



Geneva Glen Camp

Alumni Glen Breeze – Fall 2008



Greetings from the Directors,

The 2008 summer at Geneva Glen was a cacophony of musical sounds — many of which may awaken GG memories for you (we all know that the senses, especially sounds and smells, are more in-tune when you are at the Glen!). Here are a few of the sounds that were a fond recollection from the summer:

- * Ute drums and Sioux flutes during our American Heritage Pow Wow.
- * The trumpet call of “Taps” as alum progeny Ian Mauzy announced bedtime.
- * The monotonous drone of “Marco Polo” from campers at the pool.
- * Hoofbeats of 34 steeds, as they clopped across the road in a mad dash for hay.
- * A whoosh of pop-rockets in the meadow.
- * Windchimes tinkling at Bear’s Corner.
- * Diddling frenzy of Abby and Alex Eurich and the comical licorice-stick (clarinet) antics of Aviva Sonenreich trying to toot out “We’re On the Upward Trail.”
- * Twangy squaredance chants from our favorite substitute caller, John Barker, Jr.
- * The pounding beat of island dancers at World Friendship, as the Schwalger and Tora families taught games, facepainting, pineapple bowling and hula dance.
- * The wang of the chainsaw buzzing, as Crew cut down dead trees off Girl’s Hill.
- * Exciting, high-pitched twine of fireworks on the 4th of July and our spectacular Luau celebration.
- * The muffled pop from big guns as Steve Anthony gave a demonstration at rifles.
- * Fairy harps strumming ’neath leaflets, as Mackenzie lasses searched the woods for elves and fairy folk.
- * Dragon roars were rare, but the hushed whistles of dragon hunters stalking the Knucker or Frost species could be heard near “Merlin’s Rock.”
- * GG’s radio station KGLN airing camper song requests and jamming tunes.
- * The splat of water balloons during our cool Battle of Yorktown.



**American Heritage
2008 Check-In**

Drums and flutes always resonate in American Heritage, but for the first time in memory our Pow Wow took place on a Thursday rather than the final evening of camp (the 4th of July celebration just couldn’t be ignored). We did it up right and it was an historic ending to our 2008 AH, with dancing, patriotic poems and songs, Banjo Man entertainment and fireworks in the “still-green” meadow.

Our Arthurian pageantry crowned two alumni progeny. Cassidy Robison, our third-generation camper from Glenwood Springs (daughter of Jeff Robison and Molly Cassidy), graciously accepted the queen’s rose, crown and title of “Queen Guenevere.” Freddy Newton, another 10-year vet (from Snowmass; son of GG alum Virginia Creighton), handled his role as leader of the realm in this 70-year-old tradition as King Arthur.

The cast of “Merlin’s Masque” included 45 campers, with highlighted dances by London McElvaine and Mariesha Nash. as our beautiful – but notorious – witches Morgause and Morgan Le Fey.

At the beginning of the summer, our costumed counselors set the tone for Myths and Magic. Our new Dragonology program stirred interest, with Corey and Max Dickter launching into new territory as out expert “Dragonologists.” Teams unearthed edible scat, fire-breath scorches on treetrunks, and giant three-toed prints in the streambed. Ancient “eggs”

naturally were the prize and many veteran fairy-finders became ardent “Knucker-knowers.”

The mucky mud-pie majesties of Myths reigned after Dirty Derby. The Mudpie King and Queen were chosen for their exuberance toward covering their bodies with a perfect blend of mountain-sifted topsoil and water!

The rain at the end of World Friendship was handled admirably by our stoic staff and campers. We endured too long in the endless dust of July, so it was grudgingly appreciated until Aug. 15, for our Chautauqua. With 45-degree drenching skies we changed venue best we could.

The Chapel held us for one course and Marathon for another, when we all were divided in half. The poor lodge suffered under the muddy picnic-style main course from China, but hot tea perked us up.

The G/ team precision riding group, couldn’t safely prance their routine around the puddled meadow, so they improvised with some homemade stick horses in a fantastic comedy. We

all acknowledge the gumption and perseverance of our GG family making the best of a damp circumstance.

We hope your GG memories were stirred through this sound tracing and we hope you still maintain a close feeling to Geneva Glen.

Warmest regards,



Kens & Nancy

Since 1922

GG Progeny Sir Knights

Four sons of GG alumni received their Sir Knight as campers in the '08 Knighthood II session (pictured at left): **Ian Mauzy** (son of Susie Earle), **Austin Lee** (son of Gold Star Dave Lee), **Brendan Moon** (son of Gold Star Bill Moon and Kim Sandberg Moon) and **Jamie Usherwood** (son of Susan Taylor). Dave and Bill had the special honor of dubbing their sons as Sir Knights, at the induction ceremony.

