



THE ALUMNI GONG!

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Dear Alums,

There is an energy in the camp community that is unmistakable. If you talk with your camp friends, no matter how long ago you were at camp or how long it has been since you reconnected, there's some excitement. And since the Packers blew their play-off run, it must be about something else! Get ready camp people! We have reached a major benchmark in camp history!! This coming summer is our **50TH SUMMER OF CAMPING FUN AND FRIENDSHIP**, and we're celebrating!!

The celebration of our 50th summer will actually begin on the day the campers arrive! It is going to be a very special summer for them, and one we know they won't forget. Although it is early, we already know we will have a very large group of returning staff, and they are pumped to make this summer the best ever! This celebration of our long and rich heritage has a huge effect on our entire staff, and they have a lot of pride in camp and the work they do there. So we're 100% certain that the campers are in for a great time.

We're investing a lot into the facilities and program again this year. There are tons of "small projects" going on this winter, and they will contribute a lot to the summer. There are also 2 enormous projects underway that will really be amazing.

26 years ago, we rebuilt the tennis courts. We have resurfaced them a few times since, but 25 years is a lot of Wisconsin winters and camp summers, and the courts were showing their age. So, we're starting all over again. This past fall the courts were dug back down to bare earth. In May the process of putting in brand new asphalt, net posts, and fencing will begin, and we have been assured they will be ready for the start of Staff Training in early June. We, of course, doubt that, but we figure they'll be good to go by the time the buses roll into camp. The in-bounds area will again be Timberlane Blue, and this time around, the out-of-bounds area will be a woodsy green. They're going to look great, shed water better, and our tennis dudes are really excited about it.

As if that wasn't enough, we've got another major project underway. The Manor, the log cabin in the middle of camp, has undergone multiple changes and reincarnations over the decades. It currently houses camp office space and the Infirmary. It has been upgraded multiple times, and really has become a beautiful and very functional building. Well, we're adding on to it as we speak. Since camp ended last summer, our builder has been adding about 500 square feet to the north end of the building, towards the Arts & Crafts Shop. That additional space will be integrated into the Infirmary, providing 5 additional isolation rooms and an additional nurse's room. All of the floors in the Infirmary will be ceramic tile, making it much easier to keep clean. While we're at it, we're replacing the roof, restoring the original logs on the exterior, and adding some cultured stone surfaces to the exterior as well. When it is finished, it will be even more functional, and it will be even more beautiful. Camp is in fantastic shape, and we



Paddling on the Flambeau River

think you'll really be pleased when you see it. Speaking of that:

50th Anniversary Alumni Reunion!!
it's on!!

Any and all Timberlane campers and/or staff who will be 21 or older are welcome to join us.

DATES:

Starts: Friday, August 13th - 5:30 PM

Ends: Monday, August 16th - Morning(ish)

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

<http://www.camptimberlane.com/alumni.aspx>

Please see the attached information for all the details, and call us if you have any questions.

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have about 60 alumni already signed up for the reunion. We anticipate a full crowd of excited and energetic alumni, who will soon be transformed into a full crowd of sore and aching alumni, though certainly no less excited. Our 40th Anniversary reunion back in 2000 (was that already 10 years ago?!) could not have been more fun. The 50th will be even greater! Come join us!!



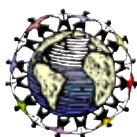
We also encourage you to check out the Alumni section of our website. There is information about who is attending the reunion, and a gallery of old photos. If you have some old photos you can contribute to the gallery, please send an electronic version of them to us at mike@camptimberlane.com. Thanks!

Taking a quick look back, we had a wonderful summer in 2009. We use the term "summer" a little loosely, because the weather often felt more like fall or early winter. It started off great with sunny and warm days, and then part-way through the 1st session, the mercury dropped. We had several days in a row with temps in the 50s and cloudy skies. We got some good "heavy dew" out of it (it never rains at camp!), which was nice.

