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Event Chair Jessica Schem and Tobin Sharp enjoying the 2017 Wine Tasting Event.

Annual Wine Tasting Event

Supporters of Camp Emerald Bay and their guests are invited to attend the annual Emerald Bay Association Wine Tasting on Saturday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro. The annual event is an opportunity to socialize with the current Camp leadership, former staff and other supporters of Camp in a beautiful yacht club located in the Cabrillo Marina.

The wines have been carefully selected by Toby Sharp, former Camp Director and wine connoisseur. Emerald Bay Association board members will be serving the wine and available to answer questions about the Association and the Campership program. Carefully selected food pairings along with other light snacks will be provided.

The Wine Tasting showcases the Emerald Bay Campership Program. Camperships provide deserving Scouts who could not otherwise afford a week at camp with the chance to attend and experience first hand the natural wonders of Emerald Bay and the character-building focus of the activities. The Association asks that you donate to the Campership program by going to the EmeraldBayAlumni.org/winetasting or plan on contributing at the event.

The Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club is generously hosting the event at the club which is located at 211 West 22nd Street, San Pedro, CA 90731 in the Cabrillo Marina. Please park across the street in the parking lot next to the park. Attendees must be 21 years or older and ID may be required. Jessica Schem, event chair, promises an afternoon of fellowship and camaraderie in a beautiful setting.

The Chronicle Goes Digital

This will be the last Emerald Bay Chronicle mailed to Emerald Bay Association members unless they request that a paper Chronicle is mailed to them. Beginning with the next issue, the Chronicle will be emailed to members and also will be available at EmeraldBayAlumni.org. Still wish to receive the paper Chronicle? No worries, alumni who wish to continue receiving the paper version must either "opt in" at emeraldbayalumni.org/optin or by sending in the tear-off on page 3.



Message from the Chair

As I take the role as the chair of the board, a position I am honored to be asked to step into, I am reminded of many other times I have been called to a position I never expected to be in. I remember my first Summer on Staff, as a 13-year-old, lanky and sunburnt CIT who was trying as hard as I could to live up to those around me. And then, through the summer I saw myself and those around me grow up and into the standards that we as Staff hold ourselves to. I saw myself grow into roles of leadership that I never thought I could be in. I think that is the real charm of Camp Emerald Bay for me, a culture that is able to take in new staff members and teach them how to fit into any role that they are presented with.

When I look at those that I enjoyed my years at camp with, I am honored to see the men and women they have become, influenced by their experiences in camp. I look forward to chairing the board of directors of the Emerald Bay Association and fulfilling our mission to support Camp Emerald Bay through fundraising and fellowship.

- Andrew Kilgore, Chairman





Meet the New Program Director

You've undoubtedly heard that John George has retired and Scott Gunn has been hired as the new Camp Director. The search was on for the perfect Program Director and *she* has been found. I had a chance to ask a few questions of the new EBPD, Linnea Heinstedt. If you don't know her, she has a heck of a "camp pedigree" and with her brothers, has worked on Staff for most of the last decade.

Q. Could you provide some background about yourself? What were you doing before coming to camp?

I graduated from Utah State University in May 2016 with a BS in Public Health Education. While in school, I was working in a group home for individuals with disabilities preventing them from living on their own or with their families. I was also volunteering with Common Ground Outdoor Adaptive Sports, a nonprofit organization focused on creating opportunities for anyone with physical or cognitive disabilities to try new sports, attend camping trips, and find new hobbies. Between both these organizations, I found I was able to connect most with children with autism and decided to focus my career on that population. I moved back to Valencia after serving as Waterfront Director in 2016 and started working as a Behavioral Interventionist in-homes and a Paraeducator in the school setting. When the news came out that Scott had applied to be Camp Director and the Program Director position would be vacant, I switched directions and am excited to see where this summer will go.

Q. Tell us about your background at camp. What was your first encounter with camp? What caused you to want to return and work at camp? What jobs have you had at camp? (Also, your brothers Anders and Lars work(ed) at camp?)

