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Rice Lauded in Heroic Swamp Rescue

Wolf-dog still at large

Fed up with the spate of missing campers absconded into the swamp by the famed and feared Eastern Shore wolf-dog Zacharia, Peter Rice single handedly retrieved the frightened, hungry children. *Chesapeake Bay Magazine* scooped us on



the story, but Rice has promised us exclusive rights to the motion picture, to be directed by Academy Award Winning filmmaker Nigel Noble and members of the *Blair Witch Project* production team. It's like you always say Pete, Where else?!

ECHO HILL CAMPERSHIP FUND

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NEWS FROM ECHO HILL CAMPERSHIP FUND FALL/WINTER 2001

Letter from the Board

ear Friends, throughout this sun-drenched autumn, our thoughts drifted repeatedly to the serenity and splendor of Echo Hill. With each eerily perfect day since the horrors of 9/11, it was hard not to crave the blissful buzzing of the swamp or the breezy warmth of the beach. As we are reminded every time we read our mail, people who have known camp's indelible and sustaining security span the globe. Just conjuring images of the landscape and memories of old friends has been a comfort-and a reminder of Echo Hill's reach. We hope our annual newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

We write to bring you EHCF news, to thank you for generosity, and to ask for help. In 2001, the blessings have been mixed for EHCF. A withering economy has been unkind to our bank statement. We are sobered by the prospect that even a single one of our kids might not be able to return to camp. The adjacent article quantifies in total dollars the implications of our recent growth. Yet, we are excited to share news of one family's generosity; we hope that you find the story inspiring and the act worth imitating.

The Board recognizes that this year, in particular, there are many worthy organizations to which you might contribute. In fact, amidst the call for disaster relief, we momentarily considered suspending our fundraising activities. Then we changed our minds. Instead of

For EHCF, the Future is Now

nnual support for the Echo Hill Campership Fund has grown steadily over the last 10 years. In the early 90's we were sending two or three kids each year; in 2001, that growth enabled us to send nine kids to camp. Yet, when

we extend a campership, we make a longterm commitment to the growth of that kid. Continuity, in other words, making sure kids can return to camp as long as they are of camp age, is a major charter of the EHCF. Whether or not we can insure that our 9 year old from Baltimore becomes a CA one day greatly depends on all of us. And there are eight other kids like her.

Take a moment to consider the accompanying chart. It illustrates the financial reality of sustaining this effort by approximating the cost of our current com-

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ECHO HILL CAMP INVOICE TO: Echo Hill Campership Fund	
9 year old girl 2 week session for the next 7 years 11 year old how	\$12,537
2 week session for the next 5 years 11 year old boy 2 week session for the next 5 years 12 year old girl	\$8,422
1 month session for the next 4 way	\$8,422
13 year old boy 2 week session for the next 3 years 13 year old boy	\$10,251 \$4,758
1 month session for the next 3 years	\$7,461
1 month session for the next 3 years	\$7,461
1 month session for the next 2 years 15 year old boy 1 month session for one more year	\$4,828
	\$2,344 566,484

mitment to send the nine kids from the

class of 2001 back to camp each summer through their CA years. We begin every new year cognizant that our first obligation is to those kids we sent to camp the previous summer. Once we raise enough money to ensure their return, we consider new applicants. And every year there are invariably a few very needy kids who we simply can't afford to send to camp.

When taking the long view, it becomes quite clear that we need to do more. Frankly, the EHCF currently has just enough in savings and investments to guarantee payment of *one* more summer of tuition. On top of that, we continue to receive applications from new kids who clearly need the stability of Echo Hill. One of the hardest things we do each year is notifying the kids we can't afford to accept. We need your help to meet our commitment to our nine current kids while extending the camp experience to our neediest new applicants.

Letter from the Board

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downplaying our efforts, we're committed to strengthening them. In these unnerving and dangerous times, kids who already live amid tenuous circumstances need Echo Hill Camp more than ever. (We knew that.)

Think about it: Echo Hill allows kids the time, space, and freedom to just be, and to know a place that is free from fear. The nine kids you sent to camp in 2001 had enough to deal with before September. Join us as we extend to them a secure reprieve from the anxieties of difficult circumstances.

