


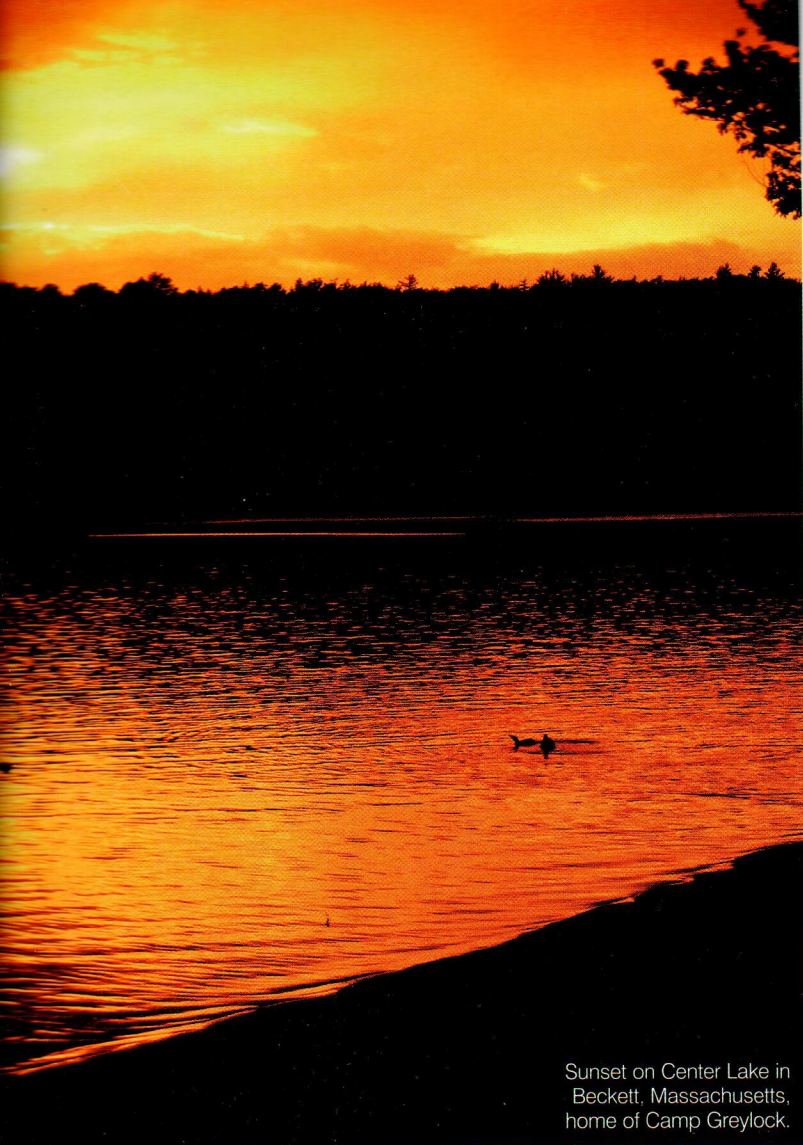
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A full-page portrait of actress Emily Mortimer. She is wearing a dark, long-sleeved, button-down shirt with a subtle plaid pattern. Her hair is dark and styled in a classic, slightly wavy manner. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. Her hands are on her hips, and she is holding a white object, possibly a folder or a book, in front of her.

EXCLUSIVE

Emily Mortimer

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SCORSESE'S SHUTTER
ISLAND MAKE THIS
BRITISH BEAUTY BULLISH
FOR BOSTON!



Sunset on Center Lake in Beckett, Massachusetts, home of Camp Greylock.



Richard Gutman being buried by his fellow campers at Camp Wigwam on the shores of Bear Lake in Waterford, Maine, in August 1959.

BACK TO BASICS

Kids are in serious need of calming alternatives to today's fast-paced, electronically driven lifestyle. These traditional New England camps will help them find that escape. BY KATHERINE BOWERS

Campfires and camaraderie, tanned arms and cool, woodsy air, a lake that's mirror-calm in the early morning and wild with splashing and laughter in the midday heat—summer camp, with all its traditions, is one of the things New England does better than anyplace else. We have the lowdown on some of the most classic camps around—places where kids leave cell phones and iPods behind to learn swimming and the fine art of friendship.

