



Geneva Glen Camp



Alumni Glen Breeze—Spring 2014

PRESENTING THE GENEVA GLEN STRATEGIC STARBURST!

On April 26, the camp directors, and Board of Directors hosted a gathering of camp family to envision the future of Geneva Glen. We borrowed some ideas from our Strategic Plan in 2002 and 2003, and brought thoughtful, considerate attention to the camp's second century! Following are some key points:

“The Starburst represents a sort of ‘snapshot’ of what GG has its attention on TODAY.

“Deep thinking was asked of participants in consideration of these three questions:

- * WHY does Geneva Glen exist? Or, fill this sentence out: “Geneva Glen exists because ...”
- * WHY do we have the slogan: “Cherishing the Past, Seeding the Future?”
- * WHAT is Geneva Glen’s most valuable asset?”

“I believe we all realize that Geneva Glen is a *treasure*. Sometimes I compare camp to a rare old book – with chapters that teach practical, essential life-lessons; chapters on skills of challenging fears, of horses, height, shyness; a picture book etching precious, joyful memories for staff and campers.

“But lately as my experiences continues to grow, I view the unsurpassed blessings of the qualities I learned at this *funny little place* – resilience, unselfishness, compassion, courage, sense of humor...and I’m in *awe* of how absolutely *imperative* these character traits are for today’s youth ...for the future leaders of the world. Now I see camp as more of a treasure chest we need to protect ... a myriad of priceless gems. I feel an adamant *duty* to defend and safeguard this amazing program, this incomparable patch of good for my grandchildren ... and for *their* children. I want it secure from worldly eroding. I want it pure, shining above the mediocre taints and shadows of “well, that’s how things are now.

“We need your viewpoints, we are asking for your energy, creativity, determination to assure the permanence of this place we call Geneva.” - Nancy

The group of 80 got to work and formed four “Rays” or topics to examine and a recommendation for action. Those included: Camp Family (Alums, Campers, Parents, Staff, Round Table, Board, Vendors, Pendragons, Young Alums, Neighbors, Friends of Geneva Glen), Program (“everything relating directly to the camper experience”), Finance & Development (Budget, reserves/ investments, fundraising), and Facilities and Properties (Buildings, infrastructure, land).

It was a meeting bearing fruit that will continue to grow and ripen in the coming decades! For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.genevaglen.org/starburst/>



An historic event on March 2 gathered all of the board presidents for the past 30 years, convened by the current board president, John Barker, and the camp directors.

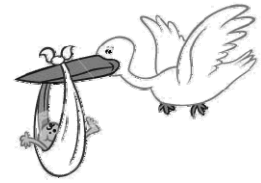
Shown from left to right: Bill Hanna, Tom Yerkey, Nancy Atkinson (camp director), Steve Livingston, Barry Rumack, Sally Kingdom, Dave (Red) Williamson, John Barker, Dan Warner, Ken Atkinson (camp director).

Topics ranged from “future challenges, how does GG grow, succession, the state of fund-raising.” Geneva Glen is so fortunate to be able to draw upon these camp leaders for wisdom, advice, and support!

See page 3 for more info on an amazing small-world find from a 1941 alum from Wisconsin! His experiences have helped fill in a big gap in the camp timeline. Marcia Peteranetz has paid homage to the value of this group of photos by archiving them along side all the other decades!

FROM THE NURSERY ...

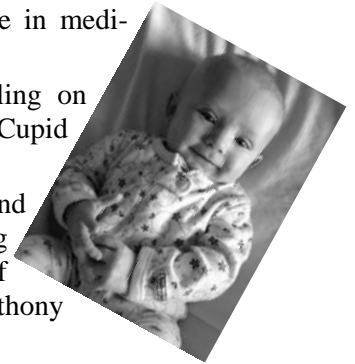
Rubber Baby Bumper Crop of GG Alums!



Doctor BEN HALE and his favorite camp nurse “sweetheart” (and now spouse!) KATIE (RICHARDSON) may have moved to Ann Arbor, MI for his Residency, but ... the melodic vibes and harmonies of that camp romance have reverberated into a coda in February as Amelia Kate entered the world! They call her Millie. We suppose this lass stands a fair chance of a future in medicine...and also of attending Geneva Glen Camp!

Dr. NATE MILLER, and Christine, joyfully celebrated that Valentine feeling on February 17 with a second cherub to keep big sis, Jessie, happy with a real Cupid baby doll. Charlotte Jacqueline was welcomed into the Miller fold.

