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Geneva Glen Camp

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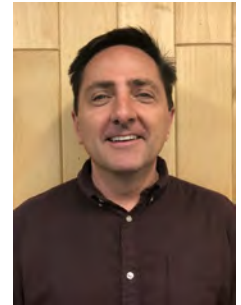
Dear GG Campers:

It was many years ago when I was in your shoes, attending Geneva Glen as a camper. My first Dorm was C, and I went on to live in each and every one of the 9 boys dorms. The memories of these experiences are still fresh in my mind, just like those memories you have now or will have soon!

This is my first summer back at GG in many years, and I must tell you all how excited I am to get the summer started. This place has something special about it! If you have been here before, you know what I mean. If this is your first summer at GG, you will soon experience it for yourself.

The staff and I are now busy cleaning up cabins and dorms, as well as getting all the different areas ready for you! Archery, rifles, BB's, ropes course, WILD, crafts, pool and of course the barn are all being made ready for the summer. Many of your favorite counselors are returning, all ready to lead your favorite songs, take you on hikes, come up with crazy skits, or just hang out.

Camp is now just around the corner! So stay dedicated to your last month of school, and I look forward to meeting all of you this summer!



Casey Klein



Camper Spring Breeze - 2018

WELCOME CAMPERS!

Welcome new Myths and Magic campers! We wanted to extend a friendly “welcome,” to over 100 campers who will be attending Myths and Magic for the first time. You are in for quite an adventure! We expect you are feeling excited about attending Geneva Glen and some of you may be feeling a little nervous about coming to camp for the first time, please know this is totally normal! Our counselors are so eager to meet you, and they will get to spend lots of time with you. You will even get to meet lots of new friends too, and many of your new friends will be at camp for the first time as well! When you arrive at camp the first day, you will be greeted by our staff members. You will follow the glittering fairy-dust trail to the Council Ring to meet your counselors. They will help you bring all your bedding and luggage up to your cabin/dorm (girls live in cabins and boys live in dorms). Once you are in the cabin/dorm, your family may help you make your bed and then it’s time to meet your new friends and start your journey. Be sure to bring your favorite stuffed animal or “lovey,” clothes for the week, and two swimsuits. There are so many exciting activities you get to do at camp which you don’t get to do at home. Be ready to search for fairies and leprechauns in our forests (your counselors even know how to read the language of fairies!), go on a treasure hunt, ride horses, swim in the pool, explore our treehouse, make muck and sludge, soar through our ropes course, create a craft for your family, participate in the Circus, and so much more! You are going to have a magical time at Myths and Magic, and we look forward to meeting you all in June! If you have any questions about coming to camp for the first time, please call Christa at camp- (303) 697-4621 ext.25 or



christa@genevaglen.org

Christa attended the very first Myths & Magic session 36 years ago! Her favorite memory from the summer was leaping in the mud and having it ooze over her. She continued attending as a camper until the early 90’s. Christa spent nine consecutive summers as a staff member. She ran a handful of areas and became a supervisor running the Trainee Program, and was Head of Hill for two summers. After graduate school, Christa taught elementary school for nine years, and then returned to The Glen in 2008. Interacting with campers, staff, and parents, is what Christa enjoys at camp as well as continuing the strong traditions for the next generations. Her two sons, Everett and Wyatt, are often seeing running around camp and trying to sneak candy from the store! Sometimes, her husband, Darrel, does too! You can always catch Christa hiking one of the many GG trails with the camp dogs.



Geneva Glen Breeze — Spring, 2018

News from Huckleberry



Hey campers!

