

**FROM THE DIRECTOR: FOOTPRINTS**



**Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.”**

I was just up at camp for one of my mid-winter visits. This is a time where I can be still (well only for so long because it is COLD) and listen to God speak. My cell phone is off and there are no other distractions as the snow dampens all the sounds of the forest. It is refreshing and my soul finds rest in God’s creation. The footprints above are always fun to see during the winter; they are evidence of God’s creation but as the seasons change the snow melts these footprints are harder to see. That doesn’t mean God’s creation does not exist; sometimes, we just have to look harder and be more alert. Life is like that too, right? There are many storms and seasons in life that will disguise God’s finger prints and it’s hard for us to even see that He’s working and society has a lot of noise fighting for our attention. Sometimes we aren’t paying attention to see his fingerprints, but other times, we have to look really hard. I want to see God working and I want to point my kids

to his work as well. I don’t want them to be covered up or swept over like so the next generation misses them. Ultimately, I don’t want to leave my mark, but rather point my kids and the next generation to Him.

In my eyes, I am insignificant when I stand at Blue Ledge or OK Slip Falls or the majestic Hudson River. I too ask like David “what is man that you are mindful of him?” Yet, just like these places, God has given me a role in his creation to declare His glory. So, wherever you are and whatever you are doing God has purpose for you. You are never too lost for God to find you, never so insignificant that he can’t use you, and never so unskilled that He cannot create good works for you to do. God sees you, he hears you, and your life has purpose for His kingdom.

So as the summer gets closer and campers and staff com onto the property and leave a mark, my prayer is that they would all be pointed to Jesus and see how He is at work in their lives and in our world. Pray that our campers and staff know this and begin to look for God’s fingerprints

all around us. May we not hide them from our children, may we tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of our Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done...so the next generation would know them, even children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. (from Psalm 78)





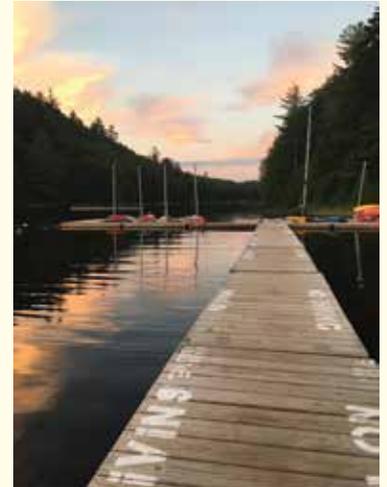
## HOW TO SUPPORT NF THIS YEAR?

1. Pray for us!!! Also join our NFC Prayer Net Team for Collegians – Contact Chip Ducharme if you are willing to begin praying for a 2021 summer collegian counselor at [nducharme@comporium.net](mailto:nducharme@comporium.net).
2. Help promote NF within your family and friends network (campers/staff/donors). Set up a Zoom promotional event or outdoor event with our help. Contact Capt. Chris at [cstudley@northernfrontier.org](mailto:cstudley@northernfrontier.org)
3. NF Work Weekends – Please reach out to me if you have any skills or you are willing to work and let me know exact dates as well (mid-week vs weekend or either) at [cstudley@northernfrontier.org](mailto:cstudley@northernfrontier.org). I will get back to you regarding any openings. Spots will be limited this year as well want to manage the group well in regards to everyone’s health and safety during this pandemic. The dates are May 14-16, May 21-23, June 4-6, and June 11-13.
4. If you are unable to come to a work weekend please consider a donation. We have many projects looking to work on both in our General Fund, or LEGACY Fund. To make a donation go online at [www.northernfrontier.org](http://www.northernfrontier.org).

or

Help us out by purchasing items from our needed equipment list for 2021. If you are interested contact Capt. Chris to find out more details about what to order and from where.

- Life-Jackets
- Hammocks/with bug net and rain fly
- Heavy Duty Ground Cloth tarps
- Golf-cart
- 3-12 gauge shot guns
- New bows and arrows
- 6 new fun-yaks
- sleeping bag stuff sacks
- waterproof bags (10-20L)
- Nalgene 32oz water bottles (30)
- Sunfish Sailboats and or new sails
- Katadyn Hiker Microfilters



5. **Need Bus Counselors (June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, and Aug 7)** – You need to be COVID19 tested within 72 hrs of bus trip or have had the vaccine. Campers will need to be screened with questions, have temperature taken, and show proof of negative test result in hand to board the bus. A camper list and contacts info will be provided along with a chart to document screening answers, temp, and test results. Campers will be spaced out on the bus and supervised by you.

6. **Need another Nurse to work with Peggy every Saturday-** We are looking to speed up the check-in process and tend to all health concerns more efficiently this summer. If you are an EMT, or registered nurse in NY please reach out to Capt. Chris at [cstudley@northernfrontier.org](mailto:cstudley@northernfrontier.org). **The dates are July 3, July 17, July 31, and Aug 7.**



## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Arrival (as of now)

If you are excited about camp being open and don't want to miss out, REGISTER NOW! We have a self-imposed 50% capacity restriction until we hear from the NYS Dept. of Health. As of now space is limited so SIGN UP NOW!

