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HOME FRONT

Here we go again! 20 years! Can you believe it?! There is so much going on! We've had a wonderful winter up here in the mountains. Peaceful, but busy! The mountains still impress us with their



inviting beauty that engulfs all of our senses. After traveling for camp, I was able to enjoy coming home to that wonderful fresh smell of the mountains that you get when you first step out of the car. What a blessing! And I won't mention the incredible night time stars!

Now, back to life, first, we have a new grandchild on the way! We are excited about that! Due date is April 7th. Elizabeth and Jake, and our granddaughter Anne Marie will have some new life in the family. Anne and I will be heading that way to help get things settled.

Sarah is challenging herself in her International MBA, and I mean international. She is taking tough courses with nine weeks in each of various locations, beginning in Geneva, then Amsterdam, London, Shanghai, Vienna, and she graduates in Budapest! She does have time to do some sight-seeing and between modules, she takes side trips to places like Egypt. She is getting terrific preparation and Anne says she wants to be Sarah when she grows up.

Andrew will be Program Director at Chosatonga! He brings some great gifts and I look forward to enjoying his creativity. He also graduated from LSU in December and has been working in the construction industry.

Adam will head the paddling program. What a great program that has evolved into! We have some great paddlers coming up through the channels. Currently, Adam is engaged in a semester of studies in Rome. He's joined in this leadership course by Anna Leija, Matt Merry and Ariel

Roland. The group is 12 students and they are being taught by world class teachers. One bio-ethics prof has been on the president's advisory board and also works at the Vatican. Adam continues to play guitar and you can see him in concert by searching Adam Trufant on Youtube.

John continues to work in school and is tearing up the guitar! He has advanced far beyond his years. You can see him along with JC, Thomas Nailen, on Youtube by searching: Red House MRA. Wow.

Jeff and Joseph are doing well in school and Jeff can't wait to get on the whitewater. He paddles frequently in the lake and is going to some specialized training classes soon. Joe is playing the drums daily and taking lessons from the drummer from Black Crows! Anne and I are doing well! We are much too young to be grandparents, but we'll take it! We are so bless by you in our lives!

Anne & Daniel

TWENTY (20) YEARS!

Twenty years ago Anne and David Trufant and their four children (at the time) packed everything into a Ryder truck and moved to Camps Kahdalea and Chosatonga. What a ride it has been! The support of the camps' mission and its dreams has been so very great. Our first year the last boys' session had 7 campers and Kahdalea's last session had perhaps 35. The June Sessions had 89 girls and 45 boys.

The most important influences for camp have been God, the campers and parents, and the staff. In this culture, an active pursuit of goodness and truth is paramount. Campers, parents and staff all know that the gifts poured fourth from accepting this mission are great and lasting rewards.

We have also found that we are known because our camp family talks. This is key. Newspaper, radio, and magazine ads just don't do it with camp. You are what makes this mission work. Thank you for all you do and please keep spreading the good word. Parents, you are so wise and understanding of what we do here. I just heard from a parent this morning and she wrote, " My son has turned into such a fabulous kid and camp is a huge part of it. The time away from computers, and normal chaos of life combined with the solid, wonderful counselors you somehow seem to find

have been a big part of my boy's development." Another parent recently said that camp has been the most important thing we have ever done for our daughter. Your support is priceless and we couldn't live without it. Thank you.

And the Staff! Wow! Where do you come from? What blessings you bring to our children. Our parents universally RAVE about you and the campers love you! Your influence and role modeling as we struggle through life's complications and this culture are inspired by grace. You are doing eternal work and we the camp people and the parents are eternally grateful. You live your lives making good choices and demonstrating that wisdom and fruit. We thank God for you.

We are excited about the future, but we do not know what it holds. We love what camp stands for and the good work it does. We pray for your continued support of this worthy mission and we

thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Come and join us again! Thank you.

The Motor Coach to Camp is Ready!

It is so nice to make the trip to camp such an easy thing! We have again arranged for transportation and guess what! We managed to keep the cost the same as last year and the bus gets rave reviews from campers! Less expensive than driving, it's another great value from camp.

Sign up now by going to the TwoFunCamps.com for details. And, don't forget to tell your friends! Thanks so much!



