

Geneva Glen Camp

Alumni Glen Breeze—Fall 2012



And the bluebird is singing his old familiar song;

and the aspen are rustling as before...



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Geneva Glen Camp, 2012
Cherishing the Past. Seeding the Future with Gratitude.



Greetings from the Directors

“A picture is worth a thousand words!”

Wow! What a *grand event!!!* December has arrived and we are still smiling at the memories from our reunion weekend. Therefore, our Alum Breeze is provided in full color, which will help to better translate the vibrant joy and heightened sentiment that permeated Family Camp! 330 alums, children, friends, and Whippersnappers spent four days and three nights living a perfectly ideal weekend of GG fun. Another 120+ who came on Sunday for the picnic reunion, swelled our total to 557 alums, including spouses, and their present and future campers, who all relished in this historic gathering. The panorama, taken by Tim Mathiesen, captured a photo of perhaps the happiest 557 people you could ever find in one shot! We hailed from eighteen states, and two foreign countries, Mexico and Canada (three, if you count Texas :)! At Family Camp alone, we had 72 folks from outside of Colorado. We ranged in ages from 3 months to 83 years, and as usual Texas won the prize for the most non-Colorado attendees. Think of these photos like flashbacks of your most cherished memories. The faces may be different, but the emotions are the same. Enjoy the journey on the “Upward Trail.”

By dedicating most of the Breeze space to images from the reunion event (80 of them!), we are featuring fewer written stories. Still we have news to report from the Nursery,

Nuptials, On the Nest, From the Mailbox, etc. There is exciting news to share about our progress toward renovating the Marathon and information on how you can support this project, or any other area of camp where you would like to contribute. Plus, we have news about recent nuptials, new alum progeny, and news briefs framing our reunion celebration.



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The three Blue Spruce Trees presented in honor of the three pairs of directors in GG's history: Iris and Harold Gilmore, Carol and Robert Duvall, and Nancy and Ken Atkinson.

These have been lovingly planted around our new Health Center, the spot closest to the old “Gil’s Cabin”! Be sure to notice them next time you are visiting, and watch them grow!

The 90th birthday event was very significant in GG's history. In the next column, we've published the Director's State of the Camp presentation, filled with the latest news about our progress that celebrates our recent as well as distant accomplishments, and allows us to imagine the monumental centennial of GG, just 10 short years away!! In the report, we refer to the rarity of an organization lasting this long, and the stuff that comprises Geneva Glen's strength. It's always been, and will continue to be *its people*. And if you're a GG alum, you understand this!

There are so many people to thank who made this event the success that it was, especially our year-round crew, Christa

Redford, Reid McKnight, Johnny Domenico, and the tireless work of the camp Board and the Alumni Committee. Many others are recognized, and we hope you find your name in here ... Keep the photos coming and fill in your contributions to the “DropEvent” web site! Over 600 pictures have been shared by a handful of participants, and we know there are easily 600 more! <http://www.dropevent.com/Show/send502580>

We are so thankful for this vast GG camp family, and wish you a wonderful fall and holiday season.

Kens & Nancy



Aaron Zweig joyfully flies back to GG after 35 years with the help of The Giant Swing, “Oh Mama!”



90th Reunion Edition

STATE OF THE CAMP MESSAGE

There is a REASON Geneva Glen is 90 years old. There is a reason Geneva Glen is fully enrolled year after year! And a reason Family Camp and this 90th birthday reunion is bursting at the seams! There is a *reason* that we are as strong an organization today as we have ever been, belonging to that rarified collection of American companies still in existence after 90 years: fewer than 1%, and even fewer than that for companies who are not-for-profit! In our case, I believe “not-for-profit” means we all share in this work equally, and the benefit of “ownership” is shared equally. All of us share the feeling that this is “*our camp!*” And it IS! It’s mine. It’s yours. And it’s your children’s.

