

Alumni Smoke Signals

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Greetings Alumni,

The summer of 2007 was a very exciting one at camp. I hope all of you enjoyed your summer and took a few moments and remembered your summers on the shores of Halfmoon Lake. This summer camp added a new activity that was a big hit with the campers, Mountain Boarding. It is a variation of snowboarding and skateboarding. What it is, if you are interested is a board with wheels on it and you ride it down a hill. I tried it and it was great.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ben Howe for all his efforts with the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association. Ben has worked countless hours gathering names, addresses and e-mails of camp alumni. A Big How How for Ben Howe. Rick



Bricks....Bricks....Bricks.....

You ask what is Rick talking out, well let me tell you. Several Alumni came to camp last spring and built a small pavilion in the Lloyd Archer Picnic grove which is near the Green House.

Well now we have a Pavilion and no walkway. So what we are going to do is give Alumni, Parents, and friends of Camp Mi-Te-Na a chance to immortalize their fondness for camp by purchasing a brick with their name on it. We will use those bricks to build a walkway and small patio. You will be receiving a letter in the mail sometime in November with all the information you need to purchase a brick. Camp appreciates your support in advance.

Rick

Rick, Chico
&
Peanut

Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Participate in Manchester YMCA Reach Out For Youth Campaign

This past winter, several current Camp Mi-Te-Na staff and alumni volunteered to contact alumni in an attempt to raise money for Camp as part of the campaign. Alumni participating in this event included **Andy Soucy, Ben and Tim Howe and Tony Terragni**. Over the two nights the group worked together, they raised around \$8,000 for the campaign. A big how-how to all the alumni who helped out!!



TIM HOWE, TONY TERRAGNI, TOM ARCHER, RICK ROSS, BEN HOWE, ANDY SOUCY NOT PICTURED



ALUMNI ENJOYING THE COOK-OUT AFTER A DAYS WORK

Future Alumni Events

The Alumni Association will be having its annual reunion event in Manchester, NH this November on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day. Please keep an eye out for e-mails from the Alumni Association for more information on this event and others this fall and winter. 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.

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!



ANDY SOUCY AND BARRETT SULLIVAN

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 Tom or Deb at the Manchester YMCA or e-mail Rick at campmitena@aol.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 some time. This Smoke Signal, Nate Peek, sent us along something. Thanks, Nate!

Hey Ben:

Good to hear from you. It has been roughly twenty years since my last session at Camp Mi-Te-Na but your name does ring a bell. I attended camp 3 times between 1982-86 for one 2 week session each time. I do receive the newsletter which is always fun to see. Thank you for that.

As you may know I currently reside in Washington DC. I have been here since 1999 working as an Exhibits Specialist at the National Gallery of Art. It is a great job. Before moving to DC I lived in Burlington VT for 3 years. There I worked at the Shelburne Museum on the Buildings and Grounds crew. Prior to VT, I attended Syracuse University earning a BA in Art History. Numerous travels in between but that is it in a nutshell.

Thanks for getting in touch and hope all is well with you.

Regards - Nate Peek

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.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Our first alumni update comes from **Adam Hammel**. Adam is living in Los Angeles at present and busy working.

Jason Paul attended UNH and graduated in 1998 with a BS in Computer Science. He works in Billerica, MA in the computer networking field.

Grant Klene was living in Costa Rica since January 2007, but returned home in mid-June.

Mark Godzyk graduated from basic military training is now officially an airman.

Gary Kodish got married and left the Army. He has traveled quite a bit. He has gotten into helicopter flying and horseback riding.

Jeff McCarthy and his wife Dawn welcomed their second child, a boy, to their family in May.

Steve Gallagher e-mailed and said "that when it gets to 100 everyday in the summer in New Mexico (where he lives), I think of the days at Mi-Te-Na...my first camper to come into my Ranger Village "Running Deer" cabin was Ricky Ross... hard to believe he is running the joint..."

Our international alumni update comes from **Andrew Beeton, Emmanuel Desbiens, and Hans Wennstam**.

Andrew e-mailed and said that seeing pictures of Camp on-line brought back many good memories! He reported that after camp, he "went traveling with Colin (think his surname was Sadler) and saw New York and Chicago before flying home. (Unfortunately, I have lost contact with Colin in recent years.) I also met up with Phil Thomas (think that was his surname) who was a maintenance guy on Camp when I was there and had many beers with him!!! Since leaving Camp I've had many jobs, but I am currently working on an Audit team traveling around the UK auditing stock in certain shops."

