

Geneva Glen Camp --- 2016 Glen Breeze --- Fall Edition

Greetings from the Directors

Happy Autumn campers!

Ken and Nancy coming to you from a gloriously colorful GG Autumn!



It's such a good feeling to look back on what was another wonderful summer, and we're so glad you could be a part of it. Enjoy a little escape as we remember some of the events, news, and silliness! And now we are about ready to start up for GG's celebration of 95 years!

Summer 2016, began with a sparking bang, as 160 Myths campers tromped over the Ogre's Bridge to the Council Ring, to meet their respective leaders who were dressed as Pirates, Tinkerbell, Jazmines, Ducks, and Toy Story Woodys. There is always such a pitch of excitement not only from the campers, but from their parents who are just as excited (well, maybe close!) as they.



Thankfully, everyone had time to move in, unpack, come down to lunch, then go to their first activity area when a freak hailstorm pelted our Myths Moppets only a few hours after they arrived!

Alert counselors protected, sheltered and entertained their charges while the deluge sent rivulets down the rocky trails. Our favorite testament to imaginative counseling was at Crafts, where the kids were making magic wands. JACKIE CRONE suggested they make a particular spell that allows the rain to turn to ice, and voila! They marveled at the crystalline hail stones falling from the sky. And true to a Colorado summer storm, it was gone in a matter of minutes, and on with the fun!

Weather cooperated for most of the Myths week, as our Long John Silver overnight, Circus Big Top, and Mud-Mania all were enjoyed under blue skies, and by Friday afternoon those tired campers, with a little mud in their ears, were spirited home by ecstatic parents.

A decade ago, a propane gas line was installed just to assure a bit of ambience for our fire ring during summers when all fires are banned. But thankfully, the campers in American Heritage enjoyed the warmth, smoky smell, and crackling, glowing cinders which eluded the rest of us in July and August. Singing around the "ersatz flames" of

propane just isn't the same ... but better than sparklers and glow sticks! At least our American Heritage Pow Wow was allowed its traditional fire-lighting ritual, with the flaming arrow, and holding-of-breath, as the torch flew down to its awaiting pyre.

This June a native commemoration on Vesper Hill created a giant medicine wheel. Each camper placed one stone in honor of a cherished animal or element. Stones representative of moonbeams, ants, turtles, rain, aspen, dolphins or wind were glorified in this web-of-life. During this time horses painted with symbols for bravery, conquest in battle, and fleet-footedness were shown off.

Other symbols included sand paintings, and ceremonial cornbread, and cider. The traditional Pow Wow offers its own balance of serious and silly, but our Kiva rite at the "Chimney" and the Spiral Observance in the Council Ring, add depth to our first two-week session.

The rest of June included melodramas, the Rendezvous, and an out-of-camp "Double Dipper" trip, as well as day trips to the Cave of the Winds, and GG's very popular take on "Jurassic Park".

Soon enough, however, for most of the Front Range during July, a **fire-ban** was in effect starting with Knighthood, just after July 4th.

THE "MASQUE" tradition – (from The Crystal Cave, Mary Stewart's beautifully woven story) is celebrated each summer, through acting, music and dance. During the final Thursday evening of Knighthood I, and a great part of Friday, before Induction and Ladies Court, this soliloquy is played out.



The three phases of Merlin's young life, are represented by a six year old Merlin ("The Child") played by Hilltopper, DAVID MONDRUS; the Middle Merlin, age ten to twelve, by JACKSON POSTAL; and the adult Merlin the "Enchanter", played by OLIVER MOYSKI.



KNIGHTHOOD II began with a marvelous surprise as the magician, Merlin, who sets the sword in the stone was magically transported from New York City (of all places!) to the GG Council Ring! Doffing his cloaked hood was the famous MAX DICKER returning for another rendition of Arthur's coming. The gasps from the crowd added mightily to the electrical excitement of the evening.



Another first for the Glen was our Pageant day Lady of the Lake, who literally came out from the water! CIT, GRACE ROMER, a star synchronized swimmer, emerged in silver samite from our pool to present King Arthur with magical sword Excalibur.

A shift from tradition had our junior boys as adorable flowers pollinating the White Knight Bumblebees while the Mackenzie ladies performed the Fairy Dance.