Could weather like that spoil a camp summer? No way! In fact, it really showed us a lot about our campers. Even on those cold, damp days, they still went out and waterskied, went sailing and fishing, and just kept on having fun. The phrase "Tough Suburban Boys" was coined this past summer, and it was well justified. And on the nice warm days that we did have, the kids truly appreciated it and got a lot of joy being outside.

We introduced Mountain Biking this past summer, and it was - as expected - very popular. We purchased 12 nice bikes, and we converted the old SCUBA Shack into our Bike Shack, including a repair shop in the back. The kids learned about riding on trails and over obstacles, and they also learned about making basic repairs on a bicycle. Throughout the summer, we had a small crew from the local area constructing a special mountain biking trail in the woods to the east of the camp driveway. It took them longer to complete it than we had hoped, so the first ride taken on the trail was after the kids had gone home. It is a truly kick-tush trail, and the boys are gonna LOVE it this coming summer. And we plan to purchase a bike trailer so we can travel a bit with the bikes to some of the other amazing

riding trails that have been built in the national and state forests near camp.



Alumni Updates:

months in Florida, and their summer months on the friendly shores of Lake Towanda. Last summer the Hikens again played hosts to their grandsons' cabins for a nice Cruiser Day paddle across the lake, and picnic lunch.

1960s - 1970s: **SCOTT SHOVERS** lives in Los Angeles, and has been spending time with **FRED BIERMAN**. **CLIFF MAZER** is well and living in Atlanta. **TERRY GOLDIN** lives in the Chicago area, and is an architect specializing in designing hospitals.

1970s - 1980s: **JIMMY HIKEN** continues his work as a radiologist in Louisville, KY. He's got 3 boys, 2 of whom are Timberlane campers. **MIKE "MEADOW" JACOBS** lives in Shenzhen, China, and is the principal owner of Jacobs International. **BOB GASSEL** has moved to Fairfield, CT, where he works for NBC Universal. **MIKE "MP" PIERCE** lives in Boise, ID in the winter, and still works at Camp Agawak in the summers. This is a special summer coming up as MP will be married this summer at Agawak. MP and Suzi will tie the knot, and then have their honeymoon at the 50th Reunion! How romantic!! **JOEY "JP" PIERCE** lives in Memphis and last July he and his wife welcomed twins into the family. One has a spot at camp reserved for a few years from now. Hey, one out of two ain't bad. The Pierce's live in a house formerly owned by the Memphis Shapiros of olden camp days. **STEVE KALLMEYER** lives in the Chicago area and works in sales for Dell.

