

A Newsletter for Friends  
and Supporters  
of Hale Reservation  
Spring 2009



# Powissett Press

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*"...to use my land for camping and other outdoor activities, and to do so with a feeling that it belongs to all..." Robert Sever Hale*

### Naturally Speaking

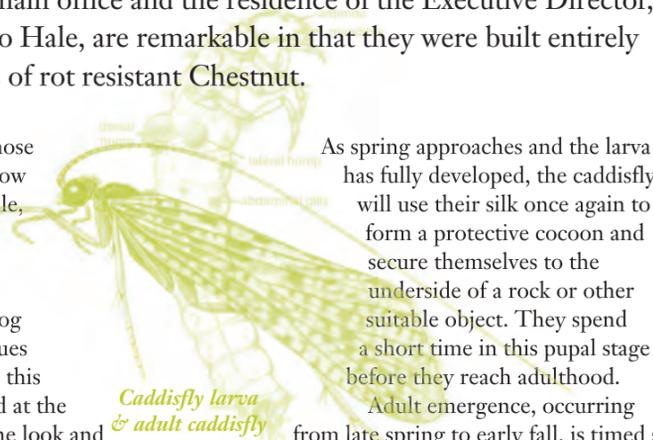
## Underwater Architecture

**F**REQUENT VISITORS to Hale Reservation are familiar with many of the old and distinctive buildings that can be found on the property. Of most interest are the Nelson House, a magnificent stone structure also known as "The Chapel" and the handful of log homes on the property that remind us of an age gone by. The main office and the residence of the Executive Director, located at the entrance to Hale, are remarkable in that they were built entirely of telephone poles made of rot resistant Chestnut.

Why telephone poles? Those familiar with Hale's origins know that founder, Robert Sever Hale, worked for the Boston Light and Illumination Co. which later became Boston Edison and eventually NSTAR. The log home tradition at Hale continues even today. If you've visited us this year, you've probably marveled at the new Trading Post which has the look and feel of a modern log cabin. What you probably do not know is that millions of log homes can be found at the bottom of every one of Hale's bodies of water. No, it's not the lost city of Atlantis but the creations of tiny insects, the caddisfly, who in their larval state, build protective casings, sometimes called log homes, which they carry around on their backs as they scour the bottoms of vernal pools, streams, and ponds searching for food.

Caddisflies, who first appeared on earth 145 million years ago, are close relatives to butterflies and moths. They are similar in that their bodies and wings are covered with tiny hairs. They are also similar in that they have the ability to produce silk which they use in many different ways throughout their life cycle.

The life cycle of the caddisfly begins in the spring as one of many eggs within a gelatinous egg mass deposited in a freshwater body. In as little as three weeks the eggs hatch into larva, some then build the most varied and elaborate "log homes" using their silk and materials they find at the bottom of their aquatic habitat. They will remain in this larval state for much of their one-year lifespan, continuing to feed, molt and grow throughout the year.



As spring approaches and the larva has fully developed, the caddisfly will use their silk once again to form a protective cocoon and secure themselves to the underside of a rock or other suitable object. They spend a short time in this pupal stage before they reach adulthood.

Adult emergence, occurring from late spring to early fall, is timed so that each species of caddisfly comes out at once. While it would be strange for people to all share the same birthday, this type of mass emergence, called a hatch, is not uncommon in the insect world. It assures that little time is wasted finding a mate as most adults live no more than a few weeks. Fish and fly fishermen are well aware of when the caddis hatch takes place. At this time some fish feed almost exclusively on caddisfly.

Throughout the year, hundreds of summer campers and students from area schools participate in Hale's pond exploration programs. Using simple tools like nets, field guides and yogurt cups, they collect samples, draw the plants and creatures they find, and discuss subjects such as life cycles, food webs, and ecosystems.