GG's '08 Knighthood staff awards included two alumni progeny (**Chelsea Williamson** and **Lisa Walton**) who received Lady of the Bracelet. Other '08 staff awards: Ladies Hayley Campbell and Nina Haines; Gold Stars **Eric Muller** (from GG's Cassidy clan), Ozzie Baron, John Stanesco and Farish Jenkins; Roses Alex Eurich, Caitlin Goettel, Amanda Lewis, Amy Stanesco, Grace Conklin, Coza Perry and Heidi TenPas; Silver Spurs Corey Dickter, Ben Horne, Chris Gallagher, Zach Lewis and Brian Sheehan.

How many folks do you recognize in this early-'80s Council Ring shot? Ones we can pick out: Rick Roadruck and Casey Klein, performing Junior Birdman; Chris Martel, Alberto Marin, Dwight Johnson, Missy Beemon (Fagerstrom), Chad Randolph, Brooke Lindquist, Andrea Duncan, Mike Hoops, Katie Reed and possibly Doug Smetzer??



Geneva Glen's 2008 campers who received their Sir Knight during our Knighthood II included four alum progeny: Brendan Moon (third from left), Jamie Usherwood (fifth from left), Ian Mauzy (second from right) and Austin Lee (far right).



Who remembers the all-day hikes to the Old Castle (at Mt. Falcon)? Check out this photo from 1941 – how about those very rad World War I army boots!



It was an active summer for our GG sportswear, as campers, staff and alumni enjoyed browsing several new items – in addition to adding old GG standards to their wardrobes. One popular addition was a series of shirts and sweatpants featuring a Knighthood logo (pictured) designed by GG alum Sarah Walton (all 10 "Orders" are within the design). There also were shirts and hoodies that depict the 10 Knighthood orders. Sarah earlier designed a classic Myths and Magic t-shirt (with a dragon and princess) while a Dragonology tee made its debut to commemorate this new area for the youngest campers.

Junior siblings, even GG "wannabe's," now can have "Future Golden Heart" t-shirts in a toddler size (pictured; worn by Hadley and Harper Hodgson,

daughters of Jen Warner). The new sportswear "boutique" includes a series of hats and new water bottles. Plenty of older GG sportswear items remain available, at discounts. Anyone who is wishing to purchase sportswear in the offseason may contact Pete LaFleur via email (pete@genevaglen.org) or call (303) 697-4621 (x21) – and a PDF catalog of GG sportswear will be available soon.

Thanks to summer volunteers who helped on check-in/check-out days: Sarah Walton, Jack Conner, Xander Sommers, Mary Kirkpatrick, Owen Locke, Cora West, Claire Nordeen, Wendy Grover, Cassie Larcade, Ford Allison, Bob Flory, Alana Gay, Jane Carlson, John Vogt, Tracy Conner, Lynn Robison, Missy Skimo Fagerstrom, Regina and Scott Reagan (among others).



Wedding Bells

● The June 1 celebration of **Paula MODESITT** and **Dave RUEDEBUSCH** brought a bevy of GG alums to Ft. Collins. The garden wedding, presided over by Sir Knight Ken Atkinson, was especially romantic for staff who were aware of this courting while Paula and Dave were at GG. The wedding party included Miriam Kenley, Karl Onsager, Ben Hale and Chris Kampfe. Other guests included: Latrice Lee, Jack Conner and Sarah Walton, Marty Galloway, Bruce Gallagher, Aaron and Dan Goldhamer, Mike Hinds, Alana Wilson, Amanda Lewis, Sarah Hazel, Katie Richardson, Annie Beall, Audie Yoeman, Dane Harbaugh, Mike Clayton, Emily and Larry Hall, Scott Shepherd, Alana Gay, Joey Lawrenz, Hayley Campbell, Tom Odenheimer, and Lucy and Grace Conklin.

● A gorgeous aspen setting provided the ceremony for Dr. **Nate MILLER** to Christine Weiss, on Sept. 18 (in Keystone). Nate is our favorite “pocket vet” who kindly treats our string whenever there is a need. Nate feels a certain kinship with our horses, as a former head wrangler, and recently served on our board of directors. GG pals who attended the nuptials were: Hoyt Meyer, Jesse and Erin Leary Bertoli, Chip Klein, Chris and Leah Deniger Klein, Reid McKnight and Courtney Clarke. The happy couple honeymooned in Paris.