1980s - 1990s: **BOB & ALEXIS BERK** are enjoying life in New Orleans. Alexis continues her work as a Rabbi, and Bob is the Head of School of the New Orleans Jewish Day School. **FRANK FEHRENBACH** lives in the western 'burbs of Chicago, and runs the Applications Development department at PSAV, an audio/visual company. He and his wife have 3 kids. **MICHAEL BRODY** lives in Washington, DC and works at FEMA assessing and reporting on the nation's preparedness for major disasters. **MARC RABIN** lives in Roselle, IL where he works with his race horses "inspiring and racing for sick children." Marc has just completed a book about his champion racehorse entitled My Best Kept Secret: The True Story of How One Racehorse Turned Dreams Into Solid Gold. **MAURICIO HERRERA** lives in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and works for Continental Airlines. He's hoping to attend the 50th Reunion. **ZAC & LAUREN GILHOOLEY** live in Bar Harbor, ME, where Zac is working as a chef at a restaurant. The winters are slow in that part of Maine, but summers are very busy. We know the feeling! Zac & Lauren have a daughter, Samara. **MIKE & DANA KANOVITZ** live in Chicago where Dana is pursuing an MFA at the Art Institute of Chicago. She writes, "**DAVID RASKIN** is a tenured faculty member, and I can report that he is adored and revered by the students and faculty." Mike is an attorney, and they have 2 kids, Anya and Simon Woodruff. Awesome name! **BARRY & DANIELLE KALLMEYER** live in Cleveland with their 2 boys. Barry is a computer teacher at Hathaway Brown School, and is developing a video broadcasting studio for the students. Danielle is a speech pathologist. **DOUG FLANZER** lives in San Francisco with his wife, and 2 kids, one of whom was born this past November! **SARA MARINO** lives in Toronto with her 2 boys. **DANNY & SABRINA PLATTNER** live in Tucson with their 2 daughters. Danny is a mortgage broker and coaches his kids' basketball and softball teams. Sabrina is a health educator, teaching school kids about sun safety and physical fitness. **TOM GELIN** lives in Milwaukee with his wife and 3 kids. He owns AirFlow, Inc., an HVAC company in Milwaukee, and he and his family paid us a visit at camp last summer. Brother **LARRY GELIN** is in the HVAC business in Denver. **JAMIE COHEN** lives in St. Louis and was married last spring. **BRET COHN** lives in LA and welcomed his first child, Jacob, into the world this past year. **CHUCK LUCOFF** has moved to Omaha and works for a data company. He just had his first child in August. **PHIL LUCOFF** also lives in Omaha and works with the same company. He has 2 boys. **TIM ALBERTS** lives in Tucson with his wife and 3 kids and runs a biotech company.

HAROLD & SHARON HIKEN continue to do it right, spending their winter

1990s - 2000s:

BILL & DEBBIE BERK own and operate Outer Limits Child Care Center in Tucson, AZ. Bill is actively involved in training child care teachers and administrators to run quality programs. Last spring, Bill was joined on a waterski trip by fellow alums **JEREMY SILVER**, **ADAM SILVER**, **DAVE FINK**, **FLETCHER JONES**, **JORDAN EPTON**, **JEFF SALLAN**, and our current Associate Director, **JOHNNY WASZCZAK**. **Jeremy Silver** lives in LA where he is working and also writing music and performing. Several of his songs have appeared in TV shows and movies. **Adam Silver** is going to medical school in the Chicago area. **Jordan Epton** has relocated to Austin, TX where he is pursuing a music career. **Dave Fink** has launched a new Internet company called Epicaccess.com, selling clothing and action sports gear at low, low prices. **Jeff Sallen** lives in San Diego and works in commercial real estate. **JIM ECKLAND** lives in South Lake Tahoe and works for the US Forest Service. **STEVE HEISLER** is now a full-time free lance writer, writing for the AV Club, GQ, Entertainment Weekly, and Variety. His interview with Mel Brooks Carl Reiner resulted in Mel Brooks calling him at home to talk about the interview. **BEN CRANE** is an orthopedic surgeon and now lives in St. Louis with his wife and 2 boys. **ADAM LEAKER** lives in Adelaide, Australia and is a Detective in the South Australian Police Force. **TOM "DUTCH" COHEN** is completing work on his PhD in Biomedical Sciences in San Diego. Brother **MICHAEL COHEN** graduated college last year and works as the IT director for Missouri's US Senator Claire McCaskell. **JON LEOPOLD** is in Chicago and is a Certified Sommelier and currently a manager at Spiaggia restaurant. **ROSS GOLDIN** graduated in 2008 from Miami of Ohio, and works for Markit, a British financial services company in New York. **JONATHAN GOLDMAN** has started a criminal defense law firm in Chicago. He lives with his brother, **ZACH GOLDMAN** and recently visited **JOEL SILVER** in DC. **JON SCHLESINGER** is finishing his Masters degree and internship as a career counselor at Northwestern U. in Evanston. One of the students who visited with him recently just finished his first summer at Timberlane as a counselor and tennis instructor. Small world! **KENDRA BROWN** lives with her husband and daughter in Pittsburgh, where she is a Major Gift Officer for Carnegie Mellon U. **JUSTIN LACK** is in a band in Chicago called "Fashion Bomb" and says they're doing great. **NICK LIEBMAN** is working as the Hillel director at DePaul U.. His dad, **VANCE LIEBMAN**, writes, "Nick is also listed as the Jewish Chaplin. I guess at a Catholic school he passes as a Jewish Chaplin. But it puts all those camp skills to work." **ZAC ROSE** lives in Chicago, is recently married and runs his own company building furniture and cabinetry (zakrose.com). **BRIAN WEINSTEIN** lives in Ft. Collins with his wife and is studying to become a PA (not the camp kind...the medical kind). **STEVE ROBITSHEK** has been getting around between Utah and Washington state. He works as a NOLS instructor, a ski instructor, and a substitute teacher. **TODD KESTIN** spent some time traveling with his wife and fellow alum **ANDREW TODD** in Italy. Todd is a licensed clinical social worker, and has opened a private practice counseling children in the Chicago area. If your kiddies need a little guidance, he's the right guy for the job! Andrew Todd still lives in South Africa and was recently married. **BRAD BURTON** lives in Chicago and says he needs an inspection and a steak dinner. **ZACH FUCHS** graduated from Penn in May, and has moved to New York to work with McKinsey & Company. **AARON COHAN** owns a medical software animation company in Houston, TX. **BRIAN COHEN** lives in LA with his wife and new baby who arrived last August. **DAN CONROE** lives in Chicago, and worked as a community