To our long-standing donors, please, continue to contribute to EHCF. Some amazing kids are counting on you. To those who have not given in the past, we need you now, and next year, and the year after that. No pressure or anything, but did you know that many current campers and counselors make donations to us every year. Its not that they are any smarter than you, exactly. They just know how cool camp is. (Which you'd probably remember if you weren't 40 million years old.) Think of an annual gift to EHCF as insurance that whatever else is going on in the world, another kid gets to know what freedom feels like.

But wait....what's that sound? Why, it's the bell ringing, of course. Peter has sanctioned a full-on camp party the first weekend of June, 2002. The last big turnout, sublime weather, haute cuisine, transcendent dell service, and some really sloppy softball. This reunion is going to be even better. (The Eagles have tentatively agreed to play the dance.) So save the date. Organize your camp friends and families to attend. Call us if you want help coercing the reticent and afraid.

We wish you and your families peace and joy during the holiday season. We can't wait to see you in June!

Sincerely, The EHCF Board ■

Camp to Host June Reunion

Nhink back to your days at camp; bonfires on the bluff, sailing vs. skiing, landsports vs. waterfront, invading Tockwogh, horse back riding on the beach, road rally in the riding ring, capture the flag, the sound of tent flaps in the wind, sing-backs in the dining hall, flag raising (or sleeping through it), trash drives,

Howell trail at night, Honey's cooking, swamp mucking ... the list goes on. If you ever get the urge to pack up your trunk and head back to

Fund's Future

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The most direct way to make sure the current kids get back to camp each summer is to make a personal donation every year. Send your contribution of \$25, \$50, or \$100 directly to EHCF by filling out and returning the form attached at the bottom of page 7 of this newsletter.

If your company has a matching program for donations to worthy causes, participate and make a donation to EHCF. Most companies require that you submit a description of the recipient of the matching donation. If you need a copy of the EHCF Mission Statement for the application process, please go to the Echo Hill Campership Fund website at www. EHCF.org. Simply cut and paste the text that is located under "Mission Statement" into standard Word format. If you need anything else for your records, do not hesitate to contact us via email at Hassettjulie@earthlink.net.

Are you or is someone you know a frequent participant in road running and cycling events? Next time you sign up for a race, ask friends and family to sponsor your run/bike/walk in the name of EHCF.

camp, here is your chance! The EHCF and Driftwood Productions are throwing a reunion June 1 through 2,

2002. Camp alumni and their families and friends are invited to spend the

weekend, sleep at camp, play to their hearts' content, and generally hang out. So save the date! It's going to be a great, madcap weekend of zaniness, high-

jinks, and fun. We'll be in touch with more information as the date approaches and we can't wait to see you back at camp!!! ■

Lastly, donate your time and interest. When you receive the reunion invitation, call your Echo Hill friends. Get them to register for the reunion. We ask that you pay particular attention to the list of lost alumni at the website and contact who ever you may know on that list. We want to make this the best reunion ever and generate as much interest in EHCF as possible. Being an active participant and a consistent donor to EHCF is the coolest way possible for you to stay connected with camp-through the experiences and growth of a great bunch of kids. ■

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Camp News -

Staff Lounge Half Done (Half Not) as 3-Year Development Plan of Dining Hall Complex Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Echo Hill is well on its way to completing the first half of the latest, major addition to camp. The new Staff Lounge, long in the planning stage, will one day be complete, according to Driftwood sources. From grandiose rusticity to rustic grandiosity, visions and dreams have changed, but shovel to dirt and hammer to nail has resulted in the lounge reaching the halfway point to completion. That's right, luxury — Echo Hill style, is just around the corner (and down the block, take a left, go two more blocks, over the bridge...).

Located behind the dining hall and almost half as large, the two story building will be equipped with computers, flat-screen TV, DVD, theatre sound, and central heat and air. A bathroom and shower will be added soon, as well as some space for early-arriving staff to lay their bed rolls down for a little shut-eye.

In a surprise to no one, the new lounge will be a staffonly site. Infrared cameras and motion sensors will guard the periphery, though escapees from Rahway have already notified authorities of plans to establish residency in the facility. ■

Lost Souls?

Are you in touch with any of the following people? These are just a few of our old camp friends who we've lost contact with over the years. Please get in touch with us if you know how to reach them. To see a complete list of missing camp people, go to www.EHCF.org.