2FUNCAMPS.com

EASY NEW WEB ADDRESS!

Thanks so much for spreading the word about camp! Talk about hard! Ever try to tell someone about the web address?! Like they can remember the name "Kahdalea" or "Chosatonga" 5 Minutes later! ...Much Less Spell it!!! YIKES!

Well, The Internet Gnome has come to the rescue! Just tell your friends to go to "2funcamps.com." They'll remember THAT! YEP! It's just that easy! Wait. What if they type in "TWOfuncamps.com"?!! Yikes again!? Nope... Not to worry! That one works too!

TWOFUNCAMPS.com

Now you have 2, or "TWO," easy ways for your friends and family to find the motherload-of-camp-fun on line! ...where they can find the **video**, applications, etc.

Remember, **YOU** are our best ambassadors! We need your help. Camp wouldn't happen if camp people don't spread the word. Thanks so much for spreading the word about these two fun camps! Keep it up! Thanks! (Oh, btw, secret: "to and too work, also!")

Summer Looks Great!

It's wonderful to see so many people returning. We are pleased! Our enrollment is even up in one session but with the economy we feel we'll be a bit smaller overall this summer. We did get 5 applications yesterday! And they are coming in. Excitement's in the air! We are, however, concerned about our friends and the economy. We encourage anyone with financial concerns to talk to us. Allow us to brainstorm with you. We want our campers to be here with us. Thanks.

Counselors! This is 4 U...

It's late March and we are in the middle of counselor season! We are getting a lot of returning staff and great new applicants bringing great new gifts! In the last few days we heard from Rusty Enger and Matt Pedonti at Chosatonga that they will be back and from two other counselors to hold a

Big fun school group May 17, 18, 19. All seniors from Orlando, here for the mountains! They love camp! Wanna work the group call Dave.

spot while they work on details. Anne heard from Annie Bond and Sarah Hummel who had to miss last summer and will be back! PLEASE, if you think you might make it, give us a click and tip us off to HOLD A SPOT for you. We want you back!

A couple of years we took on too many staff because of last minute decisions. Help us and contact us now if you think you might return.

Everyone, you know the kind of staff that we seek for the adventure of summer! **Keep sending your most wonderful friends!** Don't wait

until the staff is full. NOW is also the time to mention to your wonderful camper friends to apply to camp. **What an experience for them and us, too!** The rewards are great! **Remember, we do a lot of quality training!**

Not long ago, one counselor came up to us and exclaimed, "Camp was the BEST experience of my life!" We said, didn't you just finish a fantastic semester in Austria? "Yes," she said, "but that was all about me. Camp has so much more balance." We asked why she hasn't signed up for camp and she said, "You know, you're right." and signed up right then.

Contracts for last year's staff went out in December. If you didn't get one (and we have had a few who didn't receive what we sent), please give us a call.

Don't forget the treasures of the summer and the deep friendships. Also counselors, most of us will be in long careers of raising families and meeting the daily needs of living. Don't rush into that before your time. Come for another rare and treasured summer that will help you through many many years ahead. We hope to see you and your friends with us again! God bless you!

Program Directors - Ready to GO!

Wow! We are so pleased with how things are looking for the summer! So many of you are returning and we're happy to report that camp is alive and well! We are continuing to receive applications which are fun summer! We'll keep you posted with scoop! (Send us your email address and we'll be able to notify you.) Our Program Directors are excited and so are we! The spark is there in the creative department!



Jen Pommerenke and **Andrew Trufant** are capable, innovative and experienced. This will be Jen's 12th year and Andrew has been raised at camp! Staff looks good, too. We have already hired most of our counselors and have many coming back! Counselors say that each year spent at camp is much better than the year before. That's good! So do the campers! We can't wait to see you! **TALK ABOUT 2 FUN CAMPS!**

Grapevine... (Scoop starts here!)

