



CHRISTMAS SPARKS

BEST WISHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
FROM CAMP KAHDLEA AND CAMP CHOSATONGA



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HOME FRONT

With Christmas in the air, it doesn't take much to get inspired around here. Just a short walk around camp makes us appreciate so very many things. The beauty in winter has a different character about it and the lake, gazebos and simply the entire camp is a constant reminder of the people who come through these gates. There is a special "comfortableness" and a good holyness that makes one feel "at home" here among the poplars, rhododendrons and the ever-running creek. And we can't forget to mention the distinct smell exuded by the carolina mountains that surround camp. – I have to stop. I begin to miss you too much. The summers are too good.

On to other things... After working about a dozen groups in the fall (which by the way were so much fun), we began to think about the summer of 2014. This will be **the 25th summer for the Trufants!** Wow, a full quarter of a century. We've come a long way. Our staff has grown in consistency and a sense of purpose and our campers have come to be part of a wonderful and great family. Our activities have improved in so many ways and our training and preparation is strong. The campers and staff makes us so proud. Their abilities, judgement and confidence has them on various adventures around the globe. Most of all, we are proud of who they are. It is our experience that these are good women and men, so many of

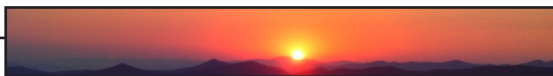


whom are rooted in a foundation of truth and virtue. We salute them. We are so proud of the legacy that camp is passing on to those who choose to be a part of the family.

Anne & Daniel

So often the news is full of the worst of what human nature is capable of. Sometimes it's easy to forget that the power of Truth and Goodness will always be greater. We celebrate you and this camp community. Here, we strive to foster and we witness the best in people's hearts and spirits. Your love, your friendships and your positive presence are the things hope is made of. Be that presence in your world.

We believe in you!



The Promise of Summer!

"In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me,
an invincible summer." Albert Camus

Summer will be here before you know it! What a time of incomparable challenge, adventure, special friends and fun. We simply can't get this kind of personal development anywhere else. We are looking forward to a great camp season! So many of you are coming back and there is great enthusiasm from staff! Another rich summer is in the works and we can't wait to see you here. We are hearing hopeful sounds from some great staff like Marybelle, Austin Ashcraft, Anna Holleman, Jeff Trufant, Tark, Raul and Buck and more! Don't forget "TwoFunCamps.com" will help spread the good word!

News, Notes and SCOOP!

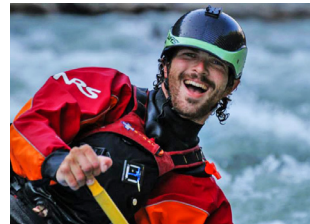
1) **Spring travel is in the air!** Florida and nearly anywhere are in the works. Please let us know if you'd like to host a casual camp presentation. We so look forward to seeing so many of you.

2) Thinking of taking the **semester off**, career change? Give us a call. We are thinking about preparing for the summer with a little extra office emphasis.

3) Received camp email lately? If not, please send us your email address and keep in the know, counselors especially.

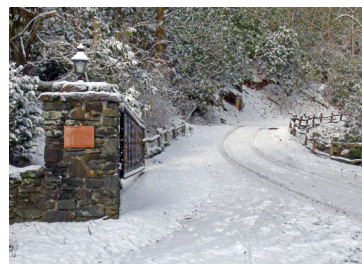
4) During this Advent Season, take a moment to email or call a camp friend, just a little holiday gift of time. Make some plans to get together.

5) Adam Trufant made an early decision and will be back as PD! Here at camp, we've been working away all fall, trimming back the forest which wants to take over. We've also been making cabin repairs, sprucing up and ordering the summer's needs. We received a dozen new bikes for the mountain biking department ...and we got another Watermat! It showed up right after June Session last year. You'll love it. We've been looking at camp store goodies, too. Applications keep arriving! Check the scoop @ the Kahdalea/Chosatonga "fb" page. Things are looking good!



6) Adam and Jeffrey are making plans for paddling. They've been paddling in Nepal for the last three months with Joe Howe working for Paddle Nepal! They are spending Christmas with MC Robichaux in Thailand. World Travelers.

7) Send us YOUR scoop! What have YOU been doing this fall? How about sports? Jobs? Travel? Plays? Honor Roll? Did you move? Drop us an email for our newsletter "Sparks" and continue to spread the good word!



And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon, and the stars and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans, and all that lives upon them... and to save us from our foolishness, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.
— Sigrid Undset

This Christmas, may the peace of that first holy night be in your homes and in your hearts.

May you seek the silence and simplicity of that tiny stable...and prepare a place in your own heart to receive Him... May you take time to count your many blessings, offer thanks, and make a deeper commitment to live and give the love that has been so generously poured on us from above. And may you continue, like the Wise Men, to seek Him.