

# Dream Day on Cape Cod

## ...a look through the years

Leadership and Board of Directors

Events and Fundraisers

Camp Evolution and construction

Acquisitions for waterfront improvements

Dream Day on Cape Cod  
Leadership roles through the years

1991 - Tim Falvey, living with cancer and undergoing treatment, gets to know children who were ill and their families. He recognizes that the kids and their families needed a time and place to relax and have fun, and he starts Dream Day on the Sound in Connecticut in 1991.

1993 - Inspired by Tim, Margaret (Leonard) Kennedy, founds a Cape Cod chapter: Dream Day on Cape Cod.

1998 - Dream Day on the Sound turns over the reins to Dream Day on Cape Cod.

2003-2007 - After Margaret's retirement from Dream Day, Carrie Pietrowski is hired as Dream Day's Administrator.

2007 - 2017 - An Executive Director position is established, and Kathleen Giorgio is hired to lead Dream Day as its Executive Director.

2017-present - Tracey Sperry is hired to lead Dream Day as its Executive Director

Dream Day on Cape Cod  
Board of Directors ~ Past and Present

**Past Board of Directors**

*Bill Fox	Heidi Grinsell
Maria Jones	Peter Robbins
Janet Collette	Faith Buscone
Janet Feeney	David Fisher
Ski Pietrowski	Jack Kajayan
Pat Foran	Randy Leonard
Deb Stevens	Martha Knapp
John Dorn	Brian Hopkins
Terri Hendy	Joanne Phillips
Jim Middleton	Rich Zamachaj
Christine Jones	John Begg
Randy Crocker	Jack DeMello
Cathy Bell	Michelle Mullen
Bob Stanton	Steve DeYoung

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Board of Directors ~ Past and Present

**Present Board of Directors**

\*Joe Jasie (since 2002)

Don Siddel (since 2003)

Dale Ormon (since 1993)

Diane Gilrein (since 2003)

\*Paul Hines (since 2000)

Paige Churchill Boyle (since 2008)

Jack Girvan (since 1993)

Dan Kennedy (since 2008)

Emily Horne (since 2003)

\*denotes President or past president of the Board of Directors

Dream Day on Cape Cod  
Events and Fundraisers ~ Past and Present

Christmas Weekends at All Seasons Motor Inn - thanks to George Abbott, Dream Day's first volunteer-of-the-year.

Cut-a-thons ~ 1990's

Car Washes

Easter Egg Hunt

Fishing Tournaments - the first being held August 27, 1988 - including the Oliver's Challenge Cup Tournaments and the Cape Cod Bay Bass & Bluefish Tournaments

Sheriff's Youth Ranch Picnic ~ 1994-2006

Niska Bog Harvest ~ 2002-2005

Nan-Ke-Race Triathlon ~ 2004-2005

Jeep Raffles ~ 2005-2008

Dream Day Board of Directors take over one night running/staffing Oliver's Restaurant, with proceeds being directed to paying a Dream Day tax bill

Put-a-thon, run by Glenn Ormon

Christmas Grinch Breakfast - held at Oliver's Restaurant

Dream Day Logo "Bubbles" - buy a bubble to be posted in local establishments showing support

Annual auctions, including auctions with Mo Vaughn

Golf Tournaments throughout the years

Falmouth Road Race ~ 2009 to present

Nun Run ~ 2010-2016

Yoga-thons ~ 2013-2015

Motorcycle Run ~ 1998 & 2017

Tour Da Cape bike race from Boston to Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe ~ 2004-2018

## Dream Day on Cape Cod

### Dream Day Camp ~ evolution and construction

1970 - Camp Fire Girls, Inc. create Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe, named in memory of Nancy Quinn, who passed away at the age of 3. The camp founders, thinking forward, filed a probate document stating that the name would never change, and that the camp would forever benefit children, otherwise, the camp would cease to exist.

1994 - Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe is donated to 4H Farley to run a ropes course facility.

1994-1998 - Dream Day's original "camp," held for two weeks each summer at the Riverview School campus in Sandwich, Massachusetts

Fall 1998 - In November, Dream Day signs a 10-year lease with 4H Camp Farley for Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe

Summer 1999 - Dream Day's first summer camp season at Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe. Realizing that the cabins were not suitable for our family's needs, plans are quickly put together for replacing them.

Fall 1999 - Shepley Wood Products & Oliver's join forces to create "The Cape Cod Contractor's Challenge." On October 16, 1999 nine new cabins are constructed during a one-day build. Funds for the building materials are raised through fishing tournament boats in ONE night!

Spring 2000 - Bob (Sparky) Stanton joins Dream Day's Facilities Committee and begins his long-standing pursuit of electrifying Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe, garnering him two volunteer-of-the-year awards!

2000 - The Lancaster boys use funds from Oliver's and their customers to build the screened-in porch on to the camp Dining Hall.

2000 - Rich Zamachaj of Cape Shores welding teams with Mike Harris Warren and Dale Ormon to construct and fabricate a donated walk-in cooler/freezer and exhaust hood systems greatly enhancing our camp kitchen. Mike goes on to become volunteer of the year in 2006 and still to this day forgets to send us bills.

2001 - The interiors of the bath-houses are re-done.

2001 - Sesuit Boat Owners Association teams with Dream Day to build a box trailer. Cape Rental World donates 80 chairs along with a tent, tables, and our new propane grill, allowing us to do outside-the-camp events with ease.

