

## Capturing the Spirit of Birds

Donna Salko

What does it take to create photographs that reveal the essential spirit of birds? Merrymeeting Audubon is honored and excited to host **Marie Read**, photographer and author extraordinaire, who will share her thoughts on birds, their behaviors, and her photography at MMA's Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, April 23, 2019** at the Curtis Memorial Library.

Born in England, Marie emigrated to the United States when she was in her mid-twenties. It was in Kenya, however, while doing field research on birds with her husband, that she began her wildlife photography career, writing articles, and marketing her images.

She worked for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology for eight years as a photo and illustrations' editor for their publications and web sites. As a professional wildlife photographer and author, she traveled from coast to coast in the United States, and from East Africa to Central America and Australia. Marie will share with us the backstories to some of her most compelling and award-winning images. Her inspirational photos combine natural history with artistry, and she describes the details of her technique in her presentation.

In her 30-year career, Marie's work has been featured nationally and internationally in magazines, books and calendars. Her articles and photo



essays about bird behavior have appeared in *Living Bird*, *Bird Watching*, *Nature's Best* and *Wild Planet*. She has authored or co-authored five books. "*Mastering Bird Photography: the Art, Craft and Technique of Photographing Birds and Their Behavior*", her most recent work (Rocky Nook Press), was released in March. Other titles include: "*Secret Lives of Common Birds: Enjoying Bird Behavior Through the Seasons*"; "*Into The Nest: Intimate Views of the Courting, Parenting and Family Lives of Familiar Birds*"; "*Sierra Wings: Birds of the Mono Lake Basin and Common Birds and Their Songs*".

Marie stresses the importance of

taking your time, being observant and understanding body language. Understanding first, then capturing that behavior, are her key tips to images that combine beauty with impactful storytelling. In February, the North American Nature Photography Association included Marie among their invited speakers. She will also give a keynote presentation at the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, (Ohio) for their **Biggest Week in American Birding** event this May.



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*"As age comes on, one source of enjoyment after another is closed, but Nature's sources never fail. Like a generous host, she offers here brimming cups in endless variety, served in a grand hall, the sky its ceiling, the mountains its walls, decorated with glorious paintings and enlivened with bands of music ever playing."*

John Muir

# Family + Birds + Nature = FUN!

Glenn Evans

This summer, Maine Audubon's Merrymeeting Chapter will again offer two *Family Birding/Nature Observation* programs for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade beginning birders and their parents. The programs will take place at Maine Audubon's Hamilton Sanctuary in West Bath on two Saturday mornings: **July 6<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30 to 10:30 A.M. Pre-registration is required and limited to 8 children and their parents per session. Youngsters should wear jeans and a cap with visor.



The highlight of the program is the "*Sneaky Pat Challenge*". This offers youngsters a chance to actually feed birds, from their gloved hands, while pretending to be a scarecrow. "Sneaky Pat" refers to the bird feeder and "scarecrow" combination. In past years, those children taking the challenge enjoyed the thrill of a lifetime. Others can observe the challenge from a nearby bird blind.

Participants will also locate, observe and identify birds and other wildlife from the variety of habitats Hamilton Sanctuary offers: field, forest, tidal cove, and freshwater pond. Sanctuary bird feeders, baths, and nesting boxes will increase the opportunities to observe wildlife. During past summers, participants observed hummingbirds, a raccoon family exploring the mudflats for food, great blue herons and snowy egrets catching minnows in the cove's mudflats, as well as a bald eagle flying overhead.

Leading the program will be Merrymeeting Chapter members and high school students who were recipients of MMA scholarships to attend the National Audubon's Hog Island summer programs. These students will also film participants – with their consent – feeding birds "Sneaky Pat" fashion for a digital presentation to be accessed on the MMA Chapter web site. Videos from past programs can be viewed on the web site by searching <https://merrymeeting.maineaudubon.org/family-birdingnature-program/>.

For more information about registering for the program, contact Glenn Evans or Marianne Warner at 443-9652, or e-mail [warnerevans20@yahoo.com](mailto:warnerevans20@yahoo.com). Spread the word to beginning birders you know.

## Audubon camps make a difference

Ted Allen and Bronda Niese

Last year, MMA's Scholarship program raised the bar for the number of campers attending an action-packed week in the outdoors! Your generous donations provided 30 scholarships to those deserving, enthusiastic students. The scholarships exceeded the numbers we've been able to offer in past years. Grateful campers wrote letters, and

created pictures and illustrations about their experiences that can be viewed at our MMA public meetings on the fourth Tuesdays of specific months (Be sure to check our web site for more information).