Paul "Ozzy" SpornAndy SchleinElena BurchAnnie SilbermaSally ForteLiz HennesseyStermerStefie Reichel

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2001 Camperships

In 2001, nine kids received camperships to go to Echo Hill. They range in age from nine to thirteen years old, and hail from the Eastern Shore, DC, Baltimore, and Pennsylvania. They all had a blast, and, as is nearly always the case, every one of them wants to go back next summer. While we often hear from parents and relatives how much the kids love camp, it always means the most when we hear directly from the kids themselves. The following submission comes from a seasoned camp veteran who has now spent three summers at Echo Hill. This avid landsportsman oneday hopes to be a counselor.

Echo Hill is the Place to Be

If you want to play football or basketball, Or just hang out until nightfall, If you want to play soccer 'Til they say it's enough, Or just watch the sunset from the bluff, Echo Hill is the place to be.

If you want to ski or play lacrosse, Or dress up on a special day all covered in moss, To hang out with best friends who make you laugh 'til you cry, To keep playing one-on-one 'til it ends in a tie, Echo Hill is the place to be.

> To have the best fun with Penny and Pete, Or walk to the dining hall in just your bare feet, Or raid someone's tent and hide all of their sheets, Echo Hill is the place to be.

If you want the above from beginning to end, And you can't wait to get back to all your camp friends, Then isn't it totally plain to see? Echo Hill is the place to be!!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO EHCF

Phone In memory of (optional)

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION !!!

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

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Echo Hill Family Makes Lasting Gift

anymore."

The Alfandre family, longtime supporters of EHCF whose relationship to Echo Hill spans four decades, has announced plans to annually donate \$5,000 to EHCF. Nicole Alfandre, a fora child every year from mer camper, counselor, and EHCF board member, called to give us the good years, and then have the news.

The Alfandres have made a \$5,000 donation this year, and hope to make this level of support available each year hereafter.

Nicole explained, "It is my family's goal to keep up this level of donation

in future years because one of the strengths of EHCF has been its efforts to send the same children back to

camp each year. We think

that sending a child every "We think that sending year from the time they are 9 or 10 has the time they are 9 or 10 has tremendous value. We tremendous value. We would would hate to see a bate to see a child go for a few child go for a few years, and then have funds dry up so they the funds dry up so were unable to attend they were unable to attend anymore."

> Alfandre added, "We know that one of the things EHCF has decided to do in the past is to use larger family fund donations to build up an invest

ment account to assure there will always be money for kids to go to camp, even in years when other fundraising means are not very fruitful. We applaud that goal. Yet, while we give this money without any strings attached, we hope that it will be used in full each year. It is our goal to see as many kids as possible benefit from the camp experience."

The donation will help at least three kids return to camp in 2002. From everyone on the EHCF Board, and from all the campers who will benefit, THANK YOU to the Alfandres and to all our loval supporters.

Reconstructed Schooner Plies Bay on Educational Mission

Former Echo Hill camper and counselor Drew McMullen recently completed a very exciting project in Chestertown. Drew, who many remember as one of camp's most skilled sailors, served as the Project Director for the construction of HMS Sultana, an authentic reconstruction of a British warship that patrolled the American seaboard prior to the Revolutionary War. The original Sultana was built in Boston, sailed to England, and sold to the Royal Navy. Sultana was outfitted by the Royal Navy and dispatched back to the colonies where she was employed in the effort to catch American smugglers trying to evade the tea tax and other trade restrictions imposed on the colonies. The new Sultana was built in Chestertown by a core group of professional shipwrights aided by hundreds of volunteers. The reconstruction effort culminated on March 24, 2001 with a celebratory launch of the two-masted schooner at the foot of High Street in Chestertown. After her sea trials, Sultana spent the summer on an inaugural tour of the Chesapeake Bay. It's likely that the new boat will be more warmly regarded than her prede-



cessor as the schooner's contemporary mission is strictly educational. Captain and crew will host visits by school age children through most of the year. The curriculum is designed to educate young people about the history and ecology of the Chesapeake Bay. Former Echo Hill Outdoor School

teacher Chris Cerino is the Sultana's educational director. Sultana's homeport is Chestertown and she can often be found alongside a newly constructed dock at the foot of High Street. More information about Sultana's construction, mission, and schedule can be found at www.schoonersultana.com.

Announcements! Announcements! Announcements!!!

ditor's Special Plea: This is YOUR Corner to find out how everyone you knew five, 10, 15, 20 years ago is doing, to tell us of your achievements, life changes, kids, dogs, cats, etc! SO, PLEASE SEND US YOUR INFORMATION!! Inquiring minds want to know what you are up to, and really, do you want to keep reading about us? Take two seconds to write a blurb on your donation, tear off below, mail it in, and we will include it in the next newsletter!

