

Geneva Glen Breeze

CAMPER BREEZE SPRING, 2014



On-The-Dog-Beat

Canine Columnist: Huckleberry

Spring DOG-wood... for Huck!



Howdy Campers!

Is the winter draggin' on for you, or are you lucky and has spring sprung in your neck of the woods? Dependin' on where your dog-house resides you may have called this a "doggone winter!" Around our parts at times, the wind has been "spooky" through the spruces, making the branches creak! When I get scared, I just sleep on the sofa in Ken's office waiting for some visitor to come in and rub my tummy. (Try it yourself it works!)

How many of you campers can identify all the wooden carvings about camp? These chain-saw statues are kind of like the ghosts of Hogwarts School of Wizardry... they each have a legend at their core!

#1 Who is the loathsome lady outside of the Apothecary? If you are a Knighthood I damsel, you may relish that story!

#2 Where do Chief Seattle and Sacajawea guard?

#3 There's an ornery cartoon cowpoke at the barn. Do you know his name?

#4 What's the name of the famous horse that stands guard at the entrance of the stream bed where my favorite middler pals build forts? Ken and Nancy put it up in honor of a very famous old GG cayuse.

#5 Which carved wooden ledger is the very first one to inhabit the Glen, and his photo is on some of the GG post cards?

That reminds me of a sad tale of Buster. This popular steed galloped off to that pasture in the sunset. He just didn't make it through the quirky winter at South Park, and we say a little blessing on him. However, brood mares Poppy and Polly are due to bring our string two more babies in the spring, which is always a favorite site. New colts are cuter than a batch of bunnies!

Right before Winter Workshop some of my teen-

aged camp pals came up right after a very sad tragedy at Arapahoe High School, just to be here at camp. They helped put up Xhop decorations and seemed to feel safe and calm just being here at their "laughing-place," as old Br'er Rabbit would say. I was sorrowful right alongside of them. Then during the Xhop some more Arapahoe students gathered for support. One of our old GG leaders, who is now a Jeffco High School counselor, came by to lend an empathetic perspective. We all met with Ken & Nancy privately for sharing and they were so proud of their courageous strength, and generous, forgiving attitude. I managed to get into the laps of most of them there! I know that had to make them feel better!

It's fun having noisy Pete (Mahan) around all this year working on Cabin 2 and Dorm A with Phil. His brain is like the brain of a coon-hound friend of mine: it races faster than he can run!



I told you last spring that I'd soon lift my left leg to christen our new tree house. The dad-blasted thing didn't get done until the middle of World Friendship, so although you may not have twirled on Skimo's Swing yet, it's all ready now for your kid-like fantasies.

I'm sure looking forward to welcoming back you campers this summer and greeting you spankin' new pups!

Very Truly Yours: your camp dog

Huckleberry




("Where the Camp Dog at ??_??_??_??")

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 *Notes to Parents from the Directors:*

Greetings to you all, we're so excited to see you this summer!

Presenting the 2014 Spring Glen Breeze! Info and news-you-can-use as we head toward summer, which, as we have continuously seen, arrives sooner than it we can believe!



As we write we're in that bizarre juxtaposition of winter warming up – basically we're in what's laughingly referred to as "springtime-in-the-rockies," but what we experience as the ice-and-mud season! We're waiting for it to dry out enough so we can get out of the office and see all the work left to be done by June 16th!

We have a couple of messages we would like to share with you: first, a blog from the American Camp



Association web site about childhood play. Peg Smith, the ACA's Chief Executive Officer, delivers an important message about children and the changing landscape of "free play." At the National ACA Conference in February, Dr. Tina Payne Bryson, author of the best-selling *THE WHOLE-BRAIN CHILD*, was keynote and brought the message of the camping environment being the richest venue for balance and health in a child's life. Camping and Child and Youth professionals are seeing the importance of play and how crucial this is to development of imagination, confidence, sense of humor, resilience – all these catch-words and phrases that tell us camp is indispensable!

