



Keene Housing Kids COLLABORATIVE

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Our Kids Will Remember...

Organized summer programs are unique, in part because they are away from the eyes of a parent, and often involve new activities and new peers. Kids learn and master **new skills**. Their efforts and successes are reinforced, as **independence** and empowerment grow. Hard work builds **resilience** and appreciation for others. And new relationships build **social skills** and lifelong friends.



MoCo Arts Summer Arts Program.



Children's Stage Adventures Summer Production of "Cry Wolf"

And We Remember...

Independence

"I remember stepping on a bees nest when I was around ten, and even though I received 14 bee stings, I chose to stay at camp and make it through on my own without my parents." –Josh Meehan, KHKC Board

Resilience

"I was actually thrown from a pony one day, but thanks to a wonderful mentor, I literally got back on the horse and tried again." – Liz Chipman, KHKC Exec. Dir.

Self-esteem

"I was in a sailing competition with three other sailboats. One was disqualified for an early start, one was disqualified for hitting another boat, and the third was disqualified for losing a piece of equipment – their bailing bucket. So I was the winner, even though I came in last!!"

– Brian Donovan, KHKC supporter, Mascoma Bank



Kids on Campus
Pasta Making Class



Stonewall Farm Day Camp

Our Kids' Experiences

We asked Keene Housing kids to tell us about their experiences in doing out of school and summer activities. Excerpts from their essays are below. Congratulations to our essay contest winners!



"A few years ago I signed up for a career camp. It really sparked an interest in what my future career could be.

My favorite out-of-school program that really helped me grow is Copper Cannon Camp. We took hikes and played outdoor games that really showed the importance of team work. This year we got to do some acts of kindness as a whole camp. We went to the local co-op and helped to bag groceries. This was something I had never been able to do before and I felt really good about being able to help."

-Christian Tinker,
1st Place Grade 9-12th



"Over the months that I have taken karate at WCMA, I've learned many important life skills such as humility, mindfulness, and many more. Karate has taught me to be humble and that everyone makes mistakes; nobody is perfect. That is very important to know. "

-Rowan Stevenson,
1st Place Grade 6-8th

"I have been at Copper Cannon Camp for three years. It is my favorite camp and I would hate it if I won't be able to go. It is my favorite memory every year. It keeps me energetic on my feet, and it taught me so many new things I didn't know, and things I would need for the future."

-Ryen Tinker,
2nd place Grade 6-8th



Our Own Experiences

Brian Donovan, VP, Mascoma Bank: For two or three summers I attended an overnight YMCA camp on Cape Cod. I learned to sail, to row, and to swim there. Anytime you work to develop new skills like those, it builds **confidence**.

Maury Bohan, Vice Chair, KHKC Board: When I was a teenager, I was both a swimming instructor and an arts and crafts assistant counselor...it taught me **responsibility** and **compassion** for other people. It also made me learn to be **flexible** in order to meet the needs of children with different confidence levels and learning styles.

Josh Meehan, KHKC Board: I attended a Cub Scout day camp every summer. During every session, there was a one night sleepover. Those sleepovers actually prepared me well for my first year of college because I learned that I could successfully navigate the social maze on my own with a new set of kids.



Debbie Bowie- Keene Sentinel Extraordinary Woman 2018

KHKC Board Chair Debbie Bowie has been recognized as a 2018 Keene Sentinel Extraordinary Woman.

Debbie cares deeply about the children in our community and recognizes that all children should have an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.

Debbie has applied her considerable personal strengths and compassion to her role on the KHKC Board, advocating for kids living in Keene Housing households. She has an innate sense of fairness and an acute awareness of injustice, and is continually challenging herself to learn more about economic inequality, and to listen to all voices – in particular those voices that may not always be present at the table where people of influence and power convene. The Kids Collaborative is fortunate to have her!



Debbie Bowie reads to Hailey, Cameron, Aaliyah, and Colton.

Congratulations to Debbie on this well-deserved honor!

Kids Holiday Bazaars Coming in December

Three nights in December for kids to choose gifts for their families!

Now accepting donations of gift items.

Volunteers are needed wrap gifts& act as gift guides.

To donate items or volunteer call 352-0109 or email info@keenekidscollaborative.org.



Gift Wrapping Station



Volunteer gift guide helping select something for mom



3rd Annual Benefit Breakfast



YOU'RE INVITED

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018

The Mabel Brown Room, L.P. Young Student Center, Keene State College
Doors open 7:00 am Program 7:30-8:45 am

RSVP to info@keenekidscollaborative.org
or Liz Chipman 603-283-5464



Dance



Soccer



Gymnastics



Karate



Bird watching

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Support belonging, learning and growth



\$100 Enables two children to participate in Youth Athletics _____

\$250 Sponsors one year of Martial Arts for a child _____

\$500 Enables a child to attend a quality preschool program _____

Other amount _____

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