



NEWS FROM ECHO HILL CAMPSHIP FUND

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Letter from the Board

This past year has seemed like a roller coaster with enough highs and lows to make us dizzy.

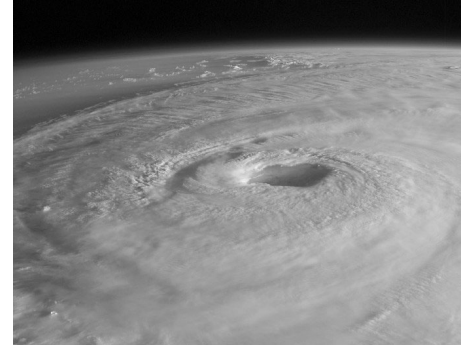
The Highs: On the positive side, we were able to send more children to camp than ever before. The EHCF, as many of you will remember, had its humble beginnings sending only 2 children to camp. We have grown at a steady pace over the years so that this summer we had 10 slots available for campers. We now have a reliable donor base, thanks to each of you, which assures us that we will have the financial resources to continue to provide this many children with campships in the upcoming years. Added to that, thanks to some particularly high level donors, like the ASUSA foundation and the Alandre Foundation, we have a solid reserve to fall back on should it become necessary. Financially, we are in the best shape we have ever been in and we hope to continue to grow as the economy, hopefully, starts to turn around.

However, now that we have sent these kids, we need your continued support so that we don't let them down. Remember, our mission is to send children back each year until they are 16 so that they can reap the full rewards of summer camp. Without each of your continued support at the \$35-\$100 level, we can't achieve that goal. Unfortunately, not everyone contributes. So we need the added boost of the family foundations, of the Team

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Oye, Isabel

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, and we don't know who did what to Isabel, but boy was she mad! Mid-September on the Eastern shore is a normally placid time, but not this year. Word came out of the Caribbean that a big storm was brewing. All we could do was wait and watch the weather channel. Isabel hit land in North



Carolina as a low-grade hurricane and was quickly downgraded to a tropical storm. Though the anchors on the weather channel seemed disappointed, Echo Hill cheered the news. Isabel slowly made her way north, skirting 75 miles west of Richmond. Her winds diminished to about 50 miles per hour. What a relief.

Camp had been quite concerned about the winds and a predicted storm surge up the Chesapeake Bay. Ever responsible, Pete, Penny, Lieke, and the rest of the crew pulled the boats out of the water, prepped the buildings, tied stuff down, and waited.

The weather channel continued to downplay the event. (They should have consulted Larry Opack's downloadable WeatherBug on their computers.) The evening drew late; Pete was at Rick and Nancy's house, in Chestertown on the Chester River. Mildly concerned about a possible surge, the Kent County Emergency Preparedness team went home around 1 am. Soon thereafter, the trouble started.

Pete was awakened by the wind and decided to take a look outside. The water was rising, and fast. So much so, that Pete couldn't go back to bed. He soon noted that the inappropriately named High Street was flooded. The Old Warf, completely covered with water. Using skills he keeps sharp through regular IS sessions; he swam and kayaked his way out and away from Rick and Nancy's house in order to check on his and Penny's houses. However, that goal proved elusive. The driveway was completely inundated; nine feet deep in some places, the water reached more than halfway up the driveway.

But is that enough to keep Pete down? No way! Pete jumped back into his kayak and forded the newly formed body of water, only to find bad news on the other side. Pete's and Penny's houses were completely under water. You read right, completely under water. The storm surge had hit and it packed a wallop.

Many old haunts in low-lying areas were flooded. Rock Hall got nailed. The famous "Watermens Crab House" is in the Bay. The restaurant will never return.

Some are calling it the perfect storm. Not Pete and Penny. It's been eight weeks and they still won't be back in their homes for a while as the restorations continue. Well, there's always the Green Cabin! True to form, Camp laughed in Isabel's face. At Echo Hill, the bay lapped up and over the porch of the counselor shack and went half way up the beach road. However, overall Camp can add another notch in its belt, having weathered yet another hurricane and remaining ready to continue to provide a magical respite for children everywhere. Now, whether Pete and Penny will dry out by June . . . ? ■

The Region-by-Region Showdown!