Geneva Glen is still a place where people are recognized for their *actions* and not for their outward appearances or worldly status. One is recognized and elevated according to his or her own *giving of self* – hard work, and humility toward camp’s purpose. Because of these things, we’re more a *family* than we are a *company!*

GG is a strong organization because it is an “Excellent Company;” this means we pay attention to details and strive to never become complacent – it’s not one \$1 million dollar solution, but a million \$1 solutions. Geneva Glen is free from debt. We don’t spend until we have the money. We take the industry standards and best practices seriously, and routinely score 100% compliance with the American Camp Association! We rate similarly in all other regulatory requirements with Colorado Social Services, the local fire department, and State and Local Health Departments. We are strongly centered in our mission ... although I don’t think any of us can repeat what our Mission Statement is! The fact is, each of us can articulate it in our own words, in the way we live it ... breathe it ... fulfill it.

Year after year we see a heightened vitality of spirit in alums wanting to preserve and safeguard the essence of GG for their progeny.

We still don’t advertise – the public knows us by word-of-mouth. We still have waiting lists almost as soon as enrollment begins each November! In a lot of cases it’s hard to get in, and we find this to be an enticement for families who are uncertain! Our WAIT LISTS are consistently strong and enrollments have been full for decades. Camp is financially healthy. Its financial management is good and we believe that you can feel confident knowing that any gift you make to camp will be wisely used. The financial downturn of ‘08 did not seriously affect GG – enrollments were strong, even through that, and we typically exceed our fund-raising goals!

In the ongoing care of the facilities, we’re always mindful to restore and improve the old so that camp is always recognizable to our alums! Geneva Glen has not, and does not, intend to grow. The *growth* of camp is internal – a spiritual enriching and strengthening in timeless principles. It’s accumulation of *values* and *memories* that are preserved at camp, infused and reflected back into the world. It’s the ongoing growth of a culture of caring, one that rewards a determination to grow, contribute,

and lead. Camp’s growth isn’t in acreage, or in the number of buildings, or the size of the lodge, or the number of beds, but in *stability* and in self-knowledge: we *know* who we are, and why GG is so acutely needed today, and what it does to affect our world.

CREATIVITY – GG is bursting with creativity! Camp still places a huge value on the imagination and stories. We give kids a chance to unwind, and to *un-wire*, as GG’s culture doesn’t permit “plugging in”. We feel that, all things considered, we generally succeed toward this goal! Raising and hiring creatively-minded counselors keeps the injections of creativity alive. We are grateful to Pete Mahan for his innovativeness and his great resource management over more than ten years on the summer staff! Pete has made the massive complexities of overnights workable in a sane, safe, and fun way and thanks to him, “Jurassic Park” has become a staple for all-camp Evening Play. We credit our Creative Program Officer (CPO!), Johnny Domenico for a strong infusion of ideas and their implementation.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Geneva Glen devotes \$100K from its own resources each year toward scholarships, and is effective in attracting children who need camp as well as children the *camp* needs. The assistance GG provides grows in importance as the gap widens between those households with the means to send their camper at full-price, to middle-income families that stretch just for one session, to those who cannot afford any session. The scholarship program has deepened and is our primary fund-raising goal.

PROPERTY – GG has recently acquired small parcels of property by sale and by lease. This strategic expansion has broadened our program. Access for emergency services and the fire department have been improved. We still encounter stresses on boundaries, stresses on horse trails and campsites. Sharing the land with wildlife continues to affect us. Horse trails are all within camp interior. Expansion of the Ute Trail as well as the completed horse trail to Black Canyon and what we know as the Chimney Lot, has opened up new program areas and horse trails.

GG is still a not-for-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization. There is no parent organization or agency. We price our tuition at a level that allows us to run the “business” of camp each year. We can cover our expenses through tuition. GG’s tuition has slowly ratcheted up but is still about three-fourths the cost of similar camps in the west. We rely on donations in order to maintain the strength and permanence of camp. This means having the ability to replace an old pool, rebuild Marathon, purchase critical pieces of land, construct a wastewater treatment plant! There is a Finance Committee that oversees an internal audit each year. We have nine people on our board and we have a large and diverse support organization known as the Round Table – with about 100 members – all who are devoted to camp and actively help camp through work on committees, special projects, and program enrichment. *THANK YOU to all of you* who are currently serving on the Round Table, or on one of GG’s working committees.

