



Laurel Leaves



Fleur de Lis Camp Alumnae Newsletter

Spring 2017



Thanks for a great #FDLMonth!

Our second annual #FDLMonth was another huge success! Thanks to all who submitted photos, shared on Facebook, liked on Instagram, and got together with your Fleur de Lis friends.

In 2016, we started a new tradition where, instead of hosting an “in-real-life” event in New England, we encouraged everyone in our Fleur de Lis community to participate in #FDLMonth. #FDLMonth is a month-long social media and digital campaign that encourages our community to gather wherever you are and host your own winter event! The basic idea is to reconnect with Fleur de Lis alumnae, family, parents, and campers in your area, then take a photo and use the hashtag #FDLMonth when sharing on social media.

During our first year trying #FDLMonth, over 40 people participated, sending us photos from all over: New England, Thailand, Colorado, and more! Doing a “virtual event” like #FDLMonth puts the power of technology in your hands, giving you a great reason to get together with people you share amazing memories with.

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More #FDLMonth:



Lady Nurse Service Day 2017

This year, we will celebrate our 6th Lady Nurse Service Day event on Saturday, June 10. We remember the service, fellowship, and love that Lady Diane Haessler—Lady Nurse—gave to camp and to generations of campers. Beginning last year, we have transitioned the day to be a bit longer and include more service to camp to get ready for the summer season.

Richard is always BUSY in the spring, and he could use a lot of help—and we'd like to give it to him. We're hoping to gather a larger crowd this year and invite brothers, fathers, partners, uncles, aunts, sisters, and anyone else to join us to accomplish some large tasks at camp, like putting up the platform tent canvases!

We'll start at 10am, provide lunch at 12pm—hot dogs, hamburgers and picnic sides!—and finish by 3pm or when we've finished our projects! Some of the projects that we have in mind are listed below:

- Platform Tents' Canvases up on all the platforms
- Mulch around the Dining Hall and Director's House
- Rake the path to the Point
- Move all the boats from winter storage for summer use
- Paint
- Make the Farmhouse guest beds
- Organize old camp photos
- Bleach the stone alter
- Rake away leaves at the rifle range



We're sure there will be more by the time the day arrives as our buildings need opening and sweeping and camp needs a nice hug and a bunch of love to get it ready for the summer season! Please feel free to wear clothing that can get dirty or paint on it as well as bring work gloves, personal garden tools (loppers, rake, wheelbarrow) and any other things you can think of to assist with our growing list of tasks!

And a BIG THANK YOU to Ladies Bridget Scollan & Sarah Coburn who have again volunteered to help coordinate this service day. We hope to see you and a friend at Lady Nurse Service Day! Please email either Lady Sarah Coburn (sarah.coburn2@gmail.com) Or Lady Bridget Scollan (bscollan@gmail.com) to RSVP by June 6th.

Lady Sarah Castro, Assistant Director

Join us at Kimball Farm!



On Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 11am until 2pm, the Fleur de Lis Camp community will be hosting a meetup at Kimball Farm in Westford, Massachusetts!

This event is a great chance for families to meet up to talk about the upcoming summer, as well as for new and potential families to talk with staff, meet alumnae, and of course: enjoy free ice cream! Lady Carrie Kashawlic will be there with tickets for you and your family and friends to indulge in Kimball's flavors.

Assistant Director Lady Hannah Weiner and our new Assistant Director, Lady Sarah Castro, will also be there.

This annual event is held the first Saturday in May and has been an amazing way for our community to welcome new families, meet Buddy Families, and reconnect before camp begins in June. Share in the excitement of the (almost) summer season with your Fleur de Lis family! Save the date and we'll see you at Kimball Farm!

Lady Hannah Weiner, Assistant Director

All Aboard: Summer 2017!

Summer Camp 2017!

