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The Weather is Here

Surprisingly enough, current staff call their normal lives the “off season.” Orion’s exit brings Scorpius upon the horizon and the rise of the Summer Triangle. Alas, the time change yields longer days and the air becomes heavy and warm. Perhaps these are the triggers that awake our camp personalities!

Over one hundred staff members soon will eagerly dust off their sandals, pull out their prized collection of paper-thin, stained, and ripped staff shirts bought at last year’s alumni auction, and attempt to get a “base tan” prior to departure to camp. If not already, the waterfront staff shortly will shop around for the hottest board shorts and shades while the nature staff browses EBay for the most obnoxious skit props. It will not be long before the EB 2004 Staff’s bags are packed and the cool Pacific breeze brushes upon their grinning cheeks.

From the moment the contract comes in the mail, I would be counting the days to summer. Rehired staff call and email each other soon after contracts go out. In a matter of days, the staff have mapped out the entire work force.

I was a bit excessive in planning, going as far as keeping an idea list in my school notebook. I even annoyed my area staff with delegating prep-jobs prior to camp beginning.

There is a childhood-like excitement that runs through each of us when planning to spend some time out at Emerald Bay; staff, scouts, and alumni alike. It is our Neverland. As always, feel free to contact me at: seangardinier@earthlink.net ☛

-Sean Gardinier, Editor



EBA Chairman, Bob Fenton, sits upon an old bike at the entrance to the brand new bike shop.

Donations Keep Pouring In—Now Made Easier

One of my favorite jobs with the EBA, is swinging by the P.O. Box to see what has turned up in the mail. Every week or so, I check the mail and read the notes from Alumni that occasionally accompany their contributions to the Mountain Bike Fund-raiser. It’s always good to hear from our alumni throughout the country. Look for a sampling of such notes in future issues of the Chronicle.

The end of the year brought a flurry of generosity as the tax savvy made their "tax deductible" contributions.* The Black family led the charge and picked up the cost of a couple of bikes themselves. More money poured in from 70's staffers like Jim Martini, John Dektar, Dennis Conneally, and Danny Watt. Not to be out done, the 80's staff stepped up with contributions by staffers like Dave Wolcott, John Gee, Tony Pau-

ker and Bob Cook (his employer also contributes to his annual donation). The 90's contributors included Scott Nussbaum, Seth Jaffe, Hal Allen and the Ziegler family. There were dozens of other contributors as well. Needless to say, all these donations, regardless of size, add up. With summer closing in, we are approximately half way to our goal of 30 new bikes. We are calling on all of you to join the push to meet this goal.

Donations are now made even easier *ONLINE!* Visit the EBA website at www.emeraldbayalumni.org and click on DONATE. The rest is easy. For those of you who prefer to use the mail, I will keep my eye on the P.O. Box for you. Thanks again on behalf of the EBA board and don't forget to sign up for Alumni Weekend, August 15-16. ☛

F&CL, Rich Wise



Pennington Marine Science Center– Now Open



A young student from the Isthmus School observes sheephead and garibaldi at the new marine science center.

The new Pennington Marine Science Center sits at the base of north hill and yards from the waterfront. The balcony looks out to the parade ground.

On March 6, 2004, the new Pennington Marine Science Center received its first visitors, students from the Isthmus School. The aquarist, Marc Duncan, did an outstanding job guiding the young explorers through the various tanks and activities. Students became familiar with concepts such as camouflage, adaptation, and survival while getting an up close look at horned sharks, starfish, halibut, sea cucumbers, and an octopus.

The marine science center features a tank room, wet room, laboratory, classroom, and SCUBA facilities. Be sure to check this out during the reunion! ☺

Dream Job

My name is Marc Duncan and I am the new aquarist for the Pennington Marine Science Center at Camp Emerald Bay. I grew up in New Jersey in the suburbs outside of New York City and spent my summers exploring the oceans off the Jersey shore and the Florida keys. I became fas-

Yes, I want to help support Camp Emerald Bay. My contribution will be used to help the program and develop the facility at Emerald Bay. My donation will help the Alumni be a part of the rebuilding of Emerald Bay.

I am enclosing: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$_____

Mountain Bike Special: \$500 Name placed on bike:_____

Please send your donation to the Emerald Bay Alumni, P.O. Box 959 Venice, CA 90294



Marc show Isthmus School children several aquatic invertebrates found at Emerald Bay.

cinated with marine science at a young age through my experiences at Florida Seacamp and became a certified scuba diver at thirteen. From this point, I knew that I wanted to devote my life to marine science education and protecting the oceans of the world.

