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Microwaves and Silver Mines

Dave Lerew and I were volunteering at Camp over the Memorial Day holiday. Dave, in countless volunteer hours, has single handedly engineered the phone and networking system at camp. He is in the middle of establishing a microwave link that will modernize communications at camp. This weekend, he was performing some tweaks on the system. My volunteer efforts involved trying not to hurt myself while using hand tools in the Boat House.

Volunteers provide valuable service to Camp in many areas. In exchange, volunteers feel good about helping a worthy cause and get to enjoy Camp. Chuck Cutforth routed many of the signs around Camp. Dan Broliar handcrafted the amazing wood Priate sculpture. Volunteers help to set Camp up in the spring and help to take it down in the fall.

Dave and I decided to take a break from our efforts and walk up to the Silver Mine. Neither Dave nor I could remember when we had last visited the mine. We decided to walk up the wash beginning where the wash crosses the road near the back end of camp. At first the walking was easy up the dry and barren wash, but soon the canyon narrowed and became choked with brush with a small stream running down the middle. This was a lot more work than I remembered.

After an hour or so of bushwacking, Dave pointed out a (See **Silver Mine**, page 3)



Triathletes compete in the kayaking portion of the 2008 Emerald Bay Triathlon.

Summer Sponsors

Children look forward to going to camp in the summer. Summer camp is an opportunity for kids to explore, learn new skills and experience independence in a safe and exciting environment. For others, summer camp can be an escape from the pressures of growing up and difficult home situations. Emerald Bay offers an amazing adventure for youth lucky enough to be able to attend. But what about kids who can not afford the cost of spending a week at camp but would benefit from the experience?

Kirk Hetherington, Camp Director of Camp Emerald Bay, wants to make sure that every boy who wants to, or needs to, experience summer camp at Emerald Bay is able to come. In 2008, 181 youth were awarded with camperships that made the week affordable. Kirk would like to increase that amount this year and have even more deserving youth come to camp.

The Alumni Board has donated \$15,000 towards the campership program this summer. The Board plans to continue to support this worthy cause with future donations. Please consider a donation to help send more kids to camp.

Campfire Circle Dedication

The spectacular, new Emerald Bay Alumni Campfire Circle is complete! The stone amphitheater that seats 700 and faces the bay is ready for summer campfires. The dedication ceremony will be during the Alumni Reunion, on August 15th. We hope that all of our generous donors will be able to attend and be recognized for their incredible support. (See the next page for information on attending the Reunion.)



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2009 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 15 – Sunday, August 16

How: Alumni will be taking a specially chartered Catalina Express Boat from the Catalina Express San Pedro terminal directly into Camp. Check in for the boat is 11:00 a.m. The terminal is located under the Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro. (See map insert for directions)

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)

Catalina Sea & Air Terminal, Berth 95, San Pedro
Take the (110) Harbor Freeway south to San Pedro. Take the Terminal Island, Exit ramp 47. Stay in right lane, exit Harbor Blvd. Follow signs to Catalina Terminal, Berth 95.



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.”

2009 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.



So Long, It's Been Good To Know You

Executive Director Lee Harrison announced that Kirk Hetherington will step down as Camp Director as

of July 1. Kirk will attend an MBA program in Virginia. John Vrbanac will also be leaving in August to attend graduate school. John and Kirk have provided excellent leadership and will be missed.

Where in Emerald Bay?



The Bayshore, with Gary Rosenstein on the porch, was among the older cabins on South Hill. With its beachfront setting and commanding view of the harbor, the Bayshore was a popular cabin that usually housed senior staff. In the early days it would house up to eight staff. Later it became the Program Directors cabin. It was torn down to make way for the executive director's cabin, the Lighthouse.

Silver Mine

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sign high up on the hillside. After a scary scramble up the hillside, we arrived at the Silver Mine. It looks much as it did when I was last here except that it is now an official bat habitat and has a stainless steel grill that prevents entry. I did not see any bats, but Dave was certain they were hiding inside.

We found an easier way to get back down from the mine and made it back to camp in time to get cleaned up for dinner. I am not sure if the Silver Mine, with or without bats, is still a popular hiking destination with campers, but I enjoyed rediscovering it with Dave.

- Bob Fenton, Editor

Calendar of Events

Jun 7-13	- Pre-Week
Jun 14	- First Session Begins
Aug 15-16	- Alumni Reunion and Dedication of the Campfire Circle
Aug 28	- Last Session

Yes, I want to help raise funds to support Camp Emerald Bay.

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

Name _____

Email Address _____

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Images from the 2008 Reunion



Alumnus Pat McDonald and Daughter



Clif Stewart auctioning off a 1993 staff sweatshirt



Bruce Morimoto and son taking aim on the Rifle Range



Alumni preparing for a kayak excursion in the bay

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