

Greetings from Camp Willson!

May 2007

The count down to summer camp is at full throttle! Associate Executive Director Maggie Haverfield and Associate Program Director Mike Costlow are busy finishing up the hiring of our newest alumni – the summer staff of 2007! International staff continue to be an important part of our summer staff. We will have staff from *Denmark, Germany, England, Hong Kong, New Zealand, France, Columbia, Brazil, Venezuela, and Egypt.*

Former campers now on staff include: Rob Coalter, Shawn Coner, Nikki Armstrong (daughter of Jamie Wagner Armstrong), Will Gordon, Scott Martin, Ryan Hooper (son of Diane Wagner Hooper), Courtney Oler, Sarah Criner, Luke Marriott, Katiy Schleich, Meghan Mohr Hager. (apologies if I forgot anyone)

If you know of someone who would love to attend camp this summer, please check out our website or give us a call! Some sessions are beginning to fill up, so register soon!

Kids to Camp Scholarship Program

Each year, approximately 1 child in 10 attends camp through our “Kids to Camp” Scholarship program. These kids come from all walks of life, but there are family situations that make it impossible for the family to be able to afford the cost of camp. The children are from low income working families, single parent families, a parent has lost a job, foster parents, the child is raised by grandparents, usually due to the parent’s drug usage, and so many more situations. Please consider making a donation to our “Kids to Camp Scholarship Fund. A \$35 gift provides a ½ day camp experience and \$420 provides a full week of camp. Any tax-deductible donation you can make will help get the kids to camp this summer!

Construction Update!

Plans are in the works for **New Staff Housing!** Anyone who has worked outdoor education or was a director is very aware that our year round housing has never been “up to snuff”. Thanks to the generosity of Grange Insurance, we will be building 3 new 1,600 square foot townhouses to give staff the living conditions that they deserve. This housing will be located on the hill below the Birdhouse and across from the waterfront boardwalk. The old trailer will finally die, hopefully never to return! We continue to work on funding for a new horsebarn.

Staff Snippets

- ☺ **Rob Goodrich** (2004-06 + numerous years as a camper) writes in saying all is well with him at Wright State. He’s busy but nothing that he can’t handle. He recently spent some time at Lake Cumberland doing a little fishing – reliving his fishing camp trip with Tracy Rhea and the rest of the boys!
- ☺ From **Allison Memory** (2006): Every time I read a newsletter, it saddens me that I will not be returning to work at camp. I plan on returning one of these days with my children though! (not any time soon!!!!). I also wanted to let you know that I recently celebrated my 21st Birthday on April 10. It was a wonderful evening of dinner and a movie with my boyfriend. Each day that I think of camp, it just makes me thankful that I had such a wonderful opportunity, and I am still telling camp stories almost a year later!! Thank you for giving me the best summer of my life, I really appreciate it.
- ☺ Special thanks to **Aaron Leadingham, Cheryl Erwin, Meghan Mohr Hager** and **Abby Rose** for their calling of summer camp parents requesting donations for our Kids to Camp Scholarship Program!
- ☺ Our prayers go out to **Dave Martin** (92-93) who is currently undergoing kidney dialysis and hopes to have a kidney transplant this summer. Dave works for Consolidated Care in Bellefontaine and will be bringing kids to camp this summer to complete work projects 2 days a week.
- ☺ **Jeremy Stanton** (1986) writes: It may be twenty one years ago but I vividly recall my time as a camp counsellor; “my momma don’t where no socks”, “rise and shine” your guitar, wonderful burgers, Hershey bar and marshmallow, the camp fire, “welcome to the family”, water snakes and turtles; camp outs, swimming, sailing, crafts, the cabins, softball, family camp, the great bunch of kids, and a really cracking bunch of counsellors to enjoy it all with. I came to CW as a YMCA counsellor from England and loved every minute. 21 years, a family of three, a French wife and a few grey hairs later and the memory is still fresh. I hope my kids are lucky enough to enjoy the same.