We’ve made great strides in challenging the pace of

depreciation, but there are still many needs remaining for today and tomorrow. And there always will be!

Every year we are presented with a litany of **CHALLENGES** perhaps less imperative in the past than it is today: money to buy water, conformity to growing health codes and the need to actively manage land: noxious weed mitigation, hand-feeding our high-value trees, concerns with wildfire are more urgent (here and all over our state), made so by area development. Indian Hills is still building, despite what you may have heard!

GG absorbs annual costs that were never part of our landscape such as: \$10-15,000 for water, \$25,000 on waste treatment, \$25,000 on land management, and protection for high-value trees and fire mitigation. As we carve in to depreciation of facilities, we must plan for such capital improvements as a new boiler for the lodge (\$25,000), a completely renovated swimming pool (\$140,000!), and an upgraded and renovated Marathon Lodge (est. \$400,000).

“NOW MORE THAN EVER” Camp is needed *now more than ever* for a host of reasons: In the face of wildfires, Columbine, 911, Aurora shootings, whatever fear shakes the core of the family, GG remains a bastion of safety. It’s more important than ever for other reasons: the pressure on the family to remain “traditional,” over-scheduled children, the rise in childhood obesity, the increase in psychotropic medicines, the rise of allergens and dietary restrictions, to name just a few. To fully address these issues and GG’s careful management of them, that board has constituted a new standing committee devoted to “Health and Wellness.” and our ability to accommodate a growing list of needs. We, like all camps, bemoan the disappearance of school recess, the shrinking radius of safe neighborhoods, and the slow disappearance of free-play. Part of our orientation is devoted to “supervising” and enabling free play. Children are offered fewer opportunities to socialize with different aged kids, and there is still pressure to connect rather than to un-connect from the net.

Back in the 1960s, we couldn’t have imagined these kinds of forces at work. But with challenges come opportunities, and Geneva Glen is confident that by embracing these opportunities, with the boundless support and love of our camp family, we will continue to bless thousands of children and youth every decade. With every passing year our conviction is renewed that Geneva Glen is *more important than ever*. Our campers know it, our staff knows it, and our alums know it! With this knowledge we approach our centennial, and the next 100 years of GG, with happy expectation!



BALD GUYS!

Most GG folks know the “Banjoman,” Wayne Faust! He’s been entertaining literally *generations* of campers staff, and alums, and brought his brand of excellent camp fun, as

Whit Allen, Matt Sampson and Andy Urban discovered!
www.picklehead.com



Timeless classics!
Gloria Wolvington Hurdle leads “Veesta!”



ALUM NEWS BRIEFS From the Mailbox



1960s

KATHY SALZMAN MAGUIRE, of Minneapolis, MN, wrote how good it was to be back after 45 years! She quoted that "GG instilled that love of nature into my life forever."

1980s

DAVE TULLOCH visited from China with his family during July. Dave is hoping to enroll his two campers this coming season.

June brought a visit from Sir Knight GREG GORE and sister SARAH GORE DORSEY – both are still in the Dallas area. They relished their nostalgic journey and Sarah looks forward to having her son Michael here for his first summer at GG! A love note from Montana as TRIXIE WINDEN OVENELL praising our web site, seeing some photos there she took in 1983! She says: *"It has been 29 years since I first was a counselor there ... hard to believe really. It was an experience that changed my life! I turned 50 this year and I don't know what I want to be when I grow up! My husband asks me what my best job has been so far. Without hesitation, I say, "CAMP!" It was a place where I could do a variety of things, i.e., work at barn, do arts and crafts, take kids on 14ers, write*

the camp newspaper, and take photographs to my hearts content. I enjoyed training the next group of upcoming counselors, what I felt to be an important "investment" in staff." Well Trix, it was, and the harvest is still being reaped, thanks to leaders like you who



New, fabulously popular horse activity: Polo-crosse!

loved, and continue to love this place. You still check out hardware stores with a learned eye?!

