



Geneva Glen Camp



Greetings from the Directors

This 2017 summer at Geneva Glen was a cacophony of lyrical sounds. Here are a few of the sounds that we hope will bring a fond recollection of your summer:

- * Hoof beats of 38 steeds each morning as they clopped across the road in a mad dash for hay
- * The s'whoosh of pop rockets in the meadow as Noisy Pete Mahan presided over the skyward attempts (a bonus challenge is that they have to drink the pop out of the bottles before they can lift off!)
- * The bell tinkling of wind chimes at Bear's Corner
- * The plaintive country wail of KYGO blaring from the barn as the horses line up for the first ride of the day
- * Ute drums and Sioux wooden flutes during our American Heritage Pow Wow
- * The pounding beat of island dancers during World Friendship as the Tora and Schwalger families taught us games, chants, spear throwing and hula dancing
- * The wang of the chainsaw or weed-whacker, as the crew tackled invasive weeds and scrub oak
- * The sultry shades of the Doniger's saxophone, trumpet, and guitar as those caballeros played for every Council Fire, or gathering at Bear's Corner
- * The rumbling coughing chug of Sophia and Matt's gator as they deliver tools for the work crew's first job
- * The muffled pop from .22's and air guns
- * Fairy harps strumming 'neath leaflets as Mackenzie lasses search the woods for elves and fairy folk
- * Thunderclaps as campers huddled in the basement of the lodge during brief interludes of dousing
- * Cheers of kids rooting on their dizzy leaders at the Running of the Glen.
- * Dragon roars were rare, but the hushed whistles of dragon hunters stalking the Knucker or Frost species could be heard near "Merlin's Rock" during Magicology
- * GG's radio KGLN on the airwaves with song requests and jamming tunes
- * The thunk of Nick Thomas as he plopped into the Dunk-Tank at Rendezvous
- * The whirl of Ben's imaginary Fidget Spinner
- * The gasp when Nancy saw the eyebrow notches!
- * The *harmonious* blend of Ken's Choir as they sang Merlin, and "There was a Boy..."
- * The crackle of a real fire in the Council Ring at least for half the summer before fire bans came
- * Of course the clang of our time-keeper bell, that wakes us up at morn, and chimes a quick "ding" to tell us "Bed is too Small for my Tiredness"
- * The screams of campers as they danced, cheered and laughed their way through five excellent sessions of GG activity
- * The bittersweet sound of 'Taps' filling the valley before bed time, rendered by Jeremy Doniger

These joyous sounds encapsulate a great summer. Glad you were with us to help make it successful and we hope to see you next year!

Nancy & Ken

"Minstrel won't you strum for me, ballads sweet and liting!"

Our "Minstrel" this summer was Josie Warren who accurately recorded our songs, digitizing notes as well as words for a spectacular fresh edition of the GG songbook. It was weeks of joy-filled work going over music, usually with Ken, the result was an upgraded (i.e. authentic!) collection of familiar tunes along with hundreds of new more recent songs! But Minstrels also tell stories! Our favorite tales were marked in our various Arthurian editions like the Crystal Cave, to allow good story-tellers to spin these legends as they have been done for decades. Josie also added appropriate folk tales and Native myths to be told at American Heritage, and World Friendship. We are immensely grateful to "Lady" Josie, who goes off to California to be an "Imagineer" for Disney this fall. Congratulations Josie, and much thanks!



This verdant patch, near our barn was christened "The Dance Floor" by Reid and the Barnies! Here, the tall grass is a temptation for all our ever-hungry string of steeds!



Myths and Magic's Hogwarts shined with a greater level of authenticity as candles magically floated above our heads in the Dining Hall. Credit the feat and ingenuity to Wizard Pete Mahan, and the sparkly decorations to our lovely witch, Carlee Flynn! A believable cast of professors, Elves, and students drank Butter Beer, and ate spidery creations.



