

Geneva Glen Breeze



Hoof-Beat

Equine Columnist: Flossie



Howdy Partners!

This is your Mustang-Muse, Flossie - p'labin' at you 'bout the happenin's at the Glen!

'Course, all of us horses is rompin' about at our winter pasture home, but we still get the grapevine news every time Reid and Courtney come visitin'. The exciting' news is about my new little sister **Kizzy!** She was born on April 14 to mama Ginger right on my second birthday! She is a light caramel colored Palomino and real sweet. I have a new cousin that will be comin' during camp and may even be born in at the barn! That will be the first time that's occurred since Nugget foaled from old Goldie back in the '60's!

The great Winter Workshop snowfall of '06 was quite some proof of GG loyalty for you teen campers. The Xhop started on Dec. 21st but the snow began on the 20th which dumped more than three feet on the meadow. The entire Front Range got socked in for a few days, but that didn't stop you campers from gettin' to us for the weekend. Ken and Nancy had to be sledded out of their neighborhood by Reid and the Sysco food truck couldn't make it with all the vittles. 104 of the 106 kids enrolled did get here and we missed only a couple of the out-of-state folks due to the airport shutting down! That crazy cadre of counselors pulled shenanigans with snowy skits, goofy games, and frosty frolics. I heard the snow was so deep they nearly lost AJ Gwirtsman on the tubing run! Not much hikin' but plenty of cocoa, cookie makin' and card games! I'll be so whinnied when I'm old enough to go to the Winter Workshop.

There's a lot of activity at the Chapel. It's gettin' a giant face lift on the inside. Camp should be lookin' tip-top by the time you guys arrive startin' June. All this snow - 'bout nine feet over five weeks - should make the hills green and fresh and I can hardly wait to munch on the grass. Ken and Nancy are real happy that for our 85th birthday celebration during Labor Day Weekend, things will look so outstandin'.

The biggest piece of horse-puckey gossip is the new camp DOG! I'm usually not enamored with dogs, but this canine is really a peach. His name is Huckleberry (Huck), 'cause he came from Missouri. (and Nancy got to name him!). He came through a Lab rescue who said his real name was "Max." But since our legendary Golden, "Max-the dog," was here 18 years, and is immortalized with a wooden statue, they decided he needed an original handle. He's a Black Lab and kinda little, but he loves kids! Lucy,

the barn mascot, is tryin' to teach Huck some bandana tricks for the council ring.

That's all of the Mustang news I can muster. Have a fun spring, and come without spurs down to the barn to feed me some oats. Thank you kindly!

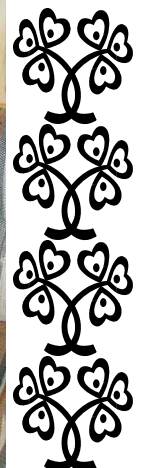
Flossie



Welcome to two new members of our camp family!

Exactly two years to the day after Flossie was born, little filly **Kizzi** came into the world on April 14! Her cousin will foal in late June, so be looking for two baby horses at camp this summer!

And welcome to the new Camp Dog—**HUCKLEBERRY!** - Or **Huck** for short. Ken and Nancy got a new Black Lab who is loving his new camp home. Huck is such a nice, easy-going well-behaved dog who loves simply everyone! Both of them are looking forward to meeting all of you!





Camper Edition

Since 1922

From the Directors:

Dear Campers,

We hope this news letter finds you and your parents ready and excited about this coming season. 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.

Instead of packing all your "gadgets" bring your imaginings! As much as we can we try to leave the hi-tech, fast-paced world for a couple of weeks, and enjoy a different kind of entertainment here at camp.

Believe it or not the familiar way of writing by email is traded for the good old fashioned letter! So bring a stamped envelope or postcards with your family's address, so you can write home. Feel free to bring a family photo tucked in your trunk.

So let us introduce to you our favorite place, our wonderful Council Ring. Most camps have a "center" of activity -- a campfire area where songs are sung, skits are created, and camp legends are spun! At Geneva Glen this is our treasured Council Ring -- the "heart" of camp. This theater-in-the-round holds 300 folks comfortably on bleachers and logs, set about the sacred fire pit! Daily we tromp across the bridge to hear stories, announcements of activities, goofy songs, and corn-ball antics of leaders who invite teens to join them on a wilderness adventure, or to persuade middleers into helping them write a radio program for our own "KGLN."

