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A Letter to the Alumni

It's been a tremendous year for the EBA. Among other accomplishments, we completed the new Emerald Bay Alumni Campfire Circle and had a record turnout at the Summer Reunion. We've also been working on some exciting changes for next year, and want to share a few of them with you:

- **The EBA Endowment** - You should have received a letter in the mail recently announcing the creation of the EBA Endowment. We're tremendously excited about this new endeavor, and hope you are too! Our initial goal is to receive donations from 500 individuals over the next two years. We're well on our way, and if you haven't contributed yet, please do so today! Visit www.emeraldbayalumni.org/endowment to learn more and to donate.
- **Membership Categories** - The EBA's membership is comprised of current and former staff--along with everyone who is a friend of the camp in any capacity. But we're not just a bunch of stodgy old geezers! We are reaching out to our younger members, and we've created some new membership categories. From now on, we'll be making our events more accessible to our younger members by implementing tiered pricing, along with other activities and events specifically focused on each of our membership groups:
 - Current Staff - If you are currently employed by Camp, or were employed during the most recent season, then you're Current Staff! This includes Program Staff, Business Staff, Camp Management, Marine Center Staff, SCUBA Staff, Kitchen Crew, and anyone else that has worked for the camp during the most recent season. Your service to Camp is incredibly important, and we'd love for you to join our seasonal events, such as the Fall BBQ, for FREE!
 - Young Alumni - If you're associated with Camp and under the age of 25, you're Young Alumni! We know that you might not be raking in the big bucks just yet, but we do recognize your tremendous ability and zeal to support Emerald Bay in other ways! Young Alumni will be invited to our seasonal events such as the Summer Reunion and Fall BBQ at a deeply discounted rate.
 - General Members - What's that? You're over 25? Congratulations! Thank you for your continued support!

- **Supporting Membership Program**

Through the amazing outpouring of support from our members, our organization has grown substantially in the recent years. As a result, it's time we developed formal Donor Recognition Levels for the following annual donations:

Doctor's Cove (\$100-\$499) (Young Alumni are eligible for Doctor's Cove recognition with a \$25 donation.)

Arrow Point (\$500-\$999)

Silver Peak (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Emerald Circle (\$5,000 and up)

All donors will receive recognition in our annual report. All Doctor's Cove (and above) members will receive a 10% discount to the Summer Reunion. All Arrow Point (and above) members will receive a limited-edition thank-you gift. Silver Peak and Emerald Circle Members will be invited to an exclusive annual recognition event. Of course, the best benefit is supporting a great Camp and knowing that we're all members of a lasting fellowship

We're proud of what we've already accomplished, and are excited for what 2010 and beyond will bring. *Thank you for your continued support!*

In fellowship and comrades lasting,

Andrew Wilder, EBA Chairman and Dave McAlister, EBA Vice-Chairman

PS - Our growing organization requires tons of work. We're all volunteers with day jobs, and would truly appreciate an extra helping hand. If you've got mad skills on a computer, are a fierce writer, or are just darn good on the telephone, we'd love to have your help. Give us a shout at admin@emeraldbayalumni.org to lend a hand!



Summer Sports

The seven inning stretch at Dodger Stadium was never better than when the EBA made an appearance. Dodgers, Pirates, blankets, and all you can eat hot dogs, who knew this would be a great recipe for a wonderful night of fellowship and fun.

On September 15, the EBA organized an outing to watch the Los Angeles Dodgers play a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates, an appropriate game for the Pirates of EB to attend to scream, yell, cheer, and eat a massive amount of food. The Pirates of the EBA purchased tickets for \$35 to sit in the "All You Can Eat" section at Dodger stadium this thrilling Tuesday night. This allowed the EBA to consume hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn, nachos, and soda as much as they wanted as long as they were willing to stand in the long line to get to them. This was also a night, to the EBA's surprise, where the Dodgers were giving out free Dodger fleece blankets. Every fan received one as he or she entered the stadium to watch the game.

Those that left early missed a great game. The Dodgers began to rally and come back from behind to tie the game up and send it to extra innings in the bottom of the 9th. The Pirates again took the lead in the top of the 13th and it seemed like this would be the end of the Dodgers for this game. In the bottom of the 13th Dodger outfielder Andre Ethier came up to bat. The Dodgers were down with one out and one man on base. Ethier knocked it straight in front of the EBA's section. EBA members tried to catch the ball, but it was caught by another fan as the rest of the stadium celebrated the home run and the win.
- Clif Stewart



Joe Lyon preparing for the running segment of the Triathlon.

First Times and Cool Swims

This past summer's Alumni Reunion was full of firsts. The first time a reunion campfire was conducted in the recently completed Emerald Bay Alumni Campfire Circle. The first time we had over 150 attendees for the reunion. The first donations for the new Alumni endowment were pledged. The Alumni paid for a shore boat to retrieve the staff from the Isthmus Saturday evening for the first time. And finally, the first time that a team competed in the Triathlon.

I am proud to say I was a member of that team. I don't want to take anything away from Joe Lyon, the winner of the triathlon, but our team will always be known as the first team to complete the triathlon. I swam the first leg of the race, the quarter mile. Scott Nussbaum, who traveled from New York for the reunion, paddled around Indian Head Rock and back. The last leg of the race was handled by Andrew Wilder, Chairman of the Board. He ran for his life and team to Howlands and back. I now know how Michael Phelps felt when his teammates came through and secured him his Olympic gold medal for the swimming relay. We did not have the fastest time for the course that day, but we did come in first in our division (don't ask how many teams entered).

I also participated in the reunion campfire and made a pledge to kick-off the endowment fund. Participating in those two events gave me great satisfaction. In fact, the new campfire circle was a focal point of activity during the reunion weekend. Not only did we have the campfire there, the annual meeting and auction were conducted in the stadium that Alumni donations made possible. The success of the campfire circle project motivated me to make my pledge for the endowment. I want the Alumni to be able to continue to contribute to camp, and I want to continue to assist that effort.

Participating in all of the events of the Alumni weekend reminded me of why I enjoy my visits to camp. Sure I enjoy the snorkeling and hiking, but being active in Alumni events and working with friends on projects that help camp gives me a great feeling. I can't wait for the reunion next year!

-Bob Fenton, Editor



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Images from the 2009 Reunion



A very tasty dutch oven cobbler cook-off



Triathlon Winners: Pat Mc Donald, Joe Lyon and Ace Raphael



Richard Wise and Clif Stewart auction a staff flag



EBA Chairman Andrew Wilder addresses the Alumni

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