These young scientists are often mesmerized by creatures they discover such as these tiny aquatic architects but most importantly, they go home with a new found respect for the sanctity of all life. It begs the question...perhaps discoveries greater than Atlantis can be found in our own back yard...or puddle?

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## Hale Matters (even more when the economy struggles)

**DON'T REALLY WANT** to write about the economy right now, but it might seem that we are operating in a vacuum if I didn't. So here goes.

I heard someone describe the economy a bit like when a child gets hurt and there's that pause, then a gasp of air, the widening of the eyes followed by a huge scream and a flood of tears. The fall of 2008 was a gasp, pause and eyes wide open; will 2009 be full of tears?

Looking back at 2008, things don't seem as bad as they could be. We completed the year having conducted great programs (both in quality and income generation), we successfully raised \$1,900,000 towards our \$2,000,000 capital campaign goal, and we ended the annual fund raising campaign to support operations right on target. But now 2009 is full of uncertainty.

Many of the children who attend our camps are subsidized by vouchers or attend based on campership money available — there may not be as much money in state or campership funds. Many families have one parent able to eagerly spend many summer days at Membership Beach — this year there may not be that excess time to allow for full use of the beach. Our donors choose to support Hale because they value our programs and open space — donors just may not feel that they have money for donations.

Although we have to be realistic about the effects of the economy, we also can hold out hope that Hale will thrive. Camp is for children and our children are not expendable. The camp experience is the perfect place when times are tough. A child can just be a child and while at camp they learn, explore, grow and become more responsible. Families know that Membership Beach is the ultimate local "vacation." It truly is the best bang for the buck — unparalleled. Donors who support Hale also realize that there are very few places where you can feel as good about donation investment. When giving to Hale you support urban youth, suburban youth, open space, family programs, young children, senior citizens, exercise, community health, wildlife and fresh air.

It is an uncertain time, but a few things are certain. Hale Reservation, all 1,100 acres, will be here. Children from over 70 communities will come to camp. Families will share times at Membership Beach jumping on the aqua jump, sitting by a campfire, and taking swim lessons. And, because of our open space, our programs, and the number of people who find joy at Hale, we are confident we will still be a philanthropic priority.

Thank you for enjoying Hale Reservation and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2009.

Enjoying the ride,

Eric Arnold  
Executive Director

*(Note — Despite the upbeat tone of this comment on the economy, Hale Reservation is making prudent fiscal decisions and carefully managing its funds. We aren't in a vacuum.)*

### Welcome!

**James Reinhold** — James joined us as Camp Director in December 2008. He came from New Outlook Teen Center in Exeter, New Hampshire where he was Program Director for the last three years. Previously he worked for several different camps throughout the country. James loves the outdoors, working with kids and the camp atmosphere.

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Hale Reservation is a private, non-profit educational organization that manages over 1,100 acres of woodlands, including four ponds and over twenty miles of trails in Westwood and Dover, Massachusetts. Hale is most widely recognized for its summer day camp programs which annually serve over 4,400 children from over 70 communities in the Greater Boston area. Hale Reservation also offers a family program, outdoor and environmental education experiences for children and adults, and open space for casual recreational use.

The essence of Hale Reservation can be found in Robert Sever Hale's original desires for the organization he began in 1918. The current programs and land management practices are the legacy of his desire "to provide education which will develop intelligent, capable and responsible citizens" and to use the land "so long as it is charitable and benevolent in nature." Today's programs strive to develop intelligent leaders and educated environmental citizens. We also believe that the diversity of the natural environment must be reflected back in the diversity of the people who experience our programs. Therefore, we strive to provide programs and opportunities for people of any race, background, religion or economic status.



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Lower campers about to embark on an adventure.

## The Magic of Camp

**DURING SUMMER,** Hale Day Camp offers many chances to watch magic happen. A youngster catching that first fish, a six year old learning about the forest beyond the familiar trails, or a group of campers working together to solve a challenge.

