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Loch Lyme Letter

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Share Your LLL Memories

Did you ever hide a stuffed deer head on the property? How about hold an annual golf tournament with a plastic ball? Maybe even play a game of flash light tag, with one summer staffer getting so scared he ran into a stream? Yup. These are all true stories! We'd love for you to share with us your funny, strange or poignant stories about your experiences at Loch Lyme Lodge. We'd also love to see your favorite photos, old and new. Such a long and rich history deserves to be shared. E or snail mail us.

A Different Time of YearJay's Corner

As some of you know and others have probably imagined, the Lodge is a very different place in the winter season. It's a slow transformation but one that we always enjoy watching unfold even as the fond memories of summer linger on.

The cabins are closed one by one, the water to each drained out. The docks and float are pulled onto land and every last picnic table and chair is squeezed into its spot in the big red barn. Firewood is neatly stacked by the Lodge's back door and piece by piece the dining area is moved out and replaced with rugs and sofas. And did I mention firewood? The fireplace, which most

people never see because it is covered by a table in the summer, becomes the center of our winter world as we gather around the fire to read, play games and make music, and in one little girl's case....do homework. Should you venture too far from this area, you may want to add a vest or sweater to your wardrobe. We watch as slowly the first glaze of ice overtakes Post Pond, forcing the last stubborn loon to fly away and seek warmer waters in a southern New England tidal pool. After that the ice becomes covered in snow. Sometimes Lyme can receive just a couple of storms during the winter but that hasn't been the case very often since we came aboard seven years ago, (yes, it's seven already!) My experience is that by sometime in February the storms have added upwards of two to three feet in combined depth. Some winters even more!

Imagine strapping on snow shoes at your back door and heading out into the woods by yourself....it is such a great experience! It's a different world where the snow has given you access to all the places you'll never get to in the summer. It covers boulders, logs, and brush so you can walk right over them. The trees and especially the evergreens become snow bound. It can be like walking through tunnels of white as the bending branches create cave-like structures that seem to go on forever. It never gets old or boring and if it's snowing hard, you better mark your trail to find your way back.

I stopped up on the mountain near the Pinnacle the other day. It was completely silent. I just took it all in as the wind picked up and two tall pine trees swayed into each other making forest music. Now that's livin'!!!!



Pinnacle Project Update

Pinnacle Cohousing continues to move forward. By the time guests join us this summer we'll have plans to show them what the cohousing homes will look like and how they will integrate with Loch Lyme Lodge. Please go to our website, PinnacleProject.info to see all the latest information.



"Being rich of heart
makes you wealthy
beyond compare"

- Rodney Williams



Help preserve Loons
and their habitats.
Keep waterways clean
and don't use lead
sinkers & jigs.

Arts in the Barn

Attention thespians and scribblers!

We will once again be having our theatre/dance/film workshops in the barn this summer. For those of you who haven't been to one of our free shows, we work Monday-Fridays from 10 to 1 and then perform Fridays at 5pm. Last summer we did a play about

a hotel fallen on hard times a la Monte Python, a Leonard Cohen tribute, a film about a summer romance fighting to survive against impossible odds, and our grand opus with the audience moving between 5 locations, BACKSTAGE AT THE CIRCUS.

What on earth will we dream up this time?

These are multi-aged workshops and we will be putting registration information on the Loch Lyme website in March. The dates are:
July 15 - 19
July 22-26
July 29-Aug 2
Aug 5 - 9
Meanwhile, you can call me in Lyme at 603-795-4103 with all your questions. Yours in the arts,

Loch Lyme Lodge Employees

Every year we hire a staff of local & international students. In the process all of us are able to meet many nice young people. We are very lucky that this place attracts a lot of great people (just like with the guests!). An international student that chooses Lyme, NH as their work destination is certainly not interested in a night life or a city experience.

Their time here is enriched by their interactions with all of you. They have the good fortune of learning of a generous and caring America when coming to Loch Lyme Lodge to work. Our guests are the best in the world and our staff benefits in so many ways.

Please feel free to involve the staff (in their off time) if you are putting together a game in

which they could participate (volleyball, basketball, flashlight tag, etc.). They are sometimes available for hire as babysitters too.

We want to sincerely thank you for making such a positive difference in their Loch Lyme experience!

A letter from the past...

Everyone should have a Loch Lyme Lodge in their life. It offers a lifetime of happy memories and, as we grow older, those certainly become more precious. Of course not everyone can be fortunate enough to be able to return thirty years after first coming to their Valhalla and be able to so completely recapture the nostalgia of the first few years- as the youngsters were grow-

ing up- - and year by year return for two weeks and some years four. Little did we know that back in those early days that we were storing up a fund of memories which would be drawn upon...We find that similar families today- - as in our early days- - find this the spot to bring their children, and although they may not

know it yet, they too will look back at the end of the century, to find that unknowingly they have created a wealth of memories and a way of life for themselves and their children that is priceless...Not everyone can, but everyone should have a Loch Lyme Lodge in their life!

Written by Lewis Keith, a guest from 1940's to the 1970's