

News from

# BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP

Connecting Youth to Life Outdoors



WINTER 2016

NEWSLETTER FOR SUPPORTERS

## 2015 Was Another Great Summer!

More than 260 campers took part in seven themed weeks at Barry Camp last summer. Sessions filled up quickly at New Hampshire's only true conservation camp, according to Larry Barker of UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H, which operates the camp in partnership with N.H. Fish and Game.

A new dimension this year was the first-ever Junior Conservation Officer Week. Campers learned how

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Campers explore the Androscoggin River by canoe.

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## A Word from Camp Director Jamie Welch

Children today are faced with complicated childhoods, unstable family dynamics, and ever-increasing pressures to walk a dangerous and harmful path. The loss of traditional family fabric has left many children without a strong support system of caring adults willing to mentor and introduce them to traditional outdoor activities like fishing, hunting, hiking and camping.

The future of New Hampshire's outdoor lifestyle is in the hands of our children. Introducing the children of today to the outdoors and fostering a true appreciation for it will lead them to be responsible outdoor enthusiasts preserving the lifestyle we cherish. Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH, provides this outdoor introduction and enjoyment to hundreds of children every year. Each summer, our caring staff lead campers on overnight canoe adventures on the

Androscoggin River and backpacking trips to Roger's Ledge in the White Mountain National Forest. Campers are introduced to the shooting sports and hone hunting and outdoor survival skills in our surrounding forests.

Barry Conservation Camp is a residential summer camp providing



Barry Camp Director Jamie Welch poses with a camper and his catch.

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outdoor experiences to school age children during seven unique week-long sessions each season. We provide an outdoor connection to a wide demographic of campers, the majority of which are New Hampshire residents. Our exceptional facility and dynamic experiential programming is a collaborative effort of New Hampshire Fish and Game and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension/ 4-H program.

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Jamie Welch attended Barry Conservation Camp for several sessions as a child, becoming an avid outdoorsperson. This fascination with all things natural led to an educational path focusing on Ecology, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Biology and Education. Following almost 10 years of stream ecology field research, Jamie returned to his home town of Berlin, NH, in 2007 and has since been working with future outdoorspeople at Berlin Middle School and Barry Conservation Camp.

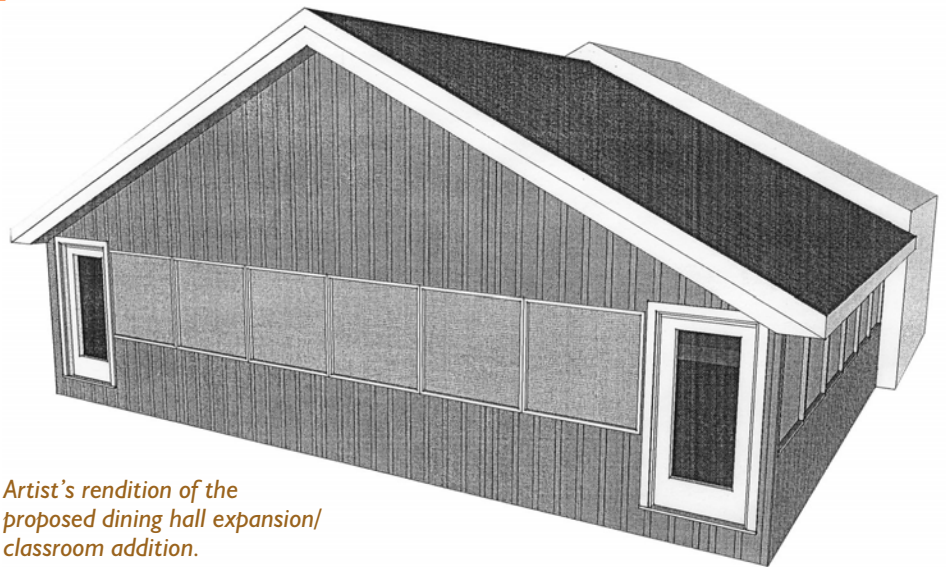
# BARRY CAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## Dining Hall Expansion Approved!

The U.S. Forest Service has approved our request to build an addition to the camp dining hall building that will add much-needed classroom and dining space for campers. Constructed on a concrete slab, this “open air” covered space will feature screen windows on three sides. Screens will be covered by plywood inserts when camp shuts down for the season. Imagine how nice it will be to have this additional screened-in classroom space! The projected completion date is June 30, 2017, but it won’t happen without support from people who care about Barry Camp.

A special separate Barry Camp Dining Hall/Classroom Addition Fund has been set up at the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire with the goal of raising \$45,000 to build the addition.

Please send your contribution today by using the donation form in this newsletter or donating online at [nhwildlifeheritage.org](http://nhwildlifeheritage.org) (specify BCC Dining Hall Addition Fund). Contact Mark Beauchesne at 603-271-6355 or email [Mark.Beauchesne@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:Mark.Beauchesne@wildlife.nh.gov) if you or your organization would like to help raise the funds to make this new space a reality.