Glen Breeze * Fall, 2017



MYTHS and MAGIC!



Awards

To be the muddiest kid in camp may seem an unlikely title to inspire. But at the end of Myths mudpie mania, it's a prized achievement! The Mudpie King, **Orion Kulig**, and the Mudpie Queen, **Astrid Klein**.

The "Prosperity Feather" is bestowed on a camper showing an open heart—compassion, unselfishness, and high personal standards. This year the feather was bestowed upon **Jesse Volin**, and **Forest Hall** on our last council fire of the session. Congratulations to these qualified recipients!



Our Knighthood I culminated in a showcase of of talent. The "Masque" successfully portrayed Merlin's legend through three phases of his life: The Child, portrayed by **Braden Mangle**, the teen, portrayed by Maia Chapin, and the Enchanter, portrayed by **Henry Korneffel** (Henry had attended camp for *ten years* but never Knighthood I, so this was the first time he had ever seen Merlin's Masque!) The cast is huge: about 50 thespians danced, sang, and emoted for the grateful audience. We think it was the 30th year to perform this musical ... originally a three-hour event!



World Friendship

added theatricality and boasted some "Disney-esque" proportions, as Beauty and the Beast was performed musically (and successfully!) in the Council Ring ... even through damp-ish August skies! **CASS JACOBY**, again triumphed with her huge cast of Teacups, Mirrors, Monsters, and Maidens, pranced and emoted to the cheers of our enthusiastic campers. **JULIA SCHULMAN** portrayed Beauty, and **SUMNER GREY** hammed it up as The Beast!

Sportsmanship, a standard for GG Games takes on added meaning in World Friendship, as the Olympic Spirit threads through each day. It was capably run by **GRACE CAMPBELL**, with events highlighting excellence, and fun. For those excelling in athletics, or for many who just enjoy the games. Here are the three Sportsmanship Award winners: **Ainsley Dodson**, **Luc Filion**, and **Maisie Bowdouris**.



The Vespers Value Lessons was "The Journey..." getting successfully from a war-torn country like Syria, through the endless hoops of red-tape of passports, documents, and absurd political requirements.



Shown are the candidates for the coveted **GENEVA GLEN PEACE PRIZE**

There was a cadre of nominees, all worthy of the honor for the highest award given in World Friendship. The two winners were, **TANNER THOMAS**, and **HENRY KORNEFFEL!**



Our royal pageantry continued for its 80th summer, as **Ozzie Froelich** drew the magical symbol from the historic stone, and bestowed the Royal Rose on fellow-trainee **McKenna Nading**.



Knighthood Awards

The Knighthood garden bloomed with awards for staff as **SOPHIA HILL**, **HAVANA MCELVAINE**, **MADYRHODENBAUGH**, **KATLYN MALONEY**, **KATHRYN CHASE**, and **ANNIE EIDENSCHINK**, all took home Roses. The coveted Lady Iris award went to **JULIA SCHULMAN**. Candles glowed for Lady of the Bracelet recipients: **MADDIE DIEDERICHS**, **JOSIE WARREN**, **JORDAN KRAMLICH**, and **JACKIE CRONE**. The Induction ceremony included the accolades of Silver Spur to **JACK STEWART**, **LEVI GRIBAS**, and **CHRISTIAN SIDWELL**, and the inimitable GOLD STAR shines on the shields of **DANNY CHASE** and **NICK KOLOMITZ**.



On the Dog Beat

*Canine Columnist: Huckleberry
Salutations from Huck the rookie camp
Lab, bringing you all the camp tidbits!*

Howdy campers! I'm missing you and all the activities we have during the summer, especially my favorite Evening Play this summer was the Cowboy Poetry Night, 'cuz, they talked a lot about animals: old Paint's, and tall tales. Not only that, they brought Dave Thomas to deliver lots of fun and amazing yarns, cowboy wisdom, and "styles-of-the-time!"



