



Geneva Glen Camp



Camper Breeze ... Fall 2011

Greetings from the Directors Happy Autumn campers!

The theme for the 2011 summer was "Inspiration." This Native symbol for spirit means to breathe in, fly above the ordinary. The eagle was our artistic emblem, with individual feathers presented for outstanding service or exemplary leadership. The values our staff wished to emulate were re-appraised each session and the channels for inspiration were highlighted. The list included: Optimism, Creativity, Compassion, Ceremony, History, Loyalty, Tradition, Courage, Faith, and on and on. Feathers were presented all summer as symbols of inspiration in deeds, and in acts that promoted this theme and raised the standard of care and behavior.

September in the Rockies is always a treat. A bit of rain to keep the dust down sifts through that glorious Colorado sunshine and temperatures around 75 most days, helping us gloat to our sweltering Texas friends!

It was an unusual summer for weather. A small wildfire broke out at the base of our mountain in Indian Hills a week before staff training. Having prayed our way through many former dry summers, we were immensely grateful for a heavy, wet snow 24 hours later. As the summer proceeded normally, rare thunderstorms doused our early fears for forest fires but kept us alert for lightning strikes. The routine for thunder heard at the pool is "everyone out of the pool" for 45 minutes, even if no lightning is seen. That same agenda is followed pretty much at ropes and barn. Lightning, of course, may spook a horse, but a drizzly rain, though no fun on a wet steed, is far preferable to a lightning show!

Creative staff responded to rainy doldrums with inventive games so that bored campers couldn't remain in a state of ennui too long. Many of our long-time veteran teens even relished the gray clouds giving them more time for deep and penetrating Knighthood talks.



Our **Myths & Magic** session remained fairly normal; rain didn't dampen any of the main activities, and 165 ragamuffins romped through programs of crafts, barn, BBs,

The mud-mania is so popular that we honor the muddiest moppets with a crown shirt. Will Tholl, and Tatum Hammerberg were cleaned up a bit before this photo. Congratulations to our junior royalty!



archery, tea parties, sports, fort building, stories, and sliding into our great swimming hole. These darling tots were immersed into a magical atmosphere of pretend and imagination. Many were truly wide-eyed at our Hogwarts feast, especially impressed by our headmaster, Albus Dumbledore (aka, a white, bewiskered Ken)!

Our most rustic session, **American Heritage**, enrolled more campers than any other, a whopping 236! We were introduced to a new mountain man during Rendezvous.

"Old Badger" wore badger-claw earrings and a bear-



tooth necklace set in silver with chunk turquoise. He showed off antique traps, rifles, swords, knives, hatchets, and relics from his Possibles bag. The black powder gun and noise was, of course, the campers' favorite! Rendezvous always includes flapjack eating contest, root beer floats in our Marathon "saloon," kissing booths, and bartering – only for juniors and middlers. What a frenzy these young capitalists create trying to hedge out the best deal with only two poker chips and one playing card! Pop bottle ballistics, hatchet throwing, aerial archery, and marshmallow baseball added to the creativity of elective choices. A Pow Wow ceremony depicting the Sioux Sun Dance



was performed by the oldest boys, making paper mache cattle skulls and a feigned hanging from rawhide antler skewers, as they whistled through bone pipes! An artistic web of colors affecting a values-dream catcher was created by Cabin 6 gals. They presented to our "mother-to-be" Christa Redford. Pete Lafleur rounded up Dorm F guys and every staff member who had an ounce of natural rhythm for a Thunderdrums extravaganza. Many kids enjoyed the dance at the end of Rendezvous – an old fashioned Sadie Hawkins Day Promenade. Yes, the cow-pokes skittered about the meadow as the gals lasooed (more like battered!) their prey with flour filled socks. The tunes of Lady GaGa and the Biebs satisfied the masses.



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Glen Breeze



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The **Knighthood** sessions were accented by thunderstorms and cough drops! The crazy weather played havoc with our program and kept our two nurses, Riekje, and Meg, bustling. The four consequential outdoor evening programs made it through OK, under sullen skies that held on to raindrops till the end: Merlin's Masque Vespers, both

Inductions, and the Sword Soliloquy were stupendous in their Council Ring venue. Avalon (Knighthood II) was a scary event with continuous flashing bolts illuminating the sky as we scurried into the tight quarters of Marathon to keep dry and safe. The Pageant day was glorious as banners, minstrels, robbers, jesters, jousts, knights, ladies, and hags paraded through the day! As always our procession was led by King Arthur and his lovely Queen Guenivere: **Matt Lederer**, (Denver, CO) and **Carlee Flynn**, (Napa, CA).