Snow? Are you crazy, it is April! Go away! We want to get started waking camp up for SUMMER! I know snow aficionados will have enjoyed one last go on the slopes, but if you are done now, please push for this snow to GO AWAY so Lady Robin and Sir Richard can get on with turning on the water, putting up tents and the annual tweaking of the camp dock, as well as the laundry list of other camp readiness activities! Lady Karin, Accounting and Office Manager, is already scheduling all the summer services so we can open Farmhouse as I cannot wait to move across the street!

Speaking of camp readiness, please join us for our annual camp service (readiness) event on Saturday, June 10, 2017. We are looking for help from 10am-3pm from campers, staff, alumnae, parents, fathers, brothers, aunts, friends, and anyone and everyone who wants to enjoy our beautiful view of Mt. Monadnock and a stroll up and down the camp road. We're painting, mulching, tent putting-up-ing, smoke detector battery changing, winter storage removing of kayaks, sail boats, paddleboards and so much more to have camp sparkling for Opening Day! We're serving burgers and dogs for lunch with other picnic treats for all who attend as a THANK YOU for your generous service to camp. We hope to see you at Lady Nurse Service Day this June! Please RSVP to our returning volunteer co-directors, Ladies Bridget Scollan and Sarah Coburn so we have a rough lunch count to be sure all volunteers have full bellies to support their service to camp.

The summer of 2017 is shaping up to be fantastic! I am very excited for the season and I cannot wait for our staff to arrive so we can get ready to welcome our campers and families to another Fleur de Lis summer season! Lady Hannah, Assistant Director for Camper Development, has been doing a great job in recruiting families to camp and checking in with our returning families to be sure everyone is excited about all the possibilities that summer 2017 is storing under a blanket of snow right now!

Another exciting development is the addition of Lady Sarah Castro to our professional team in January. She comes to Fleur de Lis as the Assistant Director for Advancement working on fund development, Circle of Fleur de Lis support, and alumnae engagement. She brings oodles of camp experiences as a camper, CT, counselor, and professional camp staff member with an excited joy of being at Fleur de Lis as she is a Fitzwilliam, NH native and was married at FDL last fall! She will be of our two (2) CT Directors for the summer 2017 season and we're excited for her to be able to be fully involved this summer. I'm thrilled about HER excitement to dive right into all things Fleur de Lis, meet people, experience traditions and enjoy all the delights that 120 Howeville Road has to offer!

Before you come to camp for the service day, I hope you will meet us at Kimball Farm on Saturday, May 6, 2017 for a FREE kiddie ice cream come, to visit with other FDL families, greet myself and Lady Hannah as well as meet Lady Sarah if you have not yet had that pleasure.

We're gearing up for a fantastic summer season and we hope you will join us in celebrating our 88th summer on Laurel Lake. If you are too old to join us as a camper, and cannot join us as a Circle of Fleur de Lis volunteer (August 19-26, 2017), please join us at one of the events above, or consider mailing a donation to camp in support of all things that Fleur de Lis does to provide a home away from home for a community of girls who grow up to be impactful women in their homes, work, communities and to all their friends. Thank you for your continued generous support of camp in so many different ways. Your commitment, in every way, provides a bank account of strength that we draw upon each summer for all our campers. And throughout the year, we make annual deposits of loyalty to our shared experiences and memories of summers at Fleur de Lis forever.

Lady Carrie Kashawlic, Executive Director

Important 2017 dates

- 5/6** Kimball Farm (11-2)
- 6/10** Lady Nurse Service Day
- 6/13** Specialty Training begins
- 6/16** Pre-camp starts
- 6/24** Opening Day
- 7/8** Two-Week Session ends
- 7/9** Visiting Day and Coronation.
Five-week session begins!
- 7/21** July Campfire
- 7/22** July session ends. Changeover!
- 7/23** August session begins
- 8/5** Two-week session ends. Family
Day
- 8/13** Camp Ends
- 8/18** Big & Little Weekend
- 8/20** Circle of Fleur de Lis
- 10/31** Early Camper Registration
Discount Ends

