



**Camp Exclamation
Point, Inc.**

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Annual Report 2022

CARNIVAL!

Every year the campers and staff are treated to a Carnival that the Teen Leadership Program (TLP) designs, creates, produces, and runs for the rest of CAMP!

The theme this year was Renaissance Festival! Among the games that the Teen Leaders created was Jousting, Medieval Horse Racing, Dress the Dragon, and Fortune Telling.

It is an amazing thing to see the project planning skills that the Teens master to put on a celebration for the rest of CAMP!. They do a ton of work to put this on every year, and the rest of CAMP! love them for it! Thank you TLP!



Moore from the Director

As adults, we can forget the innocence and purity of childhood. Children are a reminder of the beauty and simplicity of life, unencumbered by the weight of responsibility and the complexities of the world. They remind us of the importance of living in the moment and cherishing the little things in life. As we grow older, we tend to become more jaded and cynical, losing sight of the wonder and awe that once filled our hearts. But children remind us to keep that sense of wonder alive. They remind us to be kind, to be curious, and to be brave.

At CAMP! the volunteer staff all strive to be the best role models we can be for the campers and to create a world that is worthy of their innocence and their dreams.

It is my honor to continue to serve CAMP! as the Director. I cannot wait to see what special world we create for the campers to cherish in 2023!

Scott Moore, Managing Director

Meet the Board!

**ED PAQUIN****RUSS HUMPHREY****ALAN GRAHAM****ERIC THOMAS****EMILY GIBBS**

With over 200 years of volunteer service at CAMP! our Board of Directors are the behind the scenes people whose work often gets overlooked. They meet to plan, raise money, and provide support to everyone involved in the program, all year long!

Their passion, expertise, and tireless efforts to guide and support the organization are truly invaluable. Their contributions have played a critical role in our success and we are grateful for all that you do.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for being an essential part of our team.

CAMP! would not be CAMP! without you.!

**ERIN SHEA****JESSYCA NELLE****KEEGAN SULLIVAN****MELANIE KENION****SHELBY SULLIVAN**

2022 Financials

Revenue	FY 2022 FY 2022	
	Budget	Actual
Grants	\$22,000	\$19,250
Special Events	\$7,500	\$17,284
Individual Contributions	\$17,000	\$17,821
Board Member Fundraising Campaign	\$5,000	\$5,660
Summer Food Service Program	\$2,000	\$2,745
Program Fees	\$3,000	\$1,550
CD Interest	\$100	\$170
Total Revenues	\$56,600	\$64,480

Operating Expenses

Administration	\$12,000	\$11,100
Direct Programming & Supplies	\$25,860	\$29,766
Fees (Accounting & Misc.)	\$820	\$480
Fund Raising	\$500	\$494
Insurance	\$3,100	\$3,100
Life Guard Certification	\$1,000	\$365
Office Supplies	\$500	\$352
Operational Reserve	\$2,500	\$10,000
Postage	\$300	\$0
Printing Costs	\$600	\$0
Storage Rental	\$1,440	\$2,998
Telephone/Internet	\$980	\$1,775
Transportation	\$7,000	\$275
Total Expenses	\$56,600	\$60,705

We would like to thank the Board of Directors for their service to CAMP! Every year the Board pledges to raise about 10% of the overall budget of our program. This is accomplished through fundraising efforts led by each Board member. Although not required in order to be a Board member, members of the Board will often donate money out of their own pockets. In addition to their financial donations, members of the Board volunteer at CAMP! every August. Their actions certainly show how much they believe in the value of our program.



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This year, it really felt more like CAMP! After missing 2020 and restructuring our schedule for 2021, this summer's CAMP! returned to a familiar pace. And we couldn't have done it without a dedicated group of over 80 volunteers who shared their time, their energy, their talents, and their caring spirit with the campers who gathered in Thetford during the third week of August.



We are ever grateful for all that our staff give to camp, and for our donors who give funding, services or supplies. The magic of camp can only happen because of you!

