Fall Alumni Glen Breeze

From Ken & Nancy

Happy autumn everybody! We are bustin' at the seams with good news and great activities, from the summer of 2013. Our theme this summer was "Harmony," and that lovely quality prevailed throughout the season, and in addition to the new tree house – (see article next page) – we have two more examples of how concord reigned (and rained) for us at the Glen.

Just before camp kicked off, we drilled the **first water well in fifty years!** After seasons of watching our summer water supply slowly dwindle, we went for it with a new well. In Iroquois, Winnipesaukee means "smile of the Great Spirit," and we've always believed it to be a place where God smiles. The original hydro-geological spot for the well to be drilled had to be abandoned and re-located when the 80,000 pound drilling rig got stuck in the archery lane #1! But God smiled on that spot because we ended up drilling there, and in the process hit an artesian spring! Camp pumps more pure H₂0 from this new well than from all five of the existing wells *combined!* That's Harmony!

The dire forecast of a sweltering, dry active fire season faded soon after the 4th of July as the fire ban was lifted, rains cooled fears and nourished our forests. The fake gas fire of Pow Wow was replaced by the beloved crackling, pungent pine that warmed the Council Ring for the introduction of the Knighthood characters. Miraculously, none of the major outdoor happenings were ruined by raindrops, and of course the historic September rains raised our water table and greened everything up at a time of year that it all turns brown; and we're still looking at colorful autumn foliage!

Besides the Treehouse construction, the Marathon expansion was foremost on our mind, knowing it will bring a welcome and generous gathering place in inclement weather. One hurdle we were faced with was the demand by the county to cut some 100 trees. These beautiful trees, some of which are 90 feet and more, mostly blue spruce, that shade the Glen at archery, Campcraft and rifles, and the Forbidden Trail, seemed a heart-breaking trade for the refurbished shelter. The campers desired some symbol to show our stewardship of these living sentinels during World Friendship. To honor their longevity (some, 200+ years old), the juniors and middlers designed individual batik pennants to be hung from the Pirate Bridge close to Archery. Annie Brewster and Cass Robison spearheaded a Buddhist tradition and prayer flags flapped around these trails all through to Indian Summer. Here's where harmony comes in: instead of cutting right away, we paused, and soon the unexpected word came that we were no longer compelled to cut down so many trees, only trees we had to clear anyway! We were yelling "Halleluiah" through the mountains when this wonderful news came.

Other joys and triumphs of our summer are reflected in this newsletter. Celebrate with us the birth of the "GG Young Alums," and our gratitude to KRISTEN COX, STEVE BROWNSON, and SARAH GOLDHAMER for launching this great endeavor (pg5). Join us in welcoming new arrivals to the nursery, progress in fund raising, plus news FROM the mailbox! Peruse it and recall your own personal memories ... and then share them with us! Have a wonderful autumn& Winter.

Talk to you next spring!

Fall Fandango

The Fall Fandango landed on a perfect Saturday in early September before that rainy week – which busted the records and made national news – deluged Boulder, Lyons, and Evergreen in unaccustomed torrents. In a great combination of work and play, about 40 Round Table members came early for brunch, and the Annual end-of-season business meeting, a portion of it conducted IN our magical Treehouse! We all congregated there at the beginning of our meeting to hear about plans for the ongoing forest fire mitigation and trails, confirming that this amazing tree house has multiple uses!

Then, for the rest of the afternoon and evening, about 165 parents, campers and alums laughed, played, ate, hiked and sang in a typical camp day session!

Bulletin!

After each paper Breeze has been mailed, we will post the Breeze on our web site. If you would like to opt out of receiving a paper version, and just enjoy the online color version, notify Johnny: johnny@genevaglen.org



The TREEHOUSE page!

What's your memory of a tree house? We hope it encompasses:

- ✓ childhood
- **✓** fun
- ✓ outdoor adventure
- ✓ nature
- ✓a measure of independence
- ✓ imaginative *play*

These are what the outcomes will be with our newest creative structure tucked amidst the spruce branches Camperaft! After three years planning, and dancing



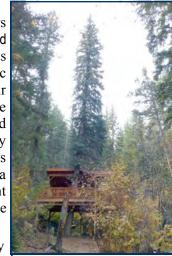


with Jefferson County for an "elevated

picnic pavilion," aka, the "Tintagel Treehouse," it is finally a reality. It may be the BLACK PEARL pirate ship during Myths and Magic, or the LEPRECHAUN CASTLE during World Friendship, or as Jeannie Albright Lowry (a generous major donor to this project) calls it, the "STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN"... regardless of its name, it's a haven to pique our camper's imaginations.

