

SPSS SPRING NEWSLETTER

Director's Report

Malcolm Coates

Hello Small Pointers and welcome to another SPSS season! I hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits and enjoying the sweet taste of spring. Here in Maine, as far as spring goes, we continue to wait, not so patiently! The snow is gone however (at least for today) and the SPSS grounds are poised for another year. Camp opens this year on Monday June, 29th and closes Friday Aug.21st. No doubt, these lean financial times have affected our community. SPSS will be doing its best to keep programs affordable to all, while at the same time making responsible budgetary adjustments. As a result, there will be no tuition increase this year. At the same time we will be freezing all counselor salaries, not implementing the yearly incremental raise we have offered in the past. From a program prospective, we will not be offering the three day "Adventure Bound" program. It just didn't make sense financially and from a schedule perspective.

We do have some exciting scheduling and program additions. Firstly, as those of you who attend SPSS in August know, it can be mayhem! Programs are full to the brim, ages vary widely within them

and age appropriate curriculum becomes compromised. Therefore, this year we will be experimenting with a full day program, in which, ages 4-7 attend SPSS in the morning and 8 and up attend in the afternoon. All the same programs will be available. Because we are in the planning and tinkering stage, doing this in August without a practice run, would make things crazier than they already are! So, we will pilot this schedule during first two weeks of July. As always, your feedback is essential. Feel free to send comments and suggestions! Secondly, we are offering a two week intensive sailing program beginning Monday July 27 and culminating in a Regatta Thursday August 6th. This is available to children ages 8 -14, and will involve daily classes. Please contact me to sign up. Each new year brings sad goodbyes to some counselors, yet opens the door for new counselors to shine. In Explorers, neither Catherine Keith, nor Katrina Tober will be able to return. Both did a fantastic job last year.

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Annual Summer School Fundraiser: SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, August 8, 2009

"Someone Else's Treasure" yard sale in the afternoon, followed by a potluck appreciation supper for our much loved SPSS Director Malcolm Coates. A repeat performance by one of last year's bands, "Flying Blind", will provide great music and dancing for all from 7:00pm-11:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email Martie Janeway at mjaneway@bowdoin.edu. Put aside your unwanted treasures as you spring clean. Drop them off at Elena Vandervoort's barn on Saturday mornings during July between 9:00am and 11:00am.

Stay posted for further details!

Director's Report Continued

Though their tenure was short, my hope is that they will make an appearance in the future. As a result, Charlotte Baynard will be heading Explorers. Charlotte needs no introduction having headed Arts/Nature last year, and having been an Explorers counselor for three years previously. Joining Charlotte and all of last year's staff will be Ben Lewis. Ben is a long time Explorer's counselor from years past and we are so fortunate to have him returning. Welcome back Ben!! Phoebe Ijams will head Arts/Nature. After a one year sabbatical, we are so happy to have her back amongst us ! Unfortunately, Isabel Farrington will not be returning in order to pursue her photography. Good luck Isabel! Thanks also to Peggy Peacock, who will again lead the nature part of the program with unparalleled enthusiasm and expertise! In sailing, Simon Vickory will step down as head counselor, but will continue to be an important member of the sailing team. Simon did a great job leading our young sailors last year and many prior. We're fortunate to have the continuity he provides as we add a strong racing element to our program. To help with that transition, I'd like

to introduce Byron Malcom. Byron is a teacher at Mt. Ararat High School in Brunswick. He recently headed the Menahant Sailing School in Falmouth, Maine. Byron brings with him not just racing experience, but experience teaching kids to race as well, and we welcome him to our already stellar staff!

Tennis will again be headed this year by Sam Hyland. After a year on the college circuit, Sam will have return with new experiences and expertise to share. After many years leading on and off court games, I'm sad to say that Harry "The Rover" Hoffman will not be returning. Many thanks to Harry for the years of fun he provided! Otherwise, all of last year's tennis counselors are in place!

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions, comments or concerns. Also, any pre-registration is very much appreciated. (See enclosed form for special events.) I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all in a few months!

Tennis

We had a wonderful tennis season last summer, highlighted by great counselors! They were helped by Kevin, a tennis pro from Maine Pines, who will offer some training again this summer. We hope that you in the community will offer your help as well, perhaps giving a workshop on your favorite stroke? Because we anticipate a continued increase in young players (hurray!), we want to make sure we have enough court space. Towards that end we're going to try some creative scheduling. Stay tuned!