Engagements

● Another camp-inspired love affair produced an exciting engagement, through the romantic tale of **Owen LOCKE** and **Cora WEST**. Owen’s intrigue manifested

itself with a horseride to Marshmallow Meadow – a July picnic prance that coincidentally Courtney and Reid were called away from due to a “camp emergency.” As Owen knelt to sympathize with Cora’s hurt knee, he popped that age-old question with an heirloom ring from his grandmother, and Cora’s screams alerted all of us in the Council Ring. Over the walkie-talkie, all the GG staff sang “There’s a mountain meadow sparking in the dew or early morn’.” Since Owen and Cora had met at GG, it was a joyful way to celebrate ... on top of that, Cora said yes! Nuptials are planned for the fall of 2009.

● GG board member **Leslie WOODWORTH** is engaged to marry Jim Kendrick in June '09. Leslie provides valuable service to camp as a key member of our legal team, which includes helping with our staff training during orientation.

● Lawyer dude **Mike HAZEL** will become another notch on GG’s “wedding-staff,” as he met future spouse **Diane HENDERSON** a few summers ago at the Glen. The couple had been in the D.C. area, but we hear Mike soon will be clerking in L.A..

● One final engagement to report: **Emily HALL** called about her betrothal to Scott Beckett. When at GG, Emily was enamored with Johnny Depp and generally crazy about pirates. She found her bliss on her sailing ship, where she met Scott.



The Ruedebusch-Modesitt wedding featured a large Geneva Glen contingent.

FROM THE NURSERY ... Hot off the press – **Robb LINDQUIST** sent announcement of the birth of his baby boy, **Holden Bryant Lindquist**, born in late October. ... It was great to hear news that **Jessica PAJON Herringer**’s eldest Alejandra loved her Myths stint so much that she is determined to return for a two-week session. Mom recently welcomed the family’s third daughter, **Ava**, into the GG family. They are dwelling in Bellevue, Wash. ... That prolific **Annie LaFLEUR DeMarco** coined the phrase “Cinco DeMarco” for her FIFTH addition, little **Leah**, born Oct. 9. Proud uncle Pete LaFleur will honorably serve as godfather. Annie and her clan live in Tunkhannock, Pa. ... **Kevin and Lee Ann (Stiffler) MEYER** made Pat (Deason) and Jim Meyer proud grandparents as they welcomed cute little **Levi** Aubrey Meyer to the GG family on Sept. 18. Proud pappa Kevin – a volunteer fireman – already is teaching Levi how to slide down the pole at the fire station. Uncle Hoyt Meyer looks forward to buying Levi hiking boots to go with those socks.



ON THE NEST ... **Danny KINGDOM** and wife Sarah are set for an April delivery (to be the seventh grandkid for Sally Reed Kingdom and Lew Kingdom). ... **Jay PETERANETZ** and **Whitney ROBERTSON Peteranetz** are in the family way, with the blessed event to occur in Dec. This tot will lay claim to a royal GG lineage, as both sets of grandparents are steeped in the

Glen: fraternal grandfather Marcia Irving Peteranetz, maternal grandma Chanda Castleberry Robertson and maternal grandpa Phil Robertson.



Ava Herringer



Holden Lindquist



Levi Meyer



Leah DeMarco



MYTHS & MAGIC PROGENY

Geneve Glen's 2008 Myths & Magic session featured nearly 50 sons/daughters and grandchildren of GG alumni (some of them third-generation), all of whom are well on their way to becoming future leaders of the Glen (see next page for list of all GG alum progeny from the '08 summer).

John WOODWARD had his first-timer **Robby** showing his family roots by getting good and dirty at the Myths derby. **Orson LANKFORD** of the Lankford family fame tried out Myths and **Tobin HOOPS** (son of infamous **Mike**) seemed to enjoy his first GG venture. **Matt SAMPSONs** and **Erin LONG Sampson** sent son **Ben** as a first-timer to brave the treasure hunt and our new Dragonology area. **Margaret TALLMAN Romero** sent two tots **Perry's** little sister **Grace** did well in a darling cabin of cuties with her Virginia pal **Mary Malone Johnson**, third daughter of **Jenny SIMPSON Johnson**. **Beth McDOWELL Baldwin's** daughter **Kendall** enjoyed her first GG session and may bring her brother next year.

We've heard from many parents wondering if Myths is right for their youngsters. The session runs from June 15-19 for kids 6-8 years old (that's only four nights away from home). Call for registration, as alums get some preference (but don't delay signing up). Also remember the two-week sessions are for children 6-16 years old.