At the end of **American Heritage** we come to the Council Ring for our Pow Wow -- the final ceremony. This is a performance of various dances, games, songs, and rituals, that follow the traditions of native tribe we seek to emulate. The fire is of course the center of the program -- it's where the death poems from the Funeral Dance are charred and where the sacred Eagle feathers for the Snake Dance are burned.

During **Knighthood** the Council Ring is a traditional "royal" enclave for knighting, stories of valour, and dances of magic swords.

Often during the **World Friendship** session, musicals are presented here. Peter Pan is lifted in flight or munchkins are prancing down the Yellow Brick Road in the Wizard of Oz.

The Council Ring is also the center of ethnic legends and dramas of various cultures we learn about during this session.

During **Myths and Magic** the Council Ring is a Big Top for a calliope of color, balloons, twinkle lights, popcorn and cotton candy. This is where the strong men attempt feats of incredible strength, where mermaids sing siren songs, tiny acrobats flit across imaginary high wires, and clowns, seals, and dancing bears make us laugh at ourselves. The Council Ring is the most important on Sunday evenings when we faithfully bring back the old campfire favorites of the past 85 years. Somehow the chants and harmonies of these familiar songs passed down to the current generation is like a "silver tie that binds." Some are silly, typical songs, like Baby Bumble Bee, or Choo Choo Cha. The traditional campfire songs of many camps, like Kum Ba Ya, and Home on the Range, are sung. Some are great spirituals, like Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, but the closing fellowship circle at GG, always includes "We're on the upward trail. . . " "Geneva, We Love You. You're wonderful fragrance of pine. . . " and "Day is done. . . " - taps. These melodies sung in the swaying shadows around the fire, are our connection to Geneva Glen's wonderful past.

Bring your expectations to meet some wonderful new friends, to sing silly songs, to create a slapstick skit, to be really busy, or to just kick back and relax, AND to be yourself in a wonderful outdoor atmosphere of fellowship and fun!

For the great majority of you camper veterans, this Breeze is a part of the GG tradition . . . articles like "Hoof-Beats," formerly known as "On the Dog Beat," the garden of Trainees, the list of campers who have graduated to serve camp as crew, CIT's or counselors! Now it's no coincidence that we can also congregate as a camp family in a new on-line social networking site specifically designed and only for Geneva Glen Camp, which is also known as "The Council Ring." This new site was launched (and can be accessed through the camp's web site) in late January and already several hundred GG campers, staff and alums are talking it up in there! Feel free to wander around in there and introduce yourself!

Whether you're one of our ten year veterans, as many of



our teenagers are, or a brand new first-timer, we treasure this fellowship at the Glen and look forward to our summer together.

Nancy & Ken

Spring 2007



The Winter Workshop! Yes, Camp was OPEN!

All of our prayers for SNOW came through . . . in *spades!* Winter really got a grip up here on the day *before* the Winter Workshop! Despite airport closings, power outages, cars hopelessly stuck in neighborhoods, our intrepid campers and their parents, moved heaven and earth to get up here so that camp could come alive with the joy that comes from a hundred teenagers having a slumber party, playing in the snow, enjoying the hot tub, square dancing, baking cookies, making hot cocoa, Christmas caroling, and skating on the frozen pool! It's just the shot good friends need while eagerly anticipating the start of another camp season!



Important Note to Parents

Parents are reminded that we discourage sending expensive items to camp, Discman's, pda's, MP3s, Gameboy's, for example, as they can easily become lost and Geneva Glen cannot accept responsibility for lost items. Pagers and cell phones are not allowed. We will hold out-of-state campers' cell phones in the safe. Our policies prohibit any drugs, or any kind of medication that is not checked in with our camp nurse. Not allowed are tobacco of any kind, alcohol, fireworks, matches, lighters, personal sports equipment, personal safety gear (helmets), vehicles (boards, bikes, scooters), weapons of any variety.

Also to help reduce lost and found mysteries . . .
BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE INSIDE OF ALL YOUR CLOTHING! - AND ON EVERYTHING!!
Thanks for your cooperation.

