



Geneva Glen Camp

Camper Glen Breeze – Fall 2009



From the Directors ...

Dear Campers & Families,

The 2009 summer truly was the best Geneva Glen summer of this decade. To elucidate the breadth of this fantastic summer, let's imagine a birds-eye view ... perhaps from a friendly old crow sitting on top of his favorite spruce in the Council Ring. His name is "Crowbar" and he tells a lively tale of songs, skits, activities, adventures and friendships at the Glen.



First of all, he would see a lot of "happy campers," roughly 1,060 of you (mostly veterans) returning for another season of that GG magic. He would laugh at the counselors in Myths painted in glowing colors from top to bottom at our "Mudpie Mania." He'd probably partake of some of the peanuts, popcorn and cottoncandy leftovers from the Big-Top Circus. Crowbar might notice the clown-car made from some refrigerator boxes. This crazy contraption rolled but never quite made it all the way through the Big Top (too bad we didn't have Heidi TenPas' colorful real jalopy to show off with the acrobats, strongmen, tightrope walkers, dancing bear and daring cannonblasters).

During our **Myths** "gang-overnight," Crowbar would enjoy the juniors trying to relight their campfire by rubbing hands together and solemnly vowing to believe



in fairies, magic and leprechauns.

That smoky aroma of campfire lingers in our clothes after overnights and cookouts to Black Canyon, the Overlook and the Shrine. White socks and t-shirts enriched with black charcoal and soot help us to recall the fun of those evenings. Those lucky teens who were fortunate to trek to Garden of the Gods, Mt. Evans, the Sand Dunes, Square Top Mountain, Thunder Butte and Hanging Lakes built up a reservoir of nature memories to savor for future years.



The **American Heritage** camp dance coincided with news of icon Michael Jackson's demise, so the dance was a fun remembrance of the pop star's incredible music career (lots of silver gloves!). Again this summer, we melded our Rendezvous with 4th of July celebration on the night before our campers left. The events included some traditional carnival activities, the ever-popular kissing booth, pie throw, the flapjack-eating contest, bartering, root-beer floats and a watergun re-enactment of the Battle of Yorktown.

As darkness fell, we were entertained by versions of America with Bruce Springstein and Neil Diamond and the original Banjo Man plunking out patriotic tunes at the firework-rimmed softball diamond.

The conventional **Knighthood** antics included the drama of daily Merlin stories and the aura of ancient plant potions that were percolating from our alchemy hut. The dancing this year for the Sword Soliloquy and the Merlin's Masque were ingenious,



highlighted by the evil sisters Morgause and Morgan le Fay flying into the Council Ring.

The **World Friendship** session flew by with virtually no snags. Our crow ambassador would have appreciated the Musical Review. This camper/staff talent trove displayed numbers from *Oliver*, *Wicked*, *Les Mis*, *Annie*, *Sweet Charity*, *Chicago*, *Rent* and *Cabaret*. Our crow's eye also would catch various sports during the Olympics, as our torch brightly highlighted sportsmanship in the meadow, riding ring, pool, archery and rifle range.

Melissa Karsh's grandparents came up to camp during the World Friendship "Think Tank" seminar to talk about their experiences as World War II holocaust survivors. We appreciate them arranging such a memorable afternoon.

We all enjoyed the return of the Island Dancers for an evening play of cultural art, games and of course hula dancing. Crowbar would've been pleased as well with the Chataqua and ubiquitous food scraps from that smorgasbord of gazpacho, fruit, guacamole, as well as a chocolate fountain that didn't work too well.



During American Heritage, a "spinning yarns" night was the venue for "tall tales" such as *Bre'r Rabbit*, *Moose Pie*, and the *Cremation of Sam McGee*. The musical interludes included some alum guests strumming and bowing with their banjos, guitars, auto harp and hammerdulcimers, plus keyboard, sax and fiddle.

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Another musical treat was the reprise of a **Kantorei** Chorale – the famous community singing group that features Ken as a second bass. This prestigious group gets a kick out of serenading our campers with folk songs and theme ballads.

One of the most popular 2009 evening plays welcomed “**Mr. Science**” **Steve Spangler** (pictured). Steve is a camper parent who entertained and educated our campers and staff with dynamic demonstrations and experiments that made basic physics laws simply fun. We truly are grateful that he shared his talent with our lucky campers and staff during Knighthood II.



The favorite evening play continues to be Capture the Flag. This old standard takes on new energy, as we embellish imaginative scenarios of pirates, ninjas and knights. A popular new game came to us from Pete Mahan. It was a contest of trivia questions about the counselors that the campers had to answer.

We're glad you were a part of the fantastic '09 summer and look forward to seeing you in 2010. Have a great fall.

