



ECHO HILL TRIVIA CONTEST!
 List as many Waterfront Directors as you can in chronological order.
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 the next Reunion:*

*(What about your most
 memorable tent troupe?)*

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"Dogfish"

Susie's A-Frame

Linda Alter

Kathy Hogan

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Weesa Randall

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Nancy Phillips



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Letter from the Board

Thanks to you, EHCF enjoyed another successful year. Because of your support, we accomplished all of the goals we set out to achieve: 1.) sent kids to camp who, without outside help, would not have the opportunity to experience summer camp; 2.) brought the Echo Hill community together again — this time at camp; and 3.) EHCF built on its core support to increase our ability to send more kids to camp next summer.

It all came together in Summer 1994. You helped EHCF send three kids to camp. We also brought everyone together for two days at camp — sailing, skiing, beach hikes, even an Ice Cream Social, and lots of nostalgia from the 60's, 70's 80's, and 90's (and easily surpassing the festivities of the much-heralded Woodstock Reunion — without the mud!).

1994 was a growth year for EHCF too. With each year, we have expanded our number of donors so that we are now confident in our ability to send up to 4-5 kids each summer. Our goal in the coming year will be to build on that success, extending the camp experience to more kids each summer.

We want to thank you all for your continued support. A contribution to EHCF is truly unique. It's a very direct way of making the same experience you had at camp possible for someone else. That's what we do. There's still plenty of "magic" we want to share. We also want to hear what you've been up to and who you've heard from. And we'd appreciate getting our ideas

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REUNION NOTES

So it rained (a little)...but the hardy arrived Saturday afternoon ready for good times, hoping to reunite with long lost friends, to meet their families and to get to know other generations of Echo Hill alumni. Spirits weren't dampened by the intermittent rain, and folks settled into their tents, wandered the bluff, hiked on the beach, and hung out at the Dining Hall and the Driftwood pouring through scrapbooks and vintage photos. Late in the afternoon, the rain let up and the Waterfront filled with avid waterskiers, bagelers, sailors and dip-pers. Saturday evening, we all gathered for a family-style chicken barbecue, and the "biddy" system worked once again. Somebody broke out a deck of cards, and heated games of Hearts played on through the night (are we getting old or does that sound like a good time to you?).

The evening activity was an Ice Cream Social. Beside creating new and innovative sundaes, everyone designed his/her own "Family Fish," - a kind of family crest in the shape of a fish, thanks to the artistic inspiration and materials provided by Suzi Creamer and Libby Rice. Someone also brought a classic video of Echo Hill Camp circa 1970. Only a select few alumni recognized the counselors and campers in the video, but we all enjoyed saying in unison "Who was that?", and trying to remember people's real names rather than their camp inspired nicknames (Have past campers gone through the rest of their lives known as Dogfish, Killer, Bubbles, Monkee and Trash?). To cap off the evening, late night souls drifted down to the beach to gather around a roaring bonfire, to share thoughts on Life in the Universe and, of course, to gossip about absent alumni (so if you were one of those who missed the festivities - BEWARE! Wild rumors are spreading quickly. We expect to see you at the next get-together to defend your good name!).

Sunday brought clear skies. After a continental breakfast, some bade an early farewell, while others went for a hike, a swim or a sail. Joel Feldman led a herd of kids (and "grown-ups") on a swamp walk - a recent addition to Camp, courtesy of the Maryland Conservation Corps. It is a one-mile walk along a boardwalk through old peat moss bogs (a far cry from the swamp-mucking of the past with Rich Creamer and Denby Lloyd!). If you haven't seen it, you're really missing out on one

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for future events, how we might go about tracking down lost Echo Hillites, and how we can reach our goal of sending more kids to camp.

Board Moves: We want to thank Sandra "Joey" Glatt for four years of service to EHCF. Joey made a significant contribution to our effort — as our Board Treasurer, a stalwart participant in our "early years." (We definitely needed adult supervision!). As we bid farewell to Joey, we welcome Carla "Carkey" (Markim) Siegel, someone known to many of you and if not, you may know her siblings: Danny Markim, Nina (Markim) McCullough and Gary Fisher — all Echo Hillites from the 70's (even earlier for Danny). Welcome aboard, Carkey.

That's all for now. Let us hear from you soon.

Nicole, Nick, Danny, Christy, Peter, Neil, Laura, Julie and Carkey ■



1994 CAMPERSHIPS

Year in and year out, your gifts to the Echo Hill Campership Fund provide deserving young people the chance to "pause peacefully and happily" by the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Summer after summer, our collective efforts as Echo Hill friends and family allow these terrific kids to return to camp, to feel even more at home than the year before, to resume old friendships and establish new ones, and to grow in the unique fostering environment of Echo Hill.