Emmanuel is a chemical engineer at a paper company at St-Félicien (Lac St-Jean) about 3 hours north of Québec City.

Hans, from Sweden, e-mailed and reported that "in 1966, I had the pleasure of working as a counselor at your Camp. I am very interested to come back to see what it is like today along Half Moon Lake. There must be lots of changes after all these years."

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.

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.



Rick discussing construction with Tony



Sage, Jeff and Brian take a break during construction



Tony working on the pavillion's roof



The guys that made major contributions to the pavillion's construction Tony Terragni, Jeff Halldorson, Brian McCarthy, Sage Woodward and Geoff Terragni



The alumni and Camp staff that participated in the 2007 summer event.

Second Annual Alumni Survey

As part of our on-line invitation to our Summer 2007 Alumni Event, the Alumni Association surveyed the alumni that replied to the invitation about their experiences at Camp.

The questions asked were:

1. What was your favorite Camp dinner?
2. What was your favorite Sportsfield activity?

For the first question, we had sixteen responses. Four alumni reported that they enjoyed Ina's special pizza; four others reported that they preferred the Camp salad bar; four alumni noted that they enjoyed Sloppy Joe sandwiches; two others said PB&J sandwiches were the best; and two alumni said that they liked Ed's Beef Stew the most for dinner at Camp.

For the second question, we had sixty-two responses. Twenty-seven alumni reported that they enjoyed playing Capture the Flag; fifteen alumni said that they preferred playing Frisbee Golf, ten others said they enjoyed playing Kick Ball; eight others reported that playing 4-Square was the best; and two others said that they enjoyed playing Gym-O-Neer the most on the Sportsfield.

A big How-how to everyone who participated!

CAMP MI-TE-NA AND CAMP FOSS 2007 SUMMER ALUMNI EVENT

A great number of alumni and others traveled to Camp Mi-Te-Na for the 2007 alumni event on June 16th. Between Camp Mi-Te-Na and Foss alumni and pre-Camp staff, over twenty people attend the all-day event and really helped to improve Camp. Everyone pitched in to help build a new pavilion for Camp near the Green House, clear brush, and help move around some of the old kitchen equipment. The Alumni Association would like to especially thank **Tony Terragni** for designing the pavilion, purchasing the supplies to build it, and sharing the necessary carpentry tools. The Association would also like to thank **Jeff Halldorson, Brian McCarthy, Sage Woodward, and Geoff Terragni** for all their hard work in overseeing and contributing their expertise to the effort to complete the pavilion. Without these volunteers, especially Tony, the pavilion would not have been built in a day. If any alumni are interested in learning more about the carpentry that Tony does with his father, e-mail Tony at tterragni@yahoo.com.

The group finished things up around 6pm, enjoyed a fantastic cook out, and played a great game of softball until it got too dark. Everyone then had a cut-throat Texas Hold 'em Tourney that again raised enough money to sponsor a scholarship for a child for a week at Camp. Finally, the group had campfire to close out the night. Everyone enjoyed the day and used the opportunity to catch up and rest from all the day's activities. A **big how-how** to all the alumni who attended the event and helped out Camp, including Foss alumni **Kelly Hart** and **Christine McCarthy** who took all of the pictures for the event!! We really appreciate it. See you all next year.

Thanks to all the alumni and others that attended the event: Tony, Joylon, and Geoff Terragni; Ben and Tim Howe; Christine and Brian McCarthy; Sage and Sara Woodward; Barrett and Estelle Sullivan; Jeff Halldorson; Eric Werner; Matt Hanson; Jason Paul; Ben Guthro; Chris Webster; Davis Richmond; Tom Auger; Dan Edwards; Jeff Dubuc; Mike Ruffo; Jeff Laferriere; Andy Soucy; Tom and Katie Archer; Rick Ross; Gretchen Klene; Kelly Hart; Amy Bunker; Danielle Walters; Elizabeth Puchacz.

Also, a special thank you goes out to Christine and Kelly who invited some Camp Mi-Te-Na alumni to participate in the Camp Foss alumni event in Portsmouth, NH on June 15th. Everyone had a great time at their event and we cannot wait until the next one!!

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