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In the Beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina

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HOME FRONT

I can't tell you how beautiful it is here in the mountains at camp! The green leaves are back! The beauty of the summer in these mountains will be beyond description! The drought is long since over! We've had an incredible winter with lots of snow and now, spring is so good. The creek in the middle of Kahdalea sounds full and strong. It's all so nice.



Well we are amazed at the quality of last summer. The campers, the staff, the level of instruction of all the activities; it so impressed us. We are so awed and so grateful. It's about to happen again! Thank you for your help and support.

We thank our parents. Parents are crucial to making camp successful. We continue to hear from parents that the difference camp makes in

their children is something they will not do without. They know that challenge is an important ingredient in raising capable children. Parents who try to protect their children from all difficulty and challenge run the risk of having children unprepared for stressful times. "Camp people," we often call them" are far better prepared and tend to have good coping skills and some appetite for life's challenges. There's just something different about "Camp People." That is just one reason that Kahdalea & Chosatonga parents spread the word with conviction and we appreciatively know that makes the difference. Thank you!

We thank our staff. A big part of the success is due to staff and staff training. Do you know that we have done very little staff recruiting in the last six years? Old staff has been spreading the word and sending their very most suitable friends. Also, so many staff stay for 3, 4 or more years. What great staff we have. We have intensive training out side of the camp community then 5-day pre-camp staff clinics and then the old staff observe and further train the new staff. Our climbing and paddling programs are some of the best! Our philosophy is to seek counselors with selfless hearts and then train them well. We also offer Wilderness First Aid, CPR, First Aid and Epinephrine Certifications and more to nearly all staff.

Finally and most importantly, we have to thank the campers! We LOVE you! Your spirit and excitement make camp work! Your openness to grow, adventure and to discover make camp the place to be! The life in this community is so rich due to you and the good people you are! Thanks for coming, participating and spreading the word to your friends with such sincerity and enthusiasm. You are our best ambassadors! Keep it up. We are forever appreciative to you and your good work!

Meanwhile, around here we are about the happiest parents and grand-parents in the world! After camp, the whole family was here for a month and some still are! ET, husband Jake and our grandchildren (YIPPEE!) Anne Marie and Jude are here as Jake readies for med school in Florida. Sarah is back from a year of world travel while completing her Global MBA with an international trade emphasis. She is about to head to Law School. Andrew worked at camp before going to New Zealand to work in hospitality in December and will be back soon as PD again! Adam graduates soon from Belmont Abbey College (We are so pleased with this school.) in nearby Charlotte. He is singing and playing a lot with BrotherBrother. John graduates from high school, plays guitar with Brother Brother and 2 other bands and played soccer as did Jeff and Joseph. Joe played B-ball and graduates from middle school! Jeff, soon to be a senior, was just elected president of his high school! We, Anne and David, have been spending some of the best times of our lives being with the whole family! We love it!

Anne & David

On a ROLL!

Program Directors are BACK!

What a summer we had last year! Get ready because here we go again! We are particularly happy because having fine and experienced leaders is an important ingredient to a smooth and excellent summer. We are glad to share news that **Jen Pommerenke** and **Andrew Trufant** will spearhead our summer management team. Also, so many of you are re-so you'll continue to feel right at home.



We are continuing to receive camper applications and it is not too late to join us this summer. Give us a call if you have any questions. Remember applications are on-line. Jen and Andrew, our Program Directors are excited and so are we! This will be Jen's 13th year and Andrew has been raised at camp! Staff looks super, too. They are pretty much all in place and we have many are returnees! Counselors say that each year spent at camp is much better than the year before. That's good! Same for the campers! We can't wait to see you!

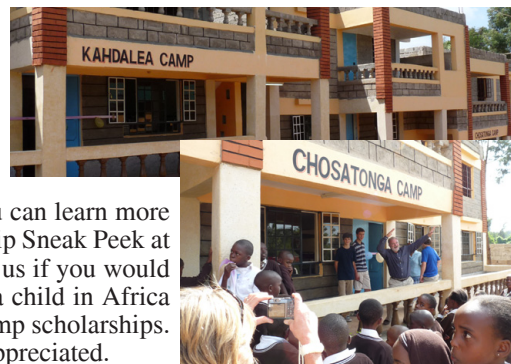
Our Dream to Change Lives Now!

