

## Timeline: Camp History – Important Dates

1922- Camp Keewadin started near Annapolis MD

1953 – Keewadin sold due to encroaching development and facility problems

1958- Catoctin bought and opens w/ 2 week session, directed by Marshall Sutton

1959- added Dining Hall at Catoctin

1960 – added cabins and sheds; held camp sessions for 80 children in 2 weeks Directed by Ted and Naomi Mattheis

1961- staff cabin built, 96 campers attended

1962- 125 campers attended in an expanded 3 weeks of camp

1963- mortgage for Catoctin paid off

1964- Infirmary built, art pavilion planned

1965- 144 campers attended

1966- back porch added to Lodge, craft shelter built, tried four weeks of camp

1967- Barry Morley becomes director of Catoctin, could not fill 4 weeks, reverts to 3 weeks

1968- Camp is \$30/week; the need to pay staff is mentioned – all staff/counselors have been volunteer

1969- the shop added at Catoctin

1970- camp is getting abused and banged up by off-season renters to the distress of the Catoctin Trustees

1972- 4 week sessions now filling up, new drainfields and septic tank installed

1973- Lagoon closed in August due to pollution!

1974- Go to 6 weeks of camp for first time, charge \$50 week. Peter Fletcher hired in addition to Barry Morley to run the added 2 week session.

1975-Dave Greene replaces Peter Fletcher at the 2 week session and tries a more arts focused in-camp experience which did not do well

1976- Catoctin is overcrowded; director's cabin finished, need for caretaker comes up as there are increased problems with theft and vandalism on the property and mistreatment by renters.

1978- Sue DeVeer joins Barry Morley as assistant director of Catoctin.

1978- Glaydin Quaker Camp holds its first session due to the overwhelming demand at Catoctin directed by John Sexton

1979- Glaydin moves to Opequon (up the hill at Pidgeon farm) due to a dormitory fire at Glaydin School in the winter; camp fees increased to \$90-120 sliding scale per week;

1979 – first pre-cursor to TA, “New England Caravan Trip” offered for 15-18 year old campers, led by Elspeth Inglis and Molly Schaffler; \$350 for 18 days

1979-over 200 people participated in the camping programs as campers, staff, volunteers

1980 – “Young Friends Eastern Shore Adventure” bicycle trip led by Elspeth Inglis and Stew Hickman

1981- Sheila Bach becomes director of Opequon; need for “scholarship” for college age counselors first mentioned – which is based on college financial aid demanding that applicants contribute a certain amount (much higher than what they were being paid for working at camp) from summer work to be eligible for financial aid

1982- trip referred to as “Young Friends Adventure” had to run two trips due to increased demand; Mike DeHart becomes director of Opequon. Cynthia Harden becomes TA director. Fred Hetzel mentioned for the first time as caretaker at Catoctin.

1983- “Young Friends Camping Program” first becomes “Teen Adventure”; fees raised to meet greater financial needs, still seeking donations from Monthly Meetings and individuals for the counselor scholarship fund.

1984- Barry Morley first introduces Inward Bound adult camping conference (3 weekend conferences, 6 silent renewal days on weekdays throughout Fall and Spring).

1985- fees set at \$145-185/ week of camp. Catoctin staff first set up the oldest campers coming for four weeks that overlap in the middle and the youngest campers only attending the first and last two week session

1986- TA runs three trips for the first time and all trips begin and end together at same location [Since 1986, our rent at Catoctin has increased 8 fold from 4,000 to \$31,120 in 2006, yet our salary budget for staff has only gone from \$32,000 in 1986 to \$56,000 in 2006, less than doubling in the last 20 years].

1987- Opequon moves down the hill to the flood plane at Pidgeon farm; Sue deVeer becomes director

1988-Opequon runs for 6 weeks for the first time

1989-Rate for camp is \$200/week. Camps are overfull and there begins to be talk of looking for a new property

1989-JoAnn Coates and David Hunter become co-directors of Catoctin. Barry Morley retires as director after 22 seasons.

1991- Christian Meyer becomes new TA director; Long Range Planning Committee asked to plan for the future of our camps recommends buying new property and unifying camp ownership under the Yearly

Meeting (Catoctin Trustees own Catoctin privately). Also in this report that committee reports, “in light of our view that inclusion of non-Quakers in the camping program is desirable, we think fees should be uniform for members and non-members alike.”

1992- Shiloh property purchased, Opequon becomes Shiloh at its present location in Madison county

1993-TA expands to 2 sessions running five trips total; Camping Secretary position created for the first time as part-time position filled by Rex Riley; 374 campers attend the three camps – 151 at Catoctin, 142 at Shiloh, and 59 at TA. Rex created the first camp database and tried to enter all of the known staff and campers from old applications

1994-Caretaker’s cabin built at Catoctin; TA has two sessions with 3 trips each and moves base to the Common Ground; fees for camp are \$265 for BYM Quakers, \$290 for other Quakers, and \$310 for non Quakers per week.

1995- Ethan and Amy Williamson take over as directors of TA – they ran 4 trips simultaneously; Sue deVeer, David Hunter and JoAnn Coates Hunter announce their last summer as camp directors. The 500 year flood hits Shiloh hard, canceling the first session of camp.

1996 – Linda Garrettson becomes director at Catoctin and Dana Foster at Shiloh

1997-Diane Younkins becomes the Camp Administrative Secretary and it is now full time, July 1997; plans to build bath houses at Shiloh proposed; need to overhaul the Lagoon at Catoctin acknowledged.

1998- all camps are full and have waitlists; bath houses at Shiloh completed; new roof on Lodge at Catoctin installed

1998- Quaker Arts camp started by YM RE and held on SSFS campus;

1998-Josh Riley becomes Camp Administrative Secretary in December of 1998

1999- Camp Program Committee takes over the Arts Camp

2000- Arts camp moves to Opequon at top of hill where Elaine Brigham co-directs with Rebekah Rice; Infirmary finished at Shiloh; Barry Morley retires from leading Inward Bound; Conservation Easement work begun at Catoctin; August 2000 Barry Morley dies

2001- Whitney Thompson and Alison Downey hired as co-directors of TA; the first directors retreat held; Opequon increases from a 3 week session to five weeks. Ralph Reed becomes caretaker of Shiloh. Renovations of “Ruby’s Cabin” are completed at Shiloh. Opequon is full for five weeks. Camp forms are available online for the first time. Camp Rental info and calendar also available online.

Fees for camp on 2001 are \$323 for BYM, \$339 for other Quakers, and \$365 for Non Quakers per week.

2002- TA offers 6 simultaneous trips; Opequon moves to 6 weeks. The Conservation Easement at Catoctin is finalized.

2003- David Hunter is hired in newly created Camp Property Manager position. Alison Downey leaves TA and Melissa Poole is hired as her replacement to co-direct TA with Whitney Thompson. CAS Josh Riley buys CampBrain database.

2004-Josh Riley announces his last year as CAS. Campers can now apply online.

2005- Jane Megginson starts as CAS in January; expansion of TA is pressing.

2006-Camp families pay for camp before camp starts for first time; background checks now required for all camp staff and volunteers.

2007 – Teen Adventure expands to 8 trips running concurrently. 92 campers attended TA.