Each summer campers from all walks of life converge at Hale for these chances to grow and be a part of that magic. They return to try new things and to tackle the challenges they could not conquer from the year before. When the cars and buses turn into Hale Reservation a sort of transformation occurs. The thoughts of the outside world fade away and the world of possibilities begins. The closer they get to Hale Day Camp, the more the children anticipate the amazing things that could happen today. "Will we try a new ropes element?" "Will that Red Tail Hawk return?" "Is today the day we venture to the outpost and build our shelters?"

In reality they will learn how to notch a bow and arrow, how to filter water from a stream, how to swim, and how to build shelters. In their minds, however, they are fighting swamp monsters, surviving in the wilderness, constructing their village.

They may be learning how to fix their bikes or orient themselves to a trail map, but they will think they are getting ready for an adventure to the ends of the world.

The magic at camp happens every summer as the campers step off the buses and out of the cars. As the counselors find their campers and talk about the day ahead of them, the glimmer in their eyes is a sign that a new adventure is about to begin.



Mountain Bikers is a new program for campers

## New Programs at HDC

**GREEN EXPLORERS** is a new program designed for campers entering grades 3 through 8 who can't get enough of the natural world. Campers in Green Explorers will have a much greater focus on environmental education, exploring the vast resources we have here at Hale such as ponds, forests, and animal ecology. Campers will explore farming, crops, and horticulture. They will plant, grow, and harvest as they learn how food goes from farm to table. Green Explorers will still have time for regular camp activities including swimming, group projects, and special camp days.

Outdoor Adventurers is open this year to campers entering grades 5 through 8. In addition to enjoying regular camp activities, Outdoor Adventurers will focus on mastering specific outdoor skills such as: camping and backpacking, canoeing and kayaking, ropes and rock climbing. Emphasis is on adventure, group dynamics, safety, and respect for the environment. The goal is for campers to learn and develop the skills necessary to enjoy an active, out-of-doors life. Each session, time is spent camping and enjoying challenging field trips. The Outdoor Adventurers Camp is divided into two age-based segments whose activities may vary slightly.

Mountain Bikers is a new program for campers entering grades 3 through 8. Bikers will get plenty of opportunity to explore Hale's 20 miles of trails and will also go on field trips and participate in traditional camp activities. Campers will learn about bike repair and maintenance, assist in trail work, and learn safe, responsible riding. Mountain Bikers are divided into two age-based sections. Participants need to supply a bike suitable for riding on trails and a helmet.

# Hale Calendar of Events

## 2009

To register for most programs, call the Hale Main Office at 781-326-1770. Search for more information about these events online, visit: [www.HaleReservation.org](http://www.HaleReservation.org)

### Family Programs

**Sundays, 1pm – 2:30pm** (No walks on 4/12, 5/10, 6/21, 6/28, July & August)  
FAMILY WALKING CLUB

A Hale naturalist will lead a walk exploring the seasonal landscape of Hale and sharing the wonders of its natural history. Strollers welcome. No dogs please. Meet at the Hale Main Office. FREE

**Tuesday, March 24, 7pm – 8:30pm**

FLIGHT OF THE WOODCOCK

The American Woodcock, one of our most bizarre and secretive forest-dwelling birds, possesses superior camouflage for its life of obscurity. However, for a short period of time in early spring, males will leave the safety of the forest to strut their stuff in a dazzling courtship display. Meet at the Hale Main Office. Please pre-register by Friday, March 20. FREE



**Sunday, April 26 – Sunday, May 3**

WESTWOOD EARTH WEEK

Watch for more information on our website as Hale Reservation supports the Westwood community with Earth Week activities. Contact: Jay Walsh at the Hale Main Office.

