

ICFC 2022



Back Bay Bilge *(Or, what's around the point in the Back Bay?)*

Welcome Back!!!! Time to Ring in Some New Memories (while reliving the old) This Summer!

From Nancy & Dan Abramson:

We have had a busy, almost “normal” year. Daniel graduates from high school next week after a senior year filled with marching band, concerts, a high school musical, and “senior stuff”. He will be studying Engineering at Penn State in the fall. Nancy hopes to have shed all of her tears by then, but that is doubtful. Robert has enjoyed his first year of high school, playing Freshman Football and JV Lacrosse. Nancy and Dan stay busy attending games, marching shows and concerts, and chauffeuring Robert around. After 1 ½ years of virtual everything, we are not complaining!

Our summer starts off on a melancholy note as we will gather with extended family and friends in Massachusetts for a memorial service celebrating the life of our much loved Aunt Shari. The entire Heath family is still reeling from her loss, and is touched by the outpouring of love and support from so many of you. Summer will end on a much more upbeat note as all four Abramson’s plan to be in camp around 7/23 – 8/6. We cannot WAIT to get back on the Bay!!!

From Mary Ellen & Lee Alexander:

We are excited to be on the bay the first week in July. The top of Garbage Hill will be hopping with Cindy and David Brozeski and Lee, Mary Ellen and Jenny Alexander. We can’t wait!

From Cindy & Peter Amerman:

Cindy and Peter Amerman will be in camp starting June 21 and will stay through opening weekend. We hope that our granddaughter, Sofia Brabant, will get to camp later in the season, but she is currently in Zeeland with her friend Weik and his family and she will then embark upon a month long train trip in Europe with several young women friends in celebration of their graduation from Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest. We are not sure when Alex might get to Iron City, but he also hopes to get back to Georgian Bay.

We have no plans to move back east from Tucson just yet--Cindy's responsibilities as deacon at Southside Church and Board President of the Adult Loss of Hearing Association will prevent that for the foreseeable future. Over the last several years, Peter has become a skilled craftsman at various woodworking projects and he sings and plays his guitar in three different groups. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible this summer--we have so missed Iron City!

From Cynnie Anderson & Jerry Rampelberg:

Cynnie and Jerry have had a wonderful year of domestic travel from San Francisco to Pittsburgh where we joined the Dively family for Thanksgiving. From there we had to see Punxsutawney, PA where the iconic groundhog predicts early or late spring. Jerry was tickled with the five or six unique statues of Punxsutawney Phil while I was underwhelmed...but the town provided a lovely park, in which to walk.

Onward to Troy, NY to attend Gary and Kathy Johnson's son Ben's wedding to Leah. It was a fabulous dance party reception with the whole room up and dancing. Next stop in the Catskills where we hooked up with my nephew Casey and his fiancé Becca at a restaurant in Woodstock, NY.

Our seemingly peripatetic lifestyle eventually brought us to our four month rental in Florida. What an easy comfortable state with friendly people. While we were in Florida we enjoyed visiting with Ali Yount, Cris & Alex Scott, Bob & Pam Reigeluth, Duncan & Janet Anderson, and Cathie & Manly Applegate. Now we are very excited to get to ICFC and be with our extended family.

From Janet & Duncan Anderson:

Janet and I just completed 6 months down at Vero beach in our new winter home at the Moorings club. We had a terrific winter punctuated with Tennis, duplicate bridge, fishing, day trip outings with the Yacht club and we managed to start taking lessons and playing Golf. We are now in Nantucket where we will spend the other 6 months of our lives (we sold our primary residence in Maryland last spring) when not traveling. Major projects here are launching a new greenhouse, and Duncan is preparing for full retirement the end of June. We look forward to making it up to ICFC for early August, and can't wait to reunite given the hiatus from this dreadful pandemic.

Courtney completed IronMan Madison in September and continues to train with her tri-team for upcoming IronMan, marathon, and biking races. She is planning a month-long paid sabbatical in September to Australia and Bali, with parents and Kristen joining her.

From Robin & David Anderson:

Robin and David Anderson are looking forward to several trips to camp, starting May 30 to plant the camp flower boxes along with our family volunteers. When we return in mid-July we will be first in line for the dining hall!!! I am ready to hang up my apron and gather together, thanks to everyone who has made this possible.

From Cathie & Manly Applegate:

The Applegate family camper days will be low this summer except for Sam and Oscar since Oscar will be on staff. Lucky guy!! Manly and Cathie will be in camp Memorial Day and then hopefully again in July. A move into a house under renovation in Stonington, CT from current home in Mystic is a large distraction this summer. We're not giving up the Pittsburgh abode, just getting closer to our New England family and friends for part of the year. It's a great area and we look forward to getting to see more of our ICFC friends there soon.

From Christine & David Bennett:

Christine and Dave Bennett plan to be in Camp the second week of August. In May 2022, Dave transitioned to the ranks of the officially retired, and has taken up volunteer responsibilities with church committees and the local library board. Christine continues with several organizations, both community service and philanthropic. Most of our spare time we dwell on our twin grandsons in Lexington, KY, and look forward to welcoming our first granddaughter in Pittsburgh this summer. As our first travel since covid, in early March we celebrated a niece's wedding in Anchorage, AL. Did I mention early March? See you on the dock where the days are longer and the temperatures are warmer.

From Hallie Bennett:

Nearly the entirety of 2021 was spent in Hawaii but 2022 has brought me back to the east coast. I am continuing my work as a travel PT and have based myself closer to Pittsburgh in order to allow for frequent trips home to celebrate milestones with family and friends. My partner-in-travel, Erin Heath and I met up in Hawaii and California this year, hopefully we can add Iron City to that list as well. Looking forward to finally get back to sunny docks and chatty front porches!

From Nan & Andy Bennett:

The Andy Bennett's are all doing well and looking forward to time on the Bay this summer. Parker and Sanders continue to work and live in DC and love it. Parker is working on the Hill for a Congressman and Sanders for Deloitte Consulting. Harper is working for PNC Bank in Cincinnati, but due to their remote work policy she is stuck in Pittsburgh working from her parent's kitchen. This is tough way to start one's work career, but hopefully things will change in the near future.