Ken & Nancy

GG Gasconades

We do express pride in staff and camper accomplishments through our traditional awards presented each session. The finale of the Myths session uses the Hogwarts sorting hat to award every camper with a special title, such as “best sleeper” or “craziest dodgeball bouncer.” The most dubious award is for being the “muddiest” camper. This prize went to **Grace SCHMIDT** and **Colin WALSH**, who proudly donned Mudpie King and Queen shirts, kindly donated by our famous t-shirt producer Jake Mola (of Shirt Expression).



Royalty at Geneva Glen

– the annual Pulling of the Sword was celebrated with joy through our kingdom, as both King Arthur and Queen Guenevere were longtime GG campers and progeny. **Bonnie SILER** of McLean, Va., is the daughter of GG alum Sue (Asher) Siler, who happened to be in Colorado and was able to witness the spectacular tradition.



Arthur was **Sam ROBISON**, a true product of GG as his parents met at camp and his paternal grandmother headed up GG archery back in the day. Sam is a Sir Knight from Glenwood Springs and has attended for 11 years (as has Bonnie).

The awards during Knighthood include Silver Spurs and Roses, given to our staff Sir Knights and Ladies of the Glen. **Alana**

Gasconade: “to express pride in one’s self and accomplishments”

WILSON, Piper R A S T E L L O , Annie BEALL and Aryn O’DONNELL all were presented with the Rose. The prize Spur was awarded to **Tom ODENHEIMER, Scott WERT and Kevan BEALL.** The Gold Star now shines on the shield of **Xan WHITE,**



and the two Lady of the Bracelet recipients were **Sarah PROPECK** and **Sami HARTMAN.** Two campers came away from the Knighthood program with the conditional awards of the Bronze Horseshoe (presented to **Sam ROBISON**) and the Lady Iris (to **Grace MICHAELS**).

During the final session – when sports take on a more palpable role in our activities – the emphasis on sportsmanship increases. The coveted Sportsmanship Award was presented to first-year camper **Paul MORLAND** (8th-grade) and



six-year veteran **Lindsay MAGILL** (7th-grade).

World Friendship proudly crowns about our traditional Peace Prize. The 2009 recipient is a young man from Maryland – **Erol CROMWELL.** His gentle nature and positive attitude as a quiet leader made Erol an obvious choice for this award. Other nominees were Nick Riley, Sam Robison, Hallie Spoor, Kevin Wylie and Kathryn Yetter.



One out of every four campers (43 of 166) at the 2009 Myths and Magic session were 2nd-, 3rd- or 4th-generation Geneva Glen!



On the Dog Beat

Canine Columnist:
Huckleberry

Salutations from Huck, the Geneva Glen camp lab, bringing you all the camp news.

Happy Fall to y'all,

My ears really are tingling with all the banging, whacking, thumping and crashing. You should see the muddy mess, as guys with noisy machines are tearing up the swimming pool. "Lucy Brown Dog" and yours truly have "christened" a big pile of rock gravel, and a few horses that still are here are really curious and fidgety about all this racket. I know that Ken hated to drain all that sparkly water into the stream bed, but our old wells will have several months to recover. It will all be worth it in June when you guys come back to a new "swimmin' hole."

This summer was a great one for me, as I stayed close to the backyard apartment. I saw a few of you – some even tried to tie bandanas around my neck. Yes, I'm still a bit shy but don't take it personally, I'm sort of a mystery because when the Winter Workshop kids come back to camp I socialize, stay in the lodge with them, run in the snow and generally act like a dog. When the tiny kids came for the Graham-cracker day, I was rolling around happy as a lark. BUT, when all 230 of you guys descend on camp I get skiddish and hightail it to my hiding place. So that just leaves the middlers? ... Nancy thinks maybe middlers are just too noisy for me – what do you think?

Little Scout (that's her in the photo, with her mama) and Winnie have relished jumping around in the pasture while aunt Rosie and Ginger graze about eating the green grass. Reid even plays tag with the fillies and it is a darn sight to see those little gals kickin' up their hooves. Sadly, Lucy's best ol' pal Bombay (mother of Daisy) headed to horse heaven right after camp. Reid cried, Courtney wept and all the rest of us just said a little prayer and shook our heads with regret that such a great sorrel could leave us so suddenly. Some sort of special memorial is being planned to remember this favorite mare (the memorial may look similar to the wooden carving we have for Little One down by the softball diamond).

Folks around here are excited for October 'cause I think some of you might visit for a Pumpkin Patch (see story on insert page). Lots of you teen types may join us for a Halloween dance, slumber party and spook house. I love to howl on "All Hollows Eve," so I'll enjoy this time as well. We just finished this Grahamcracker Grand and "boy howdy" was it fun. These little "puppies" played with bubbles, sand, dived for pearls, rode horses around the ring and found treasure on a scavenger hunt. My favorite was the gingerbread house. It was all about these little guys and yummy icing, jelly beans, graham-crackers, gumdrops ... and icing, icing everywhere!! I got to lick and clean up to my heart's desire. It was heaven!!