In our letters to inviting a new applicant to join us on staff, we write: "What a privilege it is to have a hand in shaping a soul! And what a blessing it is for us to share the walk together." It is such a great and honorable mission and such good life changing work takes place at camp.

Every year we accept a number of youth who are in need of a place to flourish and to be a part of a camp family. Life changing it is. If you would like to help with this effective and good calling, there is an avenue to help. You may donate through Change Lives Now, Inc 501(3)(c) and put Kahdalea or Chosatonga in the memo line. Please consider placing camp on your annual giving schedule.

Through Change Lives Now, INC we have also been able to significantly impact the lives of many orphans in the Mathare slums in Nairobi by building new facilities for these precious children. They really touched us

when they named the girls dormitory "Kahdalea Camp" and the boy's "Chosatonga Camp!" You can learn more by going to Africa Trip Sneak Peek at the website. Contact us if you would like to help sponsor a child in Africa or to contribute to camp scholarships. Every bit is greatly appreciated.



Counselors! REUNION! Come Back!

Save Labor Day Weekend! (Page 6)

Get information; then come with your wives, children and staff friends!

Summer Outlook!

It's wonderful to see so many people returning. We are pleased! Our enrollment is doing well but with the economy we feel we'll be about the same size this as last summer. It was a good summer but smaller than in years past with the economy. We seem to be holding steady. Applications are coming in and we hope there will be a last minute rush and put us ahead, so spread the word! 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 have the opportunity to be here with us. Thanks.



Family Camp (or Grown-up Camp) is back!

Plan to laugh, hike and play with your children or just have a little grown-up camp just for you! We'll be offering rock climbing, ropes course, whitewater rafting, tennis, hiking in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains or horseback riding or relaxing with the sound of the creek while reading a book. Come, August 5-10 with your spouse, come alone or bring the babies and kids.



Counselors! This is 4 U...

FIRST, if you're an ALUM COUNSELOR - See Back Cover "REUNION"

We have some **GREAT GROUPS** coming after camp. We have Family Camp. It is so much fun. Plan to work that group right after camp. Call, get on the list. Then we are running a 5-day camp for The Envoy Institute with a bunch of heavy hitter world-class speakers with mountain hikes, climbing and whitewater rafting in between. That's a plum! Think about working that group! We have Lake Highland Prep with 111 seniors to play in the mountains. Call us! The dates are May 16-18. If you didn't get notice, we don't have your email.

We are **HEART-BROKEN** because we have some great, that's very great, old counselors who signed-up. It is so tough to say we're full on staff. Sign up early in the future. We were mostly full by the end of February.

Everyone, you know the kind of staff that we seek for the adventure of summer! **Keep sending your most wonderful friends for next year!** 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!** The rewards are great! **Remember, we do a lot of quality training!**

Don't forget the deep friendships and the treasures of summer. Also, 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. Nothing develops leadership and independence like being a counselor here! We hope to see you and your friends with us again! God bless you!

IN MEMORIAM

It is with heavy hearts that we bring news of the death of Anne's mom, Elizabeth "Grammee" Gremillion on March 29, 2010. Many of us had the privilege of being at her bedside as she gently left us. She fought valiantly to overcome complications from open heart surgery with her characteristic wit! God's presence has been very evident in these past weeks, and although we miss her terribly, we are very grateful for so many years and so many awesome memories of Grammee.



News and Notes

Video Should Be in Your Hands-

What a Movie! It's in your hands and it was quite a production! It is a long (about 3 hours!) movie! Let's think ahead to this summer and get a bit more video on the trips! That was soooooo fun! It is so fun in 10 or 25 years to go back and see your friends! If you don't have yours, give us a call. Also, keep your address current with us... especially your email.

New Boats!

We have been busy in the off season and one of the things we have done order 6 new kayaks from Jackson Kayaks! See the "World Travel Page" on the internet!

The "World Travel Page" is FUN and continues to grow! 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!



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 campers leave their watches behind. What will their sleep schedules be?! Who knows what will happen? We love caving!