World Friendship is ever the serendipity session – as fresh ideas seem to bloom for this most untraditional of weeks. Now don't get us wrong, yes, we still have the Peace Prize. The winners bask in deserved glory on our final ceremony Friday night. This summer, **Kathryn Yetter**, of St. Paul, MN, and **Emily Lederer** of Denver both long-time veterans (and pacifists!) were awarded that coveted prize. The ultimate Sportsmanship award went to **Atzin Baltazar**, and **Brodie Wiener**.

The candlelight ceremony, peace pole, the Chautauqua seven-course progressive repast, and Olympic rivalry dominate most of our late summer session. However, WF is an opportunity for kookie contests! Pete Mahan wanted to try "Aqua Archery" (he knows Nancy's penchant for alliteration), so balloons were floating in the pool (no campers that we know of!), and arrows were twanged to puncture them. It was more difficult than it sounds, but lots of fun! The cross-country race took on added importance as 80% of the camp participated, even the junior girls of Narnia made it through the grueling foothill path showing up the furry footed Hobbits of the Shire (junior boys!)

At the 2011 National American Camp Association Conference we attended, the emphasis was on free play. It truly impressed us. We could proudly state that camp encourages free play in a variety of aspects for campers, but we decided to expand it for staff as well. During orientation, the counseling staff was given five areas to "play" in: the stream bed (including mud); sand pile; musical instruments; colored sidewalk chalk art; fort building. It was an unbridled



success as these college kids dove in with abandon and became "pure kids" ... again. We highly recommend it!

Some of the benefits for free play are that kids get to make their own rules, settle their own arguments, create cooperative scenarios, and moderate their own behavior.

A new favorite evening activity, Jurassic Park, ranked up there with Capture the Flag (see Huck's description of this game!). Two British leaders, Nelli Morton, and Dave Stewart, gave us plenty of fodder for jibes as we taunted them good naturedly about their proper pronunciation. The song "One Bottle of Pop," became "One Fizzy Drink..." Dave brought a Human Clue game from his Manchester background, for a Mystery evening play during World Friendship. It was a ripping success!



To solve the mystery, campers interrogated Russian spies, ghoulish butlers, and headless ghosts which produced sparse evidence. Each station had its formidable task and campers ran helter-skelter from one end of camp to the other. We will certainly bring this evening blast of fun back for 2012.

Have a great autumn and we'll look forward to seeing you back at the Glen next summer for GG's 90th birthday!



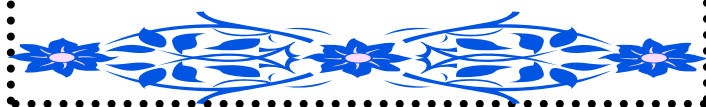
Nancy & Ken

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Mark Your Calendars! WINTER WORKSHOP

(Dec. 17-20)

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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. Dates for the 2011 Workshop are Sat., Dec. 17 (2:00) through noon on Tues., Dec. 20. 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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The information will be mailed in November along with the summer registration materials. The cost will be \$225, 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!





On the Dog Beat

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

Howdy Campers!

Things are generally peaceful now at your favorite camp, and I'm here "guarding the castle gate!" (*It's a dog's job!*) But I know that many of you campers wonder about me. I'm the black lab known as "The Camp Dog." But hardly any of you have ever actually seen me! That's because I'm a little scared of groups of kids ... silly, huh, for a camp dog? There seems to be something about the noise you guys make, so I stay on Ken and Nancy's bed most of the time! You may know Tucker, the lovable barn dog of Courtney's. You may have seen Dinker, my cousin, a chocolate lab who visited a few times this summer. But if you were at World Friendship for the "Council Fire" celebrating Ken and Nancy's 30 years as directors, I was THERE! All evening!! Huddled up near Nancy on the second row ... but I enjoyed it a little, and I wasn't too afraid!

This time of year at the Glen there are strong whiffs of our wildlife neighbors – the wild turkey, fox, raccoon, elk, and BEAR scat! Reid says that a bear pulled three 50-pound bag of oats out of the barn office, opened them up, and snacked on them like a little appetizer. I just try to respect his meandering ... and I hide! But I really got my hair up on my back the night the counselors pretended to be dinosaurs. It was some Pete Mahan game that had all your favorite staff dressed up really crazy for "Jurassic Park!" Some would squirt water at you guys, pretending to be acid spitting Diloposaurs. Others, like the T-Rex, had poor eyesight and when you kids would freeze still, they couldn't see you. Campers hunted for the key to the gate to free themselves from the park. There were one or two benevolent raptors who would kindly escort panicked prey from scary territory to the safety of the Council Ring ... like that humungous Moose Muller. The kids seemed to really like this game!



Nancy thought it might be fun for me to re-visit memorable animal antics from the past 90 years. Here is an historic moment from one of my forerunners, Max-the-Dog. You've all seen his wood carving outside the office. Max was a very short-legged Golden and Cocker mix. He was quite friendly and waited daily on the path for junior girls from Cabin 17 so they would stop and pet him en route to the chow

hall! Max was the most loved canine for 18 years at GG! To show our love for Max, the Sir Knights had a singular ceremony to recognize his devotion to the Glen: they made him "Sir Dog."



