



Geneva Glen Breeze



CAMPER BREEZE SPRING, 2016

Notes from
Ken & Nancy:

Snowy felicitations campers!

As we write this Breeze, we are presently in an arctic atmosphere of mid-February, through which the sun peeps sparingly to melt the abundance of 2-foot drifts all over Girls Hill! When you get this Breeze, no doubt conditions may be quite different! Naturally, we are always grateful for plentiful snow at Winter Workshop allowing us all to play winter sports. We are also grateful for the moisture to fill the water aquifers and our five wells... make that *six* wells, as plans include a new water well near cabin 7 before June!

In the quiet off-season time when campers are not at the Glen, it's the occasion for all of us to wrangle up new ideas for the summer. Leave it to good ol' Pete Mahan who is designing a "Hammock Haven" for a dorm or cabin to enjoy at rest hour, or cabin fellowship. It will be tucked away in some thicket not far from the main camp – just a place to literally *hang-out*, and talk, sleep, dream, or philosophize! Imagine the gentle summer breeze wafting down from Merlin's Rock, the peace of rest hour in a hammock!

BBs and Rifles will benefit from some upgrades with a cool Ferris-wheel contraption that will challenge some of the hot-shots at BBs as well as some modernizing innovations up at the Rifle Range!

After seeing how great Marathon looks we decided our old lodge needs to be jazzed up with a fresh coat of paint. Cabin 14 will get new, bigger windows and Key Grip will get a full revamp on Boys Hill. We look forward to the spring thaw so summer preparations may begin.

Please check out all the news of the Raffle winner, Winter Workshop fun, staff returning, and the Trainee Garden. And campers, especially note the cartoon that includes former campers first-time on staff. We think of you all with every photo that pops up in our memory patchwork of 2015, and know 2016 will bring a fresh new recollection quilt!

Have a joyful, safe spring, and we expect to see you for a summer session of growth and fun.

Keep warm!

Ken & Nancy



Frosty frolicking was the theme of our open house on January 18th (Martin Luther King day – no school!). About 130 folks, mostly kids, came to enjoy winter carnival activities in our super fluidity of snow. Tubing runs were zipping from Bear's Corner to the barn, and broom ball on the sparkling diamond ice rink (softball infield, that is) was quite popular as well as snowmen creations. Crafts and cookie decorating in the warm lodge, awash in hot chocolate helped red-nosed waifs thaw out. The day was a pot-luck of treats with GG providing chili, and belly-wash (aka, soda pop!). If weather permits we'll probably have a re-dux of this fun day next year!



GG Winter Games Day!



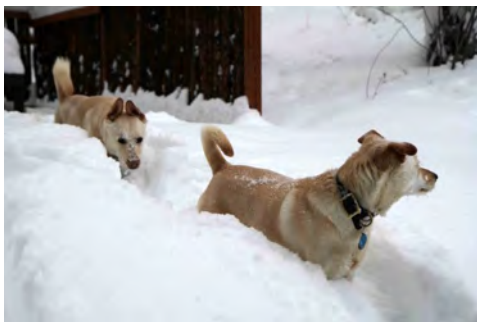
On-The-Dog-Beat –

Canine Columnist: Huckleberry

Howdy Campers! Huckleberry here!

Greetings and an enthusiastic Labrador tail-wag to all you first time campers, and a sloppy dog-lick to my old camp pals. The atmosphere around camp is, well... *snowy!* Or a Winter Wonderland! Yes, it's deeper than a Great Dane's paw prints and thicker than I've seen in a passel of dog years. Poor little Nala can hardly run from pool to lodge without Johnny carving out a trail for her to hop through. Winter Workshop looked like a Christmas card with ice skaters 'skimming' about like wool sausages enclosed in mittens and puffy down. (See Winter Workshop photos)

Glad to see some camper friends on a no-school day in



January. I sure like it when you all visit camp in the winter with the horses gone and no sign of Drumstick, it gives Lenny, Nala, and me some diversions, and some *much* needed extra treats and attention.

I'll tell you the scarest I've been was Sunday, February 7th when Ken and Nancy were yelling so loud at the TV it hurt my delicate doggie ears! Yes, it was the Broncos winning the Super Bowl! Boy did every one shout out loud and jump around like a bunch of Tijuana Jumping Chihuahuas! We had a pine tree all decked out in blue and orange twinkly lights, I was wearing a spiffy Broncos bandana, and Ken wore a hound-dog ugly sweater with a horse on it! Afterwards everyone was yelpin' and howlin' like coyotes with their tails on fire, and carrying-on and eating treats (which they shared with me due to their extra good mood)! I did see a fun TV spot with some cute dachshunds all dressed up.

