



Camp Robin Hood

The Woodchuck

THE OFFICIAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF CAMP ROBIN HOOD

Hello Robin Hood Alumni!

As we are busily preparing for Robin Hood's 88th Summer (and our 12th as Directors), we wanted to take a moment to reflect about Robin Hood, it's people and alumni.

We have worked hard to improve the facility, both systematically and aesthetically. At its core though, Robin Hood has always been about the people - that is our distinguished feature. Over 25,000 kids have started their lives at Robin Hood - this is where they learned to live away from their home and parents, managing relationships, gaining independence and confidence.

It constantly moves us when alumni come back to visit (20 year olds and 80 year olds alike), stand at the top of the quad and emotionally state that despite the new buildings, camp looks and feels the same to them and all of their memories come rushing back. Whether it is the 16 Laps, their Group Excursions or of course, something from Green & White or a sunset, each alumni's memories are somewhat similar.

We hope you will come visit this summer. We will sing you the welcome song, feed you and pull out the yearbooks from your era so you can reminisce. Our only request is that you tell the camp your favorite story from your time at camp - our campers love to hear stories from past generations.

Like the song says, **"Come Round Any Old Time"**.

Fondly,

- DC, Woody and Sol



Top 5 Reasons to Attend Family Camp 2015

Friday, August 14 –
Tuesday, August 18

5. The FOOD! Lobster by the lake anyone? Counselors are on hand to help supervise your children. We have a Parent's Night Out during family camp where your kids will be off doing evening activities and you'll be able to create your own CRH memories.

4. Everyone is a camper during Family Camp! Activities available include: all Waterfront activities, GaGa, Spinning, Biking, Horseback Riding, Tennis, Riflery, Archery, Arts & Crafts, Woodshop, Ceramics and Team Sports.

3. Chuck will be there! 2015 marks Chuck's 50th summer at Camp Robin Hood, making him the longest running member of our incredible staff. [Read his thoughts on The Realm.](#)



2. Looking into summer camp for 2016? Families can introduce overnight camp through a fun vacation.

1. You can invite your friends! You do not have to have a current camper nor do you need to be a Robin Hood alumnus to participate in Family Camp. What is better than that! Share your Robin Hood experience and let others experience the "magic in the trees".

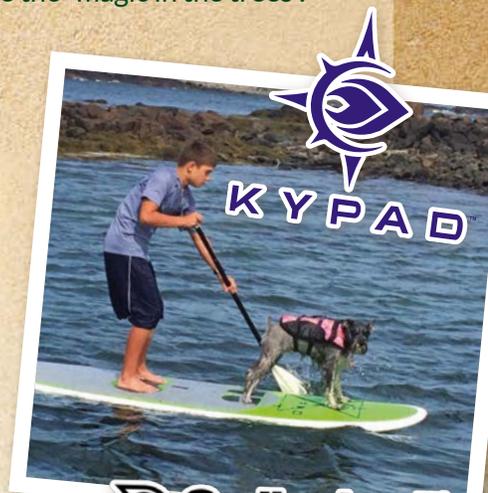
What's New At Camp

It's always amazing to reminisce about camp in the good old days but even more important to realize that Camp Robin Hood is a living, breathing thing. We have just ordered flowers and finished the bunk 9 and 10 bathroom and shower remodel. The new girls bunk at the top of the hill overlooking the lake is breathtaking! All of this work will help keep this amazing place alive and while most things remain the same, we are excited about the changes that continue to improve the facilities and life in The Realm.



We are excited to announce that the old parking lot has been turned into a brand new quad for our campers to run, play, relax and create lasting memories in. Remember the baseball field across the road? The memories will always be there but we've turned that into a new lacrosse and football field.

In addition to some of the aesthetic changes, we've ordered amazing new KYPADS for our campers to enjoy on the lake, some new field games including SPIKEBALL and will be fitting our youngest campers bunks with brand new beds.



Alumni News

Magic in the Trees Foundation & Green and White in Central Park



Anyone who has experienced Camp Robin Hood knows about the magic in the trees. The Realm is truly a place like no other. Each summer, campers participate in a day where “Robin Hood Gives Back”, working with various populations who have

overcome hardships. At Camp

Robin Hood, we find importance in creating a diverse camp environment, while simultaneously heightening the awareness and sensitivity of our campers to others’ unique backgrounds. We are proud to be a camp that gives back and even more pleased that this has carried over into our campers’ and alumni’s personal lives.

