



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

### Wishes from Our Table to Yours

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While our Canadian friends have already celebrated the fall harvest, we wish to send the happiest of wishes to those in the Medolark family for the Thanksgiving holiday!!! From our table to yours we wish you everything that Medolark stands for, peace, happiness, enduring friendships, and true family this Thanksgiving.

This Thanksgiving has me thinking about how thankful I am to have had the opportunity to be a part of the Medolark community for more than a decade. And as the years pass, I also realize just how rare this kind of place really is. Gathering friends from all over the world with the chance to live in an open accepting community that lives and breathes discovery, dreams, creativity, and endless fun is one of the clear highlights of my life.

I know I'm not alone in this feeling. And inside this month's issue, you'll find some reflections by our own Katie Blank that speak beautifully to this community, from the perspective of a long time camper, LIT, JC, and then now a staff member.

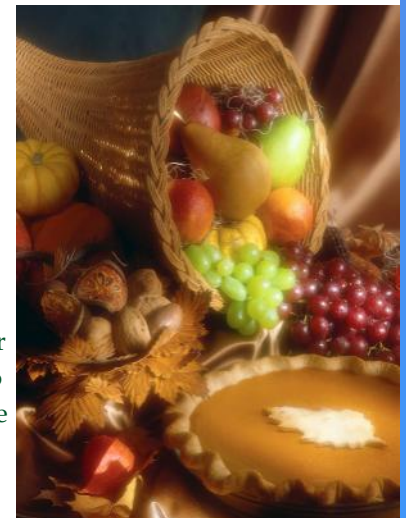
As many of you know, the community at Medolark is truly something precious that we have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. And already, I'm looking forward to being back in the Maine woods in that amazing place we know as Medolark next summer. I hope you'll join me there. The unfortunate reality, however, is that there is a limit to how much room we have at camp. So if you haven't reserved your place in the Summer of 2010, make sure you get your registration in as soon as possible!

And while you're passing the food around the table, remember those countless other Medolarkers celebrating as well. Take the chance to get in touch with for friends and make plans to get together, both over the winter, and next summer at camp!

Wherever the holiday takes you, here's wishing you safe travels and happy moments!