Three swings will hang from beneath, including the "Skimo Swing" which honors MISSY BEEMAN FAGERSTROM's hubby, Skimo Fagerstron (pictured above captured experiencing some child-like joy!), who designed this imaginative tree house. "sanctified" with sparkling cider at the Counselor Banquet (whose theme was "The Magic Treehouse"), and 100 of us congregated around this fanciful playhouse in the woods. At our Round Table Gathering in September, 40 folks sat comfortably to hear reports on the summer of 2013. Just up the trail above archery, and beyond our new "Hobbit Hut," (old well-house #1) it's large enough for all our juniors (Hilltop and Mackenzie) to "safely abide" (like the "little rabbit in the woods") during a rainy overnight. A rope ladder allows little tykes to sneak up through the trap door beneath Rachel's Roost (see photo), where a mushroom table supplies a place for a "Mad Tea Party." You can just guess where we might find the Cheshire cat! It's our newest pride and joy as a cool (and we mean literally- as the breeze wafts down the valley from Merlin's Rock), covered respite above the rocky creek.

As wildflowers and natural undergrowth fill in where the earth was disturbed, it will only grow more lush, and we are grateful the 250 year old Spruce remains strong and untarnished as the Tree house structure is built around the tree, not in it. With gratitude we thank GG Camp Family supporters for making this dream come true!



Lovely autumn shot illustrating how tall the spruce is around which the Treehouse was built! It's strong, healthy, and about 90 feet high!



Attention Grandparents!

Here is a delightful way to bolster camp and pay obeisance to a beloved grandchild! TIM URBAN honored two of his girls with a gift to support our Treehouse, and the Marathon. \$25,000 is the magic number to earn "naming rights!"

Tim's middle granddaughter, Rachel Urban, has found her niche in a part of the tree house that we are calling "Rachel's Roost! (see picture)

The hip Radio Room, in the refurbished Marathon will have its own raised cubicle and will be called "Lily's Pad". The spiral staircase makes it the happenin' spot for KGLN, 88.3 FM, The Gleam!

Grandpa Ed McDowell, with daughter BETH MCDOWELL BALDWIN, created two nooks in Marathon in honor of Kendall and Clayton Baldwin. We are forever grateful to these two granddads who are champions sustaining our program and putting that all-important gratitude smile on a grandchild's face. We're so close to our fundraising goal for Marathon – only about \$38,000 is left to raise so that we can begin construction right after the end of the 2014 season. Exciting!

Alum News From the Mailbox

We love opening mail and hearing so much wonderful news from countless folks. Keep in touch and we'll help you keep in touch with your Geneva Glen friends!

1960s

From TOM JONES: "I was a counselor in the mid '60s and I can truly say that those summers at GG were seminal in my later career choices (as a high school teacher and professor of education). Mr. Gil's brand of quiet leadership was inspirational. Other than family, he was probably the most influential person in my life.

DOROTHY, aka "DOT" SCOTT BENNETT, from Dallas, TX, turned up at a high school reunion with SALLY REED KINGDOM. She recalled camp songs and skits like when she impersonated Elvis Presley with CAROLINE SMITH MCKINNEY!

GRACE JONES, Kansas, and VIRGINIA LONG HARRISON, California, joined us for lunch during Knighthood II and took a nostalgic tour of favorite childhood haunts. We still get adoring comments for the wonderful bronze sign Virginia donated to camp. It's been great to re-connect with Grace's daughter, JAMAICA, who is living in Denver and involved in designing furniture, and active with the new GG Young Alums!

Thanks to MARCIA IRVING PETERANETZ for unearthing this fun prophesy from Counselor Banquet, 1961, written by "King Neptune," and "The Mermaid" (LESLIE CYRUS BEARD and MARTY HOSE WELTI)

If you'd like to see the entire list of prophesies, go to www.genevaglen.org/alumni. Here are a few enticements!

Many of you will remember that this was all done by a spirit mimeo graph hand-crank machine.

