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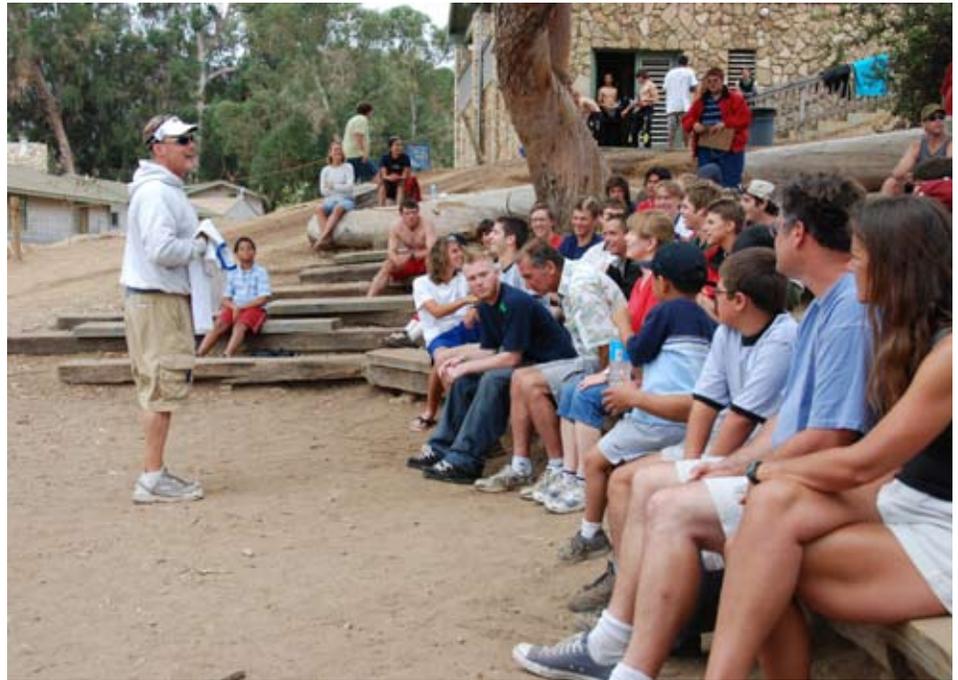
Echoes of a Campfire

I remember vividly the day my parents dropped me off at UC Davis in Northern California where I attended college. They helped me get my footlocker and duffle bag into my dorm room and said goodbye. I did not know anyone on my floor, and felt very alone. I had been away from home before, having been on Camp staff for a couple of years, but this was different. I didn't know anyone here and home was five hundred miles away.

What has this got to do with Camp? A few weeks later I was going up the stairwell to my room and heard someone playing guitar in the stairwell. It sounded familiar. I continued up to the next landing where I encountered the guitar player. playing "The Cat Came Back." It was not only the song that was familiar, the voice singing it also sounded familiar. I asked the guitar player where he learned that song and he told me he learned it at a camp, Camp Emerald Bay. His name was Terry and he had been a ranger at Camp when I was there as a camper. I remember being mesmerized at the campfires not only by his singing but also by memorable skits such as "Herbie Blitzkicker" and "EB Players." As a young Scout, the campfires made a big impression on me. They still do.

Terry and I talked about Camp and swapped Camp stories. We ended up in his dorm room where he showed me a staff jacket that he had in his closet. It was an amazing coincidence that proves that no matter where you are, you are never far away from Camp.

- Bob Fenton, Editor



Richard Wise auctions off Alumni memorabilia at the 2007 Alumni Reunion.

Return for the Reunion

Pack the sunscreen, bathing suit and don't forget the kids. It is time for the 2008 Alumni Reunion at Camp Emerald Bay. A weekend of fun, sun and memories are planned for the alumni and their families on Saturday, August 16-Sunday, August 17. The waterfront will be open for alumni to relive their glory days as bronze gods or goddesses. Swimming, snorkeling, sailing, sun bathing, hiking, field sports and mountain biking are some of the activities available for alumni. The annual meeting, Emerald Bay Triathlon and memorabilia auction will be conducted during the weekend.

Lodging will be in tents in a campsite near the dining hall. Cots and mattresses are provided, but bring a sleeping bag. Meals include Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch. The cost of the reunion, including transportation from Marina Del Rey is \$100 for adults and \$90 for kids under twelve. Alumni can register and pay for the reunion on line at www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org or return the tear-off on page 2.

