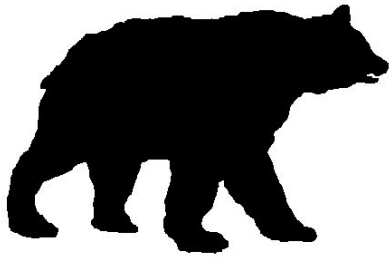
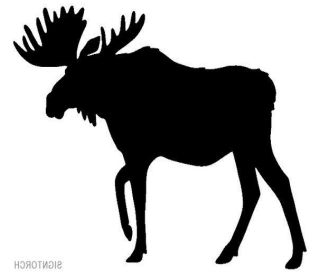


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***We did it! We opened for the 2021 Summer!***



## **A Summer like No Other**

This certainly has had its share of challenges! The most serious one, was of course, the Covid-19 virus. Would we be able to open? Would we be able to keep everyone safe? With constantly changing CDC guidelines, testing protocols and masking requirements, we met each challenge head on!

The schedules were re-done and campers were grouped in cohorts, thus enabling them to experience many different activities. Campers could choose a few electives as well.

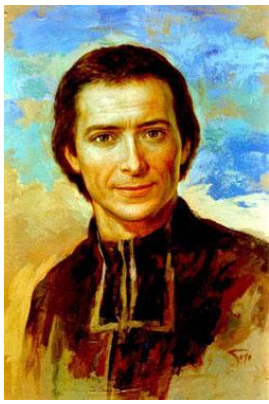
Staffing was our next challenge. Many of our staff come from Europe, Australia and Africa. These counselors were not permitted to get J1 Visas, which allow them to work in the US. (Counselors from Mexico and Canada were able to come.) So a call went out and many of our former staff volunteered to fill some of the staff positions,

Our support staff, kitchen, maintenance and laundry, also could not come to the US. So...our wonderful counselors each joined a team of dining hall cleaners, including washing dishes, sweeping the dining hall, sanitizing the tables and benches, washing pots and pans, and collecting trash.

Our staff bought in to our mission. Their hard work made this summer possible. We are proud of our entire team.



# The Champagnat Award



St. Marcellin Champagnat was the founder of the Marist Brothers. He founded an Order of Brothers, dedicated to Mary, to teach and cherish children. He wanted to "Make Jesus known and loved by all" in his small parish in France.

At Camp Marist, we have a very special award for a staff member and a camper each week, who exemplify the virtues of St. Marcellin: kindness, compassion and leadership.

Campers who received this award were: Alexa Lugo, Sergio Garcia, Sebastian Chavez, Owen Monahan, Sam Cahill Farella, Delaney Gove.

Staff members were Francisco Aramburu, Ana Paula Guzman, Carmen Sanz, Pablo Valles, James Mooney

Congratulations to all our nominees and our winners!



## Camp Marist Choir

Each Sunday night, Amanda gathered a group of campers and staff to sing for our Sunday Liturgy.

## Counselors in Training (CITs)

Our C.I.T. program was begun by Brother Kenneth Robert in 1984. Cate Nelligan has directed the girls' program for fifteen years. Bro. Jim Halliday, Kevin King and Chris Romero worked with the boys. This year, we chose two special young people to honor with the "Bro. Kenneth Robert Outstanding C.I.T. Award": Santiago Vallejo and Maria Jose Dominguez Labrador.



To be a C.I.T. you must get written recommendations from two adults (not relatives), be sixteen years of age by July 1st, be able to work for the entire summer and write an essay. You must be willing to learn, be enthusiastic and be prepared to work hard!

The new applications will be on the [campmarist.org](http://campmarist.org) website in the early fall. Applications must be submitted by January 1, 2022

## Volunteers

When it seemed like we would not be able to open camp because our European staff members could not enter the U.S., we put out a call for volunteers to fill some roles. A big Camp Marist Thank You to the following people:

Josh Anderson, John Butler, Carlos Martinez, Nico Mazzucchelli, Bruno Mercenari, Kirsten Merker, Chris Romero and Caroline Sanchez.



# Early Bird Registration for the 2022 Season

Rates will be posted in early September.