In the summer of 1994, three super kids made it to Echo Hill on camperships. On the boys side, two seasoned veterans were back in action. One has really found his niche at camp: a waterman at heart, this camper particularly enjoyed early morning fishing trips to Eastern Neck Island and Rocky Point. "Echo Hill is really a part of him now", observed one counselor who has known him since he first came to camp three summers ago. Another key element of the Echo Hill magic these days is an accomplished land sportsman, who this summer ventured into the realm of water-skiing and sailing with his trademark energy and determination. A young man who is beginning to show real promise as a future counselor himself, he was described by a long-time Echo Hillbilly as being "great with kids, spirited and enthusiastic - just a really great person to have at camp".

Many of you will be glad to hear about a new and very happy face on the Girls Side this summer. Originally slated for only a two-week session due to a shortage of funds, she was notified of a four-week availability practically the day before camp started, she eagerly dove head-first into life on the bay. After trying nearly every activity at least once, it was clear by the end of the month that this freshman camper was majoring in ski bagel/Bonaire with a minor in ceramics. Some counselors have since advised that she seriously consider switching to music, as it was universally agreed that she had the most beautiful singing voice to grace Echo Hill in ages.

Remember the richness of a summer at Echo Hill and you will quickly realize how important the gift of this experience might be to a young person just discovering him or herself in the midst of this rapidly changing world. An Echo Hill Campership offers something stable and constant - a peaceful place to learn and grow. ■

Reunion Notes

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of Nature's Finest. Check it out!

The biannual gathering was, indeed, a reunion of good friends not soon to be forgotten by anyone. Someone once said "you can never go home again". Obviously it's author never knew a "home" like Echo Hill Camp. ■

*Plan a trip
to D.C. in
February!*

Come to party at
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Watch your mail for
more information!

Fall 1994 Alumni News

Welcome again to the most popular column in the Newsletter — gossip, gossip, gossip! Send us your news (and money) so everyone knows how you are! **What we've heard.** . .

Are we spread all over the country (or world!) or what?

Abroad: Stephanie Reichel writes in that she has been living abroad. Ben ("boob") Martin is in film school in London. Edna Whisler is concerned about the news in "Echos from the Dell" that we have "winterized Dorms", quote "What are we, Camp Tochwagh?" Nevertheless, she admits that "I've travelled to eight countries and never saw anything as beautiful as a Chesapeake Bay sunset."

West: Anne Dee (Rader) Tucker logs in from Austin Texas that she's been traveling (South America, Europe, South Pacific and New Zealand/Australia, and finally managed to lose her Brooklyn accent. She and Tessa Levy, long time Echo Hill friends, read the last Newsletter together, bringing back foggy but fun memories. Congrats to Melanie Dummer who has been named a vice-president for Ski America in Colorado, where she is living happily with hubby Greg, biking and SKIING lots. Also in Colorado, Jean Hultkrans is teaching and made it out to the reunion.

California (so many EHC Alumni it deserves its own section): Robert Dibble says things are looking well for him in Covina, California. After a request in the last Newsletter, The Kraft clan wrote in

that: Marc's business, Pacific Yachting and Sailing, is doing well and he has two gorgeous daughters. He also saw Marc James in a play in San Francisco where he was "superior". Andrea is married to a nice young fireman and they have a baby boy; Claudia lives in Scotts Valley promoting a new age musician; Vicky and Tim Enright are living happily in Mass. Nicky is a master cabinet maker in Seattle and Tony is a dad of a seven year old.

Dr. Bobby Randall has been rumored to be fulfilling his Clause 19 dream: rumor is he is going to meet Suzanna Mapes's parents at Thanksgiving.

East: Shana Washington and family report that Shana is a senior at Abington friends school and will attend Temple this fall. Niki Hawkins graduated from Spellman College in Atlanta last spring. Also in Philly, Rob Ferber has started a new company, "The Philly Chile Co." Shares available on Wall street! Joel Feldman is still teaching part-time at Keene state college and competing in Masters Swimming; he even traveled to the Nationals. Also teaching, Tommy Mallan is teaching drama at Cardozo in Washington, where he lives with his lovely wife. They also own an antique co-op, "Fabulous Millennium Decorative Arts." Amy Weltman is working on K Street at a law firm. David Hultkrans is working at Outdoor school. Peter Hartman is flying around the world for his new job, Conservation International.

Central: Lee Chassy writes in from Illinois after a stint in the pacific north-west for the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers. He writes of impending nuptials this fall and states, in the immortal words of Spock, "Live long and prosper".

Nuptials: Speaking of weddings, Jane Rosenstein writes in "Talk about the yearbook imitating life — or the other way around; in the counselor update section of the 1986 yearbook, there is a story about Marisa LaDuca and Dean the Kitchen guy, getting married. There is a picture of Marisa with me as her bridesmaid. Well. . . she's not marrying Dean but she is getting married in August and I will be her bridesmaid!!" Congrats, Marisa! Carkey Markim-Siegel also took a walk down the aisle, or was it the gangplank? (She had her wedding on a boat).