- ☺ Thanks go out to **David Steinman** who organizes our Men's Camp "Kids to Camp" Campaign. Through his efforts, \$1,695 has been raised to provide camp experiences for kids this summer! Thanks to both Dave and the donors!
- ☺ **Dave Shelby** (1937-49 as camper & staff) and his wife Janet visited camp on a beautiful day in May. We walked around camp, chatted and had a wonderful visit.
- ☺ We really enjoyed having **Bruce and Kathy Boyer** (former camp director from 1979-83) attend our 25th Anniversary of the Christian Leadership Conference. Bruce and Kathy started our CLC in 1982 and Kathy made the first 3 banners hanging in the dining hall!
- ☺ A memorial service will be held for **Margaret Wilcox** in Steuben OH on June 2. Please call Anne if you would like more information to attend.
- ☺ From **Alaina Zyhowski** (2004-06): I'm finishing my internship and I actually submitted my last project to a contest. It's called the Smart Power/You Tube Clean Energy Challenge. Would you please forward the link to other summer camp/OE staff? Everyone is welcome to watch the 30 sec. PSA (and give it a high rating of course). I used Photoshop to draw and Adobe After Effects to animate. Enjoy!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=af8msVrK44w>
- ☺ From **Anabelle (Maggard) Malcolm** (2001) I am currently living in Manhattan, Kansas -- my husband Mark is stationed at nearby Fort Riley. He is a captain in the Army JAG Corps, which is the legal branch of the Army. Unfortunately, we just found out that he will be deploying to Iraq in early July -- probably for 15 months now, with the recent announcement of deployment extensions. Thankfully, he will be stationed at a large and relatively 'safe' base, and he will have little reason to leave the base, since he'll be dealing mainly with administrative law, legal assistance, and criminal law -- all of which are intense and time-consuming, but will require him to be inside an office rather than "out and about." It will be a really difficult time, but I will be staying here in Kansas because I have a lot going on out here -- for one thing, I am in graduate school at Kansas State -- still planning to teach high school English. I am playing clarinet in the K-State Symphony Band and the Manhattan Municipal Band, and I will begin taking lessons with the K-State clarinet professor in the fall . . . once a band geek, always a band geek, I guess. Of particular interest to Camp Willson, I have been taking horseback riding lessons since we moved to Kansas in January 2006. In fact, I have my second horse show next weekend! I am learning English hunter/jumper riding. I am even leasing my "own" horse, a 17 year old Quarter Horse who is a retired show jumper. He is teaching me how to jump. I'm schooling over 2' - 2'6" fences and having an absolute blast. :-) The only downside is that I am competing against little kids, but that's more funny than depressing, in my opinion. Hey, I'm just getting a late start!
- ☺ Welcome Dave Henshaw who was on staff in the late 70's early 80's. He was part of the Ranch staff.
- ☺ Imagine my surprise yesterday when I walked through the Dining Hall and ran into Australian **David Wilson** (2005, 06)! David is in for a visit after spending the past year in England. He heads back to England after some US travel and visiting of all his camp friends. He plans to return to Australia in November.
- ☺ Thanks to **Jeb Smith** ('04-'06), **Amanda Thomas** (2004, 06) and **Scott Martin** (2006 & 07) for working this spring!
- ☺ We welcome **Missy (Harrod) Fendrick** back to our alumni group! Missy was on summer camp staff in 1987 and 1988 and returned with her school where she teaches, Village Academy for 3 days of outdoor education.



Missy: 2nd row, 2nd from right

If anyone can name the staff in these pictures, we would appreciate it! We know many, but are a little shaky on some of the names!

Family News

- ☺ Congratulations to **Jen (Bradley)** (1996-98) and **Clint Rardon** ('93-'99) on the birth of their second child, Savannah Lynn on April 27, 2007. Brother Evan (1 ½ years old) is so happy to have a new sister!
- ☺ Congratulations to **Liz Ellsworth** (Fall 1999 – Summer 2000) on her recent engagement!
- ☺ Congratulations to **Dawn Kramer** (2000) on her recent engagement and new home!
- ☺ Congratulations to **Jamie Wagner Armstrong** (1970's) on her recent marriage
- ☺ Congratulations to **Amran Ariff Ahmad** (2001, 02, 03, 04, 06) on his upcoming marriage to Beth Browning! (July '07 wedding)

The Legend of the Elk found in Lake Mac-O-Chee is confirmed! **Phil Peters** contacted the Ohio Historical Society and received the following information: There was an elk recovered from Camp Wilson, Silver Lake -- this took place in 1960, with a 15-year-old camper making the initial discovery and later calling in the "Ohio State Museum" (synonymous with OHS in those days -- not OHS). Eventually two elk skeletons were discovered, and both were transferred to OSM (read "OHS"). In 1970, when OHS left the OSU campus, we worked out a long-term loan agreement with OSU, leaving a very large percentage of our natural history specimens with OSU for research purposes. These have never been cataloged or inventoried -- but we know from published sources that the two skeletons are part of the loan material.

A literary reference to the elk skeletons is: Goslin, Robert M. 1961. Projectile point found in elk skeleton. Ohio Archaeologist, v.11, no 3, p. 85.

See also: Ogden, J.G.III. 1966. Forest history of Ohio. I. Radiocarbon dates and pollen stratigraphy of Silver Lake, Logan Co., Ohio: Ohio Journal of Science, V66, p. 387-400.

