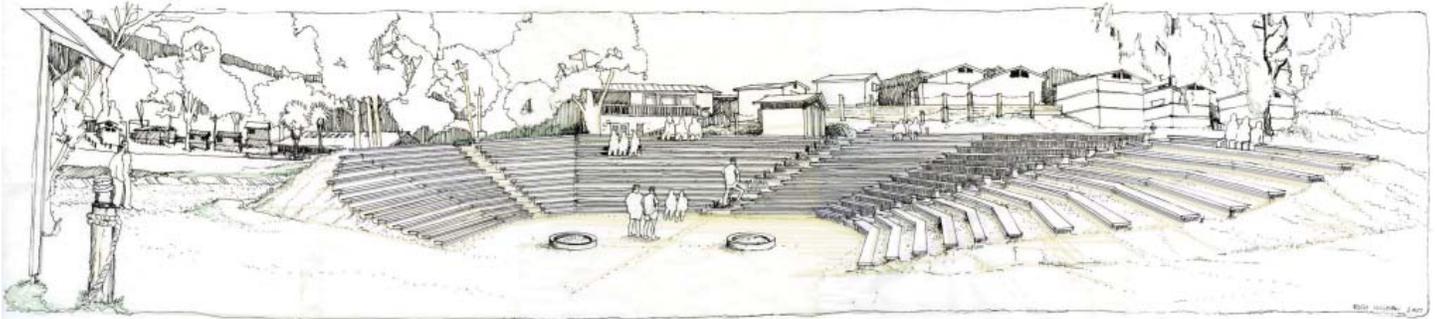


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Architect's rendering of the new Emerald Bay Alumni Campfire Circle that will seat 1000 and face the bay.

New Adventure

In this column, I often write about my memories of camp when I was on staff years ago. This time I am going to write about a new adventure with old friends Rich Wise and Lee Harrison.

The first weekend in February, Rich, Lee and I hitched a ride to the Island with Rich's brother and his friends who have a power boat. They were going to the Island to scuba dive and hunt for lobsters. The boat ride to the island was uneventful. The heavy marine layer retreated and partial sun warmed the cool morning.

The adventure began when we arrived at camp and had to make our way to shore by running the dinghy up on the beach. The piers were unusable because of the construction and because of the low tide.

We settled in to our cabin and then had a grand tour of the camp and the various construction projects courtesy of Brian Pierce, the Resident Ranger. Camp was quiet and serene, and because of the recent rains, a lush green.

We ended the busy day with a hike to Arrow Point to watch the (See **Adventure** on page 3)

Fundraising on Fire

A renovated campfire circle is closer to reality thanks to generous Emerald Bay Alumni donors. So far, the Alumni fundraising campaign that began during the August reunion, has raised almost \$47,000 of the \$65,000 needed to remodel the campfire circle. The new Emerald Bay Alumni Campfire Circle will be constructed in the same general area as the old one, but will be turned to face the bay. It will be larger with a seating capacity of 1000 campers and staff.

A review of the website www.campfirecircle.org shows

that many donors, both as individuals and as groups, are sponsoring benches by making a \$1000 donation or a fire ring for a \$10,000 donation. Groups such as the Garbanzos, 70's Staff or the Rangers can pool their resources and sponsor a bench or fire ring. Sponsors will be recognized with a small plaque embedded in the bench. Everyone is encouraged to contribute, no matter what the size of the contribution. Please visit www.campfirecircle.org and make your donation. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of rebuilding an important part of camp. ☠

Alumni Ski Adventure

Get your ski equipment tuned! We are excited to announce the 2008 Trip to Mammoth! Last season we went to Utah and had a really great time. This year we are going to Mammoth. We have a great cabin that we can all stay at for minimal cost that is walking distance from the Village and Village Gondola that will take you directly to the mountain! Carpooling will make transportation very affordable and even if you aren't willing / able to throw down for a lift ticket there are many other great activities in the area such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, hiking, hot tubs, and general sight seeing. We're gearing up for a trip that can be quite affordable and will definitely be a ton of fun for everyone! The trip will be the weekend of April 18-20. See the announcement at www.emeraldbayalumni.net and post there if you are interested in joining us!



Construction Begins



Visitors examine the new pier that is under construction at Emerald Bay.

Several construction projects began this winter at Emerald Bay. The badly dilapidated piers are being replaced and the dining hall kitchen and dishroom are being remodeled.

The construction of the new piers at Camp Emerald Bay has started. The main pier, which was badly deteriorated, will be replaced first. "B" pier will be replaced after the main pier is completed. The new main pier will be longer and wider than the existing pier. It will have a newly constructed floating dock attached to it that will be longer than the now destroyed Yankee Landing. The longer pier and floating dock sections will allow larger

boats to deliver passengers and supplies directly to our dock. In addition, a crane will be mounted on the pier that could be used to offload pallets from the supply boats and placed directly onto the pier or the back of a truck. Lines of staff off loading cargo by hand will be a thing of the past.

The pier is the result of ten years of planning and fund raising that was led by Executive Director Lee Harrison. The main pier is expected to be completed early in March and construction of the pier to replace "B" pier will begin shortly after that.

The dining hall kitchen

and storeroom are being repaired and remodeled. The walk-in refrigerator is being moved outside to a new cement slab attached to the back of the dining hall. The commissary, storeroom and old walk-in refrigerator walls have been removed leaving a large open space that will allow for greater storage with easier access. A small office and a washing machine and dryer are located where the old walk-in refrigerator was.

Bob and Rick Hawkins, who have constructed most of the new buildings in camp, are the contractors for the project. The dining hall project should be completed by March 1.



Adventure(cont. from Page 1)

sunset, forgetting that this time of the year the sun sets behind the Island. It was still a great hike and the vista from Arrow Point was grand.

Early the next morning, we were woken up by the sounds of wind, rain and waves crashing. A

quickly developing storm had moved in, which meant that we had to move out. We boarded the boat and the next couple of hours provided a wet and sloppy ride back to the mainland. The captain and passengers were relieved to be back in the Harbor. ☠

Where in Emerald Bay?



It's hard to tell, but that is Jim Patterson relaxing on the porch of an old cabin that no longer exists. Where was it located? Give up? It was the original Bayshore located about where the current Executive Director's cabin is located, above Bayshore Beach.

Alumni Board Elected

The election for the 2008 Emerald Bay Alumni Board of Directors was conducted at the January 24th meeting. Andrew Wilder was re-elected for a fourth term as the chairman. David McAlister was re-elected as vice chairman. Randy Lencioni was re-elected as Treasurer and Brad Rothenberg was re-elected as secretary. Bob Fenton, Dave Moore and Rich Wise will continue as voting members of the nine person board. Dan Bolton and Mike Botros were new voting members elected to serve on the board. Rich will serve as Fundraising Chairman, Dave as Communication Chairman, Brad as Volunteer Chairman and Bob Fenton will continue to edit the Chronicle. ☠

Calendar of Events

- Jun 1, 2008 - Pre-Week
- April 18-20 - Ski Trip
- Aug 16-17, 2008 - Alumni Reunion
- Sep 1, 2008 - Last Scout Session

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

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To learn more and donate online, please go to www.campfirecircle.org.



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A Slice of Summer Camp Life



Rod Wheeler (seated), Brian Pierce and a water front staff-man motor on dry land.



Scuba class for staff on the Saturday day off.



The small boat sailing class returns to shore.



Scoutmaster's Nightmare at the Aquacade. (Where have all the red rowboats gone?)

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