



# Geneva Glen Camp

## Camper Breeze ... Fall 2010



### Greetings from the Directors Fall Felicitations GG campers!

Are you enjoying the pleasant autumn weather as much as we are? Geneva Glen is breathing a slow sigh, as our post-camp crew has put away American Heritage icons, such as our wooden carvings of Sacagawea and Chief Seattle, plus drums and loin-cloths. Flags and banners from Knighthood and World Friendship no longer drift over the meadow but reside in their cold "Tumes" lair. Kilts and sashes, multi-colored clown wigs, hats of every size, sparkly shawls and curled-up elf shoes all are all tucked away for a winter nap! (We may change the name of the "Tumes" to "Room of Requirement," from Harry Potter lore, as it always supplies us with what we need for crazy skits).

The theme of our summer of 2010 was "Fruitage," as we basked in the delicious fruits of our labor from the glorious success of the 2009 season. We reaped a harvest of rich favors three-fold this past season: (1) an overflowing enrollment of great kids; (2) exemplary leaders to share in guidance and creative programming; and (3) weather gods smiling on us with wonderful weather, but enough rain to keep fire danger at bay.



In the 2009 *Fall Breeze*, we told you about a crow who sat above the Council Ring to give you a "birds-eye" view of that summer – well, *Crowbar* must have found a "Crow-quette," because we had a noisy nest of cawing, barking, scolding babies directly over the east side of the ring! We put out leftover popcorn and bread crumbs where Dinker and the fox "Rupert" couldn't grab them. These babies, we named "Crow-cadillies," busted out of the nest quickly, as rotund coal-feather, squalling birds.

Our crow family undoubtedly noticed that all the Harry Potter influence still is vibrant at GG. Our Hogwarts feast, with banquet tables under banners of Gryffindor and Ravenclaw, was sprinkled with scary touches, such as a "cockroach dessert!" (Wish we could have transformed our crows into owls delivering "Howlers" to naughty campers!). As they flew by the softball field, our little crow-cadillies would have been puzzled by the Quiddich match. All the campers were on brooms, aside from the Snitch who was a tiny counselor (usually Emma Sajsa) dressed in glittery gold tights wafting about the field.

The crows also honked vociferously at the Mexican butterflies flown by campers with Santiago's help, or the cool Vietnamese lanterns made with Hai, or the rainbow-flavored bubbles ascending over Girls Hill.

Myths, our lollipop session, was chock-full of merry moppets, who charmed their counselors with adorable antics.

Nearly 180 wide-eyed youngsters joined our storybook session. Here are "Myths moments" that make us chuckle:

- Building fairy houses out of sticks, flower leaves and rocks
- Questioning Long John Silver about treasure buried at GG
- Making up a skit from the bumblebee song
- Fort construction in the stream bed
- Helping a buddy feel not so homesick
- Hearing stories under the stars at our mass overnight
- Pretending to be trapeze acrobats or champion sprinters
- Getting deluged with mud, Jell-O, sand, flour & ice cream

We never tire of the joyful exuberance these kiddos show as they delve into every activity with whole-hearted trust and pure fun. The growth we see from Monday to Friday is edifying and a testament to the program and the camp-family traditions.



The Council Ring, the heart of Geneva Glen, is communication central. Many summer ideas are sparked in this hallowed magical circle. Kids find out what trips are offered, where hikes will venture, when to make bottle rockets, or how to join the gourmet cooking group at Campcrafts. Sometimes it's a stage for new songs. Drew Schulte brought us "Shake Your Pinkie," the most popular and silly serenade. Mike Manco turned a raucous Harvard rugby chant into a boisterous weekly rundown of Knighthood orders and World Friendship countries. And Evan Hall's sleeping-bag ditty encouraged would-be songwriters to test their talents.

