



THE LION'S ROAR

Summer 2025



Important Dates

June 22 – Opening Day of Camp

July 20 – Second Session begins

July 26 – Annual Corporation Meeting

August 8 – Closing Day of Camp

Friday, Aug 29 – Monday, Sept 1

– Friends and Family weekend

SUMMER AWAITS

With the start of camp imminently approaching it is time to celebrate the start of another season. We witness change as spring turns to summer and the trees go from buds to a lush canopy of green.

The same holds true for Camp O-AT-KA. After a long winter camp has been changing too. We have had to say some goodbyes, which opened the door to some hellos.

Not only have there been some staff changes, but also changes around camp with a welcome addition to our facilities that we're pretty pumped about too.

But no matter what the changes are at O-AT-KA, we can always count on camp being camp, being a part of the traditions we all hold close. Council Ring, Galahad, singing the Safety Pin or whatever you hold close to your heart are still here. The bonds and friendships continue to grow with each summer and as things change they continue to remain the same.

So let's all buddy up and have another great summer.



FAREWELL KENNY

We are sorry to say goodbye to Ken Berndt. Technically, Ken was the Facilities Manager, but in reality he was so much more to O-AT-KA. A friendly fixture who would be found teaching campers the subtleties of woodworking as much as keeping the ball fields ready for the next competition. Ken's commitment to camp was matched only by his knowledge of camp. We know Ken will be back at camp at some point, but for now we wish him the best of luck as he travels the country.

HELLO MATT

We are happy to announce the arrival of Matt Gosselin in the role of the new Facilities Manager. Matt came to us with years of facility and building experience which served him well as he learned the intricacies of O-AT-KA's different buildings under Ken's expert guidance.

The only open question at this point is if Matt will match Ken's ability to produce facial hair.



GOODBYE ANNIE

We are wishing the best to Annie Bowe our long time Director of Advancement. Annie has been a valuable member of the O-AT-KA family and all around contributor to the success of Camp O-AT-KA. Whether it was working with alumni and friends looking to leave a donation or legacy with camp, meeting potential campers and their families, or taking countless pictures of life around camp Annie has been tireless in her support of camp.

Annie will not be a stranger to camp though as her son will be attending O-AT-KA again this summer. We know that the new company she is headed to as an Operations Manager will benefit from her presence there.

Its not too late to register

There is still time to register for camp this summer!

INFO: For more information on session dates and rates: [Click Here](#)

REGISTER: To register: [Click Here](#)

QUESTIONS: Call us at 207-787-3401 or email info@campokatka.org.



Give to Camp O-AT-KA

As we enter a new phase for Camp O-AT-KA, the hard work and dedication will continue. Camp will always need the support of our family and friends. New family referrals, time, attention, and financial support will be crucial for the continued health and success of our beloved camp.

Did you know? Many employers will match their employees' charitable giving! Be sure to ask your employer about this and potentially double your gift to O-AT-KA!

[Please consider a gift today!](#)

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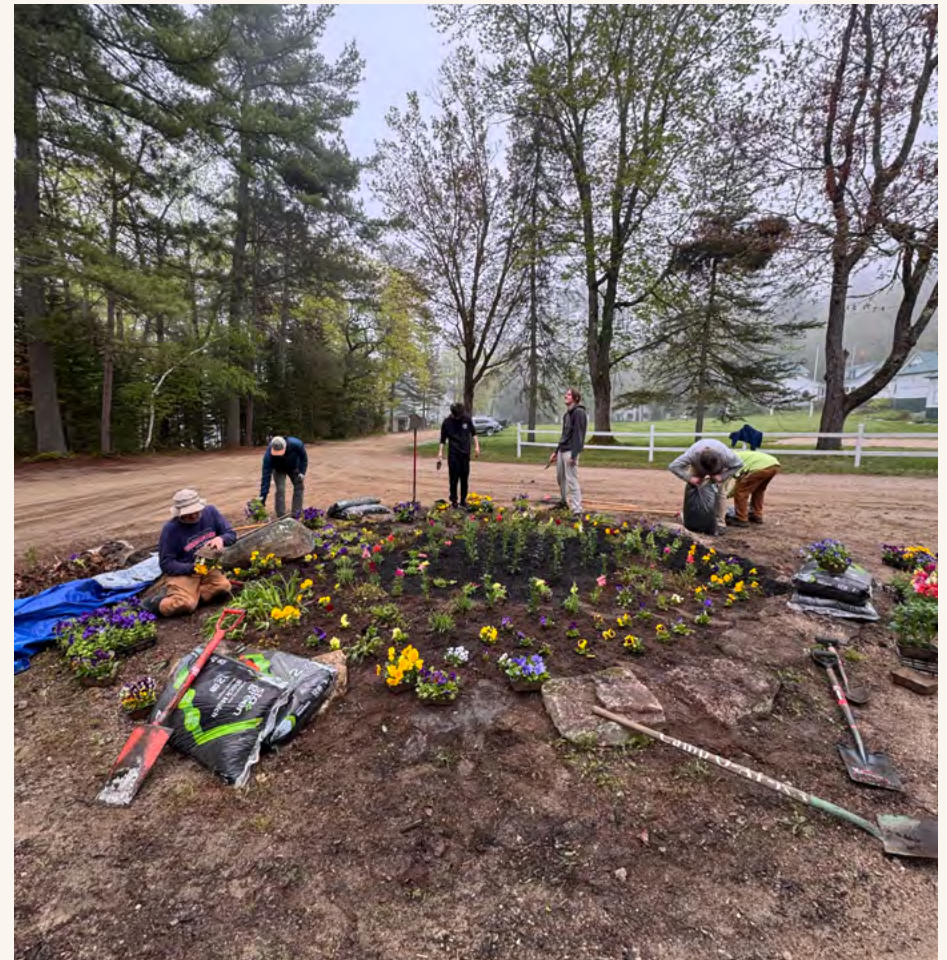
HELLO FITNESS CENTER

We're pumped for campers to start using our new Fitness Center

The finishing touches are being put on the new fitness center to be ready for the start of camp. An all new building has been erected on the Junior Ball Field and has been outfitted with a variety of machines, free weights and dumbbells. Two large garage doors open on to an outside patio area where campers can workout outside on sunny days. Next time you're at camp, be sure to check it out.

Work Weekend

Work Weekend 2025 is in the books and was a tremendous success. A relatively mild winter meant that camp fared well with fewer downed limbs and trees than usual. That meant crews were able to focus on other aspects of camp. With the loss of David "Cooky" Clark, crews focused their attention of picking up Cooky's mantle of getting Commons ready. The torch was passed from Kenny to Matt and under his direction plants were planted, weeds weeded, and privys primped. At the end of day all were rewarded with a delicious catered BBQ cookout and the chance to catch up around a warming fire in the Bungalow.



Scenes from **WORK WEEKEND 2025**



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