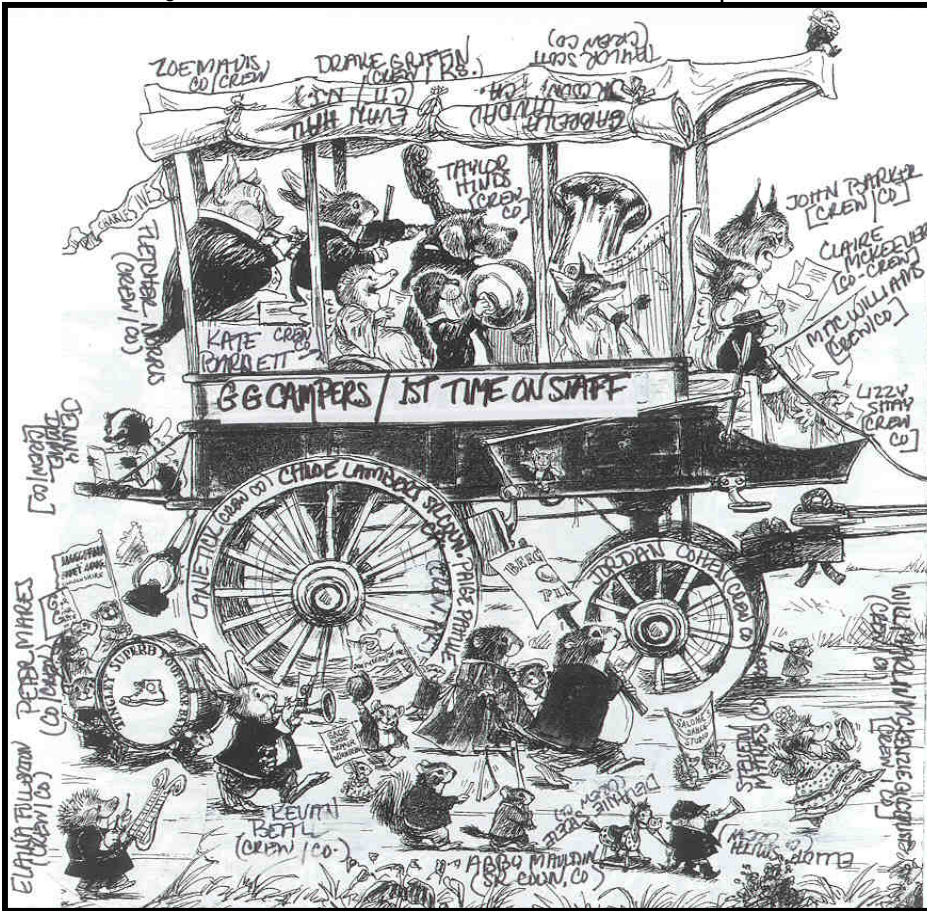


Raffle Winner

Congratulations to **Asher Hussain**, our raffle winner! It was special that Asher was at the Winter Workshop when we did the official drawing. Asher is a 9-year veteran of GG from Denver entering his sophomore year. He chose to come to Knighthood I. Thanks to all of you who took a chance on the raffle and it was a big fundraising success, and the proceeds will go to scholarships for about 5 kids!



26 former campers make up the 2007 GG Counselor Band!



Horseshoes to the tune of Skyball Paint in sublime accord as COURTNEY CLARKE leads that auspicious gang of LUCY CONKLIN, JOHN ARIGONI and of course the string of 38 GG steeds. On the Spoons in the GG Kitchen are ANITA, MARY, CONNIE, JOYCE, CRYSTAL, and cute little TEAGAN BINNINGS, with NINA on the Mexican maracas. Co-heading Pool, our wet “mer-people,” MATT WILLIAMSON and EMILY ROSENWASSER will play the Seal-horn. HAYLEY CAMPBELL and GEOFF CROMWELL in great Knighthood mode, will play an Arthurian Sackbut for Bracelets and Shields. EVEN ROBY, STANESCO, NATHAN GODSMAN, CHRIS GALLAGHER, BEN HORNE, and CORY DICKTER will keep rhythm on a big Washboard with tons of suds. Sporty cuties like CHELSEA WILLIAMSON, LAUREN KASHUK, SHANNON CHAMBERS, LISA WALTON, RONNIE CREAMER, KIERAN MCCULLOUGH, HEIDI TENPAS will play a chorus on Tissue Paper and Comb! Our male CIT’s,

