



Geneva Glen Camp



Camper Breeze ... Fall 2014

Greetings from the Directors

Happy Autumn campers!

Hope you are enjoying the Indian Summer the Rockies is tasting presently ... wherever your October may be!

As much as we value the lessening threat of wildfires in our mountain home, we also prized the rain that managed NOT to soak our numerous special outdoor events. Pow Wow and most of 4th of July were unaffected by the rain. The Sword Soliloquy, Pulling of the Sword, Merlin's Masque, Day-long Pageant, Induction, and Avalon were also untouched by raindrops. So grateful!! Chautauqua day was drenched in the afternoon, however not at our evening Peace ceremony! We praise the stamina and morale of our campers and staff who slogged sodden overnights, soaking capture-the-flag games, saturated counselor hunts, and drenched hikes! As much as we relish the aroma of rain in the Rockies, just one thunder-roll magically closes Barn, Ropes, Pool, and all meadow games. So hats off to the great leaders who entertained a lot of damp kids inside cabins and cubbies all over the Glen.



The "Prosperity Feather" is presented to outstanding teenage campers during American Heritage. Matt Sease and Rachel Cohen accepted this tribute to their leadership and their humble and supportive attitude

The Spirit of the Glen theme resonated throughout our summer. It was not quite a symphony, but more like a cacophony of impressions that best describe the timbre of our summer of 2014. If you wanted to put it to a song, it would be "Raindrops Keep Falling on our Head!"

How many of these sounds can you recall?

- ☁ Morning serenades on Girls Hill
- ☁ Cool tunes from Radio station KGLN
- ☁ The Bell clanging directions
- ☁ Shrieks of laughter
- ☁ Country Western music wafting from the barn
- ☁ Stellar Jay's scolding
- ☁ Gasps of "Oh MAMA!" from Ropes
- ☁ Lifeguard whistles at the pool
- ☁ The thwack of the softball hitting the bat
- ☁ Ken's choir with Merlin, and "There Was a Boy."
- ☁ Pop rockets blasting off in the meadow
- ☁ That succulent sizzle from the grill
- ☁ Thunder
- ☁ Retching
- ☁ Dodgeball tags
- ☁ Scrabbits chittering
- ☁ Knighthood chants n cheers
- ☁ Drums pounding for Pow Wow practice
- ☁ Merlin's Spring gurgling
- ☁ The squeak of the swing set
- ☁ A "murder" of crows calling at dawn
- ☁ Counselors yelling "Get out of the meadow!"
- ☁ Most of all Raindrops splashing!

The 4th of July was celebrated again with singing, and plucking by our very own Banjo Man, Wayne Foust. Rainy weather kept us in the lodge for the singing, but torrents gurgling down the creek didn't influence the Indian Hills Fire Department to allow sparklers that damp week! Campers will recall the flag ceremony that began our patriotic celebrations when the rope busted on the flag pole! Pete Mahan and Steven Mares, two of our resident Eagle Scouts, had to hold "Old Glory" after our wrangler Color Guard presented our flag on horseback.



Camper Edition

Fall, 2014



ROYALTY SHINES in many forms at the Glen. The down-and-dirty is shown here as Anders McKeever, and Emily O'Donnell, were voted the grimmest, most disgusting depiction of mud, Jell-O, ice cream

and sand a kid could display during our annual "Mudpie Mania!"

Five weeks later, in Knighthood II, a very traditional pulling of that magical sword, dubbed Brad Emrick (10 year veteran from Boulder) as our King Arthur for the Pageant. His lovely Rose-anointed



Queen, Guenevere, Emma Nixon, from Whitefish Montana, an 8 year veteran, reigned over a jolly court of loyal GG teens.



The awards that crystalize on the final evening of KHI and KHII went to several deserving recipients: Asher Hussain, Adam Gribas, and Sam Robison, all had Gold Stars shining from their shields. Bonnie Siler and Emma

Johnston wore Ladies Discs the next morning. Our Knighthood garden bloomed roses for: Dominique LaCroix, Shelby Hartwell, Avery Siler, Emilie Lederer, Josie Warren and Lauren Jablonsky. Spurs jingled for Brendan Moon, Matthew Lederer, and Kevin Ulibarri. Congrats to all these outstanding leaders.

The **WORLD FRIENDSHIP** version of Olympics is quite significant with friendly competition from softball to watermelon hauling! Living groups represent countries participating in schedules as best we could around the mud and soggy arenas, our Olympic Chairman, Adam Gribas, prescribed.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Recognized for the helpful and enthusiastic attitude, and conspicuous display of sportsmanship, are Annie DeGroot, Rachel Heilbronner, and Avery Hicks.