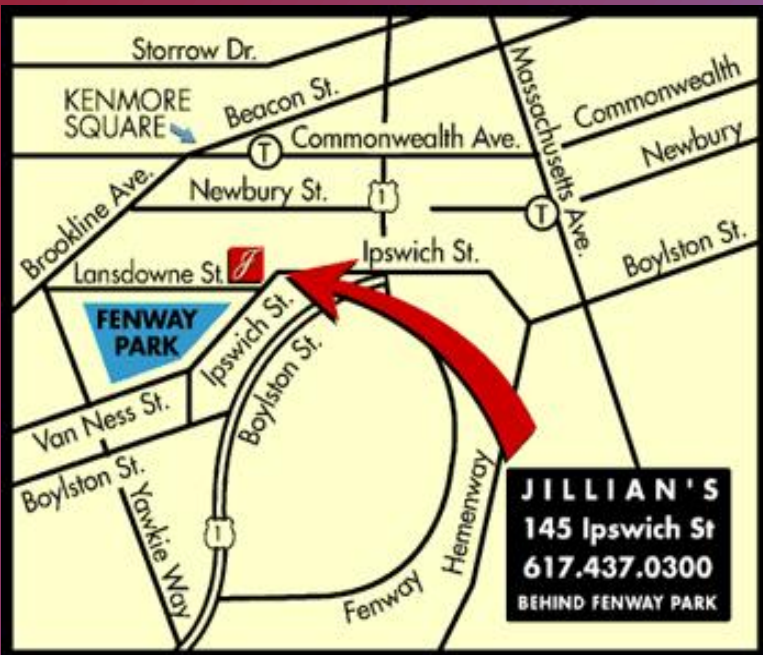
Much Peace,

Jody Moser, editor



**BOSTON, AND NEW YORK REUNION DETAILS!**

**CALLING ALL CAMPERS!!! - REUNIONS ARE COMING!!!**



**IT'S REUNION TIME!!!**

If you live in, or are planning to travel to, the **Boston** area on the first weekend of December, please plan to gather with all of your friends on December 5th for another great Med•O•Lark Reunion. The **Boston** reunion will take place at Jillian's (same place as last year), located at 145 Ipswich Street. For further information check out the website at: [www.jilliansboston.com](http://www.jilliansboston.com). The reunion will take place from 11-2pm, and includes appetizers and bowling!!!

If you live in, or are planning to travel to, the **New York City** area on the third weekend of January, please plan to gather with all of your friends on January 16th for another great Med•O•Lark Reunion! The **New York City** reunion will take place at 300 New York (same place as last year), located at Pier 60/23rd & West Side Hwy, New York, NY. For further information check out the website at: [www.3hundrednewyork.com](http://www.3hundrednewyork.com). The reunion will take place from 11-2pm, and includes food, drinks, and bowling!!!

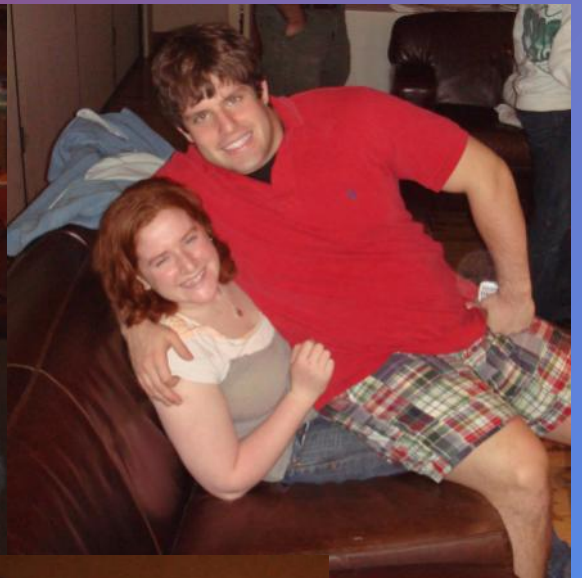
All current and past campers and staff are welcome to join us for what will surely be wonderful afternoons of food and friendship! To ensure that we have enough room and food for everyone please RSVP as soon as possible.

For any questions and to RSVP, please contact Scott or Missy at 1-800-292-7757, or [missy@medolark.com](mailto:missy@medolark.com).

***Can't wait to see you there!***



# CHICAGO REUNION PICTURES!!!



# FALL CONSTRUCTION AT Med•O•Lark !!!



New Art Barn Enclosure!!!

NEW WATERFRONT SHED!!!



## Med•O•Lark Voices—Words from the Community

### Reflection MOL '09: First Experience as Staff



by Katie Blank

Leaving my second home sometimes makes sense. But in other situations the time I've spent there is too short. I had an awesome time this summer because of the amazing people I met at Med•O•Lark. I know I was changed by my relationships with fellow counselors and campers.

I thank all of you for peeling away the coating of paint of the world pressures of conformity and being raw and revealing the universal truth that all human beings are beautiful and unique with their own personalities and ways. No one is better or worse, higher or lower: in our utopia we are all equal. In our community we expect all members to respect others differences, no matter how annoying, weird, strange, out there, a person is. I want to thank all of you for living up to this general expectation which is very hard to see out in our towns, worlds outside of our home in Washington, ME. By sharing our inner ambitions and personalities that we might sometimes hide when we aren't at camp made my summer perfect. I have to say that this year we got it head on and worked really hard to create the thing we love most about camp, the feeling of security that we have the support to try new things and the acceptability to display hidden thoughts, talents and dreams.