Many students have so enjoyed their time at the camps, they've returned

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# Upcoming Field Trips and Nature Programs

(See the full trip descriptions inside)

## MAY

Saturday, May 4	Androscoggin River Trail
Sunday, May 5	Green Point Farm
Tuesday, May 7	Board Meeting hosted by Jane Robinson
Thursday, May 9	Crystal Spring Farm
Saturday, May 11	World Migratory Bird Day at the River Point Conservation Area
Sunday, May 12	Curtis Farm Preserve
Wednesday, May 15	Viles Arboretum
Saturday, May 18	Evergreen Cemetary & Capisic Pond
Sunday, May 19	Brunswick Town Commons
Tuesday, May 21	Bradley Pond
Saturday, May 25	Thorne Head
Sunday, May 26	Otter Brook Preserve

## JUNE

Saturday, June 1	Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey, Bradley Pond Farm Preserve
Sunday, June 2	Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey, Florida Lake
Saturday, June 8	Cathance River Preserve
Sunday, June 9	Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey, Morse Mountain/Seawall Beach

Saturday, June 15	Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey, Bowdoin College Coastal Studies Center
Sunday, June 16	Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey, Pineland Farm
Saturday, June 22	Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey, Chase Reserve/Calderwood Preserve
Sunday, June 23	Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey, Long Reach Preserve
Saturday, June 29	Work Day: Hamilton Sanctuary
Sunday, June 30	Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey, Mast Landing Audubon Sanctuary

## JULY

Saturday, <b>July 6 &amp; 27</b>	Family Bird/Nature Observation Program & "Sneaky Pat Challenge" Hamilton Sanctuary
Tuesday, July 30	Board Meeting hosted by Glenn Evans

## AUGUST

Saturday, August 17	Curtis Farm Preserve
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# Field Trips & Nature Programs 2019

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## MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 4  
7:00–11:30 A.M.

### Field Trip: Androscoggin River Trail, Lisbon

We will walk an easy paved path (up to 3 miles total) along the Androscoggin River to observe early Spring migrants. ➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 7:00 a.m., or at the Sabattus River boat launch parking lot off Rt. 196 at Frost Hill Ave. at 7:30 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SUNDAY, MAY 5  
7:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

### Field Trip: Green Point Farm, Dresden

Expect a variety of early returning migrants in the woodlands, fields and waters of this diverse State Wildlife Management Area. We will walk paths, farm roads and open fields (up to 2.5 miles total). Wear footwear suitable for walking in dew-covered grassy fields. ➤ Meet at the east end of Bath Shopping Center across from McDonald's at 7:00 a.m., or at Green Point Farm by the green shed off Rt. 128 at 7:30 a.m. FMI call Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 6:00 P.M.

### Board Meeting: host is Jane Robinson

For directions: call 833-6675

THURSDAY, MAY 9  
7:30–11:30 A.M.

### Field Trip: Crystal Spring Farm, Brunswick

This walk is through a variety of habitats including fields, forests and ponds. We hope to see sparrows, Bluebirds, Bobolinks and several species of warblers.

➤ Meet at Crystal Spring Farm on Pleasant Hill Rd. in Brunswick at 7:30 a.m. FMI Ted Allen at 729-8661.

SATURDAY, MAY 11  
6:45 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

### Field Trip: World Migratory Bird Day, River Point Conservation Area, Falmouth

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day with Biodiversity Research Institute. Activities include bird-banding demonstrations and guided bird walks. Restrooms available nearby. ➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:45 a.m., or at River Point Conservation Area at Hannaford off Rt. 100 in West Falmouth at 7:30 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SUNDAY, MAY 12  
6:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

### Field Trip: Curtis Farm Preserve, Harpswell

We will explore this Harpswell Heritage Land Trust preserve for land migrants as well as waterfowl on Basin and Curtis coves. Expect to walk on mostly easy trails (up to 2 miles total), including a visit to the amazing "Pebble". Portable toilet available nearby at Mitchell Field. ➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:30 a.m., or at Curtis Farm Preserve lower parking lot off Basin Point Rd. at 7:00 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15  
7:00–10:00 A.M.

