a week make every possible effort to attend all sessions of that program. We are also hoping that families who already know their summer plans will register in advance for SPSS. Pre-registration forms are attached to this newsletter and are available for download at <[www.smallpointsummerschool.org](http://www.smallpointsummerschool.org)>.

Finally, we'd like to request that campers' tuitions be paid in full at the time of enrollment (on Monday mornings) each week. This will help enormously with our bookkeeping and accounting, and we really appreciate your understanding.

This year's programs, age groups, and tuition levels are described below, followed by a weekly schedule.



## Summer 2012 Program Descriptions:

### Explorers

Explorers (ages 4 to 7) will enjoy visiting the beach, building fairy houses, exploring Small Point and Phippsburg, reading and being read to, making arts and crafts projects, playing games, and cooking and baking.

Tuition: \$115/week

### Beginners Tennis

Kids enrolled in Beginners Tennis (ages 4 to 7) will be introduced to the basics of the game while having fun playing tennis-skills games and beginning to learn how to interact with other players on the court.

Tuition: \$115/week

### Beginners Sailing

This is a basic introduction to sailing and watersports for kids aged 4 to 7. We'll learn to feel confident and comfortable on the water while getting

acquainted with the fundamentals of sailboats and sailing using our fleet of Optimist dinghies.

Tuition: \$30/week

### Adventurers

Again this year our Adventurers program for kids aged 8 to 14 will combine the best of SPSS: arts projects, exploring nature, taking beach hikes, cooking, playing tennis, sailing, enjoying various water sports and playing games, so that campers have an opportunity to engage in a variety of activities every week.

Tuition: \$115/week

### Advanced Tennis

Advanced Tennis is for campers who are ready to compete at a more challenging level, playing matches with and against players with similar skills. Individualized coaching and a focus on techniques will help all players improve their game.

Tuition: \$30/week

### Advanced Sailing

In our Advanced Sailing program sailors aged 8 to 14 who already have a bit of salt in their veins and are interested in competition will hone their skills in 420 Class and Small Pointer races, while other older sailors may choose to focus on recreational sailing in our fleet of Optis. As always, our emphasis will be on safety and feeling comfortable on the water.

Tuition: \$120/week

### Navigators

Our Navigators program (for campers aged 13 and up) engages older campers in afternoon adventures around Small Point and beyond. They will play tennis, sail, and enjoy water sports, hiking, and myriad other activities.

Tuition: \$115/week

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## Important Dates

Memorial Day Clean-Up .....	Saturday May 26 from 9:00am to 12:00pm (please bring tools!)
SPSS Opening Day.....	Monday June 25
July Play.....	Friday July 27
August Play.....	Thursday and Friday August 9 and 10
SPSS Last Day .....	Friday August 17
Summer Fundraiser .....	Saturday August 18

## SPSS 2012 Program Schedule:

*Explorers*  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

*Advanced Sailing*  
Monday, Tuesday, Friday  
1:00PM - 4:00PM

*Beginners Tennis*  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:15AM - 9:00AM

*Navigators*  
Monday, Tuesday, Friday  
1:00PM - 4:00PM

*Beginners Sailing*  
Tuesday  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

*Thursday Trips*  
Thursday  
10:00AM - 3:00PM

*Adventurers*  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

*Movie Night*  
Wednesday  
6:00PM - 7:30PM

*Advanced Tennis*  
Tuesday  
9:00AM - 12:00PM



## Counselors-in-Training

Would you like to join the Summer School team? If you are entering 10th grade in the fall and are interested in being part of our CIT program, please email Nellie at <[smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com](mailto:smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com)>. CIT's will work with director, assistant director and counselors to help plan, organize and run morning programs. Minimum time commitment is one month.

## Thursday Programs

Our ever popular Thursday trips will return in 2012, allowing the entire Summer School to participate together on full day field trips to Seguin and the Basin, hiking over Morse Mountain, and other adventures. Ages 7 and older (5 and 6 year olds are welcome if accompanied by an adult.)

Tuition: \$50/trip

## Beach Campout

The Summer School's annual beach campout is becoming a tradition. We'll do it again this summer on a Wednesday night in late July – exact date to be determined. Ask at registration or check our website ([www.smallpointsummer school.org](http://www.smallpointsummer school.org)) for details.

## Movie Nights

We'll be showing great family movies (for ages 5 and up) every Wednesday night in Brad's Barn. Snacks and refreshments will be sold before and during the show.  
Admission \$5.00

# Program Reports

## Tennis Program Report

What a crazy winter! We've been playing tennis outside for all but a few weeks – I can't remember ever having a year like this before. But it's still exciting to think about getting the SPSS courts ready and preparing for another summer of tennis in Small Point.

Our tennis program has been expanding over the past few summers, both in numbers and in energy. We're looking forward to another great season with returning enthusiasts and new faces mixing it up across the nets. This year we're also hoping that some of our community's tennis "mentors" of all ages will offer to step up and lead a workshop or two at the Summer School. The experience should be both fun and rewarding, and who knows, you might find yourself paired up with a future August tournament champion!

—Sarah Hoffman



## Sailing Program Report

Ahoj mates! This year will see some exciting improvements to the SPSS sailing program, with the overall goals of improved instruction, increased safety, and enhanced fun. We're committed to providing happy and memorable experiences on the water for campers of all ages and skill levels.

