

Geneva Glen Breeze

CAMPER BREEZE SPRING, 2013



On-The-Dog-Beat –

Canine Columnist: Huckleberry

Spring DOG-wood... for Huck!



Howdy Campers! I'm napping a lot on the sunny lodge staircase these days, waiting for the piles of snow to melt. We love the snow around here because it helps keep the trees healthy, the wells full, and that keeps Ken happy!

One change this summer will be BABIES! Not the four-legged kind, the pink, apple-cheeked-sticky-gooney kind that humans seem to breed! Courtney and Reid will welcome a little hombre into the camp family in the spring time. I hear he will be a "Cowpoke," and not a "Cowgirl!" Christa will introduce Everett to a little brother, just about in time for Merlin's Masque! Maybe they'll write a little scene in Act 2 – like the part when Marcia gives Arthur the child to Merlin at Tintagel! Then there's another four-legged baby that will be included: Johnny adopted a sweet little pup named **NALA**. She's pretty short, and blonde, and wags her tail a lot. She will be a year old when you meet her, but I think she'll jump right in to the GG family just fine.



I always pay attention to news from the **HORSE HERD**, and this is what I picked up: Winnie spent a few nights at camp from her home in South Park. You see, a tree branch had scraped her eye and needed some TLC (and a few stitches)! She sure seemed lonely down at the corral all alone. (Winnie is named after Mt. Winnie, short for Mt. **Winnepesaukee**, which, in Iroquois, means Smile of the Great Spirit). Our string all had "long faces" as old Twister, Navajo, and Indigo headed off into the horse trough in the sky. They all had good careers at GG. Twister was about 30 years old, which is pretty senior for a Cayuse.

I like Corey and Luca a lot since they let me hang out with them in Cabin 4. They're spiffing up the place with brand new bunk beds! These beds are like most the other cabins with posts that are natural logs taken from the GG

hillsides! You guys in Dorm B and C will be happy to find your dorm looking like new.

I got to see a lot of your counselors at the WINTER WORKSHOP! They act like little juniors being silly and messy as they pretend to watch over a hundred of you teenagers! (I actually think it's you teenagers watching over *THEM!*) We literally had NO SNOW on the ground up until two nights before the Xhop began, and then a little storm dumped a few needed inches. The snow wasn't great but enough for winter shenanigans, and that ice rink at the softball diamond was a real blast and Phil and Johnny and Reid were so proud to have such a good rink complete with night lights, and bleachers! It was a favorite with or without skates!

Wildlife (and I do mean the animals, not Corey and Luca!) is about the same though we haven't seen many members of the Elk herd. At a lazy dusk, as we watched snow flakes floating down, it was real pretty to see a family of nine deer tripping through the rocks and bushes by Merlin's Spring. Rupert the Fox seems to be around, though no shoes are available for him to add to his already sizable collection!

Very soon I will raise my left leg and christen our camper Treehouse that they will be building at Camp Crafts. It will go by different names according to the session. For Example "Peter Pan's Treehouse" during World Friendship, or "Guenevere's Castle" during Knighthood! It was designed by Skimo and it will be really cool! And how cool would it be if they put in a drawbridge and moat!? This magical addition will be a "juniors and middler's only" area for stories, skits, and overnights.

Your camp doggy pal, Huckleberry



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A Note From the Directors:

Spring salutations to all our "camp family." If this will be your first summer at the Glen, welcome—we're excited to see you!!



In this Spring Glen Breeze mailing, you will find news & information that should help you feel more comfortable on our magic mountain! To all you veterans we know you are anxiously awaiting your return. For those of you new to Geneva Glen, we'd like to encourage you to attend our **Strawberry Pancake Breakfast on May 25th**. You'll get an invitation with more details, but it will include a tour of camp so you can feel familiar with camp's hills and dales, a chance to meet other parents, and fellow bunk mates. Plus it's a great meal!