Leaving MOL is terribly sad because when we all left our unique Utopia is dismantled. We all took out portion of love and respect back to our original home. Med•O•Lark spreads across the globe so everywhere there are those who are activists and I encourage you to do the same as them, which is to try and create that simple expectation of respecting differences in your own communities.

Take what you have learned at your second home and use it to create the world you would want to live in. Don't be short handed and deal with the world you are given. One person can do wonders by leading by example. Like telling their friends that using the word "gay" is not ok or trying to resolve a conflict by listening rather than talking over the other person. You can help. You can resolve conflict. You can reduce the intense magnification of the human nature of judging one another.

## Med•O•Lark Voices – Words from the Community

Work on weeding out the automatic tendency our brains have of picking out what is different about someone else. Most of the time we see these differences as bad things, which are shunned. So here is where you come in, work towards changing the connotation of our brains have with differences; make your community reduce the amount of judgment it puts on it's members. The goal is to embrace differences.

I also know Med•O•Lark helps us to get to know our true selves others reveal their souls to us it is contagious. So if you are still struggling with being you, keep trying to share what you learned about yourself at camp to a family member a friend or a stranger. Surprisingly you will find out they will listen to you and than in return share something of their true self.

Trying to share what you learned might be hard, but I encourage you to say something you learned about yourself or else you will slip back into conformity, you will get repainted. Remain raw and revealing show the world who you are and who you want to be. Because not saying anything allows you to keep your new knowledge to yourself, a secret, and when you say it out loud it creates a challenge for you to live up to what you said.

So do it take the challenge of being honest, truthful with the one person it is the hardest and scariest person to be truthful to, your self.

I have learned a lot about myself by doing exactly this by digging down to my essence and revealing to others and myself of who I truly am. This is not easy it is very difficult, but if you don't feel ready to share what you have learned about yourself at camp. Share what you learned about creating that safe, strong and unique community.

Spread respect for people's differences. This summer I learned that I need to not be afraid to speak to those I feel intimidated by. I promise to my Med•O•Lark community 2009 that I will work really hard on my goal this year.

Everyone have a great year! I miss you all!

Sincerely,

Katie Blank

### YOU can be in next month's iMAGINE...

We want to hear from YOU!  
What have you been doing?  
Where have you traveled?  
Did you get together with other Med•O•Larkers somewhere?

Maybe you have a piece that was featured in an art

exhibition at school. Or maybe you performed in a school play or Musical. Maybe you even have formed your own band, or joined a dance company.

Whatever it is, we want to know so we can spread the

good news among the members of the Med•O•Lark Community!

But how do I do this, you ask? It's easy! Just email Jody at [imagine@medolark.com](mailto:imagine@medolark.com) with your news!



We're always looking for your news!

## *Med•O•Lark Voices – Words from the Community*

### Change the World By Rebecca Saltzman

I thought I could change the world  
What if the world doesn't want to be changed?  
What if it can't be?  
I try to mold it in the perfect shape  
but I can't.  
The mold won't fit, the shape has imperfections  
The only path to go down is the one I don't want  
But all I can do is try to go back  
to go down the other fork in the road  
But I have to shape the world imperfectly  
I have to do what will make the world perfect 10 years down the line  
I try to change the world  
to make it perfect  
but I can't.

The world tries to change me.  
but what If I don't want to be changed?  
What If I can't?  
I am an immovable lump of clay  
impossible to mold in the perfect shape.  
To mold me the world must mold itself  
it must change itself  
I can try to change.  
But to change, the world must change with me.  
Together we will work together to go down the right path.  
To make two halves to a whole.  
Yin and Yang.

I try to change the world.  
The world tries to change me.

Maybe the only way to change, is to change together.