I also LOVE Jurassic Park, 'cuz all the counselors look like prehistoric monsters and chase you campers across the meadow, causing you to laugh until you can't breathe! Seems like all my camper buddies had a rarin' good time this past summer. That's what camp is all about: fun, friends, and learning new things in the outdoors.



We're so sorry to bid a sad goodbye to an old four-legged pal, as BURT, the horse, trotted off to heavenly pastures right after he'd done his last service to GG at our 95th birthday

reunion. After 34 years of faithful rides, this herd boss of days-gone-bye is at rest. :(I'm putting my vote in to have Burt get a wooden statue, such as Little One has, but be sure to be especially kind to Ellie ... Burt's long-time best equine pal who is 35 herself ... getting a bit long-in-the-tooth! The string got five great new ponies this year: Oak, Mariah, Tanka, Suzy Q, and Haardy. But after all "Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver, the other gold." We'll sure miss that golden-old Burt.

Well, as the aspen begin to take on that golden hue, I know that autumn is coming, and that means goodbye, "till it's June in the Rockies once more."

Have a good school year, and be sure to come back to us at the Glen! **LOVE HUCKLEBERRY!**



Each session brings its own version of spiritual symbols through our Vespers program. In American Heritage, one cabin group demonstrated some Native signs painted on war ponies as they carried their braves into battles or hunting parties. Two dorms beat rhythmic chants, and others told the tragic story of the "Cherokee Trail of Tears." It was made more poignant as this program was on Vesper Hill, next to our giant tipi, just as the crescent moon was sharing the sky on a setting Jupiter.

As we continue to shine a light on values each session through tradition and ceremony, it only seemed appropriate to recognize the loyalty and fidelity of two of our long-time staff, Reid McKnight, and Christa Diederichs Redford.



They've each had 20+ years on staff at the Glen, and to acknowledge this Christa was awarded Lady of the Chalice Well, and Reid (only the second time in 80 years!) became Knight of the Order of St. George.



WINTER WORKSHOP Save the Date! 12/20-23



Would you like to create snow angels in the meadow? Want to ice skate at the softball diamond? How does a giant slumber party with your best camp buds in the lodge sound? Check out this information: Winter Workshop is open to VETERAN GG campers currently in 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades. Roughly 100 lucky kids come for sledding, cross-country skiing, hot-tubbin' and general socializing.

The application will be mailed in late October along with the summer registration materials. The cost will be \$305 and that includes 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!

Dates for the 2017 Workshop are Wednesday, Dec. 20 (between 3pm and 5pm) through noon on Saturday, Dec. 23. We hope you can join us for the Workshop this year, so be on the lookout for the WW enrollment accompanying your camp registration mailing.

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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 and entering 11th grade in the summer may apply for trainee. Keep in mind that it is a full summer commitment — which will be June 11 through August 11, 2018. The camper applies online. The application will be available December 1. 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... Please remember you should apply, not your parent!

Ten more Peace Banners hung about the Glen during World Friendship to flummox the Olympic contestants as points for countries were given to campers who could translate the word “Peace” into its proper language. This turned out to be a difficult task as the campers could not use any internet help! For example: “Goom-Jagi” is “Peace” in the country of Ghana! The other noble words for Peace:

- Pax: French, Mire:
- Russian. He Ping: Mandarin
- Foix: Scottish Rauha :
- Finnish, Heiwa: Japanese
- Sabaah: Lebanese
- Ashte: Iranian, Ipa: Zuni

These were added to the seven we've had for a decade including Welsh, Spanish, Hebrew, Hindi, Swahili, Ute, and English, adorned the Chapel and the Council Ring



