



BELGRADE REGIONAL CONSERVATION ALLIANCE



BRCA conserves the lands, water quality, and natural heritage of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.

Milfoil Program Season

This summer the BRCA's Milfoil Program is in full gear. We have hired twenty-three Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) to staff the seven boat launches throughout the Belgrade Lakes Watershed. Each inspector is wearing a yellow CBI shirt and will be at each boat launch at various times every day of the week through Labor Day. So far this year, we have had three "saves". This means that Variable milfoil has been found on three boats (all leaving Messalonskee Lake) and removed by one of our CBIs. These saves are the key reason why we employ CBIs throughout the summer. They are our first line of defense against the spread of invasive aquatic plants. If you are out on the water this summer, please be sure to check your boat, trailer, jet ski, and fishing equipment each time you enter the water and come out. It takes three minutes or less and can save years of invasive aquatic plant management.

Our second line of defense is our early detection program which is done by surveying all of the lakes in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed through Invasive Plant Patrols (IPPs). If an infestation is detected early, it will be much easier to manage than one that goes unchecked for years. These IPPs are mostly done by volunteers. Previous experience is not necessary. If you would like to learn to identify invasive aquatic plants please join one of the Eyes On the Water (EOW) workshops happening around the watershed this summer. Eyes On the Water plant paddles are a fun, user-friendly way to learn how to identify invasive aquatic plants. If you are interested in joining an Eyes On the Water plant paddle, or if you would like to help with any of the IPPs scheduled this summer, please call Toni @ 215-2685 or e-mail brcamf@belgradelakes.org. (Please see IPP & EOW schedules below)

The final piece of the BRCA's Milfoil Program is plant management. This summer there are increased efforts to battle the Variable milfoil infestation in Great Pond and the Great Meadow Stream. The Belgrade Lakes Association launched a STOP Milfoil Campaign and has a goal to raise \$500,000 over the next three years to fund this battle. The BRCA is the organization tasked with carrying out the field action plan for this campaign. So far this summer we

have hired a four person Milfoil Crew to remove Variable milfoil from Great Meadow Stream and the mouth of the stream in Great Pond. This crew will be working until late August. A two person Survey Crew has also been hired to help contain the infestation and to survey other areas of Great Pond as well as Long Pond where more infestations are likely to occur. So far, no new infestations have been found. A professional dive crew, New England Milfoil, has been hired to use their Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH) to remove Variable milfoil from the mouth of the Great Meadow Stream and deeper areas within the stream. They will be harvesting Variable milfoil until about the second week in August. Also, a contract with the Maine Warden Service has been created to hire Wardens on their days off to provide coverage in the North Bay area of Great Pond. Their main goal is educate boaters and anglers about the Variable milfoil infestation. Early in May a surface use restriction (SUR) was placed on Great Meadow Stream and the mouth of the stream in Great Pond to restrict any boaters from travelling through the infestation. The Wardens will also be making sure that the SUR is being followed as this is a critical piece in preventing the infestation from spreading to other parts of the lake. To date almost 7,000 gallons of Variable milfoil has been removed from the Great Meadow Stream and Great Pond. If you would like to learn more about the efforts to battle the Variable milfoil in Great Pond, there will be a public meeting at the Maine Lakes Resource Center on Tuesday, July 17th at 6pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays are also volunteer days, so if you are interested in helping out, please call Toni at (207) 215-2685.

Efforts are also underway to manage some of the Variable milfoil in Messalonskee. There are a few areas that will be managed using divers and a DASH boat for one or two weeks this summer. Some of the milfoil buoys were moved around during the winter and need to be put back in the correct places. If you live on Messalonskee Lake or notice a buoy out of place, please let us know as soon as possible.

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Meet the new Milfoil team that is removing the invasive variable water milfoil from the Great Meadow Stream that flows into Great Pond, see page 8.

