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Dear Alums,

There is always some give and take in life. As you get (a little) older, you learn that there are things you gain just as there are things you sorta lose. Perhaps the biggest gain is an increasingly well-developed sense of perspective. We've

had the chance to watch a lot of kids grow up in our years as the directors at Timberlane. And it is our good fortune that we've been able to stay in close contact with several of the people we met when they were little boys way back in 1985 and in the ensuing years. That experience, as well as raising our own kids through pre-school years, grade school years, high school years, and now college years (yikes!), has afforded us the opportunity to make some observations, learn some valuable lessons, and gain an ever-deepening appreciation for the many, many values

and attributes that camp provides to those of us fortunate to be a part of it.

The sense of community that is built into camp life is a strength and a grounding influence that is hard to quantify. Having spent 30+ years at Timberlane, and quite a few growing up at other camps, Leslie and I can see so vividly how that has played out in our own lives, and in the lives of other folks we are close to...because of camp, of course. In recent years, we've re-connected or simply stayed connected with so many Timberlane people, and heard from them about how much their camp connections, camp memories, and lessons they learned at camp have shaped their adult lives. Naturally we love hearing about camp folks reaching out to others to offer opportunities and friendship...that's the nectar of life for camp directors! We also know so many former campers who are becoming camp parents, and we love when they tell us how meaningful it is to send their boys to "their" camp and see their sons gain that same sense of community and ownership (check out the list of 2nd & 3rd Generation Campers at the end of this newsletter! Whoah!!). We've heard former

counselors tell us how their experiences at camp have played such vital roles in their parenting, and how appreciative they are now for those long hours in Staff Training, and those trying times they had with challenging kids.

So, what does it all mean? We think it means the future is incredibly bright! Our camp community is close, and supportive of each other, and that's so important! As our youngest (Sammy) goes off to college next year, and our oldest (Dustin) graduates next December and joins us full time after the summer of 2016, we see great strength, great fun, and great adventures ahead for our whole camp community. We all draw so much from our shared experiences – from generation to generation – and as it becomes increasingly clear how vital the skills that we gain at camp are to 21st Century careers and relationships (problem solving & critical thinking, communication & collaboration, leadership), we're confident that camp experiences at Timberlane

and around the country are contributing to the growth of one young generation after another. As we find ourselves saying more and more frequently, "There ain't no app for that!"

We had an epic summer last year. One of the characteristics that shaped it was the fact that we had the largest PA group in all of our years at camp. In fact, the PAs (oldest age group for those of you who may not recall) represented 25% of the camp! They occupied 3 cabins in the Senior Village both sessions. The PAs can, most summers, really shape the whole atmosphere of camp. If they're fun, accepting, and enthusiastic, that's the kind of summer we'll have. They were, and we did! They were great campers, adventurous and fun, they kept an eye out for and took an interest in our younger guys, and the end result was a happy, friend-filled, and very adventurous 8 weeks. We even scouted and started running a new river for us last summer, sending several trips down the Ontonagon River in the Upper Peninsula.

We hope to scout a few other rivers for possible trips this coming summer.

If you didn't hear, the big lake, Lake Superior, didn't fully thaw until July last year, thanks to the crazy winter weather. That meant we had an unusually cool start to the summer, and though it did warm up nicely, we remained below normal in our temps for most of the season. Honestly, it didn't slow us down a bit It was nice avoiding those extra hot summer days, and fortunately our lake warmed up early so hopping into the friendly waters of Lake Towanda was nice.

We had some nice improvements around camp, most notably the final renovation on our spectacular climbing tower. When we initially built the 70 footer, 2 of the climbing sides were plywood surfaces with various bolt-on features to add some variety and challenge. In the years since, climbing gym technology has boomed, and we have taken advantage of that. We replaced one of those sides a few years ago with a new synthetic rock surface, and last year we replaced the other wood side with a brand new, state-of-the-art climbing surface. The tower is now a true piece of art, standing

tall on the far athletic field, and it presents a myriad of climbing experiences and challenges. We now have an easy-access, walk-out rappelling station at the top of the tower, and when you add in the huge indoor bouldering cave right next to the tower, you can just imagine how unparalleled our program has become.

