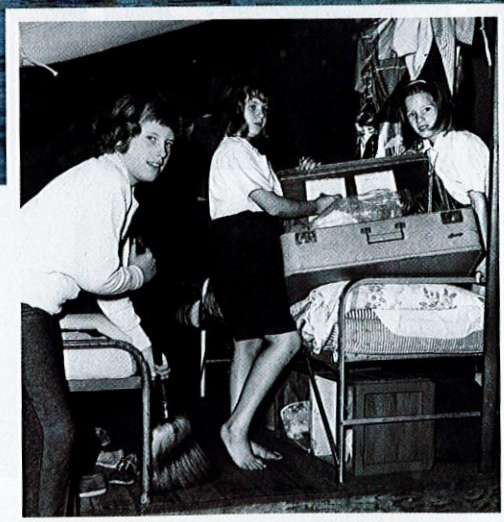
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A Favorite Place for Girls

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For 60 years, Camp Favorite on Long Pond in Brewster has been welcoming girls to explore the outdoors, develop leadership skills and build lasting friendships.

Sixty years ago, when the Girl Scouts on Cape Cod settled into their new home on the shores of Long Pond in Brewster, they spent their first summer without a name for their campground. At season's end they held a contest, and the girls opted to honor a popular scout leader, Irene Favorite.

Since then, Camp Favorite has been welcoming girls to explore the outdoors, develop leadership skills and build lasting friendships. Originally part of the Patriot Trail Girl Scout Council and now merged into the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, the camp offers swimming, sailing, archery, crafts and campfires on the beach.

"Camp Favorite provides a sense of community," says camp director Molly Clark, a former camper. "It's a really special place."

To celebrate their 60th anniversary, Camp Favorite will host a friends-of-camp celebration in July open to former, current and future campers as well as camper families. "It's a chance for alumni to come back to camp, remember their time here and participate in camp activities again," says Clark. "It's really cool for current campers to meet and connect with women whose camp memories go back 60 years."

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