



Geneva Glen Breeze



CAMPER BREEZE SPRING, 2015

Notes to Parents from
Ken & Nancy:



Greetings! Or as our favorite spider, Charlotte, would say: "Salutations!"

As we compose this Breeze, we are snuggling by our heaters, while snow piles high over Bear's Corner. We love this moisture for our wells and aquifers, but really adore it when the dandelions break-through in the meadow, signaling spring



and the promise of a coming summer at the Glen! Read through our Breeze, and Huckleberry will fill you in on a lot of our winter news ... some sad, but mostly exciting!

Again, as last year, you veterans filled our bunks in record-setting fashion. We welcome back so many veterans and campers from twenty-two states outside of Colorado, and about 10 foreign countries (if you count Texas!) Yes, you campers hail from Massachusetts to Hawaii, Minnesota to Ecuador, Georgia to Montana, London to Singapore, Morocco to Latvia, and of course that great Rocky Mountain State, *Colorado!*

Presenting Marathon!



We are extremely proud of our new Marathon and so excited to have you all see it, use it, and enjoy it. This new space will house Shields, the Archery Hut, the Radio (in Lily's Pad – complete with lilies and frogs), Camp Store (that may adopt the name "Trading Post," or "Marathon Mercantile"), as well as a greatly enlarged play space, program, and performance area. The kitchen holds its own program area for varied activities involving food and nutrition. Grateful praise to all who helped to bring this dream to fruition.



Upper hill view of Lily's Pad

Thanks to you folks who donated, to our crew who are still putting on finishing touches, to the powers-that-be (aka, the Everywhere-Spirit) for time and weather, to our volunteer board who helped us plow through the myriad of county regulations that permit a wonderful lodge like Marathon to be re-formed and re-invented! As always we treasure our veteran staff who will return for fulfilling seasons of growth and leadership – see the staff aviary!

As for first-time campers (yes there's a healthy clump of you out there), we extend felicitations! You have chosen a great camp and hopefully your stay will be the first of many in your camp career. Be sure to read the section for newcomer advice. And we all look forward to seeing you soon!



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On-The-Dog-Beat –

Canine Columnist: Huckleberry

Howdy Campers!

Holy lollapalooza... just wait till you take a gander at Marathon! It's pure gorgeous and ... *BIG!!!* My favorite part is the kitchen – I have been told that it's the answer to where we get ready for gourmet cooking, or other special confections, or dishes such as Santa Fe barbecue, or Cass's cupcake caper cacophony, or Pete's famous campfire peach cobbler – he calls it his "Dutch Oven Lovin'!" These will all originate in the "Kamper Kitchen." They may even rustle up some doggie vittles for especially lovin' canines who aren't obnoxious! I will have to keep a close eye on this! Another spot I "dig," (literally!) is under the porch where the corner stone will be inserted into one of the rock pillars. Sometime this summer a genu-wine Masonic dedication will be conducted to commemorate the first building of camp. Remember, the original Marathon was first built in 1919, almost a hundred years ago! That's doggone history!

Sniffing above the Council Ring (and that ain't easy when there's a foot of snow, and ice on the bottom, like today), my olfactory sense tells me A Calamity Caliber Cove may spring up 'twixt the mossy remnants of the Nature Trail and that Spruce/Fir glade. Get ready for a middler surprise. (Hint: a *new BB range!*)

HAYES HEAVEN ... is where my ol' buddy, Hayes the horse, trotted off during December. Hayes is the one who looked like a movie star, because he wore sunglasses! Hayes was named by a wrangler, Chip Klein, when they first met back in the early 90s. Chip saw the astounding resemblance to Hayes Colburn, a senior camper at the time, and quickly "nomenclatured" this horse "Hayes". He was a 30-year-old at the end of his life, a regular antediluvian by equine standards. Another favorite



because who departed for that cloudy pasture is Cody. We will miss the venerable steed but



know he was due for a long rest in his own divine hay pasture.

Were you one of the one hundred Work-Xhoppers who had fun without snow?? Darned if we didn't get a snow ballet blizzard in the meadow the day you all left! Snowflakes dancin' with white-out swirls – sorry you missed that, but I know you enjoyed your fellowship 'cause I watched you play Clench-a-Wench, and also toast one another at the Feast. Hard to say goodbye, huh? The biggest news around camp is that Reid now has a baby girl! Yes, Beckett is a big brother to Ainsley Elizabeth, and Courtney's right gratified that this baby is now in the world and not inside her tummy!