CHRIS LINSMAYER, the WERT TWINS, DAVIS AND SCOTT, TOM ODENHEIMER will chime in on the Cowbells. Our inimitable Hill Heads, SARAH BARRETT and DANE HARBAUGH will beat out our timbre on Kettle Drum and Tuba. ERIC MULLER brings his virtuosity to the Arm-Pit Horn as Program Director! KREG stomps out a ditty on a Whackadoodle! JOEY, BRAD and JOHN SAMPSON will play the Musical Wrench and Saw, while our assistant Conductor, REID MCKNIGHT, plays a solo on a Moose Jawbone. They are delighted to chime in to a harmonic camp blend, just for you returning campers. *See you all this summer!*

Campers enjoy reuniting with their former leaders as they return for another summer. To re-create that great summer medley, we will rehearse our “Dr. Seuss-like” band that clangs and snoozles with fifty-six former staff for ‘07! See if you can find your favorite virtuoso!

Leading this cacophony of wacky instruments are your Band Conductors, KEN AND NANCY. Look at the musicians they get to direct:

Our concert of manly-dudes, like MANCO, MIKE CLAYTON, and DAVE CARLSON, CLAYTON CARTER, will strum on a gut-bucket and an Arkansas Lute. Those cute trainee heads, XAN WHITE and MARTY WHALEN, will march the Trainees on-ward with a Celtic bagpipe. The CIT directors, PAGE KELLY and OZZIE BARON will whistle a chorus of camping songs on the slick Zigger-wick. The female CITs this year, AMY STANESCO, ARIANA NASH, ANNIE BEALL, GRACE CONKLIN, and AMANDA LEWIS will jingle sweet fresh melodies on wind chimes. Our lovely cadre of GRACE KAUFMAN, COZA PERRY, MARGARET HOOPER, CAITLIN GOETTEL, SAMI HARTMAN, and LAURA GODSMAN will toodle tunes on the Slide Whistle and Kazoo. The Barnies will clang Musical



HELPFUL HINTS AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS!

This will be a handy list of some of the basic things to keep track of. Hope this helps, and see you soon!

1. **HEALTH FORM** (green) was mailed to you in February if you were enrolled. If you need the form, you can access it online in the Parents link from our web site - <http://www.genevaglen.org/pdfs/general/healthform2007.pdf>

Doctors Physical exam – just what IS required? A physical exam is required for admission that must be current within 24 months of attendance. A physical exam does not need to be conducted by a licensed physician, but the exam form **MUST** be signed by one every year. The physicians exam form is on page 4 of the camp's health form and can be submitted separately from the rest of the health form. Contact us if you need more information.

Unless there is medical information about which you need to speak to our nurse and camp physician, then mail the form to camp well ahead of your arrival, we suggest a minimum of two weeks. All medications will be checked through our nurse on Check-In Sunday. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING VITAMINS AND HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS.**

2. **TUITION PAYMENT.** We ask for the balance of tuition by MONDAY, MAY 14. Call us if this presents a problem. A statement of your account is included in this mailing.

3. **CHECK-IN SUNDAY** - Big exciting day! You should come straight up to the lodge *before* moving your luggage. You will need to sign the Camper Release Form and give it to the counselor. The Release Form tells us who will pick up the camper on Check-out day.

Start time: The time to come is **2:00 p.m. or after**, until 4:00 p.m. We will not be able to register anyone until 2:00 p.m., so **PLEASE DO NOT COME ANY EARLIER THAN 2:00 p.m.** on Sunday. If you come at 3:00, you will have **no wait** in the Check-in lines. **BUNK BEDS WILL BE PICKED BY A "LOTTERY"** with the counselors in the cabins, so getting here early for a "top bunk" won't be any advantage!

Myths and Magic check in: 10:30—noon on Monday, June 18th. Check-out 3:30—5:00 on Friday, June 22nd.

4. **CHECK OUT SATURDAY** - Check Out times are from 10:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday. The main thing to remember about Check Out is that parents must sign the **Release Form** the counselor will have, which we need to release your camper! Go to the Check Out in the Dining Hall to pick up your cabin/dorm group photo, get meds, *check lost and found*, and to pay your store charges.