Bagels? Must be Cruiser Day!



Airborn on a Mountain Bike!

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Timberbats Continue to Wow Audiences

organizer leading up to the 2008 election. **GABE CONROE** is a public defender in Chicago, and had his first son, Julian, in October. **JEREMY WYNN** lives in Scottsdale, AZ and sells surgical supplies.

2000s - Present: **DOUG KAPLAN** is a Junior at Northwestern U. majoring in Radio, Television, and Film. He's also in a band called "The Earth is a Man." He recently got together with several camp folks including **SCOTT GRODSKY, ZACH BYK, AARON KATZ, JORDAN HANDLER, DAVID KALTMAN, & ADAM ELIAS.** Zach Byk is a Senior at the U. of Arizona. **TAMÁS GAÁL** is a new daddy, welcoming his son, Kolos, this winter. **JASON YALE** will graduate from the U of Illinois this spring with a degree in advertising, and is looking for a job. **JOSH GORDON** is working as a bar tender in Chicago. **NIKI & CHRIS KOLB** are proud parents of Madelyn Kolb, who arrived in November. Niki is a director at Camp Lake Hubert in Minnesota, and Chris is a blogger for sports website www.nflnr.com. **ROBERTA MCCLURE** has finished her MS degree in Geochemistry. She still works with horses in her free time. **JOEL SILVER** works with RBC Wealth Mgmnt in DC, and recently proposed to his fiancée, Darcy on the Bear Skin Trail. They'll be married next year....another North Woods wedding!! **STEVE MCCOY** is a football coach and math teacher at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia. **GERARDO LOPEZ** lives in Tempe, AZ, and he and his wife are expecting their first child this spring. **KIMMY HOLLAR** lives in the Lake Tahoe area where she teaches kindergarten and works with the