We're proud of the facility, of course, but we're equally proud of our staff who teach climbing and pass their passion on to the kids. And, it is worth noting, that we can credit much of that to alumnus **STUART COWLES**, who joins us every year to train our trip leaders and in-camp instructors in rock climbing. Stuart owns a climbing gym, backpack company, and climbing guide service in Asheville, NC. He's busy finishing construction on his newest facility, the Smokey Mountain Adventure Center in Asheville, but even with his hands so full, he will again make the time available to come up north and spend a week with us training our staff. Amazing.



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This coming summer looks awesome! Once again we will be joined by an enormous group of returning staff members, a majority of whom were campers at camp. Our cadre of Assistant Directors is still amazing, still boasting names that

many of our alumni would recall from their camping days. Names like **RICK & HOLLY JONES** (30 years at camp this summer), BILL MILLER, JEFF MELROSE, RICH MC **GOWAN, SAM KAHN,** and several more. Our Associate Director, **JAKE REUTER** has been working hard to help recruit campers and new staff, and planning for the summer from our high altitude office in Telluride, CO. We've completed several major improvement projects already, including a new roof on the Pottery Shop (yes, it is ATA Tushball approved), some remodeling in and around Sioux Cabin, a new deck on the front of Menominee Cabin, and this spring we're going to re-landscape the pathway down to the waterski deck. Camp looks incredible! Come on up and visit us this summer, and you'll see for yourself.

#### CAMP FOR ALL KIDS

continues to play a big part in our amazing summers together. Last summer we had 9 campers who joined us through the CFAK scholarship program, 7 of whom were with us for at least their 2nd summer. We never lose sight of how important these kids are to camp, how important camp is to them, and how much they impact all Discovering Similarities of our other campers. We appreciate the Celebrating Differences support our camp community has shown



over the years for CFAK, and we especially thank alums BRIAN WILLIAMS, MIKE KANOVITZ, and MICHAEL BREEN who have been serving on the board of directors of CFAK for the past year. Please continue your generous financial support for this great organization!



It was another summer on Lake Towanda for HAROLD & SHARON HIKEN. They were up in the Northwoods for several weeks during the summer, and continue to spend their winter months in Florida.

1960s - 1970ss ANDY MINTZ moved recently to Naples, FL, and is looking for some camp folks to connect with. He is SVP at Philips Amsterdam and is now in his 30th year with the company. **JOE SCHNEIDER** wrote us after he watched the Camp for All Kids video to let us know he made a donation to the cause. That's great!! **LEE GLICKSMAN** remains active in Tucson city life as an attorney, humorist, and Packer fan. **MIKE COHEN** visited us at the end of the summer, and of course, was handing out cigars.

**1970s - 1980ss MARTIN LYNCH** had an eventful year after being hit by a car while on his bike last August. He is recovering well, has been able to ride again, and is at another start-up in Silicon Valley called Xicato as EVP Engineering and Operations. RONNIE GEER checked in from Atlanta, GA where he is doing well. In Memphis, **JOE PIERCE** is trading bonds at a local firm, now in his 22nd year there. He and his family were at family camp at Agawak last summer, and he brought the boys over to Timberlane for a fun walk around. Over



the holidays they had a nice family cruise to the Carribean. SCOTT **SONTAG** lives in Libertyville, IL with his wife and 2 kids. **BOBBY** HANDMAKER is in Florida and has threatened to pay us a visit at camp when he drops his daughters

off this summer at Agawak. PAUL ROSENBLUM spent 3 weeks traveling in China with his oldest son, Eddie (current counselor), and this April Paul will be racing in the Tour of Flanders, a 153 mile bike race in Belgium. **DAVID RASKIN** will be spending May in Sydney, Australia at the US Study Centre, University of Sydney. Apparently his family, including his 2 current campers, Levi & Dox, can get by just fine without him. DAVE SCHULZ, the son of our original caretaker, Hal Schulz, is the Superintendent of the Brule River State Forest. He's also helped us with our forest management project to keep our 300 acres of northwoods



forest beautiful. **DANNY PLATTNER** is a mortgage broker in Tucson, and he spent some time in the northwoods with his wife **SABRINA PLATTNER** and their daughters.

