



September 9, 2021

Town Manager Hayes and the Sudbury Select Board,

We are thrilled to report that we had another successful summer of camp at Sewataro. While we are able to bring back much of our pre-COVID programming including high ropes, zipline and modified Friday special events, this summer's regulations still required some alterations. We maintained cohorts to the highest degree possible, so some camp traditions, including swim lessons, overdays for our young campers, and Eagle section and CIT overnights were put on hold for another year, as was our Horseback Riding program. We are very hopeful for the opportunity to return to a completely normal Sewataro summer in 2021, but remain incredibly grateful that we were able to provide a sense of normalcy for our campers these past two summers. They needed it more than ever, and it was a joy to see how happy they were to be at camp.

During the camp season, we continued to find ways to serve Sudbury and the broader community. Our Counselors in Training run a charity drive every summer. This year, on Camp Kindness Day - July 20th, they asked the Camp Sewataro community to bring in donations of household items for the Sudbury Care Pantry and Gifts of Hope Unlimited. (We are grateful for Sudbury Social Worker Bethany Hadvab, who made the introduction between Amy, our camp Director, and Marilyn Ellsworth and Nancy Kimble.) The drive was a huge success, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in future years. We also worked with HOPE Sudbury on their second annual Fishing Derby. On a beautiful Saturday morning in August, over 70 participants came down to the fishing pond to compete in a biggest catch contest, all while raising money for local families in need.

Some off season programming has already resumed, since the full property reopened to residents at the beginning of the month. A few Scouting Groups and The Sudbury Villagers have already made use of the open air pavilions. We anticipate implementing the new user policy and fee structure as soon as it is finalized by the Board. We are thrilled to continue to serve the Sudbury Community Pantry, providing storage and a sorting place for the monthly in school drives. Plans for our second annual Halloween event are well underway, and we are excited to create some more festive family fun for the community.

We are also very grateful for local Eagle Scout Colton Simon, who spent his summer building two map kiosks to assist residents as they explore the property. There are now maps at both entrances, which will be a great asset for those who visit the property for scheduled programming, as well as those who are on property to walk, snowshoe, or cross country ski.

The grounds team has been hard at work, storing equipment for the off season and have begun the draining and cleaning of the swim pond. Reseeding of the fields and mulching of key areas will also begin soon. This year's maintenance projects include replacement of two pool liners and re-staining Liberty Lodge. Reliable Fence is waiting on material delivery expected at the end of this month and has indicated a tentative install of the public access fence in October.

With gratitude,

SEWATARO



SUMMER AS IT SHOULD BE...

The Sewataro Team