2017 Wish List

- Vinyl zippered pillow covers (25)
- Plastic hangers for costume closet
- Masking tape, 1" thick—lots! (for plays)
- Knitting needles (20—sizes 8-10, short lengths preferred)
- Sleeping bag stuff sacks (10—not sleeping bags, just the sack the bag goes into)
- Paint brushes (for play backdrop painting)
- Fiber-fill for sewing project stuffing (3-10 lb boxes)
- Buttons for Sewing (lots)
- Gallon size zip lock bags for Sewing (50)
- Gallon size zip lock bags for Stained Glass studio (100)
- Quart size zip lock bags for Stained Glass studio (100)
- Mid Birthday gift bags (24)
- Thumb tacks (500—plain metal ones, not colored and no “head”)
- Highlighters (24—play scripts)
- Clothesline rope (6)
- Clothespins (100)
- Bungee Cords (48) for tents
- Corn husk brooms (24)
- Dustpans (12—for all over camp)
- Re-usable ice packs (6—for Infirm)
- Tent stakes (12—for camp outs)
- Gold spray paint (2—for Gold Rush)
- Softball mitts (6—both right & left handed; previously loved welcome)
- Embroidery floss (for friendship bracelets)
- Individual “foam” ear plugs for Rifle (50 pairs)
- Mod Podge (6 large) for crafts
- Puffy Paint (48) for crafts
- Plastic pitch fork rakes (4) for waterfront
- Green 12” taper candles (12)
- Basketballs (2)

Welcome to FDL, Lady Sarah!

Fleur de Lis is pleased and excited to announce the arrival of Lady Sarah Castro, Assistant Director of Advancement. Welcome Lady Sarah!



A Fitzwilliam native, Sarah grew up on the shores of Laurel Lake. At 10 years old, she attended her first sleep-away camp and hasn't missed a summer since! Rising through the ranks each year at neighboring Camp Takodah, she took on roles from Camper, Leader in Training, Cabin Leader, Division Head, and Assistant Director. She attended Geneva College, in Beaver Falls, PA, majoring in Human Services & minoring in Psychology where she also volunteered with Young Life to run programs for local high school students. After college, and a fund development internship with a local YMCA, she moved back to New Hampshire. She began a professional career in camping with Camp Takodah where she supported educational travel programs and summer camp. Some fun facts about Sarah are that she loves crafting, particularly crocheting and knitting; she enjoys hanging out with her niece Bella who is 2 ½ years old. Sarah loves dogs and is dreaming of the time when she can have a dog of her very own. Sarah is thrilled to be back in Fitzwilliam spending summers on beautiful Laurel Lake.

Ambassador Program



A HUGE thank you to the amazing families and campers that participated in our first-ever Fleur de Lis Ambassador Program this year! These families took on some incredibly important responsibilities to help recruit new campers to FDL and to act as leaders during the summer.

Ambassadors hosted Open Houses all over the East Coast, helping to recruit a handful of new campers for the 2017 summer. They also attended camp fairs in their area to help Lady Hannah talk about the Fleur de Lis experience.

The Ambassador program runs approximately 15 months, starting in the springtime and ending after two summers. Current Ambassadors help train and onboard the new class of Ambassadors to sustain the program and build upon existing ideas.

We will be welcoming a new class of Fleur de Lis Ambassadors officially this summer, so keep a lookout for red shirts with "AMBASSADOR" on the back on Opening Day!

Lady Hannah Weiner, Assistant Director

Thank you to all current and past donors!

Thank you! For those of you who continue to support Fleur de Lis financially, we want to take this time to thank you. If it were not for your generous contributions over the last year, we would not be able to provide Fleur de Lis campers with the amazing summer camp experience they have come to know and love. To be exact, 245 campers attended camp, Big & Little Weekend, and Circle Camp last summer, all being able to learn, grow, and thrive because of your contributions.



If you are reading this and have yet to donate for this fiscal year, do not fret, you still have time. We are about half-way through our fiscal year and at about 41% of our fundraising goal. Help us reach our goal for this year, by sending any donations you would still like to make to: Fleur de Lis Camp 120 Howeville Road, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 or visit donate.fleurdeliscamp.org.

