



# Geneva Glen Camp



## Camper Breeze ... Fall 2012



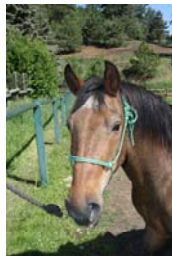
### On the Dog Beat

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

Hey Gang, Huck here!

Yes, it's that elusive Black Lab who moves so fast *down* the meadow that most of you don't ever see me all summer! I heard you all sang a verse to me in Asher and Ben's song "Where My Big Dog's At?..." So you'd sing "Where my scrappy dogs at? ... ar ar ar ar." Then you go "Where my camp dogs at? ..." Then you hold out your hands and look high and low for the *invisible dog!* Well, that's me, and I'm *real!* I even came to the Council Ring (once) during World Friendship, so Megan Hein could tie a bandana on me! Other dog pals about camp include Tucker – the barn baron who barks in each ride. Tucker is a large, friendly Golden who belongs to Reid and Courtney. Some of you thought a Chocolate Lab named Dinker was me. Dinker is my "cousin" who visited for a couple of weeks. She mostly shadows Nancy, and drools.

Glad you World Friendship campers got to see Remi and Roxi down in the baby pen. They are still here loving the daily romp on the Dance Floor. August brought a sad day, however, for cowgirl Courtney as she bid farewell to Navajo, her childhood pal. The ol' fellow just gave up and fell asleep in the pasture the day after camp ended. His hearty heart lasted the whole summer and didn't give up until his work was finished, and the season ended. What a noble testament to a great steed.



The "scrabbits," chipmunks, raccoons, deer, elk, and stellar jays are still munchin' on flowers, young pine cones and choke cherries. Three bears visited for a bit . . . but figured out that was a story for Myths, so Goldilocks scared them off!



#### THE GREAT SHOE MYSTERY:

The best jokester of the summer was a resident fox and gypsy thief Rupert. Far too many gals in Mountain Meadow and Ash Grove were missing shoes. Hmmm... Not BOTH shoes, mind you, not the left AND the right, only ONE shoe! And then it would mysteriously re-appear near a hole in the ponderosas 80 yards away, or on the Shrine Trail, but never in the

cabin! Eventually our detectives cyphered the puzzle: it was *Rupert-the-Fox!* We are *still* finding random slippers in unpredictable spots all over the hills. Rupert is pretty tame with me and even palavers with some of the

horse string when he's not ransacking the 'Tumes for extra boots, moccasins, and elf slippers.

I laughed my hound howl during our fantastic Family Camp over Labor Day weekend. Five hundred or so folks (all alums and their kids) came for a wonderful reunion. One of the activities to raise money for our new Marathon was a game called "Pucky-in-the-Pasture." Molly and Jeff Robison (Cassidy and Sam's folks) set up a grid for the gamblers to bet on the square where any of the three contestant cayuse's would poop. If they guessed right, they won some of the cash in the pot, and camp got the rest! It's pretty weird to hear humans yelling at bronc's to "let-'er-fly!"

That's all the camp news for now. I'll peek at some of you at the Winter Workshop (The "X-hop"), but until summer arrives, happy trails to all!

Love Huckleberry, Canine Reporter



#### THE BELL

American Heritage campers were greeted to an impressive new look for the lodge, as well as a more lyrical sound at wake-up. The bell tower was constructed in May to hold a grander bell – one that resembled the original bell of 1922. The new construction looks like it's always been there! There are benches on the ground level below, and up above, another familiar gathering spot. As our theme for the summer of 2012 was **GRATITUDE**, the bell, tolling out chimes of joy became an appropriate symbol of 90 years of thanksgiving ringing out from the Glen.



# Camper Edition

# Fall, 2012

## Greetings from the Directors

Happy Autumn campers!

As we tread through crackling leaves toward the Council Ring, remnants of fluffy feathers, and sparkles of fairy dust still cling between pine cones and creek rocks. The summer hasn't left the Glen yet – too many treasured memories still linger. A tyrannosaurus mask from Jurassic Park is left in a bush near The Tumes; green paint on a fur stole (probably from the giant Sasquatch monster of American Heritage!); a poker chip under the Council Ring bleachers where we bartered with middler's (some of you kids were pretty sly finagling us out of horseshoes, kazoo's and sticky alien goo!); elf-like castle remnants at the Fairy Garden, and stray doubloon's at the Pirate Bridge; a fresh dirt mound near the Peace Pole showing clues from where we buried your peace wishes the last night of camp; a random shoe on the trail lets us know Rupert-the-Fox is still around! Other testimonies of the full joyful season: candlewax in the Council Ring, water bottles in trees at the ropes course, marshmallow sticks near fire pits, softballs hidden 'midst the shrubs below Cabin 7, innumerable dodgeballs in the creek bed, a charcoal etching of the chalice well on a stone, and colored pebbles at Guinevere's Circle! My favorite reminders of the summer are the amazing structures in the creek bed. Some look fort-like, and others as if Hobbits inhabited the rock roots of a giant blue spruce. The Chapel still echoes with strains of "Follow the Gleam" and the Council Ring never stops swaying to "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." So you see, camp never falls asleep completely, and the summer stays in our memory all winter long. And YES we enjoyed a summer chock-full of fun, adventure, songs, games, challenges, personal growth, and childhood memories.