If you want the "doggie dirt" (you call it camp gossip), check out the new garden of Trainees that has been planted. Also in the fun cartoon, you'll find a passel of past campers who will perambulate on board for their first time on staff on dish crew, cupcakes, or work crew. They will pretty much fill up every smidgen of empty space for the summer of 2015!

Well I look forward to ridin' around with Ken in his "Bozo" sayin' hi to y'all. That'll probably be about the only time you see me, because unlike most the rest of you, I'm kinda shy! See you this summer!!

Very Truly Yours: your camp dog Huckleberry



STAFF AVIARY



We are always proud that so many of our outstanding staff members return to us summer after summer. This year our fantastic veteran staff will be feathered in a flighty aviary of fuzz to make up our modern day Rocket Ark! This season follows suit, as about fifty veterans migrate back to the GG coop to make up our annual Staff Stew!

The “EMPEROR PENGUINS” shepherding the flock, would aptly apply to our hill heads: **EMMA JOHNSTON** and **AUSTIN LEE**. Camp loves the cooing of **ROCK DOVES**, and this group particularly enjoys hanging off ledges or squeezing among the granite crevasses, our trapeze trio team, **MATT** and **EMILY LEDERER**, coached by wise old bird, **NATE ARIKI**. Should **SAM ROBISON** be the philosophical **HEDWIG** of Harry Potter fame? Or Poe’s “Raven” nevermore? Since it’s a kid’s camp, let’s say he’s the white owl, Hedwig. Sam will dutifully hover over the CITs with his very good “friend,” **CASSRO!** She will, of course, have to have an artistic bird name like the **PLUM-CRESTED INDIGO BUNTING**. Trainees deserve some variety in species role-models. Therefore, the **HAIRY WOODPECKER** is represented appropriately by a rather furry **BEN BRASCH**...and the sweet trill of a **WHIP-OR-WILL**, **EMMA THOMPSON**. The song of a **MEADOWLARK** wafts from our Spruce trees from **CHLOE ROSSIER**, **JORDAN KRAMLICH**, **CASS JACOBY**, **KYLIE KATCHMER**, **CARLEE STEWART**, **LAUREN CARPENITO**, and **DANI WILKERSON**. Shields will be headed by the “**CRESCENT-MOON GOOSE**,” **BRENDAN MOON**. A fine duo of **HORSE-BEAKED CORMORANT**, lovin’ the smell of pucky, are **EMILY JACOBS**, and **LAUREN JABLONSKI**. A delightful flock of **GOONIE BIRDS**, no longer extinct, will congregate as our CITs: **KYLE BRINKMAN**, **WYATT GRICE**, **TYLER KELLY**, **ROBBIE IPPOLITO**,



& **CHRISTMAS” SIDWELL**, all will goon-about at the Glen. Our rookery is always stocked with at least “**THREE LITTLE PIGEONS!**” here, played by **DANNY CHASE**, **MATT**

LEDERER and **CASEY SWEENY**. A lovely covey of **RUBY-THROATED HUMMERS**, will zip backwards and forwards as female CITs, **LINDSAY MAGILL**, **KATHRYN CHASE**, **SOPHIE KNAUF**, **DANA COREN**, **JESSE DICKTER**, and **SOPHIA HILL**. The **LOGGER-HEAD SHRIKE** may strike when his opponent least expects, as in **Belegarth-bopping**. AKA **TRISTAN ORTON-URBINA**. **ADAM GRIBAS**, lovingly answers to the moniker “**LORD GRIBAS**,” so his perfect bird could be the **BROWN BOBBIN BARONET** of the Glen. **BELTED KINGFISHERS** preening their plumage are **NICK BROWN** and **BRIAN DONIGER**. Those daffy Dodo birds resemble **SETH** and **JACK DONEGAN!** The **TUNDRA WHISTLING SWANS** are graceful, yet tough creatures: **KATHRYN YETTER**, **NICK KOLOMITZ**, **KAITLIN KNIGHT**, and **CODY HAUN**, The rare **RED-BREASTED LOON** will be pursuing nesting spots as **ALI OKSNER**, **ANNIE EIDENSCHINK**, **KATLYN MALONEY**, and **CARLEY FLYNN**, . **AQUA-TAILED SLINGFOOT MALLARDS** roost near the pool. Therefore, **ANNA LAWRENCE**, and **MADDIE DIEDERICHS** will quack for them (and Ken will vacuum up their poop!) The **EAST-INDIAN YELLOW-ROMPED BOOBY BIRD** hangs out near