"Everyone knows DC rules."

"No way, New York beats DC hands down."

"Only a New Yorker would think that—Phili is the best."

"Oh you up tight easterners, Californians have always reigned supreme."

Well now you have a chance to prove your region right. Coming this Spring 2004 we will have a round robin event going from region to re-

gion. Starting in DC we will have a local reunion at which all attendees will have a chance to make their mark on a special commemorative . . . well you'll see!

That memorabilia will be passed to the next region and the next until all four reunions have been held. In the end, the region with the most attendees will prove themselves the truly superior. Special honors will be handed out to the winners at the next

big reunion at camp in 2005.

So start re-connecting to all your camp friends who live in your area and get them excited to support your regional reunion.

And, if you'd like to help with running the event (or donating a location, refreshments, or other goodies for the regional reunion) in New York, Philadelphia, or California, please contact us through the web site, or mail to our P.O. Box.

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500 players, of the generous contributors in honor of a special event, a wedding, graduation, or in memory of the passing of a special person. Wherever it is that you have an opportunity to make a donation, keep the Echo Hill Campership Foundation in mind. Please keep up the good work so together we can achieve our mission for these kids.

The Lows: Unfortunately, we also have reached an unprecedented low of sorts. The Board, which since its inception had grown and grown in membership, has lost several of its valuable and vital members. We went from a high of 8 members down to 4 for most of this year. First we lost **Jacqui Veiss**, who organized our last reunion, to New Jersey. Then, **Christy Concannon** who served forever, deserved a breather because chasing two baby girls and renovating her home was just a little tiresome. Then, **Julie Margulies Hassett** ended her second stint with us to help the EHCF selection committee, a group we keep at arms-length to avoid any appearance of conflict. Then, (am I noticing a trend here? Is the board's personal hygiene an issue?) the recently married **Emily Ignat Porter**, our trusty Treasurer, ran as far away from us as she could. She and Mark Porter have moved to Vietnam, where he is stationed. She writes she taking lan-

guage lessons 2 hours a day and now knows how to ask where the nearest cold beer is.

We thank each of these former board members for their years of devotion and immense assistance in making the EHCF what it is today. It is no understatement to say we could not have reached the tremendous levels we have without their support.

The Result: With each of their departures, we looked for replacement Board members, but we were largely unsuccessful in replacing them. For most of 2003 we were down to four people trying to handle the work of what had been done by 8. Fortunately, as this newsletter goes to press, **Nicole Alfondre Halbriener** has decided to come back to the Board. (A veritable glutton for punishment.) We are grateful for Nicole's return. She was a valuable board member several years ago and we plan to trick her into doing even more this time around. However, we still need MORE help. It seems odd in a fundraising newsletter to say, "We need you as much as we need your money," but this year, it is true. Do you have about 6 hours a month you'd like to fill with non-profit activity? We are seeking two or three people to join the Board. It does not involve a huge time commitment. We meet about 8

times a year. We also seek help with our database, fundraising, event planning, graphic design, etc. If you can imagine it, we'll take help doing it.

Joining the Board or helping with our work will likely do as much for you as it does for the children. Helping children escape their disadvantaged lives is rewarding. Yet, you will get even more than that from playing a role in EHCF. You will get Echo Hill back in your life. Remarkably, walking into an EHCF Board meeting, even one filled with people you did not know at camp, brings you back to Echo Hill. Put a little Echo Hill Magic back in your life! Join us by emailing Carkey (Markim) Siegel at csiegel@iamaw.org.

Yours truly, The Echo Hill Campership Fund Board ■

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How to Keep the Magic in Your Life

By Dave Trybus

The single most memorable moment I had at camp was the day I arrived at Echo Hill for my second summer. My first summer had been great. However, over the course of that following winter, thoughts of camp all seemed a little like a dream. Memories of a distant time that may not have actually occurred somehow. It doesn't make sense, but that's how it felt. It all changed that second summer as my Father's 1977 Dodge Dart came down camp road and cleared the last set of trees past the Bay House property. I could see the green roof of the Whip and the wooden sign in front of me that read "Contentment, beauty and friendship. A place to pause peacefully and happily in the midst of a changing world. A place of cherished memories. Echo Hill a summer place" It was real. It was all so real. The magic happened to me right then and there.

