



Alumni Smoke Signals

Greater Manchester Family YMCA CAMP MI-TE-NA

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Scott Peoples, Paul Burns, Chris Webster, Tim Howe, Kevin Peoples, Lou Demato, Alan Olatin

Greetings to all Camp Alumni,

I am still at camp writing this message. I am lucky enough to be able to stay up on the shores of Halfmoon Lake until November.

It was great to see so many alumni at the alumni weekend in June. Thanks to Ben Howe for all his hard work putting together the weekend.

We had a fantastic summer at Mi-Te-Na, the weather was great, campers were awesome and the staff was one of our best.

I encourage all of you to stop by camp in the spring, summer or fall.

Take care

Rick



GO Billy Graham!!

Alan Olatin, Barrett Sullivan, Chris Foust, Andy Wolff, Ben Howe and Dean Farmer look on.

Alumni & Family Overnight June 18th - June 19th



Front Row: Paul Burns, Andy Wolff, Dean Farmer, Aaron Csysz and son, Courtney Storms, Deb Farmer, Jocilyn Maloney, Lou Demato and Tieshia 'Ty' Cummings, Chris Webster

Second Row: Matt Henry, Ben Howe, Tony Terragni, Chris Hawes, Davis Richmond, Eric Werner, Matt Hanson

Third Row: Mark Laferriere and wife, Jennifer, Chris Foust, Bill Graham, Geoff Terragni, Matt Mclaughlin,

Back Row: Alan Olatin, Tim Howe, Jeff Laferriere, Jolyon Terragni, Kevin Peoples

STOP BY

Have you visited camp lately? We would love to have you up for a visit. Feel free to come by anytime, well not at 11 at night. You can stop by for a delicious camp meal and you might even get a chance to sing. We are eager to show you how far camp has come in the last 15 years.

Future Events

The Alumni Association is looking to put on other events both this fall and winter. Please keep an eye out for e-mails from Ben Howe for future updates on events. If you would like to be added to the Camp Alumni email list, please send us an e-mail with your information to mitenaalumni@yahoo.com

MESSAGES FROM ALUMNI

As a new section to our quarterly Smoke Signal, we are hoping to start a new column where alumni we have not heard from in a while e-mail or write us to let us know what's going on. This Smoke Signal, Barrett Sullivan volunteered to be the first to send us along something. Thanks Barrett!

Barrett e-mailed and told us that:

"The last time at camp, a few short weeks ago, (his wife) Estelle and I packed up two vehicles and made the journey to Breckenridge, Colorado. Our plans are to settle down and see what life's twists and turns hold for us. This will be the first summer that I have not been at camp in 21 years (besides the four years that Rick claims that I was not there). I do have a job offer working in retail (big change from camp life) at the Columbia sports store as an assistant manager but I am also hoping for an offer from the Breckenridge Recreation Center. I have applied and interviewed for the head lifeguard position, and later on today (7-22-2005) have a second interview which requires some pool rescues and such. Wish me luck! (Barrett later wrote and said he is starting his new job at the Breckenridge Recreation Center as head lifeguard in early August.)

It was great to see old faces at the alumni weekend event, the tour, work details (those heavy pieces of granite), BBQ, one pitch softball, the camp fire, and of the course the evening's card games—I had a great time and hope you all did too. Thanks Ben Howe for organizing the event and I look forward to the next!"

If you would like to send us something to be published in an upcoming Smoke Signal, please e-mail it to Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com or mail it to the Manchester YMCA in care of Deb Farmer.



CAMP MI-TE-NA CRESCENT CLUB

The Camp Mi-Te-Na Crescent Club is a group of individuals who feel they would like to do a little bit more for camp. Each member agrees to donate a set amount of financial support each year to camp. We ask that all Crescent Club donors agree to donate a minimum of \$500.00 per year. The money is used for new buildings and building improvements. If you choose to become a member of the Crescent Club your name will be put up on the Wall of Fame in the Sam Hunt Dining Hall. If any alumni would like more information about or is interested in becoming a member of the Crescent Club please feel free to contact Rick, Tom or Deb at the Manchester YMCA or e-mail campmitena@aol.com

Alumni Updates

Ben Eichler is in the military and stationed in the middle of west central Texas. He should be stationed there maybe another year or so. He is looking at getting deployed for a couple months in January and then will probably be getting stationed overseas for about a year. Good luck Ben!

