



On the Dog Beat

Canine Columnist: *Huckleberry*

Salutations from Huck the rookie camp Lab, bringing you all the camp

Shy greetings from your new camp canine, Huckleberry the "Hide-and-Seek" hound! Since I'm the newest GG family member, I'd like to let you know how my first summer fared. First of all, I spent most of my summer in Ken's office on the sofa, in case you were wondering where I was! As I grow older, I'm sure you'll be seeing me emerge from the office more frequently and we'll get to know each other better! Still, I can report on lots that happened this summer. Orientation was swell! I love the leaders and I romped with Lucy, the official barn dog, in the meadow; rolled in the mountains of pucky (talk about dog heaven!), and lay right back on Ken's office sofa (sometime after the pucky roll!). Occasionally I would lay at Nancy's feet in the council ring, and generally enjoyed my new-found freedom. You see, I came from a Lab Rescue and was "incarcerated" for five months in hot 'ol Missouri before coming to my new mountain home in Colorado.

Anyway, once the screaming, running, wide-eyed Myths campers advanced on the Glen, I got scared and hid! Slowly I got used to all the attention, but sometimes I was just too afraid to even trot up the meadow from the pool and apartment. Ken or Nancy's office, or my own bed, were my main refuge. A few times I met campers at the council ring, but all that noise hurt my ears. I think I was much braver at Family Camp (August 31 – Sept 3). I pal'd around with visiting dogs, like Clarence, and licked babies, like Maggie Klein. Now in the peace and quiet of Post Camp, I'm pretty content. I chase the deer out of the meadow, and prowl about the trails with Lucy, sniffing bobcat scat, and turkey droppings. I guess I like kids, but not droves of them all at once! I'm sure that's it!

I understand that part of my job is to report on the camp scene and so here's my first try. I can tell you that lots of trees are being chopped down up on Skyview Trail above the girls cabins, which thins out the forest and keeps us safer from fires. They cut them down and chip the wood to lay down a soft bed

under the elements at the ropes course. It smells great – all sappy, and pine fresh! Ken's trying to get me to roll in that instead of horse pucky!

Lucy gives me the scuttle-but about the horses, and she says there's not too many left these days at camp. Reid and Courtney are still teaching some horseback riding lessons, so they've saved a few, and of course Kizzi and Karma are frolicking about with one another. Kizzi has really grown fast and she's nearly as tall as momma Ginger. Ol' Ellie (the baroness of the barn) is the mare with all the gossip. She welcomes new additions to the string, like Tommy, the handsome palomino, and Taylor, the big jaunty dark chocolate bay.

Some of you should join our "council ring" and let us know which horse is YOUR favorite! There are over 450 of you campers on this site and it would be hilarious for Lucy to tell ol' Ellie which buck is the most popular equine in the bunch.

If you were a lucky Myths and Magic camper check out the picture puzzle page. I hope all of you have fun memories of your sessions at GG. I'll tell Ken & Nancy 'howdy,' for you.

Bashfully, your camp dog Huckleberry



Knighthood II Lottery!

Once again – we're happy to announce the Knighthood II Lottery! As a part of our ongoing effort to raise money for scholarships and improvements at the Glen, the board is sponsoring a session lottery. Congratulations to ASHER HUSSAIN a 9th year camper from Denver! Asher chose Knighthood I as his free session. This year the lottery was a terrific success and netted us over \$5 thousand toward camperships, so in this way, *everybody* won! The winning ticket will award a full session of *your choice* for any camper age 6 - 16. A \$35 raffle ticket (or 3 for \$100), will buy you one chance to come to Knighthood II, *or any other session of your choice*, for the cost of the ticket *only*. You sign up and pay a deposit as always, for whatever session you wish, and at the same time you may purchase this raffle ticket (or multiple tickets). If your name is drawn during our Winter Workshop party, then a spot for you during Knighthood II (or any other session) is yours!

Watch for the raffle drawing with your registration materials coming soon!

Winter Workshop Alert! Registration Enclosed!

