

CAMP MERRIE-WOODE

Situated, Celebrated on Fairfield Lake

Spring 2011

Chapel Renovation Slated for This Fall

*I lift up my eyes to the hills – Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, The maker of Heaven and earth. Psalm 121*

Without question, the Merrie-Woode Chapel is one of the most beautiful, inspirational, and spiritual places in camp. With the view of Lake Fairfield and Old Bald in the background, some say this is where they feel closest to God. We all have fond memories of singing the “Camp Hymn” or listening to Psalm 121 being read in Chapel, as we sat on the flagstone steps surrounded by camp friends.

In recent years, the Chapel, constructed in the early 1960s, has begun to buckle and crumble as the earth under it settles. Merrie-Woode’s long range plan was to reconstruct the Chapel area following the 2011 camp season, and this spring the Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the proposed Chapel renovations. Board Trustee, landscape designer, and alumna, Elizabeth Simpson Poynor has assisted in the planning of this project. Elizabeth was inspired by the Swarthmore College Scott Outdoor Amphitheater in Pennsylvania when designing the Chapel renovation for Merrie-Woode.

The newly renovated structure will be very much in keeping with the existing Chapel and visually, there will be very little change. Flagstone steps will be used once again and the overall size will only increase slightly to accommodate the size of our current camp community. The space between each stone bench will be wider, where grass and a few trees will be planted to help with shading the area. The biggest complaint amongst the campers is the sun, so planting trees will help provide the needed shade. The grade of the existing chapel is high enough that there will be little fill needed to achieve the new gentle slope. The new Chapel area will



*Scott Outdoor Amphitheater
at Swarthmore College*

allow for more seating and be built on a proper foundation to ensure its longevity.

After consulting with Jill and Morgan Nalty and following a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Merrie-Woode Board of Trustees, it was mutually agreed that this project would be a fitting tribute to Abby Nalty and that gifts made in her memory would fund this project.

It will continue to be a special place that all current and future Merrie-Woode campers will enjoy. Any additional

funds will be used to fund Chapel programs and the planting of a memorial garden honoring all those who “through the years have loved Merrie-Woode and given it their best.”

The Merrie-Woode Foundation wishes to acknowledge, with appreciation, the many members of our camp community who have remembered Abby Nalty with their gifts in her memory. We thank you for your interest in this worthwhile project and for your

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At Wit's End

Chug-a-Wump! Boo-Whoop! As we sit down to write this, we are looking out the window at the first signs of spring. The dogwoods in camp are blooming! We are counting down the weeks to the upcoming 93rd camp season at Merrie-Woode. The camp enrollment is at capacity and ninety percent of the counselors are returning staff members from last year. Betsy Reese Helms, Head Counselor, spent numerous hours on the road this winter visiting college campuses and encouraging many of our staff to return for another summer of fun.

You'll read later in the newsletter about how busy our facilities crew has been this winter. They have had their hands full working on the improvements to the cabins of Doxology, Briar Patch, and Buckingham Palace. Much of their energy has been spent on the incredible remodeling job at High Heaven! They completed updates to Castle, which has made Lindsay Garner Hostetler very happy. The facilities crew is now working on the new trails and outposts on the 100 acres across the lake. The crew certainly had a lot on their agenda this bitterly cold winter. They will soon be helping us plant our new Nature Nook vegetable and flower gardens, as a garden club class is a new addition

to the curriculum this summer. We hope some of our campers have green thumbs!

The spring will continue to be full of activity at camp. We are preparing for our American Camp Association (ACA) reaccreditation this summer and we are also hosting the North Carolina Youth Camp Association Annual Meeting in May. The camp directors from across the state will attend this meeting, so we want camp to look its best. The main topic at the meeting will be the results of the Economic Impact Study done for the camps by NC State. The study is detailed later in this newsletter and the results are fascinating.

Phyllis remains busy processing the camp forms, filing the camper pledges, and gathering song requests. We've enlisted Ingrid Weatherby to be our official artist/song collector. When she's finished with this project, she'll be extremely happy to get out on the rivers this summer! We can't wait to see all of our campers return to the mountains of North Carolina. Until then, we'll be preparing for camp.

Phyllis and Jim

Staff News

Some of the year round staff took a Wilderness First Aid course at the Nantahala Outdoor Center in March. Their instructor was none other than Merrie-Woode's river guru **JP Bevilaqua!** JP is working hard as the Education Coordinator for SOLO Southeast at the NOC, teaching kayaking for The Asheville School, helping Merrie-Woode with our river permitting, and doing intermittent camp trail maintenance with **Josh Helms**. We heard from **Jessica Bowers** who was recently the featured artist in Clemson's Celebration for the Visual Arts. One of her pieces was featured in the live auction and was one of only five items offered in the auction. Jessica's art work sold for \$300 and helped raise money for the Center for Visual Arts at Clemson. The Center supports visiting artists, interns, and a senior trip to New York City. Congratulations, Jessica, on this prestigious honor! Continuing the family legacy,



*Sarah Wynn visits
Lillie Cochran in Scotland*

Chase Brantley will be working on Merrie-Woode's Mountaineering staff this summer. Obviously, our staff members just can't get enough of camp in the summer, so they visit us in the off season! In January, we had the chance to spend a few days with **Campbell Bowers, Tee Bowers, Audrey Dyer, Perry Ellis, Caroline Reeves, Grace Thorington, and Sarah Wynn**. It was great to see them in the off season! **Lillie Cochran** is studying in Edinburgh, Scotland this semester

and having the best time. **Sarah Wynn** recently traveled from France to visit Lillie, and they are hoping to get together again in Amsterdam. Speaking of Sarah Wynn, she's been enjoying her semester abroad, as well. She is taking art classes while traveling extensively. Sarah spent some time in Barcelona with fellow Merrie-Woode girl Katie Friedman. Beyond the travelling, Sarah is being exposed to many other cultures through her host family. She lives with a French family who is simultaneously hosting Sarah, one student from Senegal, and another student from Switzerland! New York City is full of Merrie-Woode girls! After graduating from UVA last spring, **Carrie Coker** moved to New York to work in Advertising for BBDO. Carrie regularly sees **Elizabeth Harrison**, and they often attend **Amber Skye's** local performances. Carrie's sister, **Eliza Coker**, spent the fall semester in Rome, and had



Christina Daniels' (03-10) son, Eddie.

