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LASTING FIRST IMPRESSIONS... CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WELCOME CENTER UNDERWAY

Summer is a special time at Incarnation. Think back to the feeling of driving through the entrance at the beginning of summer for the start of camp season, stepping on-to the beach at the lake, or taking a hike along the trails. Whether you are a camper, alumni, conference center guest, parent, or a Board or staff member there are memories that have been made here that are special for each of us. We feel the warm air of summer, hear the wind through the trees, and watch the sun glistening off the lake (and feel that first early summer chill of the lake when we dive in!).

As we continue to grow, our 127th year offers more opportunities to create new first impressions. Later this spring, we will open the new Welcome Center that will serve as a resource for alumni, campers, parents, and guests. New meeting rooms and offices will be a focus, but a place to gather to learn more about everything Incarnation Center has to offer will be the highlight of this new space. As a friend of Incarnation Center, you can leave your mark by making a donation to help us complete this new Welcome Center, and be recognized on a special (insert donor wall, plaque, etc... after Board meeting).

So what will happen to the existing administration building after the staff move over to the new Welcome Center? A brand new

Bushy Hill Nature Center will take its place! Opening just in time for summer, the new Nature Center is a key component to our experiential education component not only for the Bushy Hill campers, but for the neighboring communities and guests of Incarnation Center. We are all anticipating features such as hands-on exhibits, live animals, classroom space, and new educational technology like smart boards



and updated computers. The Nature Center will also feature a Donor Grove, a beautiful piece of art that will be displayed on a prominent wall with the names of everyone (you!) who decides to make a financial contribution to the new Nature Center and Bushy Hill programs.

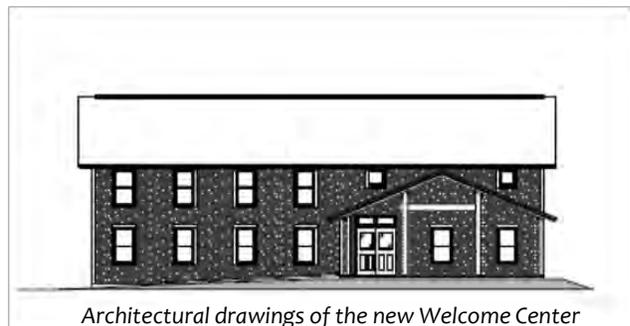
I have a lot to be excited about, and I hope you will join me in helping inspire the love of nature, growth, discovery, and renewal so that everyone who steps foot onto our beautiful Incarnation Center will create that lasting first impression for years to come.

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Progress on the new building as of March 2013



Architectural drawings of the new Welcome Center





Cup Cake Wars 2013!



WINTER CAMP

A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Incarnation hosted its largest ever Winter Camp over Presidents' Day weekend! The lake, blanketed in snow, provided the perfect backdrop for exciting winter activities such as snowball fights, Igloo building and for those brave enough to withstand the cold, sledding down the dam!

In addition to our outdoor activities, other highlights from the weekend included

Cupcake Wars, Candle Making, Woodworking and of course, the 2013 Winter Camp Olympics!

Meal times also provided a source of entertainment with exciting new meals such as Quesadillas, make your own pizza and even a pancake bar! A big thank you to all the campers and staff who helped make this year's Winter Camp an experience to be remembered!



Above: The red team was victorious in the 2013 Winter Camp Olympics!

Below: Kids enjoy sledding down the dam!



FARMFEST 2013

2ND ANNUAL OUTDOOR CONCERT



Grab the kids and put on your dancing shoes as Bushy Hill hosts its annual outdoor concert benefiting the farm at Bushy Hill! Bushy Hill Nature Center, a program of Incarnation Center, will host the 2nd annual Farm Fest on **Sunday, June 2nd**! Farm Fest, is a day-

long festival of music, farm tours demonstrations, artists, local vendors, food and family fun with proceeds benefiting the Farm at Incarnation. Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (3-12) and kids under 3 are free. For more information regarding the event, sponsorship opportunities, or

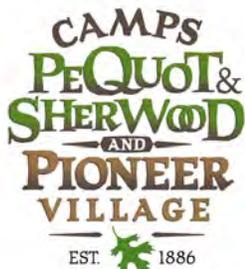
if you are a local artist looking to sell your crafts, please contact Colleen Seymour Farm Manager at cseymour@bushyhill.org or by calling (860)767-0848.



Phoenix the goat

PEQUOT, SHERWOOD & PV

REGISTRATION OFF TO A GREAT START!



We are happy to report that With summer just over two months away, registration for summer 2013 is in full swing! Registrations are pouring as new and returning campers alike join us as we countdown to the start of camp.

As of March, the girls unit for the first session of Pioneer Village is full and the first sessions of Woodlands and Winds are nearly full. At this rate, we have no doubt that

all units will have a wait list for interested campers. If you haven't already registered your camper for the summer of 2013, what are you waiting for?!

Pequot still has availability for boys ages 7-9! Do you know any 2nd to 4th graders who would enjoy camp, send them our way! Discounts are available to families who refer friends. For more information on discounts and rates, please



Campers enjoy cliff jumping!

