



HAYO-WENT-HA CAMPS

# WHISPERING PINES

INFORMATION FOR FRIENDS OF HAYO-WENT-HA CAMPS

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## From the CEO

It's finally beginning to feel as if winter is releasing its grip on northern Michigan! There are more minutes of daylight with each successive day, and the sights and sounds of spring are everywhere. And that means that we're entering that frantic period of final preparations for the fast-approaching summer season.

You'll note that this edition of Whispering Pines is a bit heavy on fundraising invitations and opportunities. We've got **two matching campership challenges** to meet before June 1st. By achieving these matches, we will be able to provide a camp experience to countless additional children this summer... kids who otherwise would not be able to join us.

Each camp is also seeking to raise funds for a **new program initiative**. We'd love to add **stand-up paddleboarding** as an activity at Torch Lake. This would be a wonderful way for our campers to get out on the water and experience the incredible beauty of the lake. At Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha, we'd like to add a small fleet of **sit-upon kayaks** – an amazing way to explore the coves and inlets of Arbutus Lake.

I'm confident that our worldwide community will rally behind these opportunities and we'll be successful in reaching our fundraising goals. More importantly, it means that we will be serving more kids at camp this summer and can give all our campers the fun, impactful, growth-producing experience that Hayo-Went-Ha Camps are known for.

**Dave**

[Dave DeLuca/CEO – YMCA Hayo-Went-Ha Camps](#)

## Help Us Fill Those Last Few Spaces!

As of this writing, we're fast-approaching our 2022 enrollment goals. It's gratifying to know that our camps are in such demand. Still, there are some pockets of openings that we'd love to fill. Camps are most efficient – and most financially viable – when we have full cabins and programs. As is typical, we've got more availability during the first half of the summer. Here are some of the sessions and programs where we could use your help in recruiting a few more campers:

For more information about these programs, [please visit our website](#).

Hayo-Went-Ha	Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha
Woodsmen 1A (4 <sup>th</sup> graders)	Trailblazers 1B (4 <sup>th</sup> graders)
Woodsmen 1B (4 <sup>th</sup> graders)	Pathfinders 1B (5 <sup>th</sup> graders)
Voyageur 1B (6 <sup>th</sup> graders)	Bushwhackers 1B (6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
Voyageur 1 – 4 weeks (6 <sup>th</sup> graders)	Trekkers 1B (7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> graders)
Viking Outpost 1 – 4 weeks (7 <sup>th</sup> graders)	Kayakers 1 – 4 weeks (8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> graders)

## Final Call: Spring Work Weekends!

If you haven't registered yet for our **Spring Work Weekends**, there's still time! We've got lots of projects to take on at both camps – work that must get done in order to open our facilities for another summer.



### Work weekend dates:

- April 29th - May 1st - Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake
- May 13th - May 15th - Camp Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha on Arbutus Lake

Join us for the entire weekend or just for Saturday. You can register for one – or both – events [by clicking here](#).



### Paddleboards for Torch Lake

Imagine a cabin of boys skimming over the clear waters of Torch Lake on stand-up paddleboards. Could there be a better way to experience the beauty of Torch and spend some time together bonding as a group?

With your help, this could become a reality for our campers this summer! We'd like to acquire twelve paddleboards – enough for a cabin to enjoy, or to be used as an instructional activity for interested campers. It would be wonderful to introduce our campers to this fast-growing sport... one that they could enjoy for their entire lives.

We'll need to raise \$10,000 in contributions from our community to make this happen. In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that you've helped to provide a new activity for our campers, we'll recognize our donors on a plaque to be displayed at the waterfront.

To support this effort, [please click here](#). Alternately, you can send it a check with the notation "HWH Paddleboards."

### Kayaks for AHHH!

Well, we're certainly not going to leave our girls' camp out of the fun of creating a new activity! At Arbutus Hayo-Went-Ha, we'd love to add a small fleet of sit-upon kayaks. These boats are light, easy to paddle and a great way to explore the shoreline and many coves of Arbutus Lake. What an amazing way for a cabin group to connect with nature and have a great time paddling!

This can become a reality for the 2022 summer – if we're able to generate \$10,000 in donations. This will allow us to acquire twelve kayaks, paddles and life vests for this new activity.

To support this effort, [please click here](#).

Alternately, you can send it a check with the notation "AHHH Kayaks."



## Piraino Campership Challenge!

Earlier this year we received a generous grant from the Piraino Family Foundation... an entity that has supported our camps extraordinarily well over the years. With this gift came a challenge: **To generate \$25,000 in additional campership donations.** This will allow us to stretch the grant we have received and serve even more deserving kids at our camps this summer. Every donation literally **doubles** our impact.

