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Dear Pine Islanders,

I was up at Pine Island today. It was cold and windy on Great Pond, but beautiful as always. I didn't venture out to the island, but I had a few moments to look out from the mainland and contemplate its familiar profile and to marvel, as I always do, at what that small sliver of land has seen and has given to so many lucky boys, men, and women. We had a record number of campers last summer and the best staff I have ever worked with. Thanks to their hard work, patience, and humor, we have already started a waiting list for the 2019 season!

It is no surprise that parents are eager for their sons to unplug completely and to spend six weeks in a place where communication is in person, where boys make many decisions on their own but not alone, and imagination and humor are at a premium.

The ability to continue to provide the unique and valuable Pine Island experience takes a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, and we are all lucky to have so many great people helping us. Parents, alumni, and friends spread the word and volunteer their time; our associate director Sumner Ford travels to meet new families and recruit exemplary young people for our staff; communications director Sarah Hunter organizes our recruiting efforts; Emily tends to myriad details throughout the year; our board chair John Goodhue gives generously of his time and remarkable leadership skills; the board itself works tirelessly to keep us on a firm financial footing and always looking forward.

I hope you will join this dedicated team and make a generous gift to Pine Island's Annual Fund. Your support means a great deal to us and to Pine Island Camp. The padlocks may be rattling in the wind tonight, but before you can say Kababa, they will be opened and another great Pine Island season will begin.

Happy Holidays and Akka Lakka!

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Director