Andy and Nan are planning to be at Camp for the 4th of July, a week in early August and then over Labor Day weekend. Parker and Sanders will join us in August and likely all 3 will be with us over Labor Day. So looking forward to seeing everyone on the boardwalk!

From Victoria & John Bennett:

Victoria and I welcomed twin boys (Jack and Malcolm) last July. Working from home has allowed us more time with the boys than expected and we've enjoyed every second watching them grow. We are still living in Lexington, KY and are lucky to be provided with so much support from Victoria's parents who live nearby as well as visits from the Pittsburgh side of the family. We don't know exactly when, but certainly looking forward to introducing our boys to the bay.

From Dick Boak & Susan Ellis:

Grace Boak, Dick Boak, and hopefully Susan Ellis plan to be in camp for about a week and a half from roughly June 30 through July 10. Emily Boak is busy working out in Calgary and can't make the trip. We are looking forward to being back on the bay.

From Jody & Bill Boak:

Todd and Beth Boak won't get to Camp this summer. They are taking a trip to Alaska and getting ready to put their home on the market. Courtney is in her last year of physical therapy school and will have her white coat ceremony for her doctorate next week. She will be doing clinicals in Reno, Seattle, and Salt Lake City. She is engaged and will be married in October of 2023. Elsie lives in Manhattan and works as an environmental engineer for Lagan Company. She's loving the "Big Apple"! Scott and Kate Boak may actually be in camp twice this summer! Their 16 year old daughter Loring will be working in camp this year and she's pretty excited! Her brother Ned is 13 and is getting pretty good on his guitar. He plays a mean lacrosse game for his club team.

Loren and Charles, along with Bill and I will be in camp the latter part of July and early August. The Musgrove's have two graduates this year. Wesley will graduate from 8th grade next week and is continuing with club soccer, basketball, and swimming. Eleanor is graduating from high school today and was recruited for soccer by the U.S. Air Force Academy. She leaves for Colorado Springs on June 21, going right to boot camp just like the other cadets! She is so sad not to be able to get to Iron City this summer and will miss everyone! Big news for the Boak cabin! We're in the process of getting a brand new kitchen, and wow what a long time coming!!! Can't wait to see everyone, our camp, and a new kitchen!

From Allie & Joe Bonidy:

The Bonidy's are excited that ICFC will be open this summer. Ben and Caroline are delighted to be working, even if it's unexpectedly together. Eliza will be happy to be the only child for the summer, even though she and I plan to be at IC more often this year. We will be coming in shifts to drop Ben and Caroline off, back for the 4th of July, and of course, the last few days of July into the first 2 weeks of August. Joe is definitely coming for the first week of August, not sure about the other dates yet.

Exciting news, Joe will be toeing a boat with him in June so that we can help the whole Scott clan to get around the bay more freely during peak. We cannot wait to get back into the dining hall and participate in our normal ICFC traditions. Looking forward to reconnecting with all of our family and friends that we have missed so much over the past two years. RAH RAH RAY to the best and the jolliest 😊

From Monica & Braden Boucek:

The Boucek's hope to be in camp 7/23-8/5. Braden loves his job at Southeastern Legal Foundation. Gracie and Shepherd are both at the same middle school in Nashville (Christ Pres Academy) and Monica is a Teacher's Aide there. We can't wait to reconnect with our Iron City friends!

From Darcy & Ted Branch:

Canada reopened last summer and it seems we've been on the move ever since. We spent Thanksgiving in Durango CO with Riley, Jake, Kelsey, Katie and my mom. Riley and Jake's dogs were a big hit and made the VRBO feel like home. I honed my ArriveCAN skills with two ski trips to Canada this winter. Darcy skipped the winter fun but rallied for a catamaran cruise in the Bahamas. Kelsey and Katie borrowed our RV in April for a trip to Charleston and Edisto Beach, SC. They had so much fun that we did the same trip a few weeks later. Edisto in the off season feels a bit like ICFC. We stopped for lunch with Berta and Bill Schroeder on our way home from SC.

Darcy, my mom and I plan to kick off the ICFC season with a week over Memorial Day. K2 will join us for the long weekend. We will be back for three weeks when camp opens. August is up in the air as we count down to

K2's wedding in Maine in September. They are doing all the wedding planning so hopefully we will find time for a quick trip to camp during peak.

From Tracy & Bob Bushkoff:

The Bushkoff family is doing well. Becca graduated from American University on Mother's Day (what a great present for her mom). She is planning to attend an accelerated, 15 month nursing program in the fall at GWU. Jessie is working in NYC as a PA (production assistant) in the costume department for the new musical *The Devil Wears Prada*, which is in production and rehearsals until July where it will then go to Chicago for its debut. Tracy is busy as ever with her psychotherapy practice and I am just trying to stay out of everybody's way 😊.

We got out to Utah to visit Cathy and Rip last Feb and March to do a bit of skiing and had a day with Todd Chapple and his crew as well. We are enjoying our place in Bethany Beach, DE and try to get there as often as possible. If anyone gets out that way, please let us know. We are working on plans to get to ICFC this summer, and hope to be in camp the week of July 17-24 if all falls into place.

From Carly & Liam Carstens

Nora Carstens became a big sister this year due to the birth of her little sister, Garnet Strongman Carstens (born on Jan 29, 2022). Liam, Nora and Carly are all excited to introduce Garnet to Iron City this summer in August. We are having a wonderful time as a family of four and cannot wait to see everyone on the bay!

From Jordan & Joey Catagnus:

Hello friends! We have been adjusting to the whirlwind of going from one kid to two! Meyer Joseph joined us on June 28, 2021, with a surprising head of red, straight hair! His brother Hayes is busy as ever, enjoying preschool and digging in the dirt with his grandmother! Life is good here in Charlotte but we could not be more ready for summer! Although we dread the 16 hours due north with a 3 and 1 year old in a packed car, we will walk through fire at this point to be on the bay with you all. We are lucky enough to pull off the first two weeks of August and look forward to fishing, singing, and hopefully preventing our 3 year old from chucking forks across the dining hall!