Grapevine news from Grapevine, Texas! ALEXANDRIA MCKINNEY BELLAMY and husband Aaron welcomed their first child in March – a baby named Kai. They are looking forward to enrolling Kai in about eight years! Grand-dad JIM PHELPS, filled us in on some of this news. It was also good to hear from Jim that his other progeny, HALLEY, wed Anthony DeArman in 2012. They also reside in Austin.



WEDDING BELLS



One more romance made at camp! PAGE KELLEY, step-daughter to TOM LONG, will wed MATT WILLIAMSON, the first born of DAVE WILLIAMSON, aka “Red.” Both were long time campers and staff members. Matt’s sister,

CHELSEA, says this will be a “spectacular event” in July, congrats to all involved! KARL ONSAGER celebrated spring nuptials as he wed Jennifer Doane. News that MATT CLIFTON wed Emily in Cascades, Washington last fall. They reside in Boston where Matt works for a bio-med firm. We rejoiced hearing about SAMI HARTMAN and Kyle’s wedding as well! Excited to share news that HEATHER THOMAS (daughter to Don & granddaughter to Betty & Dave) will wed Dave Howard in Anchorage, AK July 16th! Wedding bells will be chiming for DANE HARBAUGH and his fiancé, Andrea Schulz. Glad to see Dane happy and hale at our Starburst. He’s pursuing his bliss by dropping his present professional career that didn’t carry his heart and finding one that stirs the juices! WENDY CUTLER took a romantic holiday to Bermuda and married Steve Lowe. We’re delighted for this next chapter in your life! CASSIE LARCADE HAYS was at Jeff and Alana’s nuptials and learned she just tied the knot! Congratulations! All of those who know BRAD SHEEHAN rejoiced to see he and his long-time intended Alice marry!

And on May 31st, another “made-in-camp-heaven” wedlock-rite took place! Our chapel was the scene to host the vows for JEFF GOWIN, and ALANA GAY. Ken officiated, and we will add all the juicy details in the fall. So many GG alums attended—including Alana and Ciara’s grandfather, Bill Gay—who married Alana’s grandmother on the same day, May 31st, in 1947!!



ON THE NEST ...

June 13th, KRISTIN SYVERSON COX, and hubby Quinn, welcomed a baby brother for older sister, Keira!

WENDI SUE GROVER and Larry Meerdinck are ecstatic to be expecting a little girl in July.

KEVIN LEE and Sara are delighted to add to the Lee family tree. Big brother Sammy will welcome a sibling with all the aplomb and hospitality his dad has shown through the years.

STEVE BROWNSON and Kristin were “ordered” (by Caroline!) to supply a baby brother! This command will materialize in October! EMILY HALL BECKETT



brought news that her “little” brother, LARRY, and his wife Claire, are expecting in July! Presently all of our Hall alums reside in New Orleans! JAY PETERANETZ and WHITNEY ROBERTSON have three delightful damsels (Braiden, Trennan, and Aspen), but alas, Jay needs at least one virile connection. So in the fall they will welcome their first male! At least that’s the plan!



Pleased to announce a first ever “CAMP-TISM” at GG! TIM and Courtney AMASS decided when Teddy joined their family to consecrate their son’s path to nature in a place and manner hallowed from Tim’s childhood, “The Glen.” The families will celebrate this summer solstice with psalmodies and native American Milagros to enrich the symbolism. A great idea like this is bound to inspire Teddy’s kinship with GG, and lead him to feel bathed in the love and inspiration of this natural spirit-filled sanctuary.

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!



1940s

Out of the blue we received an email from a gentleman in Wisconsin helping with the estate of a friend – FLOYD E OLSON. It was a scrapbook from the summer of 1941 (the summer before Pearl Harbor)! It contained over 100 photos taken of a church group from Lincoln, Nebraska. Floyd was a student of 23 at the time at the University of Nebraska. This was indeed a treasure trove as many shots are of a different view of the camp. The trip may have been only a week, but it remained a vivid and glorious highlight for Floyd. We gave MARCIA PETERANETZ the prints for her to make another archive scrapbook which unearthed another small-world coincidence! Marcia's hubby, Gene, is from Milwaukee, near Cedarsburg, where the Olson family now lives, virtually around the corner from one of Gene's very good friends. Marcia will take the finished scrapbook to share with them this summer. GG connections never cease!

