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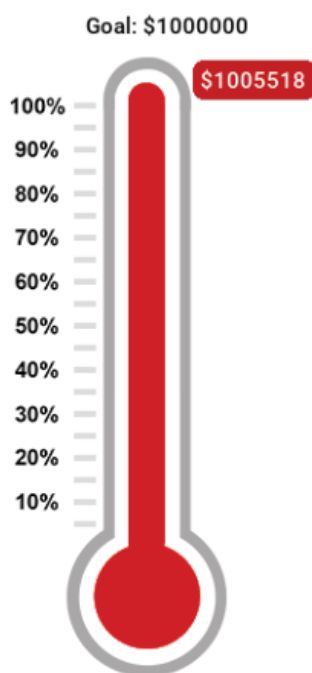


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Thanks to our supporters, we raised over \$1 million for Brantwood Camp!

We are thrilled to share that we reached our goal of raising \$1 million!! In fact, we exceeded it! Thank you to the entire Brantwood community for making this incredible milestone possible.

Your support is already making a tangible difference. One of the most exciting projects now underway is a vital upgrade to our 77-year-old boys' pool, a beloved camp landmark that will welcome campers for Brantwood's 122nd summer season. The Boys' Camp Commons roof is currently being replaced, and this spring we will begin work on a new culvert on the Brantwood Road to protect it from the major rainstorms that have washed out the road. Your donations also strengthen our endowment allowing us to continue carrying out our mission of providing a safe, fun, and life-changing summer camp experience for youth who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend an overnight camp.



Throughout the year, alumni and friends of Brantwood have shown remarkable enthusiasm and commitment through individual and family gifts, as well as through the Ronny Hennessey March Madness Challenge and the Alumni Weekend auction and raffle. Gifts of every size helped us exceed our goal and reflect the depth of the Brantwood spirit and the strength of our network of alumni, families, and friends. If you were unable to donate to this campaign there is still an opportunity to contribute! (www.Brantwood.org or P.O. Box 3350, Peterborough, NH 03458).

Your loyalty to Brantwood and enthusiasm for this campaign will help support our beloved camp. Thank you for being a part of this community and for your investment in Brantwood's future.

With gratitude for the best camp in the land,
Brantwood Camp Board of Trustees

Message from the Interim Executive Director



Hello Brantwood Community! It is a pleasure to reconnect with you and to share that I returned to Brantwood as the Interim Executive Director! My Brantwood journey has taken many unexpected turns over the years, but finding myself back at Camp for the summer of 2026 may be the most surprising and gratifying development yet.

As I've settled back into the office, I've been struck by how much Brantwood has evolved since my retirement as Executive Director in 2014. We now have a second full-time, year-round staff member – Operations Director Robbie Welcome – and processes that once relied on paper are now fully online. These updated systems make it easier for families to register for camp, help us keep track of maintenance

needs and schedules, support our compliance with an increasing number of state reporting requirements, along with many other tasks involved in preparing for staff and campers to begin another summer at the 'best camp in the land.' It has been both impressive and encouraging to see how Brantwood's administrative operations have adapted to help provide the best experience for both campers and staff.

While the administrative landscape has changed, one thing has remained steadfast: **the Brantwood Spirit.**

From the volunteers who came to our Fall work weekend, to the hardworking staff who provided a fabulous experience to campers this past summer, to the families who've already registered their campers for 2026, and to the donors, alumni, and Board members who support the Camp in so many ways – the spirit that defines Brantwood is as strong and vibrant as ever. It is evident in every conversation, every shared memory, and every act of service that keeps our mission moving forward.

In a time when many American families face financial uncertainty, the work we do at Brantwood feels especially meaningful. By providing scholarships for every camper, we ensure access to formative experiences that build confidence, independence, resilience, social skills, and leadership. A session at Brantwood offers young people the chance to grow in a supportive community, surrounded by nature and guided by caring, committed staff.

Whether campers are walking down Brantwood Road for the first time or returning for their fifth summer, they will find a place that is safe, welcoming, and filled with opportunities for joy and personal growth – just as it has been for over 120 years.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to return to Brantwood and to serve this extraordinary community once again. I look forward to meeting the families of 2026 and reconnecting with many of you in the months ahead.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Brantwood Family.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy E. Willey".

AMY E. WILLEY

Become a Staff Member This Summer!

Join our team and have one of the most rewarding summers of your life!

Contact Robbie Welcome (rwelcome@brantwood.org) for more information and application information!



Exciting Pool Renovations Underway!

Renovation of the 77 year old pool at the boys' campus has begun and is on track for completion by this summer – just in time for campers to enjoy refreshing swims all season long. With brand-new plumbing and a modern filtration system, the project will significantly improve water circulation and allow us to pass state pool inspection!

