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Camp Robin Hood

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THE OFFICIAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF CAMP ROBIN HOOD

Hello Robin Hood Alumni!

It's hard to believe we have "fallen back" and that summer 2015 is officially over! Summer 2015 brought us some incredible memories. We had amazing weather with only a few rainy days. We had a record number of campers successfully hike Mt. Washington and a nail-biting Green & White competition kept everyone guessing until the final scores were read. 2015 was made especially memorable with celebrations for Chuck's 50th summer, which included visits from a number of alumni throughout the summer.

Our schedule of activities was filled daily with landsports, waterfront activities, individual sports like riflery and archery, electives and great special events. Of course, we always love to send our campers to hike various mountains in the region. After a successful trip up Mt. Washington by our Saxons and Scribes, we offered an optional senior camp day trip and 21 campers took the challenge and hiked up the mountain together!

A few weeks later, our Foresters decided that they wanted to climb it too. We are so proud of our campers who, like those before them, continue to challenge themselves while spending their summer at Camp Robin Hood.

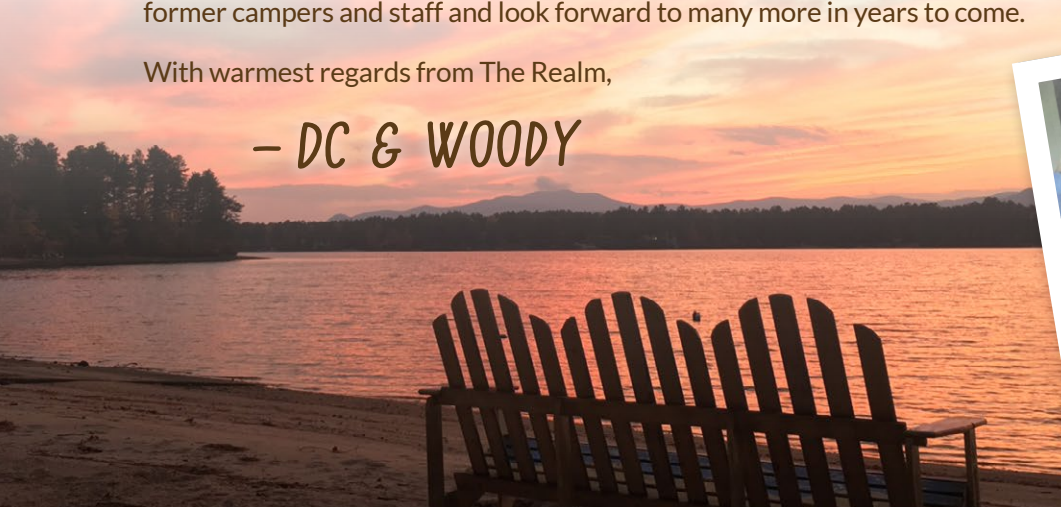
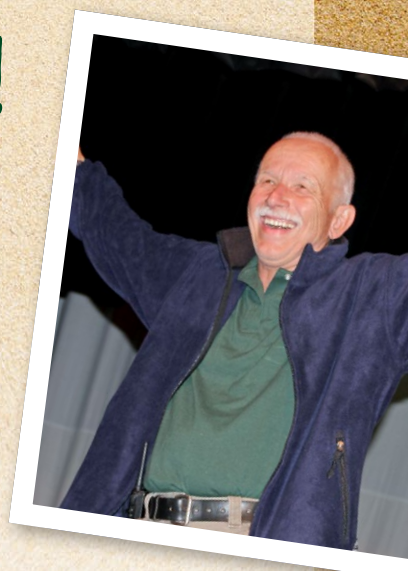
Green and White was amazing this year with so many alumni coming to judge and officiate the greatest five days of the summer. This year was made even more special with the celebration of Chuck's 50th summer in The Realm. We hosted a cocktail hour and dinner with all of Chuck's favorites. Lobster Bisque, meatloaf and blueberry pie a la mode, made with love by Nicki, were enjoyed while one-by-one, people toasted (and roasted!) our beloved Chuck! It was that night that Chuck reminded all of us that "you are not defined by wealth but by your friends, and camp friends are the best friends".

We consider all of you friends and know how lucky we are to provide the same values and traditions of the camp you all grew to love in your years as campers and staff. While we continue to update and improve certain areas of camp, the heart and soul of Robin Hood remains the same. We hope you continue to reminisce about camp, stay connected to each other and with us regularly and will consider visiting us during the summer.

In the meantime, please share with us exciting news that can be shared in the Camp Robin Hood Congrats section of our alumni newsletters. We love hearing and sharing in the celebrations of life with our former campers and staff and look forward to many more in years to come.

With warmest regards from The Realm,

- DC & WOODY



Alumni News

Jeff Josephson – After 4 years, JJ returned to celebrate Chuck's 50th and spend time at his home away from home. He shared his feelings about his return with us.