a blast. She is back at Vanderbilt to finish up her junior year. It's hard to believe but **Christina Daniels'** son, Eddie, celebrated his first birthday in February. Merrie-Woode ladies **Lauren Pleasants** and **Amber Clayton** were in attendance for the party. Christina loves being a stay-at-home mom. In her spare time, Christina teaches art classes within the community with her small business, Creative Encounters. At Wake Forest, **Sarah Davis** is making waves in the Theater Department. She recently appeared in Wake's mainstage production of *The Grapes of Wrath* and is cast in the upcoming production of *Eurydice*. Break a leg, Sarah! Though it keeps her in the library at all hours, **Elizabeth Etherton** is still enjoying Tulane Law School. She has an internship with the New Orleans Saints, and she hopes to go into Sports Law when she graduates in May of 2012. Elizabeth is hoping to squeeze in a little time at camp during the August Session this summer. Life is treating **Perry Ellis** well in Charlottesville, VA. Her most recent accomplishment was running 6.2 miles in the Monument Avenue 10K race. Congrats, Perry; keep it up! Perry is definitely enjoying school at UVA, and she often bumps into **Hillary Hardy** on campus! Perry is preparing for a busy summer working in an intensive Autism and Phonemic Awareness program, but despite her tight schedule, she hopes to visit camp with **Riley Dickey** and **Grace Thorington!** We can't wait to see

them! During her spring break, **Sarah Ellison** went to Davidson to visit **Shirley Smircic**, **Alex Polhill**, and **Anne Meredith Baldy**. They had lunch and ice cream before showing Sarah around the college. Sarah also reports that she gets together regularly with **Maddie Marion** and **Katy Allamong**, who both attend Hollins College. **Betsy** and **Josh Helms** ran into **Campbell Bowers** and **Tee Bowers** at a concert in Asheville this April. Both Campbell and Tee are having a good semester at school, but both of them are counting down the days until camp starts! Although we can't believe **Kelli Hewitt** will not be back at camp this summer, she is good about staying in touch with the Merrie-Woode community. Kelli recently visited **Lucy Wood** in Wagga Wagga! We are pleased to report that Lucy will be back at camp during the summer of 2011! The University of Georgia is home to many Merrie-Woode staff members these days. **Shreeya Khurana** loves UGA and just had a nice visit with Avery Wiens. Still working for Cirque du Soleil in Macau, China, **Keiko LeMon** finds time to vacation in other areas of Asia. This winter she went to Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines after a quick trip to the US. She even stopped by the camp office on her travels! We are so proud of you, Keiko, for taking this great adventure to China, but we hope to see you stateside in the near future. **Sarah Logan** took a break from school at Northwestern University last weekend to paddle with **JP Bevilaqua** and to visit with **Sara Huffman** and **Lindsay Garner Hostetler**. Slogan is staying busy at school, and she is excited to participate in the American Collegiate Rowing Association National Championship in May. After spending June and Main Sessions at camp, Slogan is headed to St. Andrews, Scotland to work with World Wide Organization of Organic Farmers (WOOFF). Perhaps next summer she will want to teach Nature, rather than Drama and Boating! Congratulations to

Tiffany Payne, who graduated in December with a Bachelor's in Art History from the University of Georgia. She is currently working at a restaurant and hopes to visit camp this summer! Spring Break gave **Caroline Reeves** a chance to spend some time with her parents in London. They had a great trip and can't wait to eventually go back again. There are always plenty of projects to accomplish in the camp office, and **Ingrid Weatherby** has been a great help on many of them. Ingrid is working on her MAT in Physical Education at Western Carolina University, but on Fridays she is Senior Staff's favorite office helper! Ingrid will be here every Friday until the summer begins. Many thanks, Ingrid! As for Ingrid's sister, **Vivian Weatherby**, she can't wait to be finished with school! Vivian is excited to return to Merrie-Woode this summer, where she will oversee the waterfront. Our 2011 CAs are excited about their college acceptance letters, and many of them have made their college decisions. **Caroline Bartelsmeyer** will be a freshman at SMU after spending Main Session at camp, and **Laura Dorris** starts her college career at Rhodes College this fall. **Alix Fry** will join our many Merrie-Woode staff members at College of Charleston this fall, and **Katie Martinez** will join the ranks of Merrie-Woode girls at UNC-Chapel Hill. **Caroline Nevin** will be a freshman at Auburn, and **Elizabeth Rawlings** plans to attend Elon University. **Tara Tecce** is committed to Florida State, and **Avery Wiens** can't wait to get to the University of Georgia! Congrats, ladies!



Sarah Wynn with Katie Friedman (01-07) in the Gaudi Park in Barcelona.

Alumnae News



*James and Kathryn
Calder Barmore (93-05)*

Katherine Almquist (93-07) ran the Krispy Kreme Challenge in February. The challenge consists of running two miles, eating a dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts (she only made it through five), and then running the two miles back. After the race, in the middle of a crowd 7,500 people strong, she was thrilled to run into **Betsy Beveridge (95-05)**. **Catherine Avery (94-06)** has moved to Nashville, TN where she works in marketing for a technology start-up company. Former drama counselor, **Josie Bray (99-02)**, is choreographing a production of *Oliver!* for the Gallery Players in Brooklyn, NY. She is also directing a reading of a new musical in May. **Vivian Slade Burr (77-82)** is working as a musician in Nashville, TN. **Eve Hammett Burton (62-98)** is working as an occupational



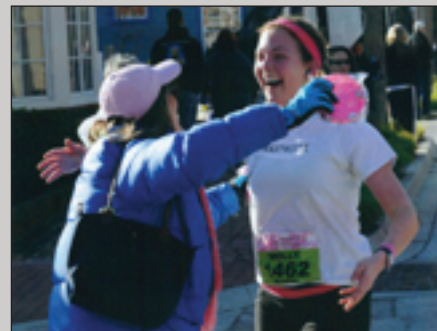
*Glory Beveridge (99-09) and
Betsy Beveridge (95-05) with their
brothers, Henry and Stockton*

therapist in Asheville, NC. **Landis Carey (92-05)** and **Julia Edwards (96-07)** recently visited with **Perry Ellis (98-10)**. They enjoyed brunch, a walk around Georgetown, and afternoon cupcakes! **Carol Mathis Cartus (70-75)** lives in Birmingham, AL and works as a financial analyst at AT&T. She is married and has two daughters, three stepdaughters, and two step grandchildren. She loves that she still keeps in touch with friends she made at Merrie-Woode over 35 years ago! **Carolyn Cary (71)** is running her own company, producing a brand of mixed nuts. She says that the product is consistent in taste, affordable, and loves that it brings smiles to all. The company was founded 7 years ago. The word spread and the nuts have been selling ever since. Nutty Girl nuts can now be found in stores in 32 states! In May, **Carter Coker (93-08)** will graduate from Vanderbilt Law. After taking the bar this summer, she and friends are traveling to Bangkok, Cambodia, Laos, and then spending a week in Bali. In the fall, she and her new springer spaniel, Jackson, will move to Knoxville, TN where she will clerk for a federal judge for a year before joining the firm, Hunton and Williams in Washington, DC. **Joanie Coker (01-10)** is graduating from high school and plans to attend Vanderbilt University in the fall. She and her sister, **Eliza Coker (98-09)**, will be at Vanderbilt together for a year as Eliza begins her senior year this fall. **Catherine Coley (98-08)** will be moving to Hong Kong in August to work in sales and trading there for two years. **Borden Cornwall (01-05)** is a senior at Wake Forest University this year. After she graduates, she will be moving to Chicago to work as a Human Resource Consultant. **Molly Davis (98-09)** ran in the National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer in Jacksonville, FL on February 13, 2011. **Susanna James**



