



# Geneva Glen Camp



## Alumni Glen Breeze—Spring 2008

### NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORS

Greetings from a snowy May day at the Glen. Whoever wrote the song "Springtime in the Rockies" was a charlatan, because we go from icy winter to June's summer bluebirds without much in between. The horses have returned and are wondering how soon little campers will be plopped on their swaybacks. A few pre-camp helpers are trudging onward to ready camp for the season. We are finishing our final interviews with the 90 leaders who will be our staff for 2008.

As we prepare for a fantastic summer, we think back on each one since 1977 and decades of leaders who create the magic of the Glen. The main thread that seems to bind Glen generations is our Council Ring. Whether you are a 60-something that sang in such a beautiful three-part harmony for "Michael Row Your Boat Ashore" or a whipper-snapper from recent years, loving the "Kansas City Rainstorm," this central spot is one that conjures most vivid memories.

When we introduce camp to our first-year campers, the text reads:

*"Let us introduce to you our favorite place at camp, 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 middlers into helping them write a radio program for our own station KGLN. ...*

As you GG veterans know, the Council Ring is the most important on Sunday evenings, when we faithfully bring back old campfire favorites of the past 86 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." Others, such as "Peace I Ask of Thee O-River" and "Home on the Range" are traditional to many camps.



Some songs 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—your wonderful fragrance of pine" . . . and "Day is Done" (Taps). These melodies, sung in swaying shadows around the fire, provide a connection to GG's wonderful past.

Whispers of smoke from the Geneva Glen Council Ring all swirl around the same reveries ... songs, friendships, crazy skits, goal-setting, ceremonies, some disappointments mixed with triumphs, childhood joy, tears and

sigh-less satisfactions.

These are the best parts of camp—your Geneva Glen recollections. As you read about your friends and of course folks from other decades, reconnect with that incredible feeling you had when you were here and you felt you were your best self.

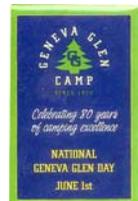
Meanwhile, keep in touch with camp and we will help you to keep in touch with your camp family.



*Nancy & Ken*

### 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL GENEVA GLEN DAY

**June 1, 2008**, is National Geneva Glen Day. June is a time 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 in this 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 1. Over the past six years of encouraging the entire GG Camp Family to wear their GG sportswear on this one particular day, hundreds of people have found GG connections they never knew existed. So, wear your GG hats, shirts, pins, whatever on June 1. Then, send us an email ([pete@genevaglen.org](mailto:pete@genevaglen.org)) showing you in your GG gear and tell us about any unexpected GG encounters.





# The Glen Breeze



## Alum News—From the Mailbox

*We love opening the mailbox and hearing so much wonderful news from countless folks. Keep in touch and we'll help you keep in touch with your GG friends!*

### 1940s

One of our third-generation clans is the Lankford family. **Larry LANKFORD** ('50s)—who currently lives in Boulder—will send three grandchildren to the Glen this year: Myths-age moppet **Orson** Lankford, and sisters **Brittany** and **Kathryn Wible** (as well as his great-niece and nephew, **Ashley** and **Austin** Lankford, grandchildren of Duane). The family recently sent some history of the Lankfords at GG in the 1940s. One story, as retold by Larry (and first told in a 1970s “confession” at a 1970s GG get-together), solved the mystery of an outhouse at camp that somehow had been destroyed:

*“I retorted by asking the Gilmores and assorted dignitaries what they thought had happened when the outhouse (located behind the fine old lodge, where crafts were done) exploded and disintegrated into its hole. They had no explanation for the long unsolved mystery.*

*“I explained that Eddie and I often climbed up to the rock outcrop high above, where Becky later conducted her rockclimbing and rappelling school. We occasionally rolled rocks off to watch them bust trees, until one large rock did not stop at the tree aimed for but instead continued down. The big rock gained inertia and was busting trees (that were out of sight, but not ‘out of sound’). The rock continued to roll all the way down behind the Lodge where it—luckily for us—finally stopped after hitting the outhouse behind the Lodge, reducing the outhouse to splinters that descended into its hole.”*



### 1950s – '60s

Those wild women known as the **Foxy Fossils** met again, this time in Tennessee near the stomping grounds of **Holly GRIFFIN Romig**. Those others in attendance included: **Lynn DEASON Robison**, **Pat DEASON Meyer**, **Peg HILL**, **Marcia IRVING Peteranetz** and **Nancy FISK (Atkinson)**. The group traipsed about the Smoky Mountains, taking in the Vanderbilt Mansion and Opryland. Peg recently has returned from her longtime service to the state of Kansas and the rest of the Fossils celebrated with her on the return.