We delight in the blessings of a full camp with a healthy return of veteran leaders to guide you in the fun. Be sure and notice the snowman illustration which lists those who were former campers (twenty-eight of them!), who are returning to be on the camp staff for the very first time. And campers, check out the Orchestra, which includes all of your favorite counselors that will performing for this fantastic summer of "Harmony" – our ninety-second season!



The ingenious Charles Addams serves as inspiration to announce those Geneva Glen campers who will be turning into staff members this summer! These "snow-people" are wearing their names, job title, and state from where they will be marching to camp!



We would also direct your attention to the Fund Raising page. Our success in raising money for Dear Old **Marathon** is coming along, and we're inviting you to be a part of an opportunity to give this venerable building some major TLC! 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 causes—a higher percentage of your contribution goes directly where you want it to go. And this year donations toward Marathon will increase to twice the value due to a \$100,000 grant 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 occasional rainy days!

We are totally confident you will have a wonderful time, and, like so many others, you will want to return again and again!

Have a great spring, and we'll see you this *Ken & Nancy* summer!





INTRODUCING THE 2013 GG STAFF ORCHESTRA!

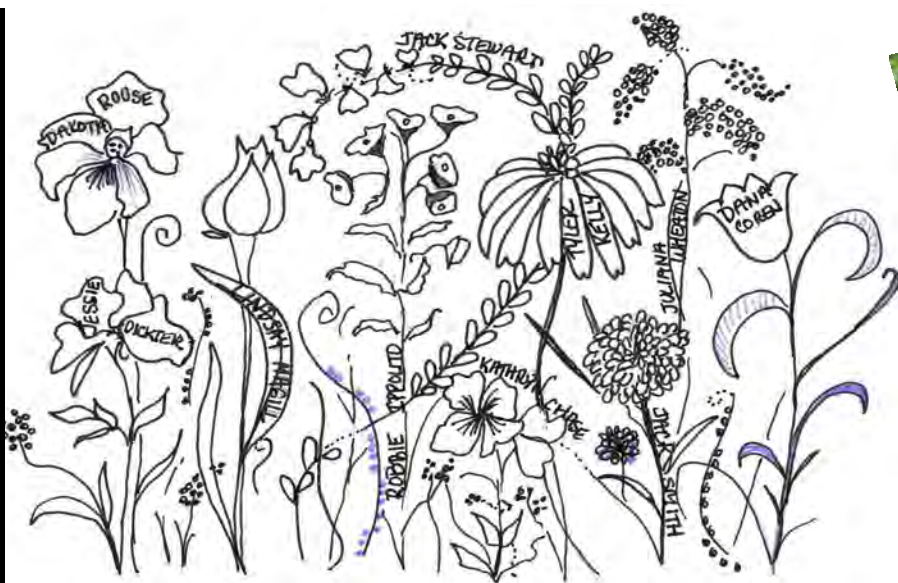
Each year we gratefully welcome back outstanding leaders from the past to create the fun and magic of the Glen. The theme for summer, 2013, is “**Harmony!**” With this natural “musical” talent, and plenty of crazy instruments to spice up the orchestra, we present our 2013 symphony!

Our heads of hill, the inimitable MAX DICKTER and incomparable LONDON MCELVAINE, will keep the beat on kettle drums. Trainee heads, ASHER HUSSAIN, and JESSI GARHART, will play a lyrical concerto for Xylophone and Marimba, while MELISSA KARSH accompanies MOOSE MULLER on the singing spinning wheel. Max has a particular talent for the Moose Jaw, and together they will conduct practice with their ensemble of CIT’s. Our bagpipes will be harangued by RACHEL MAHON and BONNIE SILER, since Rachel hails from the UK, and

