



# The Emerald Bay Chronicle

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## Message from the Chair

Elections for the following year are held during the November board of directors meeting. During the November 2010 meeting, Andrew Wilder offered his resignation from the position of chair and recommended to the board that they consider me for the position. The board accepted Mr. Wilder's resignation and agreed that I would be a suitable candidate to fill the position of chair. Brad Rothenburg will be taking on the duties of vice-chair, Kara Taylor will be filling the role of Secretary, and Andrew will remain involved as he takes on the position of Treasurer.

I have been involved with camp since the early 1990s and have held positions as a Ranger, Parsons Commissioner, High Adventure Staff, and Ranger Director. In 1996, Lee Harrison and I worked together to develop the mountain bike program. The best thing about the EBA, for me, is the continued connection we have to camp and the support that we are able to provide.

As our organization continues to grow over the coming years, it will be more and more important to identify two additional board members, a fellowship chairperson and a fundraising chairperson. These members will work together to execute our events and coordinate our fundraising efforts. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in taking on these responsibilities please contact us. I look forward to serving you as chairman and to hearing your feedback.

- Chairman David McAlister



The 2010 Emerald Bay Rangers deep in thought, perhaps about the next exciting EBA event.

## Tasty Thank You

The second annual Emerald Bay Association Wine Tasting is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey. The event, which was well-attended last year, begins at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a selection of fine wines selected for this event by Toby Sharp, a former camp director and wine connoisseur. An assortment of cheese and crackers and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

The event is free to 21 year old and older Association members and guests as a way to say "thank you" to the Association's generous donors according to Event Chair Clif Stewart. We raised over \$12,000 at last year's event that went to pay for camperships that made it possible for Scouts to attend camp who otherwise could not have afforded to go. This year's goal is to raise \$15,000 to fund even more camperships. Clif points out that sponsors pay all of the costs of the event so all donations will be used to support camp. Please visit [www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/winetasting](http://www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/winetasting) to donate to this worthy cause.

An invitation with RSVP information has been mailed and emailed to Association members. Plan on attending this memorable evening, enjoy the wine and good company and donate to the Association to help us support camp.

## Endowment Growing

The Emerald Bay Association Endowment was established in 2009 to ensure a steady source of funding for camp in future years. The Association Board is committed to growing the endowment to secure the future of the EBA. Our initial goal is to reach participation of at least 500 individual supporters, no matter the size of the donation. We need your help to reach that goal and continue our work to support the camp. Go to [www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/endowment](http://www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/endowment) to become a donor.



## Comrades Lasting

Chairman Dave McAlister called the EBA board meeting to order. The board members and guests clustered around a large conference table in Dan Bolton's office this past January. Dave moved ably through the agenda, making sure discussions did not go on too long and that decisions were made. We talked about the upcoming wine tasting, a fund raising update, the summer reunion and filing a tax return, among other topics. Lee Harrison provided an update on camp. Rich Wise provided information about insurance and other topics.

Most of the board I have known for years, some for decades.

While listening to Lee speak I remembered back to when I first met Lee as a 15 year old ranger in 1987. While Lee was beginning his camp career, mine was ending. That would be my last summer as a paid camp staff and the beginning of my volunteer service. I really did not pay too much attention to Lee as he was younger and I associated with the senior staff. Hopefully I treated him respectfully back then, frankly I can't remember. Lee flourished at camp, rising through the ranks as activities director, waterfront director, program director, camp director, executive director and currently the chief operating officer for WLACC. Now I pay attention to Lee and I try to be more respectful.

Rich Wise and I first met in the late seventies at camp. Rich was a ranger and I was on the maintenance staff. Rich also rose through the ranks becoming the program director and camp director. Even though we have taken different paths in life and have different interests, camp has remained a common bond and we have remained friends. I especially like spending time at camp with Rich. We both like hiking, snorkeling and reminiscing about the olden days.

I am honored to be part of this august group and I am thankful for the enduring friendships that have resulted.

- Bob Fenton, Editor

## Q and A with The Program Director



Adam Hunt, Program Director, addresses the staff during the weekly fire drill.

Adam Hunt became the Program Director in the spring of 2010 and, as part of the Camp leadership team, has been busy guiding the staff and camp activities ever since. Adam took time from his busy schedule to answer some questions for the Chronicle:

### **Q: When was your first encounter with camp?**

**A:** I came to Emerald Bay in 2000 as a camper. I instantly fell in love with the place, and have been ever since. My older brother, Brandon worked as a staffer for the two years following, and I took his place in 2003. Since then I have worked in Handicraft and Scoutcraft, Camp Clerk, and I was even a Ranger for a few weeks. In January of 2009, after a three year hiatus, I decided I couldn't stand being away any longer and had to return. I did so as the Service Director, or the Dining Hall manager to some. My performing background came in handy, and I had a blast. I then stayed on in the fall to help build the camp's website and assist with the Academy Season programs. Eventually I became the new program director.

### **Q: What is your vision for camp? Where do you see camp progressing in the next few years?**

**A:** Over the last few years, Emerald Bay has made significant progress in being a leading provider of ethics and leadership training, and I hope to improve on the groundwork. We moved further this summer by incorporating the scouting values into every merit badge lesson plan. Without adding requirements, we were able to integrate both pretty successfully, and I am looking forward to continuing and improving that work.

### **Q: What do you hope to accomplish at Emerald Bay?**

**A:** I want every program at Emerald Bay to be known as one of the best. No matter what area in camp a scout enters, whether it's the Nature area or Waterfront, that scout should be blown away by the quality of instruction and originality. I think Emerald Bay's program is already fantastic. Now I want to build on that, fine tune, and perfect.

### **Q: Where does the EB Association fit into your vision and the future of camp?** (See Adam Hunt, page 3)



**Adam Hunt** (from page 2)

A:The EBA has been crucial in making the camp what it is today. The fundraising alone is remarkable. I am blown away by the many individuals

willing to donate money for camperships: sending so many deserving youth to experience this beautiful place. One thing I do want to improve on is the Volunteer Commissioner program. It had begun to sprout back up this past summer, but there is definitely room

for improvement. I would love if more Alumni would be willing to come visit camp for a week and volunteer. We had quite a few commissioners this summer, but there's no reason we can't have more. They are an integral part of the summer camp experience. If any members of the EBA would like to volunteer for a week in 2011, feel free to shoot me an email at [ahunt@bsa-la.org](mailto:ahunt@bsa-la.org) and I would be happy to give more information.

## Where on Catalina Island?



This is a picture of Bob Fenton from the mid seventies. Where is he standing? The view is looking west across the bay. No, the picture was not reversed, the ocean is on Bob's right and the island on his left. Give up? That is Iron Bound Bay, located on the windward or north side of the island, which is accessible for most people by boat. However, on this day Bob and Dave Fulton hiked from Camp and blazed a trail to Iron Bound Bay.



### Calendar of Events

- May 14 Wine Tasting
- Jun 12 First Camping Session
- Aug 13-14 Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion
- Aug 27 End of Last Camping Session

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

I am enclosing:  \$50     \$100     \$250     \$500     \$1000     \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your donation to the Emerald Bay Association, P.O. Box 959. Venice, CA, 90294  
To learn more and donate online, please go to [www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/donate](http://www.EmeraldBayAlumni.org/donate).



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# Volunteers from Summer 2010



Volunteer Scott Gunn teaches in the Scoutcraft Area.



Volunteer Tom Pila is teaching Scouts the art of Handicrafts.



Volunteer Nate Dean is pointing out native flora in the Nature Area.



Volunteers Larry Munson and Rod Wheeler go fishing in the shark tank.

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