**John** and **Roberta GINGERICH** will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on June 7, in Lawrence, Kan. The couple served camp through the '50s and was married in 1943, a week later than the Gilmore's wedding date (although some 30 years apart).

**Carol TATE Forrester** sent an update on her clan, with a lovely note about her first summer at GG 46 years ago (1962). She and her husband **Robert** still are located in San Antonio and she sees **Carol CARLETON Campsy** regularly at church.

We located a personal favorite counselor, **Jody Dyer-Ramos**, who nurtured Nancy through her teen years. **Betty Alexander Thomas** was a school chum of Jody at Stevens College in Columbia, Mo., and Betty helped us reconnect with dear Jody.

Another semi-lost '50s/'60s buddy, **Bee HOLZAPFEL**, sent news of her family. Bee let us know that her brother, '50s heartthrob **Alan**, is running a snorkeling school in Arizona with wife **Roxanna**. Bee updated us on daughter **Jesse**, who she camped with in Alaska, and son **Sheridan**, who is a brand-new vet (both are GG alums).

**Eleanor SCHADT Cowell** wrote a newsy Christmas e-mail. The Schadt family has many GG connections with the **Lewallen** family. **Bob** and **Jenny FULLER** sent a great family photo of the Fuller generations, with news from **Kimberly** and **Kelsey's** families. They think that **Connor** (5) certainly will be ready for Myths soon.

We have connected with **Jim LEFTWICH** (C.I.T. of 1960 from Kansas City, Mo.) He has retired but may become a barbeque chef, as his whiskey BBQ rubs are notorious. He and his wife **Gretchen** have three children— **Kerry**, **Kyle** and **Jay**—and four grandchildren. Jay was a CIT at GG in the early '80s and we still can see him jumping over the Council Ring flames with Casey Klein and Asher Ezzel.

### 1970s

**Don PERSONS** was involved in community leadership development, receiving his doctorate in Chicago, before leaving the ministry for higher education. He operates a language center west of Bangkok and created an English commentary on the 2007 draft of Thailand's constitution. He encourages any fellow GGers who ever find themselves in the Bangkok area—or any GG alums who want to volunteer to help the poor—to look him up (his language center's website is [www.englishih.com](http://www.englishih.com)).

### 1980s

**Claire BENNETT Etheridge** sent holiday news of their new home in the Dallas area (Murphy, Texas). Her daughter **Sophie** is enjoying learning to read so much that Claire and husband **Mark** can no longer spell words around her that they don't want her to understand.

**Steph FISHKIN Kiley** ('87 trainee) has moved back to Denver, as an attorney with Social Security. She and husband Jim, along with young sons Ben and Will, soon will settle in the Stapleton area.



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## 1990s & 2000s

Former GG staffer **Steve WOOLLEY** (whose sister **JENNIFER** also was a member of the 1990 staff) regrets that his daughter **Anna** will not be able to attend camp this summer, as the family currently is living in Dubai (where Steve works for Honeywell's business development). Anna will look forward to her first summer at GG in 2009, as a 7th-grader. Anna will be a third-generation GG camper, as her grandma **Jean GIBSON Woolley** attended the Glen in the 1950s.

**Joy PEARSON** continued her mountain triumphs with a successful trek up Mt. Kilimanjaro in January. She stopped by camp shortly before departing, to pick up her I-pod (which Ken had packed with an eclectic blend, selected from his 6,000 songs). Tanzania and Kenya are tricky destinations these days, but careful planning and singing camp songs paid off. Joy and her climbing partner Christopher spent an evening with old gal of the mountains **Cindy CAREY**, who gave them sage advice on how to tackle this ponderous peak.

We found out that **Andrea FRY Mulkey** ('95-'02) now lives in Commerce City with husband **Lee** and busy toddler **Camryn**. Andrea is one of those absolute products of GG, as her mom **Susan McCHESNEY** and dad **Joe FRY** met at GG in the early '80s.

**Heather HUNT Dugdale** sent news of the San Diego fires, as her family was among those that were evacuated in October. Her three little blondes – **McKenna, Cassidy** and **Reese** – will be Ggers some day, but will they do as good a performance of the Scrape Song as Heather, Blair Allison and Victoria Cain did for a KH2 session? (it rocked!) Heather also sent news of her sister **Julie**, who we would love to hear from.