Great to have this photo from ROBERT SMITH. Robert was at South High School in '43, working for the YMCA Camp Chief Ouray as a wrangler. In 1944, Mr. Gil contacted him to wrangle with one of his South High classmates, JIM MURPHEY, who also would be the truck driver. He wrote of many fond memories of GG, but this photo is of Robert with Jim on his back, and both on the back of "Tiny" [the horse!] However this has brought up a "bone-of-contention." Dave Thomas, a wrangler in the 50's, and the nephew to the Gil's, swears that this horse is *TUFFY!* "Tiny had a star on his forehead, Tuffy had a triangle!" (*Could there have been TWO Tiny's?!*) Dave continues turning the pages of his steel-trap memory:

"Other horses that I can remember from '55 were, Harlequin, Blanco, Tiny, Tuffy, Apache, Cherokee, Horse, Spanky, Ming Toy, Astro Gold, Golden Girl, Ribbon (Horse on your old stationary with Eddy Woodell aboard), Goldie, Sandra

Star, and the infamous Black Prince! There are others but I'm doing this over 50 years ago. The next couple years we picked up: Missy, Sissy, Spook, Joe, Zeke, Chong, Chief, Brandy, Poppy, Tar Baby, Susan, Lucky and Rhondo from the Tiny Town Stables'. We tried our first branding in 1957 although we had the irons much longer than that. Maybe I can recall some more 'stuff' after I think on it some more." *I'll bet you can, Dave!!*



1950s —

JEAN GIBSON WOOLLEY (a camper in 48 - 53 and a staff in 1958) sent us a marvelous chapter from her life at GG. Husband BILL was also a camper in the late 40s. Her recollections revealed to us there is so much the same today as decades past! Jean included some news about her son, STEVE, presently living in Bend, Oregon, who has campers attending now from the U.S. but has formerly sent his daughter all the way from Dubai and Geneva, Switzerland! JENNIFER WOOLLEY is moving from Maryland to Bend, Oregon, as well.

Great visit in Southern California with JEANIE ALBRIGHT LOWRY on her favorite "Tug O' My Heart." Jeanie shared photos of her camp memories as well as horseshoe ribbons of which she seemed to have cornered the market! During her summers Jeanie delighted in thinking that Tiny was her very own personal horse. (As a matter of record, she thinks this horse in the photo is Tuffy!) After a guided cruise, we enjoyed her hospitality at her club and seeing her charming home.

PENNY CUNNINGHIM turned up in Florence, Massachusetts. Many of her 50s pals from GG have wondered "where and how she is" over the decades! So happy to report that she is well and contemplating a GG return visit for the 95th. She is now in touch with one of her favorite camp pals, BEA HOLZAPFEL.



From a 1960 Staff Glen Breeze!

We're deliberate in keeping it somewhat homespun, but still, compare today's Breeze to this version of the Glen Breeze, 1960, and it brings new meaning to "Cherishing the Past!" The appearance is night-and-day different, however the content is still rich and has all the storied reverberation of magical memories created by the same atmosphere as ever. We'll do our best to keep these coming...

"Tom Yerkey (Hi at Aledo, Illinois) sent back a key. Guess to what? THE TRUCK!"

PETE EASTON (at Amherst) "Where to begin thanking you folks is a problem in itself; but I think you know the appreciation I feel to you - and to more than you: to the experience in growing and laying a strong foundation which has been afforded me at camp. Perhaps it's something we should be grateful for together ... what it's done for me can hardly be expressed, just felt, and, I hope, lived."

KAREN TYNER ... Florida Southern is a lovely college and I'm happy here. Camp was wonderful this year. I sometimes wonder how I happened to be one of the fortunate few to find it.

PHIL KONKEL - "Geneva, our lives have been bettered by you." How many times that line has run through my head since the close of last summer. The CIT program was, this year, far better than I have ever been associated with at GG.

FRED EVANS (teaching in Iowa)...I still remember vividly my truly wonderful summer. It was expert training for my field...Having a chance to work with a myriad of people-types, to sort out the bad and keep the good, to handle responsibility, to share, to grow, and many, many other possibilities are what I found last summer.

ANGI TIPPS is in New York holding down an important assignment with IBM. We hear from her. We wonder if her long, hard hours in our office and the variety of jobs she covered so ably for us will help her in "adjustment" to IBM's ways?