Most of you don't know about Cabin 17. It was a darling little cabin that resided just up the hill from bracelets, and below Cabin 13. When Nancy was a trainee, they all lived in that funny cottage. Then, starting in the '70s, it held junior girls, like these two cuties. They were your counselors last summer, can you guess who they are?



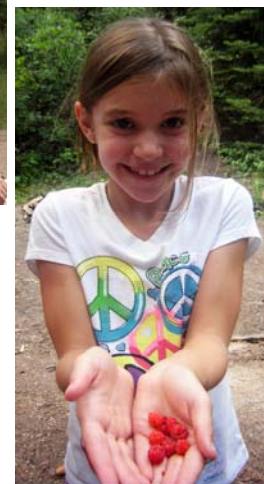
There's a special day each session called Junior-Middler Day. I heard that the juniors got to go on a trip to the World Famous Tiny Town. They ride the mini-train and eat ice cream cones. I might like to go with them next year!

See you all next summer!

Huckleberry—Canine Reporter



Old camp pals Michael Thorn of Maryland and Jackson Priselac of Colorado



Mia Gonzalez picking raspberries at the Glen



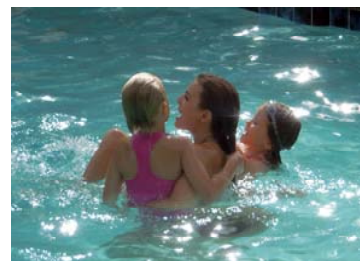
Geneva Glen PRE-Registration Information for 2012

Greetings from another pleasant and colorful Colorado autumn, and a quiet camp! We're so thankful we could share the magic of Geneva Glen with your child. We had a fantastic summer, and look forward to another one, our "birthday" summer—GG turns 90 next year! And registration for summer 2012 will begin soon.

If you received this newsletter, you qualify for early registration! You will receive the registration card by mail either at the end of October (out-of-Colorado), or early November (Colorado). This newsletter is NOT the registration mailing!



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 at christa@genevaglen.org.



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



SUMMER DATES 2012



	<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 2011 & Summer 2012

Registration Mailings Dates

- Registration mailed to ALL out-of-state families**
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011
- Enrollment begins for all out-of-state families*
- Registration mailed to veteran in-state families**
Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011
- Enrollment begins for veteran Colorado families —*
Saturday, Nov 12, 2011
- Registration mailed to in-state, first-year families**
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012

Offseason Events and Staff Orientation

- 2011 Winter Workshop (for veteran teens only)**
Sat., Dec. 17 – Tues., Dec. 20, 2011
- Work Weekend/Volunteer Follies**
Saturday, May 12, 2012
- Strawberry Pancake Breakfast (new families only)**
Saturday, May 19, 2012
- 2012 Staff Orientation**
June 3-10, 2012



We're looking forward to the summer of 2012 and Geneva Glen's 91st season. See you soon!



The Patchwork Quilt 2011

GG Spirit



Belegarth Tournaments became a popular event as Adam Gribas slammed us with some of the new-age revival of medieval contests.



Out-of-camp trips included one to Eleven-Mile State Park and the Florissant Fossil Beds, also Cave of the Winds and Garden of the Gods.



Harry Potter cooking clinic and seminars with Jordan Cohen, master Warlock of the Wizengot.



Kantorei, the Colorado primo community choir, entertained our Knighthood I campers in the chapel.



The "Underground Railroad" Vespers allowed seniors an historical perspective. The journey from slavery to freedom was portrayed in vignettes as senior campers wended their way through various stations.

Geneva, our lives have been bettered by you



Two darling colts wobbled about our ring as Rosie and Ginger again mothered future additions to the string, Roxie and Remy

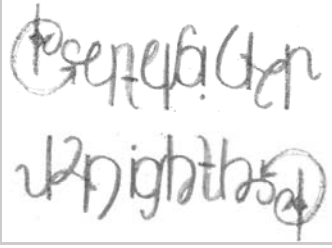


GG's version of Quiddich—campers be-broomed and with a golden-clad, fast moving counselor as the Snitch.



Art Show at Marathon—campers' compositions, which we paraded on the walls of old Marathon. One art piece produced this uber-cool ambigram.

Nostalgia Night with Ken & Nancy during KHII the chapel hosted 140 kids as the directors showed sepia photos of GG in the 20s, 30s, and 40s. Legends of ghost cabins and "Veesta Monsters" were also told!