There's a small red fox who thinks he runs things around here and Nancy calls him "Foxy Loxy." He pokes his pointy nose in everywhere and – believe me – he's fast. He's good friends with little Scout and they talk some silent, wild language and nearly rub noses as they gain more trust of one another. It's pretty darn cute. There's also a crazy wild duck – the brown kind that fly funny. This duck must live in the horse pond, but he visits the barn and meadow often, just daring that Foxy Loxy. Maybe her name is Ducky Lucky! Two baby raccoons got stuck in the dumpster, but Jared rescued them.

The varmit that I am not fond of is Tony the cat. He acts like this is his camp, instead of mine, and he jumps on tall places that I can't get to. I chased him up



that big pine tree by the basketball court. His owner comes to collect him, but this silly cat still thinks GG is his place.

That's all for now. Guess I'll see some of you at the Halloween dance, Pumpkin Patch or Winter Workshop. Have a great year and look forward to seeing the rest of you in the Council Ring this summer.

– Huck



Pool Renovation

... or "That ol' swimming hole ain't what it used to be."

If you visited camp today, you would think a tornado tore up our swimming pool. But very soon the construction will totally resurrect the coolest area at camp. When campers return next summer, they'll be blown away to see the pool completely renovated and looking great! It's still the same pool, but everything is new – the deck, the fence, even the furnace!

They'll also love the upgrade from diving board to slide! Five years ago we started to save up for this major upgrade, and now we're underway. You'll never be able to guess this is the same pool that was first built almost 50 years ago. We can't wait to show it off!



GG Free-Session Lottery!

Once again, we're happy to announce the Geneva Glen Session Lottery! As a part of our ongoing effort to raise money for scholarships and improvements at the Glen, the board sponsors a session lottery. Congratulations to 6th-grader **Alei THROCKMORTON**, a second-year camper from Fort Collins! Alei chose American Heritage as her free session, transforming her \$35 lottery ticket into a \$1,550 tuition credit for the session of her choice. This lottery continues to be a terrific success and annually nets Geneva Glen roughly \$5,000 toward camperships ... in the end, everybody benefits from this popular event!

The winning ticket awards a full session of your choice, for any camper age 6-16. A \$35 raffle ticket (3-for-\$100) will buy you one chance to attend any session of your choice, for the cost of only the ticket. You sign up and pay a deposit as always and at the same time you may purchase raffle tickets. If your name is drawn at Winter Workshop, then a spot in any session is yours!

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

GENEVA, OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN BETTERED BY YOU

Memories from the wonderful summer of 2009 ...



Looking Ahead to 2010 ... Interested in the Trainee Program?

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. Trainees are able to enjoy the fun of being a camper, with some of the responsibilities similar to 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 for trainee. Keep in mind that it is a full summer commitment — which will be June 13 through August 14, 2010. The camper applies on a special trainee application form.

If you are interested in applying for a trainee position, simply call or email the camp (the camper should correspond, NOT the parent!) or send a postcard requesting an application. Trainee 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 (as soon as possible) for the camp sessions of your choice.

Save the Date . . .



*T'is the season
for autumn delights,
Games and photos
and spooky frights!
There's a pumpkin patch
for you to explore,
So put on your costumes
for treats and more!*

GG PUMPKIN PATCH (Oct. 24)

While the morning of Saturday, Oct. 24, will welcome the "Round Table rondeliers" in the lodge, the afternoon of the 24th will see the Geneva Glen meadow transform into the site of a posse of pumpkin poachers for a fall gathering. Games, snacks, cider and spooky decorations should help celebrate the autumn. That evening, a camper Halloween slumber party will satisfy our teenagers (details and registration form below). It should be a frolicking fall festivity!

Saturday, October 24th (1:00-4:00 p.m.; rain or shine!)
Geneva Glen Camp (meadow area)

\$10 donation to GG Campership Fund greatly appreciated!

RSVP to Kathy Thornton
kathy@genevaglen.org ... 303-697-4621 (x 13)

Winter Workshop Alert! Mark Your Calendars – Dec. 18-21

Winter Workshop is our frigid blast of GG spirit, disguised as a teen slumber party! It's open to VETERAN GG campers currently in 8th, 9th and 10th grades. Roughly 100 lucky kids come for tubing,



cross-country skiing, hot-tubbing, and general socializing. This "heads-up" is earlier than the camp registration mailing. Once again, the holiday break makes the timing of the 2009 Workshop a tricky fit with family schedules. Considering the college dates for our counselors, we will be holding the '09 Workshop on Fri., Dec. 18 through noon on Mon., Dec. 21. We hope you can join us for the Workshop this year, so be on the lookout for the WW enrollment with your camp registration mailing.