JACK DUVAL (teaching in Pennsylvania) (from last and other summers, not '60) ... from Paris ... Since my arrival June 17th I've never stopped...regards to the camp family and have a wonderful summer. You always do, anyway."

CLAIRE ROSS, a counselor who came from Berea, KY is residing in the British Isles now! She originally came to camp with CHAFIC'S prompting. Her dear daughter, SOPHIE WATKINS, passed away in Nairobi, Kenya last fall. She was a teacher at a prep school there and would teach GG songs to her students. When Sophie served on staff with us in 1993 and 1996. Claire mentioned how much she loved her time at the barn and how much she missed camp. Sophie, we will miss *you!* A scholarship in her name will be given.

We had a good catch up with CINDY CAREY, who remains an active member of the Round Table and on the Board's Financial Committee. Cindy also attended our Starburst last month. She is looking forward to her retirement from years as professor at Colorado University. Cindy had two favorite counselors while at GG - KAREN TYNER (see 1960s Breeze), and MARTI HOSE WELTI, who keeps in touch from Indiana. Cindy's sister-in-law, GINNY RAE CHASE, sent holiday greetings from her new digs in Little Rock, Arkansas!

MARY BAIN CARR joined us for the Strategic Starburst in April. She still lives in Chicago with hubby TERRY

1970s

Over the past decade, DEBBIE ORTON-URBINA has laid three fine sons on the GG altar! Her eldest, Tristan, will be a CIT this summer.

DAVE (RED) WILLIAMSON participated in the "Past President's Palaver" in March. He was astounded that out of the nine past presidents, he was the most *recent* one to have been on the camp staff in that illustrious group! He's also a proud father of a groom in July as son, MATT, will wed camp sweetheart, PAGE KELLEY! Red, weren't you at camp with Page's stepdad, TOM LONG?

1980s / 1990s

PAUL DELAURO contacted us in January. We hope to welcome his daughter, Alayna, in the future. It was fun recounting his time as Bishop of the Pageant, back in 1980. Paul lives in California.

IAN FITT sent an update last summer that he's in Rolling Hills, California, with two offspring, Colin, and Hailey, and wife Michelle. Hope you'll visit next time you journey to the Rockies!

KATHY MCHUGH THORNTON, proud of daughter, Meghan, who will be a Trainee this season - her *twelfth summer!* Kathy is an immeasurable help to us all season as a member of our office staff.

Always good to see the credits of Animal Planet, and to recognize our own JASON CAREY, who is an Executive Produce of "Treehouse Masters." (We're not imagining ours to be quite as intriguing as the one the

show profiles! But it's easily as *strong* as any of them!) Jason is another one of those GG products, as both his mom and dad were from Geneva Glen. Jason says he's re-captured a bit of that Rocky Mountain feeling from his cabin in the Catskill Mountains. Next time you visit Colorado, Jason, check out your dad's name on our wildflower memory wall.

Fantastic to see CASEY KLEIN at the Starburst in April, along with his brother, and fellow Texan, CHRIS. Both Klein's work for the YMCA in the Dallas vicinity. CHIP joined the Starburst as well, and we found it as gratifying as ever to see the Klein brothers still sparring after all these years!

ERIKA HAND sent a fun update. She resides in New Orleans, with her 5-year old son, Emilio, who has learned through repetition from mom the song, "Edelweiss," and "Day is Done." Except they changed the words to say "God and Momma are nigh!"

Grateful that the ALLISON Family, FORD, and JEN BRADY, will bring Sam and Brady back for a session from their present paradise posting in Hawaii!

REID GROMAN was in town from Pennsylvania and visited camp on a snowy March day. Reid is a veterinarian who did a stint teaching at Texas A&M, as well as in Pennsylvania. His fondest recollections were his first impressions of this semi-run-down anachronistic place coming from the glamor of New York City! It took Reid a while to believe in the magic, but it got through and we were so appreciative of him that he was voted to receive a Silver Spur in his first and only summer at GG. Serendipitously he also met our Reid McKnight, and learned that not only does he spell his name (Reid) the same, but he TOO went to A&M! I think they may be soul mates now!

The GG office staff members were delighted to be treated to a menu tasting last week at Tom Sumners' restaurant, Stella's. A great east Denver Trattoria! Tom's kids, Ruby and Oliver, are long time loyal GG campers.