Who were the Four-And-Twenty-blackbirds baked in a pie for the king? The noble Knights of the Fleur de Lis were part of the infamous "Mean Birds" knights, and attacked the King in court. Various cabins hosted and decorated for the Pageant feast, and were hospitable at the Coronation reception at Marathon.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP
The highlight of World Friendship was the amazing musical, Wizard of Oz, CASS JACOBY produced, with about sixty campers contributing to the show. HENRY KORNEFFEL



played the Wicked Witch of the West *superbly!* ANNIE THOMPSON as Dorothy, HELEN BECKER as the Scarecrow, MADDIE CASTLE as the Lion, and LANDON CRAMER as the Tin Man, all performed admirably.



Poppies sang and danced, Munchkins by the droves pranced on the Yellow Brick Road ... It'll be tough for next year's musical to live up to this one!

We'll leave you now with this wonderful poem that came straight from the heart of three favorite GG campers, NELLE KANEWSKE, SYDNEY KUNKLER, and AMERICA GONZALEZ. Sentiments like these are common and powerful, and reflect the emotion that grows with each passing year as Geneva Glen becomes more deeply implanted in one's soul!

Kens & Nancy

Take My Hand

Take my hand, I'll take you to a land where dragons roam
and fairies find their home.
Take my hand, I'll take you to a land where the campers
sing day and night, watch the bright lights fade to black.
Don't look back. Don't look..

The Glen is where you go when you're needing a home.
The Glen is where you go when you're feeling alone.
So take my hand, don't be scared, this place is shared by
many loving people.
Take my hand to the chapel, to the steeple,
Take my hand to Merlin's Spring the Council Ring.
I'll let you see what this place means to me.
The Glen is where you go when you're needing a home.
The Glen is where you go when you're feeling alone.
So take my hand to the shrine to the aspen grove
Take my hand to Vespers Hill, the memory wall.
I'll let you see what this place means to me.
And maybe, someday, you'll lead the way.

I'll take your hand to the chapel to the steeple.
I'll take your hand to Merlin's Spring the Council Ring.
You'll let me see what this place means to you.

Maybe, someday, it's true, it'll be home to you.





On the Dog Beat

*Canine Columnist: Huckleberry
Salutations from Huck the camp Lab,
who hides out in Ken and Nancy's
Balcony!!*

Greetings camper friends!

Again we had a couple of those spindly-legged baby horses prancing around the "Dance Floor," while their attentive mothers, Poppy and Polly watched over them. If you were lucky enough to be able to pet or help feed Luna, or Dobby, you know how tame they got this season! It didn't take long for these two to truly like the campers! However, there was a neighbor who walked her dogs, and they came through the fence trying to scare and annoy them. Finally, Polly got her protective hooves into gear, giving that canine a swift hind kick - that shut him up!

Yes, the wild Turkey's are back! "Wishbone" may be the direct descendant of good ol' "Drumstick" who, alas, we think has gone to turkey heaven as we found her feathers floating around Eberly Crossing Bridge during American Heritage. Didn't see much of Rupert (the Fox), but we think his offspring, Fosdyke, Fenwick and Flossie, are back at the Glen happily purloining work gloves and tasty trash! Hard to believe, but they run even faster than Lenny and Nala, who they left in the dust.



I sure do like the new stairs to Hilltop that the crew carved out.. That was a hot and sweaty job, but they must really be proud!



Even though I'm the elder - I must admit that the new GG pup is the cutest little fellow I've seen at the Glen. He's Gus - Reid's newest addition to his family and as short as he is, he already weighs the same as Lenny

(45pounds!). He's shaped a bit like a Bulldog in the posterior, a coat like a gray Lab, and a muzzle like a sad-faced mutt. I quietly give him my calm, canine wisdom (if he can hold still for ten seconds!)

I keep finding red crosses on square pieces of cardboard

in the bushes and under rocks, and also some dinosaur tracks. At first, I thought they were dragon prints, but they smelled like counselors. Perhaps these are remnants of Jurassic Park.