**Wednesday, May 6, 7pm – 8:30pm**

FULL MOON CANOE TRIP (families)

Enjoy a canoe trip under a full moon on Noanet Pond. Meet at Trading Post (canoes and lifejackets provided.) Pre-registration is required by Friday, May 1. \$10 Donation per family or \$5 per person

**Sunday, May 17, 1pm – 3pm**

BIODIVERSITY DAY AT HALE

Join Nature Jay as we enjoy taking a count of different species at Hale. A fun educational opportunity for the whole family as we search for birds, plants, insects, salamanders and mushrooms. Please pre-register by Friday, May 15. FREE

**Sunday, September 13**

HALE TRIATHLON

Save the date...for the sixth annual Hale Triathlon! Each year this event raises money to ensure that children in need are able to enjoy programs at Hale Reservation. In 2009, the adult and child races will be back. Look for training programs throughout the summer.

**Thursday, October 22**

HALLOWEEN HIKES

Follow the trail and meet our friends of the forest — when you find them, they will tell you about themselves. At the end of the trail, there are sure to be treats to share! Trail groups start every 7 minutes starting at 4pm through 7pm. When you register, please choose your preferred start time. Trail Groups are encouraged to be a maximum of 15. Expect your total event time to be 60 minutes. Pre-registration is required by Friday, October 16. \$8 per person

### Adult Programs

**Saturdays, 1pm**

ADULT WALKING CLUB

Individuals 16 and older are welcome to enjoy guided hikes as we explore the trails of Hale. Walks are normally two to five miles. Meet at Cat Rock Parking Lot. FREE

**Sundays, 1:30pm**

TRAIL MAINTENANCE CREW

Join volunteers as they maintain Hale's trails and help with projects. A wonderful way to help out at Hale! Meet at Cat Rock Parking Lot.

### Youth Programs

**Short Wednesday Programs** **NEW**

**1:30pm – 5:30pm**

Trained Hale staff will lead participants through themed programs. The children will enjoy hiking, biking, climbing, canoeing, and exploring Hale. Meet at Trading Post.

GRADES 1 – 3

**March 4 – Skins, Skulls, Scat & Tracks**

View the skins, skulls, scat, and tracks of different animals found in the region and then head out on the trail to find signs of wildlife in their natural environments.

**March 25 – Native American Discoveries**

Visit an authentic Native American quarry located on site, a rock shelter and Bear Cave.

**April 15 – Hike and Shelter Building**

Take a hike in our woods and learn about wild edibles along the way as you trek to a special place to build a shelter.

**June 3 – Bike and Hike**

Go mountain biking and trail trekking in the depths of our woods.

GRADES 4 – 6

**March 11 – Map and Compass/Orienteering Exploration**

Learn how to read a map and use it in conjunction with a compass to find a treasure.

**April 29 – GPS and Rock Climbing**

Search through the forests of Hale looking for hidden treasures with the aid of a GPS unit. Then enjoy rock climbing in our woods.

**May 6 – Ropes and Teambuilding**

Cross the 'Poison Peanut Pit' and fly on our "Giant's Swing" on your ropes adventure.

**June 10 – Peddle and Paddle**

Take an adventure through our trails and on Noanet Pond while mountain biking and canoeing.

Please pre-register 1 week before program. Cost \$40 per program. \$20 discount if you attend all 4 programs.

**Wednesday, March 11, 5pm – 6:30pm**

MAP AND COMPASS (Age 9 and up)

A Hale naturalist will take you through the steps of how to use a map and compass. Participants will learn how to navigate their way around Hale. Meet at Trading Post. Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 6. FREE

**Friday, March 20, 8:30am – 3:30pm**

ADVENTURE DAY

A day of outdoor adventure led by Hale staff including ropes, teambuilding and rock climbing activities; trail hiking and GPS exploration, fishing and nature exploration, mountain biking (for those with bikes), and field games. Please pre-register by Monday, March 16. Meet at Trading Post. Cost: \$65 per child

**Thursday, April 2, 5:30pm – 7pm**

GEOCACHING (Age 9 and up)

Geocaching is a fun activity where participants must find their way to a given point using navigation tools. The destination is the location of a hidden treasure for the geocachers to enjoy! GPS units are provided. Meet at Trading Post. Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 27. \$10 Donation per family or \$5 per person