From Kathy & Todd Chapple:

We are all doing well. Oliver will be on leadership this summer. We are planning to travel with Oliver in June to open the cabin. We're looking at the last week of July and then back in the middle of August. The "kids" all have their ideas, agendas, and schedules so we're still waiting to hear when and if they will be joining us during one of our trips. We look forward to being with you all on Georgian Bay.

From Deirdre Childs:

Deirdre, Hattie and Brody Childs send warm greetings! It has been far too long since we have all gathered beneath rock and pine, over song and storytelling. Back here in New England, it has been busy to say the least...Brody graduated University of Vermont with a degree in English and Computer Science during the pandemic and is currently in Boston working away at his first professional role—and enjoying it! Hattie just returned from an active semester in Sorrento, Italy with many weekend travels throughout western Europe. She returns to St. Lawrence University in August as a rising Senior. Deirdre begins a new role with Coastal Bridge Advisors in Westport, CT this June, and throughout COVID has been renovating an 1888 Quaker Schoolhouse in Warren, VT. We each hope to be able to gather again soon and wish you all the best in your summer travels—and beyond!

From Cathy & Rip Collins:

I'm sure you've all heard by now, but both of my girls got engaged within the last two weeks to wonderful, wonderful men. We are so excited for both of them and have yet to secure any wedding dates.

Rip and I and my mother Ina Sable will be in camp from July 3 to 23 July. We hope to see many, many of our friends that we haven't seen in the last two years. We are so excited to come up to fish, swim, and enjoy the bay. See you all soon.

From Megan Collins:

It's been a great year in Utah so far despite missing my time on the bay the last few years. In October I quit my job at Snowbasin Resort after 5 years for a new adventure with the Park City Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau. I am now the International Marketing Manager for Park City Chamber and Visitors Bureau. Between the jobs, Seth and I had an amazing two week trip to Western New York and Pittsburgh to visit with his family and mine. With the new job I work in 5 key markets around the world to share why Park City is Winter's Favorite Town through marketing, pr, and social. Now that the world is opening up, it was a busy winter learning my new role, meeting partners, and hosting clients from around the world. I am in the middle of sales mission season and will get to visit Australia (where I currently am), UK, Europe, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico all prior to winter. I may not be on the slopes every day, but I get to represent 2 ski resorts- Deer Valley (Ikon) and Park City (Epic) as well as over 140 restaurants, cool events, and a variety of lodging accommodations.

Besides the new job, the other big news to share - Seth and I got engaged. After living together for a couple years, he proposed and I said yes. We are slowly doing house improvements when we aren't busy at work. Winter is crucial as he works full time at Snowbird as a ski patrol supervisor and runs all the on-mountain events. Our love of skiing and crazy schedules brought us together. We have two boxers Finn and Murphy who love to play with mom and dad's dogs. As we live close to mom and dad, we spend a lot of dinners together using our smoker or grill for dinners on our back porch with them outside of ski season.

The family has been getting Seth ready for time on the bay as he has become an avid tennis and pickleball player, and loves ping pong. Despite missing out a few years on the bay, Seth has gotten to meet a handful of ICFC people, which has been awesome. We hope to make it up to the bay at some point this summer, but with my new job, I am still figuring out all the travel. If you guys find yourself in the west, you are always welcome in Utah.

From Polly & Frank Coyle:

Frank and I will be in camp before it opens from about June 17th to the 24th. Back again mid-July for three-ish weeks, then back again around Labor Day. Family comes in and out from mid-July to the first week of August. Looking forward to meeting Andi and Blakely!

From Michel & Chip Crawford:

The W Crawfords plan a few trips this year: May 13th to June 3rd, June 23rd to July 7th, mid-August till mid-September. We feel beyond fortunate for IC visits these past few summers and can't wait to connect with family and friends on and in the bay.

Michel and Chip are well - as good as it gets north of 75 (not talking Interstate 75). Our kids keep us young at heart and moving forward. Our major IC connection during Covid Times was a weekly virtual bridge game with Sam S, Kathy J and Lynne E. Hope to join a few tables while in camp. 🎴♠️♣️♥️♦️🌟 If anyone would like light projects, cottage photos, etc. while we are in camp in May and June, send us a line.

From Sophia & Fred Crawford:

Fred and Sophia Crawford are very much looking forward to getting to camp a few days after opening, and staying for a week - what better place to celebrate the 4th of July with cousins and friends. Then, on July 30th, they will return for the rest of the encampment; certainly accompanied by Alice for a week, and hopefully by David. We can hardly wait!

From Cary & Kyle Douglass:

The Seattle Douglasses have spent the winter keeping up with an ever busier toddler; Tommy turned 1.5 in April. We did get to spend a week with the whole Douglass family in Maui over Thanksgiving, which I think helped to cement Tommy's love of the water. He's a big fan of throwing rocks in the water so you'll be likely to see us creating splashes down in front of our cabin. Kyle and Cary both started new jobs in January. Kyle is working as a project manager for Apollo Mechanical Contractors and will be adding to the high rises dotting the Seattle skyline. Cary is in a new role with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center as an Oncology Pharmacist floating between several different clinics in the Seattle area. We plan to be in camp from 7/28 to 8/8 and we hope to see many familiar faces then. Rah Rah Ray!

From Judy & Jay Douglass:

Douglass Family-Our big news is the engagement of Andy to Peyton Veith. Peyton visited ICFC last summer but will get the full experience this summer. Judy and Jay plan to be in camp over July 4th with Andy & Peyton. We'll return a few weeks later with Jenna, Foster (6) and Holden (3), with Brian joining us at the end of July. Cary, Kyle & Tommy (19 months.) arrive in early August.

From Sara & Paul Fritz:

The Fritzes are looking forward to getting back to camp. Sara, Paul, Sam, Leah, and Charlotte Jenkins will arrive on June 21. Sam and Charlotte will meet up with the staff the next day. They can't wait for the summer to start. Sara, Paul, and Leah will stay until July 4 and return August 14-21. Two trips this year will be a treat. It will no doubt be great to see Iron City family and the Bay again.

