



The Neringa Story, in 71 Chapters!

- 1944 Our dear “Putnam Sisters” – The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception – organized their first summer camp on the grounds of their newly acquired convent in Putnam, Connecticut. Over the next 25 years hundreds of girls spent the whole month of July at what was then called Camp Immaculata.
- 1969 The Sisters decided it was time to find a bigger and more appropriate space for camp, which would also allow their mission to grow. They found the site, formerly a horse riding camp, in Marlboro, Vermont and christened it “Neringa.”
- 1970 “Immaculata” relocated to “Neringa” and the camping mission expanded to include boys, families and alumni, as well as provided the opportunity for events outside of the summer season.
- 1996 As the Sisters’ numbers decreased, whereas the wish to continue their mission for youth did not, the Sisters created the corporation Neringa, Inc. and included active participation of former campers. The Sisters retained full authority as the Members of the corporation and, as Members, they appointed the Board of Directors and hired Executive Directors to contend with day to day affairs.
- 2015 Neringa has remained strong. However, to ensure that the mission of Neringa continues as the availability of the Sisters diminishes, a new organizational structure has formed, which can continue to flourish on its own. This new structure – a new corporation – is called Camp Neringa, Inc.

The Newest Chapter of the Neringa Story

2016: The newest chapter in the Neringa story invites you to participate. With this corporation, Camp Neringa, Inc., individuals from the Lithuanian and Neringa community may become Members. As a Member, you attend an annual meeting, either at Neringa or in Putnam (either in person or by proxy), deliberate and make decisions about our beloved Neringa, and elect a Board of Directors from amongst the Members. The Board of Directors hires the Executive Director/s and throughout the year together they steward the mission of Neringa. The Sisters will continue to be on the Board and own the land which they will lease to Camp Neringa, Inc. indefinitely for a symbolic fee.

Your Part in the Neringa Story

Perhaps you have been a part of the Neringa story since the first chapter, perhaps you entered just recently, or maybe you joined some time along the way. We are glad that you are part of the story. You will always be a part of the story. **But now we also encourage you to become a Member.** By becoming a Member you will have the opportunity for greater input as to how the story continues and you will help steward the mission.

Questions about membership? See the enclosed Member Registration Form or visit neringa.org, where you will also find the By-Laws of Camp Neringa, Inc. Additionally, our Membership Coordinator, Dainora Kupčinskaitė, is available to answer any questions. Dainora can be reached at membership@neringa.org. Neringa is eagerly awaiting to hear from you! Come, and help us continue to write *the Neringa story!*