Thanks LANA FOX GRIBAS for the magazine beads you sent. We used the idea in crafts – one of many successful crafts activities over the years you were responsible for! Lana's Chapel Wedding Memory Book was seen by many at the Marathon Museum, and of course the gift of your "big kid," Adam, counselor 2-years running, has been a blessing!

Geneva Glen Alum Progeny for 2012 Summer



This is why...

No matter how much money an organization has, you just can't buy what we have: *HISTORY!* It's GG's biggest asset, and insures that we have wait lists each and every year.

During Knighthood II, 103 out of 229 campers were alum progeny! Then add about 25 staff to that list! In Myths, 48 progeny are ready to re-enroll and continue the legacy. It's no wonder we used "Gratitude" as our theme throughout 2012!



With camp family that stretches 90 years, we are accustomed to seeing those who have gone before us, leave behind volumes of memories and experiences in the lives of their loved ones. The Memorial Wildflower Garden was completed this past spring, and commemorates families and individuals who have passed, and who wish to add the name of a family member permanently to the stones arranged in this beautiful wall. Donations of \$1,000 “buys” a stone, and families have the chance to scatter the ashes of their loved one. Geneva Glen holds three “spots” on the property to be perpetually maintained and preserved against any interruption or development, however donors are not restricted to using just these locations. Keep this in mind if you are presented with this opportunity, and find yourself compelled to connect in this unique way with the spirit of the Glen!



*Remember GG is a charitable 501(C)3 organization.
Donations to Geneva Glen are tax-deductible.*



Nuptials

The GG Grapevine winds through the lattice of time, extending branches of the camp family tree! The trunks of this vine start back in the 50s with ROBERTA and JOHN GINGERICH and BILL and RUTH HALL, with whom was born a life-long friendship beginning in seminary, then as leaders at GG. They all rejoiced to watch their offspring put roots down in the camp soil over many years, most recently culminating in the summer celebration of camp marriage unions. This octogenarian synchronicity helped to produce two glorious, joy-filled ceremonies: the wedding of ERIN MEIER to Tim Borgman at the lovely Boettcher hilltop mansion on Lookout Mountain west of Denver. Grandfather BILL HALL read a Psalm for his granddaughter, Erin (a picture of poise!) and EMILY HALL BECKETT read a poem. And Ken officiated!

The second ceremony, the bride, SARA HAZEL also had to love camp with grandparents, ROBERTA and JOHN GINGERICH'S heritage. In fact Roberta was the Pageant director in 1958 when Queen-of-the-Glen, NANCY FISK was coached in royal demeanor! Sara's mother, ROBIN, and aunt HARRIET, led the path for Sara to take to camp life ... and she did, at nine years old finding her best friend in DAN GOLDHAMER (one of GG's three Goldhamer “legends!), with whom she eventually “walked



the aisle” in a lovely outdoor setting north of Boulder. Along with the bride and groom, there were about a dozen GG folks included in the bridal party, plus a couple dozen more camp family! Best man, AARON GOLDHAMER, and matron of honor, DIANE HENDERSON HAZEL, were by their sides. Others in the party included: DANE HARBAUGH, MIKE HAZEL, LAURA GOLDHAMER, LAUREN YOUNG KAMPFE, ANNIE BACHMAN, PAGE KELLEY, and officiating the ceremony in inimitable fashion, and great class: LATRICE LEE!



Dear Old **Marathon** is still ticking along but is ready for some major TLC! We trust you received our annual giving mailing (“**Got Values?**”), and are thinking of how you will decide which of all those requests that pop up each November and December gets attention! We know there are so many good causes vying for your charitable dollar, and we hope Geneva Glen will be counted among those! Remember that donations to camp go further than most any of the large charities—a higher percentage of your contribution goes directly where you want it to go. And this year your dollars toward Marathon will increase due to a \$100,000 donation that will match and double your gift! Marathon renovation is our primary goal for capital improvement, and we are underway, having completed the design, which provides a more spacious area, with program elements aimed at health and wellness. This multi-purpose lodge will be able to accommodate most, if not all, of camp on those rainy days! Please return the donation card by mail, or donate online:

www.genevaglen.org/donate

Thank you so much for your consideration, and for your valuable contribution helping GG to be more important than ever for the *next* 90 years!

