

Alumni Smoke Signals

Greater Manchester Family YMCA

CAMP MI-TE-NA

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Spring 2007

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GAZEBO MANIA

Camp has always been missing a gazebo, so this spring we are hoping that with the help of alumni, we will be able to build a gazebo in the LLOYD Archer picnic grove by the Greenhouse. So, any builders, lumber people or weekend workers...we will see you there.

UNCLE PUG CELEBRATES HIS 80th BIRTHDAY

Charlie Dennison, better known as "Uncle Pug" to Camp Mi-Te-Na alumni, just celebrated his 80th birthday with his wife Wanda, on March 9th. Tom Archer, Rick Ross, and Mike Crossin all sent birthday greetings to him. Uncle Pug was Camp Mi-Te-Na's Director from 1957 to 1961. He was well known for his great camp fire songs and singing after dinner at the Dining Hall. Later, he became the President and CEO of the Manchester Family YMCA.

You can reach out to say hi to Uncle Pug through his son Doug, via email at Doug@FisherAuction.com.

A big "How-How" to Uncle Pug for all the lives he touched through his YMCA work!



Hercules

Upcoming Alumni Event 2007 Summer Get Together

The Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association will be hosting another alumni summer overnight event at Camp Mi-Te-Na from Saturday, June 16 to Sunday, June 17, 2007, so reserve the date! It is sure to be a fun event with an opportunity to catch up with old friends on the shores of Half Moon Lake. The event is still in the planning stages, but for more information please contact either Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com or Deb Farmer at the Manchester YMCA at dfarmer@gmfymca.org.

Please keep an eye out for future e-mails with more information about this event. If you would like to be added to the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni email list, please send us an e-mail with your information to Ben Howe.

TURKEY DAY 2006 ALUMNI GET TOGETHER

The third annual Mi-Te-Na Thanksgiving Get Together was held on Friday, November 24, 2006 at the Strange Brew Tavern in Manchester, NH. Despite concerns that everyone would be too tired after eating too much turkey and all the fixings, the event turned out to be a great success!

The Mi-Te-Na alumni attending included **Ben** and **Tim Howe** (along with his wife Lisa) and **Seana McCrackin**. **Eric Werner** stopped by on his way to Nashua to visit with everyone. Also stopping by the event to say hello were alumni **Rob Kurlansky**, **Sarah Duncan**, and **Davis Richmond**. **Tom Auger**—in town visiting from Las Vegas, NV—also made a special appearance. **Deb Farmer** also checked in to catch up with everyone. Finally, we would like to thank alumni **Jason Asprey** who works as a bartender at Strange Brew and provided all of us with excellent service. Our congratulations also go out to Jason. He and his wife are having their third child in March 2007!

The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association would like to thank everyone who attended!

I hope everyone had a great time at these two events! Hope to see you at an alumni event in 2007.



Tony Terragni and Rick Ross



Turkey Day 2006

COME VISIT CAMP WHILE YOU DROP OFF YOUR CHILD

The Alumni Association would like to remind everyone about the upcoming 2007 camping season. The Manchester YMCA's two overnight camps, Camp Mi-Te-Na for Boys and Camp Foss for Girls, offer boys and girls aged 7-15 a diverse mix of exciting and challenging programs and activities for the summer. These overnight camping programs allow young people the opportunity to explore personal interests, participate in exciting outdoor sports and activities and develop a variety of lifetime skills. For more information, please contact the Greater Manchester Family YMCA's Camping Services at (603) 232-8642.

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 this 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

VISITING CAMP

Have you visited camp lately? We would love to have you up for a visit. Feel free to come by anytime during the summer, 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.