The campers of Knighthood II really seemed to have prized the "Nostalgia Night." Old tales of camp's past – the funny ghost stories, exaggerated legends, old-time songs, and heart-rendering crises that challenged the very existence of GG – make great fodder to feed our 90-year reputation. The lodge fire in 1973 is, of course, the most dramatic yarn and it recounts the heroics of countless folks/organizations that helped GG come through that horrific event with no kitchen, dining hall, plates, pans, utensils or *auditorium!* Some other "nostalgic" subjects shared include: meat-rationing during WW II, Rustlers Cabin, the original Knighthood orders (including "Spread Eagle!"), the original charms, well-witchers pointing places to get more water – always needing more water!



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# Glen Breeze



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Crows are attracted to shiny objects, so our gaggle undoubtedly were drawn to the brilliant awards that shone in each session. The "Gold Stars" of Knighthood I and II were Corey Dickter, Mike Manco-Johnson, Brad Sheehan, Kevan Beall and Ben Horne. The Silver Spur recipients included: Evan Hall, Santiago Salcido, Davis Wert, Dan Hall, Randy Howell, Tommy Hurrell, Chris Linsmayer and Elliot Smith. The inner illumination of a Ladies Disk shone for Amanda Lewis and Coza Perry, with luminous colors of roses for Paige Pahlke, Lainey Tick, and Elyse Schultz.

During World Friendship, the Sportsmanship Awards went to **Atzin BALTAZAR**, **Dakota ROUSE** and **Madeleine SMITH**, while the prestigious Geneva Glen Peace Prize was of historic radiance as three campers were recognized (below, from left): **Nick BROWN**, **Brendan MOON** and **Nick RILEY**.



Although there's not much shine for the Myths and Magic mudpie king and queen, it's still the radiance of royalty as the crowning t-shirts went to the grubbiest campers who were chosen to be mudpie king and queen: **Alex HENRY** and **Kaija SPENCER** (pictured). They truly jumped into that mud-pit with a dogged determination to be the dirtiest kids in camp! Yes, it's a murky-colored award due to the copious amounts of sand, flour, Jell-O and mud they're wearing!



The incandescent splendor of the Pulling of the Sword might have kept our crow nursery awake, as that excitement always culminates on the first Wednesday night of Knighthood II in the Council Ring. Cheers and tears flow as a King Arthur pulls the gleaming sword from the stone, and then the royal rose is presented to Queen Guenevere (furthering a GG tradition that stretches back more than 70 years). **Ben BRASCH** and **Avery SILER** (pictured) received this momentous honor, via vote from the entire camp.



Having a balcony seat for all of our Council Ring performances, our crow family enjoyed the drama of the annual Knighthood I Masque, which was led by our three Merlins: **Jackson MONAS**,



**David PENBERTHY** and **Ben BRASCH**. During American Heritage, the Pow Wow production included a perfect fire-lighting, as that dubious arrow once-again hit its mark! The awe-moment was when a tiny barefoot Blackfoot maiden was hiding from Sasquatch. This little darling was 6-year-old **Lily URBAN** (pictured), just too cute for words.

The final night of camp always is bittersweet. The quest for peace includes prayers, poems, hymns and promises around our International Peace Pole. Campers participated in a candlelight ceremony to reaffirm the idea of peace in many cultures. Our copper peace banners (pictured below) display seven words for peace in languages spanning our sphere, with the words ranging from Heddwwch (Welsh), to Shalom (Hebrew) or Wolakota (Lakota Sioux).

The color of this final night is reinforced by the comments of 230-plus campers, coming straight from their hearts. As we close with candle wishes for peace, the campers chime out with impromptu accolades and compassionate observances about fellow bunkmates – enough that we eventually are forced to end before they're completed (as the candles are dwindling to hot stubs in their cold little fingers!).

Blend all of these images and you have a glimpse of the 2010 season. It was a dandy! On behalf of the Crowbar family, happy trails to you and thanks to all who helped create it ... and hopefully you all will return soon to the magic of the Glen.

*Nancy & Ken*





## On the Dog Beat

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

Howdy gang! Huckleberry here, filling you in on all the GG gossip. The “prance dance” is what I call the shenanigans with our equine pals once you campers leave for the season. But the whole atmosphere of the barn is sort of a lazy question mark of: “What’s goin’ on? ... Where is everybody? ... When do I go back to pasture? ... When do I eat?”

