



Photo Credit: Robert Schipf

Loon Lake

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AT BIRCHWOOD, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL AT HOME!

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"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go" - Unknown

Summer 2019 at Birchwood Cottages will be remembered for many things. Great family reunions, bringing folks together from all over the country, fun activities during the day and night, family, friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. So often we hear you tell us Birchwood Cottages is your happy place. We reflected for one last moment under the beautiful Adirondack star-filled night, some of which were shooting stars! We embraced our amazing guests, our incredible caretakers, and another summer in the books. It was the most touching, yet tender, moment of the year, *the end of summer*. We are most proud of the strong community and family we have created and nurtured here at Birchwood Cottages. We couldn't, and wouldn't, want to do this alone!

Now, at Camp, it's quiet. The end signs of autumn and beginning of the cold winter months are ahead, and it's not a time to be sad, but a time to reflect, and refresh from the crazy pace that is the summer months. The calm of the winter blanketing the Adirondacks is only an indication that we are moving closer to returning to summer!

Sometimes, we decide to bite off more than we can chew, and just see what happens!!

Afterall, where's the fun in monotony anyway? **Have you seen Cottage #7**

Y'all?!! "WOW" about sums it up for us. We're not even quite certain how we ended up in the decision to remodel The Adirondack, but we did! Fun fact – it was the original house on the property before this place was a multi-cottage compound, once sitting in the place where our Lodge now is!

This remodel took a lot of manpower, long hours, design decisions, with both fun and sweat mixed in. We hope those of you that enjoy The Adirondack Cottage as your summer *home away from home* enjoy the new touches. And, how about that new bathroom!! Ok, ok, so that might be my favorite; what did you enjoy this summer? I do have to say, regardless of paint color or floor or cabinet choice, the dual porches on #7 remain one of my favorite things about this sweet cottage. There's nothing much better than playing a game out on the screened porch with family or sipping coffee in the rocking chair watching the lake in the early morning. I also really like the new open floor plan, it allows family and friends to really better use the space, whether having a meal or throwing some extra air mattresses down for the kids. We truly hope that you have, and will continue, to enjoy this cottage as much as we have



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Loon Preferred Pricing!

Our Lodge is open once again for the 2019/2020 Winter Season (and all year long). If you are a summer guest and want to stay in the Lodge this winter, we will as always, extend return guest pricing to our Birchwood Family. We're already booking a few peak weekends this winter so far, and the Farmer's Almanac is calling for it to be a doozy of a winter. Get your reservations in today!



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We're on HomeAway!

In an effort to ease the booking process for those last minute – off peak stays, we have put all of our units on HomeAway! Through there, you can instant book and even pay by credit card! It's a convenient, easy and safe way to make those last-minute booking decisions to come back to camp, anytime! Check us out and leave us a review!

It's SnOw Good!

With a winter storm already in our pockets, and the flurries begin to fly, we want to remind you of the beauty and attraction in our area during the winter months. Take a snowmobile out for the day with C&C Snowmobile tours and enjoy the scenery of the Adirondack Park. Like to ski, or snowboard? We are close to several local ski resorts like the FREE Dynamite Hill or Gore Mountain Ski area. How about a refresher from the stressors of the daily grind? A weekend of board games, and cocoa by the fire might help to sooth your soul. We would love for you to make your imprint on Birchwood. Birchwood exists, for you, and because of you...come be our guest, and let the peace of this place help restore you.

Early Rewards!

As in years past, we are going to offer an early payment discount for our weekly summer renters, and we want to thank you all for respecting our pricing timeline and polices. As a reminder, payment IN FULL is due 90 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR CHECK-IN DATE. If you need to discuss special circumstances, please get in touch with Margo, and I'm sure we can work something out.

Discount remains at \$25 per unit per week (\$50 per week for the Lodge) if your contract is signed and payment is received in full prior to February 1, 2019. We will be sending out updated 2019 contracts via email soon (hopefully before Christmas)! If you want a printed and mailed contract sent to you, *please let me know!*

What's YOUR story?

You'll notice the pictures in this year's newsletter are YOURS! That's because it's YOU that makes this place special! If you've got a picture, a story, a memory – tell us! Email: mystory@ADKBirchwood.com or share it on Facebook, or even in person, and hopefully we can collect enough of them to put together a memory book to be enjoyed by our guests at camp!

Gene and Erica continue to be part of our Birchwood family, and we are so thankful for them and what they do for Birchwood!

Here's a note from Gene & Erica, to our wonderful guests!

What a great summer -- every week had perfect day time temps with the occasional overnight rain. Let's cross our fingers for next summer to be the same! From our final \$.05 cent returnable count (which will remain



undisclosed) 😊 it looks as though everyone had a spectacular summer! Please keep recycling! Finally, towards the end of summer, Laura & J-man did get to enjoy Birchwood. They loved meeting new guests and had so much fun hanging out with Mark and his family! Shout out to Maureen, too, it was nice to see you again!

Fall time was a whirlwind of leaf clean up! We stopped for a moment to take an amazing ride on the Gondolas at Gore, and to enjoy the breath-taking foliage views of the High Peaks and Vermont! (Psst -- The Gondolas at Gore run every weekend!)

The first snowfall has already come and gone, leaving 3 inches behind and bone chilling temps into the single digits with windchill! I hear Gore is already making snow! If you're planning a ski trip don't forget The Lodge/ Big House is open all year, it's always nice to see familiar faces again!

Some winter events we are interested in for this winter are: Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Fireworks @ Gore, Saranac Lake, Lake George & Brant Lake; Winter Carnival and The Crazy Downhill Derby @ Dynamite Hill; along with fantastic sledding at Dynamite Hill! Ice skating and a little ice fishing on our very own Loon Lake with my Dad!

We hope you all stay safe and warm this holiday season and perhaps we will see you sooner rather than later!

Your Birchwood Caretakers, Erica & Gene

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SUMMER CHECK-IN REMINDERS

- **CHECK IN AT 4PM.** We need the time to prepare for your arrival! We cannot offer early check-in
- Check-out is 11am
- Key Codes and entrance instructions will be emailed the week of check-in, once payment is received in full.
- Payment due 90 days prior to arrival
- All trash and food must be taken with you and dishes must be cleaned upon checkout
- Sign-in sheet needs to be complete upon check-in.

Until we meet again...

Summers are for having fun. It's a time to spend with friends and family. To relax, refresh, disconnect. To take a minute to just, be. To make memories and share experiences that last a lifetime. That's what Birchwood Cottages is all about for us, and we hope it is for you, too! We'll see ya next year!

Love – The Hazeltons and McGowans