December 21 - 24

The Winter Workshop is our frigid blast of GG spirit disguised as a teen slumber party! It is open to VETERAN GG campers who are currently in 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades. 100 lucky kids come for tubing, cross-country skiing, ice skating, hot tubbing, and general socializing and hanging out. If you're in 8th grade or older, we have included the Winter Workshop registration form in this mailing! This comes much earlier than your camp registration mailing. We thought you'd like to get a jump, and it'll help keep the mail straight for the onslaught of registrations next month. Once again the date of Christmas and the beginning of the holiday break makes the timing of our Workshop a tricky fit with family schedules and celebrations. Considering the college dates for our counselors we will be holding our Workshop on Friday, December 21st through noon on Monday, December 24th. We're sorry that this date may make it impossible for some of our campers, especially our out-of-state folks. Please know this was the best situation. We hope you can join us for the Workshop this year, so fill out your form and send it back *right away!*



Geneva Glen Camp



Greetings from the Directors

"I'm bored" is a commonly heard mantra of many kids in our frenetic, high-tech, plugged-in environment. It's an ever-growing challenge for camp directors, however, at GG, we find that it's much more the exception than the rule, and more than capably handled through creative programming, and ardent, steadfast leaders, who make the most lackluster camper energized, and the most redundant routines exciting adventures! **American Heritage** burgeoned with its fresh fun of Pow Wow, the Double Dipper, and patriotic pride. My favorite camp day of the summer was during American Heritage for our special celebration of the 4th of July. We combined our traditional Rendezvous with a patriotic day of merriment. The brilliant outcome was a swirl of old time fun – watermelon seed spitting, flapjack-eating contest, lunch time picnic, kissing booths, root beer floats, Pony Express, bartering with the Snake-Oil salesman, and one-eye Snaggletooth Ruth, and a performance of seven numbers from the Broadway musical, "1776." We were cooled off by a water cannon, and squirt gun version of the Battle of Yorktown, with Galen Cobb and Alex Eurich as the Continental Army and Red-Coat commanders. The evening commenced with patriotic poetry and songs, and cameo star appearances by Neil Diamond and Bruce Springsteen, sparklers and dancing in the meadow with our own Banjoman, **Wayne Faust**. From the sunrise wake-up ride of Paul Revere, flag-raising, and fireworks in the sky, it was an exuberant display of love for our country, and just plain old vintage fun. Wayne even threw in his own original composition paying tribute to his "favorite audience," the campers and staff of Geneva Glen. Every camper will recognize these lyrics:

Geneva Glen Song

We come from most of 50 States We come from around the world

We are 6 up to 16 We are boys and girls

Up to a mountain getaway Among the elk and deer

We are here for 2 short weeks The staff thinks it's a year!

We get loud and we get wild

Just like Nancy and Ken

It's summertime in the hills

It's the coolest place

GENEVA GLEN!

We go out to the Council ring So we can sing some songs

And even when we're out of tune We just can't go wrong

In our cabins in our dorms We all act like nuts

We run around and sing a song Called "Freckles On Her But"

C:

We can't wait 'til summertime So we can come back here

We're part of a line of kids from over 80 years

Someday kids not even born Will come and make a fuss

But there's one thing we know for sure They won't be cool as us

C:

Wayne Faust

July 4th 2007



Our **World Friendship** session always combines sports and off-the-wall ingenious jaunts into counselors imaginations. To beef up the GG Olympics, MIKE MANCO-JOHNSON added a muscular mosaic of athletic games and challenges. The Cross-Country race included a new trail from Black Canyon to The Outlook. Seventy-five brave athletes sprinted over boulders, roots, and dry creek beds to participate in this popular race seeing parts of the camp land they didn't know existed. GG has 500 acres and most of it is vertical terrain, so this race is a feat for the intrepid ones. Since sportsmanship is so highly prized during this international session, the Sportsmanship Award is given significant honor. This summer, TYLER KELSON was awarded that accolade.

The final award of the evening, and of the summer, is the Geneva Glen Peace Prize. This tribute adorns our Peace Prize plaque: *Awarded during World Friendship to one or two campers who have displayed outstanding leadership and unusual devotion to the ideals of friendship among nations, and respect for human, life, liberty, and dignity. Their constant commitment to these ideal also acts to inspire those around them toward a heightened respect and appreciation for all.* JESS LAUB and HAYLEY MIRR were awarded the Geneva Glen Peace Prize for 2007. Honoring the nominees were Tyler Kelson, Kendall Hagar, Sophia Gori, Max Dickter, and Packy Conklin (pictured).