Bonnie lives in St. Andrews, Scotland! Several strapping youth’s will toodle away on the penny whistle: JACOB KAY, MATT LEDERER, SAM HELLER, TROY WITONSKI, and CODY HAUN. And who else on the slide trombone but SLIDE KELLY! The melodic chimes from our ring-a-ding-dong-dandy bells are played by *The Happy Sisters*: JOSIE WARREN, EMILIE LEDERER, ANNA LAWRENCE, LAUREN JABLONSKI, and ANNIE BREWSTER. Our crew bosses, cutting up with the musical saw and banging away on the wrench harp, are COREY DICKTER, and LUCA BACCEGA, under the capable tutelage the Property Guy, PHIL. ABBY EURICH will be plucking and bowing away on the blue-grass fiddle, while the OZARK OCTET GUT BUCKET BRIGADE is reserved for those staff who are returning to us from past summers, like ANDREW SCHULTZ, NAVEED EASTON, AVERY SILER, LEXIE MUSSLEMAN, CHRISTINA CHASE, ELYSE KUPFER, STERLING LUBCHENCO, and JEFF ELLENOFF. We have a passel of angelic gals playing the Irish harp and Scottish lyre: GRACE MICHAELS, SHELBY HARTWELL, ALLY HINDS, DOMINIQUE LACROIX, KENDRA BUSH, and BRIDGET ALEXANDER. How about an “Emmaphone!?” Similar to a euphonium, and played by EMMA JOHNSTON, EMMA THOMPSON, and EMMA SAJSA! *We hope this huge instrument doesn’t swallow up Sajsa!* The poetic Clavichord is a perfect style for SAM ROBISON, and CASS ROBISON will mix poetry with art as she colors her canvas with an Irish hammer dulcimer! The ancient sackbut needs a musician who has a with a medieval flair, and who better but Lord ADAM GRIBAS? Like the sackbut, tuba’s require a lot of hot air! Who better than DANNY CHASE, NICK BROWN, and NICK BROADY!?! Loud and blaring Tyrolean goat horns seem appropriate for HALEY MIRR, BEN BRASCH, ELLE MCNAMARA, and MORGAN SCHMEHL. The clip-cloppity coconuts a la Monty Python, is the province of our equestrian mistresses, EMILY JACOBS, KIM MCMULLEN, and TAWNY REAGAN. The hoopa-loopa sounds like ropes folks to me – so NATE ARIKI and BRENDAN MOON can *bring-the-swing* to that part of the orchestra. Returning kitchen wenches are playing the musical spoons: ANITA, JOYCE, CRYSTAL, and JACKIE, and on the maracas, who else but NINA? In Dr. Seuss’ fashion we can have the Bamboozlephones played by JORDAN COHEN, AUSTIN LEE, STEPHEN MARES, CASEY SWEENEY and MATT AYRES. Glad to add CARISSA back to the Rumack R&R, Place of the Healing Feather, where she will need lots of oxygen when blowing on the Stethaphone. “Noisy” PETE MAHAN dons his denim tux tails to be our harmonic conductor! Straight from a tour of The Sorcerer’s Apprentice, JOHNNY DOMENICO brings his “Stradivarius” Mop Bucket, to clean up all the scores! And behind every great symphonic composition there will be a newly commissioned piece for three baby rattles, starring as-yet-to-be-named, two “bootsie-bump-bump-boy” babies under the management of REID MCKNIGHT, and CHRISTA REDFORD (arriving in April and July!)

As you can tell, it’s going to be a toe-tapping, and hummer-of-a-summer with this group, and we’re so excited for the overture, and our 2013 Staff Orchestra, premiering in June!

GENEVA GLEN 2013 TRAINEES



Each year Geneva Glen “grows” its own leaders (usually 90% of our staff come from the former camper ranks). Check out new crop of young leaders in the form of our floral bouquet of Trainees this summer!



