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Camp Robin Hood

The Woodchuck

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Hello Fellow Alumni!

In today's ever changing world, we are beyond fortunate to have Robin Hood as our constant. It is incredible to see Andy's dream alive 90 years later. It all started with a canoe on the shores of Broad Bay, and to this day, the waterfront continues to embody Andy's dream. Lake Ossipee will forever be the backdrop for lifelong memories and indestructible friendships.

Throughout the twentieth century and beyond, children have journeyed to The Realm from all over the world, and it is amazing to see the unifying power of Robin Hood. Our campers still cannot take in enough stories of Robin Hood history. With 52 summers under his belt, Chuck is everyone's go-to storyteller.

We are thrilled to invite you to both New York City and back to The Realm to commemorate 90 years of Robin Hood. Please join us in celebration of friendship, history, and that indescribable magic in the trees.

We are honored and humbled to continue in the legacies of Andy, Major, Drew, and John Klein. Every second of each day is a blessing, and we do not take anything for granted. The three of us are just keeping the seats warm for the next 90 years of former campers who will run Camp Robin Hood.



- DC, SOL & WOODY

Ask Chuck!

First: Can you give us a brief history of your time at Robin Hood?

Brief.... How do 52 years become brief? I started in 1965 as a counselor. I became a GL in 1967, a Color War Captain in 1967, Head of Junior Camp in 1979, and I've been Head Counselor since 1980.

1) What is it about Robin Hood that has led you to stay for over 50 years?

Being treated like family by all directors, friends, beauty of the area, and working with children.

2) What has been your favorite Green and White break to date?

The Fenway Park break at a Red Sox Game – there was a plane flying over the stadium with a banner

3) What's something about Andy, Drew, and John that many of us may not know?

Andy was a semipro football player

Drew started a golf cart company – they were the first golf carts at camp

John's mother owned a day camp in Cleveland

4) What is your favorite Robin Hood song?

With Robin Hood in Triumph Flashing

5) What is your favorite spot on camp?

My office – I can look out and see campers playing on the quad, walking past me on their way to and from activities and most of the time they don't realize I'm there! Second favorite is the waterfront. It's just beautiful. No camp has a nicer one!

6) How many Airedale Terriers have been with you at Robin Hood over the years?

I have had four Airedales, but only two have come to camp. What are their names? Bonus points for names of the two who never came!

7) Can you share your favorite memory/ies from each decade you've been here? 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s?

60s – Getting to fit into camp life, meeting and working with the Friedmans, and working with my best friend Chuck Downie

70s – Working with Drew, meeting and working with John, and becoming head counselor



80s – Opening Girls Camp on our 60th anniversary!

90s – Expanding Girls Camp to today's size, the '91 hurricane when Bob sent campers home but then brought them back because the airports were closed!

00s – Having Woody, DC, and Sol take over camp – I had worked with all of them closely as staff and campers

10s – My 70th birthday party at camp and the celebration of my 50th year at Robin Hood

Through all of those decades, all of the camp friends I have made and shared so many memories with are my favorite Robin Hood memories. Camp friends are the BEST.

8) What is your favorite CRH soup special?

Cream of mushroom! You hear that, Yensi? And of course on special occasions, lobster bisque!

9) What's the spookiest Robin Hood legend you know?

Would have to be Butch Mathias – but Rupp tells some great ones!

10) What was one of the funniest situations you had to manage as a counselor? What about as Head Counselor?

Counselor: One of my staff on a walk to Shawtown had campers streak back to camp. This was a very well known Robin Hooder!

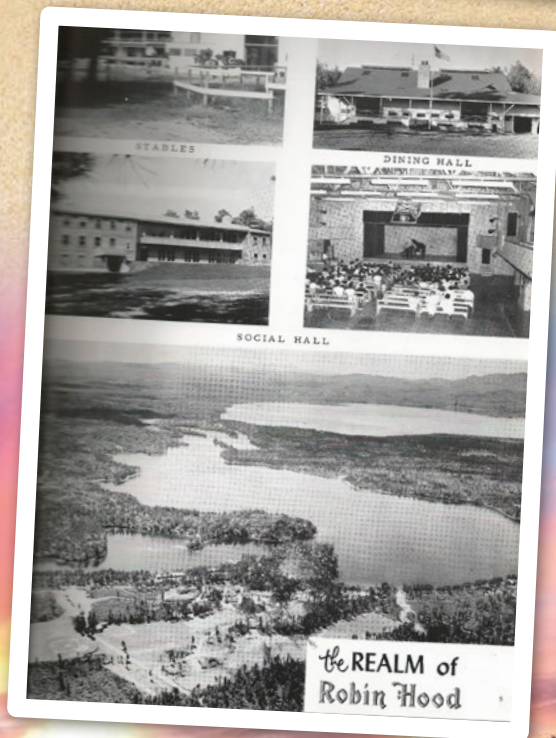
Head Counselor: Having to fire two kitchen staff – it became a hilarious situation

And finally... will you ever tell us your middle name?