It's quite a pretty picture to lie on Bear's Corner and watch the deer stroll and prance through the pure white glistening meadow, all silent and peaceful. But spring will come soon enough and give us plenty of ... *mud!* I'll sure be ready to wag my tail when you campers come up the road in June, July and August. See you then!

Love,
Huck

P.S. - Our sad news is about our old, beloved pal, Becky.

One of the best and sweetest little bronc in the string - who taught hundreds of children how to ride. 35 years is a highly respectful age for a mare. She trotted off to equine heaven this winter leaving a sorrowful hole in



our hearts and the hearts of many campers and staff. Becky was always very polite to me when I would roll in her honey pile :) -- I'll sure miss her.

See you all at camp!!



Introducing Our Hill Heads!

Since we're so excited to see you all, we thought we'd introduce ourselves briefly before we see you this summer!



My name is Carlee Flynn, and I'm the Head of Girls Hill! This will be my 15th summer at GG, and I am so excited to share it with you all! I attend Tulane University, and am studying Public Health and International Development. My favorite things ever are sunshine and dirt.

What's up, I'm Casey Sweeney, Head of Boys Hill. If you're reading this after May 7th, I've just graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a Degree in Graphic Design and I'm returning to GG for my 12th summer! My favorite camp song is "The Fishy Song" and I'm a big fan of sandwiches.



But enough about us, we're here for you guys! Whether you're a first-timer at Geneva Glen or you are a seasoned GG veteran, we are so excited to have you at camp this summer! Your counselors cannot wait to meet you—their job is to make your camp experience memorable, comfortable, and TONS OF FUN!

As the Heads of Girls and Boys Hill, we are here for all of you! You can come to either of us at any time and for any reason. We can't wait to have the best summer ever!

See you at Check-In! Lots of love,

Carlee and Casey

Donation Palooza

(otherwise known as things you might have that we need!)

- ✓ Adult Costumes: Pirate, Ring Master, Disco Star, Princesses, Military stuff
- ✓ Tights and shoes/slippers (Pageant & Merlin's Masque)
- ✓ Kilts (and/or plaid skirts)
- ✓ Canopy for Pirate Bridge ("sail cloth", porch canvas cover, etc...)
- ✓ Solar trail lights
- ✓ Sun shade for Girls Hill seating area
- ✓ Bean bag chairs
- ✓ Picnic table and/or free standing umbrellas and stands
- ✓ Flatware—stainless steel forks, spoons
- ✓ Kitchen ware—supplies: pots, pans, kitchen tools
- ✓ Cutting boards, oven mitts
- ✓ Flip video or digital video cameras
- ✓ Hand tools, small power tools
- ✓ Work gloves / rubber gloves
- ✓ Good ol' fashioned radios (KGLN!)



Back again by Popular Demand... ...the "Children's Chump Change Challenge" where *literally, every penny counts!*

We are asking campers, parents and volunteers to bring your spare change to check-in and check-out this summer. The goal is to raise \$1,795 - enough money for a full scholarship! Our Chimp Charlie will be holding the collection bucket - so bring your change and be prepared to say: "Camp's Chimp Charlie holding the Chalice for the Children's Chump Change Challenge" three times fast - prizes randomly awarded for skilled tongue twisterers!!



Recognizable, perhaps,
but NOT Charlie!

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Raffle Winner

Our session raffle was twice as bountiful for our campership program due to the generosity of the winner!! **Jake Ammann**, a Colorado 4th grader, who has attended for two years won the raffle drawing on December 20. His surprised parents decided that they would like to donate that free session back to a needy camper. Jake's dad, Rob, was a camper at GG back in the day, and he and his wife, Kathy, have seen the value of the camp experience for their two sons, Jake and Murphy. Thank you guys!

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!!

This will help TONS getting it back to you

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/>



Dear future GG camper,

If this will be your first time at the glen, WELCOME!!

Let us introduce ourselves to you.

We are Ken and Nancy, the directors of GG. We were both campers, and counselors, and we love this place very much and are excited to share its magic with you.



Here's a few hints on how to have the best time while you're here at camp...

Try to get plenty of sleep the night before you come to camp. You may be too excited to sleep, and if so, don't worry about it, you'll sleep well at camp!