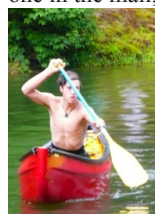
Check for an On-Line version of this in gorgeous color! **Tricia (Thompson) Flavin (94 95 96 02 03 06 07)**, sister to **Maggie (03 04 05 07 08)**, **Frances (05 06 07 08)**, **Louise (99 00 01 02 03 08)** and **Mac(There are 11 Thompson kids)** and former camper and counselor, just had her third baby! Oh how rich life will be. **David & Anne Trufant**, have another grandchild on the way! **Elizabeth "ET" (Trufant) (90-05)** and **Jake Flury (05)** (former counselors & more) are due in April! Anne Marie will have a playmate. AND what's more, it's in the plans that they will be moving back to NC! **Hunter Philips (06-08)** is rowing and winning races! **Chase (00-05)** is at UT Knoxville and loving it! **Tom Lawler (05-07)** rows, too at NSU, LA. He'll be back! **Austin Ashcraft (00-07)** is in Austria! He said he's coming if he can. Do it, man! **Paul Peterson (08)** & **Maria DeMaio (05 06 08)** got engaged on top of Mount Kilimanjaro after camp this summer! The story I heard was that he asked her and she answered in Swahili and he thought she was saying no at first. HA! Must be something about the thin air up there. We've had a number of counselors ask their wives to marry on Black Balsam, too. Neat. Paul, Maria and **Brian DeMaio (08)** all went on that extended Africa trip together. They first visited **Mogra Star Academy** in Kenya. Maria says that Hannah, her family and the children were so welcoming. She got to meet not only the children that she has been sponsoring, but also many others. Then they were on to Dar Ws Salaam and Zanzibar and to South Africa for an archeological dig. Congratulations to you both! Also, to you Brian for making that **African summit!** **Jonathan Weiss (08)** "Hola from Saltillo, Mexico! I'm here on a mission. It seems just like yesterday we were together having amazing adventures in North Carolina. I think about last summer a ton and realize how much I learned. I was so blessed to be able to build such great friendships with y'all and work alongside of you serving the young men of Chos. I am now living as a full-time lay missionary with Family Missions in Mexico until December and it is such an amazingly blessed life. I often wonder if I could start a camp like atmosphere among the youth or take them on some cool trips like the ones we went on in Brevard. Who knows were God is going to be taking me in the years to come, but I do hope that I will be able see you all and maybe you could

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Video Should Be in Your Hands- (Bloopers at the End)

What a Movie! It's in your hands and it was quite a production! There were over 2000 rough edits and also more than 2000 fine edits. Let's think ahead to this summer and get a bit more video on the trips! That was soooooo fun!

This year, we sent one for every camper to keep for posterity! It is so fun in 10 or 25 years to go back and see your friends! If you did not get one in the mail, call us and let us see if we can get you a replacement. Also, keep your address current with us... especially your email.



New Boats in the fleet!

We have been busy in the off season and one of the things we have done is pick up three more open canoes! We have three new Probes. They are fully outfitted boats. Two have triple saddles and one is a solo.

See the "World Travel Page" on the internet!

We have a new "World Travel Page" and it is FUN! Check it out and get involved. Right now we have flags for Chosatonga and a Chosman pose. Hopefully this summer, we can make a Kahdalea pose and flags!

Remember: Last Summer's Pictures are ON-Line!

At dotphoto.com: username is kahdalea and the password is almostheaven!

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GRAPEVINE AND ALUM NEWS!

Old Friends Are The Best Friends

Please, Please Please! Email Us Now!

We try to keep you informed of your past camp sisters and brothers! We need to hear from you! Drop us a short note right now for our next Alum Update. If there is an address you want, let us know. We'll be glad to be of service. We are thrilled to hear from so many "old friends" so often! Now, here is the scoop since last annual Alum update:

visit me in missions. Please do [email me](#) and let me know what is new in your life and what I can be praying for. Praying for y'all and thinking of y'all daily." His email is: [missions.jon@gmail.com](#) **Jan Pommerenke** (our wonderful camp nurse!) and **Anne Trufant** went to Africa to work with Mogra Star (See [2funcamps.com](#) or click [here](#) for more). What precious kids and what good work is getting done for them. Thank you so much for those of you who are sponsoring children. **Emily Cook** (00 01 03 04 05) got married to Nick Heyne. Lots of camp people were there... as a matter of fact, lots of camp people are at most weddings!