1980s - 1990ss JEFF LEIKEN continues to help camp professionals and other youth workers through his training workshops (literally) around the world, and he has a private mentoring practice in San Francicso. Last year Jeff arranged for a camp experience and year of counseling for a group of highschool kids with hemophelia. He enlisted JOSH WAYNE and **TODD KESTIN** to help as coaches in the program. SCOTT HARRISON got in touch to tell us about a relic of a camp towell he found in storage. Scott lives in Bloomington, IL. **ZACH FREDMAN** lives in Chicago and is trying to get through another harsh winter. DAVE FINK lives in Santa Monica, CA with his wife, son, and new baby girl. He is a principal with Science Internet/Software, a digital business incubator. **BOB BERK** is founder and Head of School of the Cypress Academy charter school in New Orleans, LA. They will open their doors this coming August. Bob and ALEXIS BERK have 2 boys who are Timberlane campers. Alexis is Head Rabbi of Touro Synagogue in New Orleans. **DEBBIE & BILL BERK** live in Tucson with

their son (current camper) and daughter. They own Outer Limits Early Education Center, and devote much of their time to training other early childhood educators and working for quality, affordable child care in southern Arizona. BEN CRANE is an orthopedic surgeon in St. Louis, specializing in



backs. He and his wife have 3 boys, and have been helping us reach more StL area kids. Brother **AARON CRANE** is an attorney and lives with his wife and daughter in the Chicago area. MICHAEL SHAW lives in Northbrook, IL with his wife and 3 boys. He is a corporate M&I attorney with Much Shelist. JIM EAST recently moved his family to Conroe, TX to take a new job as a Communication Specialist with CB & I, a global company that builds "giant stuff." BRIAN "WILLY" **WILLIAMS** started a new position last June with the Associated Colleges of the Midwest working with faculty of fourteen liberal arts colleges and external granting foundations to identify projects and funding for collaborative projects. He tells us that CHARLIE GROVES has relocated to Orlando, FL for a new position with a VA hospital. MATT RICH started a law firm in Chicago focussing on residential and commercial real estate. He is married and has 2 boys. Brother MIKE RICH works for Harrah's Casinos in Bossier City, LA, where he lives with his wife and 2 boys. ADAM ROCHMAN lives in Chicago where he is

VP of Wildfire Restaurants. Adam and Wildfire generously supported Camp for All Kids with donations of restuarant gift cards. JD RUBIN recently moved on up to Wilmette, IL with his wife, son (current camper) and daughter. JD works for a Spanish renewable energy company in Chicago.



JONATHAN KAELTER lives in Chicago with his wife and young son, and he works for Kernel Seasons, a popcorn seasoning company. BRUCE ROTHSCHILD lives in Michigan with his wife and 2 kids where he is Sales Director for Live Nation Entertainment. ROBERT BELUSHI is an actor in LA, was recently married, and had a recurring part on "The Mentalist" and appeared in a national TV ad for Honda.



Gerardo works as a sales exec for AV

INGRAM paid a visit to camp late last fall and took some beautiful photos. He lives in Aurora, IL and works for Pro Access, a manufacturing company.

JARED KAPLAN and RYAN MAGAZINER have both relocated to take jobs in Dallas, and are roomates there. GERARDO LOPEZ lives in Tempe, AZ with his wife and 2 boys.

Concepts, a tech company specializing in large scale productions. We recently bumbed into the Lopez family at a baseball game in Phoenix. **DILLON WAXMAN** lives in Columbia, MO where he is a student, has a part-time job, and enjoys cycling. Brother **DANIEL WAXMAN** is in law school at Wake Forest, getting a joint JD/MBA degree.