Timberlane Campers Make a Huge Donation to the Local Food Bank

company she helped found, Susan Brown's Baby. Kimmy had a recent appearance on the Korean Home Shopping Network that is a video worth finding on You Tube. **ADAM TROSS** is a freshman at the U. of Iowa and has pledged a fraternity. **BENNY ROSEN** is a senior at Niles West in Skokie, captain of the wrestling team, and a dominating force at 130 pounds. **MINDY WIPER** is a mounted ranger at Yosemite National Park. Some of our old Houston boys joined me for crawfish on my trip there this winter, including **JEREMY GURWITCH, CORY LEVY, RYAN MAGAZINER, DREW LEVEY, BRIAN BERNSTEIN, and SAM BURSTEN.** They're all high school seniors and busy getting into some great colleges. **AARON ROBBIN** lives in Chicago and works with BBYO. He also works as a tech consultant integrating technology in a middle school classroom in Lincolnwood. His brother, **MICHAEL ROBBIN** lives close by, and his younger brother, **ELLIOTT ROBBIN** will attend Western Illinois next year. **MAJID KARIMI** lives in Oakland, and is getting married next summer. **STEWART BALE** is a sophomore at Michigan State and has joined the Air Force ROTC. **OTTO KRAUS** is a school teacher in St. Paul, MN. **KEVIN SETH** is a freshman at Suffolk U. in Boston. **MARIA TARAZONA** is purusing a Masters degree in Biotechnology and Commerce in Bogota, Columbia. **CHELSEA GIBSON** graduated from UW - La Crosse and is going to school to become a PA.



Houston Boys at the Ragin' Cajun

events with everyone. In the meantime, we hope to see you at the 50th this summer at camp!!

Benches up,

Leslie & Zlibo

2ND & 3RD GENERATION CAMPERS

Folks Whose Parent(s) and/or Grandparent(s) Camped With Us Too.

Brian & Jacob Barlow	Red Wing, MN	Doug Barlow
Jacob Buring	Memphis, TN	Danny Buring
Joey Bursten	Bellaire, TX	Andy Bursten
Dusty Cohen	Tucson, AZ	Leslie & Mike Cohen
Kevin Daily	Houston, TX	Brian Daily
Michael Heilbronner	Chicago, IL	Bobbo Heilbronner
Asa & Eliah Hiken	Prospect, KY	Jim Hiken
Joey Marks	Deerfield, IL	John Marks
Eddie & Jono Rosenblum	Highland Park, IL	Paul Rosenblum
Adam Susman	Oak Park, IL	David Susman
Ben & David Tamsky	St. Louis, MO	Bob Tamsky
Hayden Turk	Bellaire, TX	Robert Turk
Danny Zaga	Sherman Oaks, CA	Diane Arieff



PLEASE
HELP US
SEND KIDS
TO CAMP!

We continue to need support from you, our alumni, to send these fantastic kids from underprivileged backgrounds to our camp and others like ours. Think how vital this experience can be to the outcomes of their lives!! Please join us in this important endeavor.

Last summer, the campers, staff, and parents currently connected with camp helped to raise nearly \$15K in conjunction with another camp. Folks, we believe that our alumni can and should step up and contribute just as strongly as our currently active camp community.

On behalf of this effort, Jim Hiken writes, “*The idea behind Camp For All Kids really resonates with me. The role that summer camp can play in instilling confidence, tolerance, and self-worth in a child is exceptional and perhaps unique. Many of life’s most important lessons I learned at Timberlane - that you can get along with anyone and that every person has worth and a place in this world. This is an opportunity for growth that can do wonders for any child - especially a child coming from a challenging background. Think how much of a difference camp can make in these kids’ lives. Camp For All Kids can help offer that opportunity.*”

All of us at camp wish to thank the following Alumni (and their associates) for their contributions to CFAK this past year:

- Ross Cahn
- Betty Cohen
- Leslie & Mike Cohen
- Jeremy Cohn
- Robert Jordan
- Jim Hiken
- Cindy Hiken Lapins
- Martin Lynch
- Sean & Amanda Weil
- Barbara & Gilbert Wynn
- Marty & Arlene Zuckerman
- Nadine & Phil Zuckerman

If we have twisted your arm enough that you’d liketo help, thank you! You can log on to Camp For All Kids’ brand new website and donate online. Please check out the all-new video that was produced by our very own Rick Jones during his time-off this past summer.

TO DONATE, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<http://www.campforallkids.org/>

Thank you very much.