Ford Allison, being a consummate alumni chair, did a Google search for **Stacy PENDERGRAFT** (early-'90s) and found her as an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. Stacy was delighted to be found. She and her husband became parents in December, welcoming **Finn Kirkhuff** to their family. Shoot us a note Stacy when you have the chance—we'd love to hear from you.

**Megan ELKJER Kaneweske**—GG's first "Lady of the Lake" (early '90s) — is looking forward to sending her daughter **Nelle** to Myths in the near future. Nelle already talks regularly about camp and her younger brother **Sammy's** favorite song is Neil Diamond's "America" (due to its

early-'90s popularity at Council Fires) ... somewhere on a Montana mountainside, **Katie CONWAY Nixon** is smiling with that report of a young Neil fan.

**Tim HOGAN**, who joined us for the "Young Professionals" evening at Cool River Café, updated us on his professional life. He plans to lead some discussions on Knighthood symbolism. Tim also informed us that he recently was installed as the "grand preceptor" for North America of the Knights Templar and he continues to promote spiritual chivalry and knighthood symbolism.

**Frances UNDERSTEIN Prechel** ('90-'99) resides in Noblesville, Ind., and plans to return to nursing school. She already has informed her husband that, when the couple has children, they will be sent to GG because it was "the most amazing experience" of her life.

**Dan BAER** has been busy working for the Hillary Clinton campaign and is finishing a year teaching at Harvard (he will teach business at Georgetown next year). Dan recently had a chance to see **Meg Elkjer Kaneweske** in Austin, Texas, and participated in her "hip-hop yoga" class (there's an interesting visual).

**Claire JACKEL** and **Kate SOMMERS** trekked about the Chilean Andes and sang camp songs all along the way, especially Ken's favorite "Snap, Crackle, Pop!" (first time the Andes has heard that!).

**Jack MILWID** ('92-'01) is studying at M.I.T. and Harvard Medical School to obtain a Ph.D. in medical engineering. He credits much of his passion for his current profession to the sense of purpose developed from being a camper at GG. We know many of you hold the same sentiments as Jack, who says, "If it were not for the Glen, I don't think I would have the same sense of direction in my life, nor would I have the confidence to see my life's goals realized." Best of luck to you Jack and thanks for sharing your great story with us.

**Carrie BEBERMEYER** is back in her home state, serving as the communications director for the Missouri secretary of state.

**Wren ARBUTHNOT** ('96-'03) sent word about coaching hockey in Canada. Wren is a junior at the University of Oregon and credits his GG years to his character development: "I still have my shields hung up in my room."



A few years back, Kim Yakely sent photos from '83-'85. Here's a Lancer dorm (many later were '80s/'90s staff): counselors **Casey Klein** (now a YMCA CEO), **Rick Roadruck** (H.S. principal) and **Dr. John Teixeira**; **Jason Carey** (Animal Planet TV producer), **Mark Miller** (rabbi in Houston), **Kevin Dicus** (doctorate in archaeology), **Alby Zweig** (lawyer), **Nate Miller** (veterinarian), **Chris Kirton** (pilot), **Dennis Marstall**, **Chad Randolph** and **Dale Estes** ... for those not ID'd/missing occupation, please contact GG so we can fill in the gaps.



## Weddings / Nuptials

GG's private vet **Nate MILLER** (former camper/dish crew/counselor/barn head) found his true love, **Christine Weiss**. They will tie the fateful knot in mid-September, amongst the aspen beauty of Keystone. Many of Nate's old cronies (and perhaps favorite horses?) will attend. The couple will live in Denver. Nate is quite active on GG's board and vaccinates many of our string each year, as a gift to his favorite camp. A fun secret that Higgins won't let Nate live down is that the proposal ring was attached to his dog Olivia's collar. How romantic, Nate!

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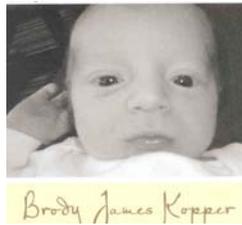
How do you keep a nurse at GG? Find her a spouse. Yes, dear **Paula MODESITT**'s knight in shining armor **Rudy (David REUDEBUSCH)** turned out to be her Prince Charming as well. He and Paula will wed June 1 (national GG day!) in Ft. Collins. The ceremony will be presided over by Sir Knight **Kenneth ATKINSON**. At press time, we already know that plenty GG folks will be in attendance. Since Paula is from Florida and Rudy is from Kansas, we at GG feel especially honored that they will share their vows in Colorado.