From Wendy & George Galleher:

George and I are planning to arrive at Iron City on July 14th with Porter and Ried, Elizabeth's sons. We plan to spend a week working on their boating skills, fishing, picnicking, rock jumping etc etc. Elizabeth, Logan, and the boys are moving back to Australia in August so George and I are trying to maximize our time with the boys! Lauren, Bill, Will, Graham, Elizabeth and Logan will join us around July 21st - 30th. The boys are already discussing what they want to accomplish during their vacation! George and I will return for a quieter week over Labor Day! All of us can hardly wait to be back on the Bay!!!!

From Rob & Allison Heath:

All seven members of the Heath Family will arrive on July 30th, in time for Shari King's memorial service on the 31st. We are planning to stay until August 13th. The cabin may be full, but it will feel empty without "Aunt" Shari.

From Leslie & Brian Huber:

Both Campbell and Jamie will be working on staff this summer, so we will make our initial trip up June 19-28 to get them launched for the summer. Brian will be back in camp late July- early August, and then also returning after Labor Day to fish with some friends and then GranJack. It has been a busy year thus far culminating with Jamie's high school graduation last weekend, and we are looking forward to being back on the Bay and seeing all of our Iron City friends this summer.

From Russell & Jack Huber:

We are really looking forward to returning to Iron City this year and seeing "all of you all"! We will arrive in camp on Wednesday, July 13 and stay until Friday, August 12. I am sure we will be more than ready for cool Canadian breezes after early summer in Hotlanta.

We have been working hard to get ready for the Botanical Gardens Mothers' Day Garden tour this Saturday and Sunday and are expecting 2,000 people to come through the garden. We are "hands-on" gardeners and have been weeding diligently and grooming plants and pathways. We are keeping a close eye on the Friday afternoon predicted thunderstorms. By the time the Bilge goes to press, we will have survived the storm and the tour and will have recovered from our labors. Jack will be ready to chase the elusive muskie and I will look forward to kayaking, reading, and "porching" in our most special part of the world.

From Missy and Jaime Hugessen

As I write, Jaime, Jeffrey and I are visiting Michael in Halifax, Nova Scotia where he is attending university. It's been a fun visit. Michael is enjoying being on the east coast and has just finished a schoolwork term and is now back at school for the summer term. Jeffrey has just finished university and is spending two months travelling before starting his career in a management training program with Bell Canada. Living at home won't be quite as much fun as a house full of 6 friends! After hiking the Appalachian Trail, Richard travelled to Phuket, Thailand where he has been training in various martial arts and attending a few meditation retreats.

Jaime and I are in the process of putting our house on the market. The For Sale sign is due to go up on May 24th. It will be interesting to see if we are a little late to catch the real estate wave. We are hoping to move to smaller digs with fewer maintenance responsibilities. Thankfully we are all healthy and hope that all Iron Citizens are able to make their way to camp this summer.

From Laura & Wally Jenkins:

Kate is in the process of wrapping up her junior year at Fox Chapel, and she has started the process of considering her collegiate home. My only requirements are universities having Wildcats as the mascot and the school colors of blue & white. (It's important to have one's priorities in proper order.) This means that Kate will be selecting from Kentucky, Villanova and New Hampshire. I think we all know where this is heading – anywhere but UNH. Spencer, on the other hand, chose purple & white and the Cougars of Chatham University. It was a clear act of rebellion, but so far Chatham has been a great fit for him. Spencer successfully completed his freshman year on Chatham's beautiful campus where he is majoring in art education. #proudparents

We're exceedingly excited for summer to finally arrive and with it the opportunity to make new memories with our ICFC family and friends. Laura and I plan to be in camp for the opening weekend and to drop off Kate, who finally will fulfill her destiny on the ICFC wait staff. It's been a three-year wait for Kate, as it has for several others. Needless to say, she's excited, and we're looking forward to her cementing lifelong friendships with those on this summer's wait staff team. Laura, Spencer, and I plan to make several return visits to ICFC throughout the summer. We hope to see you on the Bay/rocks/dock/boardwalk! #rahhahray

From Kathy & Gary Johnson:

Greetings from the Johnson family. We are looking forward to being back in camp this year and hope to arrive for opening day and stay for a few weeks; then we will return for another few weeks later in the summer. We are excited to see you all. In the meantime, we are eagerly anticipating the birth of Leah and Ben's first child later this month! Otherwise, we have had a pretty routine winter and spring. See you all on the front dock!

From Annie Lawson:

This year has been a big one for me! After four years at Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, I decided to take a leap of faith and move south to Pittsburgh from Toronto. The latest occupant of what is affectionately known as the "Iron City House," life in my new city is great. I have loved seeing my ICFC friends regularly and thoroughly enjoyed working with Carly Carstens at The Ellis School.

I am looking forward to spending time at Camp in July with friends and family but will admit the drive isn't quite as convenient as it once was.

From Christine and Doug Lawson:

On behalf of the Doug and Christine Lawson clan, I want to express our joyful anticipation at being able to return to Camp this summer under "normal" circumstances. We look forward to seeing so many fellow members that have not been able to come to Camp for at least 2 years. Luckily, for us, living in Toronto has provided our family with the opportunity to stay at Camp during the last 2 summers. The time spent at the cottage was great but also very different with so few other campers around us.

Everyone in our family is doing just fine and we seem to have avoided any significant health impacts from Covid. Christine is heavily involved with volunteer activities associated with our local Church as well as dedicating some time to supporting her preferred candidate in our upcoming provincial election. Doug is still working, but his company is in the process of being sold. He looks forward to finding new work challenges in due course. Andrew, and his partner Emily, moved to Peterborough, Ontario (about 1.5 hours northeast of Toronto) last year and adopted a rescue dog, Munchkin, last September. They are doing well. Annie struck out to Pittsburgh last October where she now works for the Ellis School in a development capacity. And finally, Christopher is still working from home and spends time with his girlfriend, also named Emily, who is an aspiring singer with some songs playing on the radio.