~DAVID LEUBBERS will spend the rest of his days in the campcraft room trying to find his ponchos. ~HOLLY GRIFFIN will replace Carol Burnett on the Gary Moore ~MR. GIL will win an Olympic Gold Medal for setting the best time walking around Geneva Glen. ~NICK JENKS will hit all the hillbilly TV shows as the only man who can play his guitar while riding that daring steed, Black Prince. ~JOHN CAVANAH will make it his life ambition to get to Red Rocks if it stops raining. YERKEY will be an important tester for the U.S. Air Force. He will test all new delivery trucks before they are used. ~LESLIE CYRUS will get a merit of honor for being the only girl to drown twentythree times and live to tell about it. ~DAVE THOMAS next year will be demoted to stable sweeper because of his drum playing during rest hour.

1970s

STEPHEN ANTHONY, our ever-present cabinet maker and philosophical muse writes: "In these increasingly uncertain times, living in a culture that grows less civil and more and more rude and uncaring... Geneva Glen is, to my mind and heart, a haven of all that is and can be good in this broken old world."

PAUL WOODWARD, JOHN AMOSS, JIM RUTHERFORD, JEFF ROBISON, JOE TEIXEIRA, and BEN BLANKENBURG, all met at RON MARSTALL'S cabin in Georgia to fish, celebrate the longevity of a great group of friends, and recollect the heady days at the Woodward cabin!

1980s

Dr. NATE, and Christine MILLER, will welcome their second bundle in February. Jessie, 3, will get to introduce her new little sister, scheduled to arrive in February, to all the horses at GG.

Mini-reunion of dish-crew gals following check-in of Knighthood II JENNY SIMPSON JOHNSON, (VA), MARGARET TALLMAN ROMERO, (CO), KATHY MCHUGH THORNTON, (CO), BECKY PENBERTHY CLARK, (TX), and BETH MCDOWELL BALDWIN, (CO) had a *BLAST* together up in the mountains at Kathy's "retreat!" The gal's all had progeny at camp while they reminisced in Winter Park. We were watching after: Meg's *three* girls: Abigail, Grace, and Perry, Beth's Kendall and Clayton, Kathy's Megan, Jenny's *four* girls: Alice, Charlotte, Sally, and Mary Malone; and Becky's *three* kids: Joe, Lily, and Sophie.

SHARA SLAY CASTLE is thrilled to have been elected to the camp board! SHAWN YAKELY, always the consummate ambassador to his camp's alma mater, called with a small-world story! He was wearing his old -school GG sweatshirt, when a senior citizen saw him and exclaimed: "Geneva Glen! I worked the barn as a wrangler in 1943, '44, and '45, while my beau was in the army!" She wasn't aware that camp was still around. Shawn dutifully gave her information and assured her of our health. Shawn also looked up DAVID ROPER while in San Antonio this fall. And DAVID MILES is so pleased to send his two kids Daphne, and Rowan, returning for a 2-week session during July.

EDEN HANKINS WARE (CO), LEAH DENIGER KLEIN (TX), and SHELLY MENTZER DEINER (WA) all visited during Knighthood II, loving the candlelight memories of courts-gone-by!

1990s

DIANE HENDERSON HAZEL writes: MICHAEL and I are in Nambia for a year. "I received a Fulbright to do research on Nambia's competition law. So we packed up our lives in D.C. and made the trek here. We decided this was a good time to take advantage of an opportunity like this." HAYLEY and ALEXANDRA PHILIPS came by for a look at camp: twenty years hadn't changed that much for these sisters who showed the camp off for their husbands.

2000s

Good to see CODY and COREY RYAN, former campers who visited during World Friendship.

FROMOTHALASURSE DAY the Young Allumnarticle on page 5, and get in there yourself: Another Bumper Crop of GG Alums!

On July 17, CHRISTA DIEDERICHS and Darrel Redford presented Everett a



baby brother to pester! Little Wyatt Darrel Redford is the spittin' image of daddy and upholds that western flair with his Lonesome Dove-ish moniker! Christa was diligent in her camp duties until right after Knighthood I Avalon, and then she "abandoned" us ... for Wyatt, of all people! :)



The *fruitful* Diederichs gals are keeping GG ready with future campers. KIMMY DIEDERICHS MARTONOSI had her third set of pink booties! Kayla, big sister, came to Knighthood this summer, and Daphne is in the wings soon to

prepare the way for baby Sophie Aliz.