President's Column: It's That Time of the Year

This is the busy season for our BRCA staff! Call the office at 495-6039 and you're apt to hear a hurried "hello" compared to the slower laid back "hello, this is the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance" that you'll normally hear from Office Manager Mary Kerwood. Stop by the office for a visit or chat and you'll likely find a lonely office, or if any of our full time staff of four happens to be present, they may just be too busy to talk. Please be patient; they're busy running our programs dedicated to support our land and lake trusts that our members support with their donations.

Our Executive Director, Charlie Baeder, has a myriad of tasks to perform, including supporting our Youth Conservation Corps and Milfoil programs. Or he may be working on the implementation of the Long Pond 319 Watershed Grant, or writing a new 319 Grant proposal for East Pond. He may even be working on a new land acquisition to bolster the over 8000 acres that we've already preserved for public use. That's all in addition to other duties such as managing personnel issues, planning for this year's AQUFEST and Wooden Boat Show, and fundraising. Charlie admits that as a former BRCA board member and president he had a "bird's eye view" of the job, but now that he is the new Executive Director, he has to "work the weeds, or get into the details." Every day he asks himself "where can I be most effective?"

Toni Pied, our Milfoil Coordinator, will probably be busy managing the scheduling of invasive plant patrols or coordinating the 23 employees who perform Courtesy Boat Inspections on all seven Belgrade Lakes. She also manages the massive effort to control invasive milfoil in Great Meadow Stream and Great Pond. Toni concedes "I can't be in ten places at one time, and there are many logistical challenges associated with running these programs." If she's not in the office, Toni is probably out in Great Meadow Stream assisting in the removal of milfoil.

Clark Freeman, our Youth Conservation Corps Director, if not out on one of the lakefront properties supervising his dozen or so employees installing a rain garden, buffer, or other measures to protect our lakes, will probably be on the phone scheduling another site visit or ordering materials. Clark laments that his biggest challenge is "keeping homeowners happy; no detail is too small."

Mary Kerwood recently completed an exhaustive financial audit; we watch every single dollar donated to us to ensure that we get the maximum benefit. She also supports Clark and Toni, and is Charlie's "go to person." Mary is responsible for a multitude of tasks, and is often the first contact for office visitors. She laughed when she recently told me "you just never know who will walk through the door with questions."

Lien Sardiñas, an Americorps, joins us this season as our joint Education Director with the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). Clark, Toni, Mary, and Charlie are also instrumental in developing and implementing our active Education/Outreach Program.

They also work closely with all five lake associations, the MLRC, Colby College, and Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA). I'm convinced that teamwork is absolutely necessary for any organization to be successful, and while we have very talented employees, it's the teamwork that allows them to consistently exceed expectations. In addition, the BRCA board of directors and other numerous volunteers also make significant contributions to our programs.

I am privileged and proud to work with this staff of professionals dedicated to implementing our mission; conserving the lands, water quality, and natural heritage of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed. But without the donations from our members, these wonderful people could not make the BRCA a success. Thanks to all of you, employees, members and volunteers! If you wish to make a donation, volunteer, have a question, or simply want to thank our office staff for their dedicated service, please stop by our office located upstairs in the MLRC, or call 495-6039. They may be busy, but they will make time for you. President; Mel Croft

Executive Director's Column

July 3, 2012. Sunny Belgrade Lakes, Maine. After nearly one foot of rain in June. This is show time in the Belgrades and Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) is busy at work throughout the watershed. Please excuse the overview below, but I want you to be up to date on new programs we have underway, on our existing programs, and on how your funds are being used.

- Milfoil is the priority program of the summer and the outbreak on Great Pond is garnering atten-

tion, funding, and work. BRCA crews are pulling milfoil in Great Meadows Stream and are surveying the shores of Great and Long Pond. This work is being financed by Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA). BRCA's staff is managing the work.

- Another key milfoil strategy is having a professional dive team pull milfoil with the assistance of a DASH boat in North Bay of Great Pond, near the Great Meadows Stream outlet. BRCA's new milfoil director, Toni Pied, is managing that effort, again in cooperation with and with funding from BLA.
- In addition to limiting the *spread of current infestations*, BRCA continues to fund, staff and manage the Courtesy

Executive Director’s Column (continued from page 2)

Boat Inspector (CBI) program, in cooperation with watershed lake associations, to *prevent new infestations*. Staff and volunteers man the boat launches on all area lakes to prevent incoming and outgoing boats from carrying and spreading invasives. This collaboration with our lake association friends in running the CBI program is one of the key activities of our Lakes Trust.