### Field Trip: Viles Arboretum, Augusta

The 224-acre arboretum includes woods, fields and ponds that are easily reached. A twenty-warbler day is not uncommon in May. Wetland species,

found in May, include Virginia Rails and Sora.

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:00 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the kiosk in the Arboretum parking lot at 7:00 a.m. FMI Doug Suitor at 841-1951.

SATURDAY, MAY 18  
6:15 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

### Field Trip: Evergreen Cemetery & Capisic Pond, Portland

Expect to observe a wide variety of songbirds, particularly warblers. We hope to observe the rare Orchard Oriole at Capisic Pond. We will walk easy paths (up to 2.5 miles total). Restroom stop before visiting Capisic Pond. ➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:15 a.m., or at Evergreen Cemetery by the lower ponds at 7:15 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SUNDAY, MAY 19  
7:00–11:30 A.M.

### Field Trip: Brunswick Town Commons, Brunswick

Celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Brunswick Town Commons with a Spring walk on easy paths (up to 3 miles total). We will observe a variety of plants and wildlife, including migrating songbirds. ➤ Meet at Brunswick Town Commons parking area off Harpswell Rd. at 7:00 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

TUESDAY, MAY 21  
8:00–11:30 A.M.

### Field Trip: Bradley Pond, Topsham

This relatively easy walk passes through a conservation easement surrounding a privately-owned working farm. The easement includes varied habitats. We'll focus on migrating land birds: warblers, flycatchers, blackbirds,

vireos, sparrows and an occasional raptor.

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 7:30 a.m., or at the Bradley Pond 2<sup>nd</sup> parking lot at 8:00 a.m. FMI Ted Allen at 729-8661.

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**  
8:00—11:30 A.M.

**Field Trip: Thorne Head, Bath**

This trip is run jointly by MMAS and KELT. Thorne Head overlooks Whiskeag Creek and is located on the Maine Birding Trail. The preserve is rich in vireos and warblers. The paths provide easy walking under a canopy of mature trees.

➤ Meet at the east end of Bath Shopping Center at 7:30 a.m. to carpool, or at the Preserve parking lot at the north end of High St. at 8:00 a.m. FMI Ted Allen at 729-8661.

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**  
6:45—11:30 A.M.

**Field Trip: Otter Brook Preserve, Harpswell**

We will explore this new Harpswell Heritage Land Trust preserve for migrating songbirds and evidence of early breeding bird activity. Expect to walk on easy trails (up to 2 miles total).

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:45 a.m., or at the Otter Brook Preserve parking area off Harpswell Rd. at 7:00 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

## JUNE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**  
6:30—11:30 A.M.

**Field Trip: Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey—Bradley Pond Farm Preserve, Topsham**

Participate in a citizen science project to survey breeding birds. We will walk easy paths and fields (up to 2 miles total) on this Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust preserve, looking and listening

for breeding birds. Wear footwear suitable for walking in dew-covered grassy fields. Windy and/or rainy weather conditions will cause this event to be cancelled.

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:30 a.m., or at the upper parking area at Bradley Pond Farm Preserve on Bradley Pond Rd. (off Rt. 201) at 6:45 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**  
6:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

**Field Trip: Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey—Florida Lake, Freeport**

Participate in a citizen science project to survey breeding birds. This 167-acre property, owned by the Town of Freeport, consists of a large shallow pond and surrounding forest habitat suitable for waterfowl and a variety of land birds. We will walk the trails surrounding the pond (up to 2.5 miles total) looking and listening for breeding birds. Wear footwear suitable for occasional wet and muddy areas. Windy and/or rainy weather conditions will cause this event to be cancelled.

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:30 a.m., or at Florida Lake off Rt. 125 at 7:00 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**  
7:00—10:00 A.M.

**Field Trip: Cathance River Preserve, Topsham**

We will walk the trails looking for Towhees, sparrows, warblers, woodpeckers and other birds. Wildflowers, ferns and mosses grow in the moist woods by the river.

➤ Take Rt. 196 and turn into the Highland Green Community on the north side of the highway. Drive in about 1/2 mile and meet in the parking lot of the golf course, on the left, at 7:00 a.m. FMI Andrew Gilbert at 329-7525.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**  
6:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M.

**Field Trip: Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey—Morse Mountain/Seawall Beach, Phippsburg**

Participate in a citizen science project to survey breeding birds. We will walk this 600-acre conservation area on a private road and beach (up to 6 miles total). The road to the beach has steep up and down sections, but we will take our time looking and listening for breeding birds. You are free to participate all day (bring a lunch), or turn back at any time. Windy and/or rainy weather conditions will cause this event to be cancelled.