Artist's rendition of the proposed dining hall expansion/classroom addition.

## Construction of Covered Archery Range Underway

Site work for a new covered archery range at Barry Camp was started in the fall of 2015. This structure will allow campers to shoot archery in any weather. Plans include a 50-foot building with a shed-style metal roof, storage closet for equipment and a specially designed elevated shooting platform. Downrange will be several 3-D archery targets. A 10 x 90 foot archery safety curtain will help define the area behind the targets. See our

“wish list” for several items needed to complete the new range, which is scheduled to be done by June 30, 2016 – in time for use next summer!



Conceptual design for the covered archery range.

## Landscape Architect Needed

Do you know a landscape architect who could help Barry Camp out by providing landscaping plans? Work is needed to address drainage issues on the grounds between the buildings. We also want to bring this area back to grass. These improvements will enhance the overall natural look of the camp, reduce dust and dirt in the cabins and other buildings, and help keep the summer heat at bay. A landscape plan has not been initiated as yet. We are seeking a landscape architect who would be willing to donate their expertise.



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## Barry Camp Wish List

If you can help us check an item off, contact Mark Beauchesne at (603) 271-6355.

- 10 x 90 foot archery curtain
- 5 pressure-treated posts (4"x6"x14')
- 5 bags of Quikrete
- 3-D archery targets
- Meat grinder attachment for large Hobart commercial mixer
- Dry camp wood (cut and split)
- 3 tabletop-style electric deep fryers
- 6 window fans
- Microwave oven *Thank you Susan of Moultonborough!*



## Summer of 2015

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K-9 officers train and communicate with their dogs. They donned diving helmets and learned how to carry an injured person over difficult terrain. They took part in simulated hiker rescues, surveillance of illegal anglers, executing a search warrant on a

*The excitement of trying something new builds a camper's confidence.*

poacher's truck, securing evidence and interviewing suspects. They got practice in basic shooting skills, as well as navigating with map and compass. The week was the brainchild of two Fish and Game Conservation Officers who are themselves graduates of Barry Camp.

The January/February issue of *NH Wildlife Journal* features an article exploring "Barry Camp Connections" – how the camp experience can influence the future goals and interests of campers. Reprints are available, and the article can be read online at [wildnh.com/barrycamp](http://wildnh.com/barrycamp).



*Campers can choose from seven themed weeks offered each summer.*

*For information on the 2016 camp sessions, go to: [wildnh.com/barrycamp](http://wildnh.com/barrycamp)*



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## DONATE TO BARRY CAMP

**Please accept my donation to:**

- Barry Camp Dining Hall/Classroom Addition
- Barry Camp Maintenance Fund

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount of donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a memorial donation, please indicate honoree's name below:

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*Thank you for supporting future improvements and maintenance of Barry Camp!*

*Please make checks payable to: Wildlife Heritage Foundation of NH and mail to: Barry Camp Donations, PO Box 3993, Concord, NH 03302 or donate online at: [nhwildlifeheritage.org](http://nhwildlifeheritage.org)*

### Spring Clean-up and Cabin Repair Day

Make plans to head up to Barry Camp for a spring cleanup and cabin repair day, tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, May 14, 2016**. By then, winter should have released her icy grip. Winter is tough on these buildings, and we can use your help sprucing up the buildings and grounds.

Your organization is encouraged to contact Mark Beauchesne at 603-271-6355 (or *Mark.Beauchesne@wildlife.nh.gov*) about participating in this volunteer service day.





Adult "campers" learn how to prepare and cook wild game at a weekend workshop for recent Hunter Education grads.



## 2015 Wild Game Culinary Adventure

Not every camper is a kid. In September 2015, Barry Camp hosted the fourth annual Wild Game Culinary Adventure. Some 36 adults who had recently graduated from Hunter Education took part in this exciting weekend of hands-on learning. They field dressed, skinned and butchered all sorts of wild game and fish, which they then got to cook and eat! Everyone went home a happy Barry Camper.

Adult programming at Barry Camp is one more way to encourage folks to keep fishing and hunting all their lives. Tuition and a raffle held during the weekend, along with contributions from supporting clubs and businesses, raised more than \$8,385 for the Barry Camp Fund. The event is sponsored by the N.H. Fish and Game Department, the N.H. Wildlife Federation, and the Belknap County Sportsmen.



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A big THANK YOU to the 2015 Barry Camp staff. Their hard work, caring and dedication makes camp a special place that fosters a connection to the outdoors and creates memories that last a lifetime.

### Sponsor a Camper

For the past 26 years, sportsmen's clubs, conservation commissions and other civic organizations have helped hundreds of youth attend camp. The need for scholarships is great – over half the campers who come to camp receive some sort of financial help. If you are interested in sending a boy or girl to camp, contact: [larry.barker@unh.edu](mailto:larry.barker@unh.edu)



Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH, is operated by the N.H. Fish and Game Department in partnership with 4-H through UNH Cooperative Extension.

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