CONFERENCE CENTER

GROUPS ENJOY A WINTER WONDERLAND

The snow may have caused delays and closings along the rest of the eastern seaboard, the Conference Center at Incarnation remained opened and active during the cold winter months. Visitors to our New England property en-



*The Lodge, blanketed in snow
March 2013*

joyed snow blanketed views, roaring fires and fresh maple syrup tapped and made on site in our very own "Sugar Shack." While nothing is quite as beautiful as Bushy Hill Lake blanketed in snow, we are grateful for arrival of spring



*St. John's Chapel with a snowy
backdrop*

and looking forward to hosting all of our new and returning groups. If you have not already signed up for the NEW conference center e-newsletter, please contact Julia Frazier at

jfrazier@incarnationcenter.org.



Low-Ropes course in the Snow



Maple syrup boiling

IC WELCOMES NEW STAFF!

In January of 2013, Carrie Grote and Melissa "Missy" Houston joined the Incarnation Center staff. As the new Development Director at Incarnation Center, and Carrie Grote is thrilled to be part of a team that is dedicated to and enthusiastic about education, nature, and discovery. Carrie's background is education and fundraising. After graduating from

Presbyterian College with a degree in elementary education, Carrie joined the Peace Corps and volunteered for two years. She also spent a year working for Nature's Classroom in Charlton, MA and that summer (1999) was introduced to Bushy Hill where she took a job working as a camp counselor. Over the past twelve years, Carrie's career path has contin-

ued to expand, and she discovered her love for working in the non-profit sector. She has worked on the volunteer recruitment and training side with the Girl Scouts, and for over 8 years have worked in development and marketing in the private school and affordable housing sectors. Coming back to Incarnation Center is like coming home and she is happy to recon-

nect with old friends and meet new ones.

Missy, who is currently cooking for Nature's Classroom in Gibney Dining Hall, has a background in catering and fine dining and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in culinary arts and food service management from Johnson and Wales University for Culinary Arts. We are thrilled to welcome both Missy and Carrie to the team!

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2013... COME ON HOME AND CELEBRATE!

Mark your calendars for June 7th-9th for Incarnation Camp's annual alumni weekend!

In celebration of Andy Katanis's 80th birthday, this year's Alumni bash will be bigger and better than ever! Alumni can expect the usual activities ranging from the fishing derby, camp cleanup, swimming and boating on Bushy Hill

Lake followed by dinner and dancing on Pequot beach. In



addition to the normal range of activities, alumni can look forward to exciting new addi-

tions such as a photo booth and performances by Monday Night Football's favorite The Shiny Lapel Trio and the always favorite cover band, Sugar! Registration is open. To donate a silent auction item or to register online, please visit our website or call Julia Frazier at (860)767-0848. We look forward to seeing you there!





Bushy Hill Introduces the Donor Grove

Now is your chance to be part of Bushy Hill History!

Bushy Hill Nature Center, a program of Incarnation Center, inspires people of all ages to connect with the environment through hands-on experiential learning, while building a stronger community with respect for the natural world.

In May of 2013, plans to renovate the old administrative offices to become the new Bushy Hill Nature Center. The new Nature Center will be open to the public free of charge and will feature rotating displays, hand-on exhibits, live animals, and a classroom for community workshops. This valuable resource will enable Bushy Hill to provide educational programs to the local community as well as to its summer camp and school programs.

In order to complete the construction of the Bushy Hill Nature Center, Bushy Hill needs support. In an effort to gain that support, program director Stephen "Scooter" Trojan has come up with a creative opportunity. This spring, friends of Bushy Hill will have the opportunity to purchase a permanent piece of a mural called The Donor Grove. Incorporated into the Donor Grove will be a variety of icons ranging from bronze, silver and gold leaves to stones, to turtles and hawks. There is even an opportunity to customize your own natural icon!

According to Scooter, "This is an opportunity to be a part of building a Nature Center that will instill the love of nature and exploration in youth and adults for many years to come." Upon its completion, the Donor Grove will be a permanent piece of art incorporating trees and animals prominently displayed inside the new Nature Center! For more information about the new Nature Center or the Donor Grove, please contact Scooter at strojan@bushyhill.org or by calling (860)767-0848.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT INCARNATION

May 2013 – Welcome Center Opens! Details to follow.

June 2, 2013– 2nd Annual Farmfest! Bushy Hill Nature Center will host its second annual Farmfest, a benefit concert for the farm. Come out to enjoy a day of live music and activities. See what's happening at the farm and learn more about how you can support this great program.

June 7-9, 2013 – Alumni Weekend! Bring the whole family, reconnect with old friends and remember why we love this place so much. Keep an eye out for more information and feel free to contact us if you would like to help make this weekend a continued success.

June 23, 2013 – Pequot, Sherwood and Pioneer Village 1st Day of Camp! The oldest co-ed camp in America begins their 127th summer! To register your camper visit: <http://www.incarnationcamp.org>

June 24, 2013 – Bushy Hill Day Camp 1st Day of Camp! Bushy Hill Day Camp fosters a child's curiosity and love for nature in a responsible, caring and non competitive manner. For more information or to register your camper please visit: <http://www.bushyhill.org>.

Summer 2013 – New Bushy Hill Nature Center Opens! For updated information on our grant opening please visit <http://www.bushyhill.org>.



Sunset at Bushy Hill lake.