*The Burrows sisters:
Margaret (05-08), Adelaide (08-present),
and Mary Lawson (06-present)*

Doyle (92-99) and her husband, Tim, have moved to Tampa, FL. Susanna recently accepted a position with the American Cancer Society and Tim is working in the Tampa Police Department. **Rachel Fischer (99-08)** has been busy this spring working on her senior thesis show at Santa Fe University of Art and Design. She is the lead singer of the band, The Fisherman. **Lang Fisher (90-96)** is living in Brooklyn, NY and working as a writer at *The Onion*, a satirical newspaper. **Ashley Foster (94-04)** is living in Greenville, NC where she is the Business and Community Development Coordinator at the Elliott Davis Accounting firm. She is also involved in the Junior League of Greenville as Vice Chairman of Public Relations, the "Building Dreams" mentoring children's program, and the public relations committee for the Rose Ball. Former mountaineering counselor,



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The Dorsett Family: James, Wynn (73-75), Rush (98-04), Elise (96-03), Grace (05-present), and Jim

Emily Griggs (01-08) is working in Rwanda. This past November she happened to run into **Libby Page (97-06)** who was volunteering in the same area after graduating from the University of Virginia. **Mariah Halperin (01-08)** is a sophomore at Stanford University where she is majoring in Middle Eastern History. **Louise Hare (92-04)** is graduating from Columbia University in May with a Masters of Social Work and is planning to return to North Carolina in the next few years where she will complete a number of clinical hours to earn a Licensed Clinical Masters of Social Work. Louise enjoyed joining Denice and Lindsay for lunch last fall with her great aunt, **Frank Schoolfield Jordan (29-30)**. **Laurel Helms (88-96)** has moved to Austin, TX and has fallen in love with the city. **Cooley Horner (95-07)** is looking forward to attending the University of New Hampshire School of Law this coming fall. **Joy Irby (94-06)** has graduated from Oregon State University with a Masters of Science in Marine Resource Management. She will spend some



Libby Page (97-06) and Emily Griggs (01-08) had a chance meeting in Rwanda

time traveling in New Zealand before looking for jobs on the west coast. **Bunny Johns (58-64)** was surprised in April with a party for her 70th birthday in Bryson City, NC. Many camp friends were among the crowd as over 100 people came from across the country to help Bunny celebrate 70 wonderful years! Happy Birthday, Bunny! **Kari Richardson Kerby (85-87)** is living with her family in Orlando, FL. She is busy working as an accountant and flying Cessna airplanes for fun. **Morrie Shepard Killian (78-82)** and her husband, Glenn, are living in Connecticut with their two boys, Logan, 9, and Brad, 7. **Debi Boyd Krulak (80-84)** is living with her family in Baltimore, MD. She works as the Lower School Technology



Henri Dibrell Brown (65-77), Eddie Weatherby (65-68), Bunny Bergin Johns (58-64), Doug Cameron (79-present), Eve Hammett Burton (62-98), Aurelia Kennedy, and Ann Cameron at Bunny Johns' 70th birthday party. (Not pictured, but in attendance, was Ed Daugherty (81).)

Coordinator at The Boys' Latin School of Maryland. **Blain Lewis (03-08)** qualified for Capital Challenge and Washington International horse shows last fall. She will be attending Sewanee, The University of the South beginning in August. **Bettye West Mason (60)** and her husband, Dick, are approaching their 45th wedding anniversary. They have three children, Melanie, Amanda, and Brad, and nine grandchildren. **Laura Raulston McCarthy (95-03)** and her family have moved back to Mississippi after living in Australia for the past five years. Laura works as a law clerk and the studio



Allen and Clair Freeman Marshall (85-98) with their sons, Hutch and Nelson

manager of Joyflow Yoga in Jackson, MS. **Gabrey Croft Means (79-85)** enjoyed visiting camp this past fall with her young daughter, Lillie, who hopes to attend camp soon. **Amy Pietrodangelo Meyer (86-98)** is living in Jacksonville, FL with her husband, David, where she works as an attorney for the University of Florida's health care system. **Courtney Mitchell (02-06)** is a sophomore at Rhode Island School of Design, studying Apparel Design. One of her pieces was recently chosen to be shown at the RISD Spring Fashion Show. This past winter she traveled to Paris, France to study photography. **Ashley Mitchell (02-07)** is looking forward to graduating from Dartmouth College this June. She will begin working for Deloitte Consulting in Boston, where she interned last summer. **Deborah Gussoni Mohr (85-88)** lives with her husband, Michael, and two children, Cora and Derek, in South Portland, ME. **Talley Spivey Richey (75-78)** is living with her



Ashley (02-07) and Courtney Mitchell (02-06) with their brother, Hunter



The Preaus Family

family in Columbus, OH. Former counselor, **Rebecca Riley Ridgeway (03-06)** is teaching first grade at Duke School in Durham, NC where she is also preparing summer camps. Rebecca has also been enjoying coaching Girls on the Run. **Carrie Roach Rush (89-93)** is teaching Kindergarten and First Grade at Village Community School in the West Village of Manhattan.

She and her husband, Alan, live in Brooklyn. Former counselor, **Jerianna Shultz Stevens (89-91)** is now living in Montana near Glacier National Park. **Janet Testerman (78-81)** is currently the Executive Editor of *Knoxville Magazine*. Several years ago she launched *skirt! Magazine* and worked as its Editor for three and a half years. **Jessica Tienstra (96-06)** recently moved to Miami where she lives with her pet parrot, Hurri. She is working as a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at Beyond Expectations Academy, a private school that specializes in meeting the speech and behavior needs of children with Autism. **Lucy “Emiko” Williams (99-08)** graduated from Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan last summer with a Masters in International Relations. While at school she completed a

yearlong internship and spent time in Malaysia volunteering at a rural school. She now works at The American School, an international school in Tokyo, as their Alumni Relations Officer. Emiko is safe and well in Tokyo after the recent earthquake and tsunami that ravaged the country. Her school has remained open but has had to adapt to rolling blackouts in the aftermath of the devastation.



