

Volunteers Kick Off Summer at Laketrails

By Livi Goulet

Our little island came back to life this Memorial Day Weekend, with the help of many volunteers and staff. Laketrails alumni, board members, campers, friends, family, and first-time visitors came together for our annual work weekend to help prepare for another summer of canoe adventures.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the Spring 2025 “Beyond the Campfire” fundraiser, our volunteers had two new lawn mowers to put to use! Those who weren’t busy mowing lawns or whacking weeds worked hard at cleaning cabins and outhouses, washing windows, moving docks, and preparing delicious meals.

A few canoeists also christened the Alumacrafts with the first paddle of the season. Finally, as the sun began to set, the successful weekend was celebrated by sharing a bonfire and stories from canoe trips past. The summer is off to a beautiful start. Thank you, volunteers!



Spring Fundraising is currently underway!

By Jim Lynch, Head of the fundraising committee

We want to give a sincere thank you to all who have contributed to our Spring 2025 “Beyond the Campfire” Fundraising campaign to date. Our Memorial Day crew was able to use the new lawnmowers to help with the camp cleanup. We also added two new weed trimmers and a chainsaw, thanks to this campaign. Our cook will love having two professional-grade mixers this summer. Paddles! We can purchase 10 new paddles now, too! Although we could still use help purchasing 10 more paddles and other items on the wishlist. Check out the remaining items and consider donating here: <https://givebutter.com/Yo04mN>.



Memorial Day Weekend Haikus

By Elizabeth Efteland

For a six year old
Swim all day and pick up sticks
Great weekend indeed

Washing windows is
A classic activity
Not bad with a team



Meet the 2025 staff

The 2025 Laketrails staff arrived on the island this month to begin staff training. Welcome!



Check our Instagram & Facebook for more about this year's staff!

<https://www.facebook.com/laketrailsbasecamp>

<https://www.instagram.com/laketrails/>

Sign up for Camp Today!

2025 Dates:

Session 1 (FULL) - June 15-23

Session 2 - June 25-July 3

Session 3 - July 6-14

Session 4 (FULL) - July 15-23

Session 5 (Middle School) - July 24-Aug 1

Session 6 - Aug 4-12



ALUMNI ANECDOTES: “Memorial Day Magic at Laketrails”

By Christina Efteland

I’ve been coming to Laketrails for 14 years now, and Memorial Day Weekend is honestly one of my favorite times up on the island. You get to help bring the place back to life after a winter slumber while connecting with many generations of the Laketrails family. This year, we had my 6- and 7-year-old niece and nephew come to the island for the first time. They brought laughter, foosball skills, and eagerness to ring the bell.

We had former and future guides sharing stories of adventure and dreams for the upcoming season. From conversation around the dinner table or campfire to stillness and awe in our canoes as we watched a bear cub on the beach at Boy Scout, to a tied soccer game on the lawn — this weekend had it all.