Several EHC alumni attended Melisa Page's wedding in January, writes in Annie Gaillard from Vermont. Kathy Karz reports that she married Lyle Hall. They are living in Gulph Mills, Pa. Elena Birch was also married this year to a Peter Fonda Easy Rider look-alike.

Babies: The Board has a "productive" year: Neil Levine and his lovely wife Kate had their second child. And, there is now a SECOND Nick Kirsch, born in the Spring of 1994. Other baby news: Nina (Markim) McCullough is busy with her third child born in May 1994; Jody Frank-Campbell brought her little Manny to the Reunion and he will never be the same after his first EHC experience!

Follow up: The little Gibblette (Bob Gibb's baby) is a girl, Kinsey Ann!

Schooling it: The Glassmans have two in college (ouch): Kate is at St. John's in Annapolis and Zoe is a Sarah Lawrence in New York. Philip Gramh is in Med school at GW. Rachel Skolinck is in her first year of law school at the University of Baltimore. Claudia Heimbach is in upstate New York in graduate school for physical therapy. Sarah Tomlin is in graduate school for education at Hunter College in New York. Carlos Blackburn is still in New York in his last year at Columbia. Jane Bierman completed her masters in Forestry after spending last summer in Alaska with James Taylor (?).

SO that's all the new that's fit to print. PLEASE send us your news so we can tell everyone and so this column continues to be THE FAVORITE column. See page four for a convenient space to write your news. ■



PLEASE SEND MONEY! (There... the pitch has been made.)

We hate asking you for money. We don't like depending on your charity. Much of our own lives are devoted to making incomes sufficient to avoid relying on others' generosity. (On a personal note, only once in my life, at the age of 18, have I resorted to panhandling and it was humiliating. I was on a day off, I believe with David Gardner, and just before the Bay Bridge we discovered we didn't have a dime between us. It took two hours bumming spare change at the local market to raise the 75 cent toll.)

So why do we, the EHCF Board, twice a year humbly grovel before you, begging for handouts? Why do we and other volunteers spend over 1,000 hours a year working to solicit your dollars for the Campership Fund? Why do we spend precious spare time with Campership kids, rather than our own? Heck, we could all spend more time at work, and then give the income to another worthy charity.

Each of us struggles with these questions. But I guess we do it all for a couple reasons. The first is easy: every summer it is a privilege, one that I wish all of you could share, to visit Echo Hill and to witness the joy of the kids we send to camp. (Without fail, my spine tingles and my eyes well up every time I see our kids - kids who have experienced so much agony and deprivation - happy at Echo Hill).

The second reason is less tangible. It has to do with participating in a community effort. All of us have belonged to many communities in our lives, but none so spirited as Echo Hill. Working with the EHCF Board, staying in touch with many of you, and corresponding with Peter and Penny never fails to return that extraordinary feeling of community found only at Echo Hill. We hope when you contribute to EHCF, you also feel connected to this community.

So yes, we ask you for money. We ask for your generosity and charity. If you can, please match or increase your donation over that of last year. If you're broke, then please ask your parents or friends to donate. Tell 'em what a great cause this is! Humiliate yourself, it's good for you.

For the EHCF Board, Nick Kirsch ■

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IF YOU COULD NAME ONE PERSON...

For those of you who missed the Reunion in June, you not only missed a good time, but you missed seeing old friends. Hanging in the Dining Hall naturally led to hours of reminiscing about the crazy characters none of us will ever forget and the special friends who we have somehow lost due to distance and time.

So we asked some people at the Reunion to tell us the ONE PERSON (yes, only one!) they would most like to see at the next Reunion. And here's what we got! (If your name is on the right, you better start calling in your reservations now... If your name's not there, don't be discouraged, just be sure to come next time, so you can be in the left column!)

WHO WAS THERE?

- Laura Margolis
- Frank Lucas
- Bob Creamer
- Nicole Alfandre
- Sharon Littig
- Penny Weintraub
- Bob Creamer
- Jeb Livingood
- Libby Rice
- Suzi Creamer
- Bob Creamer
- Paul "Monkee" Graboff
- Mike Balaban
- Danny Markim
- Nick Kirsch

WHO BETTER BE NEXT TIME?

- Vicky Kraft
- David Goldberg
- Bob Hauptman
- Lisa Frohman
- Perry Shaw
- Adam Paul
- Ted Krasny
- Doug May
- Danny "Dogfish" Goodman
- Laura Heller
- Leonard Herzog
- Amy Bachman
- The Haas Brothers
- Dave Gardner
- Becky Meier

P.S. - Yes, Bob Creamer would still be deciding his one person if we hadn't we given him three... ■

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WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT THE NEXT REUNION?

WHAT IS YOUR FUNNIEST ECHO HILL STORY? MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT? MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?

Tell us and we'll print it in our next newsletter!