Sarah Tomlin and Derek Bupp got married in a groovy warehouse in NYC, continuing the long tradition of EHC weddings. Matt Concannon, Stacy Bupp, and Jon Pauley were in the wedding party. A serious dance

party followed. Sarah and Derek honeymooned in Mexico. Congratulations!!

Following an elegant rehearsal dinner at camp the preceeding day, **Julie Margulies** and Seth Hassett were married on October 6th at the Inn at Mitchell House in Tolchester. Alumni present were **Jim Stone, Peter Rice, Michael Gross**

Sarah Tomlin Bupp and Derek Bupp on their wedding day.

Rice, Michael Grossman, Carlos Blackburn, Ariane Delong Chalmers, Jane Bierman Siebel, Nicole and Keiffer Mitchell, and Julie's sister Christina MacLean.

Peter Hartman and Christy Fishburn were wed on April 21, 2001 in Washington, DC. Fellow Deadboys Bobby Randall, Charles Harkless, and Danny Gardner attended, as did alumns Chris Rothstein, and Peter's brother Michael Hartman.

Laura Margolis was married to South

Dakotan David Rosenthal on November 9, 2001. Laura remains active on the triatholon circuit, completing this year's Newport Beach event with a personal best time.

Hartman.

Newlyweds Peter and Christy

Lisa Sunden, back from travels in Costa Rica, moved to DC where she works as a midwife at Providence Hospital.

Liam and **Celeste Gilbert** brought a house in Columbia, MD. Liam likes

living in America's first planned community, but complains that the bucolic setting makes him feel like Ray Liotta at the end of *Goodfellas*.

Jodi Cafritz and her husband Mark live in New York City with Jack (2) and brand new Mick (9 months).

Eve Littig, husband Bruce, and their children Robert (8) and Alexandra (5) will be spending next spring in Utrecht, Netherlands to teach. Bon Voyage, Eve!

Rod (the Brit) Williams writes that he hopes to make it back to camp for the reunion in 2002 despite "two kids and a busy (desk) job." His service in the British Army allowed him to visit Aberdeen, MD last fall but unfortunately "the Queen was a bit too demanding of my time to let me visit old haunts. Please do keep in touch and send the old hands of

'82 my regards. Give Pete Rice a 'Semper Fi' from me."



Alex, Ariane Delong Chalmers, Roger, and Zack.

Riejo Mesimaki (Huck the Finn), and wife and son live in London. Huck recently visited the US (he also visited our last reunion!!) to run the NYC marathon, and plans to attend the big reunion in 2002. Pictures from the last reunion are featured at his web site: www.mesimaki.com.

Jane Bierman Siebel is expecting her first baby in December. She is living in Seattle with her husband Eric and working as director of development for the Seattle Zoo.

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Carlos Blackburn, Mike Grossman, Nicole Mitchell, Ariane Delong Chalmers, Julie Hassett, Seth Hassett, Jane Bierman Siebel, Keiffer Mitchell, and Peter Rice.

Cyberspaced-out: www.EHCF.org

Great news! EHCF recently outfitted an alum in a special, pressure-treated cybernaut spacesuit and sent him deep into the ether to track down our errant web site and return it to a cyberspace address near you! That's right, folks, we are upand-running again, and just in the nick of time. We have a big year ahead of us with a reunion to publicize and news to capture from all of you. So please revisit your favorite web site today. Register your email and mailing addresses to let us know where you are; you will be given the choice of having it generally shared with other alums. The site will continue to evolve and we would really appreciate the cybersavy to provide ideas and content, by clicking on the "Contact EHCF" button. As you can tell from its absence, we are cyber-nots.

Announcements! cont.

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Nautical historian **Marc Porter** is between assignments, but busying himself with the creation of the world's largest rubberband ball in an undisclosed office building in downtown DC.

The ageless **Hugh Beshers** survived another summer at Echo Hill Camp. An educator by profession, many campers found his two-period seminars on the benefits of retirement insurance and his workshops called "Taking it to the Hoop with an Artificial Hip" to be

the programming highlights of the summer.

Ariane Delong Chalmers is living in Atlanta with her husband Roger and their sons Alex, 7, and Zachary, 3.