Rich Chodes, who attended Camp in the late 1970s, lives in Jamesburg, NJ, and is currently an 8th grade math teacher in Staten Island, NY.

Matt Baker recently e-mailed to say hello to everyone. He said that he saw Brian McCarthy not too long ago. Brian was down for a visit with his parents in Florida and he and Matt ended up catching up for a bit.



Matt Baker and his wife Abby

Our international alumni updates for this Smoke Signal come from **Simon Bradbury**, **John Littauer**, **Kevin Green**, and **Matt Jordan**. Simon works as a business development manager at a large college in Buckinghamshire, England. He runs training centers within blue chip companies. Prior to that, he spent 15 years in police as an accident investigator. John is currently living in Calgary, Alberta and owns and operates a small tech company specializing in automated bank machines among other things, building hybrid scooters, and electric cars. He also has an eight year old boy and a 4 year old girl. Kevin moved to Tokyo last Sept with Citigroup, although he spent 4 years there in the early 1990's with another bank. Matt Jordan recently had his second child, a girl named May Lily Jordan.

Heard from a Camp Alumni recently? Would you like to update the rest of us on what you have been up to? Please feel free to send Ben Howe an email update or digital photos of yourself to mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.

Summer 2005 Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Weekend

Everyone had a great time up at Camp Mi-Te-Na for our alumni event on Saturday, June 18th to Sunday, June 19th. We arrived in the early afternoon on Saturday. Barrett and Chris Foust took everyone on a tour around Camp to show them the new facilities, including the new Frontier Village and Infirmary. Despite the rain and cool weather, the alumni and some of the current staff at Camp for pre-camp got to work on our outside work project for the day, which was clearing some trees that had been cut down behind the rifle range and the sportsfield.



Andy Wolff, Chris Foust and Davis Richmond

We also moved some granite slabs from the original Dining Hall that used to be behind where Alumni Hall is now located, to the new Dining Hall, where we built some steps. We helped put away some equipment in the kitchen because the floor had recently been resealed. Everyone enjoyed the game of one pitch softball, which finished in a tie. Matt McLaughlin supervised a polar bear swim for those interested in swimming that afternoon in Half Moon Lake, after our jobs were done.



Barrett Sullivan and Sarah Duncan

Barrett masterfully prepared our dinner, a barbeque of hot dogs and hamburgers. After dinner, Eric Werner showed us a fantastic slide show of Camp activities from a previous year. We had a campfire and roasted marshmallows and then had a Texas Hold-em Tournament that Andy Soucy won. Finally, at the end of the evening we got to relive the Camp experience and sleep in cabins.



Courtney Storms, Sarah Duncan, Andy Wolff, Matt Hanson, Joylon Terragni, Chris Hawes, Tim Howe

In the morning, Barrett again cooked us our meal, a breakfast of eggs and toast. A big How-How goes out to Rick, Tom and the other current camp staff for hosting our event, to Sarah Duncan and Eric Werner for taking pictures, and to everyone for coming out and helping Camp out, we appreciate it!!

I would like to thank the following alumni and their guests for stopping by:

Joylon and Geoff Terragni
 Scott and Kevin Peoples
 Deb and Dean Farmer
 Aaron Csyz Paul Burns
 Chris Hawes Alan Olasin
 Billy Graham Chris Webster
 Davis Richmond Tim Howe
 Lou Demato Mark Laferriere
 Andy Soucy Tony Terragni
 Barrett Sullivan

I hope everyone had a great time at these alumni events. Hopefully we will see more of you out at the next alumni event, either at Camp or somewhere else in northern New England!

Have a wonderful late summer and fall!
 Best,
 Ben Howe
 Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association



Eric Werner

Bunk 1.com

The Alumni Association is hoping that alumni will take advantage of what Bunk1.com offers to Camp Mi-Te-Na alumni for free, including access to news from Camp. We encourage everyone who has access to the Internet to sign-up at this website and provide Camp with your e-mail addresses so we can keep in touch with you regarding future Alumni events at a low cost to Camp. Also, if you have a chance, after you check out www.bunk1.com, check out Camp's website, www.campmitena.org. We are planning on continuing to make Alumni Smoke Signals available on this website.



Wesley Bruce on the range at basic training

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