- Likening milfoil and invasives to an acute condition, as in a heart attack, the other key water and lake problem we are working to make better is a chronic problem which has been building for decades, think type II diabetes: phosphorous-loading. The “P” word. P-loading as a result of soil erosion and other inputs (eg, septic systems) is directly related to algae blooms.
- Our Youth Conservation Corps, managed by second-year director Clark Freeman, works with lake shore land owners to install Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as buffers and rain gardens on their properties to reduce soil erosion, and P, into lakes and streams. Clark is still lining up new projects for summer 2012. Please call or email him soon if you have a project in mind. We provide cost-sharing funds to land owners as an incentive to get projects done.
- We have one other major soil erosion reduction program. We are in the second year of a two-year

grant from EPA and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, known as the “319 program” of the Clean Water Act. The program provides funds to towns, land owners, and camp road associations to improve roads to reduce soil erosion and P-loading to water bodies. We have some remaining funds available for Great Pond and Long Pond for summer-fall 2012 for both Road Maintenance Plans and for road construction projects. If you have a project idea, please call or email me to discuss. We provide cost-sharing funds to land owners as an incentive to get projects done.

- The last major program we run is where our roots are: land conservation and land stewardship through our Land Trust. We have conserved over 8,000 acres throughout our watershed and are actively pursuing several new property additions. Most of these are open to the public and several have hiking trails. Please get out and use them and contact us and our website to get map and access information.
- We have numerous education activities this summer in our new home at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in downtown Belgrade Lakes. We are also running recreational and interpretive activities on some of our properties. Please visit us here, or online at www.belgradelakes.org, to get more information.
- Finally, we are requesting that anyone who has an interest in any of these programs and would like to volunteer, please call or email Mary Kerwood, our office manager, to discuss opportunities. We want your help in getting things done and your enthusiasm in protecting our land, water, and natural heritage.

As you can tell from the above recitations, I’m off to a busy start here as executive director. I thank Pete Kallin for leaving BRCA in good shape, and thank my staff for doing a great and dedicated job. With that in mind, I gotta go.

–Charlie Baeder

Americorps Environmental Educator

My name is Lien Sardiñas. I recently graduated from McGill University where I majored in Environmental Determinants of Health in Society and minored in Social Studies of Medicine and History of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. After studying so much about the unexpected impacts that an individual can have on the world around them, I was inspired to apply to be an Environmental Educator with Americorps and Maine Conservation Corps. I strongly believe in taking action and working at the local level. For someone who wants to “change the world,” working for Americorps through the BRCA and MLRC is a fantastic opportunity.

Maine holds a special place in my heart; it is the origin of my continuing interest in water and the life within it. When I was very young, I vacationed throughout coastal Maine. There, I got to experience tidal pools and a lobster hatchery first hand. I was so inspired, that as a result of this experience I wrote a book for a contest sponsored by my local library. To this day *Pinchy The Lobster’s Adventure* is my crowning publishing achievement in the field of biology. Today at the BRCA you can



Photo:
Lien
Sardiñas,
Americorps

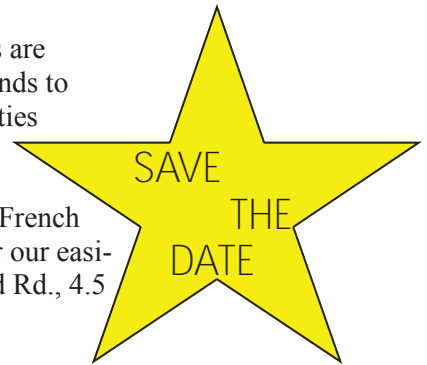
find me teaching classes on macro-invertebrates, wearing many hats, and coordinating outreach events.

