



September/October 2025

Centennial Celebrations

Congratulations to Rachel Lindsay, winner of the Pinewoods Centennial Quilt. Many thanks to all who bought tickets, and even more thanks to Kimberly Field, who designed and created the gorgeous quilt. Rachel and family: enjoy!



Lucretia Field pulls the winning ticket

Photo Credit: Beth Reagan

If you didn't get your copy of **A Taste of the Kitchen**, the Pinewoods cookbook, you can still order it **online**. Do your holiday shopping now and get copies for everyone!

The Centennial celebration won't be complete without you in our StoryCorps collection. You can still contribute your story, but don't wait— content submitted by mid-November could be highlighted in our February virtual presentation to the camp community. Learn more and share your story:

<https://pinewoods.org/storycorps-project/>



The Santiago Family interview with Fiona Rogers

Photo Credit: Beth Reagan

Pinewoods Crew Reunion *by Barbara Morrison*

Pre-1980s Crew, Porch & Rail Welcome Party at



Campers come and go, but Crew is here all summer. Often, we come back year after year, and then send our children and grandchildren to work on Crew. We're there in the background when you come to Pinewoods: preparing meals, stocking the store and first aid room, collecting trash, replacing lightbulbs, patching screens, cleaning bathrooms, and more.



Crew Family Dance called by Karen Mueller-Harder



Enjoying the Evening Dance in Hands Across



1980s Crew, First Night After-Party in the Camphouse

Between 12 and 14 September, 2025, we came out of the shadows and took over Camp for the first ever Crew reunion, part of the Pinewoods Centennial celebration. Over 100 current and past crew members gathered to savor old and new friendships, share dances and songs, and help close Pinewoods for the winter.



Grounds Crew makes Camp go round, and they have a good time doing it

*Administrative Crew - Office Staff and
Camp Managers have had many incarnations
through the years*

Suggested by David Shewmaker and others, the weekend was organized by Marissa Roque, Susie Petrov, and David Conant. A relaxed schedule included dancing, singing, a tune swap, and a memory roundtable. We had swim times for those willing to brave a somewhat chilly Long Pond, along with a Trivia and Pub Night, and so many parties, each hosted by a different decade of crew members. Work sessions were also planned; everyone took a turn and completed the assigned tasks with astonishing speed.



*Dining Hall Managers wielding dessert utensils -
Cynthia Whear represents '90s crew in sparkling
green headband*

An unscientific poll found overwhelmingly positive reactions. After all, we were already a community before we arrived. Working on Crew can be hard, and then we have to turn around and do it all again with each new group of fresh, well-rested campers. Though we participate in the programs as time permits, Crew often

takes respite in each other's company, whether it's a bagel-making party, Kitchen Olympics, or a debutante ball with gowns made from available materials (think tin foil or bubble wrap). Being on Crew together forges a bond that can last a lifetime.



Past, present, and future Kitchen Aides, a legacy of camaraderie and fantastic food

2000s Crew at Saturday Evening Porch & Rail

That bond was evident all weekend, a product of our shared experiences, love of Pinewoods, and commitment to supporting Camp with our labor. Though it tires us to the bone sometimes, it remains a labor of love.





*What is Pinewoods without dancing? Crew of many generations danced English, Scottish, and Contra
These slipping circles were a whirlwind in Hands Across
Photo Credits: Beth Reagan*

Post-Crew Reunion Work Weekend

Many individuals stayed or joined in to help transition the Crew Reunion into a closing work weekend to put Camp to bed for the season. **Special thanks to:**

Aidan Murch, Alix Janssen, Althea Pechenik, Amanda Barbour, Anne Kennedy, Ardea Thurston-Shaine, Barbara Morrison, Beth Reagan, Chloe Mohr, Chrissy Schultz, Christopher Field, Cindy Dill, Claire Gérin-Lajoie, Cynthia Whear, Daniel Friedman, Dennis Carchedi, Eileen Callahan, Ellie Beal, Evan Johnston, Fern Poling, Fiona Rogers, Gil Santiago, Isaac Burr, Jasper Beal, Jennifer Schoonover, Karen Mueller-Harder, Katarina Dutton, Kathie Brown, Kimberly Field, Kimberly Frisch, Lucia Santiago, Lucretia Field, Mark Dooley, Martin "Shag" Graetz, Martin Barbour, Nancy Barbour, Nell Wright, Rowyn Peel, Scott Higgs, Sonja Boet-Whitaker, Susan Ruff, Tanya Rotenberg, Ted Bubbins, Théo Biamonte, and Tuesday Mueller-Harder.