Calling all Rangers

Most of you are probably aware that the EBA is in the final stages of raising funds to build the new campfire circle. A hearty thanks to all of you who have participated. Naming rights have been assigned to most of the benches, though a few remain. This leaves naming rights open on the 2 fire rings in the circle. The "Garbanzos" have raised nearly 70% of the \$10k needed to name one of the rings. Congratulations on that good work! A group of dedicated Rangers are determined to raise the funds necessary to name the other ring. In just a few short weeks, Rangers old and new have pledged nearly \$2,000.00. On board already: Alf, B. Morimoto, V. Whiting, F. Dustin, D. Zimmerman, N. Norton, B. Cook, D. Watt, M. Riley and L. Harrison. The call is now made to all EB Rangers (and (See **Rangers to the Rescue**, page 3)



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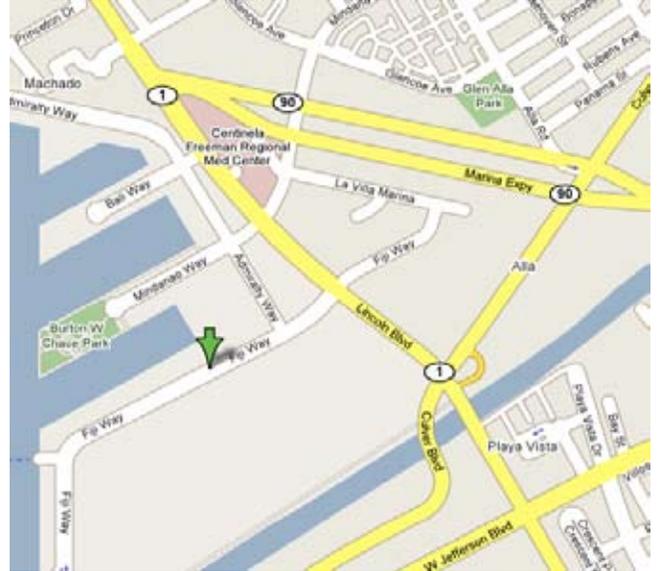
2008 Annual Emerald Bay Alumni Summer Reunion

What: The 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, supporters and immediate families

When: Saturday, August 16 – Sunday, August 17

How: Alumni will be taking a high-speed boat which will leave from Fisherman's Village, located on Fiji Way, in Marina Del Rey. The boat is located behind the El Torito Restaurant. Check in time is 7:45 a.m. and the boat will leave at 8:00 a.m. Alternate arrangements can be made through the Catalina Express which leaves out of San Pedro and arrives at the Isthmus. Alumni must make arrange for a shore boat from the Isthmus to camp.



Cost: Adults
\$100 for four meals and transportation
\$60 for food only (You provide transportation to camp)

Kids (under twelve)
\$90 for four meals and transportation
\$50 for four meals only (You provide transportation to camp)

Buy Your Spot Online: Making a reservation for the reunion has never been easier. Point your browser to: www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org and click on the "Store."

2008 Emerald Bay Alumni Summer Reunion Reservation

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Email _____

Food and Transportation:

_____ #Adults (\$100)

_____ #Kids (\$90)

Food Only:

_____ #Adults (\$60)

_____ #Children (\$50)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please mail by July 25th to: Emerald Bay Alumni, P.O. Box 959, Venice, CA 90294
Make checks payable to the Emerald Bay Alumni.



Fund Raising Update

The Alumni has raised over \$53,000 of the \$65,000 needed to rebuild the campfire circle at Camp Emerald Bay. The new Emerald Bay Alumni Campfire Circle will face the bay and have more

seating. Alumni Chairman Andrew Wilder is pleased with the fund raising effort and is certain that the goal will be met by this summer's Alumni reunion. If you haven't contributed, it's not too late. Use the tear-off below or go to www.CampfireCircle.org to donate.

Rangers to the Rescue

(from page 1) any other interested alum!) to join us in getting this done. As the old saying goes, "If you need something done in camp, get the Rangers."

Visit the CFC site at www.campfirecircle.org and/or send me an email at "rich@emeraldbayalumni.org".

- Thanks in advance, Rich Wise

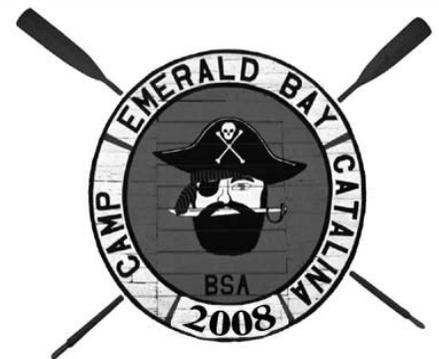
Where in Emerald Bay?



The Cliff House was the traditional summer home of the Camp Director for many years. It had a commanding view of the bay from a porch that was later converted to an enclosed office. The Cliff House was remodeled and renovated many times over the years. Ranger Brian Pierce and former Ranger Dave Dobbs are shown in this picture. Where was the Cliff House? It was located about where the Doctor's Cabin is now.

Calendar of Events

- May 17 -18 - Santa Barbara Trip
- Jun 1 - Pre-Week
- Aug 16-17 - Alumni Reunion
- Sep 1 - Scout Sessions End



Yes, I want to help rebuild the campfire circle at Camp Emerald Bay.

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

Name _____

Email Address _____

Please send your donation to the Emerald Bay Alumni, P.O. Box 959. Venice, CA, 90294
To learn more and donate online, please go to www.campfirecircle.org.



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www.emeraldbayalumni.org

Images from the 2007 Reunion



Competitors at the starting line for the 2007 Triathlon



Alumni enjoying the bay and the 2007 Reunion



Sean Gardinier beginning a dive near Blue Caverns



They are not goats and too skinny to be buffalo. This photo was taken near the dining hall.

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