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Changes

Over the last several years, I have been chronicling the changes at camp in this newsletter – new construction, new programs and new staff members. Not only has there been a physical transformation, the scope and mission of the facility has changed. The camping season used to begin in June and end in September. Presently, the camp is used almost year-round by both scouting and non-scouting groups. Around the island adventures, scuba diving, overnight backpacking and trail bike expeditions to the isthmus are all new activities offered to campers. I think that this change keeps the camp fresh and vital; ensuring that campers come back year after year and always have something new to try.

Of course all this change could prove distracting to the staff, but Lee Harrison, the current Camp Director, has managed to keep his staff focused on providing an excellent experience for campers. He has done this without detracting from what I believe are important parts of the Emerald Bay staff experience: Appreciation of the incredible natural setting of the camp, bonding with staff and the immense satisfaction of providing service to others.

Someone once said that the only constant in the world is change. That goes for this newsletter too. Sean Gardinier will be taking over as newsletter editor beginning with the next issue. I am sure that he is going to enliven these pages with selected photos from his excellent collection. Sean can provide a fresh prospective on camp to the Alumni.

I have enjoyed putting the newsletter together and look forward to serving the Alumni and camp in a new way.

-Bob Fenton, Editor



Camp sailboats on Bayshore Beach are readied for sailing

New Faces on the Alumni Board

New board members were elected to the Emerald Bay Alumni Board at the January 15 board meeting. Dennis Conneally, Rich Wise, Jim Patterson, Bob Fenton, Alan Solursh, James Duarte, Scott Porter, Andrew Wilder, Steve Kofal, David McAlister, and Sean Gardinier were elected to the board. Bob Fenton, former newsletter editor, was elected chairman. Alan Solursh, a new member of the board, was elected vice chairman. David McAllister was elected secretary. Jim Patterson will continue as treasurer. Richard Wise volunteered to chair the summer reunion. The board selected August 16-17, 2003 as the date for the reunion. Andrew Wilder will continue to be in charge of communication services, including the Alumni's web presence. Several board members praised Andrew's work on the website and it's tremendous potential for member outreach.

Chairman Bob Fenton praised outgoing board members for their dedication and contributions to camp and looked forward to working with the new board to further the Alumni's goal of supporting the program at Camp Emerald Bay.

Save the Date

The 2003 Emerald Bay Alumni annual summer Reunion is scheduled for August 16-17 at Emerald Bay. The cost of the reunion for food and transportation are expected to be similar to last year's reunion. Details will be released in the next issue of the Chronicle. Ricard Wise is the chairman of the reunion and has promised that alumni and their families will enjoy a weekend of comraderie, sun, and family fun.



The foundation for the Marine Science Center on North Hill near the campfire circle.

Calendar of Events

- Jun 1, 2003 - Pre Week
- Jun 8, 2003 - Pre-Week
- Aug16, 2003 - Alumni Reunion
- Sep 1, 2003 - Camp Closes

projects. Bob admits that managing large construction projects on an island is a challenge, but he is pleased with the projects that have been completed. Bob, a long time camp person, is responsible for most of the major construction projects at the camp since the '60s. Resident Ranger Brian Pierce has also played a big part in the construction projects. He is responsible for all of the grading for the buildings and for the water and fire suppression systems.

The Marine Science Center is currently under construction and Bob expects to complete it by summer. The Handicraft Lodge and Health Lodge are scheduled to be completed next, with the Resident Ranger's and Doctor's houses to follow soon after.

Construction Continues at Camp

The physical transformation of Camp Emerald Bay continues at a blistering pace. The dedication of the many new buildings last summer including the trading post, which also houses the business office, shower and bathroom buildings and the training center marked the completion of the first phase of

the "Master Plan" for Emerald Bay. The new water and fire suppression systems, which includes a water tank in the hills above the camp, and additional staff cabins and bathrooms were also completed and made operational last summer. Bob Hawkins, the general contractor, is overseeing the construction

Yes, I want to help support Camp Emerald Bay. My contribution will be used to help the program and develop the facility at Emerald Bay. My donation will help the Alumni achieve the goal of supporting the program at Camp Emerald Bay.

I am enclosing: 25\$ 50\$ \$100 \$500 \$_____

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Letters to the Editor

Moon Walk

I started the summer in the crafts lodge and after the break took over the rifle range. The most memorable moment was watching Neil Armstrong walk on the moon in the old staff lounge on a tiny black and white TV.

Doug Murphy, '69
Phoenix, AZ

EB Forever

My god, bring me back home to EB! The 7-years (1971 thru 1997) I was on staff are the best years I ever had in my life. It's the closest thing to Robinson Caruso one could ever, ever have... having grown up in SoCal...and still having to deal with it. I miss the personalities, the work, the fun... especially all the fond memories (literally 1,000's), the people and the BEAUTY of the Island, which is matched nowhere else in the world.

Contact me, please. I'll be an EB staffer forever! (I've even arranged to have my ashes tossed off of arrow point...100 years from now if this EB staffer ever dies.)

Dan Schmalen, '71-77
Philadelphia, PA

Back in the Day

Ah...back in the days at EB. I remember my two ranger bros Loren and Tex. What ever

happened to you guys? I want to come back and have another summer. College has dragged me away for long enough. I shall return...soon.

Cameron Miller, '99
Redlands, CA



Comrades Lasting

I finally got off my duff and am assembling emails and new-and-improved photos for you [the Alumni website].

By the way, Jeff Nordhaus died in a DC-10 plane crash in Chicago in the late 1970s. I was the Ranger of his troop in 1973. He was our Ranger when Dave Gardner, "Leroy" Ryan and I came over with Dave's troop in 1974. I remember in 1975, Jeff had this new tape that Led Zeppelin just put out, with the song "Stairway to Heaven." Jeff told me that he had to hide the tape, because everyone on staff kept playing and re-playing that tape and that song in particular. Jeff, myself, and another staff man used to

play this game called "B. B. Britches." While we were all "in" the game, none of us could say a word that began with the letter "B." If we did, the others could pound us in the arm until we remembered and said "B. B. Britches." Of course, we would always try to trick each other into saying a "b" word while we were talking with some camp official or a scoutmaster. Good times. Good guy. His name is listed on a plaque under the Eucalyptus tree.

Steve Ogg, '71-75, '91
West Greenwich, RI

Across the Years

It has been so many years and I just happened across this sight this past weekend! Let me know how I might be of help in keeping yours and the others hard work going!

Pat Donahoo, 72-75
Las Vegas, Nevada





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A Slice of Camp Life



Waterfront staff cleaning rowboats at the end of "F" dock.



The Maintenance Crew admires their handiwork, the steps leading to the new cabins on South Hill.

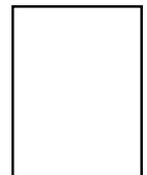


"Where's your buddy tag?" Tommy Turnstile at the Waterfront.



Helpful High Adventure Staff assists a scout with a bicycle.

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