

Edition 2018

La Camaraderie

Canoe Island French Camp's Newsletter



Canoe Island French Camp has had a wonderful season!
In this year of transition, the amazing CIFIC community helped keep the island
a magical place of growth and exploration.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the phenomenal staff members, both new and
returning, who make camp magical; our board of directors; our generous donors and
volunteers; and the *raison d'être* of CIFIC: our curious, big-hearted campers.

In this 2018 edition of *La Camaraderie*, we are excited to share highlights
of CIFIC's past year and preview upcoming events. Next year marks CIFIC's 50th
anniversary. We look forward to celebrating 50 years of adventure, friendship,
and français with the CIFIC community.

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CANOE ISLAND FRENCH CAMP CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN 2019

In 1969, Dr. Warren Austin and Bunny Horton Austin established Canoe Island French Camp with the dream of creating not only a healthful outdoor camp in a beautiful setting but also an atmosphere in which children could explore and thrive. In Dr. Austin's own words, he wanted campers to "grow to appreciate, consciously or not, the wonders of the forest, the sky and the water—the environment—while living and growing up with other intellectually curious young people from around the world." Dr. Austin's singular vision has brought children and staff together for the past fifty years to share culture, kindness, and a spirit of curiosity.

On this anniversary, CIFIC is proud to look back on our history and celebrate the thousands of children who have learned French, made cherished memories, and sparked lifelong friendships. We invite our community members new and old to celebrate this 50th anniversary with us. Please consider joining us at either our fundraising gala in Seattle on **February 23rd at Fremont Abbey** or our on-island celebration from May 10–12. See our website to learn more about these events and purchase commemorative apparel. All proceeds benefit our scholarship fund.



2019 PROGRAM DATES

Though it's still winter on Canoe Island, we're already looking forward to next summer. Our 2019 programming is filling up quickly; if you or your family hope to visit Canoe Island this year, please register *toute de suite*! We look forward to welcoming back many returning campers and staff and meeting the new members of our community.

FRENCH CAMP DATES

Session 1 June 23–July 4

Session 2 July 7–25

Session 3 July 28–August 15

Session 4 August 18–29



FAMILY AND ADULT PROGRAM DATES

Spring Work Party

April 26–28

50th Anniversary Celebration

May 10–12

Victoria Day Weekend Family Camp

May 17–20

Memorial Day Weekend Family Camp

May 24–27

Yoga Benefit Weekend

May 31–June 2

Labor Day Weekend Family Camp

August 30–September 2





ADDITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018

Here are some of the highlights and changes on Canoe Island this year:

- Addison Baldeshwiler joined our year-round staff in January as our Island Caretaker/Facility Assistant.
- Nicolas Yviquel, a 2017 counselor, joined our year-round staff in March as our Camp Management Intern.
- With generous support from the CIFC community, we purchased a 39' Salish Dancer canoe in honor of Joseph and Connie Jones' long and fruitful tenure as CIFC directors. Campers this summer enjoyed many outings and adventures in the new canoe, which we christened the "Roi des loutres"!
- We installed a laminator for the bakery and our patissière sans pareil, Alena Harris, used the new machine to make us mountains of fresh croissants, pains au chocolat, and other treats during French Camp.
- We installed a new wood stove and ultra-efficient heating system in the Château.
- We replaced the 36-year-old carpet in the bibliothèque and refinished the spiral staircase. We also replaced the 25-year-old tile in the Ritz.
- We strive to become greener ever day. Our saw mill is up and running, ready to produce ultra-local lumber for 2019 construction projects.

UPDATE ON THE ATELIER

In 2016 we began raising funds for a new and improved art facility. The current facility, sometimes lovingly referred to as the “art barn,” is an open-air structure that once housed Dr. Austin’s llamas. To date, our community has given \$26,000 in support of this project. Our estimate for the project’s cost is \$60,000.

We originally planned to erect the new, two-story building on the footprint of the existing Atelier. However, due to proximity to our well, we now propose building the new structure slightly further uphill instead of tearing down the current Atelier. This plan offers many advantages. Starting from scratch allows us to expand the footprint of the building and provide more space for a variety of programs. We are also interested in preserving the open-art structure as a facility dedicated to ceramics. The new plan also means that construction will not interrupt our art program in the summer months.

This new facility is an ambitious undertaking. We believe this project will have an enormous impact on camp and be enjoyed by future generations of campers. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work hard to make this greatly needed update to our facility. Your support helps our art program flourish and grow and we deeply appreciate everyone who has contributed to this important endeavor.

SUPPORTING CANOE ISLAND FRENCH CAMP

CIFC is proud to be a self-sustaining nonprofit. Our tuition and fees cover our operating expenses and we are fortunate to operate at capacity. We rely on charitable donations from you, our community members, to serve two important purposes: to fund scholarships for deserving campers and to help upgrade our facility. In 2018, **CIFC awarded over \$34,000 in scholarships**; \$9,800 of these scholarships came from generous donations. Our community also donated almost **\$14,000 to our facility fund**. With your help, we can continue to cultivate an amazing community of campers and improve the facility for today’s campers and future generations. Please consider an end-of-year donation to CIFC to help support these important missions. Let’s keep Canoe Island magical for 50 more years.



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An enormous “*merci*” for the generosity of the following donors, whose gifts we received from January 2018 to October 2018.

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