We know where Cambridge cellist Yo-Yo Ma sent his daughter, and where developer Ronald Druker gained what he considers the most important education of his life. Many camps are well-kept secrets with waiting lists (some families have sent their kids to the same one for generations). These retreats—with their rustic cabins, playing fields, and peerless stretches of lakefront—have been around for decades because they've always known how to give kids a sensational summer.

CAMP ALOHA AND CAMP ALOHA HIVE

What: Sister girls' camps on Lakes Fairlee and Morey in Fairlee, Vermont

Founded: Camp Aloha in 1905; Camp Aloha Hive in 1915

Ages: Camp Aloha, 12 to 17; Camp Aloha Hive, 7 to 12

Amenities: A mix of tents and cabins, with a high counselors-to-campers ratio.

Activities: Rowboating, kayaking, and sailing; gymnastics, tennis, softball, photography, art, music

Cost: \$7,250 for seven weeks; \$4,700 for three and a half weeks

Vibe: Low-key traditional; girls nod off to taps and wake up to reveille.

Traditions: At Aloha, Sunday nights are spent around a campfire on Winships, a bluff overlooking the lake, reading letters from former campers and counselors. At Hive, one evening each summer, to celebrate the camp's birthday, reveille plays after taps and the girls rush to the dining hall in their PJs to enjoy a candlelit cake.

Directors: Camp Aloha, Marijean Parry; Camp Aloha Hive, Kathy Plunkett

Famous Alums: Singer Dar Williams, cellist Yo-Yo Ma's daughter Emily, and illustrator Sandra Boynton's daughter Darcy, a singer

For information:

Visit alohafoundation.org.

CAMP DEERWOOD

What: Boys' camp on Squam Lake in Holderness, New Hampshire

Founded: 1945 (built on the site of the former Camp Asquam)

Ages: Eight to 15

Amenities: Cabins from the late 1890s, dubbed "the Ritz" and "the Waldorf," are still in use. The camp's original lodge has a spectacular view of Squam Lake, which was featured in the movie *On Golden Pond*.

Activities: Swimming, archery, baseball, canoe trips, backpacking trips, camp craft

Cost: \$6,200 for seven weeks; \$3,600 for three and a half weeks

Vibe: The sentiment is "boys being boys," with a strong subtext of "turning into good men." It draws the Phillips Andover, Exeter, and Brooks crowd, a large percentage of whom return as counselors. Overnight camping trips, which teach wilderness skills like starting a wet-wood fire, are a specialty.

Traditions: While modern canoes are also on hand, former campers have fond memories of maneuvering the 11-man wooden "war" canoes, a true test of teamwork. "You paddle and then you bail a bit," laughs codirector Peter Thomsen.

Directors: Peter and Lorne Thomsen

Famous Alums: Late actor Christopher Reeve, Metropolitan Opera bass-baritone James Morris, IM

sports and entertainment agency chairman Ted Forstmann, documentary producer Charlie Stuart, and Fred Schoch, executive director of the Charles Regatta, who spent two summers at Deerwood and says, "Everyone revered [founder Ferris "Buck" Thomsen]. His voice would boom through the trees and he set the tone for the whole camp. It still has that DNA."

For information:

Visit campdeerwood.com.

CAMP GREYLOCK

What: Boys' camp on Center Lake in Beckett, Massachusetts

Founded: 1916

Ages: Six to 16

Amenities: One of the largest and oldest of the Berkshires camps, Greylock sits on 300 acres, with 12 playing fields (lit for night games), an in-line hockey rink, and 16 tennis courts.

Activities: Water-skiing along with traditional water sports, lacrosse, football, golf, street hockey, water polo

Cost: \$9,500 for seven weeks

Vibe: Best for sports junkies who want a smorgasbord of options. An instructional-clinic system fosters skill improvement, but the bottom line is everyone participates.

Traditions: "Color War," in which campers split into teams for a four-day, all-out competition for bragging rights.