A Thought for Parents - WHY CAMP?

I was reading a book today which says "And if you want some empirical evidence to back up that opinion [that our children are under siege in today's culture], listen to this: A study of college students seeking psychological counseling has found that their emotional difficulties are far more complex and more severe than those observed in the past. Researchers at Kansas State University studied students from 1989 to 2001 and concluded that those seeking help for depression doubled during that time period. Also, the percentage of students seeking some sort of psychiatric medication increased twofold."

Our children need a lot of support in this time in our country's history. The media, peers and very often the high school and college age role models with whom our children are surrounded are often concerned with self-pleasure, arrogance, rudeness, drugs, anger and more. I don't need to tell you what they are getting on TV and what is defined as "cool" and "trendy" by the world nowadays. Children need wholesome experiences more than ever. Some camps have been known as a place where a child gains confidence and new skills, but we feel the need to be more than that. We want to a place where our children are surrounded by positive role models who believe in goodness and wisdom. We want to be a respite for children who subscribe to these values and need support, endorsement and a place where they can take a break from the world's onslaught and feel safe simply being themselves. We want to show these ideals to children who haven't been in a place where they can see there is "another way" to live life. We want to help the parents in their goals and help the children that come to camp to develop coping skills, to learn to enjoy life for the gift it is and have it abundantly.

We hear from so many parents in countless notes, thank you letters and phone calls that camp is blessed with a combination that works wonders. I'll never forget one parent asking me, "What did you do to my kids?" I was concerned. What happened that I missed? I said, hesitantly, "Well we loved them and treated them with respect." Then I asked, "What do you mean?" and he said, to my relief, "They came home and didn't bicker for three weeks!" That is a hint of what we live to do. Others have talked about the growth in their children and about the many life changing affirmations their children

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GRAPEVINE AND ALUM NEWS!

Old Friends Are The Best Friends

Email Us Now! Office@kahdalea.com!

We try to keep you informed of your past camp sisters and brothers! We want 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:

Jennifer Dietz Connison (92-01) announced the birth of her beautiful twin boys, Parker David and Jack Charles, born February 25th. Their big brother Owen is helping to take good care of them. They are planning to be at Chosatonga in the summer of 2019!!!! It was great to hear from **Taylor Rochelle-Stephens Gilfillan (99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06)**. She got married in 2007 to Mark Gilfillan, whom she met while studying in Ireland. Their son, Alexander, is a triple citizen of the United Kingdom, The Republic of Ireland and the US. They are expecting another baby this August. They were super excited about a visit with **Jenna Conklin (02-08)** who was studying in Berlin, Germany and visited them in Northern Ireland for 5 days. **Bonnie Fay (96-02)** -graduated from Washington and Lee University with degrees in Biology and Poverty Studies and is currently in veterinarian school at the University of Pennsylvania. She is engaged to Jeff Kibbie, who works in the event world, designing and building cross country courses for horse trials on the east coast. They are planning to be married this May! **Tommy (91 - 95, 02, 06) & Betsy (06) Cook** had a baby girl, Hanalei Annabelle, born 4/10/09. Congratulations! Tommy graduated from medical school in Chicago, and he and Betsy moved to Honolulu where he will do his residency. **Junior Payano (06 07 08)** is working part time as a nurse while earning his masters in nursing at Steubenville. He wants to be a nurse instructor or a nurse practitioner. He still loves to salsa dance in his spare time. **Joe Birdsong (01-05)** got married in October 2009. He and his wife, Brittany, live in San Francisco where Joe works for Deloitte. He still is an avid biker as well as his sister, **Amy (02)**, who got married in July 2009. Their younger brother, **John Birdsong (08)** will be back at Chosatonga this year as a camper in the Main Session! Awesome! **Scot Cannon (99)** and his wife Melinda live in New Orleans with their 18 month old son, Jude. Scot recently opened a business in Asheville, NC. So we may be seeing him soon when he comes to visit camp! **Emily Greenfield (06, 07)** graduated in August from Indiana University and is currently in Buffalo, NY working as a recreational therapist in 2 hospitals. One of the perks of the job is having a facility dog (kind of like a service dog). She loves it! The only down side is that Buffalo is very cold. **Jessica Greenfield (07)** is currently at LSU and did an internship with ICANN, a program that trains service dogs. She will graduate in May and is getting married in July to her fiancé, Adam. **Ed Oberschlake (04, 05)** hiked the AT from Maine to Georgia. He encountered sun, rain, snow and every other type of weather. He also met a number of interesting people along the way. **Abbey Joiner (01-09)** was elected President of the Junior Class at West Shore Jr./Sr. High School for the 2009/2010 school year, and since then she and her family have moved to Boone, NC! Welcome to the neighborhood! **Patrick Lawler (05-08)** is doing some paddling while away from camp. Last Spring he paddled with his family in Arkansas on the Buffalo River. It made him think of paddling some real whitewater at camp. He'll be on staff this summer! It was great to hear from **Jeff Harrison (94-98, 00-01)** who is now living in Asheville. He and his wife have a daughter, Ava. It was such a surprise to hear from two former Kahdalea campers, **Sarah Ellen 'Essie' McIntire Love** and **Mary Kay Burwell Scarborough**, who had not seen each other since their final summer at camp in the '60's. They were reunited by chance over the Easter Weekend while skiing in Big SKY Montana. They were with their sons who were fraternity brothers. Through their conversations the link to Camp Kahdalea came up. They both remembered the camp songs and remembered participating in the annual song writing competition. They enjoyed many summers together at Kahdalea from 1963 to 1971, and were so excited to tell us of their reunion. Chosatonga Wins Regional meet! Kahdalea wins Loudest Chant! During the Main Session of camp **Matt Pedonti (97- 99,08,09)** took some of our campers to Asheville to attend the Regional Camp Climbing Meet. Claiming first place was **Tyler Pommerenke (01-09)** and second place was taken by **James Kergosien (07-09)**. Also, the girls won for the 'loudest' chant. Brother, Brother Release Party a hit! **Adam Trufant (97-09)** along with Brett Stewart had the release party for their new CD, Brother, Brother - Alive. The camp was buzzing with excitement! The music was