-Staff may choose to get the vaccine or be tested within 72 hrs of arrival. A negative test result must be submitted or documentation of the vaccine must be submitted in order to proceed with check-in.

-Campers must have a COVID19 rapid test 72 hrs before arriving to camp. A negative test result must be submitted in order to proceed with check-in.

-Right now, NY has removed all travel restrictions for PA, NJ, VT, CT, and MA. For other guidelines visit <https://forward.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>.

-COVID19 Rapid Tests Sites on the way to Northern Frontier (call ahead, should be free for entry into child care/camp facility/state approved communal living):

North Creek Health Center - <https://www.hhnh.org/locations/north-creek-health-center/>

Indian Lake Health Center - <https://www.hhnh.org/locations/indian-lake-health-center/>

Warrensburg Health Center - <https://www.hhnh.org/locations/warrensburg-health-center/>

### At home COVID19 testing kits (with prescription and/or fee):

Lucira - <https://www.lucirahealth.com/>

Abbott BinaxNOW Ag Card Home test - <https://www.bbott.com/BinaxNOW-Test-NAVICA-App.html#/>

Ellume COVID-19 Home Test - <https://www.ellumehealth.com/products/consumer-products/covid-home-test>

### Without a prescription (may be a fee):

<https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/node/32051/questionnaire>

[https://www.walmart.com/browse/health/covid-testing-kits/976760\\_1005860\\_542089\\_3092061](https://www.walmart.com/browse/health/covid-testing-kits/976760_1005860_542089_3092061)

### NPI's (non-pharmaceutical interventions)

-Social distancing, and cohort/cabin groups will take place at NF

-At campfires campers will sit in cabin groups and groups will be spaced out by 6ft

-Masks will not be worn while swimming, and other strenuous activities like hiking, climbing, kayaking, or canoeing. Masks will come off to sleep, eat, in the case of a breathing emergency

-All activity and cabin areas will have soap/sanitizer dispensers

-Daily screening and temperatures will be taken

- Increase the amount of hand-washing and sanitization for all
- Increased sanitizing of high traffic areas and shared equipment will take place
- Limiting unnecessary trips out of camp

### Check-In / Meals (as of now)

-Before you arrive, you can expect to see procedure changes regarding check-in day, meals, and in some of our programming. We will keep you posted and in the know ASAP.

-All food will either be served by one designated counselor/staff per table or campers and staff will walk to kitchen and wait in line 6ft apart to get their food plated and handed to them by our kitchen staff. Some food items will be prepackaged, those items they can pick themselves.

-Disposable plates, drinking cups, and utensils will be all single serve usage then discarded.



### FROM KEL:

I love the noise of camp! I love standing on my front porch hearing the camper's laughter at the water front. I love sitting at the office and hearing conversations as they wait at the store. But my favorite thing to hear is so many male voices lifted together in song every Sunday in the dining hall. My favorite words they sing are these:

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art...

In my many years at camp, I don't think I have ever gotten through that verse without tears (not unusual for those of you who know me!) This song is so timely to sing while at Northern Frontier surrounded by the beauty of God's creation and yet it's not awe of the creation that brings me to tears but awe for the Creator of all of it. While I appreciate the beauty of the men's voice lifted in song, people fearfully and wonderfully made, I am utterly astounded by their Creator, fearful and wonderful. I don't know about you but I lack awe in the everyday. I get so busy doing of all the things and I allow myself, or my people, to become the center of the story. I forget that is not my place; it's not their place.

I'm grateful that Northern Frontier exists to point boys and men (and me!) to our awe-inspiring Creator. We all need awe. It directs our focus to Someone greater than ourselves. It helps us remember, "You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!" (Psalm 68:35)



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## BAND OF BROTHERS: CAMP IS VITAL

Can you believe it! 75 years of ministry from Uncle Joe Coughlin and the Frontiersman starting up FRONTIER CAMP in Dover, NJ 1946 to our present-day top-notch staff at Northern Frontier Camp in Indian Lake, NY 2021. Thank you, God for your hand of provision. May we never grow old of telling our children and campers of the many ways God has provided for our families and for Northern Frontier.

Camp is essential, and a must for all boys and young men. Getting the opportunity for godly men to come alongside your sons and reiterate and teach the truths of God's Word while exploring His creation, having outdoor adventures, learning outdoor skills, and camping is VITAL. Living, learning, exploring, serving, and overcoming challenges with your cabin and peers with Christ as the

focus is life changing. Those circumstances help us grow in our faith, and mature more into the image of God.

There are many opportunities our sons will have in life to learn, grow, and have fun. I think it is up to us as parents to put our sons in places to build them up in their faith. Through NF, your sons will have opportunities to be spurred on by godly men as well as come along-side their peers to pray with them, encourage them, and point them to Christ. This is real world training, discipleship for our stockade and battalion campers. This is why NF is VITAL. Our world needs more godly men. Send your sons to NF, volunteer with us, pray for us, promote us, and support us.

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