

Dear Camp Menogyn Community Member,

As this letter hits mailboxes, staff are starting to arrive at Camp and I'm sure they are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the first campers on June 16th.

For me, writing this letter is bittersweet as I say goodbye to Menogyn, for now. It's been a great six and a half years filled with many joys and challenges. Through it all, we have, collectively, held true to our mission to provide transformational experiences in a wilderness setting.

At this point of deep reflection, there are many things I will miss. This includes but is certainly not limited to: Crossing the lake during a breathtaking sunset. Waking in the middle of the night to the dynamic cries of the loon. Fogging mornings in late August. The bursts of yellow as tamaracks transition in the fall. The howling from the dog yard during crisp January feedings.

The undeniable beauty of Bearskin is one thing, but it's the relationship-based part of our program that I will miss most: Shrieks of excitement as groups paddle into the bay and begin recalling tales from the trail. The deafening volume levels in the dining hall during banquets. Planting trees with alumni and board members during work weekends. Quieter moments at the Sauna Dock with the Engagès. Singing together at closing campfire.

These timeless experiences are what inspire me to give to the Annual Fund each year. So many of us have been personally shaped by Menogyn or have witnessed its impact on a loved one. This year I gave in honor of the full-time team: Sarah, Forrest, Mo, and Eric because of my steadfast belief in their leadership and commitment to Menogyn. I hope that you, too, will continue to generously give so that they can focus on the campers and staff without worrying about fundraising. There's no doubt, this will be the best summer ever (so far)!

Thank you for the memories, Menogyn Community. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to partner with you to steward this special place.



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