

Alumni Smoke Signals

Greater Manchester Family YMCA

CAMP MI-TE-NA

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Greetings Alumni,
I hope you all had a joyous Holiday Season and kept all of those New Years resolutions. Camp is just around the corner and the recruitment of campers and staff is going full steam ahead, unlike the Titanic, I hope. If you would like to help recruit campers we can get you the fliers; all you have to do is talk up camp. If you know anyone looking for a summer job send them my way. We already have several staff members from last year returning so don't wait if you know someone. I hope to see several of you at our spring get together on June 17th-18th. Rick

Future Alumni Events

The Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association will be hosting another alumni summer overnight event at Camp Mi-Te-Na from Saturday, June 17 to Sunday, June 18, 2006, so reserve the date! It is sure to be a fun event with an opportunity to catch up with old friends on the banks 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.

The Alumni Association is looking to put on other events this summer. Please keep an eye out for news on Camp's website, www.campmitena.org, 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.

Turkey Day 2005 Alumni Get Together

We had a great turn-out for our second annual November Mi-Te-Na alumni event at the Strangebrew Tavern in Manchester. Everyone enjoyed hanging out, catching up, and playing foosball and the Golden Tee video golf game.

The Alumni attending included **Grant Klene, Tony, Geoff and Jo Terragni, Ben and Tim Howe, Chris Webster, Sara Duncan, Eric Werner, Matt McLaughlin, Dean and Debbie Farmer, Mike LaPointe, and Matt Hanson.** Camp alumni **Porter Weeks**—who was in Maine with his family for the holiday—called Tony during the event to see how things were going with everyone. Rick Ross was there and gave us an update on how the past season at Camp went. Even **Katie Archer**—on break from college—and **Gretchen Klene**—on break from teaching school—made a surprise visit! We also caught up with old alumni **Jason Asprey** who arrived later at Strangebrew for work. The Alumni Association would like to thank everyone that attended the event for coming out! Hope to see you out at our next event! Have a wonderful winter!

Best, Ben Howe
Camp Mi-Te-Na
Alumni Association



Chris Webster and Matt McLaughlin

Eric Werner, Sarah Duncan, Matt McLaughlin, Rick Ross and Grant Klene



Matt Hanson, Dean Farmer and Mike LaPointe Tony and Jo Terragni, Ben Howe, Geoff Terragni

MESSAGES FROM ALUMNI

As a new ongoing section to our quarterly Smoke Signals, we will be including an e-mail or letter from an alumni that we haven't heard from in awhile, updating us on what's been going on in their life. In this Smoke Signals, Matt Baker sent us something. Thanks Matt!

Matt e-mailed and told us that:

"Hey All-

I have to start out by saying that it is so cool to be updated on what's shakin' with so many old friends from Mi-Te-Na. Hearing about all the new developments at camp brings back so many good memories. I look forward to meeting up with more of you in some of the upcoming alumni events.

My life has been a bit crazy over the past five or so years. Out of college I moved to Boston and lived in Brighton Center for four years. While in Brighton, I took after camp sage Rick Ross becoming the Sports Director and Arts and Humanities Director for the Oak Square YMCA (and yes, our summer camp was Camp Northwoods). After a couple of successful and fulfilling years working for the YMCA, I moved back to Funchester, a.k.a., Manch Fransisco, a.k.a., Manch Vegas, a.k.a., the city that always sleeps. I was in Manch for the next two years with my girlfriend turned fiancée, Abby. We were working in my family's printing business until I sold the business to another Manchester printing company. After the sale of the business, I gave Abby the choice of where we would move to. Since Abby's parents and grandparents live in the Palm Beaches, this is where we ended up. We moved down here in September of 2004, we got married in May, and currently are living in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Palm Beach Gardens is just one town south of Jupiter, FL, which you might remember from the McCarthy brothers. I saw Brian recently when he was visiting his parents (he is now living in upstate NY). Brian told me that Jeff is doing well and living in Jacksonville with his wife and a rugrat.

If anyone is in south FL, and needs a place to crash for a day or two, give me a shout. My email is baker191@excite.com. The St. Louis Cardinals and Florida Marlins have spring training five minutes from our apartment. Take care, I look forward to seeing and hearing from some of you in the future.

Matt Baker"

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 Matt McLaughlin...Matt visited with Mi-Te-Na alumni **Dave Brock** this past September at Camp. Dave stopped by to visit and brought along his daughter to see the place. Matt told us that Dave currently works at a private residential children's home in Connecticut.

Kevin Schadick is working at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He is working as a Contract and Licensing Associate.

Michael Bergeron Jr. has enlisted in the Marines.

Bruce Livingstone is now the Director of Catering Sales & Event Services at the Conrad Hotel in Indianapolis, IN that is opening in March 2006.

Our international alumni update for this Smoke Signal comes from **Paul Wright**, who worked at Camp in 1991. He is now living in Sydney, Australia. He traveled there in 1999 as a backpacker, found a job, and has now settled there! Paul married in December 2004.



Karen and Paul Wright at their wedding

Chris Cockel, who worked at Camp in 1988 and 1989, also e-mailed us to say that he had returned to Europe this year and wanted to wish holiday and New Year greetings to all at camp and alumni. **John Littauer** e-mailed us from Calgary, Alberta to wish everyone a Happy New Year and told us that he hopes to send his son to Camp sometime in the near future!

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.



Rick Ross

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.



Craig Mace as a dog sled guide in Canada

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.

Speaking of visiting Camp, alumni **Rich Chodes** visited Camp this summer and told us that he had a really great experience! He e-mailed and said of his visit:

"I did manage to visit Mi-Te-Na earlier this month (August) and it was a really great experience-a real blast from the past! Remember, I had not stepped foot on campgrounds since 1979 so it was really cool to relive those good old days! I hadn't seen Rick since then either but I recognized him right away! Rick was the best-he gave me, my dad, and my son an in-depth tour of the old and new camp. I even got to go into the bunk and see my bed that I was in my first year there! It was just so great and Rick was so nice too." Thanks for taking the time to visit Camp, Rich!

Camp Registration

The Alumni Association would like to remind everyone about the upcoming 2006 camping season. The Manchester YMCA's two overnight camps, Camp Mi-Te-Na for Boys and Camp Foss for Girls, offer girls and boys ages 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 or dfarmer@gmfymca.org.



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

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