Huckleberry here giving you all the “hound-like” view of the Glen! This dry winter

made our Winter-Workshop shirt a sleeveless tank-top! But the teenagers seemed to have rollicked and ricocheted from ropes course to Vespers Hill ... and the Tree-House to the Shrine. Campers were sliding around on a partially-frozen baseball diamond, as their brave buddies slid down a choppy meadow from the lodge to the pool, and hearty ones hiked to Black Canyon. Evening rang with Banjo sounds and laughter as camp friends just enjoyed their times together! The sounds of Cabin 8 being renovated and dorms A, B, and H newly sided and roofed let me know we are thinking about getting ready for June, and y’all coming back to your favorite place.

The camps mountain critters are still roaming about – mostly at night – deer, elk, foxes, porcupine, the little bobcat that high-tailed it up the draw after scrabbit’s and squirrels. No mountain lion or bear tracks, but they, of course, are shy and pretty much are scared off due to the noise you all make in June!

Our own critters, the horses, have some good news with the string announcing two new babies will join us, with their mommies, as the herd returns in May. That’s always a lot of fun, to see those wobbly legs prancing about the dance floor!

Another kind of critter that inhabit Geneva Glen are the counselors! I see a few sometimes as they drop by for a friendly parlay. You can read about them in the Staff “Bird Stew!” It’s all about the birds coming back to roost at the Glen. And sure enough we’ll have a new batch of Trainees that you can check out in the “Trainee Garden!”

On Saturday, March 10, the big hoopla was to welcome the new director of Geneva Glen, Casey Klein! I know Casey well enough to give him an occasional lick, and

many wags of my tail! Lots of folks came to greet him at the lodge and eat a few breakfast vittles. You may see a Chocolate Lab named Poppy romping about as she has just moved to the Rockies from Texas, and with her master’s family: Casey, his wife, Jennifer, and his three sons Kelly, Levi and Jackson Klein. We’ll see how well Poppy makes friends with Gus and Nala!

The big news for me is I won’t be hiding out on the balcony over the pool any more, nor rolling in the honey pile at barn! My humans, Ken and Nancy, and I will be retreating from camp life to a slower pace! Nothing grand or strange, just a little bit more time to meander, read a good book, enjoy summer time adventures with grandkids, and nature hikes with me! We will be looking forward to visiting you from time to time, and we may even drop by to tell a story or two, and to water the flowers! But for now good luck and Happy Trails!



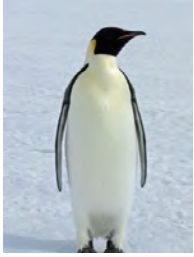
Raffle Winner!

Our popular Raffle drawing, which aids camperships in the summer, was held during the Winter Workshop. This year’s lucky winner was a sixth year veteran from Georgia, Eoin Goggin! Eoin prefers Knighthood I to be with his long-time eight grade buddies. Congrats!



Anticipating the eventual arrival of two new little foals sometime during July!

Year of the Bird!



According to the National Geographic Society in partnership with the Audubon Society, 2018 is officially the “Year of the Bird!” In 1918, there was a congressional act passed to protect migratory birds from wonton killing, and this year celebrates this Centennial. Because of that, it seems appropriate to have our Staff Stew remind us of our fine feathered friends!



Our Heads of Hill are MADDIE DIEDERICHS, and NICK KOLOWITZ, **King** and **Empress Penguins**, dutifully watching over their flock of First-Time hatchlings as well as the full-fledged inveterate to counseling.

We will enjoy a gaggle of **Snow Geese**, who will be vigilant guards squawking to alert camp of intruders and taking care of camp territory as Crew Bosses – MATT LEDERER, CALEY MOON, and ABBEY OBOURN. Our **Western Screech Owls**, JORDAN KRAMLICH, and LEVI GRIBAS, watch over CIT’s wisely and guide first-time staffers in the way of the Glen.

Returning to Barn Duty, those **Brown-Headed Cow Birds**, who sit on the rumps of horses and diligently peck off ticks and horseflies would be our three barnies: JAKE KAY, MADY RODENBAUGH, AND SOPHIE KNAUF.



The elegant **Trumpeter Swans** who lovingly transport their young *cygnets* hidden by protective down, are our **Trainee Heads**, KELLIE WARREN and TROY WITONSKY.