playing everywhere and you could hear it coming from every direction. What a great way to end the camp sessions!!! **Michael and Erin (Berryhill) Franco (06-07)** had a baby boy! Gabriel Adam Franco was born on December 7th and weighed 6 lbs, 5 oz. We really enjoyed their visit this past summer at camp. **Mike Nixon (03)** called right after camp ended and said he was in town and wanted to visit. He told us that he had been appointed as a Deacon in the Pensacola area. He will be ordained in June of 2010. That will be wonderful for him to come back to camp to say Mass for us during the camp sessions!! **Kelly Briggs (00 02 06 07)** e-mailed us to say that she hasn't been to camp in three years and really missed not being a counselor this past year. Instead, she was in the Philippines spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. It was a phenomenal and life-changing experience. Update! Kelly will be back on staff for summer 2010! **Jon Bargas (91 - 96, 99 00)** and wife Royce, welcomed to the world Jonathan Thomas "JT" Bargas! He was born August 22nd at 12:56 am. He weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and measured 18 3/4 inches long. Everyone is healthy and happy. **John Benton (03-06)** is engaged. He and Andrea are busy planning a May 29, 2010 wedding in Currie, NC (tiny farm town near Wilmington, where Andrea is from.) John, his mom, **Nurse Kathy**, (who will be here as a nurse for June Session) and his fiancé' Andrea, chaperoned a youth group white water rafting trip, for their church, in July. John proposed to Andrea on the Blue Ridge Parkway. **Kate Darbonne (03-06 & 09)** and **David Dawson (00-04, 09)** were blessed with a baby girl, Therese Marie, on March 14th. She weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz. Please visit their blogspot, daytodaydawsons.blogspot.com. It was so wonderful to have the Dawson's here at camp this summer and such a blessing to view a young family in action. Watching **John Paul (09)** grow was an added bonus for all of us here at camp. **Richard Dulworth (96-98)** let us know that the Blue Moon van finally died... wow! What an amazing van that was! Richard, a past Program Director, owns USA RAFT at the French Broad, Nolichucky and this year the Nantahala! **Rafael Balestra (94 - 97, 01)** recently proposed to his girlfriend, Lori. She is a Forensic Psychologist and has her own practice. Rafael is currently working for an advertising company in Miami called Prodigy Advertising as an account executive. They are living in Davie, FL. They find the time to get together with other Chosatonga friends like **Jon Frye (01)** and his wife. He also keeps up with **Matt Burkett (89,92,93,96,97,99-10)** and they make a point of getting together from time to time. **Erica Karam (07)** and **Chris Girouard (07)** are getting married this November!!! They often reminisce about their summer working together at Kahdalea & Chosatonga. **Stephanie Lemon (04 - 06)** was in Pacific Rim, Indonesia with the International Mission Board to spread Christ's light among the lost on one of the 17,000 islands. She was on a "village team" and was able to actually live with the people and adapt to their lifestyle. She is almost fluent in Indonesian, an added bonus to her trip! **Fr. Andrew Merrick (02,03)** was in France with some other priests. They visited a number of places, but were primarily there for the International Priests Retreat in Ars. There were over 1,200 priests from 70 different countries attending! There was another camp person, **Fr. Chris Decker (00)**. **Emily Becker (07 - 09)** is back in Nebraska working as a caseworker for a non-profit organization. She is working with adults with severe mental illness, basically serving as an advocate for them in getting the money and medication, and social support that they need to be independent and not relapse back into the hospital. **Tim Bailey (00, 01)** just began his Masters in Social Work studies at Texas State University. Wow. **Jeremy Hernandez (07-09)** called and is in the Navy, just finished Nuclear "A" School and is planning to work the Lake Highland Group. **Sara Bergeron (94-03, 05-06, 08-09)** loves Knoxville. She is doing her internship at a mental health agency that serves high school girls, mostly in state's custody. Andree, **Annabelle (08,09)** and **Thomas (09)** Laville have a new sister. Louise Elizabeth was born on October 6th. She is getting lots of love and attention from her 7 older siblings!! It was great to hear from **Matt Tarkington (01-04,**