*Sunday evening Crew and Volunteer dinner around the fire outside Pinecones at sunset
Photo Credit: Beth Reagan*

Summer Centennial Livestreams with Daily Antidote

As part of the Centennial celebrations, Pinewoods partnered with Daily Antidote of Song, CDSS, and TradMaD to stream live from Pinewoods across 4 camp weeks.



Lexi Ugelow leads a pop-up Pinewoods Choir

You can watch favorite Pinewoods musicians streaming live in front of the Pinewoods office or performing from their own homes. Sing along with **Rodney Miller & the Stringrays**, **Casey Murray & Molly Tucker**, **Julia Friend**, **Ann Percival**, **Sophie Wellington**, **Armand Aromin**, **Anna Patton**, **Lexi Ugelow**, **Yann Falquet**, **Jacob Chen**, **Sally Rogers**, **Evie Ladin**, **Audrey Jaber**, **Jeff Warner**,

Reggie Harris, the **Miller-Liddy family**, **Gina Forsyth**, and many more. Guest hosts **Peter Amidon**, **Shruthi Vishwanath** in India, and **Alex Cumming** also contributed. Folks from around the globe joined the fun on Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook Live.

CDSS Weeks Playlist: [YouTube Playlist](#)
TradMaD Camp Playlist: [YouTube Playlist](#)



*Ann Percival gets kids and parents singing! Host Peter Amidon joined the fun from his home
Photo Credits: Jo Rasi*

Thank You, Sierra Club

One day each summer, the Sierra Club (which partners with CDSS's Early Music Week) joins forces with Pinewoods to tackle some big projects. This year, 18 Sierra Club members, working alongside Crew, helped to fill potholes and remove invasive species along Cornish Field Rd, remove invasives and aggressive non-natives in Camp, turn our compost pile, weed the Nature Nook, and assist with some gardening projects around the Dining Hall. Thank you, Sierra Club, for your efforts not only at Pinewoods but in the Six Ponds region as well.





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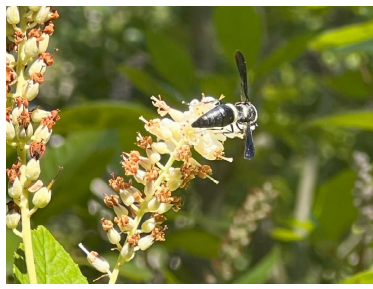
TradMaD 2025 Bioblitz Summary

By Suzanne Mrozak, TradMaD Bioblitz Organizer

Many thanks to all who joined in tracking the biodiversity of Pinewoods Camp using **iNaturalist** during Folk Music Society of New York's TradMaD session.

In 6 days, 11 participants recorded an impressive 637 observations of 268 different species. Wow! Of those, 253 observations, representing 126 different species, made it to the level of Research Grade (identification verified). Most observations were plants, with 157 species observed (56.88%), followed by insects, with 65 species observed (23.55%). Click [here](#) to see additional data.

Among the species identified this year were, from left to right: Spoonleaf Sundew (s. Chris Jacobs), a Four-toothed Mason Wasp (s. Ann Schunior), and a Red-spotted Purple (s. Lindsey Smith).



Started as a joint initiative between the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society, **iNaturalist** is a platform for science and conservation efforts, providing valuable open data to research projects as well as to the public. It's also lots of fun, and Camp was a great place to use it.

Lost & Found 2025

A Haiku

Often we hear, "Oh!
I didn't know I left this"



Théo Biamonte, Pinewoods Cook, was working near his vehicle when he stepped away and then heard a thump. Thinking he had knocked something over, he turned around to see two little squirrels, one of which was trying to crawl into the wheel well of his van. They immediately started crying out and chittering. Théo reached out his arm and one crawled up his sweatshirt. Picking up the other, they both burrowed further into his hoodie.

The baby gray squirrels were put into a box and transported to [the New England Wildlife Center](#), where they were admitted and given an assessment. Although healthy, the kits will still need another 4-6 weeks before they can thrive on their own.

Perhaps the previous night's rain weakened the nest or maybe they were pushed out of the nest by siblings. Whatever the reason, thank you, Théo, for being in the right place at the right time.



Boxed & ready with Pinewoods merch bedding



The kits, placed in a Tupperware and given a temporary marking for differentiation at the Wildlife Center

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