My hound nose "knows" fall is comin' as yellow aspen leaves and red chokecherries polka dot the bridge to the Council Ring where a bit of glitter is still mixed in from the Fairy Trail. That crisp smell puts a quiver in my saunter, so get ready for fall and take care so I can see you all again back to the Glen! Have a great fall,

Love, **Huckleberry** 

Fidelity was GG's theme for this summer. It's a constant that most veteran campers care *about* camp. But the substance of fidelity is caring FOR camp! A key seemed a proper symbol and easily translated back to our classic tale, Sir Roland guarding the Castle Gate. The fidelity Roland showed was so much deeper than loyalty, it was a solid commitment to a promise he made. As this theme seeped into our staff's psyche, our craft queens, KATHRYN CHASE, and MADY RHODENBAUGH came up with a splendid amalgamation of a key and a "buy-in" for all the staff to pledge their allegiance to our campers, program, facilities, and values toward this cause. The key was drawn on a canvas and each of the 100 leaders in-turn left one finger print in silver, gold, or bronze, as a stamp of their indelible dedication to the theme.



How does a **free GG session** of your choice sound—while you are simultaneously donating to the campership fund? We hope it's an appealing temptation to buy a raffle ticket. Last year, Jake Ammann won the Knighthood I spot as his name was drawn from about 300 tickets during our Winter Workshop dance. Jake is a 3rd year veteran GG Progeny, whose family was so glad to participate, they even gave the campership back! "The honor of winning was enough!" In 2016, \$6,825 was raised to benefit camperships. Please help when the Raffle ticket form comes in your registration materials. Thank you!!

Laurels, Awards, Accolades and Kudos!

KING ARTHUR'S magical sword, Excalibur, was lifted easily for nine-year veteran, **JACK SHAMS**. The royal rose bloomed for ten-year veteran, **PERRY ROMERO**, who apparated into Queen Guinevere. Coincidentally, she felt quite at ease addressing "his Highness" as "cousin" since the two actually are cousins from the prodigious Tallman clan!



AWARDS AT THE GLEN follow the pattern of honoring the behavior we hope to model in our programs. As our leaders and campers demonstrate these character traits, the philosophy of Geneva Glen has recognized them through individual awards since the early decades of camp.

Many of these are traditional, enveloped within the ceremonies of our Knighthood awards. Four standard accolades for leaders; the Rose, Spur, Lady, and Star, were given this summer: **MADDIE DIEDERICHS**, **CASS JACOBY**, **ANNIE BREWSTER**, **CHLOE ROSSIER**, **MADDIE HOFFMAN** and **KYLIE KACHMER** enhanced our Rose Garden! Spurs proudly jangled for **TROY WITONSKY**, **REILLY RASTELLO**, **NICK KOLOMITZ**, **JESSE COREN**, and **TYLER KELLY**. **CARLEE FLYNN**, **DOM LACROIX**, and **EMILY LEDERER** received the Thirteen Charms of the Lady-of-the-Bracelet. The Gold Star shone for **MATT LEDERER**, and **JACOB KAY**. The Bronze Horseshoe surprised a grateful **OLIVER MOYSKI**. This conditional award is reserved for outstanding male campers.

The highly sought-after award given at the end of Myths and Magic, is the **MUDPIE KING AND QUEEN**. The only accolade that truly is just for fun and whole-hearted dedication



PROSPERITY FEATHER
A bronzed plume representing character to stand up for what is right, was awarded to three senior campers, **LIZZY FEHR**, **PETER SWEENEY**, and **EMMA NEWMAN** during our final American Heritage gathering.



During **World Friendship**, athletics play a central role, therefore, sportsmanship is given considerable prominence. GG proudly bestowed the Sportsmanship award on three campers during our final candlelight ceremony - Council Fire August 12: **GRIFFIN HAMRICK**, **MAKUEI MAJOK**, and **LUCCA FULKERSON**



NOAH SCHWALGER, of Denver, and **HELEN BECKER**, of Lawrence, Kansas (*6th & 7th from left*), accepted the reputed title of Peace Price recipient. Their collegial attitude and selflessness won them the praise of camp and staffers alike. The award for Helen Becker was especially poignant and meaningful as her uncle Matt Livingston was the first recipient of this award in 1980, long before Helen was even imagined! Matt was loved by all, and was the epitome of Peace in all his relationships.

to being a kid! The Staff selects the campers who get the absolute dirtiest during our "Dirty Derby!" **Jessie Huberman**, and **Connor Teter** took that dubious prize this year and we congratulate them! Pictured with them are counselors **Keegan Rudmann** and **Carlee Flynn**. They were recognized because the two of them shared this award in 2001 when they attended Myths and Magic together!!