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Alum News/Grapevine... Continued...

(07-09). Matt sent us a 'mommy letter' telling us about his adventures at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He is down in Bayou Country where it is hot and humid. He has been making contacts with canoe enthusiasts and getting some good experience. **David Kahn (86-90, 92-94, 97-99)** and wife **Paige (Swift) (90-01)** have a new baby daughter. Her name is Olivia Grey Kahn. 6lbs, 6oz. and was 19 inches long at birth. We can't think of anything more fun than looking forward to having Sara Beth and



Olivia at camp one day! **Holly (Webster) Barron (04)** is the Youth Ministry Coordinator for St. Monica Parish in Edmond, Oklahoma and is in charge of all youth activities for 7th-12 graders. Her and husband Luke are new proud parents. Keaton Lucas Barrón was born on March 21, two weeks early. All are doing fine. **Amy Miller (09)** is swimming year-round at Crawfish Aquatics in Baton Rouge. She is also a cheerleader for Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Baton Rouge. **LuLu (Cosby) Lapp (87-98)** and her husband Thomas are the proud parents of a new bundle of joy, Thomas Fielding Lapp, born October 4, 2009. **Seth Harkins (07)** recently interviewed with an inner-city teaching program in Memphis. They invited him to their selections

weekend. High school senior **Thomas Nailen (06 - 09)** was selected as a finalist for the Morehead-Cain Scholars class of 2014. With only 16 percent of this year's highly-qualified candidates selected to advance as semifinalists, the Foundation stated that Thomas was among a bright and distinguished group of future scholars. He's headed