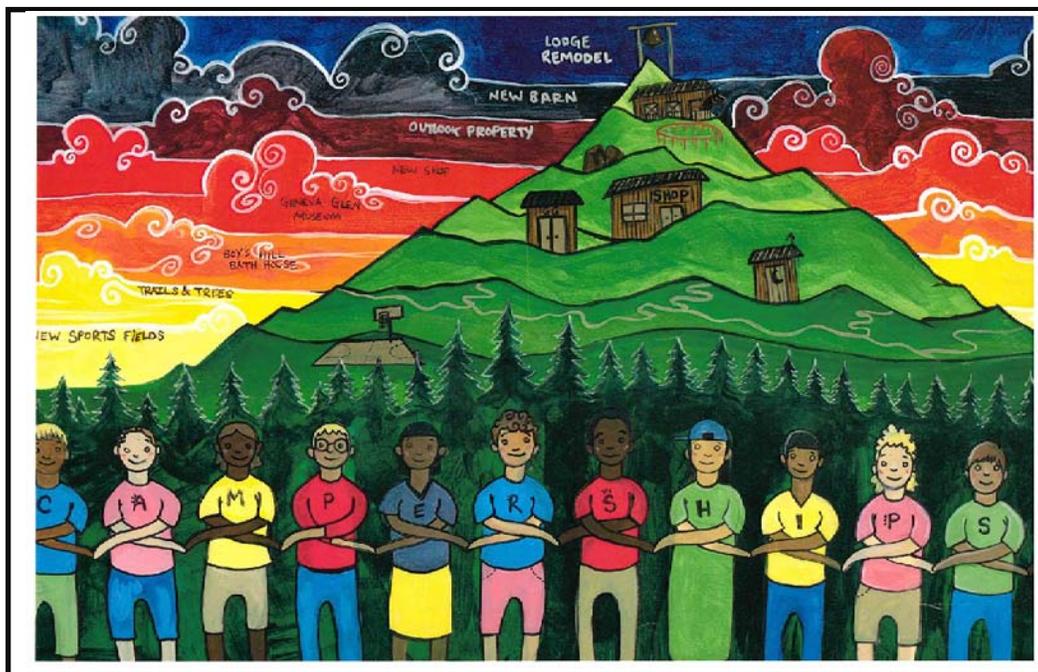
Knighthood II Lottery!

Once again – we're happy to announce the Knighthood II **Lottery!** As a part of our ongoing effort to raise money for scholarships, the board is sponsoring a session lottery. Congratulations to **Margot Bender**, a 7th-year camper from California! Margot was already enrolled in Knighthood, but she screamed with delight as she heard the good news during the Winter Workshop! This lottery continues to be a terrific success and netted us almost \$7,000 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 a 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!

During the World Friendship session, camp welcomed representatives of the American Camp Association to visit camp for its triennial “inspection.” An ACA visit is very detailed and inclusive, taking in all of the program elements, administrative details, and generating over 2,500 pages of documents and countless hours of preparation in order to meet all of the hundreds of rigorous standards which comprise the industry measurement of an excellent camp! Our visitors (volunteers who are camp people themselves) were very impressed at the friendliness and professionalism of our staff, and campers, along with all the facilities and programs. Staff was commended for their professionalism. The entire staff deserves special accolades, with a special “French Official!” to Reid McKnight—our “driving force!!” We were so proud!



Centennial Vision Quilt



On September 3rd, camp celebrated a momentous anniversary of 95 years of camping excellence, with about 575 alums! To punctuate that occasion a splendid quilt was created by Cass Robison and Nancy Chase to symbolize the goals we have for our 100th! Cass artistically illustrated each facet with mountain slopes, and names for the project we hope to accomplish in five years. Folks at our Camp Family reunion were encouraged to donate checks into the pockets of the ridge of their choice. The quilt hangs in our lodge foyer as a thoughtful representation of our camp's significant ambitions for the Glen.

GRATITUDE FOR FUND RAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Camp Staff donates \$3,876 to the Campership Program! A huge THANK YOU goes out to the Summer 2017 GG Staff - their donations to the Campership Program totaled \$3,876, **AND...** the GG Board of Directors matched every donation dollar for dollar raising a total of \$7,752 for GG Campers! Huge thanks go out to both these groups for their love, support and loyalty to Geneva Glen.

Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, December 5th! This is our 5th year participating in the annual Colorado Gives Day; this is another super easy way to support Camp and make every dollar of your gift go farther. Please log onto www.coloradogives.org then type "Geneva Glen Camp" in the search for a non-profit box to see the GG page. Donating is easy and you can register your donation **today** and it will be processed on the 5th of December! Please note: Anyone, in Colorado or **out of state**, can participate! Like our Facebook page and watch your emails for additional information in November!

Camp's Chimp Charlie says "THANK YOU" to GG's Campers!

This summer, we brought back the Children's Chump Change Challenge, asking the Campers to bring their loose change to Check-In/Out and add it to our change bucket. The campers did a great job *and raised over \$500 for the GG Campership Program – awesome!* It is amazing how a little change can make a big difference! Start tucking your pennies away now for the 2018 Chump Change Challenge.

Gratitude for your Gift! Warm, heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports GG! We are so blessed with a Camp Family that cares about our success and gives generously to this wonderful, quirky place we all love. Your support is appreciated, needed and actually makes a difference in children's lives! This year, gifts to GG ranged from \$5 to \$100,000! This conspicuously grand donation and thoughtful gift from GG Alum, Phil Konkel, a school teacher from Seattle, and who included Geneva Glen in his will!

Phil is missed by his camp family but his generosity will support Camp for many years to come.

Geneva Glen is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. Donations to Camp are tax deductible. Not to be missed – there are tons of ways to donate: Colorado Gives Day, Session Raffle, AmazonSmile, Car donations, Legacy Gifts, In-Kind items, Chump Change Challenge, IRA Distributions, Annual Giving, Family Foundations, etc... Please call Molly or Kathy for more information about donating to Camp, **303-697-4621 ext. 21.**

Geneva Glen PRE-Registration Information for 2018

Greetings from another pleasant and exceptionally beautiful Colorado autumn! We thought last fall was glorious, but it's quite spectacular out there—and it sure makes it hard to plant ourselves in the office! We're so thankful for another wonderful summer. Thank you for letting us share the magic of Geneva Glen with your child. We truly did have a fantastic summer and look forward to another one! Registration for summer 2018 will begin soon.

Here's the Registration News:

If you received this newsletter, you qualify for early registration! You will receive the registration card by mail, either at the end of October or early November.

This newsletter is NOT the registration mailing!



THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MAILING PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION PACKAGE WHICH WILL SPELL OUT ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT ENROLLMENT DEADLINES, AND POLICIES



LOOK AT THE MAILING LABEL! Do we have it right?

The address on the label is what we have on file, and where we will send registration materials. If there are any changes or corrections needed to revise what's on the mailing label, please email Christa with details— christa@genevaglen.org or — (303) 697- 4621 ext. 25



SUMMER DATES 2018

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
Myths and Magic.....	June 11	June 15
	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
American Heritage.....	June 17	June 30
Knighthood I	July 1	July 14
Knighthood II	July 15	July 28
World Friendship	July 29	August 11

Dates for the Upcoming Geneva Glen Season — Fall 2017 thru Summer 2018

Registration Mailing Dates

- ◆ Registration mailed to ALL out-of-state families
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

Registration mailed to veteran in-state families
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25, 2017

Enrollment begins for veteran Colorado families —
MONDAY, NOV. 6, 2017

- ◆ Registration mailed to in-state, first-year families
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

We're looking forward to the summer of 2018 and Geneva Glen's 97th season. See you soon!

Off-season Events and Staff Orientation

- ◆ 2017 Winter Workshop *(for veteran teens only)*
WED. DEC. 20, 2017 ~ SAT. DEC. 23, 2017
- ◆ 2018 Staff Orientation JUNE 3-10, 2018