Goslin, while cleaning the first specimen, discovered a large hole in the right scapula and a malformed rib that had been split and re-healed by bone growth. Embedded in the rib were three tiny flint chips. This skeleton was never carbon dated, but a separate study of the lake in 1966 suggested they might be about 650 years old.

From Anne: **Dan Rousch** was the 15 year old camper. He told me years ago that he found the Elk antler exposed above the water because there was a drought that summer (early 1960's. He found it to the south of the swim area (when looking down the hill, on the left side).

Upcoming Programs You Can attend!

(Click on the highlighted info to connect to the webpage)

Summer Camp

June 17 – August 11, 2007

8 Different Weeks to choose from for boys and girls ages 7 – 17!

Latigo Ladies

Fall 2008 Adult women Sunday afternoon horseback riding program. Call for rates and dates!

Men's Camp

August 25-31, 2007 For adult men. Come as long as you are able – for the day, the weekend or the week! Great food, lots of fishing, softball, golf offsite, tournaments, fellowship and relaxation!

Women's Weekend

September 21-23. Join us for a great weekend of pampering, crafts, massages and camp fun!

[Family Camp](#) Join us for our first ever Fall Family Camp, October 19-21, 2007! Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend family camps are full, but our new October camp is sure to be a winner (and filling up quickly)!

[Horselover's Weekend](#) October 19-21, 2007
Boys and girls ages 10-14 will enjoy a great weekend of horseback riding!

Volunteer Opportunities

Invasive Plants Abound at Camp. We need your help!

In order to keep camp looking great, we are in need of help to rid the lake and forests of plants that are taking over. If you have a couple hours that you could come to camp and remove some plants, we would love it! The plants of concern are:

- Honeysuckle:* This bush-like small tree has taken over the undergrowth of camp's forested areas. In order to allow the native trees come through, these small trees need cut, removed and chemically treated to prevent their return.
- Garlic Mustard:* This small plant is located throughout the woods. It is crowding out our other wildflowers and is taking over. These plants need to be pulled, and removed in plastic bags to prevent the spreading of their seeds.
- Purple Loosestrife:* This one is the really scary one! This is a plant that grows along the edge of our beautiful Lake Mac-O-Chee. Purple loosestrife has not spread enough that it is taking over the perimeter of the lake yet! We need to catch it before it grows out of control!

Do you have some extra time on Sunday afternoons this summer? We could use some volunteers to help with summer camp check-in. Primary responsibilities will be to help get people to their cabins and the waterfront and generally help kids and parents feel comfortable and welcome. (No bathroom cleaning for volunteers!). If interested, please give Anne a call at 800-423-0427. Sundays between June 17 and August 5.

Upcoming Birthdays

SCHLEICH, Katiy	May 25
GRIFFITHS, "Becks"	May 27
LING, Doh Kin	May 28
BAUMGARTNER, Dane	May 29
BEACHY, Caroline	May 29
KIMBREY, Penny	June 2
BAKER, Michele	June 3
ALEXANDER, Danika	June 4
LEFEBVRE, Laura	June 4
AHMAD, Amran	June 5
CRAIG, Adam	June 5
FISHER, Kimm	June 6
JACOBS, Andrew	June 12
KNIPPEN, Sandra (Sandy)	June 13
CASADY, Kim	June 15
SCHLEICH, Becky	June 15
MONROY AGUILAR, Marta	June 17
BOLANDER, Lydia	June 18
PACE, Katie	June 18
EHRMAN, Mollie	June 20
BECKLEY, Katie	June 21
BELLIS, Brent	June 22
HUR, Yuna	June 22
TSAY, Yelena (Lena)	June 22
DICKERSON, Susan	June 24
MEDORS, Tommy	June 24
ARNOLD, Travis	June 25
FOSNAUGH, Chris "Fos"	June 26

GILLMAN, Reid	June 26
ARMSTRONG, Nikki	June 27
ROBERTS, Brandie	June 29
CRINER, Sarah	June 30
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LOVETT, Sam	June 30

Camp Wish List

- Outdoor Basketballs
- Volleyballs
- Flat Screen Computer Monitor
- Tennis Rackets
- Medical Supplies (bandaids, ace bandages, etc.)
- Splash Balls
- Horse Trailer
- Horses
- Office Supplies (paper, scissors, postNnotes, big rubber bands)
- Maintenance Vehicle (Mule, Gator, etc.)
- White Three Ring Binders (1-1 ½ inch)
- Bungee cords (all sizes)
- Laminating Machine (large enough for a piece of poster board)
- Laminate sheets
- PVC pipe (all lengths and diameter for games)
- Trencher
- Shop Vac
- Mattress Sheets (all sizes and colors)
- Crockpots (used for candlemaking)