The clown-ish **Blue-Footed-Boobies** bring comic relief to camp antics, will be KYLIE KACHMER, CHRISTMAS SIDWELL, ELI CRAMER, HARRIS GRISWOLD, REID BYRNE, ALEC DONIGER and, JEREMY DONIGER.

Meadowlarks, with a flute-like call, are always welcome at camp and for us this summer, they will be COLLEEN KINSTER, CODY ALLEN, and LAUREN CLARKE.

What a treat to find some colorful **Western Tanagers** with ANNIE EIDENSCHINK, WES McMULLEN, LISA MOORE, ALEX IZBIKY.



The **Yellow-Breasted Chat** flits around the meadows of the Glen, as JAMES KOHLER, JACK RYAN, ANNA COHEN, HENRY MICHAELS, NICK THOMAS, JORDAN CLOUSE, and LANDON CRAMER, MIKAELA JACOBY.

A group of **Crows** is called (of all things) a “Murder,” which might apply to these nefarious CITs: ETHAN MYER, ZACH TRIPLETT, OLIVER MOYSKI, NOAH SCHWALGER, NICK STEWART, and JACK VANGILDER.



Our favorite **Mountain Bluebird**, (singing his old familiar song) which adds color and song to any meadow, are the female CIT’s, SAMANTHA BRYSON, CHARLOTTE DEAN, CARLIE BROADY, COOPER MCCLERY, and ELLIE BROADY.

One of our favorite sounds is the call of the **Rufous-Sided Towhee**, and they sometimes return to camp after taking a year or two away – we, therefore, will welcome back KATHRYN YETTER, BRAD EMRICK, CAROLINE MCHUGH, Lindsay Magill, CALLIE BREWSTER, ALEX BESTICK, EMILY KASTNER AND JESSIE DICKTER.

There may be a few more returning to a GG nest, but this sure is a healthy flock to watch over campers and to help create and the Magic of the Glen! They all look forward with sharp bird eyes to welcoming YOU to camp, whether for the first time or for your eleventh summer back! See you then!!



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

Mark the Date:

You’re invited to our version of an “Open House ...”

Saturday May 19 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.

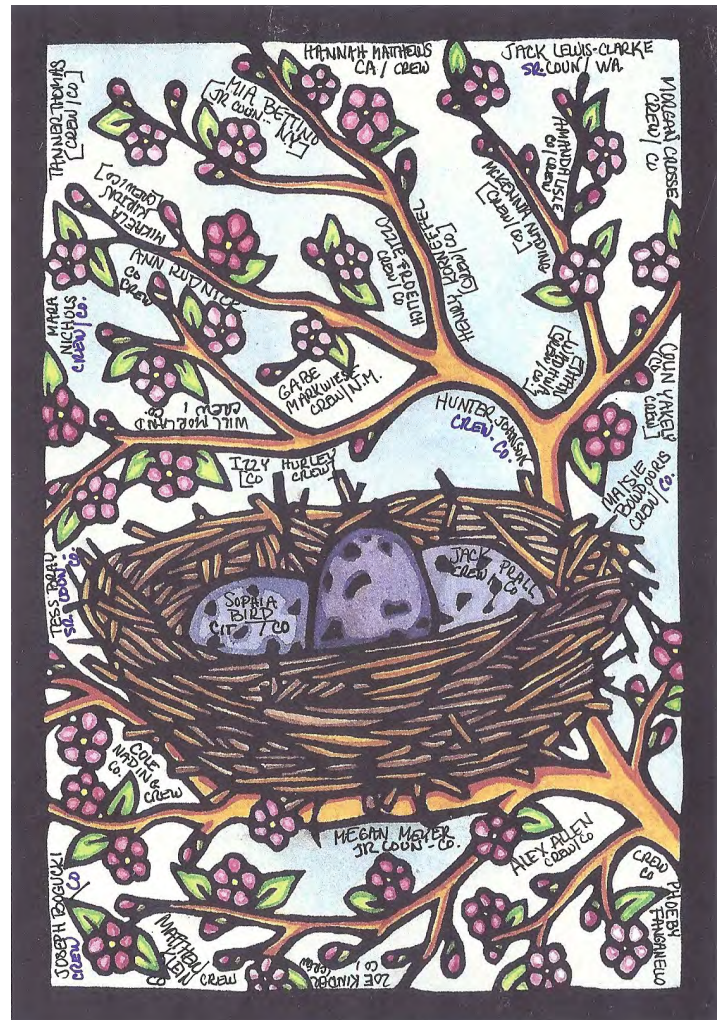
If you are a new family, watch for an email invitation and reply to Christa@genevaglen.org, or (303-697-4621, ext 25), so we know how much vittles to prepare!