Magic in the Trees Foundation, Inc. was established in 2013 by a group of Robin Hood alumni, including Andrew Arnot, Eli Fuchsberg, Duncan Mendelsohn and Emily Schorr. Camp Robin Hood had a huge influence on their growth as individuals and because of that they were driven to create an opportunity to provide the same experience to other young men and women. Since it was founded, Magic in Trees Foundation has been able to send



a family with 2 children to camp and is excited to send them to The Realm again this upcoming summer. This year, with your help, Magic in the Trees Foundation has a goal of “raising \$5,000 and be able to sponsor more campers than what we’ve committed to”.

The 2nd Annual Green & White in Central Park Softball Game will take place on June 6th from 3:30-6:30pm on Field #1. Last year’s event was a huge success and Magic in the Trees Foundation is looking forward to having even more fun and participation this year. Since many Robin Hood alumni and families will be at the event, [please take a moment to RSVP](#). Friends and families of alumni are invited to join so spread the word to those who are interested in

sharing camp with those who couldn’t afford it otherwise. If you cannot attend the event in Central Park, please consider donating and helping to pass on the legacy of Camp Robin Hood by donating directly to the [Magic in the Trees Foundation](#).

The top donor will receive an invitation to participate in Green & White 2015 at Robin Hood (regardless of captain status)!

Magic in the Trees Foundation Inc. is a 501c3 organization, making your 2015 donations eligible for tax deductions.



Chuck's 50th Summer!

As we prepare for the summer of 2015 it must be noted that this summer marks a historic time in the Robin Hood legacy. Since 1965, Chuck Illig has been a part of the Robin Hood family, making him an icon in his own right. No one else in the history of The Realm has spent more summers in this magical place and it is safe to say that in one way or another, we have all been touched by his dedication and commitment to our home away from home. Perhaps it’s a memory of Chuck being a counselor, co-worker, or just being your friend that makes you smile but it’s safe to say that Robin Hood wouldn’t be the same without him. Since Chuck “unplugs” once camp begins, we will keep his 50th celebration a secret for a few more weeks. Stay tuned via [The WoodChuck Blog](#), [Instagram](#) and our [Facebook Alumni page](#) throughout the summer for more information on how YOU can be a part of this amazing milestone!



Chuck

Camp Robin Hood Congrats!



Jordan Greenberger (Saxons '98) and his wife Lindsey welcomed baby Sadie on March 13 at 12:04am. Sadie already met her first camp friend when fellow alumni David Dickerman (Saxon 98), his wife Laura and son Spencer came to visit! Congrats to the happy family of 3!



Abbie (Greenberger) Bailey (Scribes '97) is not just a proud new aunt! She and her husband Brian are thrilled to announce the opening of their second "camp headquarters" storefront in Bethesda, MD. Bee Bee Designs Summer Camp Headquarters is your one-stop-shop for everything camp! Congratulations on your expansion!



It's a Girl! Our warmest Robin Hood wishes to Alicia (Meltzer) Cheney (Scribes '97) and her husband, Ryan. Serena Rive Cheney was born on April 14th - the same day as Alicia's sister, fellow RH'er Molly Meltzer (Scribes '94).

Andrew Arnot & Emily Schorr tied the "Arnot" on April 18th in a magical ceremony in New York City. There was lots of RH love in the room with DC, Woody, Jamie and many others celebrating the couple. Even their after-party had a Robin Hood theme! Mazel Tov Andrew and Emily!



Congratulations! Andy Pascal (Saxons '97) and his wife Rachel Mercier welcomed an adorable baby girl, Violet Mercier Pascal, on April 20 (10 days late!) weighing in at a solid 8lbs, 9 oz. Welcome to the world, Violet Mercier Pascal!

It's a Boy! Julia (Holczer) Smookler (Scribes '98) and her husband, Eric, welcomed a bouncing baby boy, Dean Andy Smookler on April 28th! Dean's grandma has already outfitted him in green and white - Julia says he's ready for bean picking. We'll be ready for him... Congratulations.



Visit Us!

We'd love to have you visit us this summer. Check out our Family Camp options or contact [DC](#) or [Woody](#).

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...?

Were you a Forester in '64 or Saxon in '65? Geoff Holczer is looking for you as there is a reunion in the works to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Saxon group. Thus far, he has located 10 of the 11 Saxons, 16 of the 20 Foresters and several other members of the greatest group in Robin Hood history (or at least the largest with 48 Yeoman). Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Arnie Bettinger, Alan Handwerger, Doug Shaffer and Jon Strauss please contact Geoff at gholczer@mac.com or Stacey at stacey@camprobinhood.com.