David Trufant had dinner with Emily and Nick in Houston with the Swifts' **Elizabeth** (01 02 03 04 05), **Sarah** (01 02 03 04 05), **Mary** (03) and **Hill**. It was great! **Jon Bargas** (91 92 93 94 95 96 99 00), former Chosotonga PD, got married eight years after his camp days and he said that everyone of his friends in his wedding were either family or camp friends. Many camp people were there. First counselor we ever hired, **Warren Dazzio** (92 91 90 05) and his wife **Alison** (Sanford) **Dazzio** (met at camp) have been sending two of their children, **Anna Kat** (04 05 06 08) and **Elizabeth** (07 08), to camp! **Michael Franco** (06 07) and **Erin Berryhill** (06 07) got married at the end of the summer and moved to Houston where he is an engineer for NASA! He is working to train astronauts! The rumor is that he is thinking he would like to go to the moon. He's the one to do it! **Michael**, **Erin** and **Victor Perez** (07) hosted a camp presentation in Houston! Good job! Please contact the

office if you would like to host a camp party. **Sean Harrison** was saying how much fun it would be to see a Chosotonga Sticker on the space station! Speaking of Sean, he did his solo flight for his pilots' license and much bigger news, he and **Frances Merritt** (07) got married during the June Session! **Amelie Brown** (00-02,04-08) had such a fun birthday party in New Orleans at the Plimsoll Club at the top of the Trade Mart, before she was Queen of Carnival! There was a great band and some wonderful singers! Of course, there were so many camp people there and they absolutely devastated the dance floor! **Corinn O'Brian** (05 06), **Garett Graham** (97 -05,08), **Chris Baker** (05 -08), **Cynthia Baker** (99, 04 -08), **Ariel** (00 -08), **Jacob** (00), **Macon** (00), **Laura** (00 01) and **Sarah Roland** (00 06), **Erin Smith** (00 -08), **Michelle Fourier** (02-06), **Brad Schoen** (06 07 08), **Brad Doyle** (05 07), **David** and **Anne Trufant**, **Rebecca Gastinel** (03 -08), **Sarah Stewart** (03 04 07), **Jessica Benton** (97 98 02 03 04 05 06 07), **Annie Terral** (07 08), **Robert Schwing** (94 -97) and **Camille Creed** (03 04 05 08) and more were there. **Adam Trufant** (99 -08) sang "I've Got the World on a String" with the awesome band and really wowed the crowd. Adam is writing songs and playing gigs with his friend Brett. You can see some of their action if you look for Adam & Brett on you-tube. They opened for Dave Barnes in Charlotte and about 60 camp people showed up for the concert. What fun that was! And now they are rumored to be playing a gig or two in Europe. **Krista** (07 08) & **Hannah Greenfield** (06 07 08) came to camp for a visit as well as the **Pommerenkes**! **Emily Becker** (07 08), **Graham Neiman** (94, 08), **Brandon Galloway** (06 07 08) and **Camy Stirling** (01 - 08) are living at camp! It is fun to see them. **Tom Story** (08) has also visited a few times. It's so nice to see you, Tom! He will be back this summer! Yea! Chosotonga won the annual climbing competition in Asheville during the Main Session and Kahdalea did great, too! **Phillip Wozniak** (99 06 07 08) had a great Cross Country Season! Phillip made the Varsity sectional squad as an alternate his first year running! We also saw him and **Junior Payano** (06,07,08) at the March for Life in Washington DC this past January! (Think about going w/ big camp group next year on Jan 22, a Friday!) Junior should make an appearance this summer as an RN! He passed his tests and is now working on his Masters! He is at Trinity Hospital. I'll bet he's a GREAT RN. He just returned from a mission trip out of the country. He is also dancing a lot. He even got a chance to teach salsa to about one hundred people! And of course, he's talking about camp to lots of people. Congratulations Junior! **Christie Draddy** (03 05 06 08) is now attending St. Mary's College in Indiana; which is the sister school to Notre Dame. She is in the nursing program, with a minor in Spanish. She loves it! **Adam Trufant**, **Ariel Roland**, **Ana Leija** (08), and **Matt Merry** (08) are in a leadership semester in Rome with world class teachers. One professor is on the past president's Medical Ethics Committee and some others work at the Vatican. **John Lassiter** (08) is keeping in touch and often visiting camp friends in Asheville, at Belmont Abbey College and in Louisiana! What connections he has! **Joseph Howe** (04 05 06 07 08) was homecoming KING! He also played both on offensive and defensive squads in football! Austin Ashcraft spent a semester in Austria! **Justin Lorio** (97 98 99 00 01 02) and **Chris Franco** (06) met working in Fort Lauderdale. They found out that they both went to Chosotonga and are now good buddies and roommates. It's amazing how camp affects us in so many ways. What a blessing. **Hunter** (92 91 90) and **Michelle (O'Brien) Hardin** (90-92) who also met at camp bought MRI equipment, with a few friends (investors). They have 3 great kids and live in the BR, LA area. **Davis Graham** (00 01 02 03 04 05 07) was awarded a full scholarship to Duke and just heard that he made the cross-country team. He's pumped about being a Division One athlete! **Jason Romero** (06) and **Loren Orillion** (06) were married Dec. 27th! May