21 years after that day, I found myself sitting at the computer one evening when I stumbled across the Echo Hill Campership Fund website. I had not been in touch with anyone from camp

in over 10 years. I couldn't believe it. It was camp on the Internet. With one click of the mouse, all of those good times, all of those years came back to me instantly. I had to get back there somehow. Back to camp. Back to the way life should be. Echo Hill was missing in my life.

Now how do I explain to my wife and kids that I need to go back to camp next summer, live in a tent, drink bug juice, go barefoot, shower outside and all the rest. I made a plan. I would convince Pete to hire me as a counselor and I would send all of my paychecks home to support the family while I was gone. I still had some old pay stubs to work from. I did the math, gross pay, less taxes = \$37.42 x 8 weeks, and there was just no way. So I began work to find other options.

I read on the website that an Echo Hill Campership Fund reunion had been scheduled and I decided to go. The reunion was a smash. A great time was had by all. Everyone got to see lots of old friends and make many new ones. While I was at the reunion, an Echo Hill Campership Fund board member asked if I would be interested

in joining in to help. Then it really hit me. I could get back to camp. I could have Echo Hill in my life year-round. I could re-live the memories by participating, by doing what I could to make sure that the magic lives on. I found a way to stay connected and most importantly, a way to share this so very special place with others. This happened almost two years ago.

The Echo Hill Campership board of directors has provided a wonderful connection to camp. Like most folks of my generation, I no longer enjoy the luxury of summers off or even the opportunity to visit camp on a regular basis. However, I have found a most rewarding opportunity to remain a part of the Echo Hill family. I know in my heart that the kids who receive the camperships are living a life that I once knew and I know how special and important it will be to them for the rest of their lives. Share the magic and watch it grow.

"There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life—happiness, freedom, and peace of mind—are always attained by giving them to someone else." ■
—Peyton Conway March

Hot off the Echo Hill gossip circuit are the following results:

In the Pre-Nuptial League: **Jacqui Viess** was recently engaged to Fred Sornstein. The young couple is scheduled to exchange nuptials on October 24, 2004. **Jillian Cutler** to wed fiancé Chip in August 2004. **Rob Rosenberg** was recently engaged to Rosie Amodio and the happy couple will tie the knot in October 2004. **Dara Sicherman** and **Philip Graham** wed on September 20, 2003. Wedding attendees included **Matt Concannon**, **Rob Rosenberg**, **Emily Ferisse** and **Laura Ferisse**. **Michael Poulshock** is getting married in November. **Lisa Sunden** is getting married in January in Mexico.

In the Building the Next Generation of Echo Hillers League: **Kim (Klien) Weichert** and husband Dave gave birth to second daughter Meredith. Their first daughter is Mia. **Nicole (Alfondre) Halbreiner** is getting her two kids Carl (7) and Claudia (3) ready to go to camp. **Liam and Celeste Gilbert** are planning for their daughter Layla to attend in 2004, that is, if Liam can recover from the Yankees' World Series loss. Speaking of recoveries, we're not sure whether **David Noble** is recovered from his experience dropping his son **Nick** at camp. Apparently,

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Philip and Dara (Sicherman) Graham at their wedding, 9/20/03.

TEAM:500 Leaders and Members *Do You Have What It Takes?*

Thanks to a handful of true pioneers, people who forged ahead and circled their friends, colleagues, family, employer or customers, the initial year of the EHCF's *Team: 500* raised a whopping \$8,000! Our challenge this year is to double that with twice the number of teams. *Team: 500* is premised on gathering friends, family, and businesses to raise at least \$500, but several of our more enterprising teams brought in even more! Think of the people you could contact—your parents, your cousins, your bowling league, your colleagues at work who hound you for girl scout cookie orders—do you have what it takes?

We initiated *Team: 500* last year:

1. To raise more money, while also increasing the average donation,
2. To raise it from new sources, particularly those we can't touch, and
3. To take advantage of the fact that it is easier to raise money from people through direct, personal relationships.