It is out there – people know, you just have to find the right ones! Good luck!

Camp Robin Hood Timeline

- 1927** Robin Hood Founded by Andrew Norman Friedman
- 1928** First summer with 28 boys, all Yeomen
- 1947** Major fire destroys all of camp except the sailing shack
- 1948** After total re-build funded mostly by parents, camp opens
- 1965** Social Hall burns down during camp
- 1969** New Rec Hall/Theatre completed
- 1974** Dining hall destroyed by fire. Passing of Duff Friedman, Andy's wife
- 1976** Passing of founder and director Andy Friedman. John Klein takes over directorship
- 1985** Robin Hood's sister camp Hiawatha closes
- 1987** Robin Hood accepts its first girls, the Shires
- 2004** John Klein retires, and ownership passed on to David Cole, Richard Woodstein and David Solomon
- 2008** Dining hall/Theatre collapses under snow / Charles Illig Playhouse is constructed
- 2009** Present Dining Hall completed
- 2017** First Specialty Camp runs - Hockey Camp



Dick Roberts Camp History

I came to Robin Hood purely by chance in 1983, and actually as result of a toothache. I was sitting in the dentist's waiting room, leafing through a yachting magazine when I came across a small ad headed "Could you teach sailing in the USA next summer?" It was an interesting notion, so I replied in the affirmative, and here I am 35 years later.

Memories of my arrival that first summer in 1983 are still vivid and made a great impression. The bus ride from New York to Boston, and then to West Ossipee; being met by a certain Richard Woodstein and David 'Freaky' Freedman (both shirtless), and driven to camp in a rickety old green van. I had arrived with no expectations of what was to come, apart from the camp brochure and a very open mind, and was bowled over by the welcome from the aforementioned, and then Chuck, John and David Solomon.

I went on to have the best summer of my life, and knew very quickly that I had 'landed' in what has become my home away from home. I taught sailing that summer, then subsequently returned to be an AGL for the TPJs the following year. 1985 was a momentous year for me: out of camp I had qualified as a teacher, and at camp I became the TPJs Group Leader and was elected Staff Captain for Green and White - which I still rank as the best (and the worst) 5 days of my life.

I was a Group Leader for four years before teaching commitments prevented me being at camp for the opening, so I served 'in any area assigned' for many subsequent years - co-GL, AGL, sailing, soccer, drama, driving, laundry(!). In 2002, circumstances allowed me a final crack at being a Group Leader, so I took on the Archers of that summer which included many notable names - David Woodstein (Richard's son), Ryan Cristal, the Most Honorable Jake Szabo, Daniel Chandler-Klein (John's grandson) and Jake Schwartz. Each and every one of these Archers were notable in their own ways and were responsible for one of my most memorable summers.

2003 was a short summer for me, as I was only at camp for 3 weeks, but it was significant in that I witnessed the end of the John Klein era and the start of the Cole/Woodstein/Solomon era. I became Program Director before handing that role over to the much more capable hands of Jody Podl, and stepped into my present role as Head of Boys' Camp. I am thrilled to be back in The Realm for my 35th summer and Robin Hood's 90th.



Jackie Pelton Hoglund

Camp History

For ninety years, boys (and for the past thirty years girls, too,) have flocked each summer to Camp Robin Hood on the shores of Broad Bay, to make new friends in the cabins, to challenge themselves on the fields, to step out of their comfort zone on the stage, and to form bonds that last a lifetime, and in some cases generations.