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**Jake MEIER** ('90s) married **Jess** in December and the couple is living in Denver ... **Amy LIVINGSTON** ('80s-'90s) wed **Alex Nelsen** on Nov. 15, in Golden ... We earlier missed congrats for **Charlie GAST** ('90s) who wed **Tessa Dievel** in June of 2007.

## New Arrivals

Uncle **Zac ELLER** sent thousands of pictures of his very first nephew, **Brody James Kopper** (born March 14; pictured at right). Mama **Dana** is pretty proud as well. She writes that Brody already is well-versed in GG songs sung by mama to put him to sleep. (how many times do we hear from you all, who sing "I Know A Place"?).



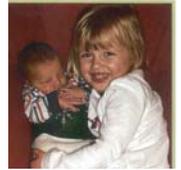
**Samuel Green ALLISON** (pictured at left) arrived Jan. 22 as the favorite little brother to **Brady**. Mom (**Jen BRADY**) and proud daddy **Ford** are discovering the distinct differences in baby boys and girls.

**Jeanne LaFLEUR Mondrus** presented uncle **Pete** with new nephew **David Michael** (pictured below), born April 15. Of course Jeanne's other siblings, **Anne and Joe**, and former RN **Bonnie** and camp doc **Pete** (grandparents) are delighted as well (as is proud papa **Nate**). We saw Jeanne four days before her delivery at our alum gathering. Way to go Jeanne.



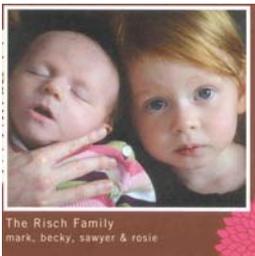
**Bubbles** – alias **Jen McDONALD Allen** – has compiled more *Breeze* press for babies than any GG alum, with the exception of **Dee Boselli**. Jen recently welcomed her fifth future Golden Heart (**Tiegan**) into the world.

**Shelly MENTZER Deiner** and hubby **Drew** got a great Christmas present – a baby boy named **Grayson**. As shown in this photo, big sis **Ella** adores him.



**Cathy "Flash" GORDON Rudman** and her husband **Dan** had a stork drop by from China. Their family adopted a baby girl—a precious 18-month-old bundle they named **Leah** (pictured at left)—in January. All three siblings – **Keegan, Spencer and Anna**—are enchanted with their new sister.

It was fun to hear from **Angie TIPPS Peck**, with pictures of her grandchildren. The latest one (right) is of daughter **Karen Sauer** (former GG staff) and her third son, **James Joseph**, born in December.



**Rosemary GRAHAM Risch** blessed **Mark, Becky** and sister **Sawyer** as an early Christmas present on Dec. 3, 2007. As this photo shows, Becky's red hair was passed on to little Sawyer but we still are figuring out if Rosemary will be "rosie"-headed.

Ford's grapevine apprised us of **Chelsea ELLS Manheim**, whose camper years blended into crew '91. She became a mom in January, as **Tessa Elizabeth** joined her family. Does she have red hair, Chelsea? ... **Alexa MATTHEWS Lampher** adopted a baby girl from South America. Now that Alexa is in Castle Rock, we love to have her involved again at GG. ... The grapevine says **Jared HANKINS** had a girl in February. We'd love more details but congrats to all the Hankins clan – **Jim, Eden and Justin**. ... **Kailey MEISINGER Jonas** had a son in October named **Aiden**. ... **Laura CLARKE Droy** gave birth to **Kayle Elizabeth** on St. Patrick's Day.

## On the Nest

On the Nest seems to be the perpetual branch that our **Anne LaFLEUR DeMarco** is perched upon. She is expecting her fifth little chickadee in October. ... **Kevin** and **Lee MEYER** are happily poised to welcome the stork in September. Uncle **Hoyt Meyer** is planning some toddler trail treks with his new niece or nephew and future grandparents **Pat (DEASON)** and **Jim Meyer** are thrilled at the prospect of another generation imbued with the spirit of the Glen.

# Hey!! I went to camp with your dad ...

## GG Camper Progeny

- ★ We are delighted that **John WOODWARD's** ('70s/'80s) little **Robby** will search for dragons at Myths and Magic. We're sure that Uncle **Paul** and Grandma **Nancy** will get a muddy photo of Robby at the Dirty Derby. John Woodward is a rancher and preeminent fire fighter in nearby Park County.
- ★ We're pleased that **Sandi HOOPS**, a past GG sub nurse, will enjoy the same photos of her grandson **Tobin**. Tobin's dad **Mike** (a.k.a. "Hoops") is a teacher in the Cherry Creek school district and it will be great to get him back involved with GG.
- ★ **Beth McDOWELL Baldwin** ('80s) anxiously is counting days with her daughter **Kendall**, who will attend Myths for the first time.
- ★ **Ben Sampson** is another alum progeny who will be welcomed to Myths this year. Ben will wear a special badge for kids who would not be here if their parents had not met at GG, and Ben certainly qualifies. **Erin LONG SAMPSON** and **MATT SAMPSON** fell in love while hanging out at the GG ropes course, which both ran in the '90s.