Sarah Hoffman

2010 Winter Address Book

Renewal letters will be available Memorial Day weekend for pickup at the Community Meeting, with the remainder mailed the following week. All updates & orders for the 2010 Book are **DUE BY JULY 4TH**, please! The **2009 Summer Listing** will be available at SPSS on Memorial Day weekend and at the SPC when their season opens. Liza Chandler LizaChan@maine.rr.com

Sailing

Spring is here so it's not much longer until we're back on the water. We continue to work on improving our sailing program to assure it meets the needs of our campers. Any suggestions or feedback about the program is always welcomed and encouraged.

We will once again try to organize a mini-regatta for our campers with the help of our friends in the Small Point Yacht Club. Maybe this season the weather will cooperate. We also plan to offer a special sailing clinic with emphasis on racing. Byron Malcolm, **our head sailing instructor this summer**, will be organizing the clinic. More details will follow

as we get them worked out. If the clinic is successful, we hope to make it a permanent part of our program.

In an effort to improve safety within in the program, we are encouraging all of our sailing counselors to take "America's Boating Course" offered by the US Power Squadron (www.usps.org). This is a self directed course with testing locations throughout the country. This should make it ideal for wedging into busy schedules. We will reimburse our counselors for taking the course.

We are looking forward to another summer with smiling sailors chasing the breezes around the harbor.

Chad Koski

Drama

We are excited for another summer of fun and acting in Small Point. This summer we will have two great plays being directed by Brady Kirchberg and Sydney Harnett. Each play was carefully selected to provide a great experience for all the children involved. These plays can not be put on without the support of the community and we at the summer school would like to thank all of you who have helped in the past. We look forward to continued support from the community in 2009. Please read the director's notes below to learn more about this summers great plays.

July

Director Sydney Harnett

The younger children's play will be "The Story of Babar" which I am sure most of you know. This will involve many monkeys, birds and other animals of the Great Forest on stage as well as elephants.

We've also been promised that we can regard that week before the play as "Drama Week" which means the children will devote the mornings as well as 2 hours in the afternoon to learning what it means to put together a production, however simple.

In addition to acting I hope to teach children what it means to put on a play. We will learn about acting, speech, scenery, costumes, makeup, technical support (lights, etc.), music and sound effects. And we will learn by doing.

As parents, please don't go out and buy anything in the way of costumes. We will use what we already have or make our own which is the old-fashioned Small Point way."

Check SPSS schedule for dates. Luckily this year the play will be on a Saturday night.

August

Grey Terry

Director Brady Kirchberg

Here in New York the weather has been a tease of spring-to-come, sunny days and then back to winter spells. But even a taste is enough to get me thinking about enjoying the phenomenal summer weather in Small Point we have all come to love. "Like mother, like son" is a phrase you don't hear that often--if at all!--but in this instance it certainly rings true: I'm happy to say that I have the great opportunity to direct this year's August Small Point Summer School production.

After looking through numerous plays, tried and true, old and new, musical and...well, non-musical, I've come back to one that some of you may recognize, which seems to be a great choice for a number of reasons. This year, I will be directing Delia Ephron, John Forster and Judith Kahan's musical, "How to Eat Like a Child." This is a fantastic one act revue that covers a comedic array of universal topics and is presented in lesson form, with lessons ranging from "How to Beg for a Dog" to "How to Torture Your Sister." In addition to directing a fun, funny, and inclusive show, I'm hoping it will bring out a little of the kid in all of us! Looking forward to seeing and working with many of you this summer. In the meantime, take care, and enjoy the rest of your year!

The Time has Come...

when, sadly, we have to find a replacement for our beloved director, Malcolm, who is retiring after this summer.

If you are interested, or know someone from outside the Small Point community who might be interested, please have them email their resume to Abbie Rowley at abrowley@verizon.net or fax it to her at 610-328-0204 before Memorial Day.

Although a teaching background would be helpful, it is more important that the individual(s) love children, have some knowledge of the Small Point "culture", have organizational skills, flexibility, patience and a sense of humor. In other words, we're looking for a saint.

Feeling daunted?? Don't be. Malcolm will help train you. Any questions can be directed to Abbie at the email address above or to Martie Janeway at martiejaneway@gmail.com.