We hope you'll take a little time to browse the <http://www.acacamps.org/blog/aca-camp-blog/play> link, and that you'll get to know Dr. Bryson - <http://tinabryson.com/> who prominently figures in to ACA's professional training venues in years to come!

We're so grateful for so many families, such as yours (!), who understand this, and give Geneva Glen the opportunity to be a part of your adventure as a parent!

Campers: first time at camp??

Dear future GG camper,

If this will be your first time at the glen, WELCOME!! Let us introduce ourselves to you.

We are Ken and Nancy, the directors of GG. We were both campers, counselors as well as parents. We love this place very much and are excited to share its magic with you.

Here's a few hints on how to have the best time while you're here at camp...

Try to get plenty of sleep the night before you come to camp. You may be too excited to sleep, and if so, don't worry about it, you'll sleep well at camp!

Bring old comfortable clothing. You'll only need one nicer outfit for Sunday, and you may want to bring something unique and crazy for the dance.

Bring your imagination, not your smart phone! Every cabin and dorm has a radio for everyone to tune in to the GG radio station, KGLN, but we try to leave as much of the world, and the pressure of keeping up for a couple of weeks, and enjoy a different kind of entertainment here at camp.

You will find that at camp there is so much to keep you busy, that you'll love rest hour, and sleep like a rock at night. But there is also just time to hang out and PLAY. Make sure your parents pack a stamped envelope or postcards with your family's address, so you can write home. If you like, feel free to bring a family photo tucked in your trunk.

Bring your expectations to meet great people, make wonderful new friends, having fun being silly, sing songs, create a slapstick skit, and just be yourself in a wonderful outdoor atmosphere of fellowship and fun!

See you this summer! *Ken & Nancy*



STAFF CHARACTERS



With 55 veteran staff returning to help “create the magic,” how much FUN to pretend to open a Disney Pirate Treasure Chest!? If all the wonderful Disney characters were dolls, puppets, and action figures, the GG renderings would look something like this:

First and foremost: **Mickey Mouse** and **Minnie Mouse** would certainly be the grand hosts guiding and nurturing all our staff: the head’s of hill, ASHER HUSSAIN, and BONNIE SILER! Asher graduates from Middlebury this year, and Bonnie recently transferred from St. Andrews (Scotland), and is finishing out her junior year at Scripps in California.

The bevy of princesses our Myths moppets idolize, could be: **Cinderella** CARLY FLYNN. Aurora, **Sleeping Beauty**, is AVERY SILER. SHELBY HARTWELL would perfect as Tangled’s **Rapunzel!** SLIDE KELLY is truly the only one capable of, and trained to be climbing *UP* Rapunzel’s hair, so he will be **Prince Flynn Rider** (aka, Eugene Fitzherbert!) JACY ERICSON as the brave **Pocahontas**. BESSIE STANISZ will fill in as that tough **Tiana** from the Princess and the Frog. **Jasmine** could be portrayed by LAUREN JABLONSKI, flying on a very long carpet! And of course Jasmine needs a handsome **Aladdin** played by KEVIN ULIBARRI. Beauty “Belle,” JOSIE WARREN dances with the magical teapot, not just her beast, ANDY SCHULTZ!



Heading up the swimming pool: **Ariel** and tiny, little **Nemo**:



EMMA THOMPSON and NICK BROWN. The chimney sweeps from **Mary Poppins**, dancing as they clean, thanks to LUCA BACCEGA, JORDAN COHEN, and DOMINIQUE LACROIX. That magical **Fairy**

Godmother, must be played by our artist in residence, and sublime cupcake decorator, making pumpkins into coaches, CASSIDY ROBISON!

You may recall some charming **Betsy-Wetsy** dolls in a Mickey cartoon, ANNA LAWRENCE, EMILIE LEDERER, KATLYN MALONEY, JORDAN KRAMLICH, and CHRISTINA CHASE could fill that bill.

