



Summer of '66:

*Can you name these
Campers?*

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Hint: Anne Hepburn's 2's cabin.

We'd love to place your memories here. Send us your pictures, stories, and thoughts about Echo Hill and we'll share them in the next newsletter.

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Letter from the Board

It's hard to believe that this is the eighth volume of the Newsletter. Where has the time gone? After eight years, EHCF can now be considered "an established institution." We have regular activities with familiar faces in attendance; we consistently raise around \$5,000 per year; there is a cadre of 30-40 loyal supporters who contribute every year without fail; and we annually provide 3-5 campships. We feel proud of what we've built.

Unfortunately, there is also a downside to being established. Events have grown less remarkable and spirit has diminished. In our infancy, excitement buzzed through the Board and the membership. People readily volunteered for thankless tasks, fundraisers were eagerly anticipated and well attended, and we increased our donor base and contributions each successive year. Optimism reigned. Lately, however, we seem to have hit the doldrums. Attendance is dropping and donations and the number of donors while consistent, are not increasing significantly.

So, what should we do about our malaise? Back in our Echo Hill Days, it'd definitely be time for Pirates' Day, Singing Announcements, a midnight raid on Girl's Side, or a 50's (or was it 60's or 70's) dance to get the juices flowing and spice up the summer. Alas, those ways of the past are now fading memories (some of the Board recently turned 40). We're

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Alan MacLeod with daughter Carter and Mike Balaban enjoying the bay.

1996 Summer FUNdraiser

July 27, 1996 Bowie, Maryland

What a beautiful day for a Maryland Picnic and Ballgame! Brilliant blue skies, a gentle breeze, no humidity, BBQ chicken and old bay crabs, swimming in the Chesapeake just off the Margolis Homestead, Echo Hillers, alumnae and friends had a perfect day. Of course, the old guard came out to support this fun frolic — the Balabans, MacLeods (whose adorable daughter Carter looks exactly like Alan), the Kirshs (Nick, Helen, little Nico and Chris) were all in full Echo Hill spirit swimming in the bay, eating crabs and just hanging out catching up with old friends.

Also in attendance were David Hulkrans, who surprised everyone having just arrived in the D.C. area a few weeks before, Christy Concannon (and her father, Mike Concannon, who sailed in just to join the fun), Carkey Markim Siegel (and her husband Gregg), Neil Levine and of course, Laura Margolis, her husband Mike, and Mr. and Mrs. Margolis who were kind enough to let us use their beautiful home for the event. Mr. Margolis was also generous enough to take a group of attendees on a long afternoon sail on his boat. Expanding our mailing list, and supporting our cause, were friends from Children's Hospital, Elizabeth Vosseller and her son Jimmy and Maureen Lyon; from Baptiste & Wilder, P.C. were the Szymanski's and Roland Wilder. Other friends included Keith Vaughan, formally of the Potomac Communications Group, and Steve Niles.

Sailing and fishing completed the day as the sun set and we all set off for the Bowie BAYSOX baseball game. We got our name on the scoreboard (see picture on page 2) and the fireworks topped off an already terrific day.

We are pleased to report another successful event, as we raised over \$1200. Thanks to everyone for their attendance and generous donations. Special thanks to the Margolis family for letting us have our event at their gorgeous house on the bay. See you all at our next great event! ■

Letter from the Board

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afraid we have to resort to a more mature (excuse us) solution, the direct solicitation. Simply put, **You Should Be Actively Contributing And Involved In EHCF**. Here are three basic reasons why you should participate:

- 1) The underprivileged kids we send to camp have a fantastic, yes magical, experience that would be unattainable without our camperships. Your \$50 or \$100 donation may not seem like it would do much to transform a child, but thanks to that donation, at Echo Hill they feel like the most fortunate kids in the world.
- 2) You know us, we are honest, and other than the actual costs of the newsletter and the fund-raisers, your contributions go totally to campership tuition. No perks, no expense accounts. How many other charities do you know of that can make this boast?



- 3) Our fundraisers are fun for kids and adults, providing a taste of that old Echo Hill spirit that we enjoyed so much. This summer's picnic and Bowie Baysox game was a blast.

Remember also the new ideas that we initiated last year to build on your support. We have started to receive contributions in the name of

loved ones who we have lost. We are happy to note your contribution in the name of someone special to you who is no longer with us.