to Duke! Thomas is president of the Carolina Day School student government, co-captain of the varsity soccer team, runs track, plays drums in the School's pep band and with **John Trufant (03-08)** and will be on staff this summer at Chosatomaga! **Jeffrey Trufant (02-09)** will be taking over the presidency of the Carolina Day student body for his senior year! Jeff has been playing soccer, running track and paddling a lot in his spare time! **Will Trufant (90-94)** was married recently in New Orleans! Great wife and great wedding! Way to go Will! **Cody Groeber (02 - 04)** is practicing law in Charleston, SC and won his first case! He and his wife recently had sweet baby James! They are excited for their son Sean to have a new sibling to play with. Check out their site: groeberkids.blogspot.com for cute pictures. **Russell Brooks (83)** is now living in Miami Beach, FL. **Carly (01& 09)** and **Courtney Smith (01 02 03 08)** rode their bikes over 100 miles from Key Largo to Key West across the Florida Keys. They started at sunrise and ended at sunset. **Colleen Longo (02-10)** has been studying abroad in Angers, France. She will be flying out of Paris on May 1st and arriving at camp on June 2nd. She can't wait for camp and we can't wait to having her here. One of our camp nurses and her husband **Valerie (92 03 04 05 08 09)** and Dr. Phillip Gastinel went on a medical mission trip to Haiti. They are the parents of **Paul (92 95 02 03), Rebekah**

(03-08), Sarah (03 04 05 06 08 09) and **Rachel Gastinel, (92 04).** **Betsy Stenger-Birdwell (01)** and her husband had their first child this year and she hopes that one day he will be able to attend Chosatomaga as a camper. She is now a stay at home mom and hopes to visit one day. **Conrad Williams (94,96-02,04)** will be getting married to Kelli Wong this summer off the coast of Maine. They met at medical school at Tulane. They are both doing their residencies in Pediatrics in Charleston. **Jeff Wilcox (06)** and



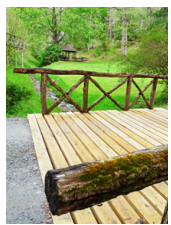
his wife Ashley are now living in Tampa, Florida. He is working as an attorney with a law firm there. No children yet, but they do have a dog. **Patrick Lawler (05-10)** placed third in the State Wrestling competition for the 152 pound weight class. **Caroline Kennedy (00-08)** is doing amazing things at Clemson in Pole Vaulting. She beat her own personal record for her last indoor season with a record jump of 12'11 1/2 and

she has high hopes of jumping higher for their outdoor season. The Women's Track team also won the ACC's - the first time in 19 years! Caroline will head our rock climbing department at Kahdalea this summer. We cannot wait to have her back! It was nice to hear from **Patrick Eustis ('96-98,01-04)** he and his wife Elizabeth are planning a trip to Savannah and Charleston South Carolina and may be coming to visit camp. **Allison Hawkins (09)** will be backpacking for a month in Italy this summer. Also she will be working as a cook at a bed and breakfast in the Italian countryside. She will be traveling with **Rebekah Gastinel (03-08)** and they plan is to visit **Amelie Brown (00-02,04-08)** in Greece. Amelie broke her ankle so severely that she cannot come to the three week. She is heartbroken (as are we) but plans to visit. **Mariel (Risner) Silvey (91-95,97-99)** is now practicing law in Atlanta. Her job sometimes involves a little social work. She is at the Georgia Law Center for the homeless, which is a nonprofit legal clinic. **Juliet (Risner) Jamtgaard (91, 92, 94)** is an engineer and the mother to a beautiful 1 yr. old, Eden Pearl. **Skye Chambless (06)** is graduating in May as an RN, BSN from Auburn University. Right now she is entertaining the possibility of working as a camp nurse for this summer. **Elizabeth (ET) Trufant Flury (90-05),** husband **Jake Flury (05)** and their incredibly adorable (we are not biased!!) children will be with us for the 3 week but move to Ft Lauderdale in