Lee Kope recently stopped by to visit at Camp and said that he and his son Jake had a blast! He said "we did lots of swimming and he played on the sports field with the Pioneers. Jake enjoyed the sand on the volleyball court and running the bases. Evening activity was lots of fun. Watching him play with the campers was great. Camp is so much different then my last official year in 1990. It was great to go back and hang out for a few days. The new Frontier village is very nice and it is cool to see all of the new buildings. I was shocked at how big the new cabins were for the Frontiers. The staff was extremely friendly and polite. The camp food was interesting as always. It was great to see Rick and Tom. I liked seeing Matt McLaughlin and Chris Foust. I was very impressed and look forward to Jacob being a camper there one day."

If you have any questions about visiting Camp, please feel free to e-mail Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.



Lee & Jacob Kope, Rick Ross - Summer 2006

ALUMNI UPDATES

Our first alumni update comes from **Eric Werner**. He is teaching school and wanted to let us know that it is going great this year. He teaches 6th grade.

Tom Guest—who attended Camp Mi-Te-Na as a camper about 50 years ago—checked in recently. He currently lives in Florida.

Barrett Sullivan visited Camp the last weekend in July. He met **Mike Lapointe** in Boston, visited Camp, and was off camping outside of Plymouth.

Ben Guthro is currently living in Haverhill, MA. He got married in early June.

Chris Hawes, and his wife **Brianna**, are the proud parents of a baby boy named Owen. Owen was born in June 2006.

Mike Dolbow e-mailed to let us know that his brother **John** had his first child, a baby girl named Maddox. Mike and his wife Robin are also the proud parents of their second child, a boy named Kyle.

Jon Dunn recently became a certified climbing guide. He is also traveling to France for the second time in September to teach English as a foreign language.

Joey Dunn is in his second year of his master's program and just returned from six weeks in Colombia.

Alan Olasin is still working in Cambridge and is getting married in May 2007. How-how Alan!

Claffee Mayo—who was a camper between 1960 and 1967 and a counselor in 1968—presently lives in the Outer Banks in Hatteras, North Carolina.

Josh Greenbaum e-mailed to say that he is a software trainer/analyst and lives in Alpharetta, GA.

Lee Kope is living in Pennsylvania and for the past twelve years has worked for Universal Technical Institute. He also has a 2 year old son named Jacob. Lee and Jacob also visited Camp over the 4th of July weekend.

TJ White is a physical education teacher at Oakton (VA) High School.

Ken Bernier is currently stationed with the Army in Hawaii.

John Magers—who attended camp for seven years, five as a camper and two as staff—is currently a sophomore at Humboldt State University in Northern California working on his degree in journalism.

Our international updates come from **Michelle Welsh**, **Simon Bradbury**, **Jacinto Monge**, and **Miguel Fernandez**. Michelle is working for local government and in the process of buying a house.

Simon Bradbury e-mailed and hoped that everyone at Camp had a fantastic summer. He was sorry he could not attend our Foss/Mi-Te-Na alumni event because he would be in Scotland at a wedding. He also wanted to know whether or not the polar bear club is still going on the waterfront.

Jacinto Monge recently got married.

Miguel Fernandez is living in Spain at the moment. He hopes that all the alumni are all good.

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 at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.

MESSAGES FROM ALUMNI

As an ongoing section to our Alumni Smoke Signal, we will publish letters or e-mails from alumni we have not heard from in a while. This Smoke Signal, Aaron Kuertz, sent us along something. Thanks Aaron!

"Well, its high camp season and I went looking for Mi-Te-Na out of nostalgia's sake. To let you know who I am, I spent the summer of 1983 up there with my mother, Marlene Hoffman, who was the camp nurse. And don't forget our destructo dog, Mickey-nicknamed Schmow, the Black Lab mix who habitually tore out the screens to the infirmary for Syl (Glance) to fix. I can't believe we drove all the way from Ohio with that mutt in the car.