Stewardship Program

Summer's here so go enjoy all that our region has to offer. Although the lakes are amazing, BRCA's local hiking trails and public recreation lands allow family and friends to enjoy the area in a different way. The Kennebec Highlands and our three other properties (The Mountain, French Mountain & Mount Phillip) offer great ways to enjoy nature and see all the different wildlife around you. Take a hike, get outside and bring your family and friends. BRCA has 5 great loop hikes ranging in length from our stunning French Mountain (Off Watson Pond Rd., About 1.5 Miles Roundtrip) which I would consider our easiest and most user friendly, to the rugged granite capped Round Top (Off Watson Pond Rd., 4.5 Miles Roundtrip).

These trails and recreational area are free to use by the public and we encourage their use but ask that you respect them and leave them in the same manner as when you arrive. If you would like to do more and help the BRCA in our mission to connect the public with our protect lands please call us at (207) 495-6039. We are always looking for new volunteers to help us maintain and improve our properties and offer stewardship work day's monthly throughout the summer. These work days are great ways to volunteer, meet new members of the community and have fun working toward a common goal.

We hope to see you out there and please don't miss out on a sunset view on The Mountain's Long Pond Loop where you are sure to catch turkey vultures soaring through the air or a family day hike on Round Top taking in the wildlife and impressive view from the top of the Spur Trail. With all this region has to offer, make sure that you enjoy more than just the lakes and take in the full beauty of the watershed.



Saturday, July 14th, 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Trail Work Day

Please call 495-6039 for more information.

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If you find a plant that concerns you, you would like to help with any of the scheduled IPPs, participate in an EOW plant paddle, or if you would like to sign up to volunteer this summer, please call Toni Pied, BRCA Milfoil Director at (207) 215-2685 or e-mail brcamf@belgradelakes.org.



Photo: Harvested Milfoil from the Great Meadow Steam and Milfoil Crew Leader, Justin Leavitt.

Volunteering at the Maine Lakes Resource Center

Volunteers needed at the Maine Lakes Resource Center! We are asking BRCA members to take a look at the Center's schedule this summer to see if there is an event that they would like to attend, and be willing to meet and greet visitors to bring our conservation message to them as they come in to see the Center. In addition to BRCA volunteer opportunities at AQUAFEST, our stewardship days, Invasive Plant Patrols, and Hand-pulling Milfoil work days, we would greatly appreciate your time to help make the Center a welcoming, informative place.

Please contact Mary Kerwood at 207-495-6039 to sign up for particular dates.

Sundays, July 8,15,22,29 & Aug 5,12,19,26; 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Farmers' Market & Art Displays
Sunday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.	Maine International Film Festival Showing
Saturday, August 4, 7:00 p.m.	Concert: Don Peterson
Saturday, August 11	Art Display by Robert Dale & Fredda Merzon
Saturday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.	Simon and Goodwin Concert

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Summer Programs 2012

Workshops & Guided Recreation

Programs are free unless otherwise noted, pre-registration required, please call BRCA at (207) 495-6039