What to pack? Here's the check list from your Parent Handbook:

Swimsuit / towels (3 towels); Shorts / summer clothing; Bathroom articles (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb/hair brush, wash cloth, etc.); Flashlight; Camera (inexpensive / disposal type) with the campers name on it; Warm jacket and rain jacket or poncho; One dressy outfit for Sunday services and dances; Sturdy shoes - for hiking and horseback riding *** *It is required to have a hard sole shoe with a heel for horseback riding - a sturdy hiking boot works;* Warm sleeping bag for bunk and for overnights; A twin bed fitted sheet; Pillow

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Our camp has been providing a fun, positive camping experience for children for **85** years, and it is our expectation that you have a fantastic summer at Geneva Glen, and we know you will. *See you soon!!!*

Attention First Time Campers! Geneva Glen's Strawberry Flapjack Breakfast!!

GG's version of an "Open House" will be held on:
Saturday, May 26th 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Camp Directors, members of our staff invite you along with our volunteer Board of Directors who will give camp tours and tell some of the famous "GG legends!" This introduction to camp will help your camper know what to expect on that first check-in Sunday. This is an open house, so come any time between 8:30 and 10:30. (no need to arrive right at 8:30!) Flapjacks and strawberries are served in our dining hall, please RSVP so we may know how many "flapjacks" to make!!

If you are **new** to Geneva Glen Camp and would appreciate a tour and explanation of our unique program and history, plan to JOIN US. There's a LOT of folks here on that day, so if you have been a GG camper before, please let the new folks have the first choice of this activity.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy and learn about camp in a casual and comfortable setting. We would love to have you join us on the 27th, so give camp a call and we will add you to the guest list!!

RSVP: 303-697-4621 extension 13

DONATIONS?

This is our current "WISH LIST" of things camp could use:

- Wigs, HATS, and shoes for the costume room
- Men's costumes – particularly hats (like cowboy hats!) and uniforms, bandanas
- Wind chimes, bird feeders, etc.
- Coffee mugs!!
- Flags of any kind—banners, bunting, party decorations, etc.
- Costume Jewelry
- Sports equipment
- Cameras
- Sample size shampoos, toothpaste, and soaps (for kids who forget)
- Camping gear—tents, sleeping bags, cooking stoves
- Only the *most* bizarre and wild looking dresses!
- Crafts items—leather, beads, stained glass, tools
- Working chainsaws, tools, hardware, ropes, tarps, extension cords, tool bags, etc.
- Computers: Camp is happy to take used laptops or desktops off your hands provided that they are fairly recent: Windows XP, Pentium II is a good start. NO monitors, we have too many!

Remember, donations of equipment over \$250 in value can serve as a deductible donation!



Thank you to so many of you who have helped us already with our Wish List! We appreciate your generosity.

The GILMORE CHAPEL

at Geneva Glen is in the third year of four of a major renovation including a new roof, new windows and doors, and this past year a new ceiling and lighting. The old rafters and ceiling were replaced by big, beefy trusses, a pine ceiling and new lighting. Thanks to Rick Garhart (GG alum—Jessi's dad) and Vision Builders, the chapel is now sound and solid for another 50 years! The interior is beautiful and grand, but still very much recognizable as the camp's chapel. Our chapel is used for in so many ways, and this recent work has brought new life and beauty to this beloved building.



Beautiful new wall sconces

7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GENEVA GLEN DAY

June 1st, 2007 is National Geneva Glen Day. June is the time of year when camp comes to life and many of us (campers, parents, and alumni) find our thoughts turning to the upcoming camp season. We hope you will join us in celebration of Geneva Glen and 85 wonderful years of outstanding camp experiences by wearing anything and everything you have with the GG name or logo on June 1st.

Over the past 5 years of encouraging the entire GG Camp Family to wear their GG sportswear on this one particular day, dozens of people have found GG connections they never knew existed. So, wear your GG hats, sweatshirts, pins, T-shirts, whatever on June 1st. Then, on June 2nd, send us an email (kathy@genevaglen.org) and let us know if you had an unexpected GG encounter.