We are also busy preparing for the big 1999 millennium blow out fundraiser. Echo Hill will be celebrating 55 years of summer fun. EHCF will be celebrating more than 10 years of sending underprivileged kids to camp, thanks to your generous and continuing support. Our secondary goal for the 1999 fundraiser is to get as many old tents together again as possible. So all those 8's from 1974 and 3's from 1973 who we haven't heard from yet, please write!

The Board has news on its recent changes. We'd like to thank Peter Hartman for his many years of dedicated service to the Board. Although Peter continues to be a helpful source for the Board, he will no longer be able to be a board member due to his busy work schedule. Taking Peter's seat on the Board is Philip Graham. We welcome Philip to the Board and are glad we are expanding to the next generation of Echo Hillers.

As you all know, we are, by nature, a grass roots organization. Probably 99% of our donations are \$100 or less. We need your ongoing participation. The Board cannot be the source of spirit of this organization, **You Are The Spirit**. Please,

- ☛ join us at the FUNdraisers;
- ☛ send us your donation;
- ☛ invite friends and family to donate;
- ☛ send addresses of "missing" alumni
- ☛ keep us up to date on your news.

Fondly,

Nick, Christy, Danny, Carkey,
Phillip, Laura, Neil and Nicole ■

Alumni Update

Well, here we are in the favorite column again, trying to imitate Entertainment Tonight EXTRA and other tabloids. We provide the following news about your favorite stars. . . Echo Hill Alumni!!

Like the hit show "Law and Order," **Rachel Skolnick** is in her final year of law school at Baltimore interning with the Baltimore DA's office. Her Echo Hill boyfriend, **Sam Cogen**, in his final year at Goucher, is interning with the Baltimore Sheriff's department. From the X-Files, or so he claims, "released from the FBI witness Protection program," **David Geddes** (1962-1967) writes in that he is currently living in St. Louis with his wife and children where he is Vice President of research for Fleishman Hillard. In the Hollywood tradition, **Ellen** and **Judy Lichtman** and **James Rieck** sent us an ultra cool calendar for their architecture/design/art company, Six ink, in San Francisco. That Patty Duke pair, the dependable **Amy's** (**Marshack and Weltman**) are doing well in Maryland. Not quite a "White Squaw" but **Drew McMullen**, **Matt Concannon**, **Mark Porter** and **Peter Boyd** sailed the historic Skipjack "Ellsworth" in Deal Island Labor Day races, coming in a respectable fourth.

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Alumni Update

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Foreign Correspondents: **Leo (Ross) Samnel** says “Hi” to everyone from London, England. **Sarah Tomlin** will be in the far east teaching in Korea for the winter of '96.

Reruns: You just can't keep some of them away from camp. They keep coming back for more. On staff at Camp or Outdoor School are camp alums: **Nick Biles, Lisa Sunden, Carlos Blackburn, TW, Hazen Arnold, and Matt Breen.**

The Newlywed Game: **Brad Sinrod** and **Lauren Kozloff** are tying the knot as we go to press. Another camp romance! **Charles Harkless** was married this fall. In attendance were camp alums, **Danny Gardner, Bobby Randall, Peter Hartman, and Jean Hulkrans.**

Sesame Street Watchers: **Jane Rosenstein** just gave birth to an 8 lb baby named **Max Redstone Tuttle** (what a camp name); **“Weesa” Randall** had a second child last summer, named **Meghan**; and our own **Nicole** had an adorable baby boy named **Carl**, in April.

Letters to the Editor/ “Meet the Press” Send us your messages and we will send them on to your friends and everyone else in this column. (Don't forget we are also online and you can post messages there as well!)

Joel Feldman writes from New Hampshire, please tell **Dan Garab** “I remember the Green Meanie painted by the dump” and “where's Loretta?”

Bobby Randall says to say “hey” to the “Dead Boys.”

Paul and Nancy Ottenstein recall stuffing envelopes with **Peter Rice, Sr.** . . . Paul is now flying “a really neat toy (Boeing 737) for United.” Congrats!

Linda Alter asks, “Who were the 3's of '73 and the 8's of '74?” **Geoff Skaggs** writes from West Virginia a message to “All Drakes” who went to Echo Hill in the early '60's, “Times are tough, act like a man.” [ed: Hey, we just reprint

them, we have no idea what secret message that is!]

