

# The Emerald Bay Chronicle

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## Stars on the Water

I was fortunate to be a part of the Emerald Bay Staff again this past summer. As the camp photographer, I was lucky to spend time with every area in camp. The quality of the staff, their energy, integrity, and enthusiasm is unparalleled to any other group I have ever experienced. Week after week, the appraisals submitted by scoutmasters rave about the fine young men and women of the Camp Emerald Bay Staff and it is easy to see why. Here are just a few examples:

On the waterfront, Travis' patience with first time canoers, Scotty's enthusiasm, and JR and Lance's skill in sailing keeps scouts shouting for more. Ranger Brian C's endless energy and Hoover's genuine approach to scouts make troop activities fun. Scoutcraft Becky's patience with splicing and lashings made difficult skills learnable. Handicraft Pat's eagerness to coach scouts in basketry time after time was impressive. At fieldsports, Joseph and Charlie's direct instruction built confidence in scout's shooting skills. Nature Sarah made learning fun and meaningful. In High Adventure, scouts absolutely loved Johnny's positive personality and uniqueness. And that maintenance crew, they made Manny's look like playtime.

The 2004 stars were led by a great management team: Lee Harrison, Brian Pierce, Dave Melton, and Clif Stewart, who collectively focus the talents of the staff toward serving the needs of Emerald Bay campers.

I congratulate the entire EB Staff of 2004 on an outstanding summer of scouting and adventure. ☘

-Sean Gardinier, Editor



2004 Emerald Bay Alumni Summer Reunion. Visit us online for more photos!

## Successful Summer EBA Reunion

The 2004 Emerald Bay Alumni summer reunion was a successful event. Almost 100 alumni and their families attended the annual event at Camp Emerald Bay, Santa Catalina Island on August 14-15. Alumni came from all over the United States to spend the weekend in the beautiful bay with old friends. Dale Eikmeier and his daughter came all the way from Pennsylvania.

The current camp staff welcomed the reunion participants. The staff opened their areas for alumni to use, even though it was their day off. Alumni sailed in the bay, kayaked to Indian Rock, snorkeled in Doctor's Cove, and shot at the newly built Rifle Range. The new Rifle Range was built with funding donated by the Alumni.

A highlight of the Saturday night campfire was a story by John Wilson. He began his story with some memories of Bob Hawkins as Camp Director. Both current and former

staff participated in the campfire which ended with the singing of the Emerald Bay Hymn.

Sunday's activities began early with the second annual Emerald Bay Alumni Triathlon (see article on page 3). Following the Triathlon, the memorabilia auction on Sunday raised almost \$3000 that will be utilized to support the camp and camp staff. Ideas for new fund raising goals for the Alumni were discussed at the annual meeting. The fund raising goals for the 2005 summer season will be finalized in the Fall.

If you missed this year's reunion, plan to attend next August.

-Bob Fenton, EBA Chair





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# New Interactive EBA Website Goes LIVE!

The new Emerald Bay Alumni homepage lists current camp news, events, and announcements.

Andrew Wilder, Dave McAlister, and I have been discussing plans for a new interactive website for over a year and its finally here! The new site is completely dynamic, allowing users to author the content. The result will be new articles, events, and photographs every time you visit! The front page to the site serves as an event and news bulletin board. Here, you will see announcements posted by EBA board members, work party notices posted by the Camp Director and Program Director, and other articles pertinent to camp.

On the left hand column of the page you will be able to navigate to the other areas of the new site. The Community link will take you to the forums (see article, next page). The Photograph section, my favorite area on the site, will allow you to view our collective photo albums. Here, you may also upload your photos of camp to share with everyone. While viewing images, you can leave comments to compliment the story the photo tells.

Moving down on the column is the Chronicle section. Here is where you will access our quarterly newsletter and past archives. Next, the Museum has a

nearly complete patch board, staff neckerchiefs, and many other memorabilia items displayed.