Instead of one person on EHCF's board contacting many potential check writers, we thought we'd achieve better results if you, those with a special love for Echo Hill, solicited people you know and

OUR TEAM:500 PIONEERS:

Team Van Norman-Rice (1st to commit, 1st to submit)

Pauline Van Norman Rice
Mary Arch
Ila Mae & Otto Midorie
Nikki & Albert Commette

Team Gilbert

Liam & Celeste
Stanley & Joan
Marti, the good doctor
Janet and Jeffrey Derick

Team Schick*, the vendor bender

John & Susan Schick
Hospitality Solutions
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Team Kronfeld

Nick
Alex
Alice
Ted & Liddy

Neil Levine and Kate Brennan*

Whose donations remind us of the beauty of corporate matching.
The EHCF Board

Teams in and of Themselves

Peter Boyd*
Nicholas Kirsch
Katharine Picard
Linda McLaine
(Anonymous)
Libby Rice
Peter Rice

Jaye Eldridge

Whose donation drove our effort for a secure donation page.

* Reflects teams that donated more than \$500

hang out with. It broadens our pool of potential sources because we don't know your mom, your vendors, or your friends, much less your employer's matching fund guidelines. But, you do.

So, we attempted to deputize you all as honorary EHCF Board members, charging you with the most important thing we do: Raising money to send poor, underserved kids to Echo Hill Camp.

The accompanying *Team: 500* list reflects team leaders and/or teams that have completed (or surpassed!) their goal for last year. A good many team leaders continue in their efforts. Others got as far as they could, then sent in their totals.

To all of you: Thank you! And, Please do it again (cue music for "Roll Me Over", in c-major).

To you who have not yet become involved in this effort: There is no time like the present! Get out there, contact your friends, family, vendors, and employers. Bundle that money and deliver it to our PO Box. Go to our site at www.EHCF.org, and have your team donate online. Just remember to contact us to inform us of your team roster.

Your efforts make their lives better. ■

In Memory

You may never have met Sue Weintraub, but chances are you had something in common: a love of Echo Hill. Over much of the past decade, while battling persistent illness, Sue repeatedly found comfort, pleasure, strength, and peace at Echo Hill.

Sue was as an early and steadfast supporter of EHCF. She loved Echo Hill and recognized how deeply camp impacted the lives of people fortunate enough to spend some part of their childhoods there. Her support was critical to this organization's early survival and has directly changed the lives

of dozens of kids. That's the kind of person Sue was: she touched many people and made the world around her better for her having passed through it.

Sue had a huge, warm, adventurous spirit and she loved the fun and beauty of camp. We think of her often, and especially as the year winds down and the first anniversary of her passing approaches, we think of her family.

Donations in memory of Sue Weintraub

Judith Auerbach

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Kathleen Brennan

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Alice & Marvin Cassman

Darlene Chan and Family

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Caitlin Coslett

Alvin & Annette Darnell

Robert DeLuca

Katherine Fredricks

Judi Friedlander

Amelia Gardner

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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Those without whom this would not be possible (Please note our intent is to be sure that every donor is properly acknowledged in this newsletter. However, we did change our data base system mid-year. We apologize if we have made any mistakes. Please notify us and we will rectify it on the web site.)

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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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**Donations in memory of
Sue Weintraub**

- Daniel B. Gardner
- Judy Grossman
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Live, from Costa Rica . . . It's Tommy Mallan

Recently we received a wonderful letter from Tommy Mallan just before he and his family set off for Costa Rica. It so captured what we hope people will think when they think about the EHCF, that we asked Tommy if we could reprint it for you.

Well Hello There:

I for one am totally outraged that it took me so long to contribute to EHCF. I cannot voice in strong enough terms my objection to how much I suck for not doing this earlier. Rather than think of this as anything near as big an amount as it seems, by the way, please think of it as incredibly late payment with absolutely no-interest-cheap-b****d-that-I-am on several years' puny payments that I MEANT to make a long time ago and didn't, due to a long bout of acute lameness which, Thank God, I've finally nearly got licked thanks to eating right, exercise and daily prayer (not by me but perhaps by others)...

ANYHOO I am so excited about EHCF and support everything you're doing and have all along, even if it's been impressively stealth support till now.

Echo Hill was a huge influence, building my character, founding my sense of community, nurturing my creativity, making me whole when home was in pieces, etc. etc., you've heard it all before but camp is still very meaningful for me, and far more than a memory.