Saturday, July 14th, 8:00 a.m. Location TBA.	Stewardship Trail Work Day Please call 495-6039 for more information.
Saturday, July 14th, 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration required.	Bat House Building Workshop - Please call 495-6039 to pre-register. \$5 fee per bat house. Spaces are limited to 25.
Thursday, July 19th, 5:30 p.m. Watson Pond Rd., Rome	French Mountain Hike with Brian Alexander. Meet at the Trailhead.
Friday, July 20th, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Tickets are available: \$75 per person The Village Inn, Belgrade Lakes	AQUAFEST Antique Wooden Boat Show and Auction on Great Pond with Guest Authors, Earl Smith and John Ford, a Lake Trust Fundraiser.
Saturday, July 21st ALL DAY in Smithfield	North Pond Fun Fest Lakes Day: Paddle the Serpentine
Saturday, July 28th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. AQUAFEST FAMILY FESTIVAL The NEW Maine Lakes Resource Center Events are FREE !	Activities include: Rides on the Melinda Ann; T-shirt painting; Fishing for Tots; Musical Milfoil; Stream and Lake Critters; Watershed Model; Geocaching; and Letterboxing and more!
Thursday, August 2nd, 8:00 p.m. Location TBA	Full Moon Kayak/Canoe with Lanterns and Brain Alexander. Pre-registration required. FMI, call BRCA at 495-6039.
Saturday, August 5th, 3:00 p.m. BRCA: MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade	"Libby's Loons" Read by Author Nancy Prince
Wednesday, August 8 th , 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. A Guided Tour in the Kennebec Highlands Trailhead TBA, Rome	Three Foragers , A Guided Tour in the Kennebec Highlands
Friday, August 10th, 1:00 –4:00 p.m. BRCA: MLRC, 137 Main Street, Belgrade	Trout Unlimited will be presenting a fly-tying and casting workshop. Limited to 12. Pre-registration required.
Saturday, August 11 th , Time TBA Meet at Rte. 27 and Roxy Rand Road, Rome	Bike Hike for Advanced Beginners to Intermediate Riders. Call to reserve space.
Sunday, August 19th, 1:00 pm Penobscot Basketry Workshop	Barbara Francis will conduct a hands-on workshop constructing baskets. Spaces are limited to 12. Pre-registration required.
Wednesday, August 22nd, 7:00 p.m. BRCA Lecture: MLRC, Belgrade	"Bees" by Matt Scott, a retired State of Maine Aquatic Biologist and re-founder of the Maine State Beekeepers Association
Wednesday, August 29th, 7:00 p.m. BRCA Lecture: MLRC, Belgrade	"Bats" by Dave Yates from the Biodiversity research Institute. General bat info, New England-specific info and White Nose Syndrome.
Saturday, September 1st at 8:00 a.m. Camp Runoia, Point Road, Belgrade	5 th Annual 5K Race for the Lakes Event
BRCA Annual Meeting –Alden Camps	Date TBA, First week of September

Eyes On the Water:

July 8th, 8-11am (Camp Runoia, Great Pond)
July 15th, 8-11am (Bear Springs Camp, Great Pond)
July 21st, 8-11am (Pine Beach, Great Pond)
August 4th, 8-11am (Long Pond Boat Launch)
August 11th, 8-11am (Pleasant Point, McGrath Pond)

Invasive Plant Patrols:

East Pond: Friday, July 13th, 8am (East Pond Boat Launch)
North Pond: Thursday, July 19th, 8am (North Pond Boat Launch)
Salmon Lake/McGrath Pond: Friday, July 27th, 8am
(Salmon Lake Boat Launch)

AQUAFEST

Antique Wooden Boat Show and Party and FAMILY FESTIVAL

AQUAFEST is a celebration to raise funds for Milfoil control, the Belgrade Conservation Corps, and many watershed-wide programs to improve water quality.

Hosted by the BRCA Lake Trust:

North Pond Association, Belgrade Lakes Association, McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake Association, East Pond Association, and Friends of Messalonskee Lake

Wooden Boat Show and Party

FRIDAY, JULY 20th

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The Village Inn, Belgrade Lakes

Tickets are available: \$75 per person



BRCA ANTIQUE WOODEN BOAT SHOW ON GREAT POND WITH GUEST AUTHORS, JOHN FORD AND EARL SMITH

Please join us at the renowned Village Inn for an unforgettable evening and auction that brings rare antique wooden boats from across Maine together with two authors, Earl Smith and John Ford. Smith, a retired Colby Dean, wrote *The Dam Committee*, a humorous Maine murder mystery. Ford, a retired Maine Game Warden, wrote *Suddenly, The Cider Didn't Taste So Good, Adventures of a Game Warden in Maine*.

Visit www.belgradelakes.org for more info...

FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 28th

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

FREE KIDS CORNER CHALLENGE

Games, activities and learning adventures for kids of all ages at the Maine Lakes Resource Center from

Rides on the good ship *Melinda Ann*

Musical Milfoil

Stream and Lake Critters

T-shirt painting

Watershed Demonstration Model

Kayak/Canoe Race

Letterboxing, Scavenger Hunt and more!



