

Camaraderie

Les communiqués des camarades de Canoe Island French Camp janvier 2018

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

For the past 13 years Connie and I have loved living on Canoe Island, sharing the work and play with a fine staff, many of whom we still call friends in France, Australia, Switzerland, Canada, and the US. We are sure CIFIC has had some of the finest people in the world sharing their knowledge and cultures with both young and adult campers.

After nearly 40 years of running camp programs around the Pacific Northwest, we are looking forward to our next adventures in retirement. Although we are retiring, we still have many program ideas simmering and will certainly be sharing stories of the natural world with a wide audience in the future, possibly even on Canoe Island.

We would like to take this final Letter from the Directors to thank the entire Canoe Island Family (campers, parents, volunteers, Board members, staff, and other CIFIC supporters) for all the wonderful cooperative CIFIC accomplishments since 2005. While we inherited a very high quality camp program and facility, its financial struggles due to low enrollment were seriously endangering its very existence. Thanks to the support of everyone, we were able to quickly bring up enrollment to full capacity for the three existing summer sessions, expand to a full 10 weeks of summer programs, increase session size to 50 campers, add three weekend family programs, spring and fall school programming, programs for island families, and add scholarship fundraising events. We are proud that we have been able to greatly expand our financial aid and to provide non-profit entities, conservation organizations, and educational institutions access to the Canoe Island facility for meetings and other gatherings. We are also pleased with the services we have been able to provide to Native American and First Nations youth, adults, and elders during their visits to their ancestral homelands here in the San Juan Islands.

We are enthusiastically handing the directorship to Ben Straub, Executive Director, and Margaret Schafer, Camp Director, who will take the helm February 1. Ben's 11 year-tenure as Facility Manager and Boat Captain has made him well aware of the facility, program, and safety needs of the camp. Margaret's years of administrative and instructional work has primed her to take on her added responsibilities. We have no doubt that they will continue what we have started and will make Canoe Island French Camp programs and facilities even better in years to come.

We wish Canoe Island French Camp bonne continuation,
Joseph & Connie Jones



LETTER FROM THE INCOMING DIRECTORS

Dear Canoe Island Family,

Margaret and I would like to say both “bonjour” and “merci” as we transition into our new roles as Directors of Canoe Island French Camp. This new responsibility is both exciting and humbling, and we happily embrace the challenges and adventures that await us. We have enormous shoes to fill; Connie and Joseph have set a high standard for CIFIC in the last 13 years, and we know that their influence on camp will continue long into the future. We intend to continue the Jones’ excellent work and ensure the safety and wellbeing of campers, along with personal growth, that the CIFIC community values so deeply.

As we step into these new roles, we look back fondly on our combined 16 years spent on Canoe Island. We have seen so many children return to the island year after year as campers, come to the island as assistants and counselors, and blossom into phenomenal young adults. We relish every story about camp’s positive influence on young persons’ lives and the opportunities for growth and discovery that Canoe Island affords. We have seen the birth of decades-long friendships. We hope to see this same relationship building and growth during our tenure as directors. Whenever we welcome an alumni back to the island, the former camper tells us that the camp looks fresh and updated yet frozen in time, with all the magic from the past 50 years preserved.

Margaret and I embrace the traditions of CIFIC and all the unique attributes that make our camp such a special organization. Some of the most cherished traditions of camp began during the first days of the organization and continuation of these traditions is one of our priorities. We additionally look forward to the ways in which CIFIC will adapt to changing times. One of our goals is to expand the greening of our facilities, not only for practical reasons but in the hope that we can impress upon our campers the many ways that we can improve the world around us. We additionally hope to establish a teaching garden which will subsidize our food in the summer and also provide our campers with educational opportunities. Another effort close to our hearts is the growth and improvement of our art program and facility. Both Margaret and I are artists, and we believe that everyone can benefit from creative expression, whether that expression occurs on the stage in le Théâtre or in clay in l’Atelier.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you, our campers, families, alumni, and extended CIFIC community. You are the reason that CIFIC exists! We look forward to years of sharing and exploring this island paradise with you.

Amitiés,
Ben Straub and Margaret Schafer



MERCI A NOS BENEVOLES ET DONATEURS

In 2017, our camper families and friends supported Canoe Island French Camp in many ways. They attended our adult events such as Yoga Benefit Weekend, they registered at higher tuition levels, they volunteered, and they gave generously. Donors listed made contributions between November 17, 2016 and December 31, 2017.

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Help us raise the roof!

Thanks to generous families and alumni, we have raised nearly \$20,000 in support of our new art facility. At a projected cost of \$60,000, we still need your support to raise the roof. The construction of the atelier will offer a beautiful, enclosed work space for art students as well as a second floor for French classes. These improvements will have a huge impact on our campers for generations to come. We plan to break ground in September 2018 and have the new space ready for campers in the summer of 2019. Please consider making a donation to our Facility Fund in support of this project in 2018.

A LOOK BACK AT 2017 FRENCH CAMP



CALENDRIER 2018

FRENCH CAMP

SESSION 1 LA RÉVOLUTION FRANÇAISE
 SESSION 2 LES VOYAGEURS
 SESSION 3 LE MONDE FRANCOPHONE
 SESSION 4 LES CHEVALIERS

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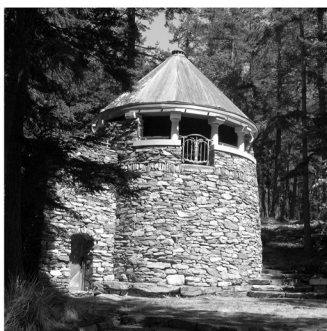
JUNE 24-JULY 5
 JULY 8-26
 JULY 29-AUGUST 16
 AUGUST 19-AUGUST 30

FAMILY AND ADULT EVENTS

SPRING WORK PARTY
 VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP
 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP
 ADULT YOGA BENEFIT WEEKEND
 OPEN HOUSE
 LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP

ALL AGES
 ALL AGES
 ALL AGES
 ADULTS
 ALL AGES
 ALL AGES

APRIL 20-22
 MAY 18-21
 MAY 25-28
 JUNE 1-3
 JUNE 23
 AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3



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