JOE BAUMGARDNER and Tamara happily



welcomed parenthood as Desmond joined their family July 12! He's already signed up for a Golden Heart shield! This will be quite a dorm of GG progeny come 2019 as we have another bumper crop of Alumni

babies ready to join us in Hilltop!

Wouldn't we all wish a cuddly baby daughter for OWEN and CORA WEST LOCKE? Well that's what the



fates handed out! Little Lucky now has a prissy little sister Lizzy, born this summer. (Cora, probably not quite ready to introduce Merlin's Beard to Lizzy, ya think?!)

When we wonder who the next Avalon priestess will be we need not look far!

TIM HOGAN, and wife, Rosa, fulfilled that mission for Geneva Glen with Vivian, born July 12. It was a treat to have Tim bring his Midday Sun shield



and speak at the Knighthood II chapel service, and when we shared with the campers the name of his new daughter, many of our Knighthood aficionados (aka Knighthood geeks!) asked Sir Knight Tim if that was why he named her Vivian, after the Lady of the Lake!? Oh, and be sure to notice the *sword* behind her!!



JON and Megan MISCHKE welcomed Cailyn Elliot to the world on June 20. Adorable!

TIM AMASS now realizes why he was such a good counselor to little boys; he has one of his own, Teddy

(Theodore), and he and Courtney are *crazy* about him! Yes, Dr. Tim is one of those dads whose buttons are simply popping off! Tim is a recent uncle to TY'S newborn son, Miles. Tim, will this fellow be a nature boy like his daddy?



CHRISTINE BUTLER GRAHAM lives in Ft. Collins, CO with her husband Steve, and three year old son Finn. In May they were excited to welcome another boy to the family: Cedar James. Christine is a microbiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CASEY MILLER is now a proud papa of a darling cherub Noelle – born in May. Both momma Rebecca, and all the extended family are delighted.

SAMMY FUKAI HUCK, and her spouse Corey, are proud parents of a baby girl named Ruby!

We are blowin' horns, and throwin' confetti as we joyfully announce GG's first *sixth generation* camper-to-be: Hollis Edward Lewis, Mom MELINDA USHER-WOOD LEWIS is tearing off calendar pages until it's time for his first session in 2019? See the "GG History Lesson" for more details!

The inimitable CLAUDIA KIS MADRID welcomed her first child – a boy – Loik LaTour, on September 9. In her own unique Mexican fashion she reiterated to Christa that she can't sleep well yet, as her "little guy" always wants her "chi chi!"

KATIE RICHARDSON HALE and BEN HALE are on the nest warming up for a little girl! (we sure miss you!)

SWEET ASSIGNATIONS

We adore camp romances and this one is especially rich as it involves what might be the only union of grandkids of GG alums! One evening in September, JEFF GOWIN (grandson of the inimitable and unforgettable Dick Chartier) invited ALANA GAY (granddaughter of MAY and BILL GAY), up to the Council Ring for a camp fire and dessert of s'mores and a plight to marry! Alana, joyously accepted this proposal! Not only is Alana granddaughter to Bill and May, but is also the daughter of KIRK GAY, and Niece of KENT GAY, and sister to CIARA! I know! Quite a mouthful! We will keep you posted on dates. SAMI HARTMAN will wed Kyle Haas next spring. Sami, being the character she is, we wonder what type of shenanigans she will generate during her nuptials! We're thrilled that she has found her soul-mate!

TOM LONG and SYDNEY COMPTON LONG already knew GG was a petri dish for romance, as their daughter, ERIN, met her soulmate, MATT SAMPSON, here! But did Tom know it would carry over for his step-daughter, PAGE KELLEY?! Did he clue his pal, RED WILLIAMSON, in on this unique love-connection? Well we think Red already knew. Red and Cathi's son, MATT, and PAGE KELLEY, Tom's step-daughter began a friendship at camp as junior campers years ago, and it blossomed in to this courtship and engagement. Congratulations guys!!

Geneva Glen Young Alums!

The Geneva Glen Young Alumni Group was formed in 2013 by a group of alumni in Denver who want to raise money and encourage alumni to



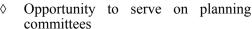
reconnect with each other and camp.

The official mission of the GG Young Alumni group is: to engage past campers and staff from the time they leave Geneva Glen to the time they become involved as camper parents. We welcome young alumni and those who are young at heart. We will involve our members through fun events, networking, and volunteer opportunities while reconnecting with old friends and making some new ones! The goal of the GG Young Alumni Group is to raise funds for a camper scholarship for each of the 5 camp sessions in support of the mission of Geneva Glen Camp.