So, in short, life is good. Together, we spend time looking after our 2 cats and dog, thinking about what it might be like to once again have the opportunity to travel, and enjoying our good fortune.

From Lorraine & Donald Lawson

We were fortunate to have spent 3 months in Naples this winter. It felt good to return after our abrupt departure in March 2020. We also benefited from having family nearby to check in on us on a regular basis.

Our family grew by one with the birth of our first great grandson, Theodore Donald (Theo) in July 2021. He lives in Halifax with his parents Matthew and Kelsey Lawson. We have watched him grow over Zoom but will meet him in person in June.

Lorraine and Donald expect to spend about two weeks around the beginning of Camp, and another two in August, including the Semi-Annual meeting and after the end of organized Camp. It will be great to have a full camp again and get reacquainted with those whom we have not seen since 2019.

From Nikki & Nate Lusk:

The Lusks have had a fun and busy year, and are excited to get back up on the Bay! Henry (8) is in 2nd grade and enjoying fencing, soccer, and cub scouts. Hanna (3) is in pre-school and loves biking, playgrounds, and following her big brother around. We kept busy this winter with a lot of fun ski weekends. In the spring we had a great trip to Disney World which the kids are still raving about. We're very excited to be spending the first two weeks of August in ICFC. We can't wait to get back to the Bay and see everyone!

From Erin & Zach Martin:

We had our baby girl, Blakely Marie Martin, born on April 20th, 2022. We cannot wait to bring her up for her first ICFC trip this summer!

From Mary Ann Martin:

Well it's been a banner year for babies in the Martin family! Maggie & Drew welcomed Andie Bell on 2/10 and Erin and Zach welcomed Blakely Marie on 4/20. Roan turned 3 a week ago and loves to introduce everyone to "his baby, Andie Bell"! I'm trying to figure out a fall babysitting schedule so I can spend time with all of them! I've loved having Roan for two days a week!! We've done some fun traveling and I'm still loving playing tennis with friends! I learned how to play Pickleball but would rather play tennis!! I'm hoping to go to ICFC the last two weeks of July...maybe a few days into August! Kids will come and go. I can't wait to reconnect with friends and family this summer!!

From Renee & Howie Miller:

2022 brings us back to ICFC, and our family has been growing in the last couple of years to 17. Eight grandchildren, with three of them being first time visitors at ICFC this Summer. We feel so blessed, and all 17 of us will be there the second week of July. Julie and Nathan have four of those kids, Steve and Lindsey now have four including a 7-month-old. Scott will be coming from Denver, and Joe and Saxon now live in North Hollywood. All can't wait for the family ICFC experience in 2022.

From Karen & David Mills:

The Mills men (David and Ben) are happy at ICFC visiting with the Sloans as I write. As for the rest of the summer, we will be up whenever possible. Perhaps you will see more of David than Karen as Karen has 3 hospitals at a critical stage of tendering.

David and Karen have enjoyed many visits from Ben who bakes incredible bread, gardens like a pro and who has various science experiments underway to concoct apple cider and various pickled vegetables. It actually has been quite marvelous having him here with us!

Apart from Sarah's husband Andrew, Jordan and his husband Clemens, we have been lucky in avoiding COVID. Based on our friends' experience, that is a very good thing. The big news is that Sarah and Andrew are planning a move to Milan, Italy.

From Terri & Chris Modic:

The Sewickley Modics will be in Camp 7/6-7/22. Everyone is looking forward to seeing old friends and enjoying the beautiful surroundings. At one time or another, the crews from Kalamazoo, Portland, and Framingham will be joining us in Camp.

From Sue Anne & David Morrow

Ruth and Tal are getting married on July 23 in Asheville so we will all be gathering in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Then they are heading off to Ireland for two weeks. Sam and Victoria, George and Charlie will come to ICFC the second week of August hoping to hit Old Friends. Jake and Emma and Lillian, Fred and Alan will be meeting us on St Regis Lake for the Wooden Canoe Conference in mid-July and coming to Holloway Bay toward the end of August. David and I will be on Holloway Bay for August and September, and coming and going to ICFC many times, we hope.

September? Did she write September? I have always longed to be in Canada in September and it is one of the first benefits of retiring at the end of June. In French the word for retiring is "advancee," which seems more apt. In Spanish it is "Jubilacion" ~ even better. I wrote the Head of School "after 47 years in this amazing vocation first at Duke, then Princeton then Lawrenceville, the crest of the wave, I have decided to retire at the end of the academic year." My Grandmother taught us to always leave a party when we are still having a good time" I know many of you can hear Grandmother Steffey saying it and winking.

From Lauren & Bill Mulcahy:

The Mulcahy crew is beyond excited to get back to ICFC this summer! After two summers away, we anticipate an extra special return the last week of July seeing friends and family and experiencing everything that makes ICFC so special. Will (10) and Graham (8) can't wait to make childhood memories with their friends and cousins. They are already discussing fishing, boating, passing as many swim tests as possible to make up for lost time (and free candy bars), evening games, and Saturday night parties! What a joyous summer it will be!

From Susan Neul:

Robin, David and I spent three glorious weeks in Iron City last summer, joined by Stephanie, Stacy, Bruce and Alison for a week. We learned so much. Like why do we need such large, luxurious kitchens at home when we managed to cook three meals a day for seven with a 1950's fridge, a 24" oven, and a washer and dryer for counter space? As fun as that was, we are so looking forward to enjoying Dana cuisine in the dining hall this coming summer.

Our second full year in these unusual times saw Stacy move cross country to start work in Seattle and I move across state to the Berkshires where I am attempting to build a house, a trial in patience and many stories to tell but none, unfortunately, as charming and humorous as those recounted in *A Year in Provence* or *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House*. Whereas I will truly miss our periodic Iron City lunches in Dedham, MA, ICFCers Kira, Henrik and Oliver Bingemann and Don and Ted Marcus and Lisa Milligan live nearby. It's been so much

fun to gather at the sidelines of soccer games to cheer for Henrik and Oliver and to chat for hours with Lisa. We will be in camp the last week of July well into August.