ALUMNI UPDATES ...



1940s

● Nice to meet **Lucille STEARNS-Helstrom** of Haywood, Calif. Lucille's grandson Eric helped build some of our cabins and remodel our chapel. When Lucille realized the connection, she made him bring her up for a visit. Her primary memories were of "Sister Doris" and getting in dutch for picking columbines.

1950s

● **Trinda DeVORE Smith**, from the late-'50s, early-'60s, visited camp during American Heritage. A Montana resident now, she had a sentimental stay, coming for the chapel service and remaining for songs after lunch. Her only request in the Council Ring, was "Geneva We Love You" and tears flowed with fond memories.

● **Sam and Mary ARIKI** lovingly escorted Kathryn Yetter (the Gilmore's great-granddaughter), who joins us for the tradition of Knighthood II and colorful fun of World Friendship (Diane and Annie truly appreciate Sam and Mary taking Kat under their wing over the changeover).

● **Peg HILL** is retired and happily dwelling in her new mobile home in Florence, Mo., near her daughter and grandkids. Peg thought of us when she sent 60 "whirly-gigs," (pictured at right) a crazy, bright spinning stick that swirled in the wind as a Myths and Magic decoration. In Knighthood II pageant, four cabins twirled about the meadow, entertaining the royalty.

● **Joanna STEINMETZ Cummings** was excited to find GG's website. The past 60

years have seen Joanna go to college in Wisconsin, work in NYC (with Japan's UN mission), live in Tokyo and Stockholm, marry Gary Cummings, raise sons Ian and Pearson, and work as a journalist/critic. Joanna now lives in Portland, Ore., and pursues hobbies such as playwriting, sculpture and Argentine tango.



GENEVA GLEN ALUMNI PROGENY — KNIGHTHOOD II, 2008

(more than 100 sons and daughters of GG alum were campers/staff at our 2008 Knighthood II session; list below includes all progeny who were campers in summer of '08)

Geneva Glen Camp 2008 Alumni Progeny (campers; ALL sessions)

Hannah Ablin
Alex Allen
Cody Allen
Danielle Appel
Zach Appel
Brian Armstrong
Ethan Aycock
Matt Ayres
Emily Backus
Katherine Backus
Austin Baere
Jackson Baere
Madison Baere
Kendall Baldwin
Anna Barrow
Ainsley Boren
Ava Boren
Jacob Boselli
Chris Bossart
Annie Brewster
Callie Brewster
Elizabeth Bryson
Samantha Bryson

Madie Burdt
Nathan Burns
Anna Carey
Olive Carrollhach
Madison Castle
Danny Chase
Annie Christie
Henry Clark
Christina Conca
Ajia Conklin
Colter Conly
Nick Creighton
Annie Cunningham
Paxton Decker
Madison Diederichs
Amanda Dixon
Laura Dixon
Paige Dixon
Dominic Doty
Kristin Douglas
Abigail Dugan
Chandler Dugan
Ethan Dunn

Richard Dyer
Drew Erkelens
Hannah Fischer
Carlee Flynn
Andrew Friedman
Jonathan Friedman
Katrina Froelich
Osgood Froelich
Kailey Geary
Alex Graham
Frances Graham
Isabelle Graham
Harris Griswold
Jack Griswold
Frances Guetlich
Jake Gulliver
Davis Halsan
Logan Henninger
Max Henninger
Alejandra Heringer
Ally Hinds
Michael Horan
Isabel Hoyt
Andrew Hummel
Audrey Hummel
Katie Ippolito
Robbie Ippolito

Alice Johnson
Eric Johnson
Sally Johnson
Mary Malone Johnson
Caden Joseph
Tucker Joseph
Alexandria Kehn
Christian Kehn
Lilly Kehn
Emma Kelly
Madeleine Kemme
Kristian Kingdom
Wesley Kingdom
Thompson Kirkpatrick
Kelly Klein
Levi Klein
Cole Koeberer
Garrison Koeberer
Jordan Kramlich
Tanner Kramlich
Dominique Lacroix
Marc Lacroix
Ashley Lankford
Austin Lankford
Orson Lankford
Jack Lawler
Austin Lee

Michael Lewallen
Kayley Lincoln
Keegan Lingk
Kensi Lingk
Katherine Lowe
Sterling Lubchenco
Tanner Lussier
Ian Mauzy
Reed Mauzy
Mia McCoy
Caroline McHugh
Ethan Meyer
Logan Meyer
Megan Meyer
Hannah Miller
Joey Miller
Brendan Moon
Caley Moon
Alexis Musselman
Chris Musselman
Nikki Naiman
Freddy Newton
William Newton
Emma Nixon
Ali Oksner
Morgan Oliva
Stefan Orton-Urbina