Requiem to our Ellie

Heartbreaking moments happen to us all... even at the Glen. For us one of these moments came this past cold February when our inimitable Ellie headed off to greener pastures. The years finally caught up with this reliable old mare who was the quintessential queen of the GG string. This Spartan quarter horse was friend to junior campers with limited horse skills as well as wranglers who loved to prance and canter. All were guaranteed a good, safe ride on Ellie for 36 years! She endured frozen winters in South Park with the herd—the varied leadership of at least a dozen head wranglers. She patiently took the tugging and shouts of silly campers, the boredom of over a thousand trail rides and the once-upon-a-time pride of being the best jousting horse for the Pageant! She lost her barn buddy, Burt, just recently, so maybe her heart was broken as well. We do know Ellie managed to continue a steady service to GG even through the busy 95th celebration when she carried riders happily about the hills. This list of praise and plaudits continues to go on and on, but the enormity of how much Ellie will be missed can't be put into words.



Welcoming these Hatchlings Past Campers to their First Year on Staff!



Trainee Garden Directors **Kellie Warren, Troy Witonsky** are eager to welcome flora and fauna!

Dear GG Campers,

We think some of you have heard that Ken and Nancy are “retreating” from camp this coming summer (The word “retired” doesn’t work for us as it implies secluded, withdrawn, receded, which is not our intent!).

Both of us started at GG as campers decades ago, and eventually graduated to counselor status, then leaders as Heads of Hill. In 1977, when our three boys, Casey, Chris, and Chip, attended and loved their summers as Golden Hearts, Blue Spruce, Sasquatch dancers, or Olympic participant from Terra Del Fuego, we knew that we could provide some added creativity and vision to give back to the camp the favors we had received from the Spirit of the Glen. In 1982, we became the full-time directors and have been blessed to spend our days at Geneva Glen ever since!

We suspect some campers barely know who we are, but many of you have grown used to seeing us at Council Ring. You’ve sung the songs we’ve taught, acted in the plays we’ve written, enjoyed the programs we’ve created, listened to our tales, and followed our lead through GG traditions. We are grateful we’ve woven much of the fabric that you know to be “Geneva Glen.” We already miss you all but thankfully it’s not really “good-bye,” as we’ve been invited to tell a few more stories, lead a few more songs, and watch you all as you ripen into the next generation of leadership.

Happily, Geneva Glen continues to be familiar leadership you have counted on for years ... Christa, Reid, Johnny, Pete, Kathy, and Anne, including, of course, many of your favorites like Maddie Diederichs and Nick Kolomitz as Heads of Hill, will all be in place for the 2018 season! The new face is Casey Klein as the Director! Casey grew up with camp friendships, with all the GG songs, skits, games, challenges and traditions. Casey’s experience includes 28 years with various YMCA camps, and programs, but GG was always foremost in his heart. We are confident he will keep the Spirit of the Glen regenerating into the future.

Have a great summer at this Glen we call Geneva!

With Love, Ken and Nancy