➤ Meet at the east end of the Bath Shopping Center, across from McDonald's at 6:30 a.m., or at the Morse Mountain parking lot off Rt. 216 in Phippsburg at 7:00 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15**  
6:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

**Field Trip: Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey—Bowdoin College Coastal Studies Center, Harpswell**

Participate in a citizen science project to survey breeding birds. We will walk easy to moderate trails (up to 2.5 miles total) along this 118-acre Bowdoin College-owned field station looking and listening for breeding birds. Windy and/or rainy weather conditions will cause this event to be cancelled.

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:30 a.m., or at the parking area at the Coastal Studies Center at the end of Bayview Rd. (off Rt. 24 on Orr's Island) at 7:00 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**  
6:15 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

**Field Trip: Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Bird Survey—Pineland Farm, New Gloucester**

Participate in a citizen science project

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to survey breeding birds. We will walk easy farm roads and paths (up to 3 miles total) along the fields and forests of Pineland Farm, looking and listening for breeding birds. Windy and/or rainy weather conditions will cause this event to be cancelled. Restrooms available nearby.

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:15 a.m., or at the Pineland campus parking lot off Yarmouth Drive at 7:00 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22  
6:30—11:30 A.M.

### **Field Trip: Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Survey—Chase Reserve/Calderwood Preserve, Brunswick/Freeport**

Participate in a citizen science project to survey breeding birds. We will walk easy trails (up to 3 miles total) along these two neighboring preserves along the border between Brunswick and Freeport, looking and listening for breeding birds. Windy and/or rainy weather conditions will cause this event to be cancelled.

➤ Meet at the Chase Reserve parking area off Bunganuc Rd., just before the Freeport town line, at 6:30 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23  
6:30—11:30 A.M.

### **Field Trip: Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Survey—Long Reach Preserve, Harpswell**

Participate in a citizen science project to survey breeding birds. We will walk easy to moderate trails (up to 2.5 miles total) along this Harpswell Heritage Land Trust property, looking and listening for breeding birds. Windy and/or rainy weather conditions will cause this event to be cancelled.

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:30 a.m., or at the Long Reach Preserve parking area at the Trufant-Summerton ballfield on Rt. 24 at 6:50 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29  
8:00—11:00 A.M.

### **Work Day: Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath**

Cut back new growth from trails and remove non-native invasives to maintain native habitat. Prepare Sanctuary for upcoming Family Bird/Nature Programs.

➤ FMI Glenn Evans at 443-9652 if you are planning on coming.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30  
6:30—11:30 A.M.

### **Field Trip: Maine Bird Atlas Breeding Survey—Mast Landing Audubon Sanctuary, Freeport**

Participate in a citizen science project to survey breeding birds. We will walk easy trails (up to 2.5 miles total) along this Maine Audubon Sanctuary, looking and listening for breeding birds. Windy and/or rainy weather conditions will cause this event to be cancelled.

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:30 a.m., or at the Mast Landing Sanctuary parking area off Upper Mast Landing Rd. at 6:50 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

## JULY

SATURDAY, JULY 6  
7:30—10:30 A.M.

### **Field Trip: Family Bird/Nature Program & "Sneaky Pat Challenge", Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath**

This program is geared for 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade beginning birders, with their parents. Participants will have the opportunity to observe resident summer birds and other nature sights, and to have the birds light upon a feeding tray held by the children's gloved hands. Pre-registration is required and limited to 8 children per session.

➤ Meet at the Hamilton Sanctuary parking area at 7:30 a.m. FMI to register, contact Glenn Evans or Marianne Warner at 443-9652 or e-mail:

[warnerevans20@yahoo.com](mailto:warnerevans20@yahoo.com). Hamilton Sanctuary lies along Foster Point Road in West Bath, a little over 3 miles from the Foster Point Road/State Road intersection. It offers visitors 2.5 miles of well-maintained trails thanks to the help of a volunteer stewardship committee.

SATURDAY, JULY 27  
7:30—10:30 A.M.

### **Field Trip: Family Bird/Nature Program & "Sneaky Pat Challenge", Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath**

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TUESDAY, JULY 30  
5:00 P.M.

### **Board Meeting host Glenn Evans Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath**

For directions call 443-9652.