Tristan Orton-Urbina
David Penberthy
Tyler Piersch
Simon Pozder
Jack Rauch
Kate Rauch
Aspen Reeves
Joshua Reuter
John Reynolds
Elizabeth Ritland
Cassidy Robison
Sam Robison
Grace Romero
Perry Romero
Chloe Rossier
Susannah Rossier
Anna Rudmann
Ginni Salzillo
Ben Sampson
Alex Sandone
Hayden Schwartz
Wylie Schwartz
Chloe Sclar
Avery Siler
Bonnie Siler
Allison Smith
Jack Smith

Caroline Soane
Declan Soane
Sam Stanka
Ruby Sumners
Nick Thomas
Tanner Thomas
Rowan Thompson
Derek Thorn
Michael Thorn
Meghan Thornton
Rayanne Thrasher-Kidston
Kathleen Traylor
Mackenzie Urban
Rachel Urban
Jamie Usherwood
Sarah Vick
Caroline Ward
Abbey Wegner
Courtney Wegner
Brittany Wible
Kathryn Wible
Robby Woodward
Colin Yakely
Creede Yerkey-Held
Kathryn Yetter
Cameron Young

GG Reconnections

Facebook seems to be the most effective way to surface past GG folks. Christa Diederichs and Pete LaFleur recently acquired this service and suddenly befriended tons of past GG pals (some via Linked-In and e-mail):

Christa's Connections

"I finally decided to join Facebook and reconnect with memorable characters that have enriched my GG experience. This networking site is incredible and so many people have begun to resurface. ...

"Colleen DEARY Seitz is enjoying married life and teaching special education in Oregon. She plans to visit **Meghan DRURY Tust**, her husband Rob, and adorable daughter, Kaia, in Amsterdam. Meghan says Kaia is growing so fast and her current favorite song is "Horsey." They sing it while riding bikes and Meghan loves all the strange looks they get from the Dutch as they're belting out the song. ... **Meg ELK-JET** is planning to send her daughter Nelle to Myths and Magic in 2009. ... **Serena Woods** is working in Denver at Colorado Media Matters. ... **Claudia Kis Madrid** still is gallivanting across several countries. ... **Chelsey SHORE** is working in the *Denver Post* photo department. ... **Matt Linden** is happily enjoying fatherhood and living in the San Francisco Bay Area. ... **Kate HOLBROOK Griesser** is married and lives in Texas. She has a spunky little boy. ... I reconnected with one of my long lost pals, **Sharon MORRISSEY Sexton**. She lives in Denver with her husband and has a lively little boy named Cory. ... One of my favorite reconnections is with one of my favorite counselors ever, **Debbie MEDORS Gonzalez!** I hope to hear from more of you in the future!" – Christa

Other Online Connections

Nannette Bebermeyer Bell (Melbourne, Australia) – living "down under" with her husband (who works in RV/cabin business)

Mark Beindorff (Denver) – clinical nurse at Swedish Medical Center

Beth Bodden (Plano, TX) – biology professor at Collin College

Skylar Brown (Denver) – wholesaler at Jackson National Life

Matt Clifton (Seattle) – works at Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Peter Fahnestock (Los Angeles) – web designer for Sony Pictures

Payman Farrokhhyar (Littleton) – married; account exec. with Siemens Building

Alumni Updates (cont.) ...



1960s

● World Friendship chapel service was enhanced by **Sally REED Kingdom's** guest sermon. Our Sunday Vespers is quite eclectic, with dance, poems, songs and even jazz saxophone. Sally brought the loose ends together, helping campers feel a sense of fellowship to all cultures.

● The GG costume room has added a new Tenbrook Wing. Now that **Barb TENBROOK** has left CO for California, she "internets" costumes from Australia, China and New Zealand to adorn celebrations. China entertained us in World Friendship in glorious, traditional-style costumes while our natives from Indonesia had some colorful sirongs and Thai skirts. Barb also sent Arthurian velvet gowns and tunics, wigs and princess headdresses ... plus more fairy and green-elf costumes than you could shake a cotton-candy cone at. All together, we added some 60 outfits to the "tumes." Barb's most benevolent gift has to be her Colorado pal Thunder. He is a gorgeous Tennessee walker that she was forced to leave in Colorado. We are introducing him to our herd. Words are not adequate to thank Barb for her generosity.

