



CAMP O-AT-KA

February 13, 2025

Dear Friends and Family of Camp O-AT-KA,

I am very pleased to announce the hiring of Jim Holmes as the next Executive Director of Camp O-AT-KA, effective March 3, 2025. After a search process that yielded dozens of interested applicants, the search committee unanimously agreed that Jim's experience, leadership, and deep connection to O-AT-KA make him the ideal person to lead our camp into the future.

Jim brings an impressive background in youth development, having spent the past 14 years working with the Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA in progressively senior roles. He is energetic, personable, and a proven leader with experience in hiring, training, and managing both full-time and seasonal staff. Additionally, his experience as an overnight camp director has equipped him well to oversee O-AT-KA's operations with confidence and care.

Beyond his professional qualifications, Jim is also part of the O-AT-KA family. As a former camper, counselor, King, and corporation member, he knows firsthand the traditions and mission that make our camp so special. We are confident that under his leadership, O-AT-KA will continue to thrive and provide transformative experiences for campers in the years to come.

I would also like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to Annie Bowe for her outstanding leadership as Interim Director during the search process. In recognition of her dedication and accomplishments, I am pleased to announce that the board has promoted Annie to the position of Director of Advancement.

In this vital role, she will lead efforts to strengthen relationships with our families and alumni, playing a key part in O-AT-KA's continued growth. Her work will be especially crucial at this pivotal time as we focus on expanding enrollment, strengthening ties with current families, and reconnecting with alumni.

Through Jim and Annie's leadership, we aim to bring the magic of O-AT-KA to more boys, deepen meaningful engagement, expand our outreach, and cultivate a thriving, supportive community—one that honors our legacy while embracing the promise of the future, ensuring that the O-AT-KA spirit remains strong for generations to come.

The 2025 camp season is just around the corner, and soon, the familiar sound of "merry boys who have signed for Camp O-AT-KA all the busy season through" will fill our camp once again. With this talented and passionate leadership team, I am confident that our campers will, as always, "never weary telling of its joys!"





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In closing, I would like to thank the entire O-AT-KA Family for the continued trust, support, and generosity you show each year. Without you, Camp O-AT-KA would not be the special place that it is. Your dedication and support ensure that we can continue providing meaningful summer experiences where boys explore new interests, build valuable skills, and form lifelong friendships—all in the great Maine outdoors!

Warm regards,

Chris

Christopher L. Bond
President / Treasurer
O-AT-KA Board of Directors