NEWS FROM THE GG YOUNG ALUMNI

Geneva Glen's Young Alumni Group is working on building a professional network of alumni, parents, and supporters of Geneva Glen. If you are interested in networking with the GG Family please email ggyoungalumni@gmail.com. We are looking for professionals who are willing to work with other alumni in their career searches, as well as alumni currently searching for career opportunities. Look them up at <https://www.facebook.com/GGYoungAlumni>

2000s

We feel so lucky to be following blogs and Facebook certainly keeps everyone current - especially from our two world travelers, ROBERT WISE and KEVAN BEALL, they do a great job keeping camp in their collective memories as they climb mountains in Chile, Argentina, and now Peru. When you get to Costa Rica boys, don't pick up any of those cute tiny multi-colored frogs - "very dangerous" !

"Cookies, cookies,

Listen while we sing to you..." will be to a different jingle as the kitchen takes on a new "beat!" The retirement of three of our veteran cookies impelled us to hire a feeding service company called Mountain Berry. This company has rave reviews from three of our Colorado camp pals, including Schwayder Camp, who has used Steve & Christie's program for several summers now (and with a Kosher kitchen)! At Winter Workshop we auditioned their talents for our group of 130 with the result being a resounding success! It's just an odd adjustment to not have familiar faces like Anita (12 years) and Nina (150 years!), and even Alana Gay at our cook's window. Never fear, "Yellow Meal" will still appear on the menu once every session. And ... as a tribute to GG cooks, one famous trio has been immortalized and carved in stone on the Wildflower Garden Wall. It reads: "Cookies: Ma, Flo, Ed."

Quick Snips:

DR. LARRY "SKIP" HUENEFELD sent news of his growing family as he and Barbie welcomed a grandson, Braxton. At the Strategic Starburst in April, RICK TAYLOR shared welcome news that his daughter, SUSAN, has a baby named Summer! LAJLA KIRSCHENBAUM ROWE and husband Dave are excited that Nora will enjoy her first Knighthood experience! Look for CAROL ARCHER STROUD STALL at DIA. She will be a greeter ambassador in her Stetson! What a fun gig! SUSAN MORRISSEY SIDEBOTTOM almost convinced her daughter Darien to counsel at GG last summer but Qdoba won out! Glad to hear that both Cynthia and SHAWN YAKELY are recovering well after two separate accidents! :(A rough year, but they stay up-beat. *They were BORN upbeat!* DIANE GILMORE ROSS is ecstatic that her granddaughter, KATHRYN, is a CIT at GG this summer! (4th generation GG!) Kathryn goes right on to Grinnell at the end of the summer. ANDY BECKER was the object of lots of prayers and thoughts as he underwent a successful surgery. He's at home for a few more days and recovering well. ANNA PEES (one of our "horse-whisperer" wranglers) just graduated with her doctorate in veterinary medicine at K-State in Manhattan! Way to go Anna!! We love that KELSEY FULLER FATLAND and husband Arnson wore Bronco t-shirts to the Seahawks



Last August the Treehouse was dedicated "Treehouse Tintagel!" That happened on the evening of the "Counselor Banquet" at the end of the 2013 summer. This year, the Treehouse will be fully used from day one!

It was a real challenge to construct a fully engineered treehouse and preserving the sanctuary of the old "Campcraft" area as unspoiled as possible. Not to mention how artfully the treehouse was erected *around* a 200 year old 90 foot Spruce! As we look up

and out at the woods above, our focus has shifted back to the forest stands: not just the individual trees we cherish, but the entire picture of "forest". Take an imaginary view of Geneva Glen from a thousand feet up. The camp proper – the buildings, trails, program areas, the infrastructure, has been receiving loving, abundant attention over the past 30 years. But the forest ... that's another story. Translate the camp proper (about 20 acres) into a house, and the surrounding 460 or so acres into the yard. The house is looking pretty good, but the yard is a *mess!* Tree growth has gone unchecked for generations, and we are learning that it's not natural that the forest should be so overcrowded. A forest's natural, healthy cycle includes *some kind of disruption*, such as a fire, every so many years.

Every community housed in forested areas cannot tolerate a disruption any more, and so we are compelled to *manage* it. Our "disruption" is thinning. And the result is balance and health. Overgrown forests are susceptible to fire, as well as infestation, and over-competition for water. The smaller, spindly, anemic firs take water from the larger tree stands which screens out the precious sun from reaching in through the canopy, allowing diversity, and ... balance! In our efforts to manage our "back yard," legions of conifers have been felled already, especially in and among cabins and dorms. This effort will continue to progress at an assertive pace. As the stands thin out, the remaining trees will be stronger and more capable of fighting off disruptions on their own – they're not competing for water, and the bark-boring insects are won over on their own by these stronger stands without any intervention on our own! What's next? **MARATHON!**



View from within the teepee north of the lodge up at that beautiful spruce by the basketball court!

