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Message from the Chair

Summer is Here Again!

The 2014 summer session is into the first few weeks, and the staff has already been through a water shortage and a round of the “Catalina Crud”. All that, while continuing to provide an excellent program for all the scouts and leaders that come out to see all that EB has to offer. It is that dedication to the program, willingness to get the job done, and assist each other that are some of the best parts of being on staff.

I am looking forward to being there soon for the beautiful weather, the clear water, and even more so, to see that camaraderie and teamwork in action. See you at the reunion!

-Dave McAlister, Chairman



A busy day on the Emerald Bay waterfront during last summer.

25th Annual Reunion at Emerald Bay

The 25th annual Emerald Bay Association Reunion is scheduled for August 2 and 3 at Emerald Bay. Alumni and their families are invited to spend the weekend at camp and relive their glory days on staff and reconnect with camp friends. During the day, the waterfront and other program areas will be open. The camp store will be open for souvenirs and snacks. In the evening, there will be a special reception for adults and a campfire with smores for everyone. A tour of the new staff cabins, which are being completed with financial support from the EBA, will be conducted. On Sunday, the Triathlon, the annual Association meeting and the fund raising auction will be held.

Complete Reunion information is provided on page two of this issue. Join in the fun, sun and friends. See you on the island!

Birds of a Feather

If you have visited the Pennington Marine Science Center at Emerald Bay, you already know that they have a fine collection of fish and creatures that live in the sea on display. The well stocked aquariums in the Center display fish and mollusks that inhabit the kelp forests and rocky coves around the island. What you may not know is that the Center also boasts a large collection of sea birds, which are all found on the island. Dave Chan, the Director of the Center, says that there are currently eleven specimens in the collection and it is growing. Dave says that the birds die of natural causes and then he gives them to Arthur Langton, a former staff man, member of the Audubon Society and friend of Camp. Mr. Langton gives the birds to a taxidermist who prepares them for display. They are then donated back to the Center.

Along with familiar birds like brown pelicans and great blue herons, there are some rare birds in the collection. The pelagic cormorant, which is rarely found near the island, is on display. Another interesting bird is the black crown night heron. The staff knows this bird as the “Bistro Bomber” because of the messy “bombs” it

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2014 Annual Emerald Bay Alumni Summer Reunion

What: The 25th annual Emerald Bay Alumni Summer Reunion at Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island. A weekend of fun, sun, fellowship, and catching up with camp friends. The waterfront will be open during the day for swimming, snorkeling, and boating. A special dinner, campfire, triathlon, and auction are also planned. Alumni will be staying in a campsite near the dining hall. Wall tents, mattresses, and cots are provided, but bring a sleeping bag. Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch are included.

Who: Alumni, friends of camp, and immediate families

When: Saturday, August 2 – Sunday, August 3

How: A specially chartered Harbor Breeze Cruise boat from Long Beach directly into Camp. Approximate check in for the boat is 9:00 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure. The boat is at Dock 2 located near 100 Aquarium Way, in Long Beach. The boat will return Sunday to Long Beach at approximately 3:45 p.m. Check the EBA website for confirmed boat times. Parking in the structure, with validation, is \$10 per day.

Cost: Adults

\$120 for four meals and transportation
\$80 for food only (You provide transportation to camp)

Kids (under twelve), **Young Alumni** (under age 25) and **Sponsoring Members** (donated over \$100 during the past year)
\$100 for four meals and transportation; \$70 for four meals only (You provide transportation to camp)



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2013 Emerald Bay Alumni Summer Reunion Reservation

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Email _____

Food and Transportation:

_____ #Adults (\$120)
_____ #Kids and Young Alumni (\$100)
_____ #Sponsoring Members (\$100)

Food Only:

_____ #Adults (\$80)
_____ #Children (\$70)
_____ #Sponsoring Members (\$70)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please mail by July 15th to: Emerald Bay Alumni, P.O. Box 959, Venice, CA 90294. Make checks payable to the Emerald Bay Alumni or **pay online at www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/reunion**



Birds (from page 1)

leaves in the Bistro.

Dave feels that the bird collection helps to convey the importance of birds to the marine ecosystem. Some people think birds are nuisances, but they help the environment in ways that are not obvious. They control populations of fish by eating them and disperse seeds that attach to their feathers or that they ingest and later deposit on land. They also help marine biologists locate schools of fish by circling above them.

According to Dave, new birds are added periodically. Asked if Cock Robin might be displayed, the answer was no because Cock Robin was not native to the island. Next time you visit the Pennington Marine Science Center, after you get tired of looking at the fish and petting the sharks, check out the birds. How often do you get to look up close at a pelagic cormorant or black crown night heron?

Where in Emerald Bay?



Where was this structure located and what was it used for? Give up? This was the old Rifle Range which has since been torn down and replaced. It stood in the same location as the new Rifle Range. This picture was taken in May, 2001 before the range was set up for the summer.



Stand-up paddle boarding is one of the new activities available on the waterfront. The wide boards and calm bay are ideal for learning how to do it.

Calendar of Events

Jun 08	First Camping Session
Aug 2-3	Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion
Aug 09	End of Last Camping Session

Yes, I want to support Camp Emerald Bay.

I am enclosing: () \$50 () \$100 () \$250 () \$500 () \$1000 () \$_____

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Scenes from Emerald Bay



Mammal Studies in the Nature Area.



The brown pelican is one of the birds on display in the Pennington Marine Science Center.



Bob Hawkins consulting with Brian Pierce concerning the construction of the new staff housing on South Hill.



Craft classes in the Handicraft Lodge.

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