Bring old comfortable clothing. If you are a two-week camper, you'll only need one nicer outfit for Sunday, and you may want to bring something unique and crazy for the dance.

If you are a MYTHS camper, the older and grubbier your clothes, the better! Especially for Mud Mania. But be sure everything is marked with your name! Bring your imaginations, not your smart phone! Every cabin and dorm has a radio for everyone to tune in to the GG radio station, KGLN, but we try to leave as much of the world behind, and enjoy a different kind of entertainment at camp!

You will find that at camp there is so much to keep you busy that you will welcome a quiet break at rest hour and sleep like a rock at night! Don't worry, there's plenty of time to play as well as just hang out. Have your parents pack a stamped envelope or postcards with your family's address, so you can write home. You can also feel free to bring a family photo to tuck in your trunk.



Bring your expectations to make new friends, and just have fun being silly, sing songs, create a slapstick skit, and just be yourself in a natural outdoor atmosphere of fellowship and fun!

See you this summer,
Ken and Nancy and all of the GG Camp Family!



The Mysterious Staff Goblet of Gracious Glen Guardians!

Our theme in 2016, hints at HOGWARTS happenings, so what better way to announce the extraordinary magic makers returning to GG than through the "Goblet of Gracious Guardians!"

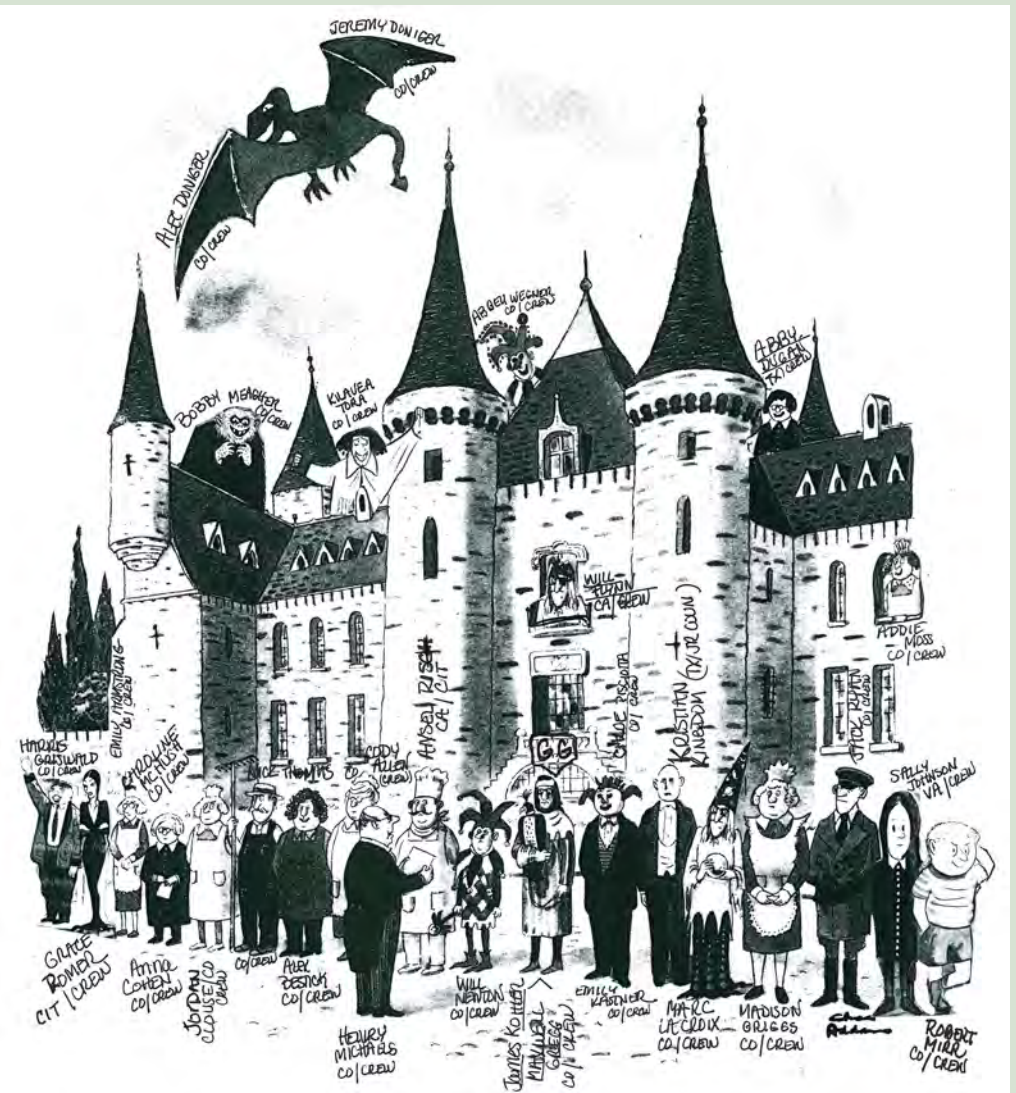
The **Prefects** for the Hill Houses include a talented Warlock, **CASEY SWEENEY**, and a charming beloved witch, **CARLEE FLYNN**. The Transfiguration Professors are ably headed by **BEN BRASCH, Esq.**, and Dame **EMILY LEDERER**, transfiguring partially-formed adolescent brains into capable CITs! The amazing AUROR's for the Glen who protect and guide the Trainees are **ANNA LAWRENCE**, and **DANNY CHASE**