The horses still are standing at the gate every morning, wondering where all you junior cow-pokes are. Tommy Odenheimer still puts out oats for the older nags and babies Winnie and Scout. Some of the string already have gone up to Dan Warner’s stomping ground. We dogs visit them and yammer over the fence.

Of course, the big news is the “hitchin” of Reid and Courtney! I guess a lot of you heard the romantic yarn of our two barn broncs who fell in love over the honey pile! The wedding was a Knighthood fairy tale, with knights and Stars, Ladies and flowers, swords and vows.



You gals will love that Courtney’s lovely bridal bouquet had a ribbon with all the 13 charms hand painted by Heidi TenPas! The part when the string whinny’d (from afar) was the presentation of a horseshoe that was bought in as a symbol of love while representing the couple’s life-value for nature (including horses!). This particular horseshoe was an old one of Bombay’s. So, in a way, all of the GG herd was represented at this GG nuptial celebration.

How did you middlers and juniors like slingshots? Chris Linsmayer “The Sling-Slayer” was a howlin’ success at getting that new program off the ground. Glad you learned what to shoot and what not to, as the “scrabbits” around here would make my life miserable if you started shootin’ their cousins the squirrels, or any other critter!



The Tiny Town train “rollover” in August, was of special interest to GG folks because, for at least 60 years, we’ve hiked, ridden horses or ferried our juniors in the camp van to Tiny Town for an afternoon of ice cream cones and train rides. The day after we had Hilltop and Mackenzie at Tiny Town, the diminutive train chugging at a mighty 2-mph toppled over into

the grass. The damage was minimal and injuries were light, but we are so grateful that we were not there on that day. Press helicopters and all the TV news trucks swamped that innocent village with media coverage and headlines like “Train rollover in Turkey Creek Canyon.”

After all the intense scrutiny and safety inspections, there will be no safer train in the WORLD than the Tiny Town locomotive. Knowing this is the case, we won’t hesitate to return to this wonderful little spot.

The rifle-range shelter is getting a bit creaky, not really protecting anyone in a downpour, so some folks are working on re-doing it! ... If you were here early in the summer, you saw our great crew hauling gravel and timbers up Boys Hill. Well, now those streamlets that used to meander and cascade down from dorms E&F, eroding the hillside, are transformed into a beautiful landscape of expansive steps, levels, tree boxes and built-in people benches. That crew did a great job and Ken even made a plaque for them that sits on the back of the bench.



My saddest time this summer was when my best dog pal, Lucy Brown Dog (that’s her in the photo), left for canine paradise. She had been a bit slower lately, whenever we raced around the meadow, but her mellow trusting demeanor always made kids feel good and safe at camp. Lucy found GG when she was a green toddler pup, over a decade ago. We never knew who was her original master, but Reid and the barn staff were happy to adopt Lucy and give her a dog’s storybook home. She made us laugh with her shiny, constant drool. I’ll sure miss tuggin’ on her collar. .... All for now.

Bashfully, your camp dog, Huckleberry.  
 (“Good-bye Lucy”) ...



## GG Free-Session Lottery!

Once again, we’re happy to announce the GG Session Lottery (for 2011 summer)! As part of our fundraising efforts for scholarships and improvements at the Glen, the GG board sponsors this lottery. Congratulations to 7th-grader **Danny VOLIN**, a 5-year camper from Denver. Danny’s family sends four kids to GG — so this was an especially happy surprise for them. Danny chose Knighthood I as his free session, transforming a \$35 lottery ticket into a \$1,575 tuition credit. This lottery annually nets GG roughly \$5,000 toward camperships ... everybody benefits from this popular event!

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

Watch for the information about the 2011 summer raffle drawing with your registration materials – coming soon!

## Since 1922



## MOSAIC OF GG MOMENTS ...

The Double Dippers that whisked us off to Garden of the Gods, or the Great Sand Dunes.