**2000\$ - 2010\$8 SCOTT BREEN** will graduate this May from Indiana U. with a JD & MPA and will take the Illinois Bar in July. He then plans to travel...again...including

a visit to Africa with his brother **MICHAEL BREEN**. Afterwards, Scott will start his new position as an attorney at NOA in Washington, DC. Michael works as a wealth specialist at Mesirow Financial in Chicago, and is studying to become a CFP. **ROB STERN** will graduate in May from Chicago-Kent College of Law. **JORDAN HANDLER** taught English in Da Nang Vietman this past winter, and will travel SE Asia until May. **ADAM TROSS** has graduated from lowa, and works as a wellsite geologist in Ohio and Pennsylvania for Horizon Well Logging. **JOEL LEMAIRE** is in Salem, OR with his wife, and they led

a 3 month mission trip through Tanzania and Rwanda. They plan to backpack Europe this year and then live in South Africa after that. **ANDREW EDELSTEIN** graduated last May from UW-Madison and lives in Minneapolis working as a structural engineer. **NIKI & CHRIS KOLB** live in Rosemount, MN with their daughter, and recently bought a house. They're having fun doing rennovation projects on the house. **SAM LIBOWSKY** is Digital Sales Manager at Starcom Mediavest Group in New

York. DANIELLE SLATER DOYLE got married last year and moved to Arlington, VA. She works for Accenture. CHRIS PEAT lives in New Zealand and is a new daddy of a baby girl. ROBERTA MCCLURE RUSSELL lives in Houston with her husband and is an environmental geologist. She also retrains retired race horses for new careers. JACK KAPLAN is a freshman at Rice University studying mechanical engineering. CHARLES MOULTON is a chassis engineer for Pierce Mfg in Green Bay, designing custom fire apparatus. He also teaches at Northeast Wisconsin Tech College. JOHNNY & RACHEL

WASZCZAK live in Philadelphia with their daughter and recently arrived baby boy. Johnny is director of Camp Lake Owego and Rachel is medical director of Owego and 2 related camps. TOMMY WASZCZAK lives in Phoenix and works for Verizon Wireless while also reffing ice and roller hockey games and playing as much hockey as he can. JAKE KLECKNER lives with his daughter in Sanborton, NH where he works at a school for kids with special needs and refs basketball games. SAM SENTONGO made the Superintendent's List at the

US Air Force Academy. MINDY WIPER passed through Tucson this winter on her way to Houston. She has finished her work at Nature Bridge near Yosemite, and will train horses closer to home. ANDY RABIN graduated from Kansas last spring and is band manager for Radical Something. TAMÁS GAÁL was hoping to find a job in Austria last we heard. Hope it worked out. ZEKE SPECTOR is a video editor on the HBO "Vice" documentary series and lives in New York. Congrats to JON HORWITZ who was married recently in Door County, WI. Jon is a CPA at Aon Corp in Chicago. ANDREW DANZIGER is a custom

1990s – 2000s8 TODD KESTIN lives in Northbrook, IL with his wife, daughter, and their baby girl who arrived this past winter. Todd works with teens and children as a mentor, and has a blog that is published on the Huffington Post website. BRIAN KESTIN is in Nashville working at a clothing store. GREG KESTIN lives in Cleveland with his wife and 2 kids and works in commercial real estate. EVAN MOFFIC is the Rabbi at Congregation Solel in Highland Park, IL. He is married and has 2 kids. MICHAEL COHEN lives in

Alexandria, VA. and was recently married. He is the director of the Governmental division for Symplicity, a software company. TOM "DUTCH" COHEN is running an early-stage biotech startup in St. Louis called Nanopore Diagnostics, developing rapid tests for diagnosing bacterial infections. He and his wife just had their first baby girl. JACKSON BARNES took a new job with Capitol One in London, and newly on the job encountered another Timberlane alumnus, BRIAN BORK. BRIAN WEINSTEIN is a Dermatology PA living in Boston with his wife and son. JARED STABINER is an executive with VL Group, a

music agency in Chicago. **PAUL ARABIE** works with AUSL, which manages 32 schools in Chicago, and he's looking for teachers! **DOUG CHOD** is a consultant with Deloitte in the Chicago area. He plans to start business school this coming fall. **RANDY KAMERMAN** is in Medford, OR working as a sports caster with the ABC affiliate and raising his young son. **KENDRA BROWN** is in Washington, DC with her spouse and 2 daughters. She is director of Advancement at Georgetown

