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Back to the Island

Life has changed so much since our days of war canoes and barge crews. College came and went and now a career dictates our life. Regardless of the path, a piece of who we are had its origins at Camp Emerald Bay: a magical place filled with life long experiences, new skills, and most importantly, fellowship and comrades lasting.

Its been so long for many of us and now is the perfect time to start giving back. **Steve Feld**, a recent donor, wrote to the EBA:

“Donations are a small token for the knowledge and structure that EB gave me as a scout. Now as an adult, I am enjoying the camp in a different way and so much more. Giving back is as enjoyable as receiving. Best wishes for the new year to all of you that have worked so hard in keeping our memories alive. And here is to the future leaders of America as they experience what we did as kids. Unfortunately it is not the same as the old days, but if we can help a few kids along the way, we have accomplished the full circle of giving back.”

I would love to see more of us from the 90's catch Steve's spirit of giving. Whether time, volunteering, or any size of donation, giving back to camp is very rewarding. Make a few phone calls this month to old camp buddies and ask them to match your donation or to join you out at camp for this summer's alumni reunion.

Camp has done so much for us. In any way, shape, or form: give back to the island, give back to Emerald Bay.

-Sean Gardinier, Editor



Many of the pier pilings are coming to an end. Visit us online to help and to see more photos!

Camp Needs Your Help NOW!!!

This past summer, several waterfront staff began telling me about the condition of the main pier. They claimed that the pilings were rotten away. From the beach it was difficult for me to see any damage at the water line or above. They encouraged me to check again at low tide and to take pictures.

After checking the tide charts for the lowest tide of the week, I decided to venture out at 2am one night to see for myself. Shocked was an understatement! Not only was there one piling near the shore that was nearly non-existent, there were MANY!

The photo above is a close-up of one of the pilings near shore. What you can not tell is that the hole is large enough to put your arm through it! Touching it feels like a sponge. You literally can squeeze the wood, hearing it squish and squirt water as you apply pressure.

Looking out toward Yankee Land-

ing, there were a few more pilings with holes clearly visible. Several more pilings had been whittled down to toothpicks. Thankfully, the majority of the pilings appear to be sound but this does not go to say that the pier requires no immediate attention. Waterfront Director, Kirk Hetherington, tells me, “The pier is a time bomb waiting to explode. When it does happen, camp itself is at stake.”

Camp Director, Lee Harrison, is working diligently to fund a new pier. We, the Emerald Bay Alumni, have agreed to support Lee's effort to our best ability. You can help replace the pier and old docks today by joining us online at:

<http://www.emeraldbayalumni.org>

Online, you can make a contribution, join the discussions, or even contact Lee Harrison and the Camp Management to converse about how you or your organization can help more.





Kevin Niles (right), congratulates scholarship recipient, Matt Riley (left).

Kevin Michael Niles Scholarship

Last summer, Kevin Niles Sr. awarded the first ever scholarship offered to Camp Emerald Bay Staff. Staff member, Matt Riley, Assistant Ranger Director, was the first recipient of the scholarship.

Kevin Niles Sr. is an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 223 and Cub Master for Pack 223 located in Pacific Palisades. Kevin and his family wanted to give back to camp in the name of their dearly departed son, Kevin Michael. Kevin Sr. tells me that his son was fond of camp and the ocean and was quite the academic scholar himself. The Niles family is excited to offer this opportunity to current and future staff members of Camp Emerald Bay. Along with the scholarship, the Niles family also plans to develop a library and electronic research center in the new Training Center.

Staff will receive an application for the scholarship along with their hiring packet early this spring. Staff members that are leaving high school or beginning college are eligible to apply. Due by the designated date are the application, transcripts, recommendation letter from a BSA leader, and a personal essay. Kevin encourages all eligible staff to apply and to ensure that your application is complete and on time. "Its about the complete package of the individual," Kevin says about selecting the recipient. The winner will be notified during the summer season.