Finally, **Edna Whisler** ('74-'78) asks us to tell ourselves that we are doing a great job. (Thanks!) Because, “Echo Hill is an experience that gets in you heart and soul, and stays with you for a life time. Impossible to explain to those who haven't experienced it. I can't think of a better gift to give to a child.” We agree, Edna.

Thanks for all of the news and updates. Send us more updates and messages for friends you want to reconnect with — and more of those lifelong gifts too! ■



Future Echo Hillers? Weesa Randall's children, five-year-old Cavan and eight-month-old Megan.

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THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!!!

Please keep us up to date about you, your family or friends, or use this space to send a message to a camp friend – we'll print in the next newsletter!

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THE CHALLENGE

\$30,000 by 1999

We've done well in '96, but it's time to think about your 1997 donation. Help us meet our goal of \$30,000 by 1999!

1998

1997

1996 \$6,300

CAMPERSHIP SUCCESSES

Another summer has passed and autumn descends on the Eastern Shore. Beneath the bay's cool waves, rockfish and blues commence a southward race against winter while blue crabs scuttle under the warm muck of the channel bed for a long, slumberous wait. On land, the green of a wet summer succumbs to red and gold, and looking out from the bluff, a setting September sun quickly loses its heat, surprising one with the suddenness and chill of dusk. Here at the EHCF we enter the season feeling proud that our efforts helped four underprivileged children experience the happiness and beauty of Echo

Hill. As we share with you some highlights from the EHCF class of 1996, we hope you recall experiences that made Echo Hill magical to you, and that you will join us in offering the invaluable opportunity to send even more kids next year.

On boys side this year we had one new and one returning camper. The new face belonged to a pretty neat 8 year old kid, who over the course of his two weeks at camp managed to conquer his fear of the water while pursuing an immediate and lasting interest in sailing. One sailing counselor related the determined process

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Your donations fill our sails!

1996 Donors

Susan & Lee Stamford
Patrick Szymanski
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Allison Smith

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by which this camper slowly overcame his fright, learning first to trust a life vest, and later, his own natural floating ability. By the end of the summer, he was spending all his time on the waterfront and was especially eager to hitch rides dragging behind the Flying Scott.

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Back for his second summer is an Eastern Shore native who rarely gets to experience the natural splendor of the Northern Neck like he does when he’s at camp. An avid fisherman, he also skied a ton while developing a more serious interest in sailing as the summer wore on. On the very last day of camp, he demonstrated a mastery of

sailing terminology and technique sufficient to earn his Boson certificate. One counselor who recently spoke to him reports that he misses camp and eagerly awaits next summer so he can work towards another sailing award.

A pair of seasoned Taco Belles (latest version of girls’ showers bears striking resemblance to the fast-food chain) made it back for more camp fun. One girl, back for her third summer at Echo Hill, remarked at the end of camp that she really feels at home here. Having garnered accolades for her land sports prowess last summer, this D.C. native spent most daylight hours on the waterfront where she has developed into a very capable water skier. Widely liked and respected, this kid is on track to being a counselor in just a few years — Pete will be lucky to have her.

Camp has made a huge difference in the life of our last camper. After two summers at Echo Hill, she has transformed into a confident and enthusiastic kid with a new found reservoir of strength and ability. One staff member who was particularly impressed with her growth remarked, “She has become a really likeable, cool kid. She’s a lot more comfortable with things then when she first came to camp last year. It’s clear that camp is making a big difference in this child’s life.” Hopefully, we can get her back to camp again next year, where she can continue to flourish.

Finally, we are pleased to report that a young guy who had been receiving campership support for four or five summers, is now a counselor. In the words of a co-worker, he has become a “total god with a huge following” of admiring campers. This is a story that truly inspires us as we continue our work to send more kids to Echo Hill. We believe that camp can be a positive force in young people’s lives, as it was in many of ours. Please help us get these kids back to camp next year where their Echo Hill family awaits. ■

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW**

*The EHCF winter
FUNdraiser will be held in
Washington, D.C. in
February 1997.*

Watch your mail for more details (you can also check our web site for updates on all of our FUNdraisers).

Remember, you can never start planning too early. So start planning now on attending the 1999 EHCF millennium blow out in the Summer of 1999 AT CAMP!

THANKS!

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