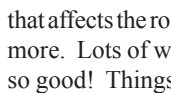
July as Jake prepares to enter med school. **Sarah Trufant** (will be back at LSU this fall. She will be beginning LSU law school and is so happy to pull out her purple and gold again! **Miss Dorothy Dyer (96 97 98 99 00 05 06 07 08 09)** is already back with us busy about many camp chores to help us prepare for the summer. **Sean and Frances (Merritt) Harrison (94 95 96 02 03 06 07) (07)** are expecting a baby in June. We can't wait to meet that little one! **Anna Wells (07 08)** is enjoying her work with FOCUS, Fellowship of Catholic University Students. So is **Gabe Hahn (05)**. He and wife Sarah are stationed in Denver with FOCUS, and just welcomed their second baby girl. **Toby Wedig Balentine (04, 07)** is now married, and living in Phoenix still working for Life Teen Ministry. **Andrew Trufant (94-05 08 09)** has been in New Zealand since December working at Rough and Tumble Lodge. He has loved it, and when his responsibilities ended in mid March, he had the incredible opportunity to hike all over the country. He will be home in mid May and we can't wait to hear the stories and see his pictures. Though we will miss him, **Adam Trufant (97-09)** is looking forward to spending half the summer working with a Mayan mission in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. He leaves in July. Alum, join him, they're looking for a total of 11 and are about half full, or if you'll be at camp this summer, join him afterwards like **Ariel Roland (00-08)** who'll join in August, as will several of their friends. It's awesome to see so many folks give their time and energy to those in need. **Alison Greaves (07)** is now living in Gainesville, taking graduate classes to pursue her Masters in English Education. She hopes to become a High School English teacher. **Damon "snake man" Bungard (96)** is working on assignment with General Dynamics in Marion, Virginia. He will be living in a cabin at the edge of Hungry Mother State Park for the next three months. He is looking forward to also spending some time at some of his favorite places, namely New River Gorge, Linville, Clemson and hopefully to come visit camp here in Brevard. **Mary Allison Johnson (02-10)** and **Jenna Wray (03,06-10)** went to Athens, Santorini and Mykonos over spring break. They will both be counselors this summer. **Erin Taylor (93-99,00,03)** was married to Tripp Higginbotham on February 27th. She has been working in Pharmaceutical Sales for six years now and loves it. **Amanda Smith (99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09)** is still in Utah working for the National Ability Center doing adaptive recreation for people with disabilities. She loves it and is excited that her sister **Erin (00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09)** will be staying with her this summer.

Camp Looks so Good,



Thanks to Ed, Ted & Michael

There was so much to do during the long and real winter we had. There was a lot of snow and ice and freezing and thawing. We had, at least some snow on the ground from December 18 through March 18. All of



that affects the roads and the treetops, pipes and more. Lots of work. Now things are looking so good! Things have been cleaned up and fixed. The bridge was getting



old and has been replaced at Kahdalea we added a nice fire ring up at the gap, we did a lot of work at the ropes course and put in fence for a large pasture for horses at the entrance to camp. The grass is growing fast so we are mowing and weedeating all of the time. All of that, along with the incredible spring leaves are making camp so beautiful!



Keep your **EMAIL** alive!



We have an Award Winning Climbing Program!

2010 - Oh what a SUMMER!!

More to come. We are so excited about this summer! So many of you are coming back and we have new campers, too! Our family camp is growing! Keep spreading the good word! Thank you! Suddenly, Camp parents are waking to the thought that camp is right around the corner. It's good to hear from you!

AND CAMPERS... You are our best ambassadors! Bring your friends join us when camp begins! There is still room!

KAHDALEA

Lily Aguiard, Baton Rouge, LA
Natalie Aguiard, Prairieville, LA
Grace Alcock, Indialantic, FL
Eleanor Alvarez, Tulsa, OK
Sophia Alvarez, Tulsa, OK
Paige Anderson, Baton Rouge, LA
Ellen Antworth, Greenville, SC
Isabella Arbelaez, Memphis, TN
Juliana Arbelaez, Memphis, TN
Caroline Baney, Indialantic, FL
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Reunion for COUNSELORS Scoop!

I was with Ed, our maintenance guy, and working on the plumbing at the Kahdalea water reservoir and he says to me we should get all of the counselors back for a get-together. Ed, what a good guy, was reminiscing about some of the staff he remembers over the last 20 years! Anne and I were also talking about so many of our camp family that we know and love and had already decided to have that reunion! That's right, Labor Day weekend September 3, 4, 5, 6 is when we are planning the event. Bring your spouse and children and have a great time enjoying the lakes and the sunshine of your old friends. I can't wait to hear the stories! We'll have to write a book! We can climb, hike paddle and swim! We call it "Camp turns 21!" because we've run camp for 21 years... 21 years, wow. Come play! Sign Up Now!

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