Thank you for your continued love and support of Fleur de Lis Camp! *Lady Sarah Castro, Assistant Director*

Looking for our donor list? The giving year changed last year to match the fiscal year ending September 30, so the list of donors will be published in the fall. We truly appreciate all donors for their generous giving: past, present, and future!

Big and Little Weekend 2017

August 18-20, 2017



Fleur de Lis Camp's Big and Little Weekend returns for the 10th summer on Laurel Lake this year! Last year's program was a whopping success with over 40 pairs from all over New England. If you know a girl (age 6-11 years-old) interested in summer camp but she isn't quite ready to make the jump to two weeks at camp, encourage her and her mom/aunt/grandma to register for our Big & Little program. The program is a great way to introduce girls and parents to the sleepaway camp experience: s'mores included!

Go to biglittle.fleurdeliscamp.org for more information and to register online.

Lady Hannah Weiner, Assistant Director

Celebrating 5 years of Circle Camp!

The summer of 2017 is the 5th year of Circle of Fleur de Lis and the planning for the week is well underway. Over the years, there have not been many changes. The week is for girls who have lost a parent and is a chance for girls to experience summer camp with other girls who are faced with the death of a parent. The girls arrive on school buses, spend five nights sleeping in tents and cabins, and eat family-style in the dining hall. Grief activities are intertwined with archery, sewing, tubing, and arts & crafts, and each evening there is a fun evening program. There are some special traditions at Circle, too, like the closing rock ceremony.



One of the changes we have made over the years is hiring a Fleur de Lis administrator who works closely with Circle Camp. We are excited to be working with Sarah Castro! Over the past few months, Sarah has already helped with the winter planning and from all the stories we have shared with her, she is excited to see Circle in action.

With this being a milestone summer a few special events will take place during August 20-25 to help us celebrate our 5th anniversary. Here are a few of our top five things about Circle Camp!

Top activities

1. Tubing
2. Sewing
3. Swimming
4. Archery
5. Arts & Crafts

Top camp songs

1. Jump, Shake Your Booty
2. Boom, Boom
3. Let Our Light Shine
4. Make New Friends
5. Auntie Monica

Top evening programs

1. Jazzercise
2. Dress up your counselor
3. Carnival
4. Campfires
5. Dance party

Top traditions

1. Password
2. Colors
3. Evening Circle
4. Rock Ceremony
5. Inspection & Golden Dustpan Award

Top places we come from

1. New Hampshire
2. Massachusetts
3. Connecticut
4. New York
5. Rhode Island

Top things we spend donations on

1. Beads
2. T-shirts
3. Grief activity supplies
4. Busing
5. Food

Top places campers find their name

1. Buddy Tag
2. Luggage Tag
3. Necklace
4. Table List
5. Camp Calendar

Top descriptive words about Circle

1. Friendship
2. Laughter
3. Tears
4. Supportive
5. Memories

Most requested food items

1. FDL waffles
2. Eggs to order
3. Cheese raviolis
4. Charlotte's cupcakes
5. Rick'o Rino's pizza

Favorite things to find walking up the camp road

1. Gold
2. Sunning turtles
3. Frogs
4. Woodpecked Trees
5. Blueberries

Top additions over the summers

1. Ceramics
2. Yoga
3. CT Program
4. A 3rd bus stop
5. Kitchen volunteers

Top things to pack

1. Photo of parent who died
2. Stuffed animal
3. Bathing suit
4. Pillow
5. Flip-flops

5 years of Circle Camp (cont.)

Top reasons volunteers return

1. Laurel Lake
2. Friends
3. Campers
4. Ability to shower outside
5. Chance to lifeguard from camp dock

Top things we still need

1. Volunteers
2. Campers
3. Donations
4. Supplies
5. Social Workers

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge that there are three campers returning for their 5th summer* and 8 volunteers returning for summer 5: Debbie Anderson, Richard Briggs, Mary Conant, Pam Fricke, Wendy Keiver-Hewett, Ruth Keogh, Shirley Maynard & Claudia Miller!