Anyone who supports our mission can become a member for \$50/year. Benefits include:

Invitations to a minimum of 4 events per year, including a members only event. So far events have included happy hours, trivia night, family friendly BBQs and our Great Glen Beer Fest fundraiser.

- Priority registration and ticket discount to annual fundraising event
- ♦ GG Young Alumni Gift





- Invitation to all events and camp volunteer opportunities
- ♦ Name in quarterly GG Young Alumni e-newsletter For more information about the GG Young Alumni group or to become a member check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ggyoungalumni or email us at ggyoungalumni@gmail.com.

On October 19th the GG Young Alumni hosted a fundraiser to raise money for camperships for the 2014 summer. The event showcased 8 amateur GG alumni brewers who brewed beer for the event, they were paired



with 10 GG alumni artists who designed unique labels for each beer. The event was a great success and we raised over \$3,000. We hope this will become an annual event so be sure to attend next year! We still have posters with all of the beer label designs for sale at genevaglen.org/beerfest.

Don't live in Colorado? No problem, join an out of state chapter or start your own. If you live in the NYC area email Ozzie Baron at ozziebaron@gmail.com. If you live in the Southwest email Casey Carr at casey@sharoncarrtravel.com. To start another chapter email ggyoungalumni@gmail.com. Visit the camp's web site for a list of all the members and more details about events!

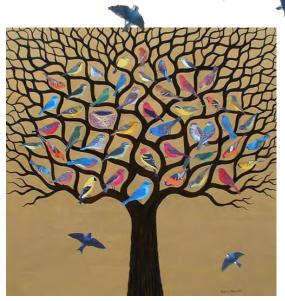
In Memory



Cherishing the past, seeding the future ...

HARRIET GINGERICH CAPLAN passed on this summer at her home in Hays, Kansas. Her parents, JOHN and ROBERTA, were adult leaders in the '60s, and brought their two daughter, HARRIET and ROBIN, along with them to be campers. Robin was not at all surprised when both her children found marriage partners at the Glen! MICHAEL HAZEL and DIANE HENDERSON, and SARAH HAZEL and DAN GOLDHAMER. Gifts in her honor have benefited our scholarship program, and her name will be inscribed on the memory wall.

MARIE JENKS SUTTON passed on in October in Tucson, AZ. Her connection to camp was bookmarked by cousin, NICK, who ran the barn, and sister BUNNI, who met her spouse, JOE REED, when she was a CIT. Several of Marie's camp friends are raising donations for her name to be inscribed on our memory wall.



Memorial Wall

For a \$1,000 tax-deductible donation, GG alums can memorialize their loved ones by having their name engraved in stone at the Memorial Wall garden next to the Gilmore Chapel and the bell memorial, a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Gil. Contact camp for information about adding the name of a loved one to this wall.





Development Headlines

Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, December 10th!

Geneva Glen is an authorized Charity for Colorado Gives Day; a vitally important, one-day giving celebration to "give where you live". This is a great way to support Camp and make every dollar of your gift go farther. A portion of every gift to Geneva Glen will be matched; additionally, for every 30 donations to Camp we are entered into cash prize drawings, and *credit card processing fees are waived for all gifts on this one day* – every dollar goes to GG! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Dec 10th and make an online donation to GG! Please log onto www.coloradogives.org then type "Geneva Glen Camp" in the search for a non-profit to see our GG page.

Last year, the ColoradoGives campaign made an astonishing show of support for local nonprofits by donating \$15.4 million in just 24 hours. A total of \$15.7 million was distributed to the nonprofits, thanks to additional contributions from the FirstBank Incentive Fund and 36 cash prizes. Let's see what we can do on Colorado Gives Day 2013!

When: 24 hours starting at 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013

How: Donate online through the Colorado Gives website: http://www.coloradogives.org/CoGivesDay <

Why? To support your favorite of all worthwhile charities—GENEVA GLEN!!

Ken's Chimp Charlie says "THANK YOU!"

This year, we introduced the **Children's Chump Change Challenge**, asking the Campers to bring their loose change to check-in and add it into a change bucket. The campers did a great job *and raised \$754.63 for the* **GG Campership Program** – **awesome!** It is amazing how a little change can make a big difference! Start tucking your pennies away now for the 2014 Chump Change Challenge – goal in 2014 is a full campership!