God bless your marriage! **Mason Walters** (04 07) is at the Theatre School at ECU and lovin' it! **John Benton** (03-06) is back from serving with the Marines in Iraq. We are so proud of him! While John was home on leave from Iraq, the whole Benton family came to visit us here at camp and do their favorite thing, hiking. They hiked for most of the time in the Pisgah National Forest. They all had a wonderful time.

Thomas Cook (04,07) is following his dream of becoming an attorney. He is a second year law student at Loyola University in New Orleans. Thomas did say he misses the mountains!! He will be a lawyer in about a year and a half years if anyone needs one. Of course, he asked David if he could be the "camp lawyer". **Matt Detiveaux** (05 07), is also in law school at Loyola. He came by camp, just before Christmas, for a visit. It was great to see him! **Chris Iwancio** (02,03,04,05,08) is now residing at a Franciscan Friary in Berkeley California. He is praying about three hours each day and learning all about the Franciscan life. He has been volunteering at a hospice, which houses local youth. He says that Berkeley is a very crazy place, but he has found some balance in being with the friars who are holy and prayerful. He says that the friary is definitely an oasis in that city. **Sarah Trufant** (91-00,02-05,08) after completing the summer season as an Assistant Program Director, has been working on her Masters program and traveling throughout Europe to Paris, The Netherlands, and Switzerland. She also was in Egypt, and is currently in China. She will have many stories when she returns. **Jen Pommerenke** (97-08), the **Kahdalea Program Director** for summer 2009, helped David with his youth groups that come during the off- season. One group from New Orleans had a wonderful "chilly" adventure white-water rafting on the Nantahala River. This is quite a change from her last adventure. Jen recently returned from a trip to Thailand where the temperatures were very warm. She said it always felt like it was around ninety degrees. She says it was quite an adventure and she learned quite a lot, including how to speak some Thai. **Michael Franco** and **Erin Berryhill** (06,07) were married in August 2008. **Chosotonga** won the annual climbing competition in Asheville during the Main Session 2008! **Joe Roderique** (02) and wife **Monica** had a healthy, beautiful daughter born October 4th. She weighed 8.9 lbs. **Brent Maher** (05,06) is in his second year of seminary in New Orleans. He is an acolyte, basically being able to assist the priest and deacons at the Mass by setting the altar and other responsibilities. Another couple that met at Camp is getting married; **Jenay Dupuy** (03,04,06) and **Chris Franco** (06) have set a date of June 12th, 2009. Apparently 2006 was a really good year for the Franco brothers at camp. **Jen Dietz** (92-01) is expecting a baby in April. **Laura Arnold** (05,06,08) loves Medical School. She has been through some of the tough parts. She is into her second semester and now working in cardiology. We are very proud of her! **Lauren Hoover** (94,97,98,08) is now working in Atlanta for a Catholic non-profit organization involved with international evangelical mission groups from the United States. **Anthony Maggio** (08) went on a mission trip to Guatemala for Christmas. He said it was awesome. He is busy at school and still working at a hotel in between summers at Chosotonga. He will be here again this summer! **Amanda Smith** (99-06, 08) is now in Park City, Utah doing an internship at the National Ability Center. She is working with people with disabilities providing adaptive sports skills in skiing, horseback riding, climbing and all sorts of skills. She tells us it's kind of like "camp in winter". That is awesome Amanda!! She is working with one person from Maggie Valley and one from Lake Charles. She is planning on coming back for year 10!!! at Kahdalea. **Krista Bertke** (08) is busy working on her degree in nursing at Franciscan University. She is starting clinical and really excited to be working at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for labor and delivery. She is also working with autistic children at Weirton Schools in her area. She started playing baseball to add some balance to her schedule. **Louis Stutes** (04,05-08) has gotten really involved in wrestling. He has a good shot at winning the state championship in Lake Charles. **Russ Stutes** (04,05,06) is playing soccer for St. Louis Catholic. They won district this year and are going to the playoffs. **Fr. Nathan Long** (01 02 03 04), who was ordained May 10th, 2008, gave the homily at their Church and told a story about a camp experience. Fr. Long talked about spending father's day at camp and the boys threw him in the lake because he was now a father. He had never thought of it that way. **KateBroido** (98,99,00,01, 05,07,08) is in her last semester of undergrad. She has now gotten heavily involved in theatre and has been in four shows since October! Her only prior experience were the two plays she was in at camp. She will be applying to a handful of graduate schools in America, France, Ireland and Australia for an MFA in acting. **Fr. Andrew Merrick** (01 02 03 04) is in the Baton Rouge area and is the chaplain at St Michael the Archangel High where **Drew Angelloz** (06 07) and **Stephen Tanner** (08) attend. Word is that Stephen was a lead in their play and did a stellar job! **Kurt Jensen** (90-95, 05) and his wife have moved to Alaska. They are hoping to start a summer camp there in the future. They are also expecting their first child in April. **Michael Gennaro** (07) & **Jen Bayhi Gennaro** (03-07) welcomed son Maximo James Gennaro on February 25th! Max weighed in at 5 lb. 8 oz and was seventeen inches long. He was born with a head full of black hair and more precious than you could imagine - a combination of Jen and Michael at this point- imagine that! **Caroline Kennedy** (99-08) has set a new record for women's pole-vauling at Clemson University in South Carolina. She vaulted an amazing ten feet!! WOW! **Shae Hicks** (02-06) has found a unique ministry. She teaches the meaning of praise and worship through dance and is mentoring high school groups. So far she has traveled throughout Georgia and Texas with her new ministry. It's been awesome! **Paul Gros** (04,05) is