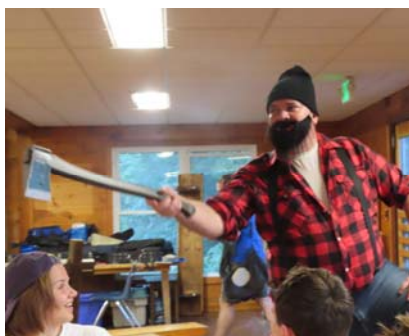


After a whirlwind staff training, campers arrived bursting with spirit on August 14th. Grouped into four pods and our Teen Leadership Program, they got to know each other and their enthusiastic counselors and programming staff through games and core programming activities over the first day and a half. Campers experienced an introduction to art, natural science, boating, and swimming, while also receiving two brand new books, thanks to our cherished long-term partners at CLiF, the [Children's Literacy Foundation](#).

Our CAMP! musicians led us through songs new and old, while our fabulous kitchen staff filled bellies with nutritious and delicious food, much of it locally-sourced. Watching over it all, our health center staff helped us stay safe and healthy. It Campers choose most of the activities they participate in throughout the week, led by staff members who dream up fun and diverse program offerings.

No week at camp is complete without a session of bilge wars in canoes, or creating something special in the art room, like a colorful tie-dyed shirt, a rubber band bracelet, or a marvelous mask. We had archery at the range, sports on the field and yoga on paddle boards. Tiny terrariums captured a wee bit of the he forest while pirates practiced their “yarrrrrs.” There were board games, Dungeons and Dragons campaigns, and improv games that kept campers thinking – and laughing – on their feet.

We learned all about trees while keeping Paul Bunyan at bay during Monday Night’s activity with our dining hall tables.



Tuesday night the campers got to choose even more Choices!

Wednesday was Storytelling Night, thanks to our longtime friend Simon Brooks, the return of Vermont legend Tim Jennings, and our new friend Andrea Kamens. Thursday saw the campers gathered in their pods around their own campfires as they got to celebrate as a pod. This tradition allows the campers to reflect and have some fun with their new, and now lifetime friends.

Friday featured the egg drop challenge followed by our signature carnival. Organized and built by our Teen Leadership Program, it’s a whirlwind of games, pizza and ice cream that helps close out the week. This year the theme was Renaissance Fair!



Our final assembly included singing our favorite songs, and the graduation ceremony where our Teen Leaders moved up in the ranks to come back next year as Junior Counselots. The campers laughed and cried and looked back at the week through Great Scott’s touching annual slide show. Walking out into night, past the flickering ice candles, we hug and hold tight to the memories of another magical week, all made possible by our loving volunteers. Thanks again, and see you in 2023!

Ways to Help

If you are interested in supporting CAMP!, there are numerous ways to help. We are always looking for volunteer staff for camp week in August, and positions range from kitchen staff to group counselors to lifeguards. You or your company may donate products or services to CAMP! Past supporters have included Crossroads Farm, Ben & Jerry's, CLiF, O'Bread, Ledge View Maple, and Shelburne Farms.

Financial support is always welcome as well. Even with a primarily volunteer staff and a variety of donated supplies from local organizations, it still costs CAMP! \$450 for one child to attend for the week. That includes transportation between home and camp, food, lodging, and activity supplies.

Camper families are only asked to cover a \$30 registration fee, which is waived in cases of financial hardship.

Did you know?

- * It costs \$450 to send one camper to CAMP! for the week.
- * It costs \$75 to send one camper to CAMP! for a day.
- * Camper families are asked to cover only a \$30 registration fee.
- * About half of our Camper's registration fees are covered by their individual school counselors.
- * CAMP! is a tax exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

You can make your tax-deductible check payable to:

CAMP!

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Or you can donate online through our website at:

www.campexclamationpoint.org

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If you have questions please feel free to call us toll free at:

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CAMP! MAIL!



CAMP! mail is a fun and exciting way for the campers and staff to connect all week long. Making personalized cards and handwritten notes keeps the Art Room Busy at all times of the day. Designing and decorating creates the personal touch to make every recipient feel special.

This year we set some records! We had the longest piece of mail, mail with the largest dimensions, and even the tiniest piece of mail that had to be read using a microscope. The Teen Leaders even had a special delivery for our Program Director Eric. They delivered Great Scott! Postage Due!

Thank you to each and every one of our donors that have supported us for so many years. Our program could not survive if it were not for the continued generosity of these wonderful people!

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Our Mission

Camp Exclamation Point, Inc. provides continuity and community to underserved, rural Vermont children through a week-long residential summer camp.

Our History

CAMP! was founded in 1991 by staff members from a discontinued government-funded camp for children of migrant workers. They were committed to providing continuity for the children they had been working with, and created Camp Exclamation Point, Inc. as a way to meet that need.