My first experience at Emerald Bay was as a camper with my 6th grade sleep-away camp in 2004. Anders started as a CIT in 2005 and my family took a weekend to go out and visit. I had so much fun meeting the staff and learning about camp that weekend and anxiously awaited the day I turned 14 to work at camp as well. I started as a CIT in 2007, staffed WF in 08 and 09, split the summer of 2010 with WF and Ranger, volunteered for a few weeks as a floater in 2011 before backpacking through Europe with Anders, staffed HA in 2012, CIT/Activities Director in 2013, stayed in Utah to become a resident for school in 2014, Compliance Officer in the Kitchen for 2015, WFD in 2016, and was only able to volunteer a week last summer. Anders has returned every summer since 2005 and was contracted for 8 years before becoming a firefighter. Lars started as a CIT in 2013 and is going on his 6th summer as Ranger Director.

Q. What qualities will help you be an effective program director? What were some of your successes your last summer in camp and what were your challenges?

I believe that my communication, organization, and program planning and evaluation skills will help me be an effective program director. While earning my Public Health degree, I completed a wide variety of program management, budgeting and finance, and program promotion courses. Even in the short 5 months I have had as PD so far, I have seen these skills come in handy while trying to recruit new units and schedule staffing. While working as WFD in 2016, I think I successfully managed the staff well, ensuring everyone had the skills and ability to teach each merit badge to National Standard. A big challenge I faced was helping and encouraging the sailing program to grow, while keeping the sailing staff united with the rest of the WF staff.

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

I would love to see Emerald Bay continue to be a model Scout camp and a place troops and Scouts always plan to attend. I just recently attended Camp School in Georgia and the other three California camps were incredibly knowledgeable of our Camp and programs. My goal is to bring in more units and promote to troops that have never heard of Emerald Bay. With the Scouting program expanding to bring in younger females as well, I imagine the entire BSA program growing, therefore increasing the number of Scouts we will see in Camp.

Q. Do you have any ideas for new program or changes that you can share? What do you hope to accomplish?

We have recently added the Geocaching and Communication Merit Badges to Rugged E, C and the SPL Programs. We hope to see an increase in participants to these programs with the added activities. The sailing program is continuing a path of growth as we added an Advance Sailing section (See **Program Director** on page 3)



Linnea Heinstedt and her brothers pose next to the boathouse.



Program Director (from page 2)

to the schedule this year. The goal is to increase the amount of sail time for Scouts as well as utilize the Beneteau sailboats more. On a staff level, we hope to create weekly development days, where the staff have the opportunity to speak with successful individuals in careers they may be interested in. The plan is to ask alumni and unit leaders to join a panel of people with similar careers to speak and answer questions for the staff, with a different career each week. Hopefully this will allow the staff to learn about careers and educational routes they had previously never heard of.

Q. Where does the EBA fit into your vision and the future of camp?

I hope to see the EBA help grow our Staff Development Days and become more well-known to the current staff. Creating more opportunities for Crew 420 to grow and bond in the off-season will hopefully keep the staff interested in Scouting longer and help bring more individuals to join the EBA. The continued support of the EBA has directly impacted the positive attitudes and excitement expressed in the EB staff, leading to the joyous atmosphere that Emerald Bay is known for. Scouts and Scouters can see and feel the passion staff have for Camp and strive to come back year after year. Personally, I hope to be an active member with the EBA well beyond my program director years.

Needless to say, Linnea brings a lot of experience and passion to the job. Her hiring also marks a bit of history as she is the first woman to hold the Program Director position. We have no doubt that she will make a positive impact on the program. We hope you will join us in supporting her!

- Rich Wise - EBA Board and Contributing Editor

Where in Emerald Bay?



Where is this interior found? The power tools and distinctive cabinets should give it away. This is the interior of the last original building in camp with the exception of the Dining Hall. The cabinets on the wall to the left were made by Bob McDermott. The lockers in the back were made by Dave Dobbs. This is the inside of the Boat House.



Calendar of Events

- April 28, 2018 Wine Tasting
- June 10 First Camping Session
- August 11 End of Last Camping Session
- August 11-12 Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion

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Scenes from Emerald Bay



The location for the future Emerald Bay Association Bike Shop in honor of John George.



The Wayne Hughes Boathouse that is scheduled to be replaced with office space. The boathouse and shop will be relocated.



The completed Emerald Bay Association Terrace that has a view of the parade ground and Emerald Bay.



The Backcountry in winter.

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