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doing quite well at Notre Dame. With his busy schedule he also finds time to be president of the student body association. He was ordained on June 21, 2008 as a transitional deaconate. **Patrick Withers (97,98)** and wife Amy had a baby boy, Joshua Curtis, born Tuesday, Feb. 26th 2008. He weighed 8 lbs, 14 oz and was 21" long. Anne Ryan is now a big sister!!!! **Megan Shropshire (95,00)** has settled down in the Low country of Charleston, SC. She is not teaching any longer. She has taken a job as a consultant for an educational software company.....and loves it!!!! Hope to have her visit camp soon. **Joe Birdsong (01-05)** is getting Married in OCT! **Lindsey (Crown) Hardee (88-94)** is living in Tampa and works with her dad. She is the mother of a new baby girl... Marion Crown Hardee. Lindsey works part time at the office and part time at home and has a wonderful nanny. **Lynn (DeLoach) Gregory, (65,67,68,69)** would love to hear any Grapevine information from the 60's. She would love to know what some of the girls she went to camp with are doing now. Her oldest child is working in Alabama and her daughter is in college. She is working as a medical technologist and laboratory/X-ray manager at Greene County Hospital in Eutaw, Alabama, where she has been for the last 25 years. She loves keeping updated on all the happenings at Camp Kahdalea. **Clark and Carolyn (Williams) McCarley (93,94,95,99)** have a new edition to their family, Miller Peyton McCarley was born 3/19/08, and weighed 7 lbs. and was 19.25" long. Congratulations! **Caroline Garrett (89-93)** is living in Arlington, VA just over the Key Bridge from Georgetown, where she works as a designer for an architectural firm. After a degree at Bucknell in geology and French she worked as a geologist for several years before returning to school in Savannah (SCAD) for her masters in commercial interior design. **Parker Garrett (89-92)** is in the Navy finishing seven years of active duty as a nuclear submariner. He will be attending Darden (University of Virginia) where he has been accepted to graduate school for his MBA. After returning from Afghanistan he will reside with his wife Kim and their daughter Madeleine. We hear she is adorable and is a potential camper in about 10 years! **Damon "Snakeman" Bungard (96)** is living in Vermont. He took a ten-day solo camping/fishing trip to Alaska last August. Hopefully he'll get to go



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Be a CHEF! Apprenticeship Opportunity!