We are deeply grateful to our supporters for making this a reality. Watch for updates in the spring and a chance to celebrate completion of the project and be the first person to jump into the pool in June!



Leaders In Training Share Their Brantwood Experience

Brantwood's Leaders in Training (LIT) program is a special leadership development program for our oldest campers. It runs for the duration of each session and combines the fun of camp with age-appropriate responsibilities and leadership building activities to prepare for future roles as counselors. Guided by Permanent Counselors, these activities include learning water rescues and ropes course

skills as well as leading a campfire. Each term is capped off by the *Sunrise Hike* where the LITs leave camp before dawn to hike North Pack armed with head lamps and flashlights to cook breakfast at the peak and witness an unforgettable view. LITs are also asked to write an essay about their Brantwood experience and read it at Chapel during the final days of the term. Here are some excerpts from the LIT essays:

"The first time I came to Brantwood I was excited because I was going to camp but I was scared because I was going to be with people I did not know. But everyone was really, really nice. Everyone had a different way of thinking but everyone respected each other. The counselors were always there to help you and reassure you and protect you."



"At Brantwood you live with other people you don't know for 2 weeks, 24 hours a day so you really get to know them. You become friends with them because of who you are, not what you have or who you know. I've learned so many new things. I really got to know myself and who I am and I have learned self-confidence, like how to go the extra mile at school and with my family."

"Brantwood has had a tremendous impact on me for the past 3 years. I loved how everyone was so competitive but also how supportive the campers were to each other. Camp has honestly taught me so much, such as thinking of others before myself and also not to get so upset when I lose and instead be happy for the other team."



"Each year I come to Brantwood I take home some precious things with me along with the Five Ideals. These are things I can feel and know in my heart such as happy memories, friendships, and most of all love. Not only for others but for myself as well."



Summer 2025 Recap

ROBBIE WELCOME,
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

The Summer of 2025 was a testament to what is possible when a group of people of varying ages work together and strive to see the best in each other. Our counselors hailed from seven different countries; our campers from 13 states; and our leadership team represented three generations. Together we pursued a common goal – *bending all our energies towards making this a finer camp.*

The Girls' Camp flourished under the direction of Krystle (Cann) Keriazes and Emma Luster, who brought their vast Brantwood and teaching experience to the program. Our



Girls' Camp staff was a rich tapestry of former campers and new hires who quickly bonded to run a positive and impactful program. Makayla Agosto and Grace Charnick stepped into the leadership positions of Junior and Senior Program Directors and did a great job of mentoring our new staff while caring for all of the campers. Campers enjoyed building trust with their cabin-



mates as they spotted each other on the Rope Course low elements. The LITs engaged in a team belaying exercise, building skills for their future as counselors. A highlight of the summer was the evening popsicle and movie night at the pool!

At the boy's camp, Director Tim Sullivan and Assistant Director Da'Jour Nesbeth cultivated an environment where campers and



counselors supported each other and served as role models and mentors. Ryan Moore returned as our Senior Program Director and Ryan Puliafico took on his new position as Junior Program Director. The enthusiasm and diversity of the boys' camp staff allowed us to offer exciting new opportunities for campers to gain valuable experience in carpentry lessons, nature-based learning, and wilderness skills which complemented their work completing their Challenges.

For campers at both ends of the Brantwood Road, the culminating test of the Challenge Program involves describing to a Permanent Counselor how they have learned to use the Five Ideals. I heard from many campers how Brantwood helped them grow as both individuals and team players. A consistent refrain was that what they loved most about Brantwood was the people.



No summer at Brantwood would be complete without our Alumni and Trustee volunteers who are always renewing their commitment to giving back to camp. Many thanks to Aidan Puliafico, Timothy O'Connor, Ed Puliafico, Damion Ryan, Peter Yu, Jen Carmicheal, John Sweeney, and Bill Gurney for offering their time and efforts whenever we needed an extra set of hands. Summer 2025 will be considered a most memorable and joyful summer at Brantwood Camp.