Marathon Update! Huge shout-out to everyone who

Here's an old snapshot from 1947 in front of Marathon, when the building is only 27 years old! This familiar shield zone that our knights use to paint their shields is where the craft shop was anchored in those days.

has donate to the Marathon Renovation project! We hit (and passed) the \$350,000 "break ground" fundraising goal plans/ the permits/contractors are getting the ball rolling. ultimate goal is to raise \$400,000 so keep those gifts coming – only \$38,000 to go!!

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Want a few other ideas for giving to Camp? How about one of these:

Legacy Giving – This is an opportunity to join other Camp Family members who have put Geneva Glen into their wills. A bequest of this kind makes a lasting and meaningful gift to support the financial future of Camp; and these plans create opportunities for both our donors and Camp.

IRA Required Distributions for anyone over $70\frac{1}{2}$ – You can designate all or a portion of your required distribution to Geneva Glen and reduce/eliminate the tax ramifications! Speak to your IRA manager and ask them to direct your distribution to GG!!

Don't forget, Geneva Glen is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. *Donations to GG are tax deductible*. To learn more about donating to Camp please call Kathy Thornton or Molly Robison – 303-697-4621 ext. 21.



Alum Progeny for 2013 Summer

325 of our campers—about one third of ALL enrolled kids—come to GG as progeny of alums! And these are just campers! About a third of all *staff* members are also GG alums. Talk about a family! "Cherishing the past, seeding the future" is in immediate evidence in this list below, and Geneva Glen's greatest *asset!*

Stella Addis Alexandra Allen Cody Allen Portia Allen Remy Allen Brady Allison Brody Ambroggio Miles Ambroggio Paige Augustine Petra Augustine Ethan Aycock Jesse Badrena Nova Badrena Jackson Baere Remi Baere Diego Balcells Clayton Baldwin Kendall Baldwin Anna Barrow Charlie Barrow Helen Becker Anastasia Branas Callie Brewster Jessica Brummett Elizabeth Bryson Samantha Bryson Max Bublitz Erin Burns Nathan Burns **Brigid Cassidy** Seamus Cassidy Madison Castle Annie Christie Logan Christman Joe Clark Lily Clark Sophie Clark Colin Clarke Katie Clarke Lauren Clarke Ajia Conklin Elise Cook Teague Coughlin Elaine Cross Morgan Crosse Grant Cruzan Rachel Cruzan Annie Cunningham

John Cunningham Nathaniel Cunningham Logan Decker Paxton Decker Annie DeGrood Ella Deiner Jack Destefano Michael Dorsey Abigail Dugan Cassidy Dugdale Mckenna Dugdale Reese Dugdale Blake Duris Connor Duris Hayes Dwyer Miles Dwyer Will Erkelens Caitlin Estes Riley Estes Keeler Evans Tala Evans John Ewy Phoebe Fanganello Connor Fatland Ashley Feldman Luc Filion Tanner Filion Jaxon Fischer William Flynn Simone Francis Roan Freeman Lucy Frenkel Anna Gamito Catie Gamito Maggie Gamito Sierge Gay Arden Gerlach America Gonzalez Ava Gonzalez Mia Gonzalez Charlie Graham Frances Graham Oliver Graham Lindsay Grev Sumner Grey Wyatt Grice William Griswold

Lucy Grylicki Molly Grylicki Frances Guetlich Maclaren Gulick Keely Haas Macie Haas George Henry Hanzel Miles Hanzel Jesse Harpring Joseph Harpring Alice Harwood Samuel Hedenberg Oscar Held Logan Henninger Aaleyah Heringer Alejandra Heringer Samantha Hewetson Ivy Hinds Hadley Hodgson Harper Hodgson Brady Hogan Rhys Hollenbeck Zoe Holmes Blake Holst Will Holst Carter Hoops Tobin Hoops Andrew Hummel Audrey Hummel Teddy Hummel Robbie Ippolito Ginna Jacoby Robert Jacoby Finn Jent Jake Jent Alice Johnson Charlotte Johnson Eric Johnson Mary Malone Johnson Maxwell Johnson Sally Johnson Sierra Johnson Sophia Johnson Walker Johnson