**Monday, April 6 – Thursday, June 4,**

**4pm – 6pm** (select one afternoon only)

FLYING SQUIRREL ADVENTURES

Youth groups ages nine and up will enjoy playing games within the forest, and then they will put on their harnesses and get ready to FLY! Groups will work as a team to give each person an opportunity to be launched as a flying squirrel on our ropes course. Book your flight today! Select a date between April 6 – June 4 on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 4pm – 6pm. Cost: \$10 per person, \$100 minimum per group. Pre-registration required.

**Tuesday, April 21, Wednesday, April 22,**

**Thursday, April 23, 8:30am – 3pm**

APRIL VACATION PROGRAMS

If you are looking for something different to do, check these out:

SPRING LIFE (Pre-K to 2nd grade)

Focus on nature exploration. Children will learn about where animals live, what they eat and how to identify their tracks. They will also look for signs of spring.

SPRING SKILLS TEAM CHALLENGE

(3rd to 6th grade)

Focus is on teambuilding and fair play. Groups of children will be taught skills and then will play against other teams.

There will be a different set of activities each day so kids can sign up for one day or all 3. Please pre-register by April 3. Cost: \$60 per day.

### Training & Certification Courses

To register for all of the following American Red Cross Certification courses call the Hale Main Office at 781-326-1770, or download an application form from [www.HaleReservation.org](http://www.HaleReservation.org).

**Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19**

**8:30am – 3:30pm or 4pm – 10pm**

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR (WSI)

For individuals who want to be trained to teach swimming lessons. Minimum age 16. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in all strokes and basic lifeguarding skills. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$320

**Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26,**

**8:30am – 3:30pm**

LIFEGUARDING COURSE

(includes CPR/FPR, First Aid)

For individuals who want to be trained as lifeguards. Minimum age 15. Candidates will be taught the skills needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. Participants must pass a prerequisite swim test to participate in the course. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$320

**Monday, June 22 and Tuesday,**

**June 23, 4pm – 8pm**

LIFEGUARD RECERTIFICATION

For current lifeguards who need to get recertified. Valid for three years. Cost: \$120.

**Thursday, June 11, 4pm – 8pm**

CPR FOR THE PROFESSIONAL

RESCUER RECERTIFICATION

Participants must have current certification. Valid for one year. Cost: \$70

### Eagle Scout and Volunteer Service Projects

Many eagle scouts, youth organizations, and corporations have participated in volunteer service projects at Hale Reservation. We welcome volunteers and have an abundance of projects. For more information, please contact Jay Walsh at the Hale Main Office, Ext 17.

### Summer Jobs at Hale Reservation

Check out our website for summer job availability. Lifeguards, water safety instructors, boating instructors, activity specialists, counselors, environmental educators, ropes facilitators and summer adventure staff are all needed.

### Beach Outings

Plan your group's next summer outing on one of our beaches. Facilities include a sandy beach, pavilion, bathrooms, charcoal grills, and beach volleyball. Swimming, rowing, canoeing, fishing, and hiking are favorite activities. North Beach is available weekday evenings 5pm – 8pm and most Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, please contact Adrienne Farfalla at the Hale Main Office, Ext 13.

### Birthday Parties at Hale

Host your next Birthday where the sky is the limit. Let your kids explore our backyard with a Hale naturalist. Our staff will organize fun activities based upon your child's age and interests. Each party option includes a half-hour period for you to serve cake and ice cream in a heated cabin. (Families provide their own food and drinks.) To make arrangements for your next party call Adrienne Farfalla at the Hale Main Office, Ext 13.

**NATURE BIRTHDAYS:** Encourage your child's curiosity and love of the natural world. For Ages: 5 – 8. Duration: 2 hrs. Cost: \$200/12 participants.