● **Tim URBAN** and wife Toni visited their grandkids McKenzie (a GG vet.) and six-year-old Rachel (who attended American Heritage). Tim still is an Iowa stubborn native but visits his Winter Park cabin often. We're so glad both kids love camp.

● We had good reminisces with **Tom and Karen (DEAN) YERKEY** (their grandson Crede came for two sessions), who came to escort **Carol DUVALL** (her grandson Tanner attended World Friendship).

● **Gregori PERSIAN Couch** and her daughter **Nicole** visited GG in early May. Both spent at least 10 summers as kids at the Glen. Nicole hopes to return for staff in the future. Gregori shows rottweilers and raises horses in northern California.

● **Jonathan CARLETON** received a last-minute call from Ken in July, informing him that his godson **Farish JENKINS** was to receive a Gold Star award. In lieu of flying in from Albuquerque, Jonathan e-mailed a heartfelt missive as part of the induction speeches honoring Farish (who is so eternally grateful for Jonathan's mentorship and sponsoring him at GG.)

1970s

● Hats off to **Stephen ANTHONY**, camp's favorite carpenter and best look-alike for King Pellenore. Steve kindly refurbished the original Gilmore Chapel sign over the front door. He's also fortifying the chapel's bell memorial in front of the steps (photo on back page). All his woodworking is a labor of love. Steve enjoyed playing Old Man of the Mountains at rifles, putting on "big-gun" black-power demonstrations.

● **Catherine SHANK Gamito** brought her daughters by in June (we hope to welcome some of her kids to a '09 session).

1980s

● Drop-by alums meandering through the trails appreciated the Healing Feather Health Center. Kansas neighbor **Ben HARD** was in the area for a reunion and brought some family up for a visit. ... The annual mini-reunion of **Ron MARSTELL**, **Ben BLANKENBURG**, **Jimbo RUTHERFORD** and **Paul WOODWARD** showed up to harass Ken about his gray hair.

● **Dale ESTES** lives in Sharpsburg, Ga., and hopes to send two of his children to GG in the summer of 2009. Dale is a captain at Airtran Airlines.

● **Shanna DIEDERICHS** recently made a visit to Geneva Glen to check out her sister **Christa's** new work environment. Shanna – now married and an archaeologist in southern Colo. – took a quick tour with her sister and was impressed with so many camp improvements over the years.

● **Molly GREEN** is a 5th-grade teacher in Portsmouth, N.H. She's been in New England for 15 years, but thinks of GG often.

● **Karen ASHLEY Traxler** is back in Greeley. Karen lost her first husband, Mark Traxler, in the Gulf War, and is remarried to Joe Harpring. She is eager to send her two sons to GG. **Mary ASHLEY Teague** (mother of three) lives in Asheville, N.C.



Myths & Magic check-in reunited former GG campers/current GG parents (from left): **Cathy GORDON Rudman**, **Jenny Johnson SIMPSON**, **Margaret TALLMAN-Romero**, **Beth McDOWELL Baldwin** and **Kathy McHUGH Thornton**.

1990s

● **Jen COX Cyphers** and sister **Millicent COX Ambroggio** were scouting GG for their future campers: Millicent's three – Miles (6), Brodie (4) and Logan (1) – and Jen's toddler Branum (2), older brother to six-month-old sister Clara.

● **Kent WALKER**, an attorney from Arkansas, was in the area as a delegate for the DNC. He was pleased to check out the changes from his stay in 1994.

● Great to hear about a mini-GG reunion in L.A. **Kate SOMMERS** and **Kevin SCHADT** invited GG types, including **Latrice LEE** and her beau, **Mike HAZEL**, **Claire JACKEL**, **Greg WALKER**, **Michele ROMO**, **Mary PATTERSON Broome** (who is a comedian in L.A.), **Emily HALL** and her significant other. Captain Emily swabs on an educational ship out of Long Beach. She has hoisted up anchor for a cruise to Italy or to be a landlover in Colorado.

● **Molly MINNIS Gripka** is back in the U.S. after her Peace Corps stint and lives in the midst of a Navajo reservation in N.M. She teaches kindergarten and uses many of her GG songs, but NOT "Indians are high-minded." Molly credits her GG experiences with guiding her into teaching, by giving her "the skills to reflect and continuously self-improve."

● **John VOGT** participated as our guest speaker during Knighthood I for a Sunday vespers. Big John always is a welcome addition with his philosophical views and inimitable expressiveness, and GG campers especially enjoyed his story about Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Thank you for staying involved, John.