Photo:

Nona Purnell, from McGrath Pond & Salmon Lake Association, at the very 1st AQUAFEST Kayak Race, 2008.

WHY? To raise funds for Milfoil control, the Belgrade Conservation Corps, and numerous watershed-wide programs to improve water quality.

WHO? The lake associations for East, Great, Long, McGrath, Messalonskee, North, and Salmon lakes, working together as the Lake Trust of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA). Lake Trust programs include Milfoil control, the Conservation Corps, and the Watershed Working Group to improve water quality.

INFO? Call the BRCA at (207) 495-6039 FMI.

Conservation Corps 2012 Season

The start of summer means the start of another busy season full of conservation projects for the BRCA Youth Conservation Corps. This will be the Corps 17th season and we are hoping to complete our 800th project. We will be busy working on all 7 lakes/ponds in our watershed, helping to improve lakeside properties with chronic erosion problems. Our mission is to reduce the amount of soil washing into water bodies during storm events. Soils carry phosphorus which cause increased plant growth or algal blooms in watersheds reducing water clarity and recreational appeal.

To repair these erosion sites we have hired 12 local high school and college aged students from throughout the watershed to implement different Best Management Practices (BMP) for storm water.

“IT’S EASY TO WORK FOR AN ORGANIZATION THAT I TRULY BELIEVE IN!” SAYS CHASE CARTER, THE NEW FIELD SUPERVISOR FOR THE YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

Our Field Supervisor this year will be Chase Carter, “I grew up in central Maine and spent many summers fishing and swimming on East Pond, (in Oakland and

Smithfield), where both sets of my grandparents live. I have always enjoyed fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, and anything that takes me to the great outdoors. I graduated from Lawrence High School in 2009 and I am currently studying at the University of Maine at Farmington, where I am majoring in Geography, with a focus in Land Use and Management. When I’m not at school I reside in the town of Belgrade and enjoy everything the region has to offer. I began working for the BRCA program four years ago as a crew member. I continued as a crew member and my third year I became a crew leader. This year I was offered the position as “Field Supervisor” and I am very anxious to continue to serve the BRCA program in any way that I can. It’s easy to work for an organization that I truly believe in!”



Photo: Chase Carter, the new Field Supervisor for the BRCA Youth Conservation Corps

Chase brings a great deal of experience to the position. He will be working directly with our two crews and the homeowners during the project phase. If you see us around feel free to ask questions and see what we are doing to protect the lake. Who knows maybe you will learn something you could institute on your own property.



As always, we are seeking new projects to reduce erosion throughout your watershed. Please call (207) 495-6039 and ask for Clark, if you have any erosion issue that you would like us to look at. Enjoy your time on the lakes! Remember to do your part helping to steward this beautiful area so future generations can enjoy the same special place we have all come to love.

Sincerely,
Clark Freeman
BRCA Youth Conservation Corps Director

Milfoil 2012: Meet the Stream Team

Justin Leavitt
Milfoil Crew Leader



Born & raised in Maine
 Mechanical Engineering student at The University of Maine
 Milfoil diver/ invasive plant educator for three years
Interests: SCUBA Diving, backpacking, canoeing, carving, carpentry, primitive skills, wilderness trip leading, XC skiing, snowshoeing
Favorite Band: Dave Matthews Band
Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption/ The Abyss
Career Aspirations: Engineer (Alvin Pilot) at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute



Julie Churchill
Milfoil Crew

My name is Julie. I'm a sophomore at the University of Maine in the Forestry program. I plan to someday

become a consulting forester and own a small dairy farm. I am from Fayette, Maine and I hope to return there after college. I spend a lot of time performing in my Bluegrass band, the Maranacook String Band as a singer and mandolin player. I also play guitar, trombone, and up-right bass. In my spare time I enjoy quilting, baking, fishing, four-wheeling, horseback riding, and going to yard sales. I also volunteer as a member of the Fayette Fire Department.

My name is Emily Clark and I am 18 years old and graduated from Messalonskee High School. I am currently studying at Smith College and will graduate in 2015 with a major in Biological Sciences and a minor in Marine Sciences. I have been swimming competitively for 8 years and have been an assistant coach for the YMCA's Mid-Maine Dolphins for 3 years. My hobbies include knitting, cooking, baking, drinking tea, watching movies and reading.