The Rowan Family: John, Avery (04-present), Jack, Virginia, and Liam

CMW Engagements and Weddings



Jason and Tatia McMillan Gibson (07-08)

Sarah Allen (93-01) is engaged to be married at camp on October 8, 2011. **Molly Cramer (90-96)** is engaged to be married in February at the National Cathedral in Washington DC. The newlyweds will then live in Houston, TX. Molly works as a consultant for the Corporate Executive Board. Former staff member, **Scott Curry (89-97)** was married this past

summer. **Lydia Dorsey (95-02)** is engaged to be married on February 19, 2011 to Warren Pierce. Her sister, **Lainey Dorsey (95-01)**, will be the Maid of Honor. **Pollard Elliott (98-09)** is engaged to marry Chase Crowson on August 27, 2011 in Huntsville, AL. Pollard’s bridesmaids will include fellow Merrie-Woode girls **Jane Anne Martin (99-present)** and **Elizabeth Etherton (94-09)**. **Jenn Harrell (94-08)** is engaged to be married to Mike Hopgood in Tallahassee, FL this coming November. She is teaching preschool in Tallahassee. **Jenn Hobby (88-95)** married Dr. Grant Rivera on November 20, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. Former counselor, **Tatia McMillan (07-08)** married Jason Gibson in Greenville, SC on January 22, 2011. Her bridesmaids included **Alix Fry (03-present)** and **Lindsay Garner Hostetler (93-present)**. The couple now resides in their new home in Greer, SC. **Michelle LeCroy Norris** and **Fritz Orr III (94-05)** were married at the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, NC on November

13, 2010, with Minister Don Mullen officiating the ceremony. The reception followed at the Cornucopia restaurant in Cashiers, NC. Fritz’s father, **Fritz Orr**



The Captains of 1994 at Jenn Hobby’s wedding

Back Row: Elizabeth Dempsey Merritt (88-98), Evelyn Simmons Kissel (88-95), Liz Landry (89-01), Ashley Smith Thompson (86-98), Jenn Hobby Rivera (88-95), Grant Rivera, Sarah Nash Bumpas (87-98), and Emily Pittman Funderburk (87-01)
Front Row: Kelley Landry Doiron (88-00), Amelia Andrews Abbott (89-97), and Catherine Carr (87-95)

Jr. (60-78), served as his Best Man. **Jenny Sauer (93-04)** was married on September 25, 2010 to Whit Holladay. They are living in Chicago. **Kristi Snyder (85-00)** married Steven Costa on April 9, 2011 in Tallahassee, FL. **Susanna James (00-04)** was married last July to David Tremaine. She will graduate this spring with a BFA in Graphic Design from the University of Florida.



*Jenn Harrell (94-08)
and her fiancée, Mike Hopgood*



*Fritz and Missy Orr
at their wedding*

CMW Births



*Amelia Andrews Abbott's (89-97)
daughter, Marjorie Kay Abbott*

Chip and **Amelia Andrews Abbott (89-97)** have welcomed their second child. Marjorie Kay Abbott was born on September 27, 2010. Nick and **Amy Oehmig Battaglia (83-87)** have a new addition to their family. Lila Maria was born on January 24, 2011. This is the third child for Nick and Amy. Older siblings William and Emily are excited to have a new little sister in the family! Former counselor, **Josie Bray (99-02)** and her husband, Jack Rizutko, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child. Their son, Redd, was born in November. Beau and **Mary Ashley Roberds Johnson (87-90)** have welcomed a baby girl, Sadie, to their family.

Liz Rich Key (89-02) and her husband, Thomas, have welcomed a second little girl to the family. Baby Maysie has joined big sister, Mary Frances. **Katie Bee Rogers Marshall (92-96)** and her husband, Seton, have welcomed their first child, Seton Gray Marshall, Jr. Gray was born December 29, 2010, weighed 7 lbs 13 oz, and measured 20 inches. Casey and **Julie Griggs Newton (88-08)** are expecting their second child at the end of this summer. **Ashley Sauer Oswald (89-00)** and her husband, Guy, now have a little boy! Guy Coleman Oswald IV was born on February 19, 2010. Russell and **Simmons Hazelrig Sinner (94-07)** are expecting a baby this February. **Anna Harden Stauff (91-99)** and her husband welcomed a baby boy to their family in January of 2010. **Nancy Swann (55-58)** has welcomed her first granddaughter and future Merrie-Woode girl to the family. Chelsea Swann was born on March 8, 2011, weighing in at 5 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 19 inches.



Josie Bray's (99-02) son, Redd



*Katie Bee Rogers
Marshall's (92-96) son, Gray*



*Nancy Conkle Swann's (55-58)
granddaughter,
Chelsea Whitaker Swann*

In Memoriam:

MARY MOREN SELLERS CROMMELIN (55-60) died December 4, 2010. She was 67 years old. Mrs. Crommelin had a long standing relationship with Camp Merrie-Woode. She was a camper from 1955 through 1959, a Junior Counselor in 1960, and a Captain of 1958. Her daughter, **Forsyth Crommelin Adams (80-87)**, granddaughters, **Mary Virginia Adams (04-present)**, **Harriet Adams (11)**, and **Gunter Crommelin (07-present)**, and nieces, **Caroline Donald (04-10)**, **Lizzy Donald (05-10)**, and

Forsyth Latham (07-present) have all attended Camp Merrie-Woode over the years. Mary Moren Sellers Crommelin was an integral supporter of the creation of The Merrie-Woode Foundation, and she served on the Board of Trustees in the 1980s.

ANNE OTTER DOWNS (36-42) passed away on November 19, 2010. She was 93 years old. Anne was best known at Merrie-Woode for creating the Captain's Program. (See article on pages 9-11)

ABBY NALTY (07-10) passed away on November 27, 2010, at

her family's farm in Crossroads, Mississippi. She was 11 years old and is survived by her parents Morgan and Jill Nalty and her sisters, **Layne Nalty (07-present)** and Morgan Nalty, who will be a new camper in the upcoming 2011 summer. Her aunt, **Helen Nalty Butcher (81-82)**, and cousins **Laura Butcher (08-present)**, **Madison Smither (08-09)**, and **Laura Wallace (08-present)** are fellow Merrie-Woode alumnae and campers. Abby was a vibrant and joyful presence in camp and will certainly be missed.

Chapel, from page 1

willingness to help celebrate Abby's life. The Chapel is an appropriate memorial on the Merrie-Woode grounds that will reflect Abby's beautiful life and spirit, which were unfortunately cut short in November of last year.