John Herrigel, former SPSS director and alumni sailing instructor, will be coming out of semi-retirement to join an already fantastic staff as sailing program director. In that capacity he will oversee instructors, do some instructing himself, keep all the boats and gear shipshape, and ensure that the program stays on an even keel all summer long. The dynamic duo of Adam and Molly Koski will again be our core crew, joined by returning sailing instructor Myles Everett. An instructor yet to be named will round out our team of five able-bodied seapersons. The programming days will remain the same, but our fleet will be split between beginners and intermediate/advanced sailors, with beginning sailors learning up the branch in calmer, more protected waters, while our more advanced sailors will enjoy 420, Small Pointer, and Laser action down by Goose Rocks. Watch out SPYC skippers...the SPSS sailing team will be gunning for you all season long!  
—John Herrigel



## Drama Program Report

SPSS is delighted to welcome back veteran theatrical director Debba Curtis and musical director Crystal Cawley, for the summer 2012 Small Point Summer School productions of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. This year's drama program will operate on a condensed production timetable that we hope will allow more campers to participate.  
**PLEASE NOTE THE DATES!**

As we did so successfully last year, our July performance will again feature selected scenes and songs from the August production. All children are invited to participate and learn the songs and scenes during late afternoon rehearsals the week of July 23. An informal performance will be offered in the early evening of Friday, July 27th.

In August, Ms. Curtis will direct a full-up adaptation of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* to be performed on the evenings of THURSDAY August 9th and FRIDAY August 10th. Auditions (and song learning) will occur on July 30th and 31st and on August 1st. Children may join the chorus through August 6th. While older campers will likely be cast in larger parts, all SPSS campers able to maintain focus during early evening rehearsals up to six days a week are welcome. Additional rehearsals will be held as required.

[Note: Fees for participation in the July and August plays are not included in standard SPSS tuition and will be charged separately. The July play fee will be \$50/child and the August play fee will be \$150/child.]

—Sarah Sewall

# Development and Fundraising

## Annual Fund

Many thanks to the following people who contributed \$25,847.07 towards our 2011 Annual fund! Your annual support helps to cover the operational costs of the SPSS and is greatly appreciated.

John and Peggy Adams  
Susan Ascher and Paul Kalb  
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Astrid Williams  
Christopher Williams and Sarah Cecil  
Craig and Jane Williams  
Anne Winter  
Jeffrey and Serena Winters

### **SPSS Summer Fundraiser**

Mark your calendars for the annual SPSS Summer Fundraiser, to be held this year on Saturday August 18th.

The Fun Run will again start at the Club tennis courts and finish on Little Beach below the Club. Start time is 8:00 AM. The time to beat this year is 27:07!

Contribution: \$25.00 per runner.

New this year will be the first annual SPSS pet show, staged on the Summer School's tennis courts. Bring your furry (or scaly or feathered) companions to see how they match up against the best our community has to offer. Pets will be evaluated by discerning and impartial (and absolutely unqualified) judges on the basis of behavior, grooming and general cuteness, so have your treats handy. Contrary to popular belief, Labrador retrievers will not have any inherent advantage, and absolutely no bribing of judges with treats will be permitted!

Contribution: \$5.00 per contestant.

On Saturday evening our community potluck supper at the Summer School will start at 6:00PM, followed by contra dancing and music until midnight. Beer and wine will be available for purchase to those over 21 years of age. You don't want to miss this wonderful community-wide inter-generational event!

Contribution: \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under





### Preregistration Forms

Registration forms for this summer's programs are attached. Completed forms can be mailed to:

Nellie Coes  
Director  
Small Point Summer School  
PO Box 58  
Phippsburg, ME 04562

Or emailed to:  
[<smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com>](mailto:<smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com>)

Additional forms are available for download at:  
[www.smallpointsummerschool.org](http://www.smallpointsummerschool.org)

### Memorial Garden

The Summer School's Memorial Garden offers a wonderful way to remember a loved one while supporting SPSS. We hope you'll consider adding the name of a loved one to the circle of engraved stones that form the heart of this peaceful and beautiful space. For more information please Contact Grey Terry at 207899-1997 or <[writetegrey@yahoo.com](mailto:writetegrey@yahoo.com)> for more information.

### Community Calendar

The 2012/2013 Small Point Summer School Community Calendar is available again this year, handsomely illustrated with fabulous photos of the local environs taken by Small Pointers and their friends. The calendar also features low tide times for the entire year. Copies will be available for \$20.00 at the Summer School and the Small Point Club starting on Memorial Day.

### Community Directory

2013 Small Point Community Directory order forms will be mailed to everyone currently listed in mid-May. Renewals are due by July 4th. If anyone has moved or changed addresses, contact Leslie Belz at <[llbelz@aol.com](mailto:llbelz@aol.com)> with your updated information. Also, we have a few remaining copies of this year's directory, in case you still need one.

### Call for Volunteers

SPSS is always looking for community members with special skills or knowledge and/or Small Point stories and memories they'd be willing to share with campers. Bridging generations and bringing our community together is at the heart of our mission, and we're eager to make this a feature of the Summer School experience. If you're interested, please contact Nellie Coes or Will Eberle at <[smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com](mailto:smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com)>.