Emily Clark
Milfoil Crew

Hi! My name is Savannah and I am from Medfield, Massachusetts. I'm a rising sophomore at Colby College, where I plan to major in Environmental Studies and minor in Education. I've been volunteering at the Belgrade Farmers Market this summer. In my spare time, I love reading, running, and doing crossword puzzles.



Savannah Judge
Milfoil Crew

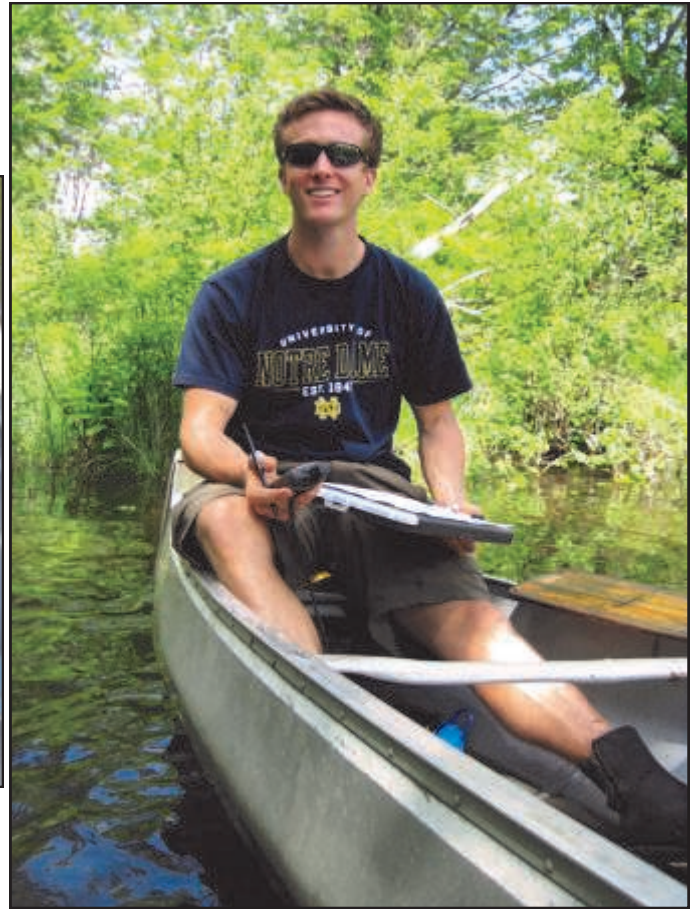
Milfoil 2012: Meet the Survey Team

Sam Mathes
Survey Crew (below)



My name is Sam Mathes. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College where I studied geology. I am currently starting graduate school studying Forestry. I am also a Marine Science Technician third class petty officer in the Coast Guard Reserve. After completing my education I intend to become a licensed forester. I enjoy virtually all outdoor activities with my favorites being skiing, hiking and windsurfing.

Photo (below): Milfoil Stream Crew and Surveyors:
(left to right)
Savannah Judge, Sam Mathes,
Emily Clark and Julie Churchill



Jack Mauel
Survey Crew (above)

From Houston, TX
-Colby College '13
-Biology: Environmental Science Major
-Captain of Varsity Swimming
-1st year with BRCA
Interests: weight training, cycling, ecology, travel, student government, barbecuing
Favorite Movie: The Godfather
Favorite Band: Rolling Stones
Career Aspirations: Environmental consulting



Photo: (above)
Variable leaf Water Milfoil
from the Great Meadow Stream
infestation removal effort
this summer



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The new Maine Lakes Resource Center's weather channel
[http://www.colby.edu/chemistry/Weather/Weather/
MLRC_Weather.html](http://www.colby.edu/chemistry/Weather/Weather/MLRC_Weather.html)

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Please note that with our recent move
to the new Maine Lakes Resource Center,
our e-mail has changed from gwi.net
to belgradelakes.org.

So, our new general e-mail is
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