The Glen Breeze



KARL ONSAGER paid a visit back to camp for a fencing clinic that captivated many of our teens. The three-team, International Capture the Flag for Evening Play, was downright brilliant, and still, we kept the scrapes and bruises at a minimum! A “scat hike” was enjoyed by the boys of Turkey (Dorm G) identifying the droppings of raccoon, elk, bobcat, fox, and black bear. A trip to our new art museum complex was a highlight as another out-of-camp trip. The Double-Dipper adventure trip enjoyed the beauty of the Great Sand Dunes as thirteen teens backpacked, explored Fulford Cave, and rafted down the Arkansas River with three of their favorite trip leaders, LISA WALTON, BEN HALE, and ERIC MULLER.



Our **Knighthood** wizardry sparkled as we became the legends we read about at the morning council ring. The knights and ladies of our own GG Camelot became enmeshed in our traditions of induction, court, Merlin’s Masque, and the Arthurian Pageant. Each summer recognition is bestowed on leaders and campers who live the ideals of our program. Shields adorned with insignias of the castle orders shimmer with various degrees on a silver background and girls proudly wear bracelets with their individual acknowledgments of character traits. During the Knighthood I and II inductions, eight male campers attained the esteemed accomplishment of becoming a Sir Knight (pictured). One cherished award, The Lady Iris, was given to two outstanding recipients: EMILY GOSCHE, and CASSIDY ROBISON. Both girls have come for nine and ten summers and truly reflect the GG spirit. The leaders enjoyed a shower of Knighthood awards: The Rose was given to RONNIE CREAMER, SAMI HARTMAN, GRACE KAUFMAN, EMILY ROSENWASSER, LISA WALTON, and CHELSEA WILLIAMSON. The Silver Spur went to MIKE MANCO-JOHNSON, ERIC MULLER, DAVID CARLSON, JOHN STANESCO, and MATT WILLIAMSON. The Lady’s Disc is now worn by SARAH BARRETT, COURTNEY CLARKE, SHANNON CHAMBERS, PAGE KELLEY, and KATHY THORNTON. The Gold Star recipient was

GEOFFREY CROMWELL (aka GEE-off!). ★

During Knighthood I our cast of characters for the musical drama, Merlin’s Masque, always stars the three Merlin’s – at ages 6, 11 and 17. Our wizards this year were WILL FLYNN, of Napa, CA, JEFF ELLENOFF, of Denver, and MAX DICKTER, of Santa Fe, NM. Dramatic scenes, dances, and songs re-tell this day-long event.

The culmination of our Knighthood II session is our day-long Pageant filled with jousts, life-size chess matches, merriment, and costumed reverie. It’s captivating to see the trappings and flourishes that day as our Thespians



thesp, and our Terpsichorean’s *terp*! The royal couple who lead this fantasy were crowned at our coronation, Sir Knight ANDRE LANDAU (from San Francisco) was King Arthur, and MONICA GLICKEN (Denver) was our Queen Guinevere. Both 16-year-old campers acted splendidly under the direction of RONNIE CREAMER. Twenty-two teens participated in the royal court with the entire camp family juggling, tilting, entertaining, decorating and enjoying the frivolity. Of course Knighthood is stuffed with more “mundane” activities – G-slash (precision horse riding team) becomes the “Battle of Kaerconan,” theme hikes abound – Philosophy, Mystery, Music, and others! JOHN STANESCO, an accomplished musician and student at The New School in New York, had several campers to jam on our drum set and electric piano and various other percussion instruments! One cool addition to the program this year was the “GG-7” – seven horse trail rides of various skill levels, all on camp property, which culminated a prized shirt and recognition to any one able to master them all.

Our MYTHS AND MAGIC session starts out each summer season now, and it’s a perfect warm up, not only for our 6, 7, and 8 year olds, often coming for the first time, but for our counselors as well. True to form, Myths was outstanding again this year. The dirtiest campers from the Mudpie Derby, are crowned our “king and queen.” This year, two alumni campers received the coveted Mudpie Royalty shirt: Emma Kelly, and



Nathan Burns.

There’s more about this storybook session here in the Breeze – along with lots of news and information, including the dates for next year’s camp.