Never has that influence been more apparent than now when I begin to raise my own kids, and watch as I shamelessly plagiarize every value and childrearing method which somehow a bunch of barely voting-aged counselors managed to impart so well to me for so many years.

It strikes me in retrospect that the only concern I ever could have had about Echo Hill was its lack of socioeconomic diversity . . . then along you came and just FIXED that, EHCF, and I am so grateful to all who have put in time to make and build the Camper-ship Fund . . . it is no coincidence that you are exactly as pro-active and non-lame as I am inactive and lame . . . you filled the gap I left, you see; in fact that may have been my greatest service to EHCF so far.

At any rate I'm off to Costa Rica now (been living in Arlington, VA for the last 5; before that we were in Ecuador)—going to be teaching and directing theater down there for the next couple years . . . my lovely wife Trish Killelea will be teaching elementary special ed, my son Santiago (5) and eventually my daughter Paloma (2) will attend the American International School we'll be teaching at. Xmas and summers we'll be back a lot—actually staying at my family's Annapolis place on the Severn . . . Drop me a line at tommallan@hotmail.com . . . that will be my email for at least the next couple years . . .

Did I mention: My gratitude to you for keeping EHCF—and the spirit of plain old EHC—alive? Well whether I did or not, I sincerely thank you.

Love to you all, old friends!—Tommy Mallan



The EHCF is deeply saddened by the recent passing of Walter B. Harris in May 2003. Mr. Harris was Camp's landlord for years, but more importantly, he was a loved member of the Echo Hill Family. We will miss you, Mr. Harris.

Thanks for the help

We give a special thanks to ampersand graphic design inc. (www.ampersand-design.com), who not only generously donated the time to design this newsletter, but also graciously helped us once again at the very last minute.

Hot off the Echo Hill gossip circuit are the following results:

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Jean Hultkrans and **Jody (Frank) Evans** were dropping off Jody's son **Dane** this summer when they thought they were talking to just another parent. When they realized it was David Noble they screamed so loud several people standing nearby almost fell over! To see a list of other former campers and counselors David, Jody and Jean may have run into dropping their children, nieces, nephews or cousins off at camp, visit our website at www.ehcf.org.

In the New Location League: **Emily (Ignat) Porter** and **Marc Porter** are stationed in Vietnam! **Tommy Mallan** and his wife Trish are moving to San Jose, Costa Rica with their two children, Santiago (5) and Paloma (2). We received word that **Ann Mattson** is a doctor in Boulder, Colorado and that brother **Brian** is living nearby also in Colorado. **Lauren and Brad Sinrod** have bought a house in Bala Cynwyd, PA. **Sarah and Derek Bupp** recently purchased a house in Brooklyn. **Mike Grossman** moved to Kent Island—he misses camp so much that he keeps moving closer every year . . . next year—Centerville.

In the Moving on and Moving Up League: **Aaron Zetzer** and **Tyler Creamer** are part of the wintercrew for camp and **Sean Rapelyea** has joined Echo Hill Outdoor School for an out ed adventure. **Katie Rice** graduated college and is now coaching women's Lacrosse at Guilford. **Michael and Peter Boyd** live together in Charlottesville, VA while attending college and law school. **Bo Boozer** started his second year in law school and still hiding. **Peter Rice, III** is now on staff (and that makes Pete how old . . .?) **Sam Clark** and **Campbell McLean** joined the "Teach America" program during the last year and a half; Sam in New Orleans and Campbell in Baltimore. **Julie Rice** is out to sea for a "Semester at Sea". **Iliza Bershad** is at NYU, **Megan Lewis** is at U Penn, **Matt Tranter** and **Alexis Rose** joined **Julie Rice** at Franklin and Marshall. **Patrick Bernhardt** is at St. Mary's, **Nate Pancost** is at Sailing School in England, **Preston Hart** is at the University of Maryland, **Christine Jackson** is at the American University in Washington DC, **Cissy Fenwick** is at the Washington College in Chestertown, and **Maggie Littlewood** is at Virginia Tech.

News and Notes: Jay Kaufman, Jill Kintz, Matt Grebe, Henry Goldschmit, Hondo & Liz Hennessy?