We know most campers do not go in to the lodge foyer, but if they did, they would read the definition



on our Peace Prize Plaque. The quality of respect for all beliefs particularly shines out in this recipient. Jenna Winocur (far left), a 10th grade camper from Englewood, who has come to GG for seven years, was astounded as she won this esteemed recognition for 2014. The other fine nominees (shown above) were:

Elise Korneffel, Grace Romer, Nash Hartman, Tyler Weiskopf, Annie DeGroot, Abby Obourn, Logan Hahn.

What a summer!!

Kens & Nancy



On the Dog Beat

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

Howdy camper buddies, Huck here!!

I'm out here snoozin' by the tether-ball court so I can keep one eye out for Rupert! He seems to like to stash your shoes by the teepee near the bridge. But try as I may, I can't catch him!



Our fall has been exciting with all the banging, grinding, and hacking going on at Marathon. Boy-howdy! That place looks like something from the fairy tale when the witch hexes a castle into a scorched out shell (or possibly Ben Brasch with his magic wand)! It's sort of eerie, but those crew heads saved all the wood-burned names on the wall and numbered them like puzzle pieces to replace again in the right order when the new Marathon goes up! I know y'all are proud of your six-year + names on the wall.

Have you ever seen a mushroom forest? Too bad it's not Halloween, 'cause we have the spookiest crop of 'shrooms in every color and shape from maroon monsters to wormy, pasta-like fettuccini, to play elfin hide-and seek around. The mushroom provide perfect hide-outs for elves and leprechaun's, you know . Look at this photo Johnny took of one as big as a basket-ball behind the council ring!

And of course all this is from the gall-darnedest wettest



The penny shows the relative size!

season the Glen has seen in many moons.

Outside of Marathon being taken apart, things are calming down now getting ready for the winter season. We've already had a bit of snow at the Glen (no surprise!) . The baby horses, Ron Weasley, and Doctor Barry Rumack, have gone back to their pre-school training in Brighton. They sure grew up fast and got friendlier every day.

Did you know about the "Huckleberry Charade?" In 2014 so many of you campers thought that the spritely little Chocolate Lab, Sally, was really me! She belonged to our nurse Chelsea! Kids would hug me and murmur Sally's name. I'm the Black Lab with some tell-tale gray around my whiskers, and I hang out

exclusively at Ken and Nancy's apartment over the pool! The little "blonde bombshell," Nala, is Johnny's pup. We often hear shouts of "NO Nala, NO Nala!" as she takes off to chase another car!

Camp is used to weddings. We actually had two GG folks wed in the chapel right before camp in May. But the quirkiest wedding I ever witnessed was the Teddy-Bear wedding in Myths & Magic. The bride was a Unicorn named Isabella, and she pledged to a Teddy Bear named "Teddy-Bear!" The minister was a shark named Finn, and I'm unsure what the other creatures that made up the bridal party were. It was really silly and fun (see the photo below).



Each season I have a favorite laugh – a canine comical cavort through the funniest snapshots from all 5 sessions. You can see the winners in the Patchwork-Quilt page, but the biggest belly laugh for dogs, horses, or people was in Knighthood II during Pageant, when Alex Izbiky lost his drawers! (*wish I could have been there!*)



Rupert, I'm gonna get you some day!! -Huck

Enjoy the snapshots and we hope they remind you of the fun you had at camp this year.



Have a great fall,
Love Huckleberry

Fanciful creatures inhabit our Myths session from "Knuckers" to "Wyvern" dragons, elves, wood fairies, leprechaun's and HOBBITS! Fortunately for us, one be-whiskered little Hobbit named Umlaut Took who took up residence in our Hobbit Hut! His mailbox, here, was full of notes and questions from inquisitive campers!



GG REJOICES! ... at the opportunity for Federal and private support through contributions from the Jefferson Conservation District, the camp, and the Geneva Glen Camp Family.

During World Friendship we convened a provocative Think Tank enabling our teens to be informed of the changeable health of GG's pine forests. Our teens learned how these dense stands, that cover nearly all of camp's property, keep out healthful sunlight that allows normal undergrowth and natural vegetation, wildflowers and low brush for our indigenous critters. The natural cycles that thin the forest include wildfires, which of course we cannot allow. A wildfire would devastate our steep mountains. The best scenario is to thin the over-abundance of fir and spruce ourselves. The funds from this conservation allowance must be matched by the camp, so that this huge undertaking can hopefully commence in the fall of 2015.