Camp Hymn

*God, who touches earth with beauty,
Make me lovely too;
With Thy Spirit recreate me;
Make my heart anew.*

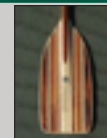
*Like Thy streams and running waters,
Make me crystal pure.
Like Thy rocks of towering grandeur,
Make me strong and sure.*

*Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight,
Make me glad and free;
Like the straightness of the pine tree,
Let me upright be.*

*Like the arching of the heavens,
Lift my thoughts above;
Turn my dreams to noble actions,
Ministries of love.*

*God, who touches earth and beauty,
Make my heart anew.
Keep me ever by Thy Spirit,
Pure and strong and true.*

Fritz Orr Canoe Paddle is a Finalist in "Made in the South Awards"



Fritz Orr, III was recently named a finalist in the *Garden and Gun Magazine* "Made in the South Awards" for his hand crafted canoe paddles. With over 850 entries to *Garden and Gun*, this is a huge accomplishment. Fritz's paddles are now featured on the Taigan website where they are available for purchase. He has also been asked to become a storefront, which will be featured in weeks to come. He has been working on several different models of paddles, as well as historical replicas and has just launched a stand-up board paddle. He has been selling paddles to both clients who use them in the water and those who display them. Fritz is enjoying crafting his paddle designs and many of his customers have been former Merrie-Woode alumnae. He recently ran into a whole group of Merrie-Woode girls while presenting his paddles at the Southeast Wildlife Expo in Charleston, South Carolina.



Top Row: **Laura Gill (03-present)**, **Elizabeth Davis (04-present)**, **Ravenel Harrigan (05-present)**, **Fritz Orr (94-05)**, **Stuart Bowers (02-present)**, **Mary Grace Bowers (05-present)**, **Maggie Dodson (04-present)**, and **Ali Alford (04-present)**
Bottom Row: **Katie Ryan (04-present)**, **Cole Reifsnider (03-10)**, **Caroline Taylor (03-present)**, **Sarah Merrill Barringer (03-present)**, and **Elsebeth "Beans" Sexton (02-10)**

Two of his favorite designs were created specifically for camps. Camp High Rocks, where he is currently working in the summers, commissioned a custom paddle to give as their ten year gift to alumni. He has also created a custom Camp Merrie-Woode Captain's paddle constructed with Bird's Eye Maple and Cherry. Each paddle features his unique logo and masterful craftsmanship.

You can find a number of his paddle designs on the Taigan website:

<http://www.taigan.com/shops/fritzorrcanoe>

He will also be launching his own website shortly: www.FritzOrrCanoe.com
Check out Fritz's beautiful paddle designs!

Remembering Anne Otter Downs - Founder of Merrie-Woode's Captain's Program

Dear Captains of Merrie-Woode,

Father Time is marching on with a firm tread, old ways, our ways at camp are being replaced by new, and we hope, better ones. You, the first Captains, were the experiment, the pioneers of something quite revolutionary at camp. The spirit you put into your work will never die out even if the requirements or the very name "Captain" is changed.

To me personally, each one of you will always be very much alive. Your names and characters are carved as deeply in my memory as in the Captain's paddle on the dock. Whether it be on the dock at camp, the dance floor of a night club, or in your own children's nursery, my love and good wishes follow you always.

*Aloha Oe,
Anne Otter Downs
Admiral Retired*



Anne Otter at her last Boat Meet, 1942

We at Camp Merrie-Woode are sad to announce the death of Anne Otter Downs, a leader and legend here at camp. Anne Otter Downs founded the Merrie-Woode Captain's Program in 1939, earning a permanent spot in camp's history and lore. She passed away on November 19, 2010 at the age of 93.

Anne was born on June 15, 1917 in Louisville, Kentucky to Elston Veech Otter and William Mills Otter. She attended Kentucky Home School and graduated from Atherton High School. After studying at Centre College, she graduated from the University of Kentucky with a

degree in Elementary Education. She taught elementary school and was a devoted Sunday school teacher throughout her life.

As a child, Anne attended the Aloha Foundation Camps in Fairlee, Vermont from 1929 to 1934. During her camper summers she was devoted to their canoeing program, the Admirals of Aloha. She worked diligently and achieved the program's highest rank of Admiral, an experience that would prove to serve her well in the future. In 1936, at the age of 19, she began working as a counselor at Camp Merrie-Woode. She quickly achieved notoriety in camp as the official bugler, blowing "Reveille" every morning and "Taps" every night from the swimming dock. Anne, or "Ottie" as she was often called at camp, was the cabin counselor for the youngest girls in Du Kum Inn, throughout her many years at Merrie-Woode. She enjoyed the vibrancy and energy of the smallest girls in camp and often delighted in silly games and play-acting with them.

In the summer of 1939, she inherited the position of heading up the camp boating program when Frances "Squirrel" Cake did not return after her nine year tenure as head from 1930 to 1938. With a lack of structure at the docks, Anne

instituted leveled boating classes in an attempt to alleviate the confusion of having campers begging to go out in a boat. For the first time, classes were built around ranks and skills and campers began working towards achieving Anne's highest rank, which she named "Captain." The early days of the program were a time of innovation and ingenuity. At that time there was a channel winding its way through a great amount of lily pads from the dock to the point. Young boaters would practice their boat control by maneuvering their canoes through this channel, learning precision and a set of skilled strokes. Commands from the dock would ring out across the lake, "Pull to, push away, stop, backwater!" Anne's new Captain's Program took off quickly. Suddenly the waterfront was transformed into a bustling but focused atmosphere of learning and skill building. Campers were given the opportunity to not only enjoy an activity but to commit themselves to achieving a goal, and they rose to the challenge. Crew races became a standard in the annual camp boat meet and the program steadily earned a place of respect in the hearts of Merrie-Woode campers. Joyce Gaston Heslip, Captain of 1940, recalls, "I remember when I was trying to pass the test of docking my

canoe with one stroke, Anne would be on the dock stroking an imaginary paddle and working as hard as I did!" Anne has been described as a truly great teacher, creative, patient, and fun...all the traits that still make up a strong Merrie-Woode counselor. Anne listed out the details of why she started the program.

1. *To develop advanced skills in all phases of the waterfront: swimming, canoeing, sailing, rowing.*
2. *To challenge older campers with a new activity which required all the best they had in them.*
3. *To broaden the campers boating knowledge beyond canoeing on Lake Fairfield, by an introduction into fundamentals of weather, navigation, and ocean sailing.*
4. *To develop leadership through the management of a crew, of a boating meet, and teaching other campers.*
5. *To develop initiative and imagination by requiring original paddle designs and paddle drills.*
6. *To develop honesty and self reliance by expecting a Would-Be to keep track and report her hours as evening dock aid, hours of teaching, and sailing.*
7. *To develop persistence by making the tests long and hard enough so they cannot be passed by a slacker.*
8. *To learn the value of friendship by working in close cooperation with a crew and other Captains.*

Six campers in 1939 became the first Captains of Merrie-Woode. They received their coveted white Captain's hat in a campfire ceremony on the dam after Taps. They left the canoe dock at separated intervals and paddled alone to the dam at the far side of Lake Fairfield. Counselors watched from the shadows of the shore as the canoes quietly glided across the moonlit lake. In her remaining years at Merrie-Woode, Anne saw the list of Captains grow

from those six to twenty-five.