- ★ **Declan SOANE** will see how Myths works. He is **Sarah ROCKWELL Soane's** third child who has tried out the Glen.
- ★ **Tom SUMNERS** is pleased that his little **Ruby** will come to American Heritage. Tom and his wife **Marna** own two great Denver restaurants: Café Star and Trattoria Stella.
- ★ Welcome to the Glen for **GLEN FRIEDMAN's** boys **Jonathan** and **Andrew**. Glen is a Denver guy who ended up in L.A., as a consultant. We are so pleased that his wife **Elizabeth** trusts us with her sons for two weeks. Both boys will attend American Heritage and will bunk with **AMY KINGDOM-Johnson's** son **Christian**, **FRAN YERKEY-Held's** son **Crede**, **Mark MUSSELMAN's** boy **Chris**, and **Casey KLEIN's** son **Levi** ... quite a handsome group of guys.
- ★ **Chris BRYSON** sent **Samantha** last year and she loved it, so little sister **Elizabeth** will try Myths while Samantha returns to attend American Heritage.
- ★ **Tim URBAN** will have two grandchildren in American Heritage this year: **Mackenzie** (a longtime veteran, at only 10 years old) and **Rachel** (7), who will be at GG for her first summer.

## GG Staff - Alum Progeny

A healthy patch of GG alum progeny will lead this summer – we're so lucky to have such a depth of GG families AGAIN:

Staff member (job this summer)	Alum name and relation
<b>Ben Albaitis</b> (junior counselor)	Mom <b>Barb Ohlemacher</b> Hodgson
<b>Dan Hall</b> (junior counselor)	Great-aunt and uncle <b>Ruth</b> and <b>Bill Hall</b>
<b>Henry Hoyt</b> (crew)	Mom <b>Heidi Hummel</b> Hoyt; aunt <b>Hannalora Hummel</b> ; uncles <b>Andy &amp; Martin Hummel</b>
<b>Page Kelley</b> (counselor, head of Girls Hill)	Stepdad <b>Tom Long</b>
<b>Kera Lingk</b> (crew)	Mom <b>Cheri Chase</b> and uncle <b>Rick Chase</b>
<b>Sara Inskeep-Mueller</b> (crew)	Dad <b>Chris Mueller</b>
<b>Eric Muller</b> (head of dish crew)	Aunt and uncle <b>Jeff Robison</b> and <b>Molly Cassidy</b>
<b>Paige Pahlke</b> (work crew)	Mom <b>Sandi Denson</b> , uncle <b>Ted Denson</b> , aunt <b>Susan Denson</b> Pahlke; grandmother <b>Jeannie Denson</b> and great-great grandfather <b>D.D. Watson!</b>
<b>Lisa Walton</b> (counselor, head of ropes)	Granddad <b>Joe Strain</b> ; great-uncle <b>Jack Strain</b>
<b>Chelsea Williamson</b> (counselor)	Dad <b>Dave (Red) Williamson</b> ; uncle <b>Ron Williamson</b>
<b>Matt Williamson</b> (counselor, pool head)	
<b>McKenzie Worley</b> (crew)	Dad <b>Jeff Worley</b>
<i>... and from our 2008 trainee crop:</i>	
<b>Max Muller</b>	See <b>Eric Muller</b>
<b>Cassidy Robison</b>	Parents <b>Jeff Robison</b> and <b>Molly Cassidy</b>
<b>James Schumaker</b>	Aunt <b>Mary Taylor Kirkpatrick</b>
<b>Jamie Usherwood</b>	Mom <b>Susie Denson</b> (see <b>Paige Pahlke</b> for other family connections)

# What's New At Camp?



**TREE-THINNING**—Two new projects are on our plate this year. During the midwinter months (Jan./Feb.), Lam Tree Service of Evergreen, worked inside of **Girls Hill** to thin down the dense growth of trees in and among the cabins. They felled hundreds of trees and chipped the wood (we're talking an industrial-size wood chipper!), hauling away a total of 140 cubic yards of wood chips! It has opened up the hill to allow more sunlight and will promote growth of new plants and shrubs. Most of all, this has helped our fire-mitigation tremendously. This was the second part of a multi-phase project to thin down stands of trees in about six key areas in and round camp. Our Development fundraising helps to promote projects such as these and—as they are a significant expense—we're adding them to our project list as funds become available.