The information will be mailed in November along with the summer registration materials. The cost will be \$200, which will include the popular WW shirt. Winter Workshop is the perfect way to renew your summer friendships – after all, what could be better than "camp" to cure the winter blues?? Think SNOW!

GG TEEN DANCE/SLUMBER PARTY (OCT. 24)

Attention Teens,

This past summer, Nancy mentioned a Halloween party that we tried at the Glen 18 years ago. Quickly, that story spread through our teen kiddos – with tons of you guys begging us to try it again. The original soiree (nearly two decades ago!) was intended to help raise money for the GG Shrine campaign, as we sought to buy that special plot of land – but a Rocky Mountain snowstorm put a cold damper on the event. Christa Diederichs Redford came as a 7th-grader and remembers it as a great time with a spooky funhouse in the bottom of the Chapel.



... Well, you talked us into it! On Sat., Oct. 24, camp will host a Halloween Happening for GG veterans 7th-11th grade (registra-

tion form below). The Chapel's dark hallway will transform into a "Spookatorium" and the top-level will be utilized for a typical "wicked" dance. We'll serve pizza & pop and host a chaperoned slumber-party (Winter-Workshop style) in the lodge. Some of your favorite counselors will be on hand to keep the "cauldron" from boiling over. The event will start at 6:00 p.m.

The cost of \$25 will be applied to our up-and-coming renovation of the Marathon store. If you want to join us but may need a ride, don't let that keep you from the fun – as some of our "Round Table" parents have offered to help chauffeur from Denver and Boulder areas.

Remember that costumes and your best GG behavior are a must for this ghoulish gathering. Hope to see you then.

Howlin' Halloween Hullabaloo (6:00 p.m., Oct. 24 thru 10:00 a.m., Oct. 25)

(pizza-and-pop dinner and donuts-and-juice breakfast are included)

return to: Geneva Glen Camp; PO Box 248; Indian Hills, CO 80454

REGISTRATION — Please return this registration (along with a \$25 check, made out to Geneva Glen Camp)

Name _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY & STATE _____ ZIP _____

Grade (circle one): 7 8 9 10 11 TEL. (____) _____

Parents: "In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to secure proper treatment for, including anesthesia, and hospitalize if necessary, the camper named above. Upon check-in parents must provide the camp with information on the camper's allergies or any health conditions requiring treatment, restriction, or other accommodation while at the 2009 Halloween dance/overnight (Oct. 24-25) will contact the parent if a camper is seriously ill, or transported off of camp for any medical need. My child has permission to participate in all activities of the Halloween dance/overnight. This indicates my approval and consent"

Parents signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make a copy/copies and fill out for multiple children.

Cost: \$25 total for the dance, slumber party, dinner and breakfast
For more info., contact Christa (christa@genevaglen.org or 303-697-4621, x 25)

Attention Parents!

Registration Information for 2010 (in-state families)

Greetings from a typically pleasant and colorful Colorado autumn, and a quiet camp (aside from ongoing pool renovation)! We're very thankful for a wonderful 2009 GG summer and look forward to another busy November as we register for 2010!

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Dates for the Upcoming Geneva Glen Season (fall 2009 thru summer 2010)

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Registration mailed to **ALL out-of-state** families Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009
 Registration mailed to **veteran in-state** families Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009
Enrollment begins for veteran families (1st deposit) First priority given for postmarked by Sat., Nov. 14, 2009
 Registration mailed to **in-state, first-year families** Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010 (can return immediately)
 Second deposit due Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010
 Cancellation deadline (full refund) Thursday, April 1, 2010
 Camper health form due Saturday, May 1, 2010
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Geneva Glen will open enrollment for the upcoming summer in November, for veterans who have attended GG in the past. Families who are new to Geneva Glen may enroll after Jan. 5, 2009. Tuition is determined each year by the camp's Board of Directors and the amount will be announced in the registration packet.

We will be mailing our enrollment package on Tuesday, **Nov. 3**, but we will not open enrollment until mid-November (first priority will go to mail **postmarked by Nov. 14**). As always, families scramble to return their registration cards as soon as they can; however, this 10-day delay enables families to make their camp plans a bit more carefully. It also will help for those who may have slower postal delivery service, or who might be out of town when the registration mailing arrives.

Be sure that you take advantage of this extra time to fill out your registration card completely (every panel – the repetitions are intentional). Also remember that any

enrollment may be canceled up until April 1 for a full refund of your deposits – so don't delay in sending in your registrations promptly (along with the first-deposit).

There will be one registration card sent for every mailing label. **Please proofread the label on the envelope.** Is the address current? Is the spelling accurate? If there are siblings who have never attended Geneva Glen, they are considered veterans and you may enroll them by simply photocopying the registration card and sending it in with basic information. We will return to you another registration card that you can fill out completely. Remember, this privilege applies only to siblings.

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