

Alumni Smoke Signals

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Save The Dates For Two Upcoming Alumni Events!

The Mi-Te-Na and Foss Alumni Associations have scheduled our third annual staff/alumni **Dodgeball Tourney**, which will be held at the Greater Manchester Family YMCA on **April 17, 2010** from **1pm until 3pm**. Everyone who attended last year had a great time playing! Even if you are not interested in playing dodgeball, feel free to come and hang out.

the staff get the camp ready for the arrival of campers later in June. Tours of Camp Mi-Te-Na will also be offered. After the work is done, we will play softball, have a poker tournament benefiting the Camp Mi-Te-Na scholarship fund, and enjoy a campfire later in the evening. Your help would be much appreciated!

We also really need your help! We are holding our annual alumni **Clean Up the Camp!** event at both Camps Mi-Te-Na and Foss on **June 12-13, 2010**. Alumni will complete small work projects around camp, such as picking up brush, and help

Interested in learning more about these events or being added to our alumni e-mail list, please send us an e-mail with your information to Ben Howe, alumni coordinator, at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.

Programs At Camp Mi-Te-Na in 2010

2012 Is Coming

**2012 is
Camp Mi-Te-Na's
100th year
IN OPERATION!!**

**How-How for
Camp Mi-Te-Na!**

**Plans for this big
milestone are in the
works. Keep on the
lookout for future notices
for additional information!**



Sam Hunt Dining Hall

Bringing Back Some Old Favorites!

Camp program staff are interested in learning about your favorite activities from when you attended camp, as they are interested in reintroducing activities from other eras that may not be offered today. Please e-mail Ben Howe (at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com) a brief description of your favorite activity and any pictures and we may decide to incorporate it into this summer's program schedule. If your activity is incorporated, we will publish your name and the activity in a future newsletter. Thanks in advance for your help!

Tony Terragni with Adam & Sarah Wolff at Songs for Scholarships event

Paintball!

Paintball is coming to Camp Mi-Te-Na in 2010. This summer paintball will be offered to Frontiers. Paintball is an exciting, fast paced, action packed sport. Each camper who participates will go through a safety orientation going over all rules, guidelines and etiquette before participating in full games. Through this new program, participants will play on teams which will reinforce camaraderie and friendship.



Songs for Scholarship Report

The Mi-Te-Na and Foss Alumni Associations raised \$910 on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at the Songs for Scholarships Benefit Concert held at Milly's Tavern in Manchester. All money raised went to the scholarship funds for Camp Mi-Te-Na and Camp Foss.



Alumnus Allen McRae
of the Tin Thistles

We would like to thank the 36 camp advisory board members, Mi-Te-Na and Foss alumni and staff, friends and others who attended the event or made donations. Everyone had a great time! We would also like to thank all of the acts that performed during the evening and did a great job—The Tin Thistles (featuring Camp Mi-Te-Na alumnus, Allen McRae), Human Chemistry (featuring Camp Mi-Te-Na alumnus, Seth Davis), Johnny Keys, and the Max Sullivan Group!



Max Sullivan

Director's Message

Greetings Mi-Te-Na Alumni – I hope you had a fantastic winter but now it is time to start thinking camp! We've already started opening up the facilities and I do believe this is the earliest we've started to open camp. Camper weeks are looking good as compared to last year and we are hoping to fill camp this summer. So for all you alumni and friends who have boys ages 7-15 that are not signed up for Camp Mi-Te-Na yet let's do quickly. Hope to see you all at the June alumni event.

Rick Ross
Camp Mi-Te-Na Director



Come Visit Camp Mi-Te-Na While You Drop Off Your Child

The Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association would like to remind everyone about the upcoming 2010 camping season. The Greater Manchester Family YMCA's two overnight camps, Camp Mi-Te-Na for Boys and Camp Foss for Girls, offer boys and girls 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.



Rick Ross, Gretchen Klene & Deb Farmer

Planning a Trip to New England This Summer?

We'd love to see you at Camp Mi-Te-Na! Thanks to our generous supporters, a lot of great changes have been made at camp over the years, but one thing remains the same—our spirit! Join us for a delicious camp meal and some camp songs. E-mail Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com for more information!

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 old pictures and other memorabilia (e.g., flags, old yearbooks) to Deb Farmer @ the Manchester YMCA for the room, we would appreciate it!

Updates From Our Alumni

Our first alumni update comes from **Mike Jette**. Mike, in 2009, is now in his 19th year at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook, NH. He was recently named Principal of the Year! How-How to Mike! The principalship keeps him busy and he really enjoys the work.

Peter McKenzie is doing well. He has switched jobs, but is still working in the aquatics industry. He is now working for Great Wolf Lodge as the Director of Aquatics. Great Wolf Resorts is a company that owns several Northwoods themed, all suite style hotels with indoor waterparks attached to them. He started with them in January and helped open the newest resort in Charlotte at the end of last March. So far, things have been great.

Craig Sonis has been substitute teaching a lot this year and continues to try to lock down a teaching job. He also passed his Middle School Math Teaching exam.