2001 - Six new canoes are purchased for use at the pond. Jonathan Smith builds a wood storage barn adjacent to the maintenance shed. Shepley Wood Products continues to fill it over the years with wood to be used for camp building and maintenance projects.

2002 - Another Great Contractors Challenge is held, with teams insulating and finishing the interiors of all nine newly constructed cabins.

2003 - An addition was added onto the bath-house, adding handicapped bathrooms and two new showers.

2003 - Team Lancaster returns to create the rock climbing wall at Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe.

2004 - Floating docks are donated through the Hewins/Hallet family via their Mashpee homeowners association. This was the beginning of Dream Day's present day waterfront on Rafe pond.

2005 - The Bilzekian Foundation purchased a "Gator" for the camp, a six-wheeled utility vehicle used to navigate camp property

2005 - The iconic Purple Hippo arrives at camp, acquired due to the closing of Sea View Playland

2005 - Eagle Scout, Mark Lindblad, creates adventure games at Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe

2006 - Another Eagle scout creates the stage and campfire areas at camp

2007 - Cape Rental World donates a tent to the camp. Many camp activities and meals are enjoyed under this tent.

2008 - On November 14, 2008, Dream Day on Cape Cod purchases Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe from 4H thanks to an anonymous donor and his wife. Phil Boudreau, Dream Day's attorney, completes the paperwork resulting in our dream of owning a camp. Phil has worked by Dream Day's side throughout its existence and has never taken a penny.

2008 - Underground power comes to Nickerson State Park, giving the camp more reliable power.

2009 The Bilzekian Foundation purchased a new kitchen range and ice machine for the camp kitchen.

2010 - The golf tournament raises funds for the purchase of kayaks.

2013 - With funds raised by Tour Da Cape, CC Construction and friends builds "The Field of Dreams," a ball field at the camp. All Cape Well Drilling installs their second donated well for irrigation of the field. Atlantic Irrigation completed the process and has returned each year since, at no charge, to maintain the system.

2013 - Dream Day's fully handicapped accessible "Boundless playground" is installed at the camp. Jeff Wragg, with Mike Pimental, complete yet another handicap ramp. Jeff returns to rehab the director's bathroom and receives a volunteer-of-the-year award.

2014 - Individual bathrooms are added to each of the family cabins during another One-Day Build. Mike Bossetti, as he has in the past, jumps in to clear land and tirelessly dig holes to prepare for the new bathroom installations, and with his crew, he build's Cabin 8's bathroom. Over the years he never says no and refuses to send us a bill. Eight plumbing companies, followed by Cape Cod Tech, complete the bathrooms.

2015 - The director's cabin is doubled in size by Mike Pimental. Long time benefactor Kevin McCullough plumbs a new kitchen and bathroom.

2015 - A hard-surface multi-game court is created at the camp, thanks to Lawrence Lynch and [Cape Aggregates](#)

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2016 - Paved paths are created throughout the camp

2016 - Part of the road leading into Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe is paved

2016 - Dream Day purchases an additional 13 acres of land on the pond waterfront from Forrie Quinn at a large discount.

2017 - The camp road is paved all the way down to the pond

2018 - Mike Pimental and friends return to double the size of our Dining hall, which was designed by Stefan Richman of Shepley's. Mike has been awarded volunteer-of-the-year award twice!

2018 - Karolina Wragg and friends work to renovate the Quinn cottage.

## Dream Day on Cape Cod

### Vehicle acquisition and Waterfront improvements

1999 - Camp opens with two vehicles: a used, donated, broken Toyota pickup truck and a 1985 15-passenger van that Dream Day acquired for \$500

2009 - A 12 passenger van is donated by Children's Cove, and a bus is donated by Hyline Cruises.

2010 - Kayaks are purchased for the camp, with funds from the Golf Tournament.

2011 - Beach wheelchairs are acquired for the camp, allowing those with wheelchairs to get down to the waterfront

2015 - A new ramp is acquired for the waterfront, allowing wheelchairs to get to the pond, funded by KOA Campground grants.

2016 - Fully adaptable Kayaks are added to the fleet, due to generous fishing tournament contributors.

2017 - The dump truck is crushed in a snow storm, but evolved into a major funding source, yielding a new to us dump truck, a 20-passenger van, and an additional \$10,000 for camp operations and improvements.

2017 - Ralph Crowell donates a new passenger golf cart with all the "bells and whistles"

## Chronology of the Fishing Tournaments

### Run to raise money for Dream Day

1988 - The Oliver's Challenge Cup holds its first tournament with 62 boats. In the early years, funds raised from the tournament benefited Boston Children's Hospital.

1990 - Oliver's joins forces with The Sesuit Harbor Invitational Tuna Tournament to run both tournaments together.

1997- Oliver's becomes involved with the Sesuit Boat Owners Club and together re-name the tournament The Cape Cod Bay Bass & Bluefish Tournament. At this point the tournament officials make the decision to benefit the very young Dream Day on Cape Cod organization.

2002 - Gladys Kearney retires as administrator of the tournament and Dianne Gilrein takes over. She and her husband, Tom, work tirelessly each year to continue this awesome tradition. As of 2018, the tournament has raised more than \$550,000 for Dream Day on Cape Cod!

2004 - John Hennessey and friends ride their bicycles from Boston to the Cape in what will become Tour da Cape. He has \$1500 left over from expenses and adds to fishing tournament proceeds. Today Tour da Cape is Dream Day's largest annual fundraiser!