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE**— The other project we're excited about, and have mentioned to you before, is the continued renovation, re-building, and construction of horse trails/foot trails throughout the camp property. Right now we're focused on constructing a new trail route while also improving existing routes that lead from the Outlook and Mt. Winnie down into Black Canyon and the Rendezvous camp site that we recently have developed.

**NEW PORCHES ON BOYS HILL** —The volunteer work corps called The Pendragon Society is at it again! They're putting together plans for a wonderful improvement to **Dorms E and F** on Boys Hill. All of the dorms need some help with their porches, and our new maintenance man **Jared Strickland** has started on that task with two dorms that needed it the most, **H and G**. (see photos). The Pendragons will not only improve the shabby porches and steps on Dorms E and F, they'll connect the two decks by wrapping them around the downhill side of the building, and extending the roof to cover the one end (look for photos in the next alumni *Breeze*). Many thanks again to **Skimo Fagerstrom** for heading up this project and designing something so functional and cool! In another year, all dorms will enjoy larger and better decks, but E and F always will have the Pendragons to thank for upgrading their summer home so fashionably!



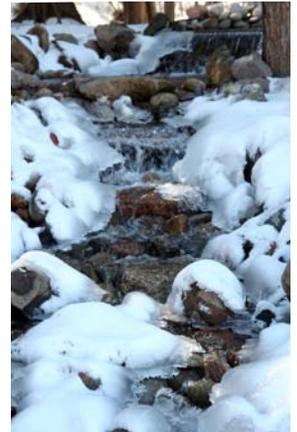
*Dorm H porch*



*Dorm G porch*

## Water Watch

Last year we reported on the snowfall that came during the 2006-07 winter, and how exceptional it was. True, we did not have to purchase any additional water during the 2007 summer in order to keep all the tanks and the pool full. This past winter we had a good snowpack at camp as well, and now it's almost all melted ... yet we have NO runoff! We're not worried yet, but we're just amazed at how much snow it requires to get that stream running! Thank goodness



for Geneva Glen's wonderful "Merlin's Spring" (pictured), which keeps that healthful sound of running water going throughout the summer months.



**GG Homecomings** — If you have not been to camp in recent years, there are many changes for you to see. Here's a quick rundown listing some of the recent improvements to Geneva Glen's physical property and programming:

### GG major capital improvement items achieved in the past five years

- Chapel** ..... extensive and ongoing renovation project (2002-07)
- Lodge** ..... exterior painted gray (2003)
- Bracelets room** ..... moved to Cabin 16 (2004)
- New girls cabins** ..... "Silver Birch" and "Mountain Meadow" (2004)
- Costume room** ..... moved from Marathon to old CRC building (2004)
- Barn** ..... new roof, foundation, tack-room improvements (2005)
- New Health Center** ..... "Rumack R&R" built near site of old Gil's Cabin (2005)
- CRC** (counselor rec. center) .... now called CTU, located in old Health Center cabin ('05)
- Black Canyon** ..... added pavilion building (2006)
- Welcome sign** ..... installed at camp entrance (2007)
- Offices** ..... renovated to accommodate more full-time staff (2008)
- Sportswear** ..... GG boutique "concession stand" storage and sale area in bottom of lodge (2008)
- New program areas** ..... radio station (KGLN), expanded dance offerings (swing), martial arts, fencing, "dragonology"

### **Friendly Reminder ...**

If you're coming to pay a visit to camp during the summer, we're happy to see you, but remember two things: our energy and focus is on the campers, so you may find it best to keep your visit short; also know that you may not be able to get access into camp due to our traffic-control gates being closed during the summer. Let us know of your planned visit IN ADVANCE by calling or e-mailing Pete LaFleur at (303) 697-4621 (x21) or [pete@genevaglen.org](mailto:pete@genevaglen.org).

## **GG Alumni Committee Report ...**

"The Geneva Glen alumni committee is heading in exciting new directions, with two immediate goals: (1) increasing the number of alumni (and quantity/quality of data) in the camp's database; and (2) providing more opportunities for alumni to get involved in camp

The committee is looking to identify alumni from approximately every 3-5 years who will serve as conduits to getting information to and from camp. (FYI—we are looking for a catchy name for this group, something along the lines of precinct captains, GG gurus or class secretaries, maybe something with camp wording; we are open to your creative naming suggestions!).