Summer 2025 Awards and Cup Winners

GIRLS CAMP STAYOVERS

Term 1 Stayovers: Hazel McCulley; Evelyn McCulley; Tess McCulley; Jocelynn Bembry; Martha Kembabazi; Ariana Lalvay

Term 2 Stayovers: Kelly Vargas; Naheera Jeune; Maci Carmicheal; Miyuki Vilayvanh; Eliza Rund

Term 3 Stayovers: Victoria Valencia; Ameerah Abdullah; Favour Okeawolam; Arlo Kennedy; Tessa Michalek



BOYS CAMP STAYOVERS

Term 1 Stayovers: Jason Loayza, Gavin Sullivan, and Dylan Arias

Term 2 Stayovers: Darius Diaz, Charles Dow, and Antone Racette

Term 3 Stayovers: Treyves Quarrie and Jack Boudreau



GIRLS CAMP CUP WINNERS

Clark Marshall Topka Nalani Griffiths

John Elliott Seager Miss. Katherine Garland

Brantwood Junior Hazel McCulley

Kean Munroe Aviah Mendez

Brantwood Senior Eliza Rund

Cook Hall Peirce Martha Kembabazi

Diccio Tabitha Broadbent



BOYS CAMP CUP WINNERS:

Barton Clabough Dore Cup Mr. Chris Taia

Delia-Leroy Improvement Cup Owen Feugill

Kean Munroe Darius Diaz

Cook Hall Peirce Cup Jason Loayza

Clark Marshall Topeka Cup Gavin Sullivan

Brantwood Cup Jr. Antone Racette

Brantwood Cup Sr. - Darius Diaz



Alumni Weekend 2025 Recap (Counselor of the Day Edition!)

BY BILAL WILSON,
TRUSTEE



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don't forget to share
your Brantwood
story!

It was a beautiful 52-degree day in the glorious hills and woods of Brantwood Camp. Trustees and volunteers were busy putting the finishing touches on what would become a truly memorable weekend.

By 5 o'clock, alumni, friends, and families from near and far made their way down the long road, greeted by smiles, swag, drinks, and delicious food. The evening began with old friends reconnecting and new friends meeting for the first time, all while enjoying breathtaking views of the Mount Monadnock sunset. Volunteers collected last-minute raffle entries as anticipation built for the night ahead.

As dusk settled, the little ones made their way to the Winslow Building for movie night, while under the tent, the program began with a



prayer and heartfelt messages from the President of the Board, the Executive Director, and senior counselors recapping an incredible summer. Then came the first game: a 50/50 raffle full of laughter, beads, and friendly competition, serving as the perfect warm-up for the live auction.

Trips to Costa Rica, Cape Cod, and more were up for grabs, and the excitement grew with each winning bid. Spirits were high as alumni celebrated the fun of the games while raising money for a great cause. When the program wrapped up, the lights dimmed, the campfire was lit, and the DJ (yours truly!) turned up the music. Dancing under the stars lasted well past the peak of the moonlight.

After a good night's rest in the comfort of the shacks, everyone awoke to the sound of the rising bell, eager to celebrate Alumni Day on Sunday. The morning brought reconnections, a prayer, chapel service, and stories shared over lunch that reminded everyone why Brantwood is truly home.



The Board would like to congratulate all of the raffle and auction winners and give a special thank you to Kevin Mitrano, Aiden Puliafico, Erin Doherty, Julie Merritt, Ed Puliafico, Ryan Puliafico, Maura Navin, Damion Ryan, Bill Gurney, Wayne Sargent, John Sweeney, D'Laija Francis, Robbie Welcome, Da'Jour Nesbeth, and all their respective spouses who stepped up to prep, cook, serve, and clean up on Saturday and Sunday.

If you weren't able to join us this year, we can't wait to see you next year for **Alumni Weekend 2026!**

*Here endeth the log of
Alumni Weekend 2025*

Brian Wilson



Brantwood Bids Farewell to Amy Boyd

At the close of the 2025 camping season, Amy Boyd stepped down from her role as Executive Director to enter retirement. We thank Amy for her hard work, commitment, and dedication to the Brantwood Program and we look forward to hearing about her quilting and other projects in the years ahead!



Members of the Monadnock Community Gather to Learn About Brantwood

On June 25th and again on September 2nd, we were thrilled to welcome members of the Monadnock community to enjoy sunset cocktails on the Murphy porch and learn about the rich history of Brantwood Camp. The evening brought together new friends and longtime supporters including neighbors who use the camp's rising bells as their summer alarm clock! Thank you all! We look forward to seeing you next summer.





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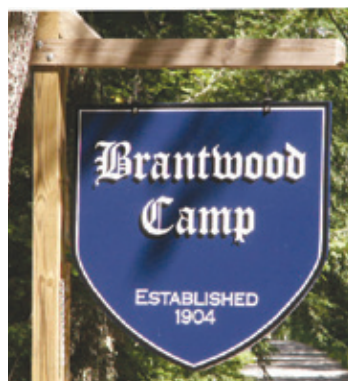
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Term 2 July 15 – 29, 2026

Term 3 August 1 – 15, 2026

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