It's hard to believe 30 years have passed since my first summer as an "official" Robin Hood camper, and the first summer of Robin Hood Sports for Girls. Many of you know that my years at Robin Hood actually began even earlier; as the daughter of a camp "Doc" I have spent summers in Freedom, NH since I was 2. My brother, Erik, started as a Tinker at Robin Hood and my sister and I at Hiawatha, Robin Hood's former sister camp, in 1983. I vividly remember playing Tinkerbell in the production of Peter Pan where girls from Hiawatha and boys from Robin Hood came together to perform a Big Show; I also remember "play dates" on the quad where the youngest "Bunk One" girls and the TPJs participated in relay races and other fun activities. It was from this early age, that I began forming lifelong camp friendships. Sadly, after 2 years at Hiawatha, it closed. Thankfully, in 1987, Robin Hood opened its "Sports for Girls" camp and my sister and I quickly enrolled as two of the first girls. Our slogan that first summer was "We dared." Year after year, I returned to camp as a camper, counselor, Group Leader, color-war captain, and eventually even returned as an "adult" as the Waterfront Director. As we celebrated 10, 20, 25 years of girls' camp, our slogan changed from simply "We dared" to "We dared. We did it!" It has been such a joy to see this camp thrive.

Many things at camp have changed with the times (like new bunks and buildings, rules about "screens", and more activities such as GaGa), but at the same time many things have stayed the same (count-offs and 16 laps, July 4th and Beach Day, Green & White and group excursions). For me, one of the most exciting parts has been watching the never-ending cycle of camp friendships continue. Counselors I looked up to as a camper, are now the Owners/Directors. My campers are now judges and counselors whom my oldest daughter, entering her 2nd summer at camp as a Tumbler, looks up to. This summer there will be a whole new crop of second, and even third generation campers starting a Robin Hood. My children will be sleeping in cabins next to children whose parents were some of my closest friends at camp, that is something truly special. I'm looking forward to the time when my 3 younger children get to join their big sister at camp. The seven weeks that they will get to spend TOGETHER, away from their parents, away from the hustle & bustle of school, away from homework and sports, is a gift that hopefully they will learn to appreciate as much as I do now.

There's nothing quite like living 10 for 2, like the "magic in the trees", like the sunset over Lake Ossipee, like camp friends. There's nothing quite like Camp Robin Hood. I know my family is looking forward to celebrating 90 years of Robin Hood with both alumni and campers this August, and I hope you are too.



Jackie (Pelton) Hoglund,
RH 1987-1997, 2003-2005,
parent 2016-?

Jackie & Brad Hoglund
with Ellie (9), Tessa &
Drew (5 ½) and Livvy (1)

John Flaschner *Camp History*

Many of my greatest childhood memories revolve around camp and the enormous impact this special place has had on four generations of Flaschners – “Flash” to those who knew each of us. The story begins in 1926: my grandfather, Jerry, went on a fishing trip on Lake Ossipee with his lifelong friend, Andy Friedman, his brother and a friend. After landing the row boat on the point near what is now the waterski shack and dreaming about what it would be like to start a boys’ camp there, Andy purchased the land for \$10 an acre... and the rest is history. My uncle Frank, who later became the Chief Justice of the Massachusetts courts, was lucky enough to be one of the very first campers in 1927. My father spent time at Robin Hood from when he was just two months old, while his father, Jerry, helped Andy build the camp. My two older brothers subsequently attended camp; Steve was part of Adies Deuces with Michael, Guy, Andy and the rest of the Saxons of 1972, and Mark attended camp and was a Saxon in 1975. My own time at the camp began in 1972 as a camper, and continued through 1979 as a first-year aide. Many of my closest lifelong friendships were created there and continue today. These were carefree days filled with afternoons on the waterfront, trips out of camp, cook-outs and all of the things that make Robin Hood so special. When my son, Robert, was born, one of the first things I thought of was that he was going to be a fourth generation “Flash” at camp. This coming summer will be Robert’s 10th, and he will

once again be a counselor while on summer break from Clemson (National Champions). He has made a huge number of lifelong friends at camp over the years, who come together each summer to laugh and create new memories as if they had no time apart in between. I hope you will be able to have this same experience by joining Robin Hood’s alumni August 4 and 5 for our 90th Founder’s Day Reunion; I am sure being back will bring back your own memories as if time has stood still, as it does for me every time I visit. Remember...

- Doing an island swim at 6 am when the lake is like glass
- Trying to hit a softball on the roof of the red garage
- Spotting a daddy long-legs when you flip over a canoe
- Getting a Charleston Chew from the candy canteen
- Walking on the same docks Andy had made by a ship builder – ask Chuck how many coats of orange Marine paint are on the metal pontoons
- Sitting on the wooden grandstands and looking out over home plate
- Searching the camp for the “Andy Says...”

Looking forward to seeing you back in The Realm,

FLASH





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