Check out our website at [www.campmarist.org](http://www.campmarist.org)

## Dates for the 2022 Season:

**Session 1: June 26-July 9**

**Session 2: July 10-July 23**

**Session 3: July 24-August 13**



Climb Every Mountain

Since trips to ballparks, ice skating arenas and beaches were deemed not safe enough to have campers attend, we took campers to the “great outdoors”. New Hampshire has lots of hiking trails. Our staff chose hikes during the week to avoid crowds. The most popular was to Mt. Willard, where the pay-off is a spectacular view of the White Mountains.



\*Refer a family (never at camp before) and receive a \$150 credit on your tuition. (One credit for each family recruited)

\*Organize a gathering of friends or arrange for us to talk about camp to a school gathering such as a parent association. We would send a representative of camp to speak about what a special place Camp Marist is. You would get a \$200.00 discount!

## Bro. James Vagan - 50 years at Camp!



Bro. Jim Vagan has been at Camp Marist for 50 years. During that time, he has held many positions: kitchen worker, painter, archery, football, tennis, track and field, assistant prefect and prefect. He has taught canoeing for the past 30 years. He now enjoys teaching these skills to the children of former campers. On his day off, he hikes many of the trails in the White Mountains - barefoot!

Bro. Jim has been a Marist Brother for 44 years and teaches Spanish at Archbishop Molloy High School in New York.

His favorite part of camp is the family atmosphere with staff, campers and alumni. Not only does he enjoy his job, he relishes the friendships he has made through the years at Camp Marist.



# Cohorts and Cabins

This year, we tried a new schedule for our campers. Each cohort of twelve campers traveled together to most activities. This enabled our campers to try activities that they may have bypassed in other years. Our waterfront program was less about perfecting swimming strokes and more about trying out kayaking, paddleboarding and tubing.

Having a group travel together gave campers the opportunity to get to know the others in their cohort and form tighter friendship bonds.



Electives were also scheduled for each camper, giving them a choice in some of their favorite activities. Some of the most popular electives were fishing, archery, ceramics, horseback riding and water skiing.



This summer, we decided to have each camper go home with a tie-dyed t-shirt. Each arts & crafts class learned how to design and dye their own shirt. Of course, the staff did not want to be left out as well, so we ran art classes for staff after the campers were asleep. These shirts were donated by the Katz family, longtime supporters of Camp Marist. Thanks Chuck and Karen Katz!

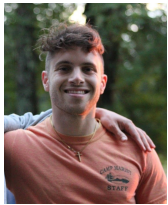




# Award Winners 2021



Bro. Sylvain Award: Steve Tower presented by Cate Nelligan and Bridget Nelligan  
Bro. Alphonse Award: Maria Andrea Alvarez and Richard Dempsey.  
Bro. Benedict (Sr. Camper): Jared Krueger and Anna Grace Yurek  
Bro. Tim (Jr. Camper) Award: Emmanuel Rosa and Romy Halley  
Bro. Anthony (Spirit) Award: Jeronimo Patino and Bailey Meier  
Bro. Joe Abel (Athletics) Award: Samuel Cahill Farella and Camila Ferraiuoli  
Bro. Ken Marino (Arts) Award: Luca Mazzucchelli and Grace Cropper Deleso



**What is a "Scullery?"**  
**We all learned a new word this summer:**

**"Scullery" comes from the Latin word scutella, meaning tray or platter.**



**All of the staff took turns washing the dishes in the scullery after each meal. It was a messy job, but someone had to do it. Our staff did this because, well, they are awesome!**

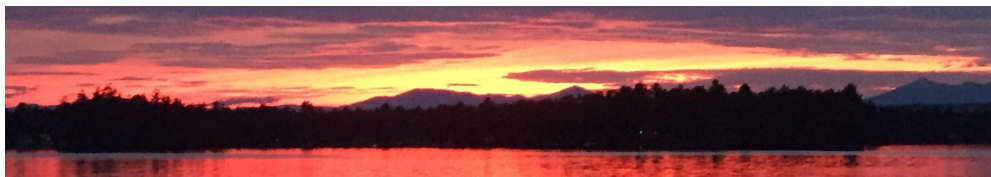


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