● Good-ol' **Ron HIGGINS** celebrated his 50th (could've sworn he was 49!) in Las Vegas with GG buddies **Ford ALLISON**, **Chris** and **Mark DREHER**, **Chip KLEIN**, **Pete LaFLEUR** and **Hoyt MEYER**.

● **Michelle MOORE Markvicka** and her family recently moved back to her hometown of Manhattan, Kan. She now works for Riley County Health and looks forward one day being a GG parent.

● **Sarah TAYLOR** is living in the DC area and interning at art museums. She is a 2005 graduate of Trinity (degrees in art history and Spanish) and received a masters in art history at Illinois. Sarah even took an Arthurian legends lit. course!

● **Sara DABAGIA** is living in Chicago while working fulltime and pursuing a masters at DePaul (in HS counseling).

2000s

● Hearty thanks to **Mike HINDS**. At World Friendship's luau, Mike's band *FOMA* entertained our dance (a tiki-torch affair on the softball diamond). Rain threatened but did not materialize, so our celebration sparkled until 10:00. FOMA* sold shirts and posters, in lieu of a fee. The campers adored the music and Mike made certain that a few of the songs were familiar to GG staff and teens ("Boys of Summer," "Walk on the Ocean"). It was marvelous to have a live band, plus our staff warmup band.

● **Mike WESTPHALE** reconnected with his GG roots, visiting us on a glorious fall day. He now works and lives in Littleton and offered to do some focus lectures on the perils of drunk driving. Mike suffered an intense recuperation, after being the victim of a 2003 drunk-driving accident.

● These erstwhile trick-or-treaters gathered at **Annie BACHMAN** and **Courtney CLARKE**'s home, for Halloween haunting; **Katie RICHARDSON** and **Ben HALE**, **Dan** and **Laura GOLDHAMMER**, **Karl ON-SAGER**, **Sally SLAUGHTER** and brother **Ryan** (from California), **Sarah HAZEL** (from Chicago), **Dave RUEDEBUSCH**, **Bruce GALLAGHER** (from Arizona), **Lauren YOUNG**, **Chris KAMPFE**, **Reid McK-NIGHT** and the chaperons of the party – **Missy** and **Skimo FAGERSTROM**.

● **Sonya LEE** graduated from Saint Mary's (Calif.) and ended up in the Bronx, N.Y., where she is serving two years with Lasallian non-profit (she aids domestic violence victims and senior citizens, and even teaches youth dance). Sonya later plans to receive a masters in fine arts.

● **Megan DePUMPO** is taking a break from studies at Boston College to teach in Nepal and Prague for a year. In summer of '08, she and GG alum **Kyle SCHMITZ** worked at a non-profit in Chicago.

WHAT THE HAY!!! – Reid McKnight sends sincere thanks to the folks who helped with the semi-annual unloading of the hay truck at the GG barn. Those who pitched in (alums and "friends of GG"): Charlie, Megan and Charlie (Sr.) Thornton, Dana Heller, Courtney Clarke, Ben Hale, Katie Richardson, Missy and Skimo Fagerstrom, Mark and Natalie Dreher (plus friends Greg and Kelly), Xander Sommers, Austin and Dave Lee, Karl Onsager, Hoyt Meyer, Todd Shippman, Stacy Buchanan, Jeff Gowin, Jeremy Parsons, Macki Worley, Andre Landau, Wendi Sue Grover, Wendi Cutler, Chelsea Williamson, Annie Bachman and Matt Martin.

ONLINE CONNECTIONS (cont.)

Danny Gargan (Utrecht, Netherlands) – working in sustainable development

Bridget Huffine (N.Y. City) – a writer back in the states, recently lived in London

Kevin Juza (San Diego) – owns two fitness centers; married with 2-year-old twin girls

Amy Kennedy (Ft. Collins) – trauma PA at Orthopedic Center of the Rockies

Maureen "Moka" Kroha (Mountain View, CA) – married; United flight attendant

Nicole Lucius (Denver) – attorney with MoyerWhit

Marcy McDermott (NC) – attorney with Aronowitz & Ford

Casey Miller (Denver) – broker/realtor with Fuller Sotheby's International

Johanna Milstein Hogan (East Bay, CA) – special-ed. teacher at Mt. Diablo USD

Jon Mischke (Boulder) – design director with 505Design; in the midst of yearlong travel in South America with his wife

Jon Sinton (London) – married, living overseas; works for A.P. Moller-Maersk Group

Dan Steinberg (Chicago) – married; talent buyer for Square Peg Concerts

Stephen Woods (San Francisco) – computer programmer with Yahoo



Rosie MURRAY Meyer wanted to honor the chapel's renovations in a special way, with an appropriate sign. Her generous donation included a set of handsome doors, lights and renewed life for the original rustic 1958 sign. **Steve ANTHONY** lovingly refurbished the original sign, allowing us to stretch Rosie's gift. We're grateful to all alums who have kindly breathed new life into our 50-year-old building and, happily, the new floor is being added in November, completing a year-long renovation.