As always, check out the camp’s web site – www.genevaglen.org for dozens of summer pictures, and the latest information and news. We can’t wait to see you all back at GG for the summer of ’08!!

Nancy & Ken

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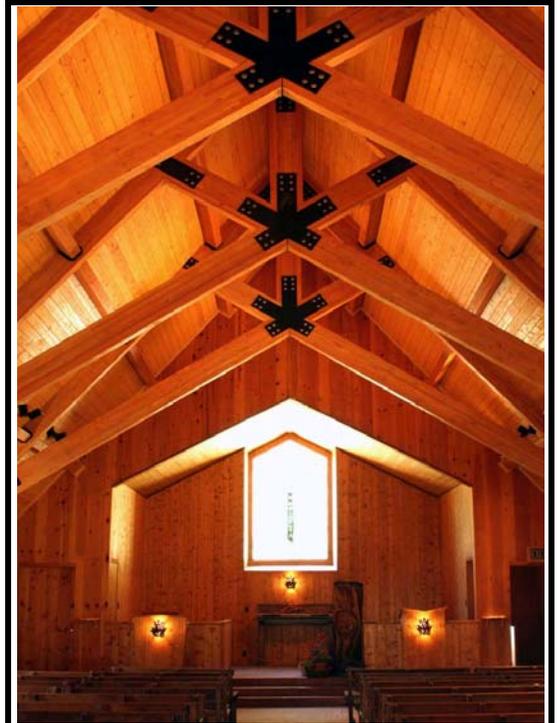
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Is the place to go for news, updates, photos, email contacts and message board conversations. Keep checking the site, and be sure you enroll in "The Council Ring"

"**The Council Ring**" is similar to MySpace or Facebook where you'll have the ability to develop and customize your own page, link and message to your other GG friends, post in the forums just like the old message boards, upload digital photos and video, and much more! It's a perfect GG way to hang out virtually, just like hanging out at camp!

The best part about "The Council Ring" is that it is a protected site because it is *only* for the GG Camp Family! Only Geneva Glen campers, staff members, alumni and camper parents will be allowed to create accounts and socialize throughout the entire Camp Family! "The Council Ring" has the benefit of being insulated from a wide open public arena like MySpace and Facebook – the only ones that can get in are GG folks, so it's a *safe* site to hang out! If you aren't in The Council Ring yet, go get it—

<http://www.genevaglen.org/general/councilring.shtml>



The Gilmore Chapel has been an invaluable landmark at Geneva Glen. This year, it turned 50. The four-year renovation project is nearly complete. The most substantial phase in this renovation was completed this past year thanks to Rick Garhart and Vision Builders. (Rick, former camper, staff member, and now camper parent). This phase included construction of new trusses, re-built foundation supports, windows, ceilings and new lighting. This substantial improvement created a palpable sense of uplifting as campers first trooped into our American Heritage Sunday Service. Our female campers especially appreciated the renovation of the chapel for our Ladies Court ceremonies during Knighthood. Our voices blended perfectly to enhance the mood and the lighting dramatically evoked emotions in this highly charged ceremony.

The 85th Birthday celebration included a picnic and Family Camp. The 400+ who attended the Picnic on Sept 2, relished seeing the changes at the chapel and the plaques on the pews and windows that honored donors. Most of the plaques thank GG for years of fun and guidance. We still need donations for the final phase of this important project, so if you want your name to be added to the Chapel renovation, contact Kathy Thornton at the camp office: 303-697-4621, ext. 13. We're extremely grateful to the many families who have given so generously.

Trainees How does the trainee program work??? A Trainee is a camper selected for a leadership role all summer. We generally choose between 8 - 10 campers to participate in this program. They are able to enjoy the fun of being a camper with some of the responsibilities of being a staff member at GG. There is a high expectation of the camper's leadership abilities and loyalties to the values they've learned through our teen programs. At Geneva Glen, a camper who will be 16 in the summer may apply. Keep in mind that it is a full summer commitment - which will be June 16 through August 16, 2008. The camper applies on a special Trainee application form. Just call, or email the camp (the camper, NOT the parent!) or send a post card requesting this application. Applications will be available in late November. NOTE: even if you apply for the Trainee program, you still need to send in your regular camper registration card for the camp sessions of your choice just as soon as possible.