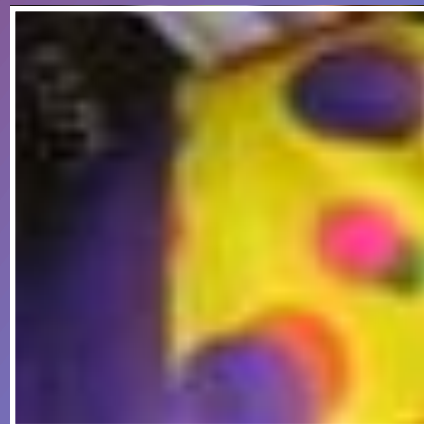


## Remember this???

The picture you see is a portion of a picture from last summer. It is up to YOU, to try to figure out what it is, and to tell the story behind the picture. Then, the following month we will announce the true identity of the picture, along with the winning camper who identified it first.

So get thinking about this picture!

When you think you know the answer, drop an email to [imagine@medolark.com](mailto:imagine@medolark.com)!



*Any Ideas???*

## Last Month's Winner — Jake Kuhn

Congratulations to **Jake Kuhn** who correctly identified this picture from last month's edition of iMAGINE as being the curly hair of **Peter Kazazes!!!** This picture was taken last summer during an evening program in the Coliseum. Given the bright colors in the back left of the picture, it's looking like 80s night during Decades Night. In any event, **Julia Bank** is in the background very excited! Hey Peter, do you remember exactly what night this was? If so, let us know!



Peter Kazazes, apparently preparing for a Lacrosse game during evening program!





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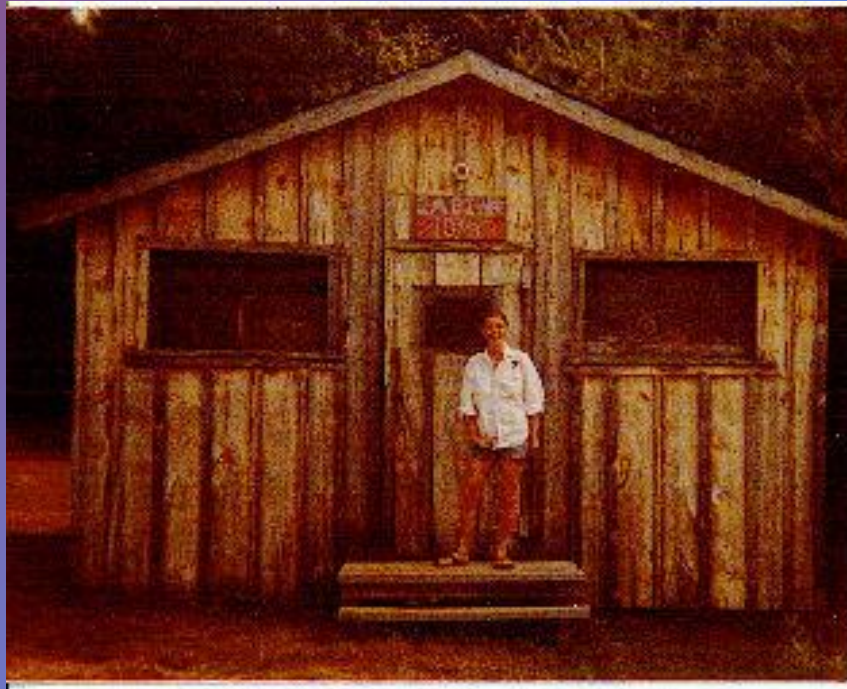
<http://www.medolark.com>

## Arrival Day is Coming...



*Only 214 days until First Session...  
Only 242 days until Second Session...*

## Blast from the Past: Cabin 10 3/8



That, my friends, is Cabin 10 3/8, way back before the additions, before the kitchen, before being painted. This picture dates all the way back to 1979, more than 30 years ago. Back then, this cabin was closer to Cabin 10 than to Cabin 10.5 (Bunkaroo), which was itself between Cabin 10 and Cabin 11 (A-Frame), and so the name for Cabin 10 3/8 was coined!

And next month, keep your eyes peeled, because I have scrounged up some great pics of the main camp area from the mid 70s, that will be yet another BLAST FROM THE PAST from the amazing Med•O•Lark Community!