Do you have a friend, or might you want to learn to cook for over a hundred with ease? Each year we have an apprenticeship open at Chosotonga. Three past staff have gone on to culinary school. Kevin (from last summer) went too, for next 17 months, so there's a spot. When he gets out, we'll expect him back for the summer! Go Kevin!

Dorothy is Back!

She loves it here and we are glad to have her help and skills! Dorothy usually comes to camp in late April, but this year she arrived a month early and said she couldn't wait! Yea! Just as long as everyone doesn't do that, we'll be fine! Glad you're back!

The Weather is Great!

Enjoy your weather, for you camp people in the south! Is is a wonderful time of the year! This current deep south weather is how it is all summer in the mountains! Spring is only thinking about coming out here. There are still no leaves on the trees, but the rains are filling the lakes and RIVERS! See you soon!



Ed Continues the Improvements!

If you've been gone for a year or few, Ed, Ted and Mike are on the maintenance prowl. They've been busy upgrading plumbing and so much more.

Caving Continues to Grow!

Last year we continued with the caving program... this time spending the night in caves! Wow! Was that fun. This summer, we might do 2 or 3 days in the underground darkness. Can you imagine having the campers leave their watches above ground and not knowing what time it is when the group gets up? Maybe they'll sleep late or get up at 4AM. Who knows what will happen?

again this year for two-weeks with his father joining him for the first week. He has a team page, if you would like to check it out. Click [Here](#) on website. **Lucy Faust (91-01)** had a big role in The Sci-Fi Channel's movie called "Warbirds". It's about a World War Two bomber crew that is attacked over the Pacific by giant prehistoric birds. The Sci-Fi movie executives think Lucy is terrific and have warned her that she will get lots of fan mail from thirteen-year-old boys! This is her first big screen role. Lucy also appeared as the lead in *Twelfth Night*, in Vermont and was in an off-Broadway play this last summer. She will be graduating from Middlebury College in Vermont in May of 2009. She has been chosen for the second year in a row to participate in the American College Theatre Festival. **Jenna Conklin (02-08)**, also at Middlebury College is studying abroad in Brazil right now as an exchange student at the Federal University in Florianopolis, she is learning Portuguese, and having a great time! **Christopher Kippley (99)** just moved near Maysville, Kentucky to work as a public defender for the



Department of Public Advocacy. He is a criminal defense lawyer. Congratulations to **David (00-04, 07)** and **Kate Darbonne (99,00,01,03, 07)** Dawson on the birth of their son, John Paul who was born in August. Cory and **Molly Meredith (04,05)** Howat had a baby girl on August 21 at 5:20 p.m.; she weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 1/2" long at delivery. **Chrissy (Randolph) Ferguson (1990-98)** now lives in West Palm Beach with her husband Matt, who works for a small law firm. They are very pleased to announce the birth of a most precious boy, Matthew Landon Ferguson, Jr. Chrissy decided to take a break from teaching fourth grade to take care of Landon and took a part-time position at her church as the director of children's ministries. **Wilson Meads (93-99, JC 2000)** and **Monnie Southern** are getting married in December. Monnie is friends with **Sarah Kath (02)**, who was a counselor at Kahdalea. They met at college. There goes that Kahdalea/Chosotonga connection again! It was so nice to hear from **Sarah (Marcantel) Dupont (97)**, who has been thinking of her wonderful summer here at Kahdalea. She is a school teacher in Lafayette, Louisiana and can't wait to send her ten-year-old son to Chosotonga. She remembers sharing counselor duties with **Jamie Joy (97)** and **Maria LaHaye Menard (95, 97,00,01)**. Maria stopped in for a visit and it was great to see her. It was certainly nice to hear from **Jase (93,95,96)** and **Jenna (Short) Sibley (94,95)** another couple that met at camp. They are living in Mandeville, Louisiana. Jase works in Houston and commutes. He and Jenna would love to move to Montana one day. He does plan to continue his work overseas on a rotation schedule. Sounds like a good plan. In May **Tobi Wedig (04,07)** will be marry Matt Ballantine in New Orleans. **Luke Millette (96 - 00,03,06)** attended Trinity Seminary in Dallas for two years and then went to Rome where he is finishing his studies for the Catholic Priesthood. You must check out his blog spot on the web: www.lukemillette.blogspot.com He has some amazing images of beautiful churches and landscape in both Spain and Rome. **Bres Burvant (94,99,01,02)** and his wife Nicole are expecting a baby. **Annette (Whitwam) (95-04)** and **Kevin Johnson (04)** are both living in Houston. Kevin is teaching 8th grade Math for challenged kids and is getting his Masters Degree in Divinity, which will allow him to become an ordained Methodist minister. Annette is the associate minister at their church. They have 3 children, Seamus, Julianna, and Rowan. **Jen (Connison) Dietz (92-01)** is expecting twins at any time now. **Brandon Charpentier (02)** has been deployed to Iraq. If anyone would like to write or e-mail him, here is the contact information. Cpl. Charpentier, BJ, 1302, S1, RCT-8, Unit 73915, FPOAE 09509-3915 - brandon.charpentier@aa.mnf-wiraq.usmc.mil