If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please reach out! Our website (circle.fleurdeliscamp.org) has been updated with a video produced last summer, donation link and links to both our Facebook & Instagram pages. As we build our wish list, we hope to share it on our website as well. If you know of a camper that would benefit from Circle Camp, reach out to Sarah (sarah@fleurdeliscamp.org) for a flier and/or brochure. If you, or someone that you know, would like to volunteer for the week reach out to Kate (circle2@fleurdeliscamp.org). We can always use extra hands throughout the week, so even if you can't do a full week we do have some day openings.

As always, thank you for all you do to support Circle of Fleur de Lis! We would not be celebrating summer number five without you. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for pictures from years past and then in late August, look for pictures from our 5 year anniversary.

Jenn Maynard & Kate Allen

*at time of publication

Cast your votes!

For the past few years, we have had the honor of being voted one of Boston's Best of the Best in Summer Camps. Winning this award gives us a leg up on recruiting new campers to join the Fleur de Lis family. Voting for the New Hampshire Union Leader starts April 23, so set your reminders and get ready to vote!

To vote in Boston Parents Paper:

vote.fleurdeliscamp.org

To vote in New Hampshire Union Leader:

votenh.fleurdeliscamp.org

by Lady Hannah Weiner

Announcements

“Genevieve finished her first semester at University of Vermont with high honors. She is smiling all the time! Her favorite class was... you guessed it... costume design. Hope all is well with other FdL Alumna”

- **Dominique Winn**

“Next summer both my granddaughters will be at camp. Margot Roguet (daughter of Betsy Johnson Roguet) and Margaretta Johnson (daughter of Jenneth Alden Johnson). Both grandsons will be at William Lawrence.”

- **Margaret Anne Heuss**

Florence Rowe Munter:

We want to share with you the passing of one of Fleur de Lis' early alumna, Florence Rowe Munter. Flo and her mother spent many years at Fleur de Lis in the 30s and 40s. Between the two of them they accumulated more than 50 years at Fleur de Lis. Flo's mother was head of the junior unit and went on to direct Fleur de Lis. Over the years Flo has stopped by camp to leave off various memorabilia that she collected from her time at camp. In the farmhouse living room you can see an embroidered canvas laundry bag that Flo used as a camper.

A note in passing

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Betsy Adams. Betsy was only 44 when she died on March 19 of cancer. Betsy spent many years at Fleur de Lis from the time she was a junior until a CT. Her mother, Sally Burns Adams, attended camp with me. And Betsy shared camp with her cousins, Carrie Sherman Egan and Sarah Federman. I asked Lady Liz for a memory of Betsy from her years at camp. What is interesting is her memory is exactly how I believe many people saw and now remember Betsy. “From the time Betsy was a junior and still when she was a CT, she would find baby birds on the ground who had fallen out of their nest. She would bring them to the infirmary and she and Lady Nurse would bring them back to health. They didn't all survive but each one was cared for with enormous gentleness and kindness.” I know from hearing Sally speak of Betsy over the years, that this memory is at the essence of who Betsy was and I'm sure how she would want to be remembered.

Our love goes out to Sally and her husband, Chuck, as well as to Betsy's husband James Walsh, and Betsy's brother Tyler.

- *Jane Lawson*

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Fleur de Lis Camp Mission Statement

Fleur de Lis Camp promotes the well being of girls and young women socially, educationally and physically. We provide opportunities and experiences to help them become self-sufficient and productive members of their community and the world.

Fleur de Lis Camp program is conducted in a natural environment, both safe and nurturing, with the intention of fostering leadership skills, citizenship, and self-confidence, while helping each girl reach her full potential. The girls and young women of Fleur de Lis are developed in a spirit of cooperation and respect with a focus on friendship, mentoring, positive example, and challenges appropriate to the individual girl.

Fleur de Lis affirms its responsibility and obligation as a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization serving the welfare of girls and young women. In this spirit we strive to make our program affordable to all.