Along with the trainee leaders, Asher Hussain, and Jessi Garhart, the rest of our head counselors: Melissa Karsh, Max Muller (CITs), and London McElvaine and Max Dickter (head of boys and girls hill)



Winter Workshop 2012

Camp loves legends, folk tales and myths.
So our Workshop is full of GG lore:

When the hush of night creeps into our valley
And the snowdrops lull the spruce to sweet sleep
Then teen zombies stalk the frosty fallows of the Glen
To skate soundlessly by counselors huddled in forest deep
With pajama's and cocoa and big fuzzy slippers
Campers dally by the warm light of great crackling fire
Sledding and romping through snow banks and hot tub
They celebrate friendships that will grow and inspire

Here you will see the frosty mosaic of moon-shine memories from our 2012 Winter Workshop. Mayan calendars, zombie antics, skating shenanigan's, hot tub prunes, eccentric prizes, rowdy music, puzzle oddities, generous gifts, card games, fuzzy slippers, steaming hot chocolate, fire-place chats, and dancing snowmen!

Raffle Winner

RAFFLE NEWS – the Raffle winner is always chosen during the Winter Workshop and **Cameron Kirke** was the lucky ticket holder pulled from out of our holiday wassail bowl. Cameron is an 8th grader from Greenwood Village, CO. This will be his sixth summer at the Glen—congratulations! We'll see you Knighthood II! Great thanks to all who took a chance: the raffle brought GG over \$5,000 which will greatly benefit the scholarship fund.



HELPFUL HINTS AND REMINDERS FOR PARENTS!

Here's a handy list of some of the basic things to keep track of. ... Hope this helps, and see you soon!

1. **HEALTH FORM** (green) was mailed to you with your enrollment confirmation. If you need the form, contact us to mail you one, or you can access it online via the GG website (www.genevaglen.org/health).

Doctors physical exam – just what IS required? A physical exam is required for admission and the exam must be current within 24 months of attendance (before signing off on the GG Health Form, your doctor may require an exam within the past year). A physical exam does not need to be conducted by a licensed physician, but the exam form **MUST** be signed **EVERY YEAR** by “Licensed Medical Personnel” (MD, DO, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant). The Examination Form is the orchid sheet that was included in the camp’s **Health History Form** and can be submitted separately from the rest of the health form, but must be received at least two-weeks before the start of your child’s session. Contact us if you need more information. All medications will be checked through our nurse on Check-In Sunday. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING VITAMINS AND HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS.** Health information must be current, and the Health History Form (green) must be at camp by April 12th. Go to the following link on the camp’s website to access downloads of our policies and the health form itself:

<http://www.genevaglen.org/health>

2. **TUITION PAYMENT** — We ask for the balance of tuition by FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH. Please call us if this presents any problems. A statement of your account is included in this mailing.

Myths and Magic
Check-In: 10:30 – noon; Mon., June 17
Check-Out: 3:30 – 5:00; Fri., June 21

3. **CHECK-IN SUNDAY** (2-week sessions) — Big, exciting day! You’ll be directed where to park, and given an information sheet and map. Come straight up to the GG lodge *before* moving your luggage. At Step-1, you will get the Camper Release Form that you need to sign and give to the heads-of-hill (Step-3). The Release Form tells us who will pick up the camper on Check-Out Saturday (and that’s the only person to whom we will release the camper). At Step-2 of the check-in process (located at the GG Health Center), you will have the chance to visit with our camp doctor and nurse (and drop off your medications, clarify any concerns, etc.).

Start time: The time to come is **2:00 p.m. or after**, until 4:00 p.m. We won’t be able to register anyone until 2:00 p.m., so **PLEASE DO NOT COME ANY EARLIER THAN 2:00** on Sunday. If you come at 3:00, you will have **no wait** in the Check-In lines.

B **BUNK BEDS WILL BE PICKED BY “LOTTERY”** with the counselors in the cabins (getting here early is no advantage!)

4. **CHECK-OUT SATURDAY**— Check-Out times are from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please remember that parents must sign the **Release Form** (counselors will have these forms, which must be signed before releasing your camper). Your medications can be picked up at the top of the meadow, and there you also can peruse the remaining lost-and-found! Some families will have a yellow card attached to the release form indicating that a miscellaneous charge is due and can be paid at the Sportswear window (bottom of the lodge).