**ADVENTURE BIRTHDAYS:** Party participants will work together to solve a mystery. Ages: 9 – 12. Duration: 2 hrs. Cost: \$200/12 participants.

**HIGH FLYING BIRTHDAYS:** Take the high ropes challenge! With group support and fun you and your friends can reach new heights. Ages: 10 and up. Duration: 2 hrs. Cost \$200/12 participants.

### Fire Wood from Hale?

In the fall of 2009 Hale will be selling firewood. Trees, one of our greatest natural resources, have been removed from some select areas as we have done some construction. The wood has been split and is aging nicely. Interested in a placing an order? Contact Jay Walsh, Environmental Resource Director at 781-326-1770 or [jwalsh@halereservation.org](mailto:jwalsh@halereservation.org).



## Home Sweet Hale

By Shannon Obey

AS SOME OF YOU may know, I am head guard of Membership Beach. In fact, I have been working at the beach for six years but my time at Hale began long before I started getting a paycheck; I was a member for five years starting in 1997, the summer I turned the precious age of nine.

When I was a member, things at the beach were slightly different. I was already a confident swimmer so my mom signed me up for as many boating lessons as possible. I took your typical Canoeing, Rowing, and Sailing lessons, but also, I had the opportunity to try the Catamaran and Wind Surfing. Besides boating and swimming, I spent my time with friends, playing on the swings, and exploring the trails behind the playground (which I now pride myself in knowing pretty well). But, things back then were different. There were no private lessons, no aqua jump, no teen program, no nature program, certain Red Cross levels only ran at certain times, no games, and no playground. And still, it was a good time for the whole family.

As my time at Hale winds down, I look back at my experiences here as the best years of my life. I sometimes come down to Hale on my days off and go kayaking, or take my dog for walks extending my knowledge of the trails that run through Hale Reservation. But most importantly, I have come to find that Hale has never just been a place to cool off in the summer, or a place of employment.



Shannon Obey enjoying Luau Night



Shannon sharing her love of boating with members

Membership Beach is a private beach environment open to members only, seven days a week, from the Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day, for an affordable, all inclusive fee. Number of family memberships are limited to 420.

It's an atmosphere that is welcoming and safe; an atmosphere that has been a haven for me and my family, and countless families throughout the area. Hale is a second home that I will never forget.

Shannon Obey: Member 1997-2002; Lifeguard 2003; Water Safety Instructor, 2004-2006; Head Lifeguard, 2007-2008

Comments by members in the 2008 survey about what they like most about Membership Beach: **"Very well run. A variety of activities, some helping, some fun. My children came home enjoying the day."**  
**"It is what summer should be about. Good outside clean fun."**  
**"I have 4 children of varying ages and Hale was a place we could all go together and enjoy. There was something for everyone: they all could do something different, but we could all be at the same place. I was also VERY impressed with the staff at Hale. They were courteous, polite and attentive. From the parking lot staff, to the guards, and activity staff I have nothing but positive things to say...We have been residents of Westwood for 9 years and it was our first summer as members. I wish we had done it sooner."**



## Teens at Membership Beach

The Tween, Teen and High School Programs offered to children entering grades 6,7,8,9 at Membership Beach have become so popular that last year two of the four sessions were filled by February. Due to the demand, the number of teens accepted to each session has increased to 30 and the High School Program has been expanded to two sessions.

11 years ago when the Teen Program started, it was offered to 20 children, entering grade 7,8,9, and for just two sessions. The aim of the program was to give the older children at the beach something to do and, something to look forward to. Non-members were allowed to join the program in order to help fill each session. Our motto was "Teens need Teens." In response to the suggestions made in our survey, the program has expanded over the years, the age grouping changed, new programs added, and the numbers increased. Filling the sessions is no longer an issue and so it is now a member's only program and the scramble for registering starts on January 1. It has been exciting watching the program develop over the years. Let's hope that 2009 is a good year at Membership.

