

Alumni Smoke Signals

Greater Manchester Family YMCA

CAMP MI-TE-NA

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Greetings Alumni,

The summer of 2006 was a great one here on the shores of Halfmoon lake. The weather was good, the staff was great and the campers were excited about being at camp. I would like to thank all the Alumni who took the time to attend the weekend at Mi-Te-Na and do some work projects and have some fun.

This summer we had several visits from Alumni. It was great to see the interest in camp is so high. We feel camp is an important part of a young child's life and I am sure you feel the same way.

Please feel free to stop by anytime during camp or whenever you can find the time. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the many upcoming events planned by Ben Howe. Rick

Summer 2006 Alumni Event

The 2006 Alumni Reunion on June 17th was a great success, in part because of the fabulous weather we had at Camp on Saturday. **Tim** and **Ben Howe** and **Geoff, Jo**, and **Tony Terragni** and Tony's girlfriend **Katie Reidy** enjoyed a game of Ultimate Frisbee on the Sportsfield and got a chance to enjoy the cool water of Half Moon Lake. 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 a tree that had been cut down in the Mi-Te-Na Chapel. Thanks have to go out to **Andy Soucy, Chris Webster** and **Davis Richmond** for helping **Rick Ross** cut the logs we moved out of the Chapel. We also worked on some benches and moved some brush out of the Chapel to the Campfire Circle to be burned. **Mark Mulvaney** stopped by with his son **Will**, who we are sure will be a Mi-Te-Na camper sometime in the future. We played a game of one pitch softball, which finished in a tie. **Mark Godzyk** was the MVP of the game because of his great hitting. **Matt Hanson** masterfully prepared our dinner, a barbeque of hot dogs and hamburgers. After dinner, we watched a slide show of pictures collected from alumni. We also had our second annual Alumni Texas Hold-em Tournament. A big How-How goes out to Rick, **Tom Archer** and the other current camp staff for hosting our event and everyone for coming out and helping Camp out, we appreciate it!! And thanks to all the Alumni that contributed to the Chico and Peanut Scholarship Fund—we were able to raise enough money to sponsor a one week scholarship for a child to attend Camp!!

Camp Mi-Te-Na is currently in the midst of a capital campaign to make our great camp even better. So if by some chance in the near future you receive a phone call about making a monetary gift to Camp Mi-Te-Na be nice.

**If you do not receive a call and are interested in making Mi-Te-Na a better place please give us a call at (603)232-8642
Thanks for your support**



Mike Ruffo, Chris Foust, Mark Godzyk, Tim Howe, Mark Mulvaney & Matt Henry work in the Chapel



Chris Webster, Davis Richmond, Andy Soucy and Rick Ross cutting logs

Upcoming Alumni Events November 2006

Please join the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association for our our third annual Alumni "Friday after Thanksgiving Day" Get Together at Strange Brew Tavern in Manchester. We'll be there starting around 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Deb Farmer at the Manchester YMCA at 603-232-8642 or e-mail Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.

Remember because we are meeting at a bar, this event is for alumni that are 21 years or older.



Front Row: Davis Richmond, Tim Howe, Jo Terragni, Geoff Terragni, Matt Henry, Beau Branch, Chris Webster, Ben Howe
Middle Row: Matt Hanson, Bill Houpt, Matt McLaughlin, Chris Foust, Rick Ross
Back Row: Mike Ruffo, Jeff Laferriere, Mark Godzyk, Mark Mulvaney, Will Mulvaney (Mark's son)

Alumni Pictures

A big How-How goes out to Michael Crossin who e-mailed us some scanned pictures from Mi-Te-Na that were taken in the late sixties and early 1970's of his cabin, #17. We hope you enjoy them. If any of Michael's cabin mates are out there, send us an e-mail at

mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.

Thanks Michael!



Cabin 17 Pd 3 1972

Standing: unknown, Peter Grant, David Rhodes, Andy Price, John Gruber, Michael Crossin (counselor)

Sitting: unknown, unknown; Scott Nathan



Michael Crossin (counselor), Jeff Lofaro, unknown, Andy Price, unknown, unknown



Standing: David Rhodes, unknown, unknown, Michael Crossin (counselor)

Sitting: Peter Grant, Artie Lofaro, Andy Price

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

mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.

Alumni Updates

Our first alumni update comes from **Peter McKenzie** who lives in North Carolina. He has been working at Paramount's Carowinds for the last nine years. He is currently the Attractions Operations Manager.

Chris Foust told us that his brother **Andy** is now a carpenter down south. Andy is also getting married on November 11th. How-How Andy!!

Mark Godzyk told us that his brother had just left the Marines and is living in Arizona. Mark is currently living and working in Florida.

Brian McCarthy called us at the Alumni Reunion to see how everyone was doing. He is currently working in construction in upstate New York.