NAVEED EASTON is the **Sorcerer Mickey** when he is the conductor in Fantasia, directing the **Dancing Mushrooms**, CODY HAUN, DANNY CHASE, STERLING LUBCHENCO, MATT LEDERER, and SETH DONEGAN.

EMMA JOHNSTON and SAM ROBISON will ride herd over the fresh crop of Trainees, so they can be **Woody** and **Jessie** from **Toy Story!** MORGAN SCHMEHL, as **Snow White**, and CIT leader, and co, AUSTIN LEE as **Prince Charming**, will guide these **Ten Dwarfs**: **Sleepy** - DREW SAJSA, **Happy** - ALI OKSNER, **Grumpy** - RICHARD DYER, **Dopey** - TROY WITNOSKI, **Doc** - KYLIE KACHMER, **Sneezy** - OLIVIA FINHOLM, **Itchy** - CASS JACOBY, **Smelly** - ANNIE EIDENSCHINK, and **Bashful** - LAUREN CARPENITO!



Fun to imagine BRENDAN MOON all tied up in ropes course knots, or puppet strings, as **Pinocchio**, with **Geppetto**, the puppet maker, our own STEVEN MARES.

Three Disney horses that lend enchantment to our barn are: Toy Story’s **Bullseye**, JACOB KAY, **Frou-Frou**, from Aristocats, KIM MCMULLEN, and **Angus**, from Brave, EMILY JACOBS, will keep our string proudly and safely prancing along the trails.

Wizards are important in many Disney tales, especially The Sword in the Stone. BEN BRASCH is rather familiar with **Merlin**, and CASEY SWEENEY could be **Wart!** Lord ADAM GRIBAS, none other than the **Bewitched Mirror** on Snow White’s “**Mirror, Mirror on the Wall.**” Every Disney treasure chest needs a **Jiminy Cricket**, the wisest of all, though ours is a *wee-bit* bigger: PETE MAHAN as Program Director.

So join us in our mountain magic kingdom this summer, as we replay all the magic of the Glen!

Our Stage Directors: Asher Hussain, Bonnie Siler, Head of Boys and Girls Hill, Sam Robison, and



Emma Johnston, Head of Trainees, and Austin Lee and Morgan Schmehl, Head of CITs Trainees!



Back by Popular Demand...

...the “**Children’s Chump Change Challenge**” where *literally, every penny counts!*

We are asking campers to *bring their spare change to Camp* as a way for our campers to help another camper! The goal is to raise \$1,745 - enough money for *a full scholarship to Camp* for a child that couldn’t otherwise afford to attend! We have a giant stuffed Chimp, named Charlie, who will be holding a Challis to collect the donations. Can you say “Camp’s Chimp Charlie holding the Challis for the Children’s Chump Change Challenge” three times fast?!? We’ll be testing you at Check-In...

A few noteworthy facts from 2013!

Campers came from 7 Foreign Countries and 31 States	998 Individual Campers Attended GG	324 Campers were Alumni Progeny
The 2013 Summer Staff donated \$1,382.50 to the Campership Program	The Children’s Chump Change Challenge raised \$754.63 for the Campership Program	The inaugural Fall Fundraising Fandango raised \$5,600 towards the Marathon Renovation
We had 477 Boys and 521 Girls attend Camp	The Session Raffle raised \$6,000 for the Campership Program	25 Campers attended camp for their 10th summer or more!
69 campers had a sibling attend camp this summer	Please call Molly or Kathy at 303-697-4621 ext. 21 if you ever have questions about donating to camp (an item, your time, money, etc...).	Total donations to GG exceeded \$310,000!!



Attention First-Time Campers!
GG’s Strawberry Pancake Breakfast!!
 You’re invited to our version of an “Open House”
 (Saturday, May 24; 8:30 - 10:30)
Mark the Date: Sat. May 24 between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. for GG’s annual Strawberry Pancake Breakfast! Families new to GG are warmly welcomed to a breakfast open-house that includes guided tours of the camp. This is a great way for parents to see where your children will be situated and for the kids to get a flavor of the camp. If you are planning to attend, PLEASE REPLY by email (christa@genevaglen.org) or phone (303-697-4621, ext 25), so we know how much vittles to prepare!