Every four years GG's own **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION** sweeps us into some pretty unique stump speeches and promises for more store; shorter rest hours; and a gondola up to Hilltop! Sixth grader, **Jeff Witwer**



(white shirt middle), won the populist vote to be elected our President of the Glen. He was adept with concise answers, sincere attitude, and quick-witted challenges in our candidate's debate. We think Jeff comes to this talent naturally as his dad, **Rob**, a former camper, was a Colorado House Representative in District 25!

Geneva Glen PRE-Registration Information for 2017

Greetings from another pleasant and exceptionally golden Colorado autumn! We thought last fall was glorious, but it's quite spectacular out there—and it sure makes it hard to plant ourselves in the office! We're so thankful for another wonderful summer. Thank you for letting us share the magic of Geneva Glen with your child. We truly did have a fantastic summer and look forward to another one! Registration for summer 2017 will begin soon.

Here's the Registration News:

*** 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, AND POLICIES



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 2017

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
Myths and Magic.....	June 12	June 16
	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
American Heritage	June 18	July 1
Knighthood I.....	July 2	July 15
Knighthood II.....	July 16	July 29
World Friendship	July 30	August 12

Dates for the Upcoming Geneva Glen Season — Fall 2016 thru Summer 2017

Registration Mailing Dates

- ◆ Registration mailed to ALL out-of-state families
Friday, October 21, 2016
- ◆ Registration mailed to veteran in-state families
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016

*Enrollment begins for veteran Colorado families —
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016*

- ◆ Registration mailed to in-state, first-year families
Tuesday, January 10, 2017

We're looking forward to the summer of 2017 and Geneva Glen's 96th season. See you soon!

Off-season Events and Staff Orientation

- ◆ 2016 Winter Workshop *(for veteran teens only)*
Wed. Dec. 21, 2016 - Sat. Dec. 24, 2016
- ◆ 2017 Staff Orientation June 4-11, 2017





Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, December 6th! This is our 4th year participating in the annual Colorado Gives Day; this is another super easy way to support Camp and make every dollar of your gift go farther. **On Dec 6th, every gift to GG (up to \$40,000) will be matched dollar for dollar.** Additionally, for every 30 donations we receive we are entered into cash prize drawings! Log on to www.coloradogives.org then type "Geneva Glen Camp" in the search for a non-profit box to see the GG page. Donating is easy, and you can even register your donation **today** and it will be processed on the 6th of December! Please note: Anyone, in Colorado or **out of state**, can participate!

Donate your old car to Camp! Yes, you read that right, Geneva Glen is now accepting your car donations. Call Molly for information, 303-697-4621 ext.21.

Gratitude for your Gift! Warm, heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who supports GG! We are truly blessed with a Camp Family that cares about our success and gives generously to this wonderful, quirky and loveable place we call home.

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What is a Trainee?



A Trainee is not a CIT! Or a member of the Crew! A Trainee is a 16 year old **camper** – or entering the 11th grade in the fall. An applicant for Trainee is expected to be a role model and demonstrate leadership and loyalty to the values they've learned at GG. A Trainee must commit to attend all five sessions of the summer from the beginning of Myths & Magic to the end of World Friendship. **(June 11 – August 12, 2017).** 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.

If you are interested in applying for a Trainee position, please email camp at christa@genevaglen.org. The camper should correspond NOT the parent! Trainee applications will be available online in December at www.genevaglen.org/trainee.

NOTE: You need to send in your regular camper registration card as soon as you receive it, for the camp session(s) of your choice, even if you intend to apply for the Trainee program.

Winter Workshop (Dec. 21-24)

Winter Workshop, (a fave of GG teenagers!) is open to VETERAN 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 2016 Workshop are Wed., Dec. 21 through noon on Sat., Dec. 24. Be on the lookout for the WW enrollment accompanying your camp registration mailing which will come to you in late October along. 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!

