

Alumni Smoke Signals

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Camp Mi-Te-Na Friendships Last a Lifetime

Years may pass and lives may change, but you never forget the friends you made at Camp Mi-Te-Na! Alumni Ben and Tim Howe, staying outside Jacksonville, Florida with their families for vacation, recently met fellow Mi-Te-Na alumni Jeff McCarthy and his wife Dawn for lunch in late March. Everyone had a great time catching up and remembering the good old days on the shores of Half Moon Lake. Jeff and Dawn live in Middleburg, which is part of Jacksonville. They have been married almost 29 years. They also have two sons, Austin is six years old and Ayden is almost two years old. Jeff is the Northeast Florida Sales Manager for Horizon Food Brokers. He wanted to say hello to everyone and misses spending the summer at Camp Mi-Te-Na!

Alumni Have a Blast at Camp Mi-Te-Na during the Summer Alumni Reunion!

Perfect summer weather and a gathering of good friends provided an ideal backdrop for our annual alumni event at Camp Mi-Te-Na on June 13 and 14. A team of over 40 Mi-Te-Na alumni, staff, and family gathered to tackle several outdoor projects. We would like to thank Tom Tomai of the Manchester YMCA Camp Advisory Board for visiting Camp Mi-Te-Na during the reunion.

Most of the alumni cleared brush in various areas around Mi-Te-Na, including Francis Field, much of which had fallen during the ice storms of the previous winter. The alumni also cleaned the lights and ceilings of the Green and Brown Houses. In addition, Tony and Peter Terragni and Darryl and Devin Kane built several moveable chess/checkers benches that will make a valuable addition to the camp. Geoff Terragni and Jeffrey Dubuc also completed several important plumbing projects around camp, including fixing some of showers in the White House.

The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association would especially like to thank all of our corporate partners for their support. We would like to thank Tony of Tim and Tony Terragni Carpentry (to contact them, please call 603-774-5178), Geoff and Jeffrey from Brookside Plumbing and Heating (to contact them, please call 603-569-3529), and Devin and Darryl from Kane Carpentry (to contact them, please call 603-520-9259 or 603-254-5362). Thank you for your support!

Once the work was finished, we all went for a refreshing dip in Half Moon Lake, followed by a rigorous game of one pitch softball. There were a lot of laughs as well as some great plays during the game, most notably, Andy Soucy's skills on the pitcher's mound. Camp also opened a limited "store" in the Dining Hall where alumni could purchase a limited number of Mi-Te-Na related items.



We had a delicious camp dinner of barbeque hot dogs and hamburgers, and afterward we settled in for a challenging Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, from which half the winnings—\$260—went towards a Camp Mi-Te-Na scholarship. Chris Webster finished first (Andy Soucy played his chips), Barrett Sullivan finished second, and Megan Cochran from Camp Foss finished third in the tourney. Congrats to all the winners!

We concluded the evening the same way we did at camp so many years ago, by retiring to our cabins for a peaceful night's sleep, surrounded by the sounds of the great outdoors.

A big How-How goes out to Tom, Rick and the other camp staff for hosting our event and to everyone for coming out and helping camp out, we appreciate it!

The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association would like to thank the following alumni, staff and their guests for their participation:

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| Tom Archer | Rick Ross | Debbie Farmer | Fred Emerson |
| Tom Auger | Darryl Kane | Devin Kane | Jeffrey Dubuc |
| Paul Dubuc | Davis Richmond | Ben Howe | Tim Howe |
| Ben Farmer | Jason Paul | Geoff Terragni | Brian Sanford |
| Seana McCrackin | Andy Soucy | Tony Terragni | Beau Branch |
| Peter Terragni | Craig Sonis | Barrett Sullivan | Mike LaPointe |
| Paul Burns | Pat Graham | Jeff Laferriere | Jimmy Wickham |
| Chris Foust | Adam and Sarah | Wolff | Dean Farmer |
| Sean Warren | Chris Webster | Ryan Carlaw | Katie Archer |
| Amy Kallmerten | Matt Hanson | Eric Werner | Mike Flynn |
| Brad Cormier | Jayson, Kim and Eliza | Seaman | |

Mi-Te-Na & Foss Alumni and Staff Dodgeball Event

Everyone attending the second annual Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss Staff and Alumni dodgeball event at the Manchester YMCA on April 25th had a great time! Several Mi-Te-Na alumni showed up to play, including Tony and Geoff Terragni, Ben and Tim Howe, Chris Webster, and Dean Farmer. Mi-Te-Na staff also participated in the game, including Rick Ross, Eric Werner, and Jimmy Wickham. Deb Farmer stopped by to visit. Mi-Te-Na alumni Seana McCrackin kept score. Camp Foss staff Katie Asaro, Abby Albin, and Megan Cochran cheered on the players from the sidelines. Katie also took several great photos of the event. The game was fast paced and fun and everyone enjoyed the high level of competition and good sportsmanship during the tournament. There were some epic games between the teams, but at the end of the day the teams finished tied—in true camp spirit!

Thanks to everyone who attended and we hope to see you there next year!