Many know the efficacy of walking through the marriage arches in Pow Wow, including WENDI SUE



GROVER who showed off a lovely ring at the 90th celebration weekend. Her intended, Larry Meerdink, was the Family Camp choir director for us, leading two choirs

(with "love and magic!") at the Sunday chapel service. 2012 will be quite a year for them!

In addition to the bells of gratitude we were ringing all summer, wedding bells pealed the past year for: KATIE ANDERSON LOESCH, CASEY MILLER, KATIE STEWART, BEN LUDWIG (who visited this summer to breathe the camp air *and* to bring back one of the all time classic scrape songs "Scrape it Clean" which he sung and accompanied to the tune of "Let it Be.")

Wedding bells will ring for TY PETERANETZ and his fiancé, Markeya Dubbs (from Lincoln, Nebraska—go Big Red!)

Our dear friend from Mexico, SANTIAGO SALCIDO MADRID, cousin to beloved CLAUDIA KIS, had a wonderful time as a Whippersnapper at Family Camp, and revealed the wonderful work he is doing with children, inspired, in part, by his two summers here. The web site address is www.concentrarte.org which describes a wonderful alternative school, specializing in environmental and biodiversity education, art education, theater, teaching resilience for hospitalized children – such a worthy endeavor. Imagine our surprise when he told us his next project is "Summer Camp!"

ON THE NEST ...

COLLEEN DEARY STEITZ will present big sister, Camille, with a buddy in February.



SARAH (WALTON) and JACK CONNER are happily awaiting the stork in April. Jack is busy having started med school, and Sarah teaches art, but both remain devoted to camp in a myriad of ways.

Chaelyn and DAN LONG are expecting the arrival of #3 to keep company with Lauren and Alex—this spring!

This nest is close to home, as REID and COURTNEY (CLARKE) MCKNIGHT are expecting a human baby (not a filly!) in April. Courtney is a science teacher at St. Mary's Academy, and oversees our barn in the summer season. Reid is full-time in the role of Administrative Director at GG, and is remaining admirably (and suspiciously) calm under the circumstances!

JEANNIE LAFLEUR MONDRUS—preparing for their third! Just think, by GG's Centennial, this little guy/gal will be in Dorm C/Mountain Meadow

FROM THE NURSERY ...

This past spring, "On The Nest" news is now become The Nursery!



JENNI ANDERSON TAMBLYN is growing a couple of beautiful future GG campers! The newest arrival is Peyton, adored by her big sister Taylor!

Vivian Lila Moffit Cain-Weingram now has a little sister with whom she can share the responsibility of such a regal name: Caroline Isabella Moffit Cain-Weingram was welcomed into the lives of Seth and VICTORIA CAIN-Weingram on October 22.



WHITNEY ROBERTSON PETERANETZ was carrying around this cutie in utero during Family Camp. Aspen was born soon after and she and Jay are mighty proud parents!



And JILL PERRY FITZPATRICK announced the arrival of Maddox Joseph, born Nov 25!

Our progeny photo keeps expanding as more and more of you continue to procreate! We only report baby news when we have it officially from the proud parent(s) so if your good news is missing, that's

because you haven't contacted camp directly, so if that's you, send us news for the next Breeze! And be sure to notice the size of GG progeny in the KHII and MM photos!

Twin Twins!



The "twenty new toes" belong now to these cuties: Will and Finn Kendrick, twin angels to Leslie Woodworth Kendrick!

Great achievement from Amy Livingston: Savannah Stevie and Claudia Eliette born on August 24, 2012 and weighing 8 lbs 8 oz and 6 lbs 15 oz



Celebrating lives ...

One nostalgic moment happened at the Chapel on Sunday. Susie Earle Mauzy's family gathered for a simple service of favorite camp songs (Swing Low ... Mountain Meadow), and meaningful recollections to memorialize her untimely passing. Derek and Susie's sons, Ian and Reed, have grown up here. Her mother, Nan Robinson Earle, and uncle Blake Robinson, were staff and campers in the 50s. (Grandma, Frances, and great grandma Helen Trott, were also loyal GG alums). We are so grateful that the Mauzy family (*5th generation!*) has established a scholarship fund in Susie's honor, which will benefit a camper every year. Susie was a scientist with NASA, and was recently honored by the agency with a tree dedication.