Patrick Gorman and wife Abigail are excited to announce the birth of William Frederick Gorman, on Monday, Nov. 12, at 8:58 pm, weigh-



Hugh Beshers, foreground, demonstrates the flexibility of modern prosthetics to Liam and Celeste Gilbert, Rob Rosenberg, Dara Siderman, Erin Fallon, and Bill Lusk.

ing 9 lbs, 5 ozs, and measuring 21 inches long!

Andrew Mcneil and his wife Lynette are the proud parents of newborn Emma Lee.

Christy Concannon and her husband Craig Schultz had their first

child, Cara Marisa Schultz, born on January 9, 2001, seen here with her Echo Hill

alum uncle **Matt** who turned, gasp, 30 this October. (You too can get an Echo Hill t-shirt for your infant IF you send us news and a photo!)

Charles Spock Harkless and

Vulcan progeny, Owen.

Eighties alum **Jeb Livingood** also welcomed his first son in March 2001 (Send photo Jeb!)

Charles Harkless and his wife Aileen welcomed Owen into the world on August 17.

Jamie Garfield is living in New York City and working on a doctorate in Classical Studies at Columbia University.

Nick Mealy is living and working in Oakland, CA and plans to attend next summer's reunion.

Much to the board's regret, **Jacqui Veiss** and her beau are planning a move from the DC area to

Lambertville, NJ early in 2002.

Rob Ferber's organic farm continues to thrive, providing the freshest fruits and vegetables to many of Philadelphia's finest restaurants. Visit his website (www.phillychile.com) to learn more about his farm and historic farmhouse and to subscribe to his newsletter, or send email to farm@phillychile.com.

Linda Alter reports that she is happy in St. Paul, Minnesota. She and her partner enjoy a lake cabin "where it feels like camp — skiing, old Chrysler sailboat, campfires outdoors with guitar and singing (not me — still can't sing on key), and lots of visitors/family coming and going. Look me up if you are in the area!" ■



Uncle Matt Concannon and niece Cara Marisa Schultz.

JOIN EHCF's TEAM: 500 TODAY!

f you are still reading this newsletter, you probably: care deeply for Echo Hill Camp, believe whole-heartedly in EHCF's mission to offer the neediest among us a chance to attend the greatest camp on earth, or, it is the year 2003 and you found this newsletter in a deep pile of unread magazines. No matter, we're just glad you are reading this and hope it inspires you to act.

EHCF announces *Team:* 500, an influential group of former campers leading fundraising teams of 5 or fewer, in an effort to link old friends while taking advantage of the fact that friends motivate friends and family members to donate in ways no one else can match.

Here's how it works: You commit to raise and/or donate \$500. You, then, reach out to friends and family to help obtain that dollar figure. Upon receipt of the donation, the team leader will be recognized and worshipped in an upcoming newsletter and at www.EHCF.org as a Team: 500 member. Each member of your team that donates \$100 will be recognized as a member of Team: 100, a sub-set of Team: 500. A little convoluted? Sure. But we'll try anything.

As you know, we want this organization to be self-sufficient. That means a fund whose interest alone pays for our annual commitment to our campers. The sooner self-sufficiency is achieved, the sooner this newsletter becomes funnier and less focused on asking you for money. So, we are asking each of you to join *Team: 500* and really make a difference in this, your organization, and the lives of individual campers.

Trying to think of ways to form a Team? How about all those friends that asked you to sponsor them in a bowl-a-thon for Leukemia? Or the people that asked you to sponsor their marathon for breast cancer? Get your mom and your best friend to support you and you're almost there!

Just 10 Echo Hill *Team:* 500's and EHCF grows by \$5,000. 25 teams = \$12,500. We mail this newsletter to more than 1000 people. We know that more than 10% of our readers are deeply committed to the idea of sending the underserved to Echo Hill. 10% = 100(+) alums = \$50,000. \$50,000!!!!

If each reader committed to finding a few friends and family to each donate \$100, EHCF would achieve self-sufficiency right away, with a fund worth more than \$500,000. That would be a revolutionary achievement. Truly remarkable. Something each of us could rightly feel very proud of accomplishing. But, for now, we'll try not to get ahead of ourselves.

Launch your own *Team: 500* today. Your hard work and commitment will create an important and lasting legacy.

If you have any questions or want a little help building your team, please go to www.EHCF.org and click on the "Contact EHCF" button.

For all you've done and all you hope to do, a hearty Thank You and Happy New Year! ■

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