I wanted to thank you for the hospitality last week and for honoring Chuck. Getting to see Chuck surrounded by camp friends, forcing him to take stock of his 50 summers was a special thing to witness and be a part of. Everyone who spoke mentioned the imprint that Chuck has had on camp and thousands of lives over the years. My camp experience and life have been no exception.

For six hours I drove up to camp on Wednesday with a friend, Ken "Corky" Stern, who I've known since we met in the summer of 1986. Our conversation on the drive was entirely about camp, its changes, traditions and friends. As we walked into camp from the new parking lot we saw the G&W track meet from a distance. With the exception of a red pickup truck made this century, the scene could easily have been right out of 1986 or any year for that matter. As we walked around camp we saw that so much of the camp we attended hadn't physically changed and yet the few things that had were so much for the better. You guys have taken a place that gave you a lot of love and given it back in spades. The new buildings, the fresh spirit and the influx of campers has revitalized a place that was clearly on its way out. But, in doing so, you maintained so much of what makes Robin Hood a special place for kids to be kids who grow into strong, respectable adults.

I remember that my mom dropped me at Laganardia Airport into the capable hands of Ira Crumholz who had drawn the short straw for escort duty. When I stepped off the old school bus (driven by Freaky) at the same gas pump that is there today, Andy Solomon, my Archer group leader, was there to greet me and took me to Robin's Roost (now called bunk 8 I believe). I still remember my first year like it was yesterday and yet so many years have come and gone since.



The one constant in all of that was camp itself. No matter what changes were made (adding the girls in 1987) or what the outside world sent my way, Camp Robin Hood remained a reliable constant in my life. I remember my first G&W very clearly and got a taste for what would become one of my favorite summer traditions. I never had the chance to become a counselor captain and an honorable judge, but getting to see the war a little this year through those eyes was a great experience. G&W 1986 taught me a great lesson that so many other campers never get. We fought hard, swept song night only to lose by 6 points. Some of the best lessons in life come from losses and mistakes. For the rest of my color war career I never lost sight of the fact that you need to lay it on the line for 5 days if you want to have the best chance of winning (that and picking the right bean for the stacked team helps too).

During my 24 hours in the Realm last week I reconnected with old friends, former counselors and a bunch of former campers who have grown into impressive adults. I hadn't seen many of these people in over 20 years, but after 10 minutes it was like time had stood still. I was truly amazed at how close all of our lives have run over the years and the subsequent connections that our extended networks have made. It was an amazing feeling to reconnect with these people and have the opportunity to focus some of my time and efforts on staying in better touch with some of them.

Camp has always been and will always be a business. But, it has also been and will always be so much more. You are all doing an amazing job bridging that gap and keeping the spirit that Andy brought to the Realm some 88 years ago alive and well. I look forward to bringing my two sons to see camp soon and to coming back to see all of you next summer. Finish strong these next two days and have a great rest of your year. I hope to see all of you in the off season and back in the Realm next summer.

Thank you again,
- JJ



Camp Robin Hood Congrats!



Brad Friedman (Saxons '97) and wife Danielle, welcomed a baby boy, right before camp started. Will Fox Friedman was born in June and joins big sister Teddy! Congratulations to the Friedman family!

Abbie (Greenberger) Bailey (Scribes '96) and her husband Brian, welcomed a baby boy, Jackson Page Bailey, on October 31st becoming a family of three! Welcome to the world Jax!



Congratulations to Iain Fryer and Alex O'Connor, staff alumni, who tied the knot last month after meeting at Camp Robin Hood in 2011. Iain is from Manchester, England and worked in the trips department from 2011-2013. Iain met Alex during the summer of 2011 when she was working as a Dance Specialist. Congrats from The Realm... we wish you a happy life ahead!

Alumni Photo Contest



Channel your Green and White spirit and get ready to win! Send us your inter-generational family photos over the holiday season. The picture with the most combined years at Robin Hood (with different generations representing!) will win a prize along with another family photo drawn at random. Email woody@camprobinhood.com with your photos.

Keep Us Informed

Have a memory or story you would like to share? Would you like to come visit camp? Email woody@camprobinhood.com or dc@camprobinhood.com.

Alumni Ambassadors

We are looking for representatives of years past to help us update our alumni database. Are you in touch with your best friends from camp? Do you have a master list from your Saxon and Scribe summers? Contact stacey@camprobinhood.com to find out how you can help strengthen alumni relations at Robin Hood. All ambassadors willing to take on this responsibility will be gifted with a piece of Robin Hood gear.



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Where in the World is...?

The Foresters of '64, Saxons of '65 50th reunion will be held in New York the weekend of Apr 8-9 2016. Currently we have 18-20 attendees and still looking for Arnie Bettinger, Alan Handwerger, Doug Shaffer, and John Strauss. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these members of the GGRHH, please contact Geoff Holczer at gholczer@mac.com or Larry Lesnik at llesnik2003@yahoo.com



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