We of course express great gratitude for protection and safety during the times that wildfires were affecting so many mountain communities, especially some fellow camps forced to evacuate, like Rainbow Trails, and Sanborn Western Camp. We give thankful affirmations for a summer relatively free from illness and accident. Granted, the following small reminders of very typical activities sketch a grand summer story!



"Mud, Glorious Mud! All gooey, and gritty ..." **Myths and Magic** is a cacophony of pretend pirates, and princesses, loud leprechauns, imaginary adventures, and circus lights and cotton candy ... but also DIRT! Many of our first-year moppets cheer for our mud mania—as Jell-o, paint, flour, sand, and ice

cream turn into delightful games with mud as the culmination of hours of truly dirty fun! Behold our King and Queen of the Mudpie Contest: Nova Badrena and Adam Hess.

**American Heritage** introduced the Kiva Fellowship for teenage boys and was a venue for open conversation on rite-of-passage from boyhood to manhood. At the end of the session, the Prosperity Feather was presented to Jack Stewart of Dorm F. The leaders raved about this young man's character. He outwardly showed leadership and resilience, we hope others will emulate through this nature-based theme.

Perhaps our politicians could take a cue from Lily and Phoenix, whose popularity ratings as presidential candidates went through the roof! At GG, we can allow two candidates to blend into one (even sharing one large sports jacket purloined from The Tumes), and putting their little heads together for insight and leadership! The election was vitalized by our squadron of nominees from every age group. The final ballot included juniors, Phoenix Peterson and Jackson Thomas, one middler, Lily Urban, and two seniors, Morgynne Torá and Will Thompson. At the climax they all took their responsibilities seriously, divvying up Press Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Vice President!



Some pewter goblets were just donated to the **Knighthood** Pageant feast, which reminded me of that splendid banquet and our KING and QUEEN, Drew Sajsa and Ali Oksner (below). It was especially wonderful to have an in-house seamstress in the wings, aka, Melissa Karsh, and the whole Cre-8 program for costume accoutrements that added to our royal regalia! The Court has never looked so regal. Ben Brasch headed up the Merlin's Masque with over 60 kids in the cast hamming





# Glen Breeze

played by: Merlin the Child – Quentin Wallace (7), from California, Jackson Baere (13), from California, and Michael Thorn (16), from Maryland. Lady of the Lake, Jesse Dickter (New Mexico), and the beautiful (but evil!) Morgan la Fey and Morgause, Simone Bernsten and Sarah Heller (both from Colorado).



Knighthood shines a light on personal honor through various recognitions and awards. Morgynne Tora was recognized with the Lady Iris. With the staff awards, there was a jingling of SILVER SPURS for Sam Robison, Drew Schulte and Luca Baccega. ROSES bloomed for Grace Michaels, Sydney Provan, London McElvaine, and Emma Sajsa. LADIES DISC'S reflected through tears of joy for Cassidy Robison and Abby Eurich. GOLD STARS shone brightly for Max Dickter and Elliot Smith.

The “Dance” at GG is always epic fun! The favorite one of the season was dubbed “ORNATU” sponsored by Dorm Awesome! They transformed the Gilmore Chapel into a Cirque du Soliel atmosphere as campers masqueraded in sparkly “ball” attire.



Fun antics from Council Fire as our lone British counselor, Rachel Mahon, made Robert Wise into her James Bond body guard. She descended from above the ring as Her Royal Majesty mimicking the Olympic opening, bewigged with white gloves, purse, and pearls.

Sportsmanship, a standard for GG games, takes added meaning in **World Friendship** as the Olympics threads through each day. It was capably run by Luca Baccega with events highlighting excellence and fun for those excelling in athletics or for many who just enjoy the games.



The culminating event, and climax to the summer season, includes SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS – this year, three deserving teenagers were recognized for this high level of role modeling, and went to Sam Kumagai, Nathan Ramirez and Kylie Kachmer.

Our coveted GG PEACE PRIZE had a cadre of nominees all worthy of the honor for the highest award given in World Friendship. Nominees included Lily Bryan, Sam Kumagai, Nick Kolomitz, Richard Dyer, Morgynne Tora, Annie Eidenschink, Kylie Kachmer, and Madison Burdt. The winners of the prize were Richard Dyer, and Morgynne Tora.



Be on the lookout for fall camper registration along with information and news from the Glen all year ... and have a wonderful autumn!

