

# Sky & Sea

## The Campaign for the Lodge and Dock

*Because life shines and sings to me • I need not ride great ships to sea • I need not even take a train  
To distant lands of storied fame • All I need do is fling my door • Open to the wind and shore  
Open to the sky and sea • And all the world comes in to me*

Ruth A. Brown

Four Winds \* Westward Ho starts each day on the sloped hill between the Lodge and the Dock, two of Camp's most cherished sites. The Lodge is the gathering place where the community comes together for meals and events, and is home to camp's oldest tradition – Evening Fire. From its steps, you look out over Four Winds Bay and the Dock. The Dock is Camp's hub for waterfront activities, including the unique Big Boat Program, and where generations of adventuring campers have launched trips throughout the San Juan Islands. Today, these beloved spaces need structural upgrades and improvements in order to support a vibrant summer camp program now and into the future.

### *The Lodge*

*I remember the first time I walked into its den.  
The warm fire glow cast a light that seemed to take me in.  
And the children all were singing. I think it made me cry.  
This old lodge still calls out to my soul, and will until I die.*

Neal Woodall

The center of camp is the Lodge, an original building constructed by founder, Ruth Brown, in 1932. The interior space is adorned with wood carvings and Ernest Norling – painted flowers on the ceiling and centers around a stone hearth. In the updated Lodge design, the interior space will remain preserved as-is.

An improved exterior design will extend the Lodge Deck to comfortably seat the entire camp community, and new gables provide summer sun protection for all diners.



**Proposed Lodge, view from Greenie Hill**

The area by the dish room will be extended and supported by a retaining wall, which also creates a safer path from Westward Ho.



**Proposed Lodge, view from Westward Ho Path**

In addition to the increased space and improved flow during mealtimes, the new covered deck increases flexible space for inclement weather programming, a need identified in Camp's Master Plan.



**Proposed Lodge, Deck view**



**Proposed Lodge, Kitchen Window view**

On the lower floor, the area will be reconfigured to accommodate essential health and wellness needs including: handwashing stations, quiet meeting spaces, and improved facilities. Other upgrades include accessible uniform storage, an enhanced Camp Store, and an updated Trip Center where campers can participate in the planning and prep for war canoe, kayaking, and hiking trips throughout the San Juan Islands.



**Proposed Lodge, Lower Level, view from GABPLAP**

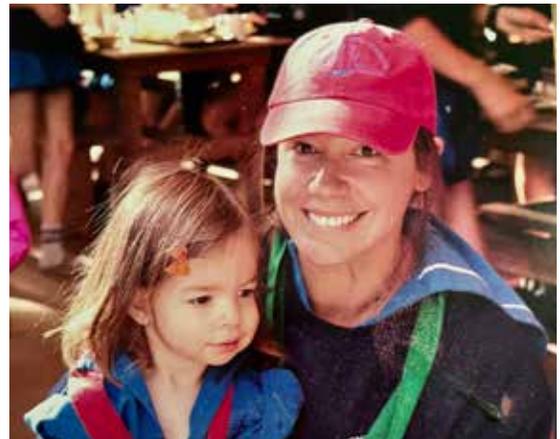


**Four Winds Lodge, Summer 2023**

*"If I close my eyes, the Lodge is where I can most easily transport myself back to. Glowing faces, music and moments punctuated by a crackling fire, and a sense of belonging like no other I've had. It also backdropped countless crucial conversations, brilliantly hatched plans, and updates that would set, change, or confirm the direction of our collective days. Ultimately, it's where we all checked in with each other, connected face to face, and hit reset. And in a world where digital gathering spaces are becoming more and more pervasive, the opportunity to extend the life and purpose of this essential hub of living, breathing, human connection - for our kids and theirs - is a rare and important thing."*

**Emily Glass**

*Camper/Staff, Associate Director 2009-2017, Current Board Member, and Camp Parent*



**Emily Glass and daughter, Penny, Summer 2016**



**Four Winds Lodge at Morning Announcements, Summer 2023**



The new dock will meet safety and environmental standards by replacing creosote piles with galvanized steel pilings. High-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe floatation will be fusion-welded to make up the new floats. Dock surfaces will be fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) grating and allow at least 60% light penetration for protection of native eel grass. This upgrade will enable not only a safer waterfront program for all, but also ensures more secure moorage for Camp's fleet of boats. More, this enables Four Winds to be responsible stewards of the Salish Sea by implementing an environmentally friendly design to raise the dock ramps and protect the forage fish breeding ground in the off-season.



**John DesCamp and Friends on the Dock, Summer 1980s**

*For me there were two centers of camp. The dock and the pickle ball courts. But the dock was my first love. I spent hours down there even when I didn't have a class. I loved sailing, canoeing, and all the other adventures that sprung from that dock. Countless campers have fallen in love with boats and trips because of our dock. As a major focal point of Camp the dock should be world class, safe, and well suited for today. I can't think of a more worthy investment at camp.*

**John DesCamp**

*Camper/Staff, Current Board Member*



**4<sup>th</sup> Period at the Dock  
Summer 2023**



As a summer camp on a remote island, with environmental regulations and historical buildings, this work is expensive. Completing these projects and providing for a future maintenance budget is projected to cost \$5 million dollars. With thoughtful financial management and an early gift, Four Winds has \$1.5 million available for the project. Four Winds is seeking donors to complete the project and establish a maintenance fund for the future.



Construction on both the Lodge and the Dock is expected to begin during the off-season 2024 and be finished in time for Summer 2025. All projects are dependent on permitting agencies.



Scenes from the Lodge and Dock





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