To start my path towards this goal, I attended the University of New Hampshire to pursue a degree in marine biology. After three years, I transferred to Warren Wilson College in North Carolina to finish my degree in outdoor education with an emphasis in marine science. I discovered through my studies that I didn't want to be a scientist, but a marine science educator. During this time I also became a NAUI Scuba Instructor and an EMT. While away from school in the summer, I worked for Florida Seacamp as a scuba diving instructor and volunteered for the local ambulance corp. Through these experiences I gained a strong sense

of self and personal discipline.

After graduating from college, I was employed by the Catalina Island Marine Institute as a marine science instructor. For the next five years I worked at Cherry Cove and Toyon Bay as an instructor, head aquarist, and dive instructor. During that time, I gained an incredible amount of experience and knowledge concerning program design, teaching, and the island.

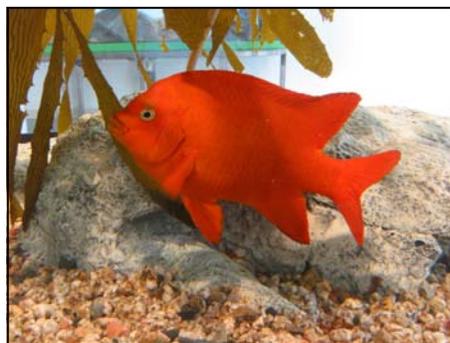
I was most recently employed by Broadreach, which is a company that organizes adventure travel trips throughout the world for teenagers. I was given the responsibility to lead a trip to the sea of Cortez and the Baja peninsula for three months. I led trips sea kayaking, scuba diving, and exploring the islands off of a Baja.

I can't express enough my excitement and enthusiasm for this new project, and I look forward to the challenges that are ahead of me. I look forward to introducing you all to the new marine science center, and please feel free to stop by and explore it for yourself.

If you have any questions about the Pennington Marine Science Center or myself, you can reach me at 310-510-1795 ext.36 or email at:

Penningtonmarinesciencecenter@hotmail.com ☺

-Marc Duncan, Aquarist



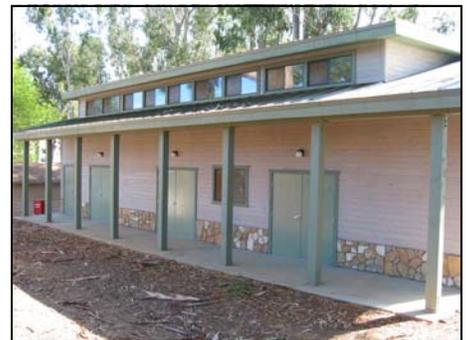
Attention!!! DC Area Alumni

Can't make it to the Island, but still looking for a place to wear your jacket?

The first-ever, Washington D.C. alumni beer-&-stories night is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 26 June, 6:30pm at Ireland's 4 Provinces, in the Cleveland Park section of the District. Go to:

www.irelandsfourprovinces.com/directions.html for directions, and email Alex Ellermann ('83, '84, '86, '87) at Ellermann@comcast.net to let him know you'll be there (we need to know how large a table to reserve).☺

-Alex Ellerman, Washington DC



The new Bike Shop and Handicraft Lodge opens for program use this summer!

Can You Afford \$5 Per Month?

How about \$10 a month? \$20? \$50 More?

Announcing the new and easy way to cheaply donate every month. The website now hosts a safe and secure way to pledge a monthly donation to the Emerald Bay Alumni. Signing up creates an automatic monthly debit from your credit card as little as \$5 per month. Go to the EBA website and click, "DONATE." ☺



Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion Weekend, 2004

The 2004 Annual Alumni Reunion will be held August 15-16 at Camp Emerald Bay. The Miss Christi will be providing transportation from Marina Del Rey. The cost and other logistical details are located in the reunion insert. Over 100 alumni attended last year's reunion and we are expecting just as many, if not more,

this year.

Those attending this year can expect a broad range of activities including: sailing, snorkeling, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, biking, rifle shooting, archery, and hiking. There will be an alumni campfire on Saturday night so brush up on your favorite camp song or skit.

On Sunday morning, the Second Annual Emerald Bay Alumni Triathlon will be held followed by the annual Emerald Bay Alumni meeting and auction (note to self: bring checkbook!).

Island beauty, summer fun, great people, and awesome grub. Why would you miss it? ☠



Last year's triathlon participants.



John George and Brian Pierce.



Sunrise activities on the waterfront.



Construction guru, Bob Hawkins.



Resident Ranger's House completed!



Rangers give War Canoe Instruction.

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