A Parliament of owls who soar about the Glen will bring joyous missives! These include **CHRISTMAS SIDWELL**, **REILLY RASTELLO**, and **LEVI GRIBAS**. The House Elves disappearing here and there are **Mackenzie Urban**, **Reid Bryne**, **Kellie Warren**, **Abbey Obourn**, **Brad Emrick**, and **Lauren Clarke**. Our distinguished Quidditch team is made up of **Caley Moon**, **Justin Coopersmith**, **Lisa Moore**, **Grace Campbell**, **Nash Hartman** and **Colleen Kinster**. Professors of Wand Lore, are **Nick Kolomitz**, **Lauren Carpenito**, **Kathryn Yetter**, & **Caitlyn Concklin**. The Water Nymphs who speak Mermish will be **Maddie Diederichs**, **Jackie Crone**, and **Sophie Knauf**. Our Thestrals, those horse-like mythical creatures, will be represented by our three barnies **Lauren Jablonski**, **Maddie Hoffman**, and the mysterious **Nichalous Brown**. Magical creatures will be represented by **Bryan Doniger** as the inimitable Honking Haliballynx, and **Tyler Kelly** as the Capricious Caprioling Centaur. **Kylie Kachmer** is the Strumming Harpy Hippogriff, **Wyatt Grice** as the Giant Sloth Sylvester! Professors of Transfiguration are **Matt Lederer** and **Cass Jacoby**, and our favorite Werewolf, who is forever entranced by "Moonglow," **Brendan Moon**!

A galaxy of Glen Ghosts who have returned from past summers include: **Wes McMullen**, **Mady Rhodenbaugh**, **Dakota Rouse**, **Annie Cunningham**, **Davis Murane**, **Jack Stewart**, **Jake Kay**, and **Josie Warren** – and will haunt Boys Hill and Girls Hill as Poltergeist Pranksters.

Ancient Rune's Professors, are **Annie Brewster**, **Kathryn Chase**, & **Chloe Rossier**. Our DIVINATION PROFESSORS ARE **Ali Oksner**, **Slide Kelly**, and **Kyle Brinkman**. CHARMS PROFESSORS, APTLY HEADED BY, **Sophia Hill**, **Jessie Dickter**, and WEARING A MAGICAL KILT, IS **Izzy Lohmann**! OUR LOVABLE Scabbers is a red-headed version called **Nathan Ramirez**. The Proprietor of the Three Broomsticks, **Dom Lacroix**, and watching over every aspect of our magic mountain, our own Fawkes Phoenix, **Pete Mahan**.

The portraits hanging in the Headmaster's office include: Gryffindor Sword-Keeper, **Reid McKnight**, Magical mother-heart that beats empathy for every camper, and creature (except for mice!), Dame **Christa Redford**. **Molly** the Money-Muggle-Official **Robison**, **Johnny** Beadle-The-Bard **Domenco** creating wizardry tales, and the Whomping Willow Keeper, **Jeffro Robison**.



Filigree of Former campers, first time on staff—congratulations!



Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for the epic Winter Workshop! It was a blast! We had a wicked tubing run and some of my friends even snowboarded. There was a ton of snow everywhere, and the ice skating rink was especially "cool". The hot tub was awesome. All the cookie-making and craft gifts we could make while drinking hot chocolate—it was really great! I especially loved making new GG friends from other sessions. Please let me go back next December!

Gratefully,
Suzy Schmoos (who lives in Cabin 2!)