Anne spent three more summers at Merrie-Woode teaching young girls, both in the boating program and in the camp community as a whole. On a summer evening in 1941, Anne canoed across the lake to the old Fairfield Inn to enjoy an evening off and dinner with her beau, Richard. Mr. William Richard Downs proposed that night with an engagement ring by the stone fireplace of the Fairfield Inn. Anne canoed back to camp and quietly slipped into Du Kum Inn as the moon reflected off of Old Bald. The next morning the happy news of her engagement had managed to pass all the way down the cabin line, sending a whole crowd of campers and counselors to scurry down to Du Kum Inn to see the ring.



*Admiral Anne Otter,
on the steps of Du Kum Inn*

By the time Anne returned for her last summer at Merrie-Woode in 1942, she had placed the Captain's Program on a firm foundation. Anne and Richard were married and moved to Houston, Texas where Richard worked in the manufacturing industry and as a chemist for NASA. They had three children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Anne sent one daughter and four granddaughters to Merrie-Woode over the years. In 1980, she moved back to Louisville, Kentucky where she was born. She never lost touch with Merrie-Woode and made sure to make the trip

back for a visit during camp's 80th anniversary. Just two years ago, she reminisced happily on the phone to camp and exclaimed, "I love Merrie-Woode! I may not be able to remember what I had for breakfast, but I remember everything about Camp Merrie-Woode!"

Anne was immensely proud to know that her vision was still living on at camp. In 1994 she stated, "That my plan for a ranks program in boating should have lasted for 55 years is a real thrill. Merrie-Woode gave me so much in those seven summers that it is beyond words to describe." Her program is now entering its 72nd year. Those original six Captains have now grown to over 600. This coming summer will find nine new Would-Be Captains facing the challenge to earn the same title themselves. They will participate in many of the original requirements put in place by Anne Otter Downs. You will see them rowing our camp rowboat, working to pass Red Cross swimming, sailing triangular courses, and completing teaching hours. By the end of the summer they will have worked to organize and manage a crew, create an original paddle design, and coordinate a camp boat meet. They will spend more time weaving in and out of slalom gates than lily pads, as much time on rivers as on Lake Fairfield, and will perfect their skills in both canoes and kayaks. The program has evolved over the years. The sport of boating itself has grown and the Captain's Program has grown with it, but the heart and foundation of the program remains the same.

When Dammie Day founded Camp Merrie-Woode, she set forth the challenge that camp should be a place where girls can find the "rarest beauty" that resides within themselves. She knew that it would not be easy because being sure to always present the best version of one's self never is. She called on her girls of Merrie-Woode to examine themselves and those around them with "permeating love and honesty." She found a kindred spirit in young Anne Otter. At its core, the Captain's Program presents young women with

the opportunity to work for the best that is within them. It is the purpose of camp, what Dammie asked of us all. Anne found a unique way of using a program that developed campers' boating skills as a vehicle to achieve the greater mission of Merrie-Woode. By structuring that program within a system of levels it allowed girls to accomplish a series of goals while striving for a long



Anne Otter Downs, Beverly Fite Hanson, Captain of 1939, and Joyce Gaston Hespil, Captain of 1940 at camp's 80th Anniversary Celebration in 1998

term one. Hidden in the midst of learning strokes and rowing boats, campers began to feel what it was like to succeed. They were instilled with a feeling of empowerment and the ability to help empower those around them. A camaraderie and sisterhood was formed within a community that valued these virtues. The Captain's Program has lasted through generations not because it creates fine boaters, but because it returns us to the Spirit of Merrie-Woode.

All of us at Merrie-Woode owe a small nod to Anne Otter Downs. She created something that stands the test of time and inspires generations of Merrie-Woode girls to achieve greatness, either in a boat, in their community, or in other programs within camp. The Captain's Program has long been a respected institution at Merrie-Woode. In the decades since Anne left Merrie-Woode and her program continued to thrive, other programs have also risen to hold well respected places. The King's Player's program in theatre, the Horsemasters program in riding, and levels programs within mountaineering and tennis, were all inspired by the birth of the

Captain's Program. How proud Anne would have been to know that her small vision for a ranks program in canoeing has not only grown on the Merrie-Woode boating docks, but its spirit and drive have infused into the camp community. Activity heads, inspired by the organization and accomplishments they saw on the docks, have founded their own programs which allow Merrie-Woode girls to find the Spirit of Merrie-Woode...whether it is on stage, on a horse, hiking a mountain peak, or serving a tennis ball, campers now have all sorts of ways to find the best that is within them and achieve greatness. In many ways Anne Otter Downs is not only the founder of the Captain's Program but the driving force behind the idea of organized leveled programs within Merrie-Woode, something that helps us

meet and exceed the current camping industry standards.

Anne's death is not simply a loss for the Captain's Program, but a loss felt by us all. Her legacy will continue to live on and continue to grow to heights she could have never imagined. Because of that she can never truly die as she has become a glowing ember, one of those Merrie-Woode women who "like a tiny spark of fire" lit a flame in all of us. She accomplished the one thing that every Merrie-Woode girl aspires to, living up to King Arthur's challenge in *Follow the Gleam*, "I wish that your spirit might go down through the ages that are to come. I wish that future generations might learn from the glory of self-sacrifice, the willingness to give all...following the gleam of the best that is in their hearts."

Hands

*I think when the last seconds are ticking away
These I shall remember:
Hands, always hands in clasp,
The pulsing of love and life through fingers' grasp.
Strongly I will come to feel once more
The touch of hands woven in a wreath of friendship
Inspired by the magic glow of a campfire's dying coals.
Swiftly also will come the strength of a single handclasp
Moistened with tears but frantically firm,
Demanding that life not wrench friends apart
To be sent down separate paths
From which there is no looking back.
Then in the parade of hands of my life
I will be gladdened again by gentle fingers
Guiding the initiate into a glowing room
And life of interdependence.*

*Ah, in the final moment I rejoice again
To touch the hands of my love,
Hands that yearned across the seas
Finally to stand in silence
With no other pressure than the pulsing
Of love and understanding
Melting our fingers into a single vessel,
Transmitting the love from one soul to another.
These, all these, are the hands I shall surely remember.*

By Anne Otter, 1937

Unraveling the Mystery of Mary Turk

Mary Turk, a co-founder of Camp Merrie-Woode and Associate Director under Dammie Day, has long been somewhat of a mysterious figure here at camp. Little has been known of the woman credited with helping Dammie Day start Merrie-Woode. Many myths have circulated over the years...everything from being an Olympic archer to dying young of Tuberculosis in Arizona. With no clear definition of who this woman was, how she came to camp, and where she went after she left, camp's archivist, Lindsay Hostetler, decided it was time to try and find some answers. After much research and a visit with Mary Turk's cousin in Richmond, Virginia, Mr. Robert Moore, the mystery of Mary Turk slowly begins to unravel. There is still much work to do and pieces to put together, but here is what Lindsay has found so far.