## AUGUST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17  
7:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

### **Field Trip: Curtis Farm Preserve, Harpswell**

At this Harpswell Heritage Land Trust preserve we will be looking for returning shorebirds on the mudflats of Basin and Curtis coves. We also expect to observe resident land birds on the easy trails (up to 2 miles total), including a visit to the amazing "Pebble". Portable toilet available nearby at Mitchell Field.

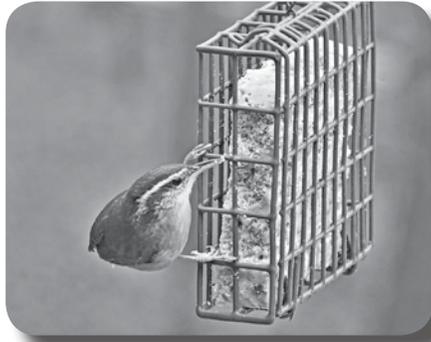
➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 7:00 a.m., or at Curtis Cove Preserve lower parking lot off Basin Point Rd. at 7:30 a.m. FMI Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

# Beginning birders want to know...

John Berry and Karen Carlisle

**Q:** Should I feed suet to birds when the temperature rises above freezing? I've also been told not to feed the bulk suet from grocery stores because it could melt and harm the feathers. Do birds still "need" suet when it's no longer cold?

**A:** Suet is a high-quality animal fat that is an excellent source of high calories for energy. It is one of the best foods to offer birds. It is particularly attractive to woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, jays and titmice, although some atypical feeder birds like Carolina wrens and brown creepers will also eat it. There are two basic types of available suet: *Unprocessed or bulk* suet is a superb winter food. It is sold at grocery stores in the meat section. It can be hung in a mesh bag, or you can buy special suet feeders. Bulk suet does become rancid faster than *processed* blocks when temperatures are above freezing. Don't offer it except in the winter.



Commercial suet cakes are *processed* so that they won't turn rancid in warmer weather. These are available at many stores that sell (wild) birdseed. Though they might keep better than bulk suet, some can still become rancid or melt in warmer weather. *Processed* suet is also available in many blends, with different ingredients to tempt different species of birds. They may contain pieces of seeds, fruit, or peanut butter.

Suet is not just for winter. There are *no-melt* formulas (or suet dough) that make it possible to feed suet year round. By offering this year-round treat, you give backyard birds a varied diet, making your yard a more attractive stop for birds. It's especially interesting to watch adult woodpeckers bring their young to the suet feeders, when the young bird lands on the feeder and begs to be fed.



In addition to offering whole suet cakes, chop suet into chunks or shred it, so more birds will sample it. Offer small pieces in dishes or tray feeders to give birds that don't cling to the side of a feeder, easier access.

When suet gets soft, it can coat feathers, which becomes a problem when birds are incubating. The fat can clog the pores on the bird's eggs preventing the embryo from getting enough oxygen. In warmer weather it is best to store suet in a cool place and only put out small quantities at a time. It is best if you keep your suet feeder out of direct sunlight.

Remember though, that your suet feeders should be cleaned and sanitized at least monthly like your other feeders.

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to the same camp, or applied to one of the other camps Audubon offers, to enhance their skills and knowledge of nature and the outdoors. Parents and camp counselors encourage and support their students to have a deep caring for the Earth and her inhabitants, be they human or animal.

We invite all members of Merry-meeting Audubon to join us in spreading the word about our Scholarship programs. If you would like to make a contribution, please make checks payable to MMA, and notate on the memo line **The Chuck Huntington Scholarship Fund**. Please mail your donations to: The Chuck Huntington Scholarship Fund, c/o Steve Spear, 9 Livernois Drive, Topsham, Maine 04086.

Thank you for helping today's children become tomorrow's stewards of the Earth.

**Jessica Drake**, director of Tanglewood Camp and Learning Center, a University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4H camp in Lincolnville, recently wrote to thank us for sending 22 boys and girls last summer. MMA scholarships "enabled these campers to experience the magic and wonder of the Maine forests and ocean, to swim in the Ducktrap River, to meet youth from all over Maine, other parts of the U.S. and the world—to learn important lessons about our environment and the value of friendship."

Jessica mentioned one camper who grew from a homesick little boy into an empathetic teen ready to take on a leadership role. The teen was only able to attend Tanglewood because [our] scholarship money made it possible.



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