In Memory—Elinor Lewallen

Ginny (Rae, Carey) Chase conducted a memorial service in late September for one of Geneva Glen's dearest friends, Elinor Lewallen. Ginny is retired and living in Arkansas and stays in close contact with many camp friends, including her sister in law, Cindy Carey. They will come by for a visit in November.

Geneva Glen appreciates, and fondly remembers Elinor as a former board member, and with Tom, long time camper parents, dear friends to the Gil's, and stalwart citizens of the Denver community for many years.



We have to feature one family in attendance for the weekend, and who came in force – 14 in all and Dorm E was *theirs* alone! It was a reunion within a reunion! The LeBlanc, Allen, and Meyer families have had three campers come through GG, and now in the second generation, more are coming this summer! But, while GG was celebrating 90 years, the parents, Jean and Ron, celebrated their 50th year wedding anniversary! Appropriate singing, starting with the gentlemen above, Jean and Ron's son, quite a fine singer alone, but add Whippersnappers Ben Lederer, and Naveed Easton (of the PETER EASTON clan). Loud cheering followed and of course the obligatory cake was served as well! They declared that, of all the things they could have done as a family, THIS was the top of the list, and nothing else would have rivaled it for FUN!



Hugh Pote is happily ensconced on Memory Lane looking over all the wonderful photos of GG's past

Marathon Museum

If you visited the "Marathon Museum"

during the reunion, you were delighted with the stacks of photo books compiled by MARCIA IRVING PETERANETZ. Over the decades, Marcia has meticulously gathered snapshots as well as memorabilia from 1922 through 2012! Her bliss seems to include documenting camp's history and not missing one "Kodak moment!" Marcia is quite a photographic artist in her own right! Many of you have purchased her nature greeting cards depicting GG Columbine, snow frost on our bell, and double-rainbows over the meadow. The proceeds all go to the Scholarship fund. Her latest foray was six GG photos laser-graphed by Peter Steele into an old cabin 2 re-finished window frame (above). This gift now hangs in the lodge foyer. An example of this frame, and of Peter Steele's work is found at www.solarography.com.



Jeremy Prusso, hubby of Trieste Palmer, gathered memories throughout the weekend for a DVD of the historic event!



Who can name three square dance callers we've had since 1970?

GG square dances are the BEST!



Gratitude

GRATITUDE was the theme for summer, and throughout the Family Camp weekend, and below are samples of some of the events that amplified the spirit of thanksgiving:

A revived appreciation of how valuable this camp experience is for today's child, and how its relevancy grows with each season.

Children can come to a place of safety, ... be themselves ... can unplug from the virtual world and joy in the natural world

That we get to SEE the immediate results of our work with children, and that GG does so much to benefit so many in so short a time!

For a supportive board

That we were protected from this season's wild fires

That our neighbor relations in general have improved, and are about as positive as we have seen; communication is better, and the camp gates are more accepted by the neighborhood

That we acquired the Troup land (\$60,000 purchase) that finally opened the trail to Black Canyon for horse rides

That we acquired a lease agreement for the chimney lot which opened more nearby horse trails, and added high-value space for program

Quality staff year after year – idealistic, intelligent, well-rounded, dedicated, energized shepherds

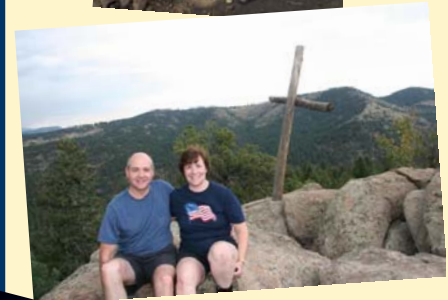
Leadership training still a vital element to our purpose, and effective at *seeding our future leaders*

That we are able to plan for the future and not just respond to emergency needs. We're able to make *improvements*: not just replace things that are broken, but upgrade existing things

That we can afford to perform wildfire mitigation, and land management (about \$25K/year), prevention to help curtail the increased risk of owning land with all the potential exposures

That so many GOOD people are attracted to camp and that pressure to recruit is minimal

Geneva Glen is not a Sierra Club poster camp and has never been a model of nature education, but we are grateful that we are able to exploit what we have and compensate for what we don't have, providing excellent programming in camp, and out-of-camp



Four generations worth ...