Whether you recently have left camp or it has been 20 (or more) years behind you, we want you to be somehow involved with these alumni committee projects. This is a great way to stay involved. Anyone interested, please drop a line to Ford Allison at [fordallison@msn.com](mailto:fordallison@msn.com)

As we do every summer, alumni committee members and other camp family will be under the lodge at our Mini-Marathon to sell camp clothing and donate the money to our camper scholarships. If you'd like to join us (it's always a fun time!), please call Pete at camp (x21) and we'll sign you up for a check-in Sunday or a check-out Saturday. Another ongoing GG project is archiving of historical photos. Feel free to scan some of your favorite images, burn them to a CD and mail them off to camp—so those photos can become part of GG posterity.

We also are looking to develop a GG networking/mentoring program that can provide valuable linkages for current staff/older campers with GG alums who have similar career interests or college affiliations. Other ideas on the docket include subgroups within the alumni base that would help provide: new mom's support group; babysitting/community service in exchange for donations to GG campership fund; camp day for grandparents and kids under the age of six; alumni nature hikes; and alumni out-of-camp mini-reunion events (i.e. Rockies baseball game)."

Stay-tuned and thanks you all for your support of GG.

*Ford Allison (GG alumni committee chair)*

## **Geneva Glen's Year-Round Staff Now In Place**

Geneva Glen's year-round staff now includes six full-time and two part-time people, and we couldn't be more pleased! In addition to **Ken** and **Nancy**, our administrative director is **Reid McKnight** who is responsible for summer program elements, and is our equine manager buying and selling horses, boarding, feed, staff training, the whole gamut! He also manages staff recruitment, retention and hiring, in addition to thousands of other responsibilities during the summer.

**Pete LaFleur** and **Christa Diederichs** (both pictured at right) are our most recent additions. Pete and Christa come to us from many years at GG as campers and staff, including their respective two-year tours as head of hill. (their siblings and other family members also have many years and levels of participation and commitment to the Glen). They each left their previous careers—Pete in collegiate athletics media relations (most recently at Notre Dame) and Christa as an elementary-school teacher, at Westgate (in JeffCo)—in order for this uniquely rewarding experience to work full-time at GG. Pete and Christa's primary responsibilities include summer program elements, public relations, camper retention, recruitment and enrollment, alumni development, and publications.

**Jared Strickland** is our new maintenance manager and started in March of this year. A young dad who lives in Aspen Park, Jared sold a successful seed company business and was looking for something with a lot of variety. Fortunately GG was looking for just such a jack-of-all-trades! **Kathy McHugh** Thornton continues as our part-time, year-round development coordinator, assisting in our board's efforts to raise funds for scholarships, endowment, and capital improvements projects. **Gail Mark** started last August as GG's accountant. Gail has a long background in accounting and adds this role to her other job as a real-estate broker with Sterling Real Estate.

The expansion of full-time staff will provide many benefits to current campers and alumni—and this staffing increase helps GG keep pace with our peers within the camping community. It's amazing how many facets there are to running a business, let along a gigantic FAMILY such as GG! We are thrilled with the qualities these fine people bring and look forward to continued health and growth of our beloved Geneva Glen. When you come up to camp, be sure to make their acquaintance!



## **GG "Young Professionals" Gathering**

**Xander SOMMERS** helped host an alum gathering at Cool River Cafe for some GG "young professionals." Most were in 30-somethings and how much fun it was to catch up with: **Joe ANDERSON**, Lee ("SLOZZY") **Augustine**, **Jeanne LaFLEUR Mondrus**, **Chip KLEIN**, **Tim HOGAN**, **Wendi GROVER**, **Ford ALLISON**, **Pete LaFLEUR**, **Steve BROWNSON**, **Jeff THORMODSGAARD**, **Christa DIEDERICHS**, **Reid McKNIGHT** and **Katie RICHARDSON**. Younger types joined us, among them **Dana HELLER**, **Sarah JACKEL**, **Sarah WALTON**, **Devon FANNING**, **Courtney CLARKE**, **Owen LOCKE** and **Cora WEST**.

The group enjoyed seeing old photos of their antics when roaming the hills at GG. **Kathy McHUGH Thornton** and **Mary TAYLOR Kirkpatrick** gave a pitch about GG committees and the direct-debit donation program (see GG website). **Missy BEEMAN Fagerstrom** and **Skimo** represented Pendragons and explained volunteer service.