Day School. **PEGGY HAAS** visited the Carribean, worked at the same diabetes camp she has been helping for 20+ years, and last August was lighthouse keeper on the far northern tip of Lake Michigan. **JASON YALE** works for Colliers International's investment sales division. He recently spent some time with **PHIL SHAVER** in Miami and with **ADAM ELIAS** and **DAN FREEDMAN** in Chicago. **JOEY "NINK" KELLNER** is Ilving in Moscow for a year. He's not sure why. **ZAC GILHOOLEY** is in Bar Harbor, ME with his daughter and is a prep cook at a restaurant. He also runs half-marathons. He keeps in touch with

several alumni, including JOSH DEWITT, TYE EYDEN, and ELIOT WRENN. DOUG KAPLAN lives in Chicago and works at Thrill Jockey Records while also operating his own music label, Hausu Mountain. Doug played a show with his band in Washington, DC, and SCOTT BREEN, MITCH BONO, & MICHAEL DISKIN came to listen. Doug and JOEY BROWN bumped into JOE SHAVER and LOUIS WEINSTEIN at a Phish show in Las Vegas. JEFFREY GILBERT is an attorney in Houston. He and his wife have a

son and a baby on the way soon. **KEVIN FRIDUSS** is in Chicago, and was honored by BBYO as the International AZA Advisor of the Year. He works at CBS Radio in Chicago as a Promotions Coordinator and Restaurant & Theater Critic for the Examiner. **SAM GOLDHAR** lives in Chicago and works with PwC. He recently did some SCUBA diving in Honduras. **DAN ELLERSDORFER** has relocated to Denver where he was looking for a middle school teaching position. **MATT SLOAN** is a law school student at Duke University. **JON LEVY** has a job with Amazon.com in the Seattle area. **DARRIN** 



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### MINIREUNION IN GILL-TOWN

furniture designer and builder in Austin, TX. **BRYCE CASTER** graduated from Washington U. in St. Louis, and as usual, has been seeking adventures. He was on a Mt. Everest Base Camp trek last summer, and he credits his boulder

scrambling skills to his 8-day trip to LSPP with camp. Bryce has done climbs on Mt. Whitney and Mt. Rainier as well. **MEGHAN HAGER** has a job working on a sailboat in the Virgin Islands. **TAYLOR FEINSTEIN** has a Geology degree from Montana State. Brother **MAX FEINSTEIN** is a junior at Davidson College studying microbiology. **CRAIG ALLEN** is alive and well and living in England. **SETH GROSS** graduated from Illinois and is a logistics coordinator with Command Transportation in the Chicago area. **FLETCHER JONES** will graduate from Purdue U. Pharmacy School in May, and is currently wrapping up his rotations. **JAKE SEIDEN** works at a drug research lab in Chicago. **KIM HOLLAR TROY** is a kindergarten teacher in Seattle, where she lives with her husband and 1 year old girl.

**201 OSS EMILY JONES** has started work for a kayaking outfitter in the US Virgin Islands. She spent the fall and winter traveling around South America. **HANNAH JONES** is on a medical leave in the midst of her junior year at West Point Academy (too much rugby). Hannah was in Chile training with their army in a



#### CENTE L'OSTACOLOGICALES

mountain school, and recently paid a visit to us here in Tucson. RYAN COHEN is a producer and editor with TouchVision. He spent some time at camp updating one of the promotional videos he has made for us over the years. His Camp for All Kids video has been a huge success for the

organization. **JONAH RAWITZ** has a part in an upcoming episode of "Charlbroiled", a USA network series. SAM **GILBERT** went to interview for an instructor's position at The Dunn School in So Cal, and who was the interviewer? None other than fellow former tripper, **KEVIN FOX**, who is Associate Director of Leadership in the science department there. While we're talking about trippers, **SEAN SLATTERY** applied for a position with Outward Bound, hoping to lead trips out west. **RYAN WAGNER** is at USC studying film/tv production. He's involved with USC's improv and sketch comedy troupe. He recently went to Israel with JAY FELDMAN. AARON **ZEMACH** will complete his Masters degree at Washington U. and has taken a position in New York with Google's new products division. Aaron continues to help us out with fixes and improvements to our website. **BEN TAMSKY** will attend the University of Oregon this fall. SARAH KEARNEY graduated last spring from Carroll U. with a degree in exercise science. She is now studying for her doctorate of physical thereapy. KYLE MANLEY is band director at Crosswinds Arts & Science School in Woodbury, MN. **JACK GOMBERG** is a freshman