From Elizabeth & Richard Parker:

Our most exciting news is our new cottage - Mike Winn's cottage at the end of the board walk on Rattle Snake Row. We are thrilled with the work that Moe and Lisa have done on it so far and look forward to being there with family members in August. Ned, Julie and their three boys (Desmond, Smith and Tommy) will be in camp for a week in early August to overlap with Clare and Manny who will be in the tent. Sarah is preparing her dossier to be considered for tenure at Morgan State University in Baltimore so will not join us this year. Therefore, I will need a tennis partner to play doubles with Clare and Manny.

We have a Reigeluth family wedding in Hood River, Oregon June 20. It will be the first time being with all three of my brothers since our mother died. I hope to get the two who haven't been to Iron City recently (George and Douglas) up there with their wives at some point.

Please stop by Pine Needles (our cottage) when you are in camp. Richard and I plan to go up at the end of June into July for a brief visit to check things out. We look forward to seeing everyone very soon. Rah, rah, ray!

From Cary & Richard Reed:

The RW Reeds are looking forward to getting back on the bay after a long, cold winter. Richard and I plan to arrive on July 6th, after a week we will be joined by Rosy, Bennett, Dottie and Jamie for a week. We'll then head home to return in early August with Mac, followed by Carly, Liam, Nora and the newest addition to their family - Garnet (3 months.) With luck we'll be back in late August to enjoy 10 days of off-season. Can't wait to catch up with our Iron City family.

From Sue & Bill Sager:

Bill and Sue Sager hope to be in camp for a month this summer, from July 9-Aug 7. They will arrive with Amy and Kent Patton, Katie and Tyler Glass (new residents of Toronto!), and Lilli Patton (new resident of Maui!), be joined by Mary and Alyce McFadden (who recently landed a job with the NY Times!) and Alyce's friend Ethan over the first two weeks. John, Kathy, Ben and Laurel Sager (new resident of Minneapolis!) will be in camp around the first week of August. We look forward to breathing that sweet ICFC air, diving into that refreshing bay, catching the biggest bass, watching countless shooting stars, and visiting old friends and new.

From Meg & Dave Schrier:

We can't wait to be in Iron City this summer! Kiddos (Maddie n' Bode) with Dave will head up over 4th of July with MyMy (Molly Steffey) for 5 weeks of bliss. Dave has a sabbatical from work this summer and thought the bay was a perfect place to be for some much needed R&R. Meg will be up for the last two weeks of their adventure. Can't wait to see you all!

From Berta & Billy Schroeder:

Berta and I have had busy but relatively quiet end of 2021 and start to 2022. Our two year old Lab - Ghillie- keeps our home from being too quiet and then of course there's Opie...the cat...when did we get a cat??!! We have been fortunate that Maggie and Tommy can work remotely and therefore we had a great 10 day visit with them here in Charlotte and then another great week together skiing at Steamboat in March.

My mom - Nancy Schroeder- is well but has had a tougher 2022 with a serious illness in February that she overcame, despite getting Covid while recuperating on the Rehabilitation floor of her senior living facility. She has moved onto the assisted living floor of her facility and is happier with the more social interactions it provides vs. living alone- a true Succop!!

My sister Linda and brother-in-law Larry Hewitt are well and Linda's kids Melissa and Carter Ward and Jeffery and Erin Diebold are all well as are their kids. The Hewitt's and Ward's are still in Winston Salem - 10 minutes from my mom, and Jeffery and Erin are in the Raleigh Durham area.

Berta and I are looking to be in camp for opening till mid-July and back again for the meeting as well as hopefully another fall trip. RRR See you on the Bay!

From Chris & Alex Scott:

The Scott Family is looking forward to what we hope is a more normal summer. We have had a very nice year trying to avoid covid (so far successfully, fingers crossed) and spending time with our children. We spent 2 1/2 months in Florida this winter where we visited the Williams in Vero for a few days, and then went on our music cruise with the Crawfords and Nick and Cricket. And our other winter adventure was skiing with the Bonidy Family in Snowmass. Where we went for 4 days and ended up for 7! A major winter storm that lasted three days! We ended our Florida stay with a wonderful visit with Pam and Gregg. It all made the winter fly by.

And now our next adventure before Iron City will be the wedding of Will and Isabelle Letaconnoux! In NYC in mid-June, and Alex is marrying them. Our whole family will be at Iron City sometime this summer. Caroline and Ben Bonidy will be waiting and they are counting the days. Caroline is especially excited since she missed her two years because of covid. We hope to be there in late June for a week and then again in late July and the first couple weeks of August. Fingers crossed for Labor Day. We hope our paths cross with everyone sometime this summer!

From Emily & Dave Scott:

Dave, Emily, Oliver and Petie Scott have settled into our new house after moving last summer. We look forward to being in Iron City for the first two weeks of August. We can't wait! Oliver tells everyone that 'the best swings on the planet are in Iron City' so that is where you'll likely find us!

From Gail & Porter Scott:

It has been a busy year for the Scott family. In January, we enjoyed a family ski trip to Vail and Beaver Creek. There was a big snowstorm when we arrived, so it was a fun trip.

In July, Samantha will be finishing the last year of her Physician Assistant graduate program at Chatham University. She traveled to Cheyenne, Wyoming and Los Angeles plus some other cities for her medical rotations last year. Heather just completed her sophomore year at Penn State University. Heather joined the University ski team. Gail, Samantha, and Porter enjoyed a busy fall season as we traveled to Penn State for all the home football games. We had a weekly tailgate spot with friends and family. In November, Gail moved to ReMax Real Estate in the city location and she is loving it.

We are all excited to be back at ICFC this summer under more traditional circumstances. We will be in camp in mid-June and then back again in early August.

From Rob Scott:

The RS Scott family with Rob, Kate & Chris Richmond, and Joanie and Warren Maxwell with their 5 children, Coco, Sammy, Elle, Scottie and Hollis are planning to be in camp the week of July 9-15, some staying a bit longer and some a bit shorter, assuming Canadian border rules stay the same or better. It's been 3 long years and we couldn't be looking forward more to our arrival. Can't wait to see ICFC family there and picnics, putting, ping pong, maybe some tennis, swimming, boating (never mind gas YIKES), the Baldy jumps, ice cream at San Souci, shuffleboard, etc., etc. and those amazing sunsets we see from time to time.