COME ABOARD! – *The Lancers and Riders from Knighthood II show their great appreciation for the wraparound deck (expertly crafted by the GG Pendragons) that made its debut outside of dorms E and F, in the summer of 2008. Missy and Skimo Fagerstrom spearheaded this Pendragon project and were assisted by loyal helpers: Todd Shippman, Stacy Buchanan, Dave and Austin Lee, Pete and Dan Ritchie, Jeff and Sam Robison, Wendi Sue Grover, Jeff Gowin, Dana Heller, Mark and Natalie Dreher, Chris Dreher, and Regina and Scott Reagan.*

Fundraising Focus

As you all know, Geneva Glen is a not-for-profit camp and we rely on donations to fund our operating budget, camperships, facility management and the GG endowment fund. Please remember that our donor base is a very small group of people, consisting of alumni, camper parents and grandparents. We are eternally grateful to those groups of generous donors, who help keep the Geneva Glen spirit flowing every year.

A recent survey revealed that only 1% of current non-profit organizations in the United States have been in existence for 75-plus years – with Geneva Glen Camp representing one of a handful of camps on that list.

Another successful summer is behind us, with lots of fun and poignant memories. We continue to treasure our new friends and the familiar faces as well.

There is a never-ending need for support from the camp family, as 87 years have taken a toll on the GG facilities. The chapel renovation now is close to being finished, with the updated look serving as a highlight of the 2008 summer.

We hope in the near future to renovate and reconstruct the pool. One option would be to build a new pool that is in compliance with current health and safety standards and designed to withstand climate and program requirements.

Another future goal is to bring the barn facilities up to date, which would allow for expanding the educational component of our riding program while giving us the facilities and trails to continue breeding, riding and humanely caring the horses.

A longer-term dream is to renovate the Marathon store, which is the oldest building at camp. The ultimate goal with the new Marathon would be to produce a place where all of camp can gather together under one roof, when the weather is not so nice.

Of course, one of our most important programs at Geneva Glen remains the campership program, which is so essential to fund camperships for families that otherwise would be unable to attend a summer-camp program.

There are many ways you can help Geneva Glen. Monetary donations always are appreciated. Your time and skills are invaluable to us in keeping costs down. Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information on ways you can help your favorite camp.

(P.S. – look for our annual fundraising letter at Thanksgiving.)

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Geneva Glen commemorated a special day on the calendar during the summer: 8-8-8 (Aug. 8, 2008), which coincided with the start of the Summer Olympics in Beijing.

100%



That's the score GG received on its triennial ACA accreditation visit in summer of '08. More than 2,500 pages of documents – and countless hours of prep to meet hundreds of rigorous standards that are the industry measurement of excellent camps – went in to prepping for the visit. Our visitors (volunteers who are camp people) were overly-impressed at the quality of the camp staff, the facilities, the program, and finally the overall camp atmosphere. We're all so proud!

Facebook Donations to GG

GG supporters have a convenient way to donate to Geneva Glen via Facebook. You can search for the GG page through Facebook, then join the group but also join the "cause" of Geneva Glen Camp (then make your credit-card donation).

A New Idea this Holiday Season ...

Instead of sending a fruit basket, it now is possible to make a donation to Geneva Glen in the name of an individual. Why not give the gift to the "campership" fund this holiday season? In return, GG will send the individual a card that confirms the donation to GG has been made in that person's honor. Please contact Kathy (phone/e-mail on this page) for information.



GG Holiday Ornament

We are pleased to share with our alums this simple symbol of the Glen ... a small, brass ornament of the original bell (the etching is modeled after the photo included below).

This memento from GG's early years can be used either as a Christmas tree ornament or a window decoration to remind you of the spirit of the Glen. The flat 2-by-3 tooled, brass piece fits neatly into an envelope for a thoughtful holiday remembrance.



As usual, all proceeds go to GG's scholarship fund – so we hope you will take advantage of this dual gift and send one to a GG pal. Cost, including mailing, is \$12. Please contact Kathy Thornton at kathyt@genevaglen.org (303-697-4621, x13). Thanks as always for your