Two-Week Session Raffle

Are you ready for the 17th Annual GG Session Raffle!!

This is your opportunity to win "a spot" and tuition in the *session of your choice* for the summer of 2015! Congratulations to Kaija Spencer, who won the raffle and attended Knighthood I in 2014; not bad, turning the raffle ticket in to a spot in KHI and a \$1,745 tuition credit. The form for buying tickets will be included with your registration materials...*coming soon!* The proceeds from this raffle support Camperships at GG – we raised more than \$6,000 in 2014.

GG's Summer Camp Staff donates \$4,055 to the Campership Program!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the 2014 GG Staff - their donations to the Campership Program totaled \$4,055. And to add a bit of icing to the cake – their gifts were matched 2 to 1 bringing in a total of \$12,165 for Geneva Glen's programs.



WINTER WORKSHOP

Save the Date!
(Dec. 19-22)

Would you like to create Snow Angels in the meadow? Want to ice skate at the softball diamond? How does a giant slumber party with your best camp buds in the lodge sound? Check out this information:

Winter Workshop is 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 2014 Workshop are Fri., Dec. 19 (between 3pm and 5pm) through noon on Mon., Dec. 22. 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 application will be mailed in November along with the summer registration materials. The cost will be \$265 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!*

Interested in the Trainee Program?

How does the Trainee program work? A Trainee is a camper, entering the 11th grade in the fall, who is selected for a leadership role and attends all five sessions of the summer. We generally choose between 8-10 campers to participate in this program and it's an honor to be accepted. Trainees are able to enjoy the fun of being a camper while receiving leadership development training and learning responsibilities that come with being a staff member.

There is a high expectation of the Trainee's leadership abilities and loyalties to the values they've learned through our teen programs. 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, please call or email camp (the camper should correspond, NOT the parent!), requesting an application. Trainee applications will be available online by December at www.genevaglen.org/trainee.

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.

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Artistry is recognized at the Glen



Our mythical, “water-nymph” is represented each year in a dance during Merlin’s Masque and the Sword Soliloquy. Here, Sara Heller is depicting our version of how Merlin, and eventually Arthur, received Excalibur. Both Sara and the younger version Nell Kanewske, who performed this dance in Knighthood I, looked like snowy feathers as they grace the Council Ring stage with their poise and beauty.



Junior Native Princesses, hiding from a Saskwatch monster in the legendary Pow Wow Dance!



Annie Brewster and Slide Kelly with an Indian Folk Art Rangoli between Merlin’s Spring and our Peace Garden. This colorful sand design symbolizes the transitory nature which causes the patterns to move and eventually blend into nature from the forces of wind and rain.



Whenever and wherever there is a dull, empty wall, like at our Healing Feather Health Center, Cass Robison will magically transform it into an eloquent, artistic story. Here in the Exam room, she painted a large sympathetic bear needing a Band-Aid, and a small, nurturing mouse/nurse caring for him.

Self-explanatory!



World Friendship’s musical production (this summer in the Council Ring—no rain!) included songs from “Tony Award” winners. The finale was bittersweet as it was on the final Thursday night of camp, and we all had just “One Day More” left to go—that was song finale from the production of Les Miserable, and the full cast sang their hearts out!





Geneva Glen Staff, 2014

Presenting our wonderful 2014 staff posing for the last time in front of dear old Marathon. As GG embarks on the greatest financial commitment of her 93 year history, the complete remodel of this rustic mountain lodge, built in 1919, we are trusting in the ongoing generosity and active philanthropy of our loyal camp family. We are exceptionally grateful for the gifts we have received thus far to build a new and expanded lodge which affords us invaluable space for indoor activities. The new Marathon will include a staged auditorium able to accommodate all campers when the weather chases us out of the meadow or the council ring. Included will be accommodations for the KGLN Radio station, archery hut, shield shop, a small kitchen for nutrition programs, and the familiar “canteen” camp store! There will be a lot of familiar things you’ll recognize, and as the building grows and matures, it will capture the same sentiment that still applies today—camp will always continue “cherishing the past, seeding the future.”

In the next few weeks, you will receive a donation request in the mail. Though our fund-raising goal was achieved for Marathon (and THANK YOU for your help!), the camp’s needs are still many. As a not-for-profit, we depend abundantly on the charity of our camp constituency—campers, staff, alums, and parents and camp families. Please take time to read about our plans, and progress for wildfire mitigation, forest thinning, wildlife preservation and environmental management, and of course our ongoing scholarship endowment.

Thank you!!



Please remember to mark your calendar for this day!

Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, December 9th!