From Judy & Bobby Sillers:

Rah, rah, ray! We so look forward to seeing everybody in camp. Although we are not moving to the Georgian Bay for the summer, our time in sunny Canada will be close to that. Wednesday July 6 through Tuesday August 9th...and then back for some days around Labor Day. Isn't there some new cost structure from the Finance Committee that says, "if you stay over 60 days in a small cabin and get knocked out of bed every morning by the first bell, that Iron City waives your outing fee and pays YOU to stay???"

Judy's wedding planning business is still going strong. – four weddings in June alone.

Rebecca is working hard at Southwest Airlines – data analytics for the Sales teams – has had multiple promotions – and gets ALMOST enough income from them to pay for her serious 'horse habit'. She has a beautiful XXXXX horse and goes to various shows around Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Her IC plans are up in the air at the moment [no pun intended]. She DOES fly for free – she recently went to Rome and Zurich and was gone less than 96 hours! I think she is going to Niagara Falls this weekend.

Scott is busy again doing commercial lending for a very well-run locally owned bank. He and Ryan will be in camp from July 27 to August 6th with the two most adorable girls – Emery is 4 and talks from 7 am to 7 pm every single day. And little sis Hutton is 1 ½ and wants to do EVERYTHING that big sis does. Next to your [fill in here: kids, grandkids, nephews and nieces, puppies] they are the cutest pair you will ever meet!

Judy and I had a great trip to a wonderful resort in Antigua called Curtain Bluff. LOTS of sports – all inclusive. 40% Brits. We met a woman who has a private island on Lake Rosseau with 5 cottages and a tennis court. And we met a woman named Judy [her husband just retired from being CEO of Tim Horton's] who has a fancy condo on Lake Simcoe. What are the odds of that? We are going to visit the Lake Simcoe couple on the way to Iron City and hope to have them come visit us in camp. We can't wait to see everyone. I think THIS is the year Judy lets me buy a lighter kayak paddle...

From Annie & Michael Spera:

Annie, Michael, and Elsie Spera (Sipe) are looking forward to being in camp July 31-August 7. It will be Elsie's first time in Iron City and she'll be almost 2 years old. She's been working on her "Rah Rah Ray"! We've been enjoying life in Boston, but are eagerly awaiting a trip to ICFC. We can't wait to be there and catch up with everyone we've missed for the past two years!

From Bryce & Kyle Stricker:

All good with The Stricker Family. Crawford is now a university graduate and working for Fidelity full time. He continues to do some part time work as a TA at Dalhousie. Haven has one more year of high school and has started thinking about university programs. She is working again this summer at Camp Mi-A-Kon-Da Da- a girl's camp she has attended for many years. We have a family vacation planned at the end of the summer to visit Turkey. We are excited to start traveling to faraway places again. We look forward to seeing our ICFC

friends and plan to be in camp in early July with my parents, Shannon, and Mira. We will make weekend trips off season. See you on the bay!

From Anne & George Stronach:

Our spring has been overshadowed with sadness at the loss of my beautiful sister and best friend, Shari King. All of the Heath siblings are so touched and appreciative of the heart-warming support we have received from so many of you. We look forward to seeing some of you in Scituate on June 11th for her Memorial Service. We will also be holding a Memorial in Camp on July 31st, and all are welcome to attend and help us celebrate Shari's life. Iron City held a special place in her heart.

On a happier note, we are staying (relatively) healthy, were able to spend some Fall weeks in the NC mountains and Winter weeks in Islamorada, Florida. Several of our grandchildren have had major milestones this spring. Porter graduated from Meredith College, Daniel is graduating from Oakton High School, and Eleanor moved to Atlanta to launch her Digital Marketing career with Wisteria Home Decor. We are so happy to finally get back to IC this summer, planning to be there with family late July/early August. We look forward to having grandson Thomas wait on us in the Dining Hall!

From Devon & George Stronach:

It's been another busy year and we can't wait to get back to camp to see our Iron City family and friends. Thomas is a rising high school senior and Colin is a rising high school freshman. Time is going by too fast! Thomas is especially excited to finally get to be a part of the wait staff after being denied two years in a row because of stupid COVID. We will be up the week before camp opens in June and back again for the first two weeks of August.

From Carrie & Kevin Sullivan:

The Sullivan's can't wait to be in camp from July 30th-August 7th, and hopefully a few days earlier than that for Carrie and the kids. We were so lucky to make it to camp the last week of August last summer and we can't wait to see old friends again who we have missed!!

From Laurie & Eric Widing:

Laurie and Eric plan to be in camp from June 24th to July 6th. Marion and Josh Whetzel (new members!) will be staying at Twin Pines with us. We hope to get up again in late August or early September. We have been riding out the Covid waves at our house in western PA. Laurie (finally) retired at the end of March 2021. Looking forward to seeing everyone at ICFC.

From Susie & Tim Williams:

Tim and I are happy to be able to come to ICFC this summer. Our plan is to be there in June for a week to open the cabin, and come back with our family in August. We will be there for the semi-annual meeting on August 4 and will stay about two weeks. We are especially pleased that our grandsons, Cole Turner and Oliver Bingemann, will be on the wait staff for the last month. We will see you all on the dock!

From Barbara & David Wright:

Barbara and David are very eager to come up over Memorial Day and finish moving into their new cottage. We will have Nate Lusk with us because we love his company, and as an added bonus he excels at little home projects and cooks great meals!

We are very much looking forward to being with the Bethesda Wrights and the Winchester Lusks - both for several weeks during peak. With a 2 year break in the fishing, we're hopeful that the Bay is teeming with fish eager to jump into our boats!

From Lisa & David Wright

Lisa, Dave, Katie, and Allie Wright are very excited to be back at ICFC this summer for the first time since 2019! Some combination of us will be in Camp from July 20, when the girls finish at Glen Bernard Camp, to around August 10. Dave had open heart surgery this spring but should be cleared for swimming in time for some pre-breakfast swims!