Great progress has been made for the "launching" of Marathon reconstruction! Our hopes for beginning the Marathon's remodeling last September were dashed as too many roadblocks prevented a timely start. But all the tumblers are falling together for commencing in late August / early September. Be watching for ongoing progress reports on the camp's web site. Years in the dreaming and planning now, the NEW Marathon will be a harbinger of a long and strong future and will host thousands more children under "The Smile of the Great Spirit:" Mt. Winnepesaukee!



History is always in the making! It's what happens when you introduce a bunch of GG alum progeny for the first time! Here's a shot of some famous alums and their children in the back yard of Sally and Lew Kingdom's house in 1983! In a sort of snaking, reverse "S" shape, beginning at the left you have: Ken Atkinson, Mike Romig, Sally Kingdom, Sammy Arika, Dan Lewis, Danny Lewis, Danny Kingdom, Holly Romig, Tom Yerkey (ridden by) Sara Yerkey, Jennifer Romig, Dan Warner (ridden by) Jenny Warner, Karen Yerkey, Judy Lewis, Nancy Atkinson, Mary Arika. (seated from the left): Chris Klein, Christie Kingdom, Amy Kingdom, Christine Lewis, Chip Klein, Franny Yerkey, Rae Yerkey, and (loungin') Casey Klein!



This photo is only a ... couple of years ago! Life long friends: Jimbo Rutherford, Ben Blankenburg, Ron Masr stall, and Paul Woodward

Geneva Glen Staff- Alum Progeny for 2014 Summer

ANOTHER ABUNDANT CROP OF GG GENES AS 24 STAFF (SOME FIRST STAFF SUMMER) ARE PROGENY OF GG ALUMS!

Annie Brewster (*Jr. Counselor/Head of Alchemy*) – mom BECKY REIMERS

Danny Chase (*Jr. Counselor*) – dad RICK CHASE

Annie Cunningham (*Crew*) – mom SARAH TERRILL

Madison Diederichs (*Jr. Counselor*) – mom NIKKI, grandma, JANET HELMSTEDTER

Richard Dyer (*CIT*) – mom NANCY BUBLITZ

Carlee Flynn – (*Jr. Counselor*) – mom JENNY LEE

Adam Gribas (*Sr. Counselor/Head of Sports*) – mom LANA FOX

Robbie and Katie Ippolito (*Crew, Jr. Counselor*) mom JENNY ROBISON, and grandma, LYNNE DEASON

Jordan and Tanner Kramlich (*Jr. Counselor/Cupcake*) – mom DENISE HEROLD

Dominique Lacroix (*dish crew boss/gopher*) – Uncles TIM AND TY AMASS

Emilie and Matt Lederer (*Jr. Counselor/asst. Ropes/W.E.*) – aunt MEGAN LEDERER

Austin Lee (*Sr. Counselor/Head of CITs*) – dad DAVE LEE; GRANDPA LEE & GENERAL WHITE-HORSE
HENRY LEE

Sterling Lubchenco (*Sr. Counselor*) – dad MARK LUBCHENCO

Kim McMullen (*Asst. Head Wrangler*) – granddad, PAUL MCMULLEN

Brendan Moon (*Jr. Counselor / ropes course head*) – dad BILL MOON & mom KIM SANDBERG

Ali Oksner (*CIT*) – mom JUDY WEIL

Tristan Orton-Urbina (*CIT*) – mom DEBBIE ORTON

Christa Redford (*assistant to the directors*) – mom JANET HELMSTAEDTER DIEDERICHS

Cassidy (*Artist in Residence!*) & Sam (*Head of Teen Trainees*) Robison – grandma LYNNE DEASON; parents JEFF
ROBISON & MOLLY CASSIDY

Bonnie and Avery Siler (*Counselors/Head of Girls Hill and Bracelets*) - mom SUE ASHER

Casey Sweeney (*Sr. Counselor/head of Media*) – grandma ELIZABETH EWY

Kathryn Yetter (*CIT*) – mom ANNIE ROSS, grandma, DIANE GILMORE ROSS, great-grandparents, HAROLD
and IRIS!