There will be a summer gathering at Mad Greens at the Denver Art Museum in mid-July. **Jennifer WARNER Hodgson** and husband **Marley** have kindly agreed to host this gathering at one of their restaurants. Let us know if you want to join us! The alumni and development committees are hoping to re-connect with 30 and 40-somethings to enable these young families to get re-involved with camp.

### **GG Alum Survey**

Please see the GG website ([www.genevaglen.org](http://www.genevaglen.org)) for a short survey that will help improve the alumni database.



## TESTED BY FIRE (a GG memory; by Dave Thomas)

It was July back in 1956 when it happened. The weather had been extremely dry and the fire danger was high. Mr. Gil made the announcement to counselors that if the Indian Hills fire alarm rang from the fire department at the bottom of the hill, we were not to volunteer. We would end up being “shot” (i.e. gassed/tired) for three days ... But, then, what did he know?

That very night, **Dick MASON, Dave IRWIN, Don SAMPSON** and I were up on the porch of the old lodge. Sampson played taps on his trumpet while the rest of us did our best to make him laugh while he played. We already had hidden the bell clapper in the walk-in freezer and also threw a few good-sized rocks in a 55-gallon oil barrel (that was used for an incinerator) and rolled it down the meadow, just to make a little noise. We still were thinking of mischievous ways and means, at the time when the Indian Hills fire alarm went off—and so did we.

The sheriff also was the fire chief in those days and the fire house was in the present community center, across from the Westerner. The chief rolled a World War II-era Dodge Power Wagon (complete with water tank) out of the building. We piled on, drove the winding road up Mt. Lindo and looked down the other side where the fire was burning. There was a lot of smoke, not much fire. We carried Indian Packs (a metal backpack filled with water and 80 pounds when full—these were topped off). Climbing down the steep side where the cross is today, we were handed shovels and instructed to shovel dirt on the burning areas. We worked in a line but there was no dirt, only rocks. The pine needles were burning. We shoveled all night without getting very far and then we were sent to the top to refill the Indian Packs with water. We did that three times, always in the dark and very heavy smoke.

The work was exhausting. When we returned to camp the reverie bell was ringing (someone had found the clapper!). We went to the work table for breakfast—very hungry and worn out. We were worn out for three days, imagine that! Our cabin (17) had a strong smell of smoke the rest of the summer ... just as a reminder to never do that, again.



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### 2008 Dates

Staff Orientation	June 8—June 15
<b>Myths and Magic</b>	June 16—June 20
<b>American Heritage</b>	June 22—July 5
<b>Knighthood I</b>	July 6—July 19
<b>Knighthood II</b>	July 20—August 2
<b>World Friendship</b>	August 3—August 16

**\*\* Attention GG Alumni** — We still have some spots in American Heritage and World Friendship. Your referrals always provide us with great campers, so please feel free to spread the word.

## GOT DONATIONS?

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

- Wigs, HATS and shoes for the costume room; only the *most* bizarre/wild-looking dresses!
- Adult-size costumes - particularly hats (like cowboy hats!) and uniforms, bandanas (we always can use cow, banana, clown, chicken, and pirate costumes)
- Wind chimes, bird feeders, etc.
- Flags of any kind—banners, bunting, party decorations, etc.
- Costume jewelry and crafts items (leather, beads, stained glass, tools)
- Sports equipment and camping gear (tents, sleeping bags, cooking stoves)
- Cameras and camera equipment (also photography books)
- Sample-size shampoos, toothpaste and soaps (for kids who forget)
- Working chainsaws, tools, hardware, ropes, tarps, extension cords, tool bags, etc.



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

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

Over the years, we've asked for flags from around the world to enrich our World Friendship session. **Jack DUVALL** ('50s) sent a glorious, unique Belgium flag. Jack—who forged the way for his younger brother Bob Duvall—came to the Glen by way of a college friend, Diane Gilmore. Thanks for this colorful pennant and if you have any others from your world travels, we will gratefully accept them. ... **Betty** and **Dave THOMAS** donated boxes of leather, craft tools, barn paraphernalia and plants, all from their home in Conifer. They recently have moved to nearby Denver but still keep GG close to their hearts as three of their grandkids will return to American Heritage this year. ... **Barb TENBROOK** may have moved to the west coast but she still thinks of Geneva Glen every time she sees a size-13 pair of glow-in-the-dark sneakers. Thanks for her recent box of goodies, including a zebra outfit for the Myths and Magic circus and a pair of XXL leopard pants that undoubtedly will serve in a Council Fire fiasco!