Mandalas and Rangoli a likely place to find **SLIDE KELLY**, and **ANNIE BREWSTER**. **TURKEY VULTURES** circle in a ring called a “**Kettle...**” they have incredibly sensitive olfactory nerves. Could **COREY DICKTER**, **DOM LACROIX**, and **KEVIN ULIBARI** wear rubber beaks and sweep above that huge gang of crew birdies? **MOTHER GOOSE**, whether in **Fairy Tales**, or roosting protectively in the aviary keeps all these birds under her wing. Naturally, we’re talking about **CHRISTA DIEDERICHS REDFORD!** That **HONKING PTERODACTYL**, **PETE MAHAN**, constantly chess-playing in his imaginative noggin’! What bird is Irish-Italian? The **SHAMROCK-BILLED GOOMBAH** - and his tweet is ever positive, that’s the **JOHNNY D** bird! And finally the **PAPA MALLARD**, who watches defensively over his nest, fending off predators, and quacking ACA standards: the **TWEETY BIRD (OR REIDIE BIRD) REID MCKNIGHT**



Our Aviary Managers: Emma Johnston, Austin Lee, Head of Girls and Boys Hill



Cass Robison and Sam Robison, Head of CITs, Ben Brasch, and Emma Thompson, Head of Trainees, !





Back by Popular Demand...
 ...the “**Children’s Chump Change Challenge**” where *literally, every penny counts!*

Once again we are asking campers and parents to *bring your spare change to Camp* as a way for our camper families to help another camper! The goal is to raise \$1,770 - enough money for *a full scholarship to Camp* for a child that couldn’t otherwise afford to attend! We have a giant stuffed Chimp, named Charlie, who will be holding a Challis to collect the donations. Can you say “Camp’s Chimp Charlie holding the Challis for the Children’s Chump Change Challenge” three times fast?!? We’ll be testing you at Check-In...



Recognizable, perhaps, but NOT Charlie!



Attention First-Time Campers!
GG’s Strawberry Pancake Breakfast!!

You’re invited to our version of an “Open House”
 (Saturday, May 23; 8:30-10:30)

Mark the Date: Sat. May 23 between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. for GG’s annual Strawberry Pancake Breakfast! Families new to GG are warmly welcomed to a breakfast open-house that includes guided tours of the camp. This is a great way for parents to see where your children will be situated and for the kids to get a flavor of the camp. If you are planning to attend, **PLEASE REPLY** by email (christa@genevaglen.org) or phone (303-697-4621, ext 25), so we know how much vittles to prepare!

Raffle Winner

The Raffle drawing during Winter Workshop brought joyous cheers as our winner was actually *present* for the surprise. Colin Yakely beamed as the recipient of this free Knighthood session. He was already enrolled but it’s a boon for his family as this is the first year for his brother Evan, who is trying out the GG magic. Colin knows what to expect, as he has attended camp for nine years, his great-grandfather, grandma, and dad did as well. Congratulations Colin!