Matt Riley, a third year staff member, is from Scottsdale, Arizona. He is currently attending the University of Arizona majoring in Cellular and Molecular Biology with a focus in wildlife, watershed, and rangeland resources. ☘

The New Website

I would like to thank everyone who has logged in to the new website and contributed content. When you post, its like a thank you for the thousands of hours that Andrew and I have put into the site. We have many more features planned for the future, so check back often.

If you are unable to log in using the account that was provided to you, or you have simply lost your information, do not despair. Your Username is printed on your mailing label. If you have received this chronicle, that means you already have an account. If you do not know your password, simply click "I forgot my password" in the login window. A new password will be emailed to you. If that does not work in your favor, still no reason to stress. Create a new account and we will delete your old account for you.

Thanks again for visiting the site, keeping your information current, and contributing to the EBA!

-Dave McAlister, EBA Vice-Chair,
Communications Committee Chair ☘

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- ☠ and one very generous anonymous individual.

Monthly Pledges:

- ☠ Andrew Wilder
- ☠ Dave McAlister
- ☠ Joanne Fitzgerald
- ☠ The Moore Family
- ☠ Matt Borchard

You too can help support camp by going online to the EBA website and click, "Donate." You may either select a one time donation or make a monthly pledge. ☠

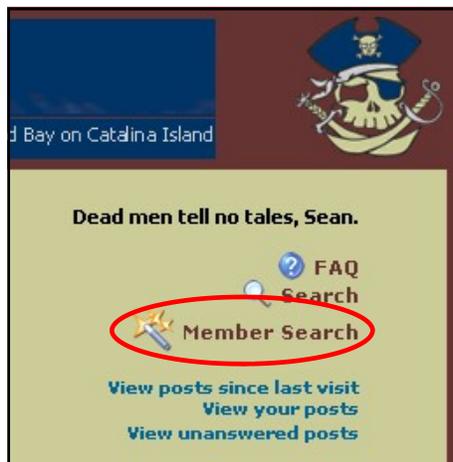
Docks Need Our Immediate Attention



Several dock sections went beyond repair during the 2004 summer season.

The docks on the waterfront are in just as bad shape, if not worse, than the pier. The above photo was a common site this past season. This particular dock section was not repairable and needed to be replaced. Countless hours were spent servicing the docks this past summer, sometimes hindering program. The wood in nearly all dock sections has rotted away. Cleats ripped out due to the frailty of the wood and adding nails and screws was often useless.

Three new dock sections were purchased to try out during the summer and they passed the test. The new docks do not require additional floatation, are very stable, more durable, and are safer than the old docks. The best part, in my opinion, is that they will not need to be scraped and painted every year. It will be expensive to replace all the docks and that is where we come in. Each new dock section costs about \$1500. Go online and help in anyway you can! ☠



The Member Search tool is located in the upper right hand side of the Communications page.

Looking for an Old Staff Buddy?

Finally, a resource dedicated to Fellowship and Comrades Lasting! Emerald Bay Alumni now have the capacity to search our data base for old camp buddies. The member search tool enables you to locate a member by name with the option of sending them an email message via the alumni website. Be sure to keep your email address updated in your profile so others can find you too! ☠



2005 Emerald Bay Alumni Summer Reunion, August 20-21, Be There!

Mark your calendar as booked for the weekend, August 20-21, 2005 for the annual EBA Summer Reunion. We are hoping to see a huge turn-out this year, especially with alumni from the 80's and 90's.

Along with the usual camp activities, the Third Annual Emerald Bay Alumni Triathlon will be held on the

morning of Sunday, August 21st. The winner will have his or her name placed on a plaque that is displayed at camp. If you are not up to participating, we will need numerous volunteers to help with the event.

Online Reunion Registration

Dave McAlister is currently working on adding a commerce compo-

nent to the new website. In the Spring Chronicle, Dave will be providing us with the procedures for registering and paying securely online for the summer reunion. This new feature will make it easier to pay for the event and to reserve and confirm transportation.

Hope to see you this summer! ☠



Post campfire, EB Staff.



2004 Maintenance Crew.



Waterfront staff, daily noon diving!



2004 EB Rangers.



Catalina Island Fox near nature area.



Handicraft Patrick works with a scout.

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