Pirate escapades, always important, but with our Long John Silver, a la Jack Sparrow (Max Dickter), they truly come alive for the juniors.

Giant-slide pool antics – how sweet was that awesome new pool this summer!

We honored two Robin Hood heroes at GG this summer as Michael Lewallen (pictured, with stick) and Lyle Lakota Baer (far right) proudly displayed their American Archer awards (100 points at 50 yards, a rare feat), flanking archery head Jordan Cohen – way to go guys!

Fantastic talents displayed in our “Glee-ful” Revue, with renditions ranging from *Les Mis* to *Wicked*.

Archeological dig that Christa’s sister Shanna Diederichs led to Rustlers cabin and the “dig” above Boys Hill.

Reinvigorating the Coup Sticks area, as middlers actually learned 12 of our resident wild flowers, five of our local trees, and lots of scat identification!

Overnight adventures – some funny, some soggy, some scary ... all memorable!

When a gully-washer of sudden rain made our little GG creek fill up, middle and junior boys raced down Boys Hill shouting at the top of their lungs, “There’s water in the stream!”, to build dams and float twig boats.



## Looking Ahead to 2011 ... Interested in the Trainee Program?

How does the trainee program work?? A trainee is a camper selected for a leadership role all summer. We generally choose between 8-10 campers to participate in this program. Trainees are able to enjoy the fun of being a camper, with some of the similar responsibilities to being a staff member at Geneva Glen.

There is a high expectation of the trainee’s leadership abilities and loyalties to the values they’ve learned through our teen programs. At Geneva Glen, a camper who will be 16 in the summer may apply for trainee. Keep in mind that it is a full summer commitment — which will be June 12 through August 13, 2011. The camper applies on a special trainee application form.

If you are interested in applying for a trainee position, simply call or email the camp (the camper should correspond, NOT the parent!), or send a postcard requesting an application. Trainee applications will be available in mid-December.

NOTE: even if you apply for the Trainee program, you still need to send in your regular camper registration card (as soon as possible), starting in early November, for the camp session(s) of your choice.



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**GG  
PUMPKIN  
PATCH  
(Oct. 23)**

*Mark Your Calendars!  
WINTER WORKSHOP  
(Dec. 18-21)*

Winter Workshop is our frigid blast of GG spirit, disguised as a teen slumber party! It's open to VETERAN GG campers currently in 8th, 9th 10th and 11th grades. Roughly 100 lucky kids come for tubing, cross-country skiing, hot-tubbing, and general socializing. This "heads-up" is earlier than the camp registration mailing. Dates for the 2010 Workshop are Sat., Dec. 18 (2:00) through noon on Tues., Dec. 21. We hope you can join us for the Workshop this year, so be on the lookout for the WW enrollment with your camp registration mailing.

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



While the morning of Saturday, Oct. 23, will welcome the GG Round Table in the lodge, the afternoon of the 23rd will see the meadow transform into the site of a posse of pumpkin poachers for a fall gathering. There will be games, snacks, cider and spooky decorations to help celebrate autumn. It should be a frolicking fall festivity!

**Saturday, Oct. 23rd** (1:30-4:00 p.m.; rain or shine!) ... GG meadow area  
\$10 donation to GG Campership Fund appreciated!

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



**OUTRAGEOUS HALLOWEEN DANCE**

**Attention Teens** — Look at the spooky cauldron we got ourselves into last fall. As soon as we sponsored an autumn roundup for you teens, we got hooked into a Halloween happening every fall ... 'cause the fun is so outrageous! Christa Diederichs Redford came as a 7th-grader and remembers great times with a spookhouse in the Chapel.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, camp again will host this Halloween happening for GG veterans 7th-11th grade (registration form below). The Chapel's dark hallway will transform into a "Spookatorium" and the top-level will be utilized for a typical "wicked" dance. We'll serve pizza & pop and host a chaperoned slumber-party (Winter-Workshop style) in the lodge. Some of your favorite counselors will be on hand to keep the "cauldron" from boiling over. The event will start at 6:30 p.m.