Finley Joseph Rowan Joseph Tucker Joseph John Kail Margaret Kane Mary Kane Nelle Kanewske Sam Kanewske Emma Kaplan Max Kaplan Alexandria Kehn Christian Kehn Carter Elizabeth Kelly Alexandria Keyes Rilev Kidston Kristian Kingdom Wesley Kingdom Matthew Kirton Mikaela Kirton Asher Klein Maggie Klein Cole Koeberer Garrison Koeberer Samantha Koeberer Tanner Kramlich Ella Kruse Kayla Kutler Claudia Lacey Liam Lacey Marc Lacroix Avery Lankford Orson Lankford Mia Lanpher Jack Lawler Matthew Leach Casey LeBlanc Noah LeBlanc Cooper Lees Taggart Lees Rachel Leidich Sarah Leidich Kayley Lincoln Keegan Lingk Alex Long Lauryn Long Rachel Madison

Luca Maffoni Anya Mangle Lucas McCoy Mia McCov Caroline McHugh Anders McKeever Jacob McKinney Bowen Meyer Ethan Meyer Lucah Meyer Megan Meyer Daphne Miles Kole Miles Rowan Miles Sydney Miles Miles Miller Jackson Monas Caley Moon Lucien Muck Vaughan Mullikin **Brendan Murphy** Maryn Murphy Siena Nellis William Newton Annie Nixon Emma Nixon Brogan O'Connor Madeline O'Connor Mason Oliva Morgan Oliva Stefan Orton-Urbina Matthew Parsons Michael Parsons William Parsons Aiden Pass Hannah Podgorski Jackson Podgorski Matthew Pontow Rebecca Pontow Jack Rauch Kate Rauch Aspen Reeves Sydney Reeves Waverly Reeves Sawyer Risch Catalina Rodriquez

Grace Romer

Abigail Romero Grace Romero Perry Romero Jackson Rork Susannah Rossier Eleanora Rowe Anna Rudmann Leah Rudmann Ann Rudnick Isabel Sabbah Abby Sampson Ben Sampson Jacob Sampson Alexander Sandone Skylar Sarsfield Mikaila Saucedo Lena Schneck Gretchen Schooleman Miles Schooleman William Schooleman Havden Schwartz Weston Schwartz Wylie Schwartz Matthew Sease Jack Smith Molly Smith Patrick Smith Caroline Smits Katherine Smits Declan Soane Jed Solomon Wyatt Stelzig Charlie Stevens Brian Sullivan John Sullivan Oliver Sumners **Ruby Sumners** Peter Sweeney Cristina Thayer Jackson Thomas Nicholas Thomas **Tanner Thomas** Meghan Thornton Michael Tidd

Cameron Todd Grace Todd Kate Todd Annabelle Torgove Jackson Torgove Elie Tulloch Morrison Tulloch Chet Turner Lily Urban Mackenzie Urban Rachel Urban Michael Varveris Charles Vidal Maxwell Vidal Samuel Visitacion Matthew Vogel Scott Vogel **Evelyn Voqt** Fynian Walker Chester Wallace Isabel Marie Wallace Oliver Wallace Quentin Wallace Tess Wallace Caroline Ward Grady Ward Morgan Ward Ryder Ward Tess Ware Abbey Wegner Courtney Wegner Hattie Westnedge Reed Westnedge **Brittany Wible** Carson Woodberry Sloan Woodberry Eleanor Woodward Robert Woodward Amanda Woolley Anna Woolley Katherine Woolley Sophia Woolley Colin Yakely George Yetter Ellen Young





Sarah Tidd



GG History Lesson

Over the years many have asked about the origin of the building named "Marathon." We've





known for decades it is connected to an adult Sunday School class from Central Presbyterian Church in Denver. This fall Ken gave the church a call and spoke to the church historian, Joe Martel, who enlightened us. The class membership of about 200, under the leadership of D.D. Watson, was so-named because of the popularity of the modern Olympics, started in 1896, in particular, the Marathon race. It captured their interest through the symbology of strength, resilience, endurance, physical fitness. The class of 200 stalwart souls donated their time and money to build this gathering place beginning in 1919, and they named the lodge "Marathon Lodge." D.D. Watson was a friend and colleague of George Olinger who donated the original 85 acres, or rather "sold" the land to the International Sunday School Association for the capacious sum of \$1.

The building has certainly lived up to its name – being almost 100 years old - and still a treasured gathering place for children.