Tony and Geoff Terragni and William Ahlgren at Alumni and Staff Dodgeball Event

Two Alumni Receive Outstanding Alumni Service Award

Mi-Te-Na alumni Tony Terragni and Brian McCarthy received the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni Service Award at the 2009 summer reunion.

Tony received his award for important contributions overseeing projects at the last two summer reunions; coordinating the last two alumni reunions in Manchester; and volunteering his time to contact Mi-Te-Na alumni during the last Reach Out For Youth campaign.

Brian received his award for important contributions

overseeing projects at the last two summer reunions and his dedication and outreach on behalf of the Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association.

The award is given to Mi-Te-Na alumni for demonstrating sustained commitment to the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association and engaging in the organization of volunteers, groups and resources that are involved in projects benefiting Camp Mi-Te-Na. Nominations for the award came from alumni and were voted on by a selection committee consisting of representatives from the Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss Alumni

Associations, as well as the Executive Director of Camping Services, and the directors of Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss.



Tony Terragni Receiving Alumni Award

First Alumni Event Held in Florida!

A great time was had by all at Mi-Te-Na alumni Matt Baker (and family) and Foss alum Christine Sequeira's (McCarthy) first ever Mi-Te-Na and Foss Alumni event at Matt's house in Palm Beach Gardens, FL on April 25th. Mi-Te-Na alumni Chris Vonk stopped by and Christine brought a friend—Samantha Kloorfain—to meet everyone. Mi-Te-Na alumni Phil Vonk would have come but his wife was very close to having a baby. The group hung out for a couple of hours and caught

up on where each other was in life. They talked a lot about their times at camp. They had a nice BBQ, with hamburgers and hotdogs. According to Matt, everyone had a great time at the event.

Matt hopes to host the event again next spring and wanted to let everyone know that they are welcome to join them. If you are an alumni living in Florida and interested in attending next year's event, please e-mail Ben Howe, Alumni Coordinator, at

mitenaalumni@yahoo.com. A big How-How to Matt and Christine for hosting the event!



Florida Reunion Group

Director's Message

Greetings Mi-Te-Na Alumni,

The summer has now passed and the cool Fall weather is upon us. The summer of 2009 was a very exciting one. Everyone thinks the rain spoiled the fun but they are wrong. The summer was awesome. We ran all the activities as if it were sunny

and 90 and yes, there was always the alternative to go indoors and use the climbing gym, play rafterball, 4-square, DDR, Ping pong and more... I hope everyone had a great summer and we look forward to everyone visiting the shores of Halfmoon Lake once again.

Rick



Rick Ross at Alumni and Staff Dodgeball Event

Summer 2009 at Camp Was Great!

The 2009 summer at Camp Mi-Te-Na was great. We enjoyed the classic camp activities such as Camper Hunt, campfires, fireworks, BBQs, Night at the Races, Competition Days (one of which pitted the Samurai, Barbarians and Spartans against each other), gigantic games of Capture the Flag and dances with the lovely ladies from Camp Foss. We have also done a few new activities, such as the Camp Mi-Te-Na Melee and the Gauntlet. All in all, the staff, campers and activities this summer were great!

-Matt Hanson, Camp Mi-Te-Na Program Director

Join the 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. The money is used for new buildings and building improvements. If any alumni would like to more information about this or is interested in becoming a member, please contact Rick Ross at campmitena@aol.com.

Looking for Camp Sweethearts

We are looking for Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss couples who took the big plunge and got married after they left camp! This newsletter, alumni **Robert Fabich** and **Rebecca Curran**, sent us along a picture from their wedding. They got married on July 10, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV. Congrats!



Robert Fabich and Rebecca Curran wedding

Mementos Needed for Alumni Room

Ever wonder where the pictures go that you send the Alumni Association? All alumni photos and other memorabilia are kept in Mi-Te-Na'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 pictures and other memorabilia (e.g., flags, old yearbooks) for the room to Deb Farmer at the Manchester YMCA, we would appreciate it!

Updates from Alumni

Our first alumni update comes from **Mike Ruffo**. He and his fiancée had Olive Riley Ruffo on Saturday August 15 at home. Kora (the camp dog) was by their side the entire time. Olive weighed in at a whopping 5lbs and 12 oz. Both mom and Olive are very healthy and doing well!

Michael O'Shaughnessy is the chef at a casual dining restaurant on the west side of Manchester called Spurs. They offer take-out or dine-in service. Spurs is located at 147 Amory Street, which is off of exit 6 from 293 or exit 5. He has been in North Carolina for about 6 years, but is now back in the area and wants to get involved with alumni activities. He hopes to visit camp this season and will also be going to the Thanksgiving event, which will be fun.

Matt McLaughlin e-mailed and mentioned that he was stuck in the medical unit with some sort of unnamed African fever. Other than that, work was good.

Craig Sonis has been doing marketing and advertising for Compaq Computer, Avnet Enterprise Solutions, and the NH Association of Realtors for the last few years. He has also been working for H&R Block preparing individual tax returns for the last seven years.