The \$30 will be applied to upcoming renovation of the Marathon. If you want to join us but need a ride, don't let that keep you from the fun – as camper parents can carpool.

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

***Outrageous Halloween Dance (6:30 p.m., Oct. 23 thru 10:00 a.m., Oct. 24, 2010)***

*Cut or copy  
and return*

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

*Proceeds benefit  
GG Marathon project*

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

**REGISTRATION — Please return this registration (along with a \$30 check, made out to Geneva Glen Camp)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade (circle one): 7 8 9 10 11 TEL. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: "In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to secure proper treatment for, including anesthesia, and hospitalize if necessary, the camper named above. Upon Check-In, parents must provide the camp with information on the camper's allergies or any health conditions requiring treatment, restriction, or other accommodation while at the 2010 Halloween dance/overnight (Oct. 23-24) will contact the parent if a camper is seriously ill, or transported off of camp for any medical need. My child has permission to participate in all activities of the Halloween dance/overnight. This indicates my approval and consent."

Parents signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more info., contact Christa (christa@genevaglen.org or 303-697-4621, x 25)**

**Please pre-pay by check:**  
\$30 total for dance, slumber party, dinner & breakfast.

# Geneva Glen Registration Information for 2011

Greetings from another pleasant and colorful Colorado autumn, and a quiet camp! We're very thankful for a wonderful 2010 GG summer and look forward to another busy November as we register for 2011!

The address to which this *Breeze* newsletter was mailed will be where we send registration materials. If we need to revise our address records, please email Pete with details at [pete@genevaglen.org](mailto:pete@genevaglen.org). This will be the only mailing prior to the registration package, which will spell out enrollment deadlines, deposit payments and cancellation policies.

## Dates for the Upcoming Geneva Glen Season — fall 2010 & summer 2011

### *Registration Mailings Dates*

Registration mailed to **ALL out-of-state** families ..... Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010  
*Enrollment begins for all out-of-state families*

Registration mailed to **veteran in-state** families ..... Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010  
*Enrollment begins for veteran Colorado families — Nov 13th*

Registration mailed to **in-state, first-year families** ..... Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011

### *Offseason Events and Staff Orientation*

GG Pumpkin Patch/Halloween Dance ..... Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010

2010 Winter Workshop (*for veteran teens only*) ..... Sat., Dec. 18 – Tues., Dec. 21, 2011

Work Weekend/Volunteer Follies..... Saturday, May 14, 2011

Strawberry Pancake Breakfast (*for new camper families*)..... Saturday, May 21, 2011

2011 Staff Orientation ..... June 5-12, 2011

### *2011 Summer Sessions*

	MONDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Myths and Magic</b> .....	June 13 .....	June 17

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	SUNDAY	SATURDAY
<b>American Heritage</b> .....	June 19 .....	July 2
<b>Knighthood I</b> .....	July 3 .....	July 16
<b>Knighthood II</b> .....	July 17 .....	July 30
<b>World Friendship</b> .....	July 31 .....	August 13



### Other Registration Information

- Tuition is determined by the camp's board of directors (the amount will be announced in the registration packet). Nominal tuition increases are typical. Please observe the current registration policies (to be sent with your packet) and note the appropriate deadlines/payment schedule.
- The built-in, 10-day delay between Nov. 2 and Nov. 13, the start of in-state registration, enables families to make their plans a bit more carefully. It also helps those who may have slower postal delivery service, or who might be out of town when the mailing arrives. Be sure you take advantage of this extra time to fill out ALL of the registration card (*the repetitions are intentional*).
- There will be one registration card sent for every camper mailing label. **Please proofread the label on the envelope.** Is the address current? Is the spelling accurate?
- If there are siblings who have never attended Geneva Glen, they are considered "veterans" and you may enroll them by photocopying the registration card and sending it in with basic information and deposit. We will return to you another official registration card that you can fill out completely (please return ASAP). Remember, this privilege applies only to siblings.

***We're looking forward to the 2011 season and Geneva Glen's 90th season. See you soon!***