For more modern connections, D.D.'s "clan:"

Granddaughter, JEANNIE WATSON DENSON, mother to TED, SANDI and SUE. PAIGE and JAKE PAHLKE are son and daughter to SANDI. SUE is mother to MELINDA, JAMIE and MEGAN USHER-WOOD. (See "On The Nest" for news of the first sixth generation GG!)

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding bells are the harbinger of more GG alum progeny to come! And so we celebrate the nuptials of: SHANNON NICOLE CHAMBERS, wed Bryce Baker on August 31 in Arkansas City, Kansas! Shannon, a favorite counselor a few years back followed in her mom, Jo-C: (JO CAROLYN MASSI's) footsteps having a special place in her heart for Geneva Glen.

Our dear TOM ODENHEIMER led his betrothed Katelyn Neuville down the aisle at a celebration in Breckenridge.

SARAH JACKEL PARDIKES tied the knot this season. It was great meeting Tom at the Great Young Alum Beer Fest, and getting the back story that Sarah's mom was the "Cupid" in this romance!

BRUCE GALLAGHER officially gave his Irish name to bride Tricia Class at a stupendous mountain top ceremony in Vail!

Great news to hear that MATT CLIFTON wed this fall.

In September, MIKE HINDS, the captain of Monkeyshines, had a rather mellow ceremony, in counterbalance to his camp reputation! We ran in to Mike's brother ROB the very next night, and he emoted about it being the best wedding he'd ever been to. We're certain that the mountain ambience added to the high atmosphere. Mike's beautiful bride, Kelly, radiated joy, and we conclude she has a keen sense of humor to be Mike's life-partner! This summer "Uncle Mike's" Council Ring capers were echoed by

nieces ALLY and IVY ("We are fam-i-ly!"). as the genes in that pool are alive and well! Colorado gal whose parents, ANDY TODD and CASSIE MORRISSEY met at camp when they were campers themselves!

Mud shows up particularly well on blond moppets, and it

apparently helped these two

become our mudpie king and queen during Myths-seven

year-old Oliver Meuse, from

California, and Kate Todd, a

MUDPIE

Awards

We love to blow horns for staff progeny, and this year it's quite easy as several of your kids, and grandkids, were recognized by their peers for outstanding leadership:

PETE EASTON'S son, Naveed, came back for his second summer as a counselor. Naveed had graduated from Emerson College, in Boston, and we felt privileged to channel his talents and intensity towards drama, and music. He ran the World Friendship musical and was awarded a Silver Spur in Knighthood.

SAMMY and MARY ARIKI'S grandson, Nate Ariki, co-headed the ropes course again this season (with another GG progeny. Brendon Moon!) in his composed, reliable manner which shone out for a Silver Spur that he received during Induction. We know Sammy was looking on with admiration and delight. Mom and dad DAVID and Diane, were elated as well.

Jessie Garhart made papa PROUD as RICK'S baby girl was awarded our highest honor, "Lady of the Bracelet." Jessie is a senior at Colorado College, and a veteran counselor. 2013 was here for her fourteenth summer, and a former crew member and ropes course co-head in 2012. This year she performed her job admirably, as co-head of the Teen Trainee program.

Another spur for a third-generation staffer, Austin Lee is the munificent progeny of the legendary DAVE LEE. He effectively headed up Shields this summer. Austin has loyally attended camp since he was a MYTHS camper in 1999!

LANA FOX GRIBAS sent her male issue, Adam, to GG as a CIT three summers ago. He came with a bit of ambiguity toward this strange place his mother raved about; however it melted soon and he threw his heart and soul into GG and brought a new, and very popular program to us, known as Belegarth. His unbridled enthusiasm and genuine love for our program resulted in his Silver

The Rose award was joyously Spur. presented to SUE ASHER'S elder daughter, Bonnie Siler. I believe she made history as the first girl to run Bracelets one summer, and Rifles the next! Bonnie is little of stature, but big of heart and humor when she donned the camouflaged fishing gators to introduce her area, she was completely swallowed up and looked like a turtle

coming out of the shell!



This old wellhouse (#1), which dates back to the early 60s was magically transformed to a Hobbit House! Its grassy roof, round door, and diminutive runes give it the aura of Frodo and his little pals! It is aptly set at the apex between the Fairy Garden, the Treehouse, and the Place of the Blue Spruce. A charming neighborhood!