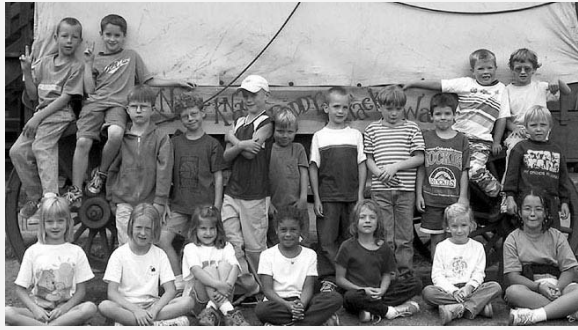
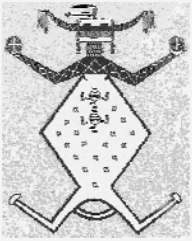
We've been grateful through the years that Pam Hartman, Sami and Peter's mom, would sponsor a group of camper teens to attend the Colorado Shakespeare Festival during the camp season. This was always quite popular and rated high as one of the fun things to do out-of-camp. If you are as interested, as Pam has been, to expose our teen campers to that great Boulder theater experience, get a hold of Molly in the camp office (extension 21) and she'll line it up! This is in effect a cash donation and can be deducted as a gift!

Also this summer, we hope to take some lucky middlers to the Wildlife Sanctuary in Keensburg for an evening picnic. We know several GG alums volunteer for this worthy organization like Cindy Carey and Pat Deason Meyer. This place is the largest of its kind in North America. If you get to Denver, you really ought to visit, it's pretty impressive. www.WildAnimalSanctuary.org

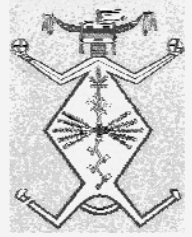


Our newest little foals came in May of this year and they're adorable: Dr. Barry Rumack, with his momma, Poppy (below) and Weasley with his momma, Polly (above).





Geneva Glen is the core of who I am and who I will always be.



Camp, to me, is a seed of morality, of dedication to peers, friends, and self, that grows to the very values by which we conduct our lives.

Spirit of the Glen

It's our theme for the summer ...

The Native American symbols in the corners signify ceremonial icons that our American Heritage program embraces in order to draw camp family closer to the heart of nature. You may recall that the name, Winnepesaukee, in whose valley Geneva Glen lies, is Iroquois for "Smile of the Great Spirit" - or "Place where God smiles!" Countless thousands have identified and connected to this "Spirit" of the Glen in their own way, and have planted the seeds of their experiences into cherished memories—and in many cases memories they now share with their own children! The quotes around this page come from camp family who have put into their words the effect, or the definition of this Spirit. Anybody who has experienced Geneva Glen has some sense of the meaning behind these words.

We are using the term "Spirit of the Glen" this summer to recognize the pervasiveness of all of the countless camp experiences our campers and staff will encounter, and translate into life memories and lessons. "Cherishing the Past, Seeding the Future" is tangible truth that GG is *important* in our world. We thank our camp family for creating this Spirit that will bless so many during this, our 93rd summer!



"The spirit of the Glen inhabits every cell in my body - it crept in at the age of 7 - it never left. Decades later, this spirit is part of the fabric of my life. It is a part of my parenting language and the unique connection I have with my three children who also share the Geneva Glen Language.

It's real — the language — a foreign language to too many. It's the language of love and connection that we use in our home - courage, loyalty, love and intention — it is the language that is at the heart of our life choices.

Geneva Glen is about showing up and uncovering who you really are. It is about slowing down and "disconnecting," to find connection in this world. Geneva Glen is about embodiment - physical connection to the world and to the people around you. Geneva Glen is about walking away from comfort to find a deep comfort that surpasses the expectations of our routines."



The Spirit of the Glen is a whole-hearted acceptance that getting covered in mud can be no other motive than fun.



The spirit of the Glen is love, the love shared with one another on our journey's to be our best selves. After a few encounters with the spirit of the Glen I quickly realized I'd begun to embody that spirit in all I did by carrying it into the real world enriching everything and every person I encountered. Without a doubt the core of who I am includes the spirit of the Glen and it lives within all of us.



Geneva Glen offers timeless nostalgia that can be passed down from generation to generation and not only shared within those generations but also with the "family" one gains from spending time at the Glen.



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