Rangoli... Popular artistic creation this summer!

Raffle Winner

The Raffle drawing during Winter Workshop brought a happy glow to KAIJA SPENCER, of Westminster! This will be her fifth summer at GG, and she learned about camp from her cousins, Jax, Tanner, and Nick Thomas. She chose Knighthood I as her complimentary session. Congratulations Kaija!

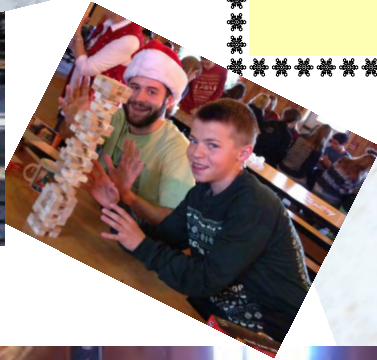
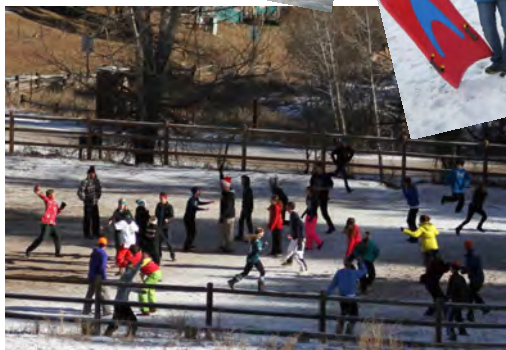


Winter Workshop 2013



Ode to WINTER WORKSHOP
Or... Dr. Seuss comes to the glen!

When the mountain is quiet and the snow is deep
The teen-age campers begin to creep
They come in hoards, giggling and bright
They gather for fellowship, and sing through the night
They sled and they ski, they board and they tube
They jingle and jangle, and make a snow cube
They carol and play, drink hot chocolate a lot
They sleep on the floor, and not in a cot
They dance in a square, they dance in rectangle
They play clench-a-wench, and land in a tangle
They skate on the pond, play ball in the muddy
They bring back that song about the great flood-y
They renew friendships, they laugh and they cry





“Highfalutin Root-n-Tootin” Camper Questionnaire

Sometimes we like to take the “pulse” of our veteran campers, to get a feel for what keeps you coming back – what makes you want to come in the first place, what you like, or might like to change. So toot your horn for us and send us a note!

We hope that you'll take a little time to fill this out. The same offer as before goes: I've got a bet with Ken that at least 500 of you will mail this back to us. He still thinks it's only going to be 50!! So we split the difference, if more than 275 come in, we'll rent a softie ice cream machine for Marathon or something incredible like that! If Ken wins, you're stuck with bomb pops!

So have at it, this is a self-mailer, so tear off this back page, fill it out, fold it, find a stamp and a mailbox. We would LOVE to hear from you! *And if you want to add anything that isn't one of these questions, go for it!*

Name (Optional): _____ **Most recent cabin/dorm:** _____

PEOPLE:

This last summer, _____ was the most awesome counselor I had.

My favorite three counselors of all my years at GG are:

_____ (tell us how many years you've been at GG _____)

PLACES

My favorite spot at camp is: _____

If camp had a million dollars, I wish they would : _____

PROGRAM

The song I wish we would sing more is: _____

The song I *hate* to sing is: _____

My favorite program areas are: _____

My favorite Evening Play at GG is: _____

FOOD

The breakfast I enjoy the most is: _____

My favorite lunch is: _____

I hate it when we have _____
for dinner (breakfast / lunch)