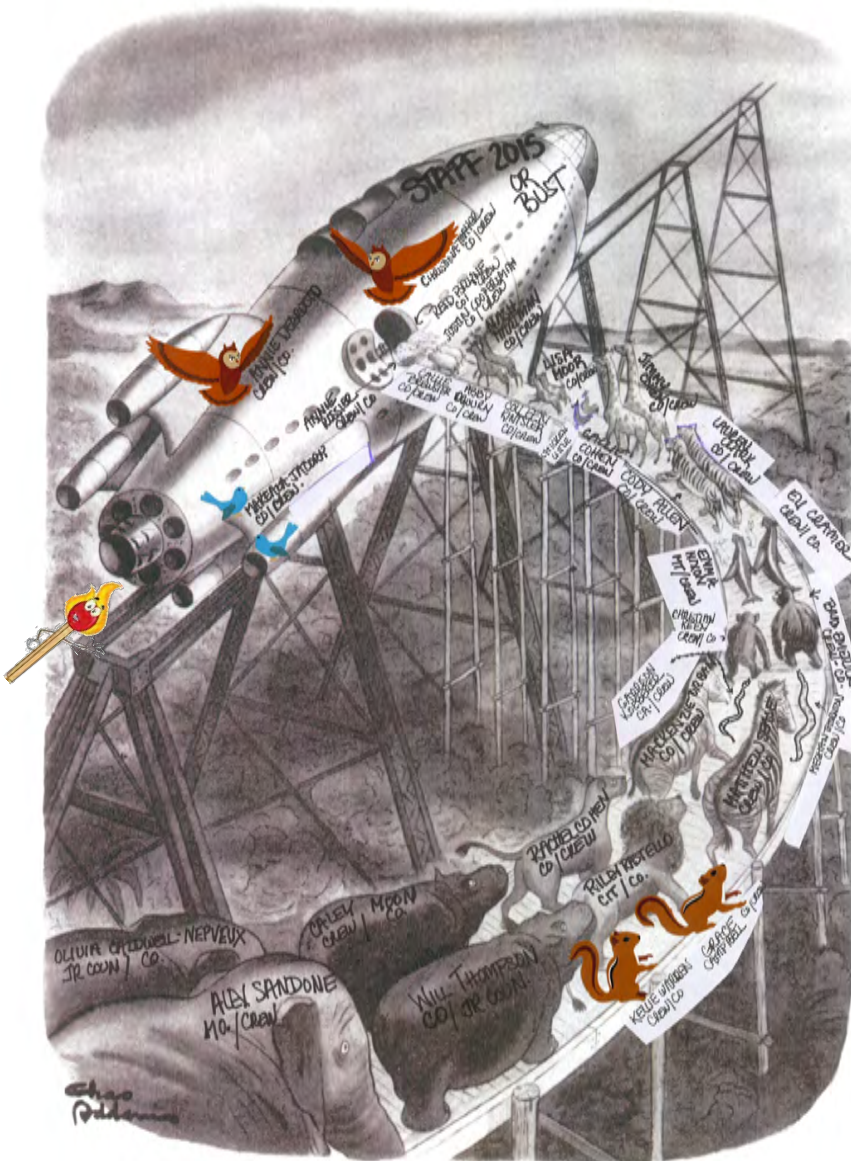


GG'S WISH LIST

Extras from your attic!

It's been such a rich fall and winter with the new Marathon, remodeling Dorm E and Cabin 6, and a new BB range! Our gratitude knows no bounds. If you are thinking of donating, a few items would be graciously appreciated for our mutual benefit! THANK YOU!

- ✓ Flatware—stainless steel forks, knives, spoons
- ✓ Kitchen ware—supplies: pots, pans, kitchen tools
- ✓ Cutting boards, oven mitts
- ✓ Card Tables, folding chairs
- ✓ Pool / Foosball / Ping Pong tables
- ✓ Hand tools, small power tools
- ✓ Work gloves / rubber gloves



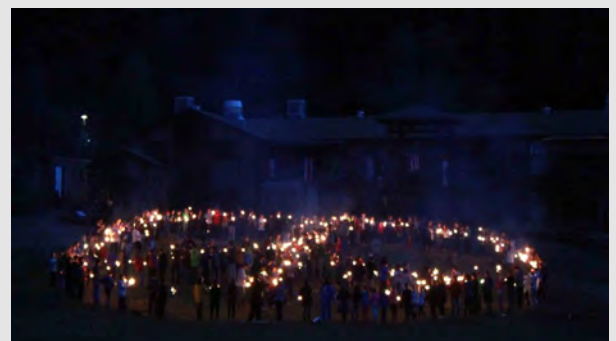
A PACKED "ark" filled with past GG campers, and first year on staff!

Oh, and what camp song does this remind you of?

Chautauqua—closing ceremonies
Celebrations of Peace in different languages



Last summer was a quite unusual in the amount of rain we received! This made us even happier to be building a new and enlarged Marathon! This photo is dramatic showing what it looks like at GG following a downpour (which chased everyone in to their cabins and dorms), and a full blazing sun!



A celebration of peace with sparklers the evening of Chautauqua

The "spirit of the Glen" evidenced by the friendships made and renewed each summer



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!

For first timers, there's lots of information including a more complete packing list, and much more. See the camp's Parents Place site on our web at:

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