*Nancy & Ken*



Our outdoor adventure program (“Wilderness Inspiration and Leadership Development” - W.I.L.D.) was fantastic; Just one of our our-camp trips Kevan Beall and Tommy Hurrell planned for our teens. Some of the out-of-camp trips visited ghost towns in the Twin Lakes Collegiate Range, and other glorious Colorado destinations!





## 90th Celebration

Even though this past summer was the 91st in GG's history, we celebrated our 90th birthday over Labor Day Weekend. The momentous occasion brought over 500 alums back to their favorite camp. Many of you campers joined us for the barbecue picnic, or the Family Camp reunion festivities. The present-day campers, like Maddie Castle, relished showing *their* camp to *their* parents, who still think it's *their* camp! Sharing how to go on "Oh Mama," where the Pirate Bridge is, and where the T-Rex hides is a unique opportunity at Family Camp. Our favorite quote was from Asher Klein, age 6, as he grabbed his cousin Maggie Klein, age 5, by the shoulders and excitedly asked: "Maggie! Isn't this the *LIFE?!?*"

## Interested in the Trainee Program?



How does the Trainee program work? A Trainee is a camper who is selected for a leadership role and attends all five sessions of the summer. We generally choose

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, from the beginning of Myths & Magic to the end of World Friendship.

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

## WINTER WORKSHOP

(Dec. 21-24)

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 sledding, cross-country skiing, hot-tubbin' and general socializing. Dates for the 2012 Workshop are Fri., Dec. 21 (between 3pm and 5pm) through noon on Mon., Dec. 24. 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.

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!*

## GG Free-Session Lottery!

Once again, we're happy to announce the GG Session Lottery (for 2013 summer)! **Madison Griggs** was the 2012 winner as the Winter Workshop Snow Queen picked her raffle ticket out of the punchbowl. This was Madison's seventh year as a camper. She's an 8th-grader, is from the Denver area and chose Knighthood II as her session, transforming a \$35 lottery ticket into a \$1,675 tuition credit! As part of our fundraising efforts for scholarships and improvements at the Glen, the GG board sponsors this lottery, which annually nets GG roughly \$5,000 toward camperships ... everybody benefits from this popular event!

Watch for the information about the 2013 summer raffle drawing with your registration materials – coming soon!



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# The Patchwork Quilt 2012



**Delighted Equestrian**



**Archery at Place of the Blue Spruce**



**Pals**



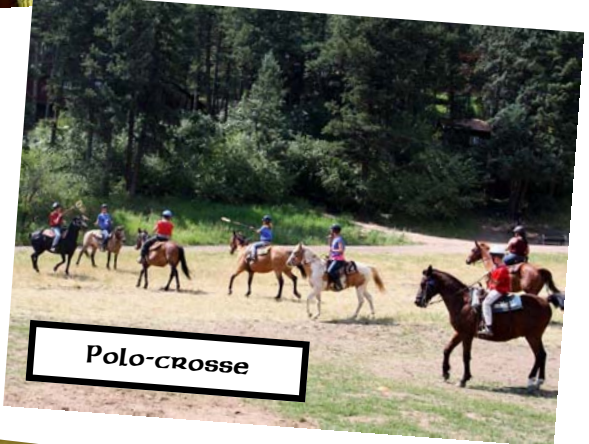
**Sportsmanship Award Winners**



**Ornata Fun**



**Creative Archer**



**Polo-crosse**



**G-Smash**



**Musical Review from Neverland**



# Geneva Glen PRE-Registration Information for 2013

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! Registration for summer 2013 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 or early November. This newsletter is NOT the registration mailing!

**THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MAILING PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION PACKAGE WHICH WILL SPELL OUT ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT ENROLLMENT DEADLINES.**



## 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— [christa@genevaglen.org](mailto:christa@genevaglen.org) or (303) 697- 4621 ext. 25



### SUMMER DATES 2013

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
Myths and Magic .....	June 17 .....	June 21
	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
American Heritage .....	June 23 .....	July 6
Knighthood I .....	July 7 .....	July 20
Knighthood II .....	July 21 .....	August 3
World Friendship.....	August 4 .....	August 17

## Dates for the Upcoming Geneva Glen Season — Fall 2012 & Summer 2013

### Registration Mailing Dates

- ◆ Registration mailed to ALL out-of-state families  
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012
- ◆ Registration mailed to veteran in-state families  
Monday, Oct. 29, 2012  
*Enrollment begins for veteran Colorado families —*  
Friday, Nov 9, 2012
- ◆ Registration mailed to in-state, first-year families  
Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013

### Off-season Events and Staff Orientation

- ◆ 2012 Winter Workshop *(for veteran teens only)*  
Friday, Dec. 21 – Monday, Dec. 24, 2012
- ◆ 2013 Staff  
Orientation  
June 9-16, 2013



*We're looking forward to the summer of 2013 and Geneva Glen's 92nd season. See you soon!*