What to pack? Here’s an abbreviated checklist from your Parent Handbook:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit / towels (3 towels) | <input type="checkbox"/> One dressy outfit for Sunday Vespers and dances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (optional; mark with camper’s name) | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera (optional); inexpensive/disposable (w/ camper’s name) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry articles (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb/hairbrush, washcloth, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket and rain jacket or poncho |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes, for hiking and horseback riding
(GG barn policies require having hard-sole shoes with a heel for horseback riding; sturdy hiking boots are sufficient) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm sleeping bag for bunk and overnights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts / summer clothing , but layers for cool days & nights | <input type="checkbox"/> A twin-bed fitted sheet and a pillow |



TAKE A LOOK AT THE ENCLOSED FLYERS FOR FOOT LOCKERS, AND FOR CARE PACKAGES. THEY’RE WORTH CONSIDERING!

Our camp has been providing a fun, positive camping experience for children for 91 years. It is always our expectation that you have a fantastic summer at Geneva Glen ... and we know you will.

See you soon !!!

Important Note to Parents

Parents are reminded that we **discourage sending expensive items** to camp, as they easily can become lost and Geneva Glen cannot accept responsibility for lost items. **Cell phones are not allowed.** We will hold out-of-state camper cell phones in the safe. Our policies **prohibit any drugs**, or any kind of **medication not checked in** with our camp nurse. Other items not allowed include: **tobacco** of any kind, **alcohol**, **marijuana**, **fireworks**, **matches**, **lighters**, **personal sports equipment**, **gum**, **personal safety gear** (helmets), **vehicles** (boards, bikes, scooters), and **weapons** of any variety. Finally, to help reduce lost-and-found mysteries ...

BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE INSIDE OF ALL YOUR CLOTHING! - AND ON EVERYTHING!!

Thanks for your help!

A Fandango of Facts about Fundraising!

Did you know?

Geneva Glen is a private, non-profit, charitable 501(c)3 organization—every donation is tax-deductible

What does that mean?

Only part of Camp's money comes from summer fees; the rest comes from donations.

Like what?

CAMPERSHIPS! Every year Camp provides more than \$100,000 in scholarship assistance to Camp Families; support for camperships comes from donations.

Do Ken & Nancy own the Camp?

Nope! But we are so lucky they work here; they have been the Directors for more than 30 years!! Camp is a non-profit corporation, run by a volunteer board of directors, and like the rest of us, Ken and Nancy are employees!

How does Camp raise money?

Lots of ways – once or twice a year we send out a letter to ask our alumni and camper families to donate. We also ask foundations and businesses for help. Sometimes we have fundraising events during the year. Finally, groups help us by volunteering time or donating items to Camp.

Can I help?

Of course, donate to Camp *[See the "Wishlist" below!!]*. And new this year – bring your spare change to Camp for our **"Children's Chump Change Challenge"**.

What is that?

The **"Children's Chump Change Challenge"** - aims to raise \$1,695 - enough money for a full scholarship to Camp this summer with *your* spare change! We'll have a giant bucket in the lodge – when it is full, you'll help a child come to camp for two weeks! *Literally, every penny counts!*



Geneva Glen" Wishlist": (aka – stuff we need that you might have!)



Costume Room – men's hats, military uniforms, tights, leotards, tutus, wigs, crazy pants, working sewing machine, fabric, any sewing paraphernalia for "Cre-8"
Sports Equipment – softball mitts, ice skates (for Winter Workshop), balls of any type, Frisbee's, lacrosse sticks, ping pong tables, balls & paddles
Miscellaneous – *coffee mugs*, silverware, electric fans, ice cream making balls, children's books (for Myths & Magic), FLIP digital video camera's



There will be a "donation drop-off" station on all of the Check-in and Check-out days. For larger items, our year-round crew will pick up items at your home. Please don't hesitate to call if you have something to donate and you are not sure if we might need it!



If you ever have questions about donating to camp (an item, your time, money, etc...) please call Molly or Kathy at 303-697-4621 ext. 21.