at Pomona College. BEN
FOWLER works with the
Georgia Conservancy as a
program and trip director,
living in Atlanta. Ben also
started a company called
Surepaw Dog Gear, using
retired climbing ropes to
make leashes and dog toys.
DESI HEININ has been
making some trips from
Germany to Atlanta and after
receiving her Masters degree
in International Development
Studies, she's been searching

in the non-profit and NGO worlds for a job. ALAN BOWLES is an RN working at an allergy clinic in California, and continuing with a BSN program. LAUREN GARDNER spent some time in England last summer, and visited with ASHLEIGH BROWN & MAZ BALD. BETHYN MERRICK-NGUYEN spent last summer in an internship with the Nature Conservancy working with teens. GREG COOPER has been taking classes at Prescott College in northern Arizona and working as a NOLS instructor. DEBBIE PURCELL lives in the Denver area and works with a child-care center and a corporate event planning company. CALLIE SIMMONS traveled to Thailand last summer to study endangered Asian elephants.

## 20D & FRD GENERATION ON PERS

Folks Whose Parent(s) and/or Grandparent(s)
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Jack & Brian Barlow	Red Wing, MN	Doug Barlow
Joe & Aaron Berns	Highland Park, IL	Matt Berns
Aril & Seth Berk	New Orleans, LA	Bob & Alexis Berk
David Berk	Tucson, AZ	Bill & Debbie Berk
Cole Boisvert	Dallas, TX	Brent Gardner
Joey Bursten	Bellaire, TX	Andy Bursten
<b>Dusty Cohen</b>	Tueson, AZ	Mike & Leslie Cohen
Harry & William Coovert	St. Louis, MO	Sander Coovert
Mark David	Herndon, VA	Doug & Peggy David
Alexander & Henry Echt	Highland Park, IL	Jeff Echt
Connor Fehrenbach	West Chicago, IL	Frank Fehrenbach
Avilliken	Prospect, KY	Jim Hiken
Matt Howard	Atlanta, GA	Dan Howard
Ari & Ben Kaden	Highland Park, IL	<b>Jonathan Kaden</b>
Matthew & Zach Kallmeyer	Highland Hits. OH	Barny & Danielle Kallmeyer
Simon Kanovitz	Chicago, IL	Mike Kanovitz& Dana Major
Michael Kaplan	Milwaukee, WI	Reid Kaplan
Ari Lackner	Bannockburn, IL	Marty Lackner
Joey Marks	Deerfield, IL	<b>John Marks</b>
Aidan Mease	Tucson, AZ	Bill Miller
<b>Gus Mervis</b>	Carmel, IN	Joshua Mervis
Matthew Mossler	Carmel, IN	RickMossler
Dox & Levi Raskin	Oak Park, IL	David Raskin
Jack Robinowitz	Tulsa, OK	Rich Robinowitz
Eddle, Jono & Joey Rosenblum	Highland Park, IL	Paul Rosenblum
Elliot Rubin	Wilmette, IL	JD Rubin
Joey Salit	Mundelein, IL	Dean Salit
Ben Schachter	Dallas, TX	Steve Schachter
Noah & Will Sexter	Rockville, MD	Reed Sexter
Adam Susman	Oak Park, IL	David Susman
David Tamsky	St. Louis, MO	Bob Tamsky

You have a whole year to fill us in on the events of your life. You can do it so easily right from our website. Please make the effort to keep connected with us. Your camp family loves to hear about you.

AND IF YOU RECEIVED THIS ISSUE IN THE MAIL, THAT MEANS WE DON'T HAVE A GOOD EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOU. We'd really like to save the paper next time around, so please send us your email address. Thanks, and have a safe and happy year! Till next time...

Senches up, Lewis + Zlilo