Director: Michael Marcus

Famous Alums: Late Neiman Marcus founder Stanley Marcus, Revlon chairman Ron Perelman, *West Wing* actor Joshua Malina, New Jersey Nets coach Lawrence Frank, actor Peter Falk, late Broadway composer Alan J. Lerner, film producer Robert Evans, and Loews Corp. cochairman Jonathan Tisch, who spent six summers at Greylock and says that experiences there formed the basis for his first book, *The Power of We: Succeeding Through Partnerships*. "What a great opportunity to learn, at an early age, skills that will be valuable to you at all stages of your life," he says.

For information:

Visit campgreylock.com.

CAMP ONAWAY

What: Girls' camp on Newfound Lake in Hebron, New Hampshire

Founded: 1911

Ages: Nine to 15

Amenities: Camp Onaway has 2,500

feet of lakefront with its own cove. Coming up on its hundredth anniversary, the nonprofit camp has a growing scholarship program.

Activities: Dance, music, theater, woodworking, sailing, tennis

Cost: \$5,500 for seven weeks

Vibe: Theatrical arts are a defining activity here, although girls will also learn to do a perfect Red Cross crawl and achieve a splashless canoe stroke. "They are building character as well as muscles," says Camp Onaway director Anne Conolly.

Traditions: At the end of every season, the girls produce a pageant. Campers also learn about giving back to others by holding charity fundraising events such as craft sales and by eating only rice at one meal each week (to save money and teach empathy). At the close of camp, the girls vote on the cause their funds will support.

Director: Anne Conolly

Famous Alums: Cambridge choreographers Robin and Rebecca Rice. Says Rebecca, who orchestrated Onaway's summer finale as a young teen, "My first time creating a program—teaching the dances and techniques—was at Onaway. It was a huge responsibility. I remember it really solidifying my love and passion for the art."

For information:

Visit camponaway.org.

CAMP WIGWAM

What: Boys' camp on Bear Lake in Waterford, Maine

Founded: 1910

Ages: Seven to 15

Amenities: In its first years, Wigwam campers lived in rustic army-style platform tents, three campers to a tent with a counselor. As the camp grew and permanent buildings and bunks were added, the allure and mystique of tent life endured. To this day, the older, veteran campers may choose to live in tents (complete with electricity) rather than cabins. All other boys live four to a traditional bunk with a counselor.

Activities: Baseball, golf, boxing, music, soccer, sailing, tennis, badminton, fishing, mini golf, archery, music, art

Cost: \$7,800 for seven weeks; \$6,800 for five weeks

Vibe: Sports, sports, and more sports—all ending with "good game."



Mornings are for practices or clinics, afternoons are for games or intracamp tournaments; golf trips are offered every day.

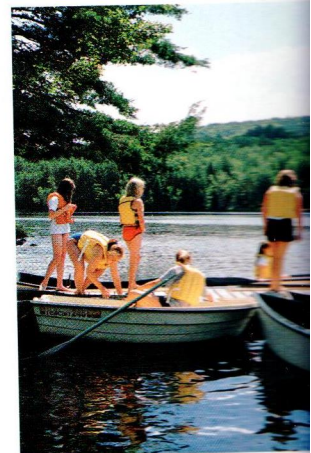
Traditions: The camp's original "Wigwammer" songs and rituals have survived for nearly a century thanks to continuity (the camp's had only two families as owners) and loyal alums.

Director: Bob Strauss

Famous Alums: Author J.D. Salinger, composer Richard Rodgers, Red Sox minority owner Frank Resnick, author and historian Richard J.S. Gutman, Harvard Business School professor emeritus William Poorvu, Boston Symphony Orchestra board member Stephen Kay, author and Democratic National Committee treasurer Andrew Tobias, and developer Ronald Druker. "Camp Wigwam was the most important institution in my life," says Druker, "and that includes prep school, undergrad, [Harvard Graduate School of Design] fellowships, and everything else.... I went for nine summers, and it was the place where I learned about friendship and how to compete." Decades later, Druker can recall details of doubles matches with buddy Billy Koplovitz against rival camps. "Even in defeat, we suffered no bad memories."

For information:

Visit campwigwam.com.



FROM TOP: A Deerwood camper jumps into Squam Lake in New Hampshire; campers practice their boating skills at Camp Onaway on Lake Fairlee in Vermont; kayakers on Newfound Lake in New Hampshire; a camper practices archery at Camp Onaway