You can make your gift online [via our website here](#). Please be sure to select "2022 Piraino Challenge" from the options in the drop-down menu. If you prefer to donate by check, please write "2022 Piraino Challenge" in the memo line (or include a separate note).



## Preserved Land on Arbutus Lake!

Recently, Amanda Macaluso and Dave DeLuca met with a representative from the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy to learn about the efforts to preserve 120 acres on Arbutus Lake.

Located across the lake from AHHH (to the northwest) the proposed Turtle Cove Nature Preserve is located between a public park and a state forest campground and includes a diversity of habitats and some incredible views.

More importantly, the protection of this parcel will help to slow development of the Arbutus Lake shoreline, a matter of prime concern to area residents. The Land Conservancy is working to raise the \$2.4 million required to secure the property.

Arbutus-Hayo-Went-Ha campers of yesteryear may recall going turtle-hunting in the area. Once the property is preserved, it may open such reptile-chasing to a whole new generation of campers!

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## Y-USA Access Grant Received – and Another Challenge Put Forth!

Earlier this month we received notification that Hayo-Went-Ha Camps was successful in its grant proposal to the YMCA of the USA for a Camp Access Grant. We will receive \$12,500 to be used to provide camp experiences to first-time campers whose families could otherwise not afford our camp tuition. The catch: We must raise an equal amount in gifts from our community by June 1 to secure the grant.

Now, coming to the rescue are AHHH summer staff members Carynn Jo Randolph and Cassie Sessler! Prior to camp, Cassie and Carynn are planning to hike a segment of the [Superior Hiking Trail](#) in Minnesota. The SHT follows rocky ridges above Lake Superior for most of its 310-mile length, from the



Wisconsin border all the way to Canada. Our intrepid hikers are planning to cover just about one hundred miles of trail... a distance that lends itself nicely to a campership fundraiser!

We're encouraging our community to support Cassie and Carynn (and our campership match challenge) by pledging an amount for each mile that they will hike.



For example, a \$0.50 a mile pledge would result in a \$50 donation to our campership fund – and get us closer to that Y-USA match!). We're also hoping to encourage our younger alumni – and other first-time donors – to support this initiative.

[You can make your secure online donation here](#)

Carynn Jo and Cassie are veteran AHWH campers and staff members. They've hiked Isle Royale, paddled Killarney and the Boundary Waters and experienced the majesty of Alaska. We're grateful to both for their commitment to our camps and their desire to make an HWH Camps experience accessible to more kids.

They will be providing updates from the trail once they embark on their hike. Stay tuned for more information about this wonderful initiative.

## Get Ready For Camp!

Do you have a registered camper and would you like to know more? More about the trip experience? More about what's new at camp for the 2022 summer?

All registered campers and their parents are welcome to join us for a scheduled program-specific Zoom call scheduled this spring. Each camp director will conduct a short presentation to help you prepare for your exciting, up-and-coming camp experience. This is a great opportunity to review the packing list, hear about trip location logistics, and have the chance to ask any questions you may have. You can also say hi to current camp friends and meet new friends via Zoom before meeting in person this summer.

All registered campers will receive an email invitation and a calendar invite soon. Please mark your calendar for the program you are registered for and we will see you on Zoom soon. We hope you can join us!

Tuesday, April 26th @ 7pm

**Alaska - both camps** - [Click here to Join Zoom](#)

Monday, May 2nd @ 6pm

**AHWH - Adventurers and Trailblazers** - [Click here to join zoom](#)

Monday, May 2nd @ 7pm

**HWH- Rangers and Woodsmen** - [Click here to join zoom](#)

Tuesday, May 3rd @ 6pm

**Explorers and Bush Rangers - both camps** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Tuesday, May 3rd @ 7pm

**HWH - Viking Sailor, Helmsmen and Navigators** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Thursday, May 5th at 6pm

**Isle Royaler - both camps** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Thursday, May 5th at 7pm

**HWH - SCUBA** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Thursday, May 5th at 7pm

**AHWH - Kayakers** - [Click here to join the zoom meeting](#)

Tuesday, May 10th at 6pm

**AHWH - Bikers** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Tuesday, May 10th at 7pm

**HWH - Viking Outpost** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Wednesday, May 11th at 6pm

**AHWH - Bushwhackers 2 and 4 weeks** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Wednesday, May 11th at 7pm

**HWH - Voyageurs 2 and 4 weeks** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Thursday, May 12th at 6pm

**AHWH Pathfinders 2 and 4 weeks** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Thursday, May 12th at 7pm

**HWH Pathfinders 2 and 4 weeks** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)

Wednesday, May 18th at 6pm

**AHWH Islanders and Trekkers** - [Click here to join the zoom](#)



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