ETC

I laugh a lot at camp when _____

I get scared at camp when _____

I feel the best about myself at camp when _____

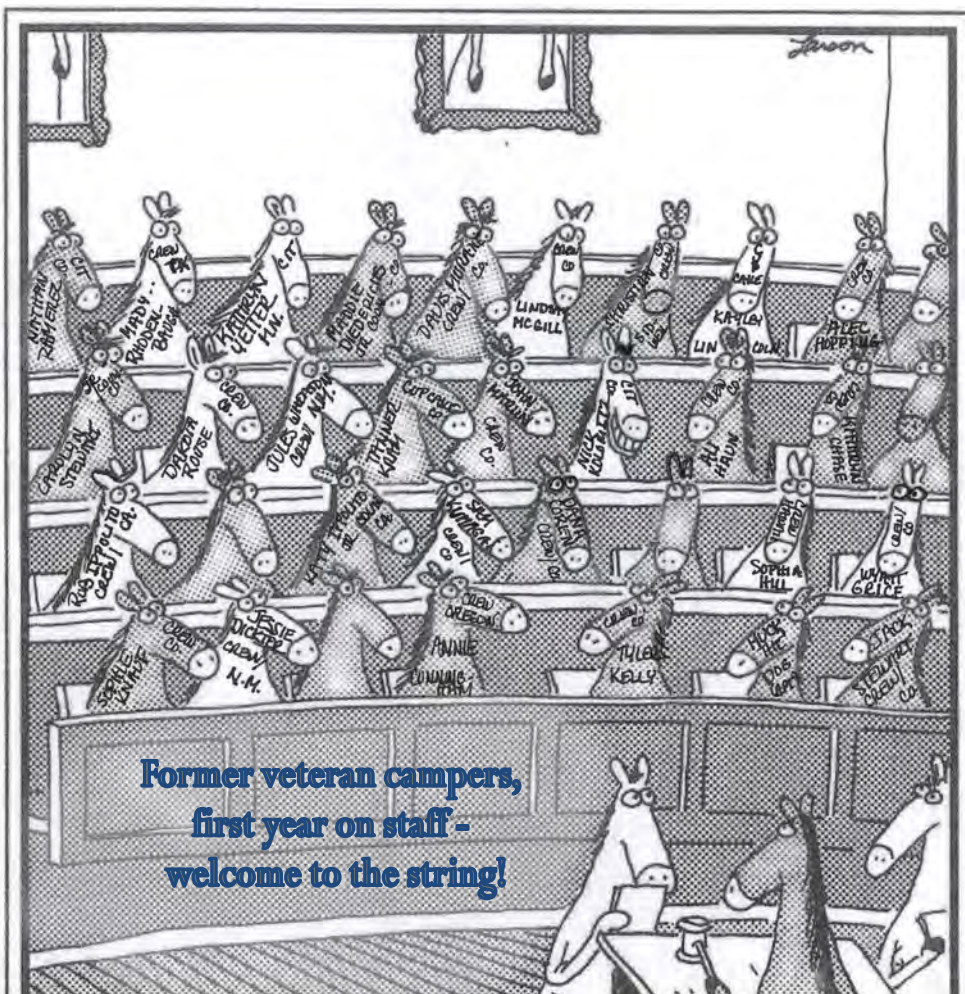
The most frustrating thing at camp is: _____

I wish we did more _____

When I go home, I miss this the most about camp: _____

THANK YOU for taking time to do the highfalutin root-n-tootin questionnaire!!
Mail to: Geneva Glen Camp P.O. Box 248 Indian Hills, CO 80454
You can find an online version of the form at www.genevaglen.org/CamperQuestions





**Former veteran campers,
first year on staff -
welcome to the string!**

The 'String' is the exceptional group of young staff: crew's, some CITs—some Junior Counselors. They'll be rustling up the "magic" this year while all the little ones—shown here during last year's Myths & Magic—will be recipients of that magic! And get this, nearly ALL of those names above were one time Myths campers!



It's ironic that the first actual "event" at the new treehouse was during Counselor Banquet—The treehouse is open for business from day 1 !!



Marathon renovation will start at the end of this 2014 season! Stay tuned!