Matt Henry got married in April. His wife's name is Julie. Congrats!

Jeremiah Cady reported that he is going on a mission trip to Haiti in July 2009. He has been very busy with training and fundraising during the early summer of 2009 in preparation for that trip.

Sean Claycamp is married and recently had a baby named Sutton. He works in medical sales and lives in Kansas City.

Darryl Kane lives in Hebron, NH, which is far north and located near Plymouth State University. He is a carpenter and he loves his job. His brother has his own building company. He has one son who will hopefully someday go to Mi-Te-Na!

Derek Thomson is engaged and lives in Dover, NH. He works on the seacoast and central New Hampshire as a sales representative for a wine and spirits wholesaler. He is looking forward to possibly coming to some of the alumni events.

Rob Gauthier lives in Groveton, NH but works in the little town of Errol, NH, which has 300 people. He has 5 "kids" in the house, ages 22, 18, 6, 5, and the only other male in the house is 3 years old. He and his wife are going to try and send his little girl to Camp Foss this year.

Rob Banks lives in Rhode Island. He still loves the outdoors. He reported that his parents are still in NH and his older brothers Scot and Randy are both in Colorado.

Scot Banks lives in Salida, Colorado now. He reports it is a sweet spot to be in. He moved to Flagstaff in the summer of 1992 and never looked back! He lived there until about 10 years ago and is super happy.

John Magers has recently been trying to get into tutoring. He is enjoying the California weather. As far as Camp Mi-Te-Na goes, the seven summers that he spent there were undoubtedly the best ones of his 22-year life. Camp fosters your belief in yourself and encourages you to be a good person and give a concerted effort. He hopes everyone has a great summer and maybe he'll see some of you around one of these days.

Laird Christensen has been an Associate Professor at Green Mountain College in Vermont since 2000

Our international alumni update comes from **Berker Yilmaz**. Berker—Mi-Te-Na kitchen staff in 2007 and 2006—is still in school and studying hard.

Jacinto Monge got married a couple of years ago. His wife's name is Thamar. They live and work in Madrid. They are going to move to Delhi in June, to live there for a year or so.

Navi Ahluwalia reported that it is amazing that after 18 years (he was working in the kitchen back in 1991); the camp is still running strong. That is great news! He wished camp every continued success. For his part, he lives in London. He works as an attorney specializing in international human rights law. He is married to Ansa, his lovely wife, and they have a 4 year old daughter, Nya, who is amazing. Navi regrets that he has not kept in touch with the English contingent from camp, although he did bump into Rafi many years ago. He wanted to pass along his kindest regards to Rick and Tom.

Paul Rutledge, who was the camp riflery instructor in 1996, e-mailed and reported that while 1996 was his only year at Mi-Te-Na, he wanted to come back! He did make it out to another YMCA camp, in Pennsylvania, in 1999, doing riflery again. He is married now, with a 2 1/2 year old daughter, working as bar manager for the students union at the university in Belfast, Ireland.

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FACEBOOK!

Did you know that the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association is on Facebook? The Alumni Association has a page on Facebook where you can reconnect with old friends and learn about fantastic upcoming events. Please contact Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com for more information!

Planning Future Alumni Events

The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association is always looking to put on other events. If you would like to suggest an idea for a future event or be added to our alumni e-mail list, please send us an e-mail with your information to Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.



Summer Reunion Group

Do you remember the Camp Fire Girls who attended camp the first week of 1st Period several summers ago? We have recently begun to reconnect with some of them!! We are very happy to welcome them to the Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association.

Our Camp Fire Girls update this newsletter comes from **Mary Gerade**. She currently works in the finance department of Devine, Millimet & Branch. She has been married for 12 years and she has two beautiful girls, 9 and 4. She lives in Derry, NH.

The Alumni Association would like to thank all of the alumni that stopped by camp during the 2009 summer:

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| Keith Thibedeau | JC Gilbert |
| Doug Fraser | Matt Henry |
| Zach Coughlin | Ben Farmer |
| Nick Caveliere | Will Harris |

Check Out Camp Mi-Te-Na's Website

Camp Mi-Te-Na recently launched a new website. We have also posted past copies of the alumni newsletter and pictures from previous events on this site. Log on to www.campmitena.org today!



Tony Terragni

Leave Your Mark on Camp Mi-Te-Na!

Were you someone who liked to write your name on your cabin's walls? If so, Camp Mi-Te-Na now has a very special way for you to leave a mark on the place—a personalized brick! The brick will be placed around the new Seymore Ross Pavilion by the Green House. The funds raised will enable camp to make much needed improvements that benefit all campers. For more information please visit www.bricksrus.com/order/campmitena/.



Peter Terragni and the Kanes

YMCA Mission Statement

The Greater Manchester Family YMCA is committed to creating a place where all are welcome. The YMCA builds a healthy spirit, mind and body in individuals and families while instilling the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility through our practices and programs.

The blazing fire spreads strength and joy about the ring of youthful faces. The faces leave and in time the fire settles to embers which lie in waiting for the breath of youth to give them life anew.
- David Crowell '69