President's Report

Lynne Mitchell

Happy Spring Small Pointers and Summer Schoolers! I met with Malcolm a couple of weekends ago in Small Point and mud season is in full bloom. (Watch out if you drive on the dirt roads!) I witnessed lots of patchy snow, clear skies, and small flower buds about to embark on their colorful journey. So, yes indeed, summer is coming to Maine.

Malcolm is busy putting his final touches on hiring the summer staff. You'll see some new faces and familiar faces and we know they will provide your kids with a fun and adventurous smattering of activities. Don't forget—this is Malcolm's last summer as SPSS director, so we hope to make it his busiest and bestest yet! We welcome your thoughts and suggestions to help us mark his important contributions to the SPSS experience.

For all of you generous donors from last summer's festivities, please rest assured.

Your contributions sat quietly in the bank over the winter months and didn't get gobbled up in the market roller coaster. That being said, the board is taking a cautious approach to any building and grounds improvements until it appears that the worst is over. Instead, we hope to focus on programming improvements to better accommodate our growing population. Malcolm's report outlines some of the improvements we hope to implement. We encourage you to provide us with feedback as we attempt to manage this tricky process.

We have some board member changes coming up this year, so if you would like to volunteer your time, energy, enthusiasm, and expertise please let us know. We will be reviewing what "holes" need to be filled and how best to fill them.

We hope to see some of you for our annual spring clean-up on Memorial Day weekend. Until then, may the temperature and economy continue to improve!

SPSS MOUNTAIN 7K RUN AND BRUNCH AUGUST 8TH

We're bringing back the SPSS Small Marathon! Join your friends from Small Point for a run or walk up over the mountain, down the beach culminating with a festive brunch at the Club. The Small Point Summer School mountain fun run will start at the Club Road tennis courts. It's exactly 4.4 miles (7k) from the start, down 216, up the Morse Mountain Road down the beach and finishing across the river in front of the club. Enjoy low tide with the gulls while you ramble down Seawall Beach. Prizes awarded for best costume, most elegant walkers, youngest, eldest and of course fastest rabbits. Entry fee \$25, Troll bridge fee included; SPC brunch optional.

The fun starts at 8:00am and brunch will run from 9 - 10:30.

Building and Grounds: Let's Not Beat Around the Bush

Spring is here again, and things are greening up as usual, with the exception of our '09 economy. For years the Small Point community and rotating SPSS board members have worked together to fundraise dollars to support and enhance a summer school experience that continues to be wonderfully unique and a source of pride and identity for us all. I hope that will never change.

What does have to change is the SPSS board's approval of costly expansions to existing SPSS facilities. Over recent years we have authorized many improvements to SPSS buildings, but now we have decided it is in the best interest of the Small Point community to wait and watch the direction of building costs and our investments before approving any more large expenditures. Thank you so much for your continued support that we will depend on even more during

these challenging economic times.

Oh, and please come to SPSS buildings and grounds clean up day over memorial weekend if you'll be around! Bring rakes, weed whackers, clippers, even chain saws, if you have them. Every year we depend on volunteers to spruce up the grounds and get ready for summer, and the more people the better, and so much more fun!

Peg Daly

2009 SPSS Schedule and Events

Summer School Schedule

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| Week 1 | June 29-July 3 |
| Week 2 | July 6-10 |
| Week 3 | July 13-18 |
| Week 4 | July 20-24 |
| Week 5 | July 27-31 |
| Week 6 | August 3-7 |
| Week 7 | August 10-14 |
| Week 8 | August 17-21 |

Important Events:

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| Spring Clean-up | Saturday, May 23 |
| July Play | Saturday, July 18 |
| Regatta Sailing | July 27-August 7 |
| Drop off items @ Elena's barn for Rummage sale | July 25 & August 1 |
| FUN RUN | August 8 (am) |
| Rummage Sale | August 8 (pm) |
| Lite Dinner & Music | August 8 (evening) |
| Tennis Tournament | August 8-16 |
| August Play | August 15 & 16 |
| Last day of 2009 Summer School | August 21st |

Memorial Day: SPRING CLEAN-UP

Come one, come all!
Bring your rakes and clippers, shovels, and trimmers.
Join us for the annual spring clean-up at SPSS.

Saturday, May 23, 9 AM-Noon

SPSS 2008 Annual Fund Donor List

Thanks to your tremendous response in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Summer School, we have raised

\$46,460 for the 2008 Annual Fund. We wish to thank the

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