I'm glad to see that the Camp is growing and still is giving young boys a lifetime of memories. Writing this email is bringing back a ton of memories for me. Josh Greenbaum, Billy Roper, the counselors from Oregon who I think actually had a VW Microbus. Going to the Waterpark and riding the Cannonball slide. When we came back, we were shouting out the camp song. Gold Rush Day. Halloween-I was Ms. Ohio. Basketball. Sailing. Canoeing. Some overnight Camp out with the counselors where we went and jumped off a cliff. Swimming! The greased watermelon water polo. Floating dock with slide (I'm sure that is gone due to insurance.) A game where we hid from the counselors and they had to find us. We didn't get found because we went behind the rifle range where you told us not to go due to mosquitoes. Archery up on the hill.

From the Camp web site, it looks like the old infirmary is gone, what a shame. I love that rustic look that only New England has. Down here, I think the Camps look like hotels in comparison to Mi-Te-Na.

Here are a few questions for you:

1. Can you have some pictures of the camp buildings put on the site? It's hard to piece everything together when you haven't been there for so long.
2. Are the original cabins still there? I hope so.
3. Will Rick Ross EVER pass Tom Archer in the number of years attended?
4. Is Mother Beaver still on the loose?

Just remember that you are building memories and life experiences for hundreds of kids. I'm sure that everyone who has gone there thinks about the Camp and all the things they did there. I know I do every now and again.

See you later from the Most Improved Camper- 3rd Session.

When I die I'll be Mi-Te-Na DEAD!

Aaron Kuertz"

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 AND CAMP FOSS 2006 ALUMNI EVENT

The first annual Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss Alumni Get Together was held on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at Strange Brew Tavern in Manchester, NH. Both Alumni Associations would like to thank everyone who attended the event!

Camp Mi-Te-Na alumni included **Ben Howe**, **Geoff** and **Jo Terragni** (Jo's girlfriend **Chrissy D'Antoni** also attended), **Dean Farmer**, **Davis Richmond**. **Tony Terragni** (Tony's girlfriend **Katie Reidy** also attended), **Rob Kurlansky**, **Sara Duncan**, and **Colin Kennedy** (whose girlfriend also attended our event). **Brian McCarthy** and girlfriend **Casey Miller** drove all the way from outside Albany, NY to spend some time catching up with everyone. In addition, current YMCA/Mi-Te-Na staff **Rick Ross**, **Eric Werner**, and **Deb Farmer** checked in and made sure that the 1st Annual Mi-Te-Na/Foss Alumni Golden Tee Tourney held at the Tavern went off smoothly. (The tourney ended up tied! How about that?)

As for the lady alumni from Foss, the Camp was well represented at our event. The alumni stopping by to visit included **Christine McCarthy**, **Kelly Hart**, **Danielle Walters**, **Amy Bunker**, **Jessica Kelly** and her husband **Rob**, and **Sara Woodward**. Christine—who helped plan this event—flew all the way from Florida to attend! At one point, Kelly tried to get everyone from Camp Foss to sing some of the old favorites, but none of the other alumni were interested. **Meghan Ricker**—the current director of Camp Foss—also stopped by to say hello. Finally, a special thanks goes out to Christine for making special Christmas ornaments to commemorate the event!

Thanks again to all the Mi-Te-Na and Foss alumni who attended our event.

ALUMNI PICTURES

A big How-How goes out to **Rich Fahey** who sent us a picture from Mi-Te-Na that was taken in 1973 of his cabin, #9. Rich is the second from the right. We hope you enjoy it. If any of Rich's cabin mates are out there, send us an e-mail at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.

Thanks, Rich!



ALUMNI ROOM

Ever wonder where the pictures go that you send the Alumni Association? All alumni photos and other memorabilia are kept in Camp's Alumni Room located in the Dining Hall. The room, which was opened in 2003, has been improved many times over the past few years. For example, a display case was installed in the room a few years ago. Please continue to send old pictures and other memorabilia (e.g., flags, old yearbooks) for the room, we would appreciate it!

Chrissy D'Antoni, Jo Terragni, Katie Reidy and Geoff Terragni



Danielle Walters and Sara Woodward

Ben Howe, Colin Kennedy and Brian McCarthy



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