Mary Turk was born on February 6, 1885 in Staunton, Virginia to Jacob Turk and Nannie Walker Turk. She grew up in the mountains of southwest Virginia and graduated from Mary Baldwin College in 1906 where she gained the nickname "Turkey," which she would keep for the rest of her life. In college she was known as being very athletic and the tallest girl in school, standing at six feet. She went on to teach high school in Tazewell, Virginia for many years. While in Tazewell she was a member of the Music Club and the German Club, and she did some studies on German folksongs. It is a strong possibility that this could be the origin of the familiar camp song, "Shiney Miney, Diney Miney, Dasch Nicht." She loved the outdoors and often went camping with friends. Her circle of friends in Tazewell included Miss Marjorie Harrison.

Meanwhile, Sapphire, North Carolina had started to become a popular vacation destination for families in the early 1900s. The Fairfield Inn opened on Lake Fairfield in 1898 and was purchased by Edward H. Jennings in 1911. In 1919 Jennings gave Marjorie Harrison thirteen acres of land on the far side of Lake Fairfield

to create a small summer camp for the daughters of families staying at the inn. Mary Turk came to help Marjorie run the new Lake Fairfield Camp. There were no buildings on the property and campers and counselors stayed in platform tents those first two summers. Dinner was cooked over an open campfire, and the camp session lasted about one month.

In 1920 Mary Turk traveled to New York City, where she worked as an instructor in gymnastics and Assistant Supervisor of Practice Teaching in the Central School of Hygiene and Physical Education, under the management of the YWCA. It is most likely that this is where she first met Dammie Day who was the Secretary of the YWCA in New York City at that time. In the summer of 1920 Dammie came to visit Lake Fairfield Camp and fell in love with it. She had had previous experience briefly running a summer camp in upstate New York called Bear Lake. Dammie purchased Lake Fairfield Camp in 1921 from Marjorie Harrison who later married Mr. Frank Lewis and the two of them worked as the managers of the High Hampton Inn in Cashiers, North Carolina for over thirty years.

Once Dammie purchased the camp, she changed the name to Merrie-Woode and created many of the traditions and buildings we recognize today. Mary Turk continued to return to Merrie-Woode every summer, working as the Head Counselor through the summer of 1929. Mary Turk, or "MT" as she was called at camp, was known at Merrie-Woode for being a strict disciplinarian. She was particularly stringent on girls' posture and the cleanliness of their cabins. She was indeed a talented archer and enjoyed appearing in camp plays and pageants. Her name was

found on a cast list for a performance of *Robin Hood* where she played the role of Little John.

Once Mary Turk left camp, it is unknown where she directly went. It is known that she worked for a few years in Washington DC, and in the mid-1930s she married Mr. Carter D. Johnston of Tazewell, Virginia. It was a whirlwind courtship, and soon after they were married they went to live in the Philippines, at that point a



Mary Turk

U.S. territory, where Carter was a United States Federal Judge. They stayed there happily until the Japanese attacked the islands in the late 1930s and they were forced to evacuate. They narrowly escaped onto a boat before being taken prisoners and were essentially war refugees until they could receive transport back to the United States. Eventually they made their way back to Virginia, but they had lost everything

in the process. Sadly, about three years after they returned to the States, Carter died of cancer. Mary moved back to her hometown of Staunton, Virginia to stay with relatives for a period of time before leaving again for Washington DC. She remained there until her health began to fail in the 1960s. At that time, Mary Turk Johnston returned to Virginia, where she lived at a nursing home in Charlottesville until her death on February 8, 1967, just two days after her 82nd birthday.

We are told that she had fond memories of Merrie-Woode late into her life and always treasured those happy days underneath Old Bald. While there are still many questions and holes in the story of Mary Turk, this certainly helps put together some of the pieces of her life. As we continue to research we hope that more answers will be revealed in time.

Merrie-Woode Goes Unplugged!

So here it comes... This is the big announcement of the year! Merrie-Woode is going “Unplugged”!

The technology explosion of the past decade has placed many of the fundamental foundations of summer camp directly under attack. When Dammie Day established Merrie-Woode in 1919, she created a place where reflection and self discovery were valued and young women could revel in the beauty and divine spirit surrounding them, both in the landscape and in their fellow camp comrades. Dammie could have never imagined campers coming from a world where the need for speed, constant connection to technology, and instant gratification threatened the deep connections made at camp. We have watched as van rides on camp trips have shifted from an atmosphere of sharing...laughing, writing trip songs, and reliving the excitement of the adventure...to more of an isolating experience... everyone with ear buds in, listening to their own music, not talking. Nights in the cabin used to center around writing a letter by flashlight to the folks at home, dreaming up the next evening program skit, or simply listening to the crickets and the bullfrogs. Now a camper can watch a music video or play an electronic game on her iPod. As technology rapidly continues to advance, we know this problem will only get worse as the summers progress. Many of our campers, counselors, and alumnae tell us the best part of their camper years is and was the absence of electronics. It helped them meet new friends, reconnect with old friends, and allowed them to be truly engaged in the camp community. And so we feel that the time has come to take steps to preserve this community we all cherish.

The presence of technology in camp has made it increasingly difficult for our campers to truly

experience and appreciate the “back to basics” nature of summer camp. We want our campers to enjoy nature, friends, and activities while at camp. We don’t want camp to be a place where texting, playing electronic games, watching video clips, and spending time with ear buds in our ears drown out the experience of camp. With the advent of playing video games, watching movies, and connecting to the internet on various hybrid devices, it has become harder to regulate what is an acceptable electronic device and what isn’t.

For these reasons, we have decided to become an “Unplugged” camp. We feel that this move will set us apart and make this “Place of Rarest Beauty” even more special. Campers will no longer be allowed to bring electronic items to camp. This includes, but is not limited to the following: cell phones/smart phones, iPods/MP3 players, laptops, electronic games, DVD players, electronic readers, and cameras with internet-uploading capability.

The biggest drawback people may see with this plan is that iPods are where music is found in this day and age. Gone are the days of *The Parent Trap* where Haley Mills listened to records with her sister. Record players are no longer found in cabins and neither are cassette players, or even CD players. The music libraries of campers and counselors exist solely on iPods. Music is a big part of camp. Campers and counselors enjoy listening to music while in their cabins and during activities. We also use music for many of our evening programs. In an effort to accommodate the need for music, we are purchasing iPod Nanos and speaker docks for use in the cabins and throughout camp. iPod Nanos have the capability of playing music,



but not videos or games. These will be pre-loaded with a wide variety of music based on suggestions made by campers and counselors. In doing so, music will once again become a shared experience in camp instead of an isolating one.

