

Longtime Camp Runoia Director Alex Jackson Announces Departure After More Than Three Decades

Veteran camp leader begins a new chapter focused on camp leadership, youth development and consulting.

SILVER SPRING, MD, UNITED STATES, August 19, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Alex Jackson, a respected camp professional who spent more than three decades at Camp Runoia in Belgrade, Maine, has resigned from her position as Director, effective August 13, 2026.

Alex first joined Camp Runoia in 1995 as a cultural exchange counselor and went on to serve in numerous leadership roles, including more than a decade as Co-Director. She became Director in 2022, leading one of Maine's oldest continuously operating summer camps for girls through a significant period of transition and growth after it transitioned from a family-owned business to private equity fund ownership.



Alex Jackson

"Being part of the Camp Runoia community has been one of the great privileges of my life," Alex said. "I am profoundly grateful for the generations of campers, families, staff and alumnae who trusted me, challenged me to be better and made my work so full of joy."

Throughout her time at Runoia, Alex helped preserve and strengthen Runoia's distinctive culture while overseeing the complex year-round and seasonal work required to operate a residential summer camp. Her leadership encompassed camper care, staff recruitment and development, program design, family communication, safety and accreditation, financial and operational planning, and the stewardship of longstanding camp traditions.

Alex is known within the camp community for combining deep institutional knowledge and experience with building strong relationships, pragmatism and an unwavering focus on children.

She has also contributed to the wider camping profession, including service on the Maine Summer Camps Board of Directors, Maine Trip Leaders Committee, American Camp Association New England, and work supporting American Camp Association standards and accreditation.

Alex will now bring her experience to a broader range of camps and youth-serving organizations. She plans to offer consulting and leadership support in areas including camp operations, staff culture and development, program quality, and accreditation readiness. She is also open to conversations about the right long-term camp leadership opportunity in a family-owned or not-for-profit board run camp.

"I remain deeply committed to the power of camp," Alex said. "At its best, camp helps young people discover who they are, gives staff the opportunity to become capable and compassionate leaders, and creates communities in which people feel like individuals who are known and valued. I am excited to bring everything I have learned to new organizations, new challenges and the next generation of camp leaders."

Camp Runoia has been owned by the Canyonlands Fund since spring 2022 and remains part of the Canyonlands Camps portfolio. Alex's resignation concludes her employment with both Camp Runoia and Canyonlands Camps.

About Alex Jackson

Alex Jackson is an experienced camp director, educator and youth-development leader with more than three decades of residential camp experience. Her work has included executive leadership, year-round operations, staff recruitment and development, program strategy, camper and family support, accreditation, risk management and safety. She splits her time between the Washington, D.C., area and Denver, Co, and works with camps and youth-serving organizations nationwide.

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