Tim Hedrick (02 03 06 07 08) a former program director for Chosotonga was nice enough to forward us some information on Brandon. When asked, what's it like over there, he told Tim, "It is not a place you would want to visit, ever, in my opinion. It's like something you would see on Star Wars (at least where I am). When I think about our country, it makes me ... much more aware of how blessed we really are."

Conrad Williams (93,94,96 - 02,04) is finishing up Medical school. He is going to Vietnam to work at a children's hospital before spending two weeks traveling around Cambodia and Thailand. Then he will find out where he will do his pediatric residency. He will be ready to be a camp doctor for another 10 years!! **Mark Gallagher (93)** is living in Broussard, Louisiana. After selling the family restaurant business a couple of years ago, he decided to go into the construction business. He and his wife have three little girls. He would love to send them to camp one day, but right now he can't imagine parting with them. **Amelia Fromherz (96-05)** has finished her first semester at LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans. She loves it, but said she hasn't worked so hard in her life. **Brendan Whelan (01,02,03,04)** is a member of Comunita Cenacolo, a lay religious community in Italy. He's playing guitar and leading worship. He also plays a wicked brand of European Soccer. **Tessa Whelan (02)** is a junior at Franciscan University studying Theology and Literature. She had a great semester in Austria last year and knows her way around Rome and Assisi like a pro. **Anna (Bishop) Rambo (99)** and her husband Philip are expecting their first baby, a boy, in early April! (He'll be coming to Chosotonga in about 7-8 years so get ready!) **Charlie Hobson (96-99)** is now stationed on an aircraft carrier that is being overhauled at a shipyard in Newport News, Virginia. He will be working on sea trials. Navy life seems to be suiting him well. He was honored to receive the Navy and Marine Achievement Medal around Christmas. **Jack Hobson (99, 03)** is now a sophomore at NC State majoring in engineering. What great friendships that you camp people foster at camp! It is so rich. What a blessing those friendships are to us and everyone at camp. Thank you for everything you bring to this family! Remember: keep us updated with your e-mail and home addresses!



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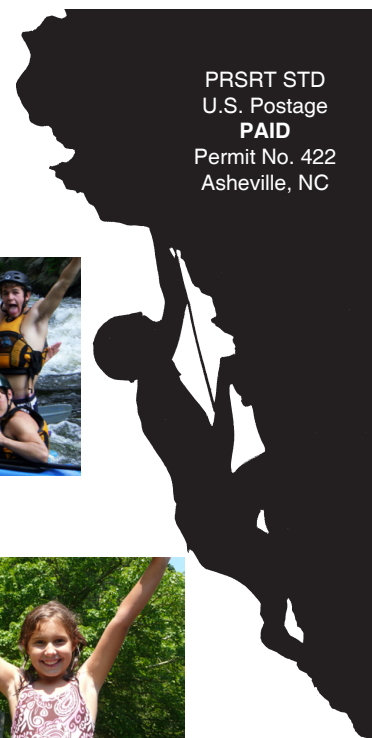
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