Important Information

As we prepare for the first official encampment since Covid, there is a LOT of information that Members need to know. All has been communicated in Wally's emails, the ICFC Web-site, and Yearbook.

www.ICFC.net is a wealth of information, and all are encouraged to take advantage of it. Your username will be your own email and you will set your own password. If you need assistance with the website, email Diehl Sillers, diehlstx@gmail.com.

The ICFC Yearbook is another great source for everything Iron City.

Reservations:

- Please make your reservations via <https://www.icfc.net/> as soon as your travel dates have been determined. **This applies to both out-of-season and in-season reservations.** It is critical that we provide our staff with as much advance notice as possible.
- A new website feature "Who's in Camp" links to reservation system, showing a snapshot of who will be in camp on any given date.

Special Dietary Requests:

- To ensure the Kitchen is aware of your dietary needs, please complete the "Dietary Requests" section of the reservation form for each trip made to ICFC. This information cannot be stored in our system.
- Upon arrival into camp, those with special dietary requests should meet with the DHS (Kat) to verify the request. This ensures that the DHS is aware of your arrival, and your expectations are met.

Cottage Cleanings:

- If you intend to have the ICFC Housekeeping Team provide cleaning services for your cottage, please provide Lisa Gregoire with your family's initial arrival dates by emailing her at moeandlisa@live.ca. Please give at least three weeks' notice.

Boat Launch:

- For those who store their boats at ICFC and will want to launch them this season, please contact Moe Gregoire at moeandlisa@live.ca with your expected arrival dates by emailing him.
- Moon River Marine (MRM) requires at least 2 weeks' notice for boat launches, more if possible.

Travel Requirements to/From Canada:

- **All travelers to Canada are required to show proof of COVID vaccination, having submitted other mandatory information via the government's ArriveCAN app or website.**
- All persons 18 and over are required to be vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated youth 12 to 17 years of age must complete a 14-day quarantine, and all testing requirements for pre-entry, arrival, and Day-8 tests, even when they are accompanied by travelers who qualify as a fully vaccinated traveler. **(Should an unvaccinated youth arrive in camp, his or her entire family also must follow the same ArriveCAN quarantine and testing requirements.)**
- U.S. citizens traveling by air must show a passport when entering both the U.S.A. and Canada. When traveling by car, adults must show a passport but children under 16 may substitute an original or copy of their birth certificate. A notarized permission letter is required if the child under 18 is not accompanied by both parents. Full details are given at travel.state.gov/content/travel.html.
- **VISAs and or other forms of ID are required for persons FLYING into Canada from countries other than the US.** This rule applies to air travel only. Information can be found on: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp>

Transportation to Camp:

- A useful resource for drivers is <https://travel.gc.ca>, showing border wait times and other travel information. Expect longer than usual wait times at border due to staffing shortages and fewer booths. Tues.-Thurs. are the best days to travel.
- Those looking for rides to/from Toronto airports and Pittsburgh, as well as those who may have room for an extra passenger, can use the new [Rideshare Link](#) on the website.
- Aeroport Taxi and Limousine Service www.aeroporttaxi.com/, 905-908-5015. This is a new service so cannot vouch for it, but may be an option if needing taxi services to/from Toronto Pearson Airport.
- Landmark Bus Lines www.landmarkbuslines.com, 705-435-2629 & Hammond Bus www.hammondbus.com, 705-645-5431 provide transportation between Toronto & Georgian Bay.
- Ontario Northland www.ontarionorthland.ca has scheduled service between Toronto and MacTier.
- MDM Enterprises (Mark Meikle) may or may not be open this summer. Please contact him directly at 1-905-573-0568
- **Parking** at Moon River Marina will be at a premium this summer, especially weekends & holidays. (Daily rates are \$14, so if parking more than 20 days the seasonal rate of \$250.50 is the way to go.) All ten electric vehicle spaces are filled for this summer, and they are taking reservations for 2023.
- **Parking** is available at Woods Bay Marine/Grisdale's. (www.woodsbaycottages.com/marine.html)
- **Water taxis** are available from MRM (705-375-2342) and from Grisdale's (705-346-1072).
- **Club Boat** is available to taxi to and from either marina, with prior reservation through the Club Office or reservation link. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before scheduled time.

Cellular & Broadband Options:

- Cellular service has improved at ICFC in recent years, and most major U.S. carriers have plans that permit roaming in Canada. Most phones may be used as hotspots, but this gets expensive for heavy use like movie or video streaming.
- Best option for high speed internet while at ICFC is to rent a Wifi "puck." TravelWifi.com provides portable hotspot puck rentals available [HERE](#).
- Additional, detailed recommendations for broadband service may be found in the following document: [Wireless Internet Options at Iron City 2022](#).

Miscellaneous:

- All members are advised to have at least a three-day supply of food in their cottages in the event that the Kitchen needs to temporarily halt operations.
- ICFC will maintain supplies of rapid tests and masks, but these will be reserved primarily for staff use. Members and guests are encouraged to bring their own supplies personal use.

Additional Travel Tips Courtesy of Chip Crawford:

- Access real time construction details via the attached Ontario Roadwork App: <http://511on.ca/list/roadwork?start=0&length=25&order%5Bi%5D=6&order%5Bdir%5D=desc>
- Gas prices float around \$2.00 per liter. The equivalent is just under \$8.00 per gallon (\$6.25 American).
- Gas at Wolf Energy / Muskoka Traders/Wellness Center is 10 cents per gallon less than other stations. Located at the exit for Cranberry Growers approx..10 min south of Mactier on Hwy 400. <https://wolfenergymuskoka.ca/>
- Consumer prices for food and many other items are way up - global issue. For example, bacon is \$10.00 lb. in some outlets. <https://www.rateinflation.com/consumer-price-index/canada-cpi/>.
- New wood fire pizza place near the intersection of 69 and Hwy 11 as you enter Mactier.

ICFC Communications Committee

Rah Rah Ray!!!