Tradition is something that is fiercely protected around here at Merrie-Woode. Just whisper a word about changing “Follow the Glean” or altering “Closing Campfire” and you will be met with an entire army of counselors and campers ready to fight to preserve the traditions which have helped to shape their camp experience. By implementing this “Unplugged” policy, we are protecting the larger and overarching tradition of Camp. We all share the ideal that the cornerstone of the Merrie-Woode experience is largely based on a community of simple living and appreciating the beauty around us. Merrie-Woode girls will show the world that we can live without the distractions of technology while enjoying the magnificence around us, reflected in both the mountains and each other. Take pride with us as we reclaim the significance of Dammie’s words, “No bond could be stronger than our mutual love for open skies, moonlit trails on mountain peaks, the music of tumbling water lulling one to sleep, and the soft fragrance of the woods. We have built campfires together...and believed in the wonder and beauty of life. Soon the call of camp comrades will echo above the din of the city and we’ll be going back to the best old camp of all.”

We thank everyone for their support and we can’t wait to go “UNPLUGGED” in the summer of 2011!

Summer Camps In Western North Carolina Represent \$365 Million In Total Economic Impact To The Region

Western North Carolina has one of the highest concentrations of summer camps in America. For generations, beautiful settings, ideal temperatures, and unspoiled terrain have contributed to the area's popularity as a destination for summer campers from all over the world. Anecdotal evidence has long suggested that these visitors and their families have a significant annual impact on local economies. That impact has now been quantified with the release of an economic impact study completed in January 2011 by a team of researchers from North Carolina State University.

The North Carolina Youth Camp Association (NCYCA) is a trade association formed by North Carolina summer camps to expand public understanding of youth camps and to represent their interests with local, state, and federal policymakers. The Association seeks to strengthen and expand the educational, environmental, and recreational opportunities provided by North Carolina's camps. There are key issues currently threatening the camping industry: school calendars, building codes, urban growth, taxes and public land permits. Merrie-Woode Director, Denise Dunn

joined the NCYCA Board of Trustees in December 2010.

According to the study, residential summer youth camps in four western North Carolina counties (Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson, and Transylvania) contribute \$365 million in total economic impact to western North Carolina. The study also estimated a direct economic impact of \$218 million, more than 10,000 full-time equivalent jobs created in addition to camp staff, \$260 million in increased resident income, and \$33 million in new tax revenues during the summer of 2010.



Buncombe County

(13 camps represented):

\$103 million total economic impact, \$61 million direct economic impact, and \$9.7 million in tax revenue

Henderson County

(18 camps represented):

\$120 million total economic impact, \$77 million direct economic impact, and \$10 million in tax revenue

Jackson County

(Camp Merrie-Woode - 1 of 2 camps represented):

\$11.5 million total economic impact, \$7 million direct economic impact, and \$0.8 million in tax revenue

Transylvania County

(17 camps represented):

\$126 million total economic impact, \$84.5 million direct economic impact, and \$11 million in tax revenue

The study was completed by Dr. Michelle Gacio Harrolle and Dr. Samantha Rozier Rich of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management at NC State University, and was commissioned by NCYCA with funding support from Morrow Insurance Agency, Inc. (Hendersonville, NC) and the American Camp Association Southeastern.

The study collected data from camp directors, camp staff, and camp families based on camp information from the summer of 2010. A total of 45 camps participated with a total of 40 usable surveys representing 50 camps from WNC. From staff data, approximately 540 usable surveys were collected representing 5,477 total staff. Seasonal staff, who traveled specifically to WNC because of the residential camps, were shown to spend an average of \$2,402 during their stay (before, during, and after camp) in WNC.

Visitor data (collected from camp

families' data) provided 4,600 usable surveys representing nearly 53,238 families. Total attendance at camps was estimated to be 53,238 over the summer, with 49,665 who were considered "incremental visitors." These incremental visitors, who traveled specifically to WNC because of residential camps and did not live in the four-county WNC region, each spent an average of \$2,096 during their multiple stays in WNC.

The study also examined families' perceptions of the benefits of summer camps. More than 93% of camp families feel camps make a positive difference in their children's lives, and 95% would not only recommend a camp experience but would send their child back to camp. The top three benefits of organized camps (according to camp families) include: Gaining independence, improving self-confidence, and developing new skills.

Additionally, the study demonstrated a mutually beneficial relationship between summer camps in WNC and tourism. Specifically, when examining camp families' travel behaviors, 82% of families traveled to WNC by car and those who stayed overnight stayed primarily in hotels for an average of four nights. A majority (69%) considered themselves to be tourists and participated primarily in four types of activities during their camp-related travel: shopping, visiting a scenic area, hiking, and visiting historical sites/museums.

Overall, findings from this study illustrate that camps generate considerable economic impacts and that these impacts have dramatically increased since the last study conducted in 1998. Additionally, camps are providing an opportunity to improve the lives of our children.

Camp Merrie-Woode would like to thank the camp families and staff for participating in this critical economic impact study. Please visit www.nc-camps.org for the complete study.

High Heaven Gets a Face Lift



Announcing the newly updated High Heaven! Although it is well loved for its quirks and idiosyncrasies, we finally brought High Heaven out of the dark ages and into the 21st Century. High Heaven was the original Executive Directors' home, but in recent years it has served as a rental facility for alumnae groups. Though visitors love renting the house in order to stay on camp property, High Heaven was starting to show its age.

We started the renovation with a fully updated kitchen. The space was reconfigured with all new cabinets, appliances, fixtures, and flooring. We added a larger refrigerator, a second dishwasher, and an additional oven. Now the space is perfect for a family gathering and a holiday feast!



The newly renovated kitchen in High Heaven

The beautiful kitchen includes new dishes, stemware, and cooking tools.

From there, we freshened up the bedrooms. New mattresses, pillows, and bedding will greet you upon your arrival. Though the rooms were updated, they still retain their rustic, homey feel!

There was also plenty to do outside of High Heaven. The outdoor staircase and deck railings are more sturdy and safe, and the repaired roof will help the house stay warm and insulated during the winter months.

We are pleased with the results of the renovation, and we can't wait for our first visitors to arrive. If you are interested in renting High Heaven, please call Phyllis in the Main Office (828-743-3300).



A guest room in High Heaven

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Annual Fund Surpasses Goal in 2010!

Merrie-Woode alumnae, parents, and friends continue to support our Annual Giving effort, even in these difficult economic times. This fund is an important source of revenue for Camp Merrie-Woode. Annual Giving is used to support scholarships, enhance summer programs, and maintain Merrie-Woode's historic buildings and grounds. In 2010, 605 participants contributed a total of \$138,872.49 to the Merrie-Woode Annual Fund!

All contributions to the Merrie-Woode Foundation are tax deductible for individuals, corporations, and foundations within the limits of section 501 (c) 3 of the IRS code. Gifts are listed through December 31, 2010. Please contact us with any errors or omissions.

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