## Former Camper Helps Hale

EACH YEAR thousands of children visit Hale. Some come as part of a school trip, others are members at the family beach, and many are here for summer camp. Whatever the reason for the visit, the positive impressions can last a lifetime. For Parker Willard, it was his own childhood memories that led him to want to lend a hand at Hale.

"I have a longstanding relationship which began when I was an eight year old camper," said Willard. "I loved it then but I appreciate it even more now. There aren't many places left that are like Hale - a place where you can go to hike, have a picnic and enjoy the outdoors. When I heard that they needed help, I knew that it was a place worthy of supporting."

Willard refers to a project at Hale Day Camp. With the roof of the Powissett Lodge in need of repair and a budget that was nearly exhausted, it seemed like there was not much that could be done.

"You hate to hold off on projects like roof repair because they turn into even bigger problems," said Director of Programs, Steve Larsen. But with the economy and budgets tighter than ever,

finding the money to replace the roof seemed unlikely.

Willard was more than helpful. In addition to offering to do the roof at about half the cost, he suggested contacting Randy Hathaway of Certain Teed who ended up donating all the shingles needed for the project.

In kind giving is becoming more common for local organizations. "Nobody ever wants to spend money on things like roof repairs. We would much rather use the money towards programs or financial aid for partici-



Randy Hathaway of Certain Teed, Parker Willard of Willard Company, with Steve Larsen, Hale's Director of Programs in front of Powissett Lodge

pants. Finding community partners helps us stretch our dollars," said Executive Director, Eric Arnold.

"I know that there are kids from the city and the suburbs that enjoy Hale. I was just happy that I could, in some way, help to give another child a chance for a great summer experience like I had," said Willard. "It something that I will never forget."

## Wondering why the road at Hale was occasionally closed this winter?

In 2008, Hale began working closely with the Department of Environmental Protection to make sure we are doing all we can to protect our natural resources. One step was to eliminate road salt use. In the past we occasionally salted the roads on the iciest of days. We now protect our streams, ponds and drinking water wells by not using salt at all.

(Please use caution on the roads at Hale and be patient as we occasionally close the really icy portions.)

### DONATION INFORMATION



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 PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION ON MAKING A GIFT TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

HALE RESERVATION began as a generous gift to all of us.

We are sustained by gifts from friends like you, enabling us to share our resources and wonderful programs.

Thank you for doing your part.

Yes, I would like to help Hale continue the tradition. Enclosed is my gift of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to help preserve, protect and allow for public use of the natural resources at Hale Reservation.

## City Streets to Forest Trails

**H**ALE PARTNERS with many organizations to offer summer camp for thousands of children. Hale provides these camps with beautiful sites, quality swimming, boating, environmental education and health services. Two organizations in particular offer kids, who often face economic hardships, the opportunity for a camp experience they will remember the rest of their lives.

The Cooper Community Center has served the Greater Roxbury area for over 85 years, providing underserved children and their families' vital educational services. Cooper offers a unique approach to summer education at Hale, called Camp Unity. Campers are exposed to education in a nontraditional setting incorporating, literacy, science, and environmental study while simultaneously developing leadership skills, confidence, and self-reliance. In addition, Cooper implements Peaceable Camps, a program that promotes solving differences through conflict resolution, communication and team building skills.

Bird Street Community Center serves Uphams Corner and surrounding Boston neighborhoods. It is "home" to hundreds of youth. For 30 years, Bird Street has been a gathering place where families find the support they need to build healthy neighborhoods. Bird Street calls its summer program at Hale "Summer Day



*Happy campers learning to swim at North Beach*

Getaway" serving youth five to 13 years old with a variety of programs that encourage and promote their intellectual, physical, and social development.

Our partnership's with Cooper and Bird Street, help us meet our mission of providing young people with experiences that foster responsibility, leadership, and appreciation for the natural environment. In simpler terms, as one camp leader put it, "They learn there's nothing to be scared of in the woods and they also learn to walk on something besides concrete."

  
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