Barrett Sullivan e-mailed in March and said that he had been skiing lately and enjoying the great conditions in his new home state of Colorado. He has been really busy, but said to say hello to everyone.

Ryan Hitchings e-mailed and told us that he is working as a Corporate Account Manager with PC Connection in Portsmouth, NH. He sells computers to businesses across the nation and offers them technical support. He also lives in Portsmouth.

Mike Jette finished his PH.D. in May 2005 after 13 years of classes and a dissertation, while completing his first year as a high school principal. Congratulations Mike!

Keith Price e-mailed and told us that he currently works part-time for an award winning art director in NYC. He also attends school full time at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

Mike Dolbow told us that he and his wife Robin are expecting their second child in mid-September. How-How for the Dolbows!

Kevin Shadick e-mailed and told us that he got married in late April in St. Thomas. His wife is named Robyn and she is originally from Cleveland. How-How for Kevin!

Ben Howe and his wife, Debbie welcomed their first child, daughter Alexandria, in April.



Ben, Alexandria and Debbie Howe

Our international updates come from **Chris Cockel**, **Chris Kimberley** and **Tim Sanders**.

Chris Cockel e-mailed and told us that he had been recently living in Washington and had worked as the Washington, D.C. correspondent for a Taiwanese newspaper, the China Post.

Chris Kimberley e-mailed and said that he had been traveling though Asia—including Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore—for work and had recently been spending time in Canada and Europe.

Tim Sanders e-mailed us to say hello and wanted to know how everyone was doing. Tim was at Camp for the 1989 season. He also sent us a picture.



Tim Sanders

Thanks to all the alumni that contacted the association! 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 quarterly Smoke Signal, we are hoping to start a 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 Rich Fahy sent us along something.

Thanks Rich!

Rich e-mailed and told us that:

"I'm a 1973 Mi-Te-Na alumni who lives in Tampa and New Hampshire.

I have to tell you that I was utterly impressed with Mi-Te-Na during my short visit in the summer of 2005. The courtesy of all the kids, the condition of the Camp, the enthusiasm of everyone ... etc, etc. You guys have something VERY special there. Camp Mi-Te-Na is a "throw back" to the old fashioned camps that you hear about from the 1950's. I actually think that it's better than when I attended back in the 1970's, and it's nice to see that it's still rustic but that you've been able to keep the same character. I hope that my nephews will get a chance to attend camp when they are old enough.

I am so proud of the legacy that you have maintained at Mi-Te-Na. Hopefully I can drop by more often in the future ... there have been so many years that I have wanted to participate in the early summer alumni events and something always interferes.

All the best – Rich"



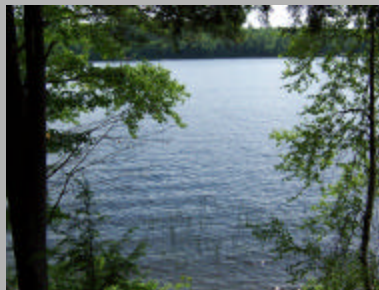
Rich Fahy

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



Halfmoon Lake



Enjoying Halfmoon Lake



Mark Godzyk & Billy Houpt battle it out in softball

First Annual Alumni Survey

As part of our on-line invitation to our 2006 Alumni Event, the Alumni Association was able to survey the alumni that replied to the invitation about their experiences at Camp.

The questions asked were:

1. Which Camp Village was Your Favorite?
2. What was Your Favorite Camp Mi-Te-Na Activity?
3. What was Your Favorite Evening Activity?
4. What was Your Favorite Camp Trip?

For the first question, we had a total of 53 responses. Thirty-one respondents (60%) said that the Frontier Village was their favorite village, fourteen respondents (26%) said that that Ranger Village was their favorite and eight (16%) said that the Pioneer Village was their favorite. Go Frontiers!!

For the second question, we had a total of 58 respondents. Twenty-five (44%) respondents said that Sportsfield was their favorite activity, twenty-two (39%) said that the Waterfront was their favorite activity and eleven (19%) said that Hobbies was their favorite. Go Sportsfield!!

For the third question, we had a total of 57 respondents. Seventeen (31%) respondents said that Capture the Flag was their favorite Evening Activity, eleven (20%) said that the dances were their favorite Evening Activity and eight (14%) said that Gold Rush was their favorite.

For the last question, we had a total of 55 respondents. Twenty-four (44%) respondents said that "other" was their favorite trip, sixteen (30%) said that the Kancamangus was their favorite trip and nine (16%) said that Cliff Island was their favorite. If anyone out there that picked "other", send an e-mail to Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com and share with us your favorite Mi-Te-Na trip story. We may include it in the next newsletter. A big How-How to everyone who participated!



Tim Howe, Geoff Terragni and Chris Webster catch up

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