Cathy Gordon Rudmann (Flash), Ken, Ruben and Gabe Arquilevich, Nancy Mary Arika, Jeanie Lowry Sally Kingdom, Karen and Tom Yerkey, Betty and Dave Thomas, John Cavanaugh Joan Gurtler, Paula Shugrue, Robert Seidel

Jennifer Brady, Cassie Morrissey, Andy Todd & family, The Diederichs women, plus Maddie, Attila, Everett, Kayla, Daphne, Sal and Tim Mathiesen Nancy, Dave Thomas, Jeanie Lowry, Pat Deason Meyer

John Cavanaugh, Kirk Gay, Tom Yerkey, Bill Gay Matt Sampson and Erin Long and family Sally Kingdom, Tom and Karen Yerkey, Dan Warner, Nick and Joyce Jenks Miriam Kenley Jeannie Wert, Sarah Barrett, Page Kelley, Ronnie Creamer, Emily Rosenwasser, Grace Kaufman, Trieste Palmer, Jeff Thormodsgaard



Rounds of applause go to our fantastic Whippersnappers who worked tirelessly all weekend making it evident Geneva Glen is an "excellent company!" They took care of everything and we're so grateful for their work: Pete Broady, Jordan Cohen, Spencer Curtiss, Corey Garhart, Ben Horne, Carissa Kreikemeier, Ben McKnight, Meg Meagher, Brendan Moon, Moose go Salcido, Drew Schulte, Bonnie Siler, John

The Big Day!

Mahan, Luca Baccega, Matt Ayres, Nick Dickter, Naveed, Easton, Alex Eurich, Jessi Lederer, Austin Lee, Steven Mares, Courtney Muller, Sydney Provan, Cass Robison, Santia Stanesco, Davis Wert, Scott Wert!



Words ...

Simply cannot convey the feelings and overcoming emotion seeing over 500 people from all over the country descend on GG! It was truly a "family" reunion. No matter to which decade you belong, you share the same thoughts, feelings, and memories as all those around you. What an affirmation!

Thank you to SCOTT and Ann KIRTON, and for the Old River Road Blue Grass band, for putting up a full BG backdrop and celebratory atmosphere for the barbecue picnic festivity!

THANK YOU to Tim Mathiesen, who donated the all-group panorama photo. (<http://www.panoscenes.com/> to order)

Thanks to Jeremy and TRIESTE PRUSSO for their immaculate video footage!

Thanks to JOHN SAMPSON for his professional photographic talent, and who contributed a volume of shots!

Additionally ROBERT SEIDEL, MARYANNE HEALY, SALLY KINGDOM, & Johnny's Photo Booth. Don't forget to go on to the website "Drop Event"

<http://www.dropevent.com/Show/send502580> - to view and download shared photos. And if you have any you want to share, DO it!

Thank you SALLY KINGDOM for providing our celebratory birthday cake, and a cake artist to create this amazing paragon of edible craftsmanship to commemorate the event, and it lived up to its billing!

And of course, we thank our COOKIES for bustin' it back in the kitchen, and providing some truly exceptional meals ever to come out of the GG kitchen! THANK YOU Anita, Joyce, Crystal, and Nina!



Unforgettable Chapel Service to start the day





The Big Setup!

This is what 550 people look like at one place at camp!



"If you were ever on Work Crew, meet at the Shop!"



Wranglers



Past Kings and Queens



I know a place...

Council Fire!

The Bones!



"This is what we came back for..."



Roy and Drew Anneberg



Legend of Sasquatch!



And the Healing Feather



Ceremonial Magic Fire Lighting—"Do you believe in Elves and Fairies? Good. The Fairies want the children to move *back* from the fire!"