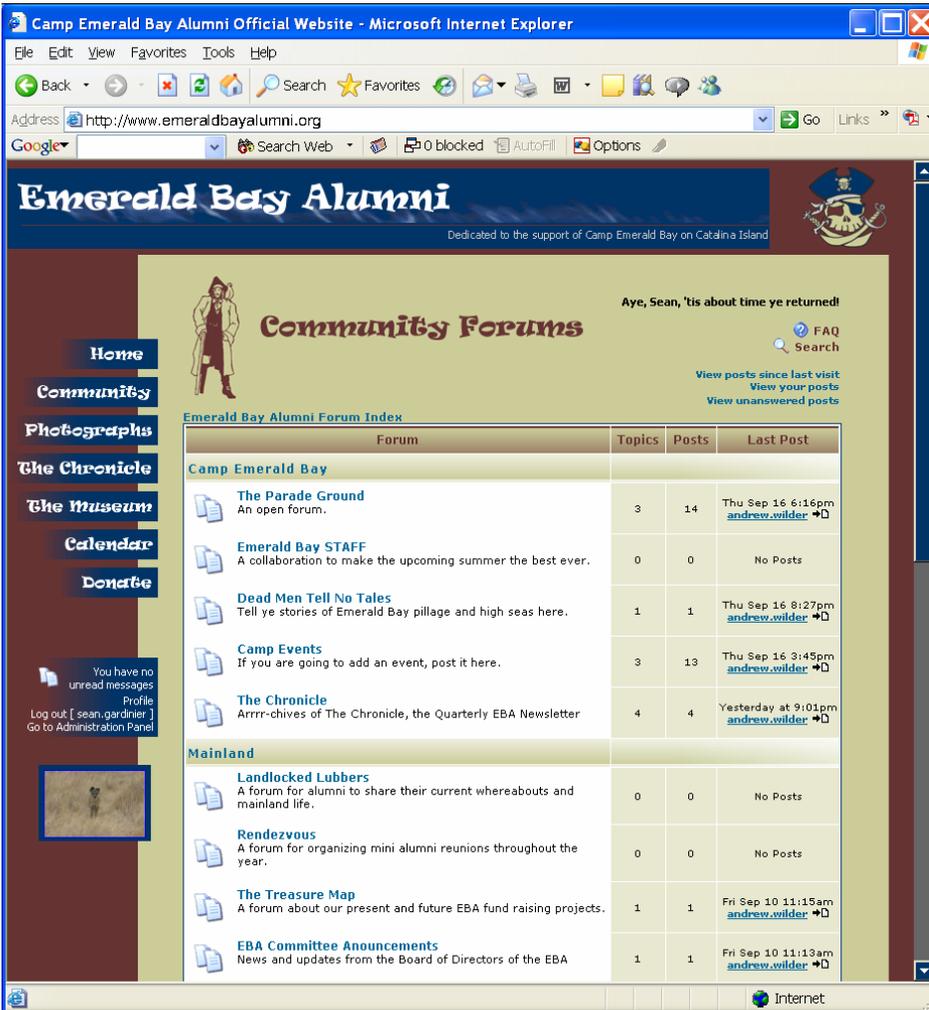
The Calendar shows the events posted by board members and the camp management. This will include dates for reunions, work parties, and other camp related activities.

At the bottom of the main links is the Donate section. Here, you can read about our current fundraising project and make a contribution or a monthly pledge.

Go online and check out the new site We already took the liberty of registering you. On the back page you will find your username and password. Once logged on, you will have access to all the features noted. Enjoy and happy browsing! ☠

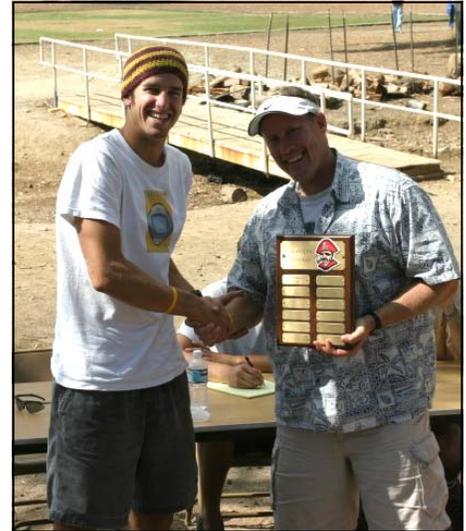
## Updating Your Contact Information

Moving soon? Have a new email address? Your parents keep getting your Chronicle? Updating your contact information with the EBA has never been easier. Log on to the new website with your user name and password and you will be able to update your current information. Simply click on "Profile" in the left hand column. Here you can update your address, email, and Chronicle preference. I urge you to **select to receive the Chronicle via email** as it will save us time, paper, and most importantly, money. Plus, you'll see the Chronicle first while everyone is waiting for it via snail mail. ☠



### Kirk Hetherington Takes First Place in the 2nd Annual Emerald Bay Alumni Triathlon

### Emerald Bay Alumni Triathlon



Race Dir., Rich Wise, congratulates Kirk.

The 2nd annual EBA triathlon was a great success! Last year's champ, Pat McDonald, held the lead through the swim and kayak but was quickly overtaken on the run. Waterfront Dir. Kirk Hetherington dominated the run, finishing first place. High Adventure Dir., Dusty Rael, finished second followed by Dave "Ziggy" Ziegler in third place. EBA Secretary Dave McAlister pulled in for fourth and Camp Director Lee Harrison finished 5th despite a strong swim and a finely honed physique. All in all, everyone had a great time. A special thanks to all the volunteers that helped make the race possible.



2004 Triathlon Participants.

The EBA Online Community allows us to keep in touch and up to date with camp events.

## The New EBA Online Community

As the head of the Communications Committee on the EBA board, I've been given the challenge of improving how we stay in touch with our network of current and former staff, parents, and volunteers. The original EBA website, created by Toby Sharp, was a terrific starting point, and became a central place for Alumni to check in and see things such as photographs and the patchboard. But, as good as it was, it was very static--and took a lot of tedious work to update and maintain. The new website changes all of that. Now, because of the dynamic nature of the site, we can all contribute to its success. Once you're logged in, you can post messages to the board or to other Alumni, view and upload photographs, check the calendar of events, or even make a financial contribution via Paypal! And, perhaps most importantly, you can make sure our contact information for you is up to date. With your participation, the new website will become the hub for all of our communications--bringing the idea of "Fellowship and Comrades Lasting" into the modern era. We'll see you in the forums! -Andrew Wilder





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## **YOUR Online Username and Password, Log On and Visit Us Today!**

The label to the right contains your username and unique password. Once you are logged on, you can post and reply to messages, send mail to other users, upload photos, and much more. I would first suggest updating your profile and changing your password to something you can easily remember. ☒

*Your password is case-sensitive!*



Shotgun Joseph coaches a scout.



Chuck Cutforth made many new signs.



Cock Robin performed outside!



2004 CITs, Second Half.



Darren Gunn in flight, MLV.



CIT Mikey on War Canoe.

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