Geneva Glen is participating in the annual **Colorado Give Day**; a wonderful, 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 9th 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 box and can see our GG page.

When: 24 hours starting at 12 a.m. on **Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

How: Donate online through the ColoradoGives website (Or, through the link on our website: www.genevaglen.org/donate and click on the ColoradoGives link)

Why: To support Geneva Glen!

Anyone, whether in Colorado, or out of state, can participate!

Camp’s Chimp Charlie says “THANK YOU!”

We asked you to bring your loose change to check-in and add it into the change basket for the **2nd Annual Children’s Chump Change Challenge**. *Boy oh boy, did you do it! We raised \$692.52 for the GG Campership Program – thank you!* It is amazing how a little change can make a big difference!! Start tucking your pennies away now for the 2015 Chump Change Challenge.

Miscellaneous Money Matters

A warm, wonderful thank you to all of our Geneva Glen Donors – we received gifts totaling more than \$230,000 this year! Donations supported our Campership program, the Marathon Renovation, General Operating, Endowment, Costume room and so much more! Please feel free to contact Kathy Thornton or Molly Robison if you have questions, suggestions or thoughts on fundraising at Geneva Glen.

Geneva Glen is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. Donations to GG are tax deductible. Questions: 303-697-4621, ext. 21

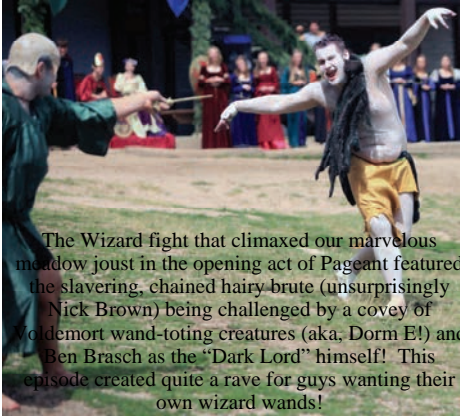
The Patchwork Quilt, Summer 2014



“The show must go on!” as Sir Tristram boldly rescued La Belle Isolde from the horrific grasp of her slaving uncle, The Morholt! A traditional scene by Alex Izbiky and Caley Moon was made hysterical by the mere loose tie on a new pair of Knightly drawers! He never faltered in his chivalrous duty to the great entertainment of the court indeed all the gentfolk of GG!



The teen-Double Dipper enjoyed the Great Sand Dunes, as well as Colorado Alligator Farm and the UFO Watchtower. Anything is fun with Cassidy Robison and Chelsea Williamson in the beauty of the San Juan's.



The Wizard fight that climaxed our marvelous meadow joust in the opening act of Pageant featured the slaving, chained hairy brute (unsurprisingly Nick Brown) being challenged by a covey of Voldemort wand-toting creatures (aka, Dorm E!) and Ben Brasch as the “Dark Lord” himself! This episode created quite a rave for guys wanting their own wizard wands!



ONE only Geneva Glen Columbine was discovered this year!



Revolutionary Generals, AKA Cody Haun and Kevin Ulibarri shook hands before reenacting a capture-the-flag battle during American Heritage. In camper surveys, the two most popular evening play programs are (still) capture-the-flag and Jurassic Park!



Two groups of younger campers were treated to a trip to the Wild Animal Sanctuary. Wide-eyed kids marveled at close-up views of lions, tigers, and bears, that have been rescued through the generosity and love of this non-profit haven. We highly recommend your family visiting this place!



Geneva Glen PRE-Registration Information for 2015

Greetings from another pleasant and exceptionally verdant Colorado autumn! 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 2015 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 or (303) 697- 4621 ext. 25

SUMMER DATES 2014

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
Myths and Magic	June 15	June 19
	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
American Heritage.....	June 21	July 4
Knighthood I	July 5	July 18
Knighthood II	July 19	August 1
World Friendship.....	August 2	August 15



Dates for the Upcoming Geneva Glen Season — Fall 2014 & Summer 2015

Registration Mailing Dates

- ◆ Registration mailed to ALL out-of-state families
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014
- ◆ Registration mailed to veteran in-state families
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014
Enrollment begins for veteran Colorado families —
Friday, Nov. 7, 2014
- ◆ Registration mailed to in-state, first-year families
Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015

Off-season Events and Staff Orientation

- ◆ 2015 Winter Workshop *(for veteran teens only)*
Friday, Dec. 19 – Monday, Dec. 22, 2014
- ◆ 2015 Staff Orientation June 7-14, 2015

We're looking forward to the summer of 2015 and Geneva Glen's 94th season. See you soon!