Jeremy Schreiber from 1990–1994 would love to hear from anyone from that era. Visit his posting on our cyber dell—the discussion forum at www.ehcf.org—to respond to him.

Edna W. from the 1970's dropped by our website and posted this message (in part—to see the rest please visit the discussion forum at www.ehcf.org)

"finding this board totally blew me away, and what is the first thing I see but a post by one Keith Gardner, who dates back to the paleolithic era, as do I, and it is about Neil Young, one of my all-time faves, whom I strongly associate with camp, of course, and wonderful times at campfires and in dell, with Bobby, Monkee and Luis playing the guitar and singing "Damage Done" or "Old Man". Whenever I hear those old Neil Young songs, it takes me right back to those sacred times. And they are in my heart today as I pray that Echo Hill weathered Isabel in stride. Peace out!"

Keith "muffin" Gardner announced on our cyber dell, the www.ehcf.org discussion forum, that he and **Rob Forrester** attended this summer's Neil Young concert. Anyone see them?) ■



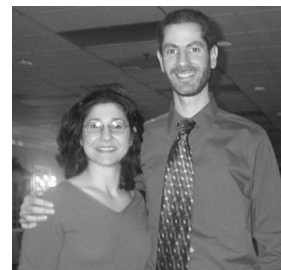
Warren Chew, son of Vicki (Hurdle) Chew and Dane son of Jody (Frank) Evans, who's counselor at camp was Vicki!



Carlos Blackburn, Suzanne Bunnis and Jay Sinrod in Bryant Park (NYC), 4/03



Derek and Sarah Bupp/Philip and Dara Graham at Jacqui's engagement



Jacqui Viess/Fred Sornstien at their engagement party, 10/26/03

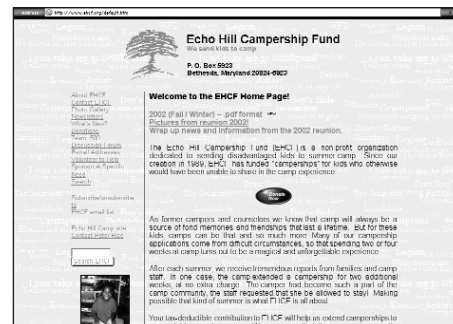
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Donate on-line: The Echo Hill Campership Fund is pleased to announce that we are now accepting on-line donations! Through the Just Give organization you can contribute to the Echo Hill Campership fund with the convenience of securely doing so from your computer at home or at work. It operates under a strict policy not to share any information that is entered as part of a donation. It is our hope that this addition to the web site will encourage everyone in our Camp community to continue providing support for the Campership Fund. While on-line donations are very exciting, contributions can still be sent by regular mail if you prefer. Whether it is an on-line donation or a snail mail contribution, don't forget that all of your contributions are tax deductible.

Cyber Dell: Our Discussion Forum is gaining popularity; however, it remains underutilized as a whole. Another way

of thinking of the "Discussion Forum" is that it is just like a Sunday morning in Dell. It is an open session for anyone and everyone to share their thoughts, express feelings or opinions and interact with each other openly. Remember when the Dell was in the ropes course and then moved to the "new" Dell? No one thought that it would ever feel right or be the same again. Yet it did and still does. Here again, the place may be a new one. The surroundings may not look the same, but it could be the beginning of a new special place with a little help. This is an opportunity for generations of Echo Hillers to collectively meet, greet, share thoughts and trade memories from all over the globe. Help this open forum grow and prosper, check out the new Cyber Dell today.

Find an Old Friend: The EHCF web site also provides an e-mail directory for everyone to share. Countless stories



have emerged of old camp friends reuniting their relationships by way of e-mail. It provides current contact information so that you don't have to call someone's mother's telephone number from the 1982 yearbook asking to speak with their 35 year old son or daughter who hasn't lived there in 15 years.

Catch-up: If you are new to finding the EHCF, or if you haven't always read this newsletter so carefully, you can get archived copies of the EHCF newsletter on-line. You can also visit the picture board and see pictures from past reunions at camp. If you haven't been back, you'll be amazed at how much things have stayed the same.

Spend a moment and take a look! ■

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