Jay Weller is married and lives in Loveland, about 45 minutes north of Denver, CO. While he lives in Colorado now, he gets back to NH pretty frequently for work and to visit family.

Jason Johnson lives in the Denver area and is in sales. He has 3 kids.

Kevin Peoples lives in Vermont.

Our first international alumni updates come from **Mags Boyle**. She worked in the infirmary at camp for the summer of 1997 and had great fun. She is married and lives in Ireland.

Matthew Jordan has been a Principal of a local elementary school since January 2009.

The school is about 15 miles away from his home and has 200 children from ages 3 to 11.

Matt McLaughlin is still working abroad for the Peace Corps, for at least another 8 months or so. He is still trying to get a mosquito net distribution finished in his region. Good luck, Matt!



Matt McLaughlin in Africa

Campfire Alum Updates

Leah Spencer Pereira e-mailed to let us know that she is doing well. She is happily married with three little children—two girls and a boy (6, 4, and 2) who keep her quite busy. When Lexi (the oldest) was born, she left work to take care of them full time. She has a blog, which can be viewed at

http://simsekstrikes.typepad.com/simsek_strikes/.



Jeff, Christine and Brian McCarthy at Brian's recent wedding

Your Generous Support Keeps Camp Alive!

When you make a donation to Camp Mi-Te-Na, you make a valuable investment in the future. Your generosity helps us make much-needed renovations, build new facilities, and acquire new equipment, but in the big picture, your dollars do so much more than that. They are an investment that helps us build stronger, healthier kids who learn to become caring, responsible adults. Please see the below for the many ways you can donate to camp:

Endowment Fund

Your personal gift to the endowment fund, either by an immediate gift or a gift in your estate plan, will help us continue to offer generations of future campers a fun, safe, and supportive environment to learn and explore, while embracing the YMCA's core values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. Camp Mi-Te-Na is deeply honored to be remembered by our alumni and friends in such a personal and significant way.

Tribute Gifts

Honor a friend or family member with a gift to camp. Your thoughtfulness will be very much appreciated and the gift will have a lasting impact.

Crescent Club

The 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 annually.

Personalized Brick Program

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 lasting mark—a personalized brick! For a minimum of \$150, a donor will receive a personalized brick that will be placed around the Seymore Ross Pavilion by the Mi-Te-Na Green House.

Corporate Matching Gift Program

Does the opportunity to double your donation to camp without additional writing another check sound too good to you? Camp Mi-Te-Na's Corporate Matching Gift program is a great way to do just that! Many companies are pleased to support their employees' donations by matching your gift to a non-profit organization. In order to have your donation matched, please contact your Human Resources Department to request a Matching Gift form and instructions regarding your employer's matching gifts process.

Camp Wish List

Camp Mi-Te-Na is always looking for quality camping and outdoor equipment. If you have an item you would like to donate please make sure it is in good working condition. Not sure if what you have would make a good donation? Please contact us and let us know what you have to donate. If you are local, we can pick up the item. All donations are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

If you are interested in taking advantage of any of these donation options or have any questions, please contact Tom Archer, Executive Director of Camping Services Branch, at tarcher@gmfymca.org.

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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.

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, we heard from Barrett and Estelle Sullivan. According to Barrett, he and Estelle met at Camp Mi-Te-Na in the 1990's on top of the zip line platform for a team building event for the staff from Camp Foss. He and Estelle still talk about that time often and the adventures that they pursued after their first meeting. He and Estelle were married in Key West, Florida at Ft. Zachary Taylor beach on a lovely afternoon in April 2004. They had a few close friends and family that attended the wedding, including Craig Maxwell Mace and Ricky Ross. By the way, they showed up to the wedding in a pink flamingo mustang with the top down! It suited Rick, Craig and Key West appropriately. Barrett and Estelle now live in Breckenridge, Colorado with their young son, Dylan. Dylan plans on attending camp and making his stamp on the camp lifestyle! Thanks for the great story, Barrett and Estelle!



Barrett & Estelle Sullivan
wedding

Check out Camp's Website

We have posted past copies of the alumni newsletter and pictures from previous events on this site. Log on to www.campmitena.org.

Check Us Out on Facebook & Twitter!

Did you know that the Camp Mi-Te-Na Alumni Association is on Facebook? The Alumni Association has a group page on Facebook where you can reconnect with old friends and learn about fantastic upcoming events. Camp Mi-Te-Na is also on Twitter, <http://twitter.com/campmitena>. Please contact Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Keep In Touch

Want to know what's going on at Camp Mi-Te-Na? You can also visit www.bunk1.com and sign up to receive the latest updates! Bunk1 gives alumni access to camp news. Sign up today and keep in touch!

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.

We Need Your Help to Expand Recruitment Efforts!!

We need your help! We are trying to spread the word about camp in-state, out of state, and abroad and are looking for alumni volunteers to hang a flyer in your employer's cafeteria, to host a camp party at your home or church, or to communicate with some of the schools in your area. It would be a big help. For more information about volunteering or if you have any questions about this effort, please contact Ben Howe at mitenaalumni@yahoo.com.

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