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Message from the Chair

Into the Future

Last year, 2015, was the 90th anniversary of camp and this year opens a brand new chapter in the life of this very special place. As much as there will be new things done and seen out there, there will also be many of those long-held traditions that we all love. The staff will still wear red-striped socks and act goofy for the amusement of the scouts, while also being great role models for them. I can't wait to get out there and watch this next decade and generation of camp happen. See you out there!



Lifeguard duty at Emerald Bay.



Toby Sharp, left, introduces the next wine in the tasting as Brad Rothenberg listens.

Wine Tasting for a Good Cause

The seventh annual Emerald Bay Association Wine Tasting is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro. The well-attended event begins at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a selection of fine wines especially chosen for this event. Light snack pairings such as cheese, crackers and fruit and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

The Emerald Bay Association's evening of wine tasting is not just a social event. It is an opportunity to showcase and support the Emerald Bay Campership Program. Through

the campership program, we provide opportunities for worthy Scouts to experience the character-building environment of Camp Emerald Bay. This is one of the most directly impactful things we can do for families, our community, and the camp.

The campership program sponsors Scouts who financially struggle to attend a week of camp at Emerald Bay with their troops. A gift of just \$250 enables a Scout to attend camp for a week and provides him with a life-affirming Emerald Bay experience. The cost of (See **Wine Tasting** on page 3)

Emerald Bay Association Ski Trip

Thanks to El Nino, there is a lot of snow in the mountains. The powdery white stuff is waiting for you and your Emerald Bay Association friends. The dates are set! Join the EBA in Mammoth Mountain March 18 – 20, 2016 for a ski weekend event.

Whether you want to hit the slopes or enjoy hanging out in the cabin we can guarantee a great weekend of fellowship

and camaraderie. This year we will have a cabin right by the Eagle Express lift with a private Jacuzzi! Cost will most likely be around \$100/ person (depending on how many people attend) for the weekend. This would include cabin and food. If you have any questions, want to RSVP or have a free spot for carpooling please contact Jessica Schem at jessica@emeraldbayalumni.org.





Sharpshooter Aims for the Gold

Attending Camp Emerald Bay for a week or a summer can have a profound affect. Read what Leo Merle has to say about his camp experience. "During the summer of 2010 while attending Camp Emerald Bay, I was given an opportunity to shoot at all three shooting ranges - archery, rifle, and shotgun. It was the end of the second to last day of camp, and I had some free time. The staff was kind enough to let me shoot. I had shot the rifle and drew the bow and it was very close to the end of free-time so I decided to head up to the shotgun range. The range master gave me the basic tutorial on how to shoot the gun safely and let me at it. Ten targets later and breaking all ten clays I was hooked. Now, five years, four state, three national, and one international competition later, I'm still in love with it."



The Shotgun Range staff instruct a Scout during the summer of 2015.

Leo just celebrated earning his Eagle Scout Award on October 25th and is now a Senior at Vista Del Lago High School. In 2013/2014 respectively Merle was ranked 12th and 50th in the country competing at the US Open Youth Clay Shooting Championship and is ranked 3rd in the CA State Sporting Clays Championship.

Leo has his eyes set on the 2020 Olympics. He is forgoing 2016 to ensure he finishes his education. In addition

to his shooting talent, he is a star cross country runner. He is currently training with Sue Natrass (Olympic and World Champion Trap Shooter) and hopes to compete in Olympic Bunker (or International Trap which is twice as fast as traditional trap shooting).

Leo is grateful to Emerald Bay and to Scouting for inspiring him to pursue his passions.

(This article was reprinted with permission from Lee Harrison, Acting Scout Executive)

Conquering the Mountain

When I get the chance to go to Emerald Bay for more than a few days, I try to fit in a hike to Silver Peak. I really appreciate hiking on the Island. The rugged and beautiful interior is dry, dusty and once you get away from the main road, not heavily traveled. Silver Peak is one of my favorite hiking destinations.

There are many ways to get to Silver Peak which is an 1800 foot peak on the west end of Catalina Island. The fence line route that begins at the back of camp is probably the quickest, though very steep in some parts. A more adventurous route begins above Parson's waterfall and is a cross-country route. The nice thing about cross-country on an island is that is hard to

get lost and pretty easy to navigate. This past summer I joined the Rugged E and the High Adventure staff on a trip to Silver Peak. We took the cross-country route from above Parson's.

I made sure I had enough water and snacks and met the group at the gate at the back of camp. The High Adventure staff assisted the group of Scouts and adults, who had varied hiking abilities, up the mountainside. The Scouts were put in charge of picking out the route and making sure that everyone was keeping up.

We finally summited and all felt a sense of accomplishment that I am sure will not be forgotten by the Scouts and the adults.

- Robert Fenton, Editor



High Adventure Staff pose for a picture.



Wine Tasting (from page 1)

hosting the wine tasting is borne by donors which ensures that one hundred percent of your donation will go directly towards sending scouts to camp this summer.

The EBA is grateful to the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club for allowing us to use their facility. The yacht Club is located in the Cabrillo Marina in the LA

Harbor at 211 W 22nd Street, San Pedro, 90731. Please do not park at the yacht club, instead park in the free parking lot across the street from the yacht club.

We look forward to seeing you on April 30th for an enjoyable evening of camaraderie and fellowship. For more information and to RSVP, please visit emeraldbayalumni.org/winetasting.

Where on Catalina Island?



Where was this picture taken? A couple of clues: the view is to the north and that point just to the right of center is the top of Arrow Point. Cattle used to graze on the flat plain in the middle of the picture. Scouts used to war canoe to the beach below the cliffs. This is the view from the road to West End above the waterfall that is above Parson's Beach.

Till We Meet Again

Dr. Jeremy Hogan has reported that Nathan Farley, who served on staff in the Trading Post in 1989 and 1990, died of complications of diabetes in November of 2014, at the age of 40.

Skilled with his hands, Nate loved windsurfing and making lanyards in Scoutcraft while at Emerald Bay. He will be missed by family and friends.



An undated photo of Nathan Farley

Calendar of Events

- Jun 05 First Camping Session
- Mar 18-20 Alumni Ski Trip
- Apr 30 Wine Tasting
- Aug 13-14 Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion
- Aug 14 End of Last Camping Session

Yes, I want to support Camp Emerald Bay.

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Scenes from Summer 2015 at Emerald Bay



Program Director Scott Gunn addresses incoming campers in the Emerald Bay Alumni Campfire Circle.



Hardworking Rangers set up a dining fly in La Jolla campsite.



Volunteer Geoff Gunn assists at the Shotgun Range. He missed.



Canoeing instruction on Canoe Beach at Emerald Bay.

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