Scintillating Statistics

For the past two summers, campers chosen at random from different age groups have participated in surveys developed by the American Camp Association. We have known for years that Geneva Glen does an excellent job at developing qualities like Leadership, Responsibility, Teamwork and Confidence, but now we have the numbers to prove it! In addition to that information, we were able to collect some thoughts from the campers on what camp means to them, like these:



"My camp, Geneva Glen, is a place where I feel inspired to be a better person. At the end of the two weeks, I feel much better about myself, as well as much more responsible. I come home feeling like a new person. While at camp, I am happier than I am all year. I learn to be myself and love who I am."



"Camp has bettered my life in so many ways! I've learned so many things, and I've learned to be chivalrous. To be chivalrous means to show respect to myself and to other people and to the earth."

"I love Knighthood, but I think the 'Magic of the Glen' spirit goes throughout all the sessions. In the Ladies Program, each camper gets personal acknowledgement, which is wonderful, but the beauty of American Heritage and World Friendship is that the kids just get to be a part of the whole experience and relax and just have fun."



GG Free-Session Lottery!

Once again, we're happy to announce the GG Session Lottery (for 2012 summer)! As part of our fundraising efforts for scholarships and improvements at the Glen, the GG board sponsors this lottery: **Tyler McFarland**, as the Winter Workshop Snow Queen picked his raffle ticket out of the punchbowl. Tyler was a first-year camper, though his family has come for three years prior. He'll be a 9th-grader, is from the Denver area and chose World Friendship as his session, transforming a \$35 lottery ticket into a \$1,655 tuition credit. This lottery annually nets GG roughly \$5,000 toward camperships ... everybody benefits from this popular event!

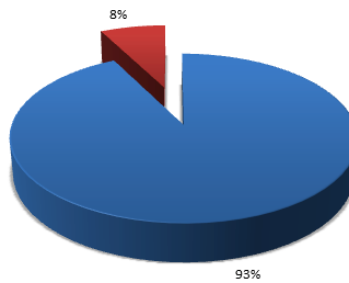
The winning ticket awards a full session of your choice, for any camper age 6-16. A \$35 raffle ticket (3-for-\$100) will buy you one chance to attend any session, for the cost of only the ticket. You sign up and pay a deposit as always and at the same time you may purchase raffle tickets. If your name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

Watch for the information about the 2012 summer raffle drawing with your registration materials – coming soon!

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Confidence



An example from this year's research shows that 92.5% of our high school aged campers that were surveyed felt that they were more confident in themselves as a result of their time at camp. More information on these surveys can be found at:

<http://www.genevaglen.org/general/fruitage.php>

Interested in the Trainee Program?



How does the trainee program work?? A trainee is a camper selected for a leadership role, and who attends all five sessions of the summer. We generally choose between 8-10 campers to participate in this program, and it's an honor to be accepted. Trainees are able to enjoy the fun of being a camper, with some of the similar responsibilities that come with being a staff member. It's a terrific way to open the door to a staff career 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 10 through August 11, 2012. The camper requests 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 by 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.

Since this past summer was our 90th season (we turn 90 years old in 2012), this issue of the Breeze contains a few treats from past decades. Check out our 1992 cartoon birds-eye view of the Glen.

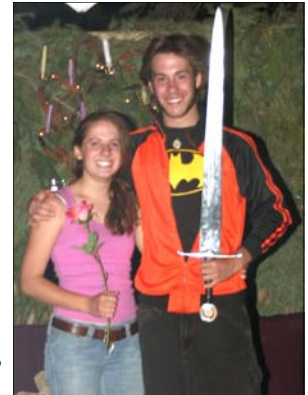


Keep an eye out in the 2012 Spring Breeze for an explanation of some of the details of this highly comprehensive cartoon.

Cherishing the Past...



Since 1922



How many counselors can you spot in these photos from past summers?



Seeding the Future...

As we approach our 90th birthday celebration next Labor Day weekend, our fundraising efforts will be focused on the renovation and expansion of Marathon Lodge. The very first structure at the Glen we call Geneva was Marathon — started in 1919, built by the Marathon Adult Sunday School class at Central Presbyterian Church in Denver. The original tract of land was donated by George Olinger, great-great-grandfather of Michael Horan (2011 crew member)! Camp will reap countless benefits from the improvement of this important building. Be on the lookout for more details throughout the year, and thank you in advance for your support!



Artist's rendering of proposed expansion to Geneva Glen's Marathon Lodge, the oldest building in Indian Hills. The expansion will have a daily impact on the lives of GG campers and staff, providing considerably more social space and "rainy-day" activity areas. The versatile building is currently home to the shield shop, archery hut, candy store and the most recent addition, camp's radio station, KGLN, 88.3 FM The Gleam. The newly renovated Marathon will